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# Finding their balance

# CHS holds commencement for Class of 2022

**By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
One Feather Staff

It was pouring down rain outside, but inside the Charles George Memorial Arena spirits were high as the Cherokee High School (CHS) Class of 2022 had its commencement exercises on the evening of Thursday, May 26. With the motto of “Stack Ya Bread”, a slang term for working hard to secure a solid future, the Class of 2022 ended its high school career becoming the first class to finish all 13 years at the

A group of graduates in maroon and gold regalia are walking on a stage during a commencement ceremony. They are wearing caps and gowns, and some have stoles. Confetti is falling around them, and a large crowd of spectators is visible in the background.

The Cherokee High School Class of 2022 celebrates their graduation at the conclusion of commencement exercises held in the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Thursday, May 26. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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Virginia Johnson, left, presents a NAIWA Award to Abigail Taylor, CHS Class of 2022 valedictorian. Aria Foerst, CHS Class of 2022 salutatorian, also received an award.

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new Cherokee Central Schools campus.

"We are not just to stack our bread to make a living for ourselves, but we are to support our families and communities," CHS Principal Dr. Debora Foerst said during her opening remarks. "It is this idea of supporting those around us that provides our cultural connection. One of the seven Cherokee core values and laws - group harmony and kin relationships and freely sharing and giving time, talent and treasures. So, we don't just stack our bread for our own living. We should stack our bread in order to provide for our families and our communities."

Dr. Foerst spoke to the challenges the Class of 2022 has faced, "The class of 2022 is full of amazing individuals who I have no doubt will stack up their bread while supporting those around them. That is exactly what they did these past four years at Cherokee High School. They are a family who has faced adversity and tumultuous times but they stuck together, supported each other, and

made it to tonight's commencement."

She added, "This class is also very resilient. So much has been required of them - sent home with packets, staying home for a year, learning through a camera and computer screen, returning to school, but only two days a week, then returning full time, wearing masks, daily temperature checks, walking in the halls a particular way, staying socially distanced, eating in their classrooms, metal detectors - and the list goes on. These students succeeded in spite of these challenges, and they had a little fun along the way."

Donna Thompson, Class of 2022 senior class president, said in her address, "Here, at Cherokee High School, it isn't just a school, it's a community. We support everyone as if they're family. Growing up on the (Qualla) Boundary taught me to always respect our elders, but it's much more than that. We have so many privileges and opportunities to be thankful for. I don't believe we are as appreciative as we should be for all our Tribe, school, and community does for us."



“I’ve seen everyone grow in their own ways, which I think is the best thing to see. Our class is made up of various personalities which truly makes us the best. To my fellow classmates, I wish you all the best in this new beginning. I hope to see familiar faces in the future doing good things. Anything is possible if you are determined. I ask for your best effort in everything you do.”

Aria Foerst, CHS Class of 2022 salutatorian, said time flew by during high school. She also spoke of the challenges this group of graduates has faced. “After doing these sports and activities every day for the last four years, knowing that you have no more summer workouts - or, if you do, they won’t be as a Brave or Lady Brave - it hits hard. But it is tough because we put so much of ourselves into our high school years. And, these years weren’t easy. The class has made it through some really hard times in our high school career like when we were all sent home for COVID our sophomore year and it ended up going into our junior year. And, half of us myself included, did not know how to learn through a computer alone, so we ended up getting behind. We struggled with motivation and sometimes slept through our classes, but because we were in our beds trying to learn.”

Speaking to her class, she noted, “To the students going to further their education, know that it is not going to be easy but you have what it takes and you have a very bright future ahead of you. Take the time to enjoy your college years along the way. To the students taking a year off or entering the workforce, that is not an easy path either so keep working hard to reach your goals.”

She concluded by saying, “We



Sky Sampson, second from left, and Robin Wolfe, second from right, presented the Dr. Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Award, named in honor and memory of the late Beloved Man who was Wolfe’s father. Award recipients were Kegan Curtice, left, and Jamice Mora, right.

completed a very big milestone by graduating today, but it is not the end. We are only starting a new chapter in our lives...please, let us never forget who we are and where we come from. Once a Brave, always a Brave.”

Abigail Taylor, CHS Class of 2022 valedictorian, said in her address, “We did it. We are finally graduating. This is our reward for all the hard work, tears, late nights, endless hours of worry, worrying about our grades and if we’re going to pass this class or not. It is also a time to reflect on all the joys and wonderful memories we made here at Cherokee High School. Tonight is the night that we begin the new chapter of our lives. Whether we strive to go to college or go straight to work. Whether we go into the military, trade school, or college, this is where we start our journey.”

She told her personal story of setting a goal early on in her



Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, presents a diploma to her daughter, Aria Foerst, CHS Class of 2022 salutatorian.

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Sam Lambert, a member of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, presents an American Legion Award to Deon Bailey II.

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high school career to become the valedictorian – a goal that didn’t come easy. “Tonight, I’d like to share with you one final lesson from my own experience. It is a lesson about walking your own path in life. When I learned that I was going to be valedictorian, I had mixed emotions. I was naturally happy and excited. I was so proud of myself. And yet, I was a little bit disappointed. Now, I know what you are all thinking, ‘why would you be disappointed after you worked so hard for this?’. Well, that’s the thing, that’s exactly what I did. I worked so hard that it took up all of my time and I wasn’t able to find a balance between my studies and my social life.”

But, she was able to persevere and find balance. “With the help of loving, concerned parents, teachers who truly care about me, and a good therapist, I was able to prioritize what I needed to do to be able to find that balance between my social and my academic goals.”

“Senior year was one of the best years of my life because it was where I learned to walk my path in balance - being a good friend, a

good sister, a good daughter, and a good student.”

She left the class with, “Find the balance in your life that honors family, friends, education, work, love, and community. They are all important...Peace, love, and prosperity to the Cherokee High School class of 2022 as we set off to our chosen paths.”

Several awards were given during Thursday’s commencement including:

- NAIWA Award, presented by Virginia Johnson to Abigail Taylor and Aria Foerst
- Dr. Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Award presented by Sky Sampson and Robin Wolfe to Jamice Mora and Kegan Curtice
- CHS Student Council Scholarship presented by Idalis Crowe to Leilaya McMillan
- American Legion Award presented by Sam Lambert to Deon Bailey II

The graduating Class of 2022 is as follows:  
Jordan Phillip Arkansas (Honors, National Honor Society)  
Marcus Armachain (National Honor Society)  
Patricia Maria Armachain-Biddix  
Deon Sadikisali Bailey II  
Samuel Carter Bernhisel



Idalis Crowe, right, presents the Cherokee High School Student Council Scholarship Award to Leilaya McMillan.

Timothy Trace Bird  
Creighton Crease Bradley  
Donald Joseph Bradley (National Honor Society)  
Emily Nicole Bradley  
Kyanna Zoie Brady  
Dason Drel Bryant  
Santanna Laury Lee Buchanan  
Evan William Caley (Honors, National Honor Society)  
Kegan McKenzie Curtice (Highest Honors, National Honor Society)  
Lucian Ezekiel Davis (High Honors, National Honor Society)  
Bryanna Nicole Disoso (Honors)  
Aria Noelle Foerst (Highest Honors, National Honor Society)  
Malakai James Fourkiller-Raby  
Caidyn Leigh French (National Honor Society)  
Alverta Mia-Li Henson  
Hayden Mitchel Duval Herman  
Joseph George Hornbuckle  
Gabriel Lee Jarvis (Highest Honors, National Honor Society)  
Jeremy Dean Kalonaheskie Jr.  
Mason Wade Ledford  
Dylan James Littlejohn  
Tehya Sage Littlejohn (High Honors, National Honor Society)  
Miranda Amyra Lopez (Honors, National Honor Society)  
Betty Martha Lossiah  
Jae Tatanya Lossiah (National

Honor Society)  
Woodrow Wilson Lossie  
Brandon Keith Martin Jr.  
Mylisa Arlena Mathis  
Makala Quinah McGaha (High Honors, National Honor Society)  
Leilaya Jayde McMillan (Highest Honors, National Honor Society)  
Jamice Kaytelyne Mora  
Alayna Beck Morgan (Highest Honors, National Honor Society)  
Iman Bella Powell  
John Delsin Tyee Queen  
Kyler Lee Queen  
James Emmett Luke Reed  
MacKenzie Ann Reed  
Derek Anthony Reynolds (National Honor Society)  
Eric Munoz Salazar  
Jose Salinas  
Silas Litefoot Sequoyah  
Takota Rain Sexton (High Honors, National Honor Society)  
Caedance Alexia Smith (Highest Honors, National Honor Society)  
Haley Brooke Smith  
Joshua Jack Smith (High Honors, National Honor Society)  
Daryn Kyli Smoker  
Luther James Standing Bear Light in the Lodge Jr.  
Nikkia Lachae Swayney  
Abigail Salalisi Taylor (Highest Honors, National Honor Society)  
Lloyd Jim Teesateskie  
Donna Helen Thompson (High Honors, National Honor Society)  
Danasia Toineeta (National Honor Society)  
Praire Monique Toineeta (High Honors, National Honor Society)  
Isaac David Tsatoke  
Jacob Howard Wallace (High Honors, National Honor Society)  
Elijah Payton Watty (High Honors, National Honor Society)  
Zacceus Ashton Watty-Ramirez  
Tevy Ann West  
Landon Brody Wildcat  
Trevor Lucian Wolfe



# Constitution vs. Charter: Article IV

## Know the difference!

### Proposed Constitution

#### Article IV – Legislative Branch

The Legislative powers shall be vested in the Tribal Council which shall consist of twelve Council Representatives and shall constitute the Legislative Branch of government for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

**Section 1. Composition.** The Tribal Council shall consist of the following: two Representatives from each of the six (6) Townships of Yellowhill, Big Cove, Birdtown, Wolfstown, Painttown; Snowbird and Cherokee County communities shall constitute one Township, for a total of twelve Tribal Council Representatives.

**Section 2. Qualifications.** In order to run for and/or serve as Tribal Council Representative a candidate must be a citizen of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age either by the date of the upcoming General Election or upon entering into service; and must be an active member as described in the bylaws of the relevant community club, immediately preceding the date of filing for election.

**Clause 1. Disqualifiers.** No person shall ever be eligible for office or appointment of honor, profit, or trust who have been found guilty in a court of law for either aiding, abetting, counseling, or encouraging any person or persons of defrauding the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or any of its entities. Or they themselves have been found guilty in a court of law in defrauding the Tribe or any of its entities. Neither shall any person be eligible to such office, who has been convicted of a felony or impeached and removed from office.

### Current Charter

**Section 1.** The officers of the Tribe shall consist of a Principal Chief, Vice-Chief and twelve members of Council as follows: From Yellowhill Township two members; from Big Cove Township two members; from Birdtown Township two members; from Wolfstown Township two members; from Painttown Township two members; from Cherokee and Graham Counties, constituting one Township, two members.

**Section 9.** In order to run for or serve as Principal Chief, Vice-Chief or Tribal Council member, a candidate must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band. For the offices of Chief and Vice-Chief a candidate must also be at least thirty-five years of age by the date of the election and have resided on Cherokee trust lands continuously for at least two years immediately preceding the date of the election. For the Tribal Council a candidate must be at least eighteen years of age by the date of election and have resided in the township which he is to represent for at least ninety days immediately preceding the date of the election.

**Section 17.** No person shall ever be eligible for office or appointment of honor, profit, or trust who shall have aided, abetted, counselled, or encouraged any person or persons guilty of defrauding the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, or themselves have defrauded the Tribe, or who may hereafter aid or abet, counsel or encourage anyone in defrauding the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Neither shall any person be eligible to such office, who has been convicted of a felony.

**Article IV-Legislative Branch-**From Charter to proposed Constitution, there is a change in Article IV, **Section 2. Qualifications.** To be considered eligible for a Tribal Council representative seat, a candidate to run for or serve must be at least twenty-five (25) years of age by the date of the election. This change is being proposed because of the increasing complexity of legislative responsibilities dependent on knowledgeable and experienced decision makers. We, as a tribe, under most laws recognize 18 year old citizens as adults. When reaching the age of 18, they have the privileges and responsibilities of adulthood legally granted as rights to vote, join the military, move out of the home, and take on other responsibilities as adults. Our tribe is truly blessed with talented young people that are maturing in the decision-making process. There is consensus among tribal members that citizens will "mature" around the age of 25.

Neuroscientists that study brain maturity have learned that critical parts of the brain involved in decision-making begin developing during puberty and become fully developed years later at approximately age 25. In addition, it is during the ages of 18-25 that most young people are gaining life experiences by going to college, joining the military services, finding a job or even starting a family. It is during these years that life experiences mature them in decision making processes. These young people are better prepared to represent their communities at this later age of 25.

A Tribal Council representative will also be making high level financial decisions for the tribe, representing the tribe in front of other governments, and making laws that will impact the entire citizenry. It is important that a Tribal Council representative be able to relate to all ages and life situations of the people he or she will be serving during their term of office. They must be able to empathize with each of their constituents. It is believed that increasing the age qualification from 18 to 25 will allow for enough personal growth of a prospective candidate to responsibly serve their community and tribe.

**Article IV is being presented in parts. More on Article IV next week!**

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# Lady Braves at head of class

Taylor, Foerst named  
top students in CHS  
Class of 2022

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Two ambitious and studious young women have been named the top students in the Cherokee High School Class of 2022. Abigail Taylor and Aria Foerst have been named the valedictorian and salutatorian respectively.

“It’s nice,” said Taylor. “I’ve worked on it since I was a freshman. I’ve always wanted to be valedictorian. When they an-



Aria Foerst, left, and Abigail Taylor were named the Cherokee High School Class of 2022 salutatorian and valedictorian respectively. The two are shown outside of the school on the morning of Tuesday, May 24. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Abigail Taylor, CHS Class of 2022 valedictorian, is shown in the role of Papa Ge in the Cherokee Musical Theatre performance of "Once on This Island" at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the evening of May 12.

nounced it, I was like, 'Oh my gosh. I can't believe I did it.' Of course, I ran to my mom and my dad and I was like, 'Oh my gosh. I did it!' They, of course, were proud of me. It was really nice."

Foerst said, "At first, I was shocked. I actually cried just because of how big of a success that was and that I never thought that I would make it to salutatorian. It was just a shock for sure. All my hard work had finally paid off and I was getting things done and showing the people that didn't believe in me. There's always a thought of my grandpa running through my mind and how proud he would have been. It's an honor, it really is, to be salutatorian at Cherokee High School."

Taylor will attend Wake Forest University this fall. "I'm thinking about anthropology. But, I'm still looking for that perfect job for me. I do like to help people, but I also like to be interacting with people. I'm looking forward to going out to Wake Forest and maybe exploring some different aspects of life and maybe finding something that is for me then I'll go from there."

She's looking forward to living alone and having independence.

"It will be nice to venture out on my own and explore things on my own and find my own identity that's away from Cherokee so I can find out what's out there."

Foerst will attend Ferrum University this fall where she will study nursing, and she has already signed a letter of intent to play volleyball there. "I picked a smaller DIII because the school is smaller so it's more like home. It's more of a family united community. I've already met with most of the team and I'm actually staying with my setter so that's pretty cool. That's a great thing. I think there is going to be a lot more competition, which I always love a good competition. It makes me work harder and realize what I need to work on in myself, for sure. It's just the thought of getting to go to college to play volleyball that really made it more important to me and made it more special."

She has a jump start in the nursing field as she will complete her CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) certification on Friday, May 27.

Both young women were incredibly active in activities while at Cherokee High School and found



Aria Foerst, CHS Class of 2022 salutatorian, serves during a volleyball match against Swain Co. at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Oct. 14, 2021. She will continue her volleyball career at Ferrum College next year.

that striking a balance was crucial.

"I think it's finding a balance in your life between your academic life and your social life," said Taylor. "You don't want to focus too much on one thing and then it overcomes your whole family. I've been on both aspects of focusing too much on academics and having no friends and focusing too much on my social life and putting all my homework to the side and it builds up."

When asked who they would like to thank for helping them succeed, Taylor noted, "Definitely my mom and my dad. I know it sounds cheesy, but I wouldn't be here without them. They've really helped me, pushed me, and encouraged me to continue and just working hard, and for them being good friends to me. I know, number one, parents come first, but they're also my friends. And my sister - she deals with me a lot

going on long rants."

Foerst commented, "My mom for always supporting me and being the amazing mother she is. She's always taken care of me even when it wasn't easy for her. My sister, who has always been there for me. She is like a second mother to me and so is my grandma. They both have been a very big support system, especially my sister. She was valedictorian and also played volleyball. She was a really big support system. My grandma for always taking care of me throughout the years. And, my grandpa, most of all, because he was such an honorable man and I just want to live up to what he was, which will never happen. He was so amazing. The rest of my family for always supporting me. All of my teachers - Mindy Ledford, Ms. Sutton, Ms. Caldwell, Pam Bryant, all my coaches, Mike Winchester - he was a big support."



# HONORING GRADS

Cherokee High School held its Graduation Parade in Cherokee on Wednesday, May 25

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather









# Cornsilk complex ready to support Snowbird

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

Snowbird community services will no longer be operating out of a refurbished drug store.

A near \$18 million complex will have its ribbon-cutting Friday, June 3 at 1 p.m. and will house a multitude of supporting services for the Snowbird Community of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). The 47,545-square-foot facility will hold offices for those programs, as well as a gym.

The complex is built on the same ground as the old buildings at 60 Snowbird School Rd. The completion of this project comes three years after the groundbreaking and demolition of the old site.



The ribbon-cutting of the new Cornsilk Complex in the Snowbird Community is set for Friday, June 3 at 1 p.m. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos)

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“A lot of the older buildings they had out here at Snowbird, a lot of them honestly probably would’ve been dilapidated in most places. They were piecemealed together. The sewer system didn’t work. There were numerous abandoned drain fills systems out here from sewer systems. It’s almost 100 percent better than what they had,” said Chris Greene, manager of EBCI Project Management.

This complex will house the clinic, police department, transportation, TANF, and more. Each program will have a reception desk or window to facilitate visitors.

“You have a one-stop-shop. You have one building you go to, and you’ll have most of the amenities that you need in Snowbird under one roof. You can figure out where you need to go once you come here,” said Greene.

Travis Sneed, director of EBCI Support Services, said that the main goal of the project was to get as many programs under one roof as possible.

“The resource that is tough to quantify or put a cost to is time. Saving community members time by being in a place where they can get all their answers and fulfill all their needs in one location is something that we don’t really do a really job at,” said Sneed.

“Can this serve as a model for Cherokee with what we’re seeing here? I would say yes. What you’re seeing here in this complex is a kind of microcosm of what we could really achieve on a larger scale in Cherokee on the Qualla Boundary. Integrating different services, governance, etc. under one roof. To achieve efficiency and cooperation.”

Greene and Sneed said that one of the most alarming issues with the old buildings was the sewer systems that were in place.



The complex integrates a gymnasium and second-level track.

Following demolition, there were multiple systems discovered, some of which that had been lost to time. Greene said at one point they were having to pump the sewer system once a month just to keep it running.

“What we ended up doing is now it has its own treatment facility out here. It’s pretty self-sustainable. A contractor takes care of it once a month, comes by and checks it. But it pretty much runs itself,” said Greene.

With so many programs involved in this project, it was going to be difficult during the transitional phase. This comes from the fact that they couldn’t start construction until after the demolition of the old facilities.

“We experienced growing pains here. We had to displace this entire group of folks into town into basically a remodeled drug store next to Ingles. They had to live out of that for close to two years. But in the end, it’s worth it,” said Sneed.

Where to build was heavily

discussed by the Tribe, but they decided that maintaining familiarity was important for the one-stop-shop approach.

“This location is a location that is beloved by the community here. So, there is a familiarity here with this location. For a lot of your community members, especially your older members in the community, the familiarity of how to get to this location. The comfort of being back in a familiar location. A peaceful location that is located by the creeks here and by the water. It’s a place of comfort to come back to a place that has been in peoples’ lives for many years,” said Sneed.

The design of the facility is supposed to accentuate Snowbird and the natural environment. There was a focus on putting in large windows in many of the rooms. This offers views of the creek and surrounding forests. Blue is the accent of the complex, with splashes of color throughout. There is also an ode to the old complex.

“Going back to the old gym, where it had that tongue-and-groove on the ceiling, and it was beautiful. One of things we wanted to do was we didn’t want to just demolish it. We wanted to reuse it somehow in this facility. We all worked with the architect to come up with the idea of making the community room wall that shows that tongue-and-groove that was on the ceiling of the old facility,” said Greene.

Something that is new to the building are two of the offices that reside on the second floor. The offices are currently designated as community offices for the two sitting Tribal Council members for Snowbird/Cherokee Co.

This was the biggest project in Snowbird for many years. With the ribbon-cutting just a few days away, Project Management can turn to the future. Greene said that there are plans being drawn up to revamp and grow the Junaluska Museum. For now, all of Snowbird programs will be looking to settle into their new home.





The 2022 Remember the Removal Riders are shown, left to right, at a send-off event in their honor held at Kituwah on the evening of Friday, May 27 including: Madison Whitekiller, Kayce O'Field, Justin Lambert, Laura Blythe, Larry Blythe, Emily Christie, Ethan Ledford, Emra Arkansas, Desiree Matthews, Adrian "Bubba" Aguilera, Jeanetta Leach, and Amy West. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

# HONORING THE ANCESTORS

## Remember the Removal Riders embark on 2022 journey

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
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**K**ITUWAH – With a slight breeze going through the valley at Kituwah, the thoughts of 12 Cherokee men and women turned to a journey ahead and their ancestors before. The 2022 Remember the Removal (RTR) riders received a send-off from Kituwah, the Mother Town of the Cherokee, on the evening of Friday, May 27.

The Ride is a 950-mile event which retraces the northern route of the Trail of Tears through Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklaho-

ma. Riders embark on the journey from New Echota, Ga. on Monday, May 30 and end up in the seat of government of the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah, Okla., on Friday, June 17.

This year's riders include: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) contingent – former Vice Chief Larry Blythe, Birdtown Community; Laura Blythe, Painttown Community; Justin Lambert, Birdtown Community; Ethan Ledford, Birdtown Community; Emra Arkansas, Wolfstown Community; Adrian "Bubba" Aguilera, Painttown Community; Amy West, Big Cove Community; Cherokee Nation contingent – Kayce O'Field, Tahlequah, Okla.; Madison Whitekiller, Verdigris, Okla.; Jeanetta Leach, Rocky Mountain, Okla.; Emily Christie, Stilwell, Okla.; and Desiree Matthews, Watts, Okla.

"I feel like I've been waiting for this moment for so long and it's finally here," said

Laura Blythe. "My anxiety is high, my excitement level is getting higher. I'm really nervous because I know what we're getting ready to embark on is a physical, mental, spiritual, emotional journey. I just hope that, one, we will be a family by the time we get through with this; and two, it'll solidify relationships that we probably don't even know that we have right now, by the end."

She further commented, "I'm a ball of emotions, honestly. I can't really describe it. I'm just ready to go. I'm ready to load up in the van. I want to get out of here. I want to get on the road. I want to get on my bike. It's a good form of therapy so I think that's what I'm missing right now."

Aguilera echoed her sentiments, "I'm very anxious. My anxiety level is kind of high. I have been really busy with work, getting stuff ready here with my family and my kids, making sure



they're set and stuff, and then the ride itself. I think I'm physically prepared. I'm ready for the journey, trying to process everything. I'm ready."

West, a former Miss Cherokee, noted, "I am very nervous, of course. Physically, I'm ready, I feel just ready to go. But mentally is going to be the challenge. Leaving home...as Miss Cherokee I traveled with my mom everywhere, so now I don't have her to go with me so it's a little nerve-racking. I'm ready to go. I'm ready to do this. It's a different experience, definitely, that I feel like I need."

She is looking forward to forging stronger relationships with her fellow riders. "I'm looking forward to visiting the historical sites, a lot of them I've never been to, and getting to know the women from Cherokee Nation, especially. Meeting them this morning, you could feel that there was a separation because we don't know each other. One made the comment that it's like two worlds coming together when we should be one. I'm excited to make it that one world with them."

Several people spoke during Friday's event – giving advice, encouragement, and their own perspectives to the riders on their upcoming journey.

"They've been through a lot of training," Yona Wade, a 2013 RTR alumnus, said. "I can remember my time on the bike ride - many, many, many hours riding climbing those hills in preparation, the anxiety that comes along with preparing for this long journey. I wish you all good speed on your travels as you begin."

He spoke to the spirit of kinship fostered on the ride. "While these riders may leave as Eastern Band and Cherokee Nation, they will definitely arrive Cherokee



Bear Allison, an EBCI tribal member who went on the ride in 2021, speaks during Friday's event.

people when they get to Oklahoma as a team."

Dakota Brown, Museum of the Cherokee Indian director of education, spoke to the crowd about historical grief and trauma. "The journey that the riders are about to go on, they're going on an historical journey of a traumatic time. But, I think that this is more of an emotional journey that everybody is about to go on."

She added, "There are moments in our history as Cherokee people that are sometimes hard to look at and sometimes hard to hear about."

Brown spoke to the healing nature of the ride. "It's through things like the Remember the Removal riders, and through events like this that we're able to cope with some of that trauma that was created during that time. It's through developing new kinships and forming new bonds."

Bear Allison, a 2021 RTR alumnus, told the crowd about his journey – both on and off the bike in preparing for the ride. "As all the RTR alumni know, every team has a different experience and

every rider has a different experience."

An EBCI tribal member, Allison was on a journey of discovery. "At the time, I wasn't sure why we as the Eastern Band participated in the ride. I had that question when I first heard about the Eastern Band joining. I remember saying, 'we weren't removed, so how is riding a bike to Oklahoma honoring our ancestors?'"

He added, "In my search for finding a reason (to do the ride) that I would be satisfied with, I took my ignorance of my ancestors and the removal to be my reason. I wanted to experience the ride to learn more about the removal and to see if I would learn why the Eastern Band participates and to hopefully help create something that would help honor those that remained here. I quickly started to learn and see why we participate through the history and genealogy classes. In those classes, I realized that I could have had ancestors that were removed, but their children were able to remain here. Or, I could have had some that were being removed and escaped and

made their way back. That knowledge became what I focused on for the ride."

Originally a member of the 2020 RTR team, Allison and crew were unable to make the journey that year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So, several of them came up with the Remember the Remained ride of sacred Cherokee sites in the western North Carolina area. "That experience was amazing on its own."

As he searched further and learned more, clarity came to him. "I understood why the Eastern Band participates. It's because no matter who your ancestors were, if they were Cherokee, then they were negatively affected by Indian removal."

He concluded his remarks by saying, "It's hard to put into words because it's so emotional and so spiritual. I encourage any Cherokee to apply to the ride. I wish this year's team safe travels and good luck in Missouri. I'll see you there."

Follow the ride on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/removal.ride/>



## **EBCI Family Safety receives \$2.2 million grant**

The EBCI Family Safety Program and the Public Health and Human Services Division of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians announced on Wednesday, May 25 the procurement of the Improving Child Welfare through Investing in Family Grant, a five-year, \$2.2 million grant to support the needs of vulnerable families in the Cherokee Community.

This grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families' Children's Bureau will allow the establishment of The Gadugi Project, a culturally-centered and community-based initiative to meet the needs of kinship caregivers and reunifying families. Evaluation of measures taken for this project

will be conducted by principal investigator Dr. Angelique Day and co-investigator Dr. Jason Ostrander, through a partnership with the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute at University of Washington.

This groundbreaking initiative will build on cultural wisdom and community strengths to work toward the goal of keeping children with their family and within the community and focusing on long term stability, safety, and support for those caring for the children. All phases of this project will be overseen and guided by a Grant Advisory Board comprised of individuals with lived experience or specific cultural expertise in addition to Public Health and Human Services staff.

PHHS officials noted, "We know that children are the most

vulnerable and most vital resource for the community and intend for this project to build supports to keep children in the Cherokee Community, with family, surrounded by loving and supportive adults and mentors."

If you would like further information on this project, please contact Meghan Arnold, Project Coordinator, (828)359-1542, [megharno@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:megharno@ebci-nsn.gov).

- *EBCI Public Health and Human Service release*

## **Jackson Co. man sentenced for drug trafficking and possession**

A Jackson County man who skipped court in February prior to a jury returning a verdict of guilty for drug trafficking and possession has been sentenced to prison, District Attorney Ashley Hornsby

Welch and Sheriff Chip Hall said in a joint announcement.

Phillip Jordan Andrews, 25, must serve a minimum of 70 months in prison to a maximum of 93 months for trafficking in opiates by sale and trafficking in opiates by possession. He must pay a mandatory fine of \$50,000.

In connection with a separate, March 8, 2020, incident, Andrews also must serve a consecutive sentence of 32-51 months for second-degree burglary and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Andrews also received a third consecutive sentence of 6-17 months, suspended. He will be placed on supervised probation for 60 months for possession with intent to sell and deliver fentanyl and the drug's direct precursor, ANPP.



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On Aug 5, 2020, Jackson County investigators and SBI agents arranged a controlled “buy” at Andrew’s residence. They seized a plastic bag that contained 6.98 grams of both fentanyl and ANPP, or anilino-N-phenethylpiperidine, a direct precursor to fentanyl. After Andrews absconded, authorities issued arrest warrants and entered his name into the National Criminal Information Computer network.

U.S. Border Patrol agents arrested Andrews on March 7 as he attempted to re-enter the United States from Mexico, outside of San Diego, California. He was extradited to Jackson County on April 22.

- Office of District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch release

## CIPD Arrest Report for May 16-22

*The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonefeather.com.*

Malpass, Johnathan – age 46  
Arrested: May 16  
Released: May 16  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Shell, Gary – age 32  
Arrested: May 16  
Released: May 19  
Charges: Domestic Violence

Lambert, Joseph Randy – age 57  
Arrested: May 17  
Released: May 17  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Queen, Johnnie Sue – age 44  
Arrested: May 17  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 23)  
Charges: Pre-Trial Probation Violation

Alvarado, Cosme Macedo – age 44  
Arrested: May 18  
Released: May 18  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Brady, Wendy Pearl – age 44  
Arrested: May 18  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 23)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Cotterman, Christopher – age 38  
Arrested: May 18  
Released: May 18  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Taylor, Edward Dwayne – age 34  
Arrested: May 18  
Released: May 20  
Charges: Probation Violation

Coggins, Felisha – age 34  
Arrested: May 19  
Released: May 19  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Cucumber, Ariane Alene – age 41  
Arrested: May 19  
Released: May 19  
Charges: Probation Violation

Larkin, Jeremy David – age 49  
Arrested: May 19  
Released: May 19  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Locust, Richard Fred-Hawk – age 20  
Arrested: May 19  
Released: May 19  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Squirrel, Joshua Brent – age 35  
Arrested: May 19  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 23)  
Charges: Probation Violation

Toineeta, Tyler Edward – age 28  
Arrested: May 19  
Released: May 19  
Charges: Simple Assault

Arneach, Cheyenne Robin – age 30  
Arrested: May 20  
Released: May 20  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Bigmeat, Natasha Regina – age 30  
Arrested: May 20  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 23)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts)

Eggen, Caleb Jage – age 19  
Arrested: May 20  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 23)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Hutchinson, Robert Earl – age 57  
Arrested: May 20  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 23)  
Charges: Domestic Violence

King-Wesley, Erica April – age 42  
Arrested: May 20  
Released: May 20  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

John, Anthony Pacer – age 34  
Arrested: May 21  
Released: May 21  
Charges: Resisting Lawful Arrest, Public Intoxication, Second Degree Trespass

# Good Housekeeping

## Fresh Lemon Bars

A classic American sweet that has been winning over kids and adults for years. Our recipe is super-simple with a crispy cookie bottom and a tangy lemon custard.

*1½ cups all-purpose flour (see step 2)*  
*3 tablespoons all-purpose flour (see step 4)*  
*1½ cup confectioners' sugar (see step 2)*  
*1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar (see step 5)*  
*¾ cup (1½ sticks) margarine or butter, cut into small pieces*  
*2 large lemons*  
*3 large eggs*  
*1 cup granulated sugar*  
*1½ teaspoon baking powder*  
*1½ teaspoon salt*

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Line 13-by 9-inch metal baking pan with foil; lightly grease foil.

2. In medium bowl, combine 1 1/2 cups flour and 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar. With pastry blender or two knives used scissor-fashion, cut in margarine or butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

3. Sprinkle crumb mixture evenly in pan. With floured hands, firmly pat crumbs onto bottom of pan to form a crust. Bake crust 15 to 17 minutes until lightly browned.

4. Meanwhile, grate peel from lemons to equal 1 teaspoon and squeeze juice to equal 1/3 cup. In large bowl, with mixer at high speed, beat eggs until thick and lemon-colored, about 3 minutes. Reduce speed to low; add lemon juice, lemon peel, granulated sugar, baking powder, salt and remaining 3 tablespoons flour, and beat until blended, occasionally scraping bowl.

5. Pour lemon filling over warm crust. Bake 15 minutes or until filling is just set and golden around edges. Remove pan to wire rack. Place remaining 1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar in sieve and use to sprinkle over warm filling. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

6. When cool, cut lengthwise into 3 strips, then cut each strip crosswise into 12 bars. To store, cover pan and refrigerate.

• Each serving: About 90 calories, 4g total fat (1g saturated), 18mg cholesterol, 90mg sodium, 12g total carbohydrate, 1g protein.

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## BASKETBALL

## Jordan Arkansas signs with Concordia University Texas

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Staff

Jordan Arkansas, a Cherokee Braves senior and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will be continuing his basketball journey in the Lone Star State. During a ceremony at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the afternoon of Monday, May 23, he signed a letter of intent to play for the Concordia University Texas (Austin, Texas) Tornados next year.

"It's really bittersweet, honestly," said Arkansas. "I just really want to go play college ball, but I don't want to leave at the same time."

When asked what he is looking forward to most about playing at the collegiate level, he said, "The competition – there's all talent, everywhere. I love that."

"I'd like to thank my coaches, mom and dad for sure, and my AAU coaches," Arkansas added.

Craig Barker, Cherokee High School (CHS) assistant principal, started Monday's event saying, "It is truly a special day today. Jordan is a model young man. I appreciate everything he's done for our high school here, our community. Looking forward to the next stage of his life and the great things he's going to do in the next four years. We wish you luck. We love you. We're always here for you and we're very proud of you."

He praised Arkansas adding, "To his family, he is a phenomenal young man. You all have done a great job."

Aaron Hogner, CHS varsity head basketball coach, said, "He is



Jordan Arkansas, a Cherokee Braves senior and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, signs a letter of intent during a ceremony at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the afternoon of Monday, May 23 to play basketball at Concordia University Texas. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

a great kid. I had the privilege of working with him as a young guy and the last three years as a varsity basketball player. He has set the bar. I've only had a few guys who are consistently coming in at 6 a.m. and doing a lot of extra stuff. He's one of the guys that's continuing to raise that bar."

He then challenged Arkansas to continue excelling. "You've got some weight on your shoulders. We've only had two guys in the last 15 years that I know of who have played four years of college basketball. Continue to set that example for these young guys."

Tariq Underwood, a former teammate, said, "This is my brother who, at one time, I got to play with. He taught me a lot. He pushed me at practice. He made me more of a player than I wanted to be. And, he just pushed me to be the best man, not only on the



Arkansas (#2) brings the ball up court during a home game against Robbinsville on Jan. 13 at the Charles George Memorial Arena.

court but off the court, too." Steven Arkansas, Jordan's father, said, "I'm excited for him. I'm glad he's chasing the dream, going to play some more ball and go to school. I think he'll do really well. I'm excited for him and I'm proud of him. He's done real well." He added, "He always competed. Every time he got on the court, he just loved to win and played

so hard. That's what I liked about watching him was that he played to win."

Jama Anders, CHS strength and conditioning coach and Jordan's step-father, commented, "We're super excited for him. It was very motivating for him when he got the call, got to talk to the coach, and find out that he's going to go to the next level because that's what he's been working for. He's shooting every day, coming to all the 6 a.m.s (workouts). It's an exciting time for all of us."

Arkansas was named honorable mention All-Smoky Mountain Conference following his senior year, and he was named to play in the 1A Midwest vs West All-Star Game.

Concordia University Texas, a NCAA Division III program, plays in the American Southwest Conference (ASC).





Zoie Shuler, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a sophomore at Robbinsville High School, won the NCHSAA 1A State Championship in the Long Jump (18-07) and the Triple Jump (39-09.25) at the 1A State Meet held at N.C. A&T Irwin Belk Track in Greensboro on Saturday, May 21. (Photos by Kevin Hensley/Graham Star, used with permission)



Carson Taylor, a senior at Swain Co. High School and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been named a recipient of the Pat Gainey Student-Athlete Scholarship which is given annually by the NCHSAA through a private donation from Pat Gainey's daughter, Berry Jo Gainey Shoen. The scholarship is presented annually to a senior female and a senior male baseball player in memory of Gainey – a legendary coach in North Carolina. Taylor will receive the \$5,000 scholarship and a commemorative plaque. As a junior, he was a winner of the Heisman High School Scholarship. His service projects include Smoky Service Days, Desire to Lead Initiative, Cherokee Children's Home Golf Tournament, and the Cherokee Children's Home Christmas Gift Drive. He plans to pursue a career in sports management at East Tennessee State University, Western Carolina University, or University of North Carolina-Greensboro. (Photo courtesy of Swain Co. High School)





# Cherokee Central Schools 2021-22 Athletic Awards

Submitted by Cherokee Central Schools  
Athletics

## Specialty Awards

**Charlie Stamper Memorial Academic Athlete:** Male – Gideon Freeman and George Saunooke, Female – Julia Layno

**Barbara Sequoyah Memorial Most Determined Female:** Betty Lossiah

**Ray Owle Memorial Most Determined Male:** Elijah Watty

**Vernon Hornbuckle Christian Athlete:** Male – Joey Hornbuckle, Female – Paytyn Barker

**Noah Powell Memorial Leadership Award:** Male – Jaylan Bark, Female – Lilah Reynolds

**Ray Kinsland Memorial Sportsmanship:** Male – James Reed, Female – Alexis Smith

**Chief John A. Crowe Memorial Most Dedicated:** Male – Kensen Davis, Female – Aria Foerst

**Noland Crowe Memorial Mr. Brave:** Tso Smith

**Miranda Long Stamper Honorarium Ms. Brave:** Kamia Wiggins

**Tye Mintz Honorarium Male Braveheart:** Zac Maney

**Peaches Squirrell Female Braveheart:** Creedon Arch

**James “Hogeye” Taylor Memorial Male Athlete of the Year:** Don Bradley

**Bertha Saunooke Memorial Female Athlete of the Year:** Leilaya McMillan

**Mary Lambert Memorial Hustle Award:** Male – Jordan Arkansas, Female – Jaylynn Esquivel

**Pat Hornbuckle Outstanding Volunteer Award:** Student Recipient – Marla Panther, Community Recipient – Jo Teesateskie

**CHS Booster Club Spirit of the Braves Award:** Male – Xavier Otter, Female – Jayle Creson

**Kent Briggs Honorarium Exemplary Coach Award:** Ahli-sha Stephens

**Sam Taylor Memorial Exemplary Assistant Coach Award:** Taylor Brooks

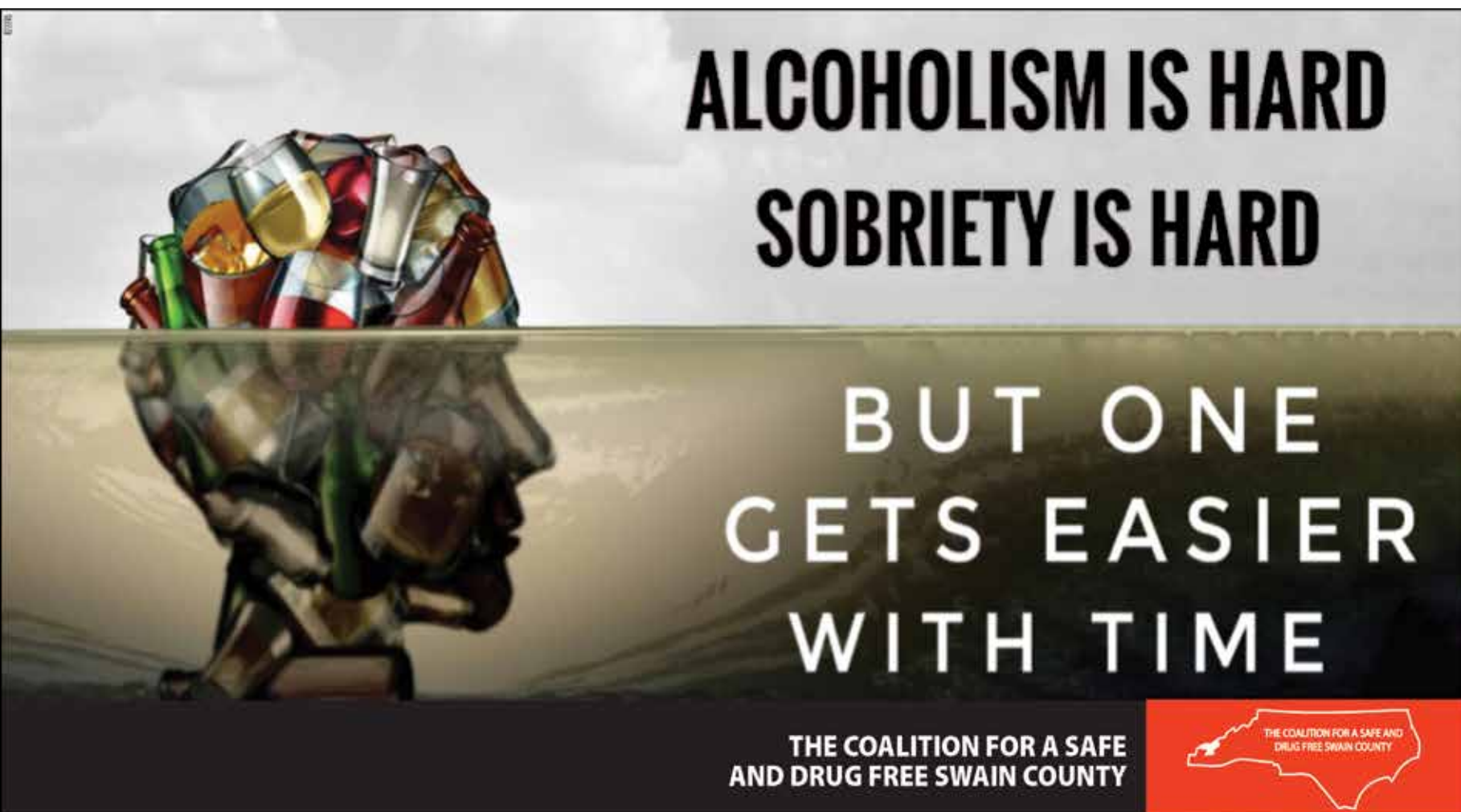
## Fall Sports

**Middle School Soccer:** Offensive Award – Brandy Martinez, Defensive Award – Francesca Armachain, Coaches Award – Utsela Saunooke

**Middle School Girls Cross Country:** MVP – Livie Crowe, Coaches Award: Yvonne Saunooke and Lilly Lossiah

**Middle School Boys Cross Country:** MVP – Ogana Swimmer, Coaches Award - Samuel Hernandez and Kaden Stephens

**Middle School Volleyball:** Offensive Award – Joscelyn Stamper,



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Defensive Award – Madison Rogers, Coaches Award: Zakya Hogner and Daisee Fourkiller-Raby

**JV Football:** MVP – Michel Gayosso, Offensive Award – Spencer Moore, Defensive Award – Chaske Raines and Josiah Teesateskie

**JV Volleyball:** Offensive Award – Destiny Siweumtewa, Defensive Award – Lilah Reynolds, Coaches Award – Shelby Solis

**JV Cheerleading:** MVP – Ava Walkingstick, Leadership Award – Cameron Jackson, Spirit Award – Ellie Myers

**Varsity Boys Soccer:** MVP – Ayden Thompson, Best Offensive Player – Oztin Swayney, Best Defensive Player – Jayden Tooni

**Varsity Girls Cross Country:** MVP – Jaylynn Esquivel, Coaches Award – Leilayah McMillan and Betty Lossiah

**Varsity Boys Cross Country:** MVP – Jaylan Bark, Coaches Award – Tyce Hogner and Oztin Swayney

**Varsity Volleyball:** Offensive Award – Alexis Davis, Defensive Award – Coco Wells, Coaches Award – Donna Thompson, Aria Foerst, and Mackenzie Reed

**Varsity Football:** MVP – Don Bradley, Best Offensive Player – Elijah Watty, Best Defensive Player – James Reed, Lineman Award – Kensen Davis

**Varsity Cheerleading:** MVP – Jayle Creson, Leadership Award – Lucian Davis, Spirit Award – Jenna Cruz

**Girls Golf:** MVP – Eve Stamper, Coaches Award – Alitama Perkins

#### Winter Sports

**Middle School Wrestling:** MVP – Zachary Seay, Most Improved – Tyler Jones, Coaches Award – Matix Stamper

**Middle School Girls Basketball:** MVP – Madison Rogers, Offensive Award – Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Defensive Award – Joscelyn Stamper

**Middle School Boys Basketball:** MVP – Jack Teesateskie, Offensive Award – Javan Garcia, Defensive Award – Ogana Swimmer, Coaches Award – Samuel Hernandez

**JV Girls Basketball:** Impact Award – Lillian Blythe-Ramos, Most Improved – Shelby Solis, Coaches Award – Lilah Reynolds and Laura Martinez

**JV Boys Basketball:** Offensive Award – Michael Driver, Defensive

Award – Luke Smith, Coaches Award – Elijah Lineberry

**Varsity Wrestling:** MVP – Jaylynn Esquivel, Most Improved – J’Ron Lineberry, Coaches Award – Trevor Hill-Ledford

**Varsity Girls Basketball:** Best Offensive – Leilaya McMillan, Best Defensive – Hermione Loshi Ward, Coaches Award – Betty Lossiah

**Varsity Boys Basketball:** MVP – Don Bradley, Best Offensive – Jordan Arkansas, Best Defensive – James Reed

**Indoor Track Women:** MVP Track – Letsi Burgos Delgado, MVP Field – Aria Foerst, Coaches Award – Julia Layno

**Indoor Track Men:** MVP Track – Jaylan Bark, MVP Field – Anthony Lossiah, Coaches Award – Kensen Davis

#### Spring Sports

**Middle School Girls Track:** MVP Track – Yvonne Saunooke, MVP Field – Laylah Thompson, Coaches Award – Audrina Cooper

**Middle School Boys Track:** MVP Track – Ogana Swimmer, MVP Field – Jayden Trumper, Coaches Award – Samuel Hernandez

**Middle School Baseball:** MVP – Chaske Raines, Offensive Award – Talan Crowe, Defensive Award – Javan Garcia

**Varsity Girls Track:** MVP Track – Leilaya McMillan, MVP Field – Alexis Smith, Coaches Award Track – Letsi Burgos Delgado, Coaches Award Field – Aria Foerst

**Varsity Boys Track:** MVP Track – Jaylan Bark, MVP Field, Kensen Davis, Coaches Award Track – Anthony Lossiah, Coaches Award Field – James Reed

**Varsity Girls Soccer:** Offensive Award – Jaylynn Esquivel, Defensive Award – Paire Toineeta, Coaches Award – Betty Lossiah

**JV Girls Soccer:** Offensive Award – Isabelle Fourkiller-Raby, Defensive Award – Lillian Blythe-Ramos, Coaches Award – DaLaina Mills and Marilyn Swayney

**Varsity Baseball:** MVP – Donald Bradley, Offensive Award – Cavan Reed, Defensive Award – Brandon Martin Jr.

**Varsity Softball:** Best Offensive – Julia Layno, Best Defensive – Jenna Cruz, Coaches Award – Aaliyah Reed, Emily Bradley, Ellise Stamper, Paytyn Barker

**Boys Golf:** MVP – Dante Taylor, Coaches Award – Trevor Hill-Ledford



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# Tribal member reflects on 102 years

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**  
One Feather Staff

You can meet a lot of people in a century.

Ethelyn Roberts, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians whose maiden name is Owle and is much better known as ‘Siss’, knows this as well as anyone could. April 10 marked 102 years of life. She celebrated with her family, with some of her children and grandchildren stopping by her residence at Tsali Manor.

People have been a focus for Siss for much of her life. Famous people, interesting people, family. Whoever she runs into, she likes a hearty conversation. Whether that be on plane, train, automobile, or other function – personality is a passion of hers.

“I always shared with people. I love people. That’s my most favorite thing in life is loving people. And I’ve met so, so many people. So many nice people,” said Roberts.

She has seen quite a bit of the world and managed to have casual interactions with some notable folks in history. Whether that be sharing a sentence or two with Frank Sinatra on a train or sitting down with Albert Einstein. These types of stories easily and happily flow from Ethelyn Roberts.

She was born and raised in Cherokee. She lived on No. 4 Road and went to Birdtown School when she was young. She distinctly remembers the two-mile walk to school each morning that she would make with her brothers

“I had to go across the swinging bridge. Down at Wolf’s campground, there used to be a swing-



Ethelyn Roberts, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, turned 102 in April. (Photo contributed by family)

ing bridge there. It washed away three times, but the last time it washed away they didn’t replace it. A big storm come in and a tree could come down the river and take it down,” said Roberts.

“My brother and I, we used to pick the lowest part in the river, and we’d wade across. Or else we’d have to walk so far down, and they had someone with a boat that would take us across the river. But we didn’t want to walk way down to where the boat was, so we’d just wade the river.”

While she might often look back with fondness at this time, it wasn’t without struggle. Money was not of abundance in Cherokee. Her family didn’t have many amenities, but she says that she always was worried about those with even less.

“A lot of the children that came to school, they had nothing to eat.

They had nothing at home to eat. They’d stay at school all day but had no food. Well, I was a little lucky. I had a piece of cornbread or some biscuits to take to school with me. We were poor. I’m not ashamed to admit it. It’s no crime to be poor,” said Roberts.

“Some of the little girls, they would be crying. I would say, ‘why are you crying?’. They’d say, ‘cause I’m hungry, I have nothing to eat. I don’t have nothing at home to eat. I didn’t have no breakfast this morning’. So, I take my bread and I’d break it in two and I’d give them half. Sometimes I’d just give it all to them because I had breakfast and they didn’t. I always shared with people.”

These difficult times got more troubling when Siss finished at Birdtown School. After the sixth grade, she had to go to Cherokee Boarding School. She said that’s

where they were treated like military. Rules were strict from your uniform to your schedule.

“Everywhere we went we had to march. Every night after we had dinner and everything, we got to play a little while, and then we had to get out and practice marching again until about 8 o’clock. Around 8:30, we had to stop marching and we had to get ready to go to bed. We had to be in bed at 9 o’clock,” said Roberts.

Despite not enjoying her time there, she still remembers many of the names. Ms. Saunders was a ninth-grade teacher. Emma Ratliff was her matron in seventh grade. Mr. Arkansas was in charge of many of the younger boys at the boarding school.

“They had a couple of guys that would come out and blow Taps at 9 o’clock. At 6 o’clock in the morning, he blew Reveille. They’d



always say, 'hit the floor'. We had about 10 minutes to get our bed made up and get dressed and get to our details. We got detailed to different places. We never knew where we were going to go when we finished one."

She remembers when some children refused to go back during holiday breaks. Roberts said that the school would send men to gather the children for school, if they would find the homes they were looking for that is. Many houses and neighborhoods in Cherokee didn't have roads in the 1930s.

Roberts didn't finish at Cherokee Boarding School, though. She left after attending seventh through ninth grade. Not long after leaving the school, she received her GED. Part of the delay came because she had to take care of siblings as well. There were 11 children in her family; she had seven brothers and three sisters. With separated parents who couldn't fully support them on their own, Siss and her siblings often stayed with their grandparents.

Following earning her GED and her 18th birthday, it was time for a shift. Siss had previously spent some time with family in Pennsylvania, and so eventually decided to go back when she was 18. In 1933, she went to visit her Uncle David, who helped manage a 500-acre farm in Eastern Pennsylvania. Across the way from her uncle's house lived a woman from England. The woman would often spend time with an interesting man in his mid-50s that she called 'Bo'. He had only recently moved to the United States and was working at Princeton University in the neighboring state of New Jersey.

"He was really a nice person. When he used to walk, he'd put his hands behind him, and he'd walk

on his toes. I'd used to watch him when he was walking. His hair was bunched up in the front ... he had a lot of hair then. He always wore a maroon sweater with a shawl collar."

The woman asked if the 13-year-old would like to come serve tea for herself and her friends while she was visiting. She and her uncle obliged.

"I served tea and cookies every day at four o'clock except for Saturday and Sunday. Then he would come out and talk to me. Ask me what my name was. I told I'm my name is Ethelyn. He told me about a little girl that he knew over in England. He said her name was Thelena. He said, 'you remind me of her. Do you mind if I call you Thelena?' I said, 'No. If you'd like to call me Thelena, then that's ok,'"

Roberts has fun telling the story, but she said that she sees this as another interaction with a kind person. She didn't think much of it for a while until she started telling the story.

"I didn't even know. He was just a man I had met. So, later on people would ask, 'how did you feel about meeting a genius?' I said what? A genius, who's a genius? 'Albert Einstein'. He's a genius? I didn't know he was a genius. He was just Albert Einstein as far as I knew."

Siss had an affinity for Pennsylvania and her family there, and they welcomed her back in 1938. After a while she applied for a job in a factory in nearby Trenton and was tasked with being a 'material handler'. As time carried on, she became part of the process of building airplanes in Trenton. Bomber planes for World War II. "My brothers Sam and John, they were already in the service. I was thinking, I'm helping all

my brothers, all these young boys around here that are in the service. I said I'm helping them by working there. I worked there until they closed the place."

She worked for General Motors for three years before meeting her husband. They soon had three children and she left her job to take care of them. Roberts made sure to stay home until she thought her kids were old enough. Later, she went to work for Aberdeen Sportswear, a company that specialized in men's clothing. She said she ended up working for them until she was 85 years old, when she officially retired. Prior to that, she left and came back whenever they really needed her.

"Whenever I retired, people asked me what years I liked the best. Everybody said they liked the '60s. I said I liked the '70s. They said, 'why did you like the '70s?' I said because I felt free."

Much of her life has been dedicated to being a good mother and grandmother. She said she spent several of those decades taking care of her grandchildren.

"I got to be with them when they were small, I took care of them while their parents worked. They just felt like my own."

Once her grandchildren grew up, she wanted to see more of the world. After her husband passed, she would spend countless hours on planes. She loved traveling the country, especially visiting family in California and elsewhere. Planes always offered yet another fantastic way to meet people.

Ethelyn Roberts finally moved back to Cherokee in 2010. She is still full of energy and conversation. She now lives at Tsali Manor, where she has continued to make friends.



## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **June 13, 1381**, a large mob of English peasants marches into London and begins burning and looting the city. The revolt began with the bubonic plague in the late 1340s, which killed nearly a third of the population of England and led to higher wages due to scarcity of labor. Parliament, however, passed laws to hold down wages.

• On **June 19, 1856**, the first national convention of the Republican Party comes to its conclusion. After the Civil War, the Republican-dominated Congress forced a radical Reconstruction policy on the South, which saw the passage of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution.

• On **June 17, 1885**, the dismantled Statue of Liberty, a gift from France, arrives in New York Harbor after being shipped across the Atlantic Ocean in 350 individual pieces packed in more than 200 cases. The copper and iron statue was reassembled and dedicated the following year.

• On **June 15, 1904**, more than 1,000 people taking a pleasure trip on New York City's East River are drowned or burned to death when fire sweeps through the riverboat-style steamer General Slocum.

• On **June 14, 1951**, the U.S. Census Bureau dedicates UNIVAC, the first commercially produced general-purpose electronic digital computer in the U.S. UNIVAC used thousands of vacuum tubes for computation.

• On **June 16, 1961**, Rudolf Nureyev, the young star of the Soviet Union's Kirov Opera Ballet Company, defects during a stopover in Paris. While preparing to board the return flight, Nureyev threw himself into the arms of airport security people, screaming, "Protect me!" He was given political asylum.

• On **June 18, 1983**, Dr. Sally K. Ride becomes the first American woman in space when the shuttle Challenger is launched on its second mission. Ride, as a mission specialist, was the first woman to operate the shuttle's mechanical arm used to remove ice from its exterior.

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## June Birthdays

6/2 - Aura Johnson  
6/5 - Destiny Crowe and Wade Howell  
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6/5 - Kylana Sampson  
6/7 - Kyler Crowe  
6/9 - Angie Lewis  
6/16 - Kailee Ledford  
6/17 - Eeyannah Catolster  
6/19 - the late Bill Ledford , former Vice Chief and  
Tribal Council member  
6/19 - Renee Ballew Gossett  
6/21 - Jose Jesus Martinez Hernandez  
6/21 - John Brady  
6/21 - Bill Bennett  
6/23 - Scott Smith  
6/29 - Chase Brady



Elicia Montelongo, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was among those who participated in a pinning ceremony for graduates of Southwestern Community College's Occupational Therapy Assistant program. The event was held May 11 in the Burrell Conference Center on the Jackson County campus. (SCC photo)



- Mack Burgess of the Yellowhill Community.
- Bailey Crowe of the Birdtown Community.
- Morgan Hernandez of Wolftown Community.
- Raul Hernandez of the Birdtown Community.
- Eden Littlejohn of the Wolftown Community.
- Jayla Pheasant from Bryson City.

(JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)



# New Kituwah Academy holds first senior walk

**Submitted by New Kituwah Academy**

In 2004, the first Cherokee language immersion classroom opened at Dora Reed with babies around six months of age. The following year, an additional room was opened and in subsequent years more. In 2009, the first cohort were kindergarten students and moved into the new facility, Atse Kituwah Tsunadeloquasdi "New Kituwah Academy" on Sept. 28, 2009.

The first cohort graduated fifth grade at Atse Kituwah and, that same year, a resolution was passed to expand the program. Five of the six students completed the sixth grade the following year. Today, those students are seniors at their respective high schools.

Like many schools across the state, seniors were invited to their elementary school to don their cap and gown and walk the halls. The alumni asked administration if they could do their senior walk at Atse Kituwah, as that was their first school. This year, Atse Kituwah held its first senior walk for alumni. It was a joyous ceremony for the alumni and their former teachers, staff, and administrators. Through tears and smiles staff



The first cohort who entered the New Kituwah Academy as kindergarten students in 2009 came back to do their high school Senior Walk at the Academy on Wednesday, May 25. They are shown, left to right, Donnavin Unole Groenwald, Prairie Iwodi Toineeta, Hailey, Noquisi Smith, Joryn Taligwo Walker, Makala Quana McGaha, and Abbigail Salalisi Taylor. (Photo courtesy of Kylie Crowe Shuler, KPEP Manager)

spoke of their first memories of their former students, who are no longer babies but forever family.

"Congratulations to the first cohort of New Kituwah Academy. We wish you well and look forward to your return. You will always be a part of our family." - BŁAW -

(sidanela).

New Kituwah Academy is part of the Kituwah Preservation & Education Program of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The program offers: early childhood education, elementary education, curriculum development,

Cherokee speaker services, public events, consultation, presentations, adult language education, and more. Visit their website at <https://ebci-kpep.com> or follow them on Facebook: Kituwah Preservation & Education Program.

**Post 143 seeking contact information for active EBCI service men/women**

**Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657  
David McQueen 736-9572**







**Dewey Cochran**

Dewey Cochran, 77, of the Towstring Community, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, May 21, 2022 at his residence. A native of Swain County, he was the son of the late Harley and Fannie Burr Cochran.

He was a member and Deacon of Towstring Baptist Church and enjoyed camping.

Dewey was preceded in death by his sister, Pearlee, and brothers, Sid, Doc, and Less.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Gladys Bales Cochran; daughter, Melanie Hyatt (Hershel); son, Jack Cochran (Chasity); granddaughters, Sarah and Harlie Hyatt and Sadie Cochran; sisters, Mary Ingle, Geraldine Gunter; brothers, Uestes (Dot), Cliff (Sharon) and Fred (Arlene); sister-in-law, Dorothy Cochran; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 26 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Revs. Rex Morelock, J.T. Lambert and Danny Lambert officiated with burial in the Towstring Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wyatt Hop-

kins, Eddie Cole, Josh Fouts, Jason Cochran, John Cochran, and Jacob Long.

Honorary pallbearers were Christopher Crutchfield and Dickie Barker.

**Carol Sue Palmer Hogsed**

Carol Sue Palmer Hogsed, age 81, went to be with her Savior and Lord Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Carol was a lifetime resident of Cherokee County and the daughter of the late Holt and Dixie Palmer. She was a member of Tomotla Baptist Church and loved Jesus with all her heart. She enjoyed singing gospel music and sang in a quartet for over 50 years. She loved her family, and felt blessed to prepare dinners for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Carol worked in banking for more than

40 years. She was an avid beekeeper and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. She was also a die-hard Braves and Freddie Freeman Fan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by the father of her children, Don Hogsed; two brothers, Holt Palmer, Jr. and Rev. Ronnie Palmer; and one sister, Linda Johnson.

She is survived by one son, Michael Hogsed and wife Dawn of Murphy; one daughter, Angie Gardner and husband John, of Clyde; one brother, Jim Palmer and wife Sherry of Murphy; one sister, Betty Price and husband Dale of Murphy; two sister-in-laws, Anna Ruth Palmer and Barbara Palmer, both of Murphy; four grandchildren, Tyler Gardner and wife Neekou, Jordan Mixon and husband Zach, Garrin Hogsed and

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wife Jenna, and Elizabeth King and husband Brian; six great grandchildren, Ralston and Hadley Hogsed, Preslee Mixon, Reagan and Riley King and Cyrus Gardner; several nieces and nephews; and a very special friend, Bill Rose.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 24 at the Tomotla Baptist Church. Pastor Harold Stiles and Pastor Steve West officiated. Music was sung by Diane Debty, Derrick Palmer, and Lisa Frye accompanied by Brenda Stiles. Burial was in the Tomotla Community Cemetery. Pallbearers were Garrin Hogsed, Tyler Gardner, Brian King, Zach Mixon, Derrick Palmer and Blake Ritz. Honorary pallbearers were Ralston Hogsed, and Cyrus Gardner.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Memory of Carol Hogsed to Gideon's International,

P.O. Box 164, Murphy, NC 28906.

Townson-Rose Funeral Home was in charge of all arrangements.

#### **Walter Lewis Farmer**

Walter Lewis Farmer, age 93, of Whittier, passed away unexpectedly at Mission Hospital on Friday, May 20, 2022.

He is survived by his children, James W. Farmer of the home, Charles T. Farmer of Jacksonville, Fla., Richard A. Farmer of Orlando, Fla., and Lydia Farmer Horday of Delray Beach, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Walter was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy James Farmer.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 28 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home, with Pastor Blake Daniels officiating. Long House Funeral Home assisted

the family with final arrangements.

#### **Samuel L. Lambert**

Samuel L. Lambert, age 88, of Cherokee, passed away on Monday, May 23, 2022 at his residence after an extended illness. He is the son of the late Joseph G. Lambert and Louisa Goforth Lambert.

Sam is survived by his children, Kay Jones, Steve Lambert, Tammy Lambert, and Richard Welch; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; brother, Joe Lambert Jr.; sisters, Mary Collins and Nellie Washington; and special friends, Daniel "Boone" Brady, Soloman "Slick" Saunooke, Harold and Michael Laws.

In addition to his parents, Sam was preceded in death by brothers,

George Lambert and Raymond Lambert; sisters, Pauline Owle and Rachel Hornbuckle; grandchildren, Dusty Jones, Jacob Smith, and Joshua Smith.

Sam was a 2 Star Veteran in the U.S. Navy, and he was also an avid bear and coon hunter. He loved to hear his dogs.

A formal funeral service was held on Friday, May 27 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Pastor Michael Laws officiating. Burial was in the Birdtown Cemetery. Pallbearers were J Bear Saunooke, Sterling Bennett, Slaw Sampson, Alan Ensley Jr., Jesse Lambert, and Kyle Wahneeta.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Right Path Adult Leadership Program call for nominations

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program (RP) is accepting nominations for participation in the 2022-23 program. This program is for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Participants will learn Cherokee history and culture and develop leadership competencies. Participants will meet two days per month, for 12 months, and will engage in case study work, classroom lectures, and experiential learning.

Candidates must be age 18 and over, have a high school diploma or GED. Knowledge of Cherokee culture and/or experience in a professional environment is a plus.

Nomination forms can be found at RIGHT PATH MEM-

BERSHIP FORM – Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (rkli.org) or by contacting Tara McCoy 359-5542 or tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com.

Deadline for submission: Letters of nomination will be accepted by mail, email, or in-person delivery, by 5 p.m., June 29 to the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute located at the Cherokee Boys Club on, Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, Attention, Tara McCoy, Right Path:

- Mail: Attention: Tara McCoy P.O. Box 507 Cherokee, NC 28719. Must be postmarked on or before June 29, 2022.

- Email: tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com

- In-person delivery: Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at Cherokee Boys Club at 171 Boys Club Loop on Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 (two-story building behind Chero-

kee Boys Club)

\*It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure receipt of his/her nomination form(s) on or before the deadline. Nominations are not a guarantee of acceptance into the program. \*

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program is a culturally-based leadership program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute. The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

Info: Tara McCoy, Right Path Leadership specialist, 359-5542 or tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com

- *Right Path Adult Leadership Program*

### VOC Summer Youth Program

Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee, Inc. (VOC) are now taking applications for their Summer Youth Program. Applicants must be 14-17 years of age and enrolled citizens of a federally recognized tribe residing on the Qualla Boundary. Applicants who have a documented disability or a school IEP will be given priority. Applications are due by Friday, June 3. The program kicks off on June 13 and will end on July 22 with participants working up to 40 hours per week and earning \$8 per hour. Info: 497-9827 or go by VOC to pick up an application

- *Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee, Inc.*

### Atlanta Braves and 7G Foundation to host first-ever Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase

ATLANTA – The Atlanta Braves and 7G Foundation will host the first ever Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase at Truist Park on July 16-17. The top 50 high

school baseball players of Native American descent from around the country will participate in a pro-style workout on Saturday, July 16 and a showcase game on Sunday, July 17.

The Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase will highlight Native American high school baseball players who aspire to play the game at the next level. Scouts from the Atlanta Braves, University of Tennessee, Georgia State University, Savannah State University, South Georgia State College, Mercer University, and Emory University will be in attendance.

“We greatly value our longstanding partnerships in the Native American community and are constantly looking for new and impactful ways to support them,” said Derek Schiller, Atlanta Braves president and chief executive officer. “This first Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase will help create access and exposure for Native American student athletes as they work to build their baseball careers in college and Major League Baseball. We are looking forward to welcoming these tremendous athletes and providing not only the Major League setting, but also the tools and support they need to succeed.”

There will be two teams for the showcase game on Sunday, each with a 25-man roster. Each roster will include at least ten pitchers and two dedicated catchers. Major League Baseball former players Marquis Grissom, Johnny Estrada, Marvin Freeman, and Lou Collier will coach the teams.

“It’s an honor to work with the Braves as they recognize the unique talents that Native youth bring to the game. 7G has worked hard to address the challenges facing Indian Country. This partnership with the Atlanta Braves will help

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continue our mission of taking our Native youth to the next level,” said Bennae Calac, Founder and Executive Director, 7G Foundation.

The pro-style workout on Saturday, July 16 will be executed by Marquis Grissom Baseball Association and will focus on defensive work, fielding, throwing, and catcher pop times. Four to six players will be selected during Saturday’s batting practice to participate in a Home Run Derby that afternoon following the workout. Rapsodo Hitting and Pitching units will be available to provide pro-level data and analytics to help players improve their game.

Native youth can register to play in the Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase at [www.7gfoundation.com/native-showcase](http://www.7gfoundation.com/native-showcase). Applications are open through June 17.

- Atlanta Braves release

### Emergency Rental Assistance for EBCI tribal members

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is still accepting Emergency Rental Assistance applications from EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) member renters who qualify. The link collecting your applicable information will be available online at [EBCI.com](http://EBCI.com) and applications will be available onsite at the C.I.H.D. Main Office located at 687 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719. Applications and documentation can be emailed back to Stefany Hicks at the following email address: [shicks@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:shicks@ebci-nsn.gov)

Note that entering information using the link at [EBCI.com](http://EBCI.com) is not an application. This link is used to collect your information so that we may contact you via email/phone. Also, if you have received 18 months of assistance, you have exhausted the maximum amount of

assistance allowed.

Eligible households include families that have:

- Enrolled EBCI tribal member
- Must reside in one of the 50 United States of America
- Income below 80 percent of the area median income
- An obligation to pay rent
- A household member that has a reduction of income or other financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Experienced or are at risk of experiencing homelessness

Eligible uses of funds include payment of:

- Rent
- Rental arrears
- Utilities and home energy costs
- Utilities and home energy cost arrears

Rental assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to such household.

Tribal members must also provide in writing that they have experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant cost, or experienced other financial hardship due to COVID-19. This program is NOT for homeowners or tribal members with mortgages. To apply for this program, you MUST be a renter. This program is to help prevent current renters from becoming homeless or evicted.

Info: Stefany Hicks 359-8096, Monday – Friday between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

- Cherokee Indian Housing Division

### NATIONAL PARK NEWS

#### Volunteers needed for Ramsey Cascades Trail Rehabilitation

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is recruiting volunteers to assist the Trails Forever trail

crew for the Ramsey Cascades Trail rehabilitation project. Volunteers are needed every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., through Wednesday, Sept. 28. Prospective volunteers must register in advance.

The four-mile Ramsey Cascades Trail is one of the most popular trails in the park, giving access to the 100-foot Ramsey Cascades, the tallest waterfall in the park. The two-year trail rehabilitation project on Ramsey Cascades Trail is part of the Trails Forever program, a partnership between the National Park Service and Friends of the Smokies. The rehabilitation project will improve overall trail safety and protect the park’s natural resources.

The Trails Forever program provides opportunities for both skilled and non-skilled volunteers to work alongside park crews to make lasting improvements to park trails. Volunteers will perform a wide range of trail maintenance and trail rehabilitation work depending on volunteer experience level including installing drainage features, rehabilitating trail surfaces, constructing raised trail segments, and removing brush. The tasks vary in complexity, but all prospective volunteers must be able to hike at least four miles and safely perform strenuous and often difficult manual labor. Volunteers should be comfortable lifting heavy objects and using hand tools such as shovels, rakes, axes, and loppers. The park will provide all safety gear, tools, and equipment needed for the projects. Volunteers will need to wear sturdy close-toed footwear and long pants, and bring a day pack with food, water, rain gear and personal gear for the day.

Prior notice of your attendance is mandatory for project planning. To sign up, or for more information, contact Trails and Facilities

Volunteer Coordinator Adam Monroe at 497-1949 or [Adam\\_Monroe@nps.gov](mailto:Adam_Monroe@nps.gov). More information and Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <https://friendsofthesmokies.org/trailsforever/volunteer/>.

- National Park Service release

#### Park reopens Parson Branch Road after six-year closure

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials celebrated the reopening of Parson Branch Road recently with a ribbon-cutting event honoring the crew who performed the needed work and the Friends of the Smokies who provided critical funding to support the efforts. The historic gravel road, originally constructed in 1838, is now reopened to the public after a six-year closure.

“We are pleased to reopen Parson Branch Road in time for the 2022 summer season,” said Deputy Superintendent Alan Sumeriski. “Not only does this restore access to one of the most special places in the Smokies, it also allows another opportunity for people of all abilities to spread out and explore less traveled areas of this very busy park.”

The one-way, eight-mile road was closed in 2016 after crews documented more than 1,700 dead standing dead hemlock trees within falling distance of the road corridor along a one-mile section of the roadway. The trees died due to a widespread infestation of the non-native forest pest, hemlock woolly adelgid. Over the last six years, more than half the dead trees fell due to natural deterioration and multiple large wind events, making it feasible to remove the remaining damaged trees through a \$150,000 contract with Rich-

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mond Tree Experts. The Friends of the Smokies provided \$100,000 to meet this need, which was matched by an additional \$50,000 in federal funds. Park crews then completed needed road repairs including improving drainage and grading the road surface which required the replacement of 16 culverts and 550 tons of gravel.

“Our treasured National Park faces many daunting challenges each year on top of trying to meet routine, operational needs,” said Friends of the Smokies Board Chair Sharon Pryse. “I am proud to represent the Friends of the Smokies and donors from across the country who respond to help the park address these unplanned and unfunded needs so visitors of today and

tomorrow can enjoy these remarkable experiences.”

Parson Branch Road is a historic, gravel road that follows a route traveled by people for more than 180 years. Blount County commissioned Cades Cove resident Russell Gregory to oversee construction of the road, which was completed in 1838, to provide access from Cades Cove to what is now Highway 129. The road provided a significant commerce route for Cades Cove residents, including direct access to the Little Tennessee River for trading goods.

“The reopening of Parson Branch Road is certainly special,” said Cades Cove Preservation Association member Larry Sparks. “It’s significant not just for me as a former Cades Cove resident and descendant of Russell Gregory, but

also for all who love and appreciate the history and beauty of Cades Cove and Chestnut Flats. I would like to applaud the Great Smoky Mountains National Park for the reopening of Parson Branch Road today! May this road opening serve as a tribute to my 3rd generation great grandfather Russell Gregory and others who literally built it with pick and shovel in hand.”

Visitors can explore the rich history of the area by stopping in the Henry Whitehead Place just before entering the one-way road and then also access the Burchfield and Boring cemeteries along the route. The eight-mile road now provides motorists a trail-like experience through a mature forest canopy with nearly 20 stream crossings. The road also provides access to trails such as Gregory Bald Trail

which is a popular route for hikers in June to experience the hybridizing azaleas in bloom atop the high-elevation grassy bald.

High clearance vehicles are recommended for traveling Parson Branch Road. Motorhomes, buses, vans longer than 25 feet, and passenger vehicles towing trailers are prohibited. This seasonally opened road is generally open from April to November annually. The road will close for the season on Nov. 13. For more information about the operating schedule for roads and facilities in the park, please visit the park website at <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/seasonalroads.htm>.

- National Park Service release

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# Tribal member joins Center for Native Health staff

## Submitted by Center for Native Health

For many non-profit entities, building and expanding infrastructure, like hiring staff, can be a significant challenge due to a lack of resources. The Center for Native Health (CNH) has announced that thanks to support from Dogwood Health Trust, they will be able to strengthen their capacity as an organization through the hiring of a full-time staff member. The grant will provide for significant funding over three years to hire and retain a director of programming that will oversee all programs from logistical support to strategic planning and implementation.

Madison York Leatherwood, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been hired to this position. She graduated from Western Carolina University in May of 2021 with a Bachelor's Degree in Integrated



Madison York Leatherwood, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been hired as the director of programming for the Center for Native Health. (Photo contributed)

Health Science and a concentration in healthcare management. She hopes to return to school to obtain her Master's degree in Business Administration and bring her knowledge back to her community. As an EBCI tribal member, she seeks to be a positive influence and role model for upcoming youth and college students particularly in the Center's flagship Medical Careers and Technology (Med-CAT) program.

This grant furthers Dogwood Health Trust's goal to support capacity building that will help improve the WNC nonprofit sector.

According to the Executive Director of the Center, Trey Adcock, Ph.D., "The capacity building funds from Dogwood Health Trust will significantly increase our ability to offer programs that positively impact Native communities and households throughout Western North Carolina. This is a significant development for us

as an organization in building a sustainable future."

The Center for Native Health 501(3)c was founded in 2009 with the vision of reducing health disparities for American Indian communities through the integration of community-based knowledge into all facets of Native healthcare & education. The Center's work is organized into four general areas: Community, Education, Preservation, and Mentorship and includes partnerships with Wake Forest School of Medicine, Western Carolina University, UNC-CH Gillings School of Public Health, the National Center for Public Montessori in the Public Sector, The Kituwah Equestrian Program, Cherokee Choices, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Conserving Carolina, and the Public Health and Human Services Department of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

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to drive.**

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In an emergency, call 911

**Tribal Dispatch**  
497-4131

**Cherokee Indian Police  
Dept.**  
359-6600

**Tribal Fire and Rescue**  
359-6584

**Tribal EMS**  
359-6450 or 497-6402

**Cherokee Indian Hospital**  
497-9163

## EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line  
Dispatch**  
359-6300

Tsali Manor funds passes for  
Tsali Manor residents and  
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This pass provides unlimited  
trips within the service area  
and on shopping trips.  
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are currently on hold due to  
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## Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

**Cherokee Indian Hospital main line**  
497-9163

**Tsali Manor** - contact is Debbie West  
359-6291 or 736-3950

**HELP (Handicapped, Elderly Living  
Program) -**  
contact is Stephanie Welch  
359-6638

**HIP (Home Improvement Program) -**  
contact is Cindi Squirrel  
359-5520 or 507-7748

**Congregate, Homebound Meals,  
Supplement** - contact is Sherry Welch  
359-6290

**Heat Assistance/Emergency  
Assistance** - contact is Krisna Ashe  
359-6294 or 421-7364

**EBCI Home Health/Home Care**  
497-9163 (ask for nurse on call)

**EBCI Domestic Violence**  
359-6830

**EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance**  
507-7825

**Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic**  
554-5555

**DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center**  
497-6866

**Snowbird Senior numbers**  
James Jones, Snowbird site supervisor,  
346-6744  
Samantha Teesateskie, Senior Services co-  
ordinator, 346-6745

**Tsali Manor main line**  
359-6860

**John Welch Senior Center main line**  
835-9741

**Cherokee Boy's Club Elder Fuel  
Delivery and Elder Mowing -**  
contact is Donnie Owle 736-7612





COMMENTARY

Coming to terms with terms

By ROBERT JUMPER  
One Feather Editor

We are scheduled to decide, through referendum, whether we want to have our elected officials subject to term limits in the upcoming tribal elections (September 2023). While that seems like a long time away, it really isn't. In fact, the election year begins only a few months from now.

To some, it may be a small idea. It is often said by some tribal officials that we don't need term limits because their constituents

will vote them out when they feel like they no longer want them in office. There could be a good case for that argument. After all, one of the models for democratic governance is the federal system and for the U.S. Congress, where there is no term restriction. Both Senate and House of Representatives do not have term limits. Why do we need term limits?

Well, here is one opinion. We are a comparatively small nation. Many of our members live off-Boundary and far enough away to make it difficult for them to come in when it is time to vote, narrowing the voter base to primarily those living on the Qualla Boundary and those living in the surrounding counties. Community elections can be determined by

hundreds of people, not by millions as in federal elections. And in a space where there are only a few hundred people deciding elections, it is possible to have a candidate that might be repeatedly placed in office by a block of voters because of familiarity and not necessarily the good of the community. It is possible that the popularity of an individual could make it difficult for a well-qualified community member to overcome the long-term visibility of an incumbent who has the bully pulpit for multiple terms. It is possible to overcome this advantage, but it is much more of an uphill climb with a small constituency.

We have had and continue to have good representation in our tribal government. The issue is

not getting anyone to leave due to longevity in office. As has been mentioned before, we need experienced leadership in our government, and we should never take for granted those who have led our tribe for multiple terms. What we need to try to do is prevent our governmental leadership from aging out without a plan for succession.

In that same referendum that we are scheduled to have a vote on, is included a question about staggered terms. If it stays on the ballot, we will choose whether we want our Tribal Council seats staggered so that only half of the Council is up for election each election; only one of the two seats representing each community would be voted on at each election.



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**DEDUCTIONS:**

- \* 20% - (0.20 x gross income)
- \* Utility Deductions - \$350
- \* Medical Deductions - Medical costs >\$35
- \* Child Support - Paid
- \* Dependent Care Expenses
- \* Home Care Meal-Related Deduction - \$250

**Household Size**  
(FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards)

1-	\$1,251
2-	\$1,629
3-	\$2,007
4-	\$2,393
5-	\$2,802
6-	\$3,211
7-	\$3,590
8-	\$3,968

**Each additional member \$379**

*EBCI Per Capita and Per Capita Loans are NOT considered as income at this time. Please, feel free to contact the Tribal Foods Office (828-359-9751) for detailed eligibility requirements and to schedule an appointment.*  
*Thanks from the TFDP Staff.*



The mechanics of staggering terms may be accomplished in as little as two election cycles and would then be perpetual. Staggered terms ensures that the need for experienced representatives be in place at all times, and it can help alleviate any perception of special interest control of our government. The staggered term concept is in operation already on the Boundary, as the Board of Education for Cherokee Central Schools operates under staggered terms with only half of the School Board facing election with each cycle.

Term limits, in conjunction with staggered terms, are the best opportunity to build a strong and bias-free election process. It will retain the experience we need while encouraging more qualified members of our community to get involved. These proposed actions

are supported by those who have been working toward the adoption of a tribal constitution and both are part of the proposed draft document. Despite those who are resisting the concepts, many tribal officials understand the importance and logic of going to limited terms and alternating elections to stagger them. And the term limit legislation would provide for allowing representatives to run again once they sat out for an election cycle.

Lastly, the referendum question in September 2023 will ask the community if they are ready to do away with the archaic two-year term for Tribal Council seats. One of the reasons the term "speed of government" has traction here on the Boundary is due to the two-year team. I have heard the arguments against moving to a four-

year term for Council members, mostly that some in the community think it is important to be able to remove a representative who is not performing more quickly. That argument would have more credibility if we didn't have so many multiple term incumbents. The reality is that while it is possible to vote out incumbents, it doesn't happen often. Most retire out of their seats. A representative leaves when they are ready to leave, not necessarily due to losing an election, with limited exceptions. The issue is that perpetual "campaign mode" of thinking, going from one election cycle to another so quickly that they are constantly having to think in the short term how to satisfy a constituency rather than thinking strategically over a longer

term.

A four-year term would make a dramatic difference for the elected official and for the community they serve. This extension of terms would allow more projects to be seen through rather than halted every time a person got voted out of office. It would provide a stable platform for the governmental leader to not only learn their function but also implement their agendas, the platform that they got elected to carry out. A four-year term would make representatives more accountable, not less. We need to untie the hands of our representatives to do the work we are asking to be done. The best way to do that is to enact four-year, limited, staggered terms.

# MISSING PERSON

## Brittaney Littledave - female

Cherokee Nation (Okla.) citizen

Height: 5'2/5'3

Weight: 130lbs

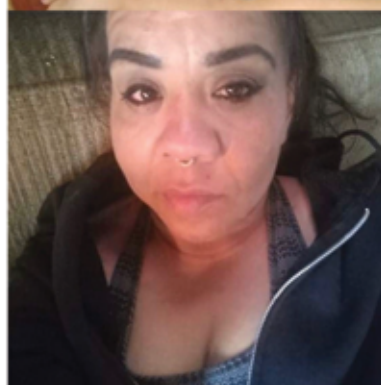
Age: 36

Eye and hair color: brown

Tattoos: left upper arm, Cherokee Nation Seal, right upper arm: flowers and butterflies, back of neck: laugh now cry later  
She has a septum piercing which is the bull nose ring.

Brittaney has not been seen nor heard from since Sept. 5, 2021 at 12:39 p.m. There has been no activity on any of her social media as well since that time. Her last known place was in Fresno, Calif.

If you have any information or know of her current whereabouts, please contact Summer at (330) 432-0934 or the Fresno Police Dept. at (559) 621-7000.



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## Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

The One Feather is developing a list of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists and craftspeople to help get your name out there for potential buyers. If you would like to be included, please send your name, contact information (phone, email, etc.), and what mediums you are selling to: Scott at [scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov) or message us on our Facebook page.

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# Find a shelter in Indian Country

By **STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE**

There is a severe resource gap impacting the ability of tribes to address intimate partner violence in their communities. Presently, there are 259 Native-centered service providers that are culturally appropriate for Native Americans and Alaska Natives; and that includes only 62 shelters nationwide. In addition to the Native service provider database, through an invaluable partnership with the National Domestic Violence Hotline, StrongHearts' advocates have access to more than 3,500 non-Native service providers in the U.S.

## What You Should Know

Shelters prioritize clients based on the lethality of their situation. That is why it is important to share all of the lethality concerns in your situation. Consider the following:

- Has the perpetrator increased physical or sexual violence?
- Is there a history of strangulation, or threats of suicide or homicide?
- Are you pregnant?
- Are there weapons in the home?

## Overcoming Challenges

A shelter can be very overwhelming if you have not been in one before. It's important to differentiate between shelter types.

Avoid saying the word "homeless" when looking for shelter. When fleeing an abusive relationship, be careful not to say you are homeless. This could result in being referred to a homeless shelter instead of a domestic violence shelter. A shelter for unhoused

people can be used in a pinch but if you are a survivor of domestic and sexual violence it's best to seek assistance from an intimate partner violence service provider. They will be more informed on your situation and rights and will likely have other services available for you.

It's important to be aware of who may work at the shelter for your tribe. Indian Country is small, and a relative or a friend of a family member may work at your tribal shelter. If you feel like there may be a conflict of interest or you feel unsafe, you may want to seek shelter on other tribal lands if they allow citizens of other Native Nations.

If you have no other options you may consider staying at a non-Native shelter. You can still receive other services from a Native provider. If you stay in a non-Native shelter, it may be a good idea to ask about using your traditional medicines. Some shelters may have rules about smudging or using traditional medicines/herbs inside or on-premises.

If you struggle with substance abuse, it may be difficult to avoid other users. Be aware that although the shelter may have rules around substance use on their campus, oftentimes these rules are ignored. It's important to be aware that this may happen and find a system to help keep yourself in check may be part of your safety plan.

If you have livestock, farmlands or even ceremonial duties in your Native community, it may be difficult to reach out to a shelter because of your responsibilities. Be aware that although these are all important, your safety is also important and should be prioritized. It can be helpful to reach out to your trusted community

network to get assistance to care for your livestock and farmland or make arrangements to get support from other community members to help with ceremonial duties.

You may need to seek help from more than one organization to get all of your needs met. Don't be afraid to seek more than one resource. Depending on how comfortable you are with churches, they often offer programs to help with bill payments. You can also use AuntBertha.org and search by zip code to find local resources for assistance, food, health, housing and employment. Oftentimes depending on what's available, you can find various programs that offer grants to help you get back on your feet.

## Native Parents and Children

Shelters offer little privacy for families. If you have children the best shelter type for you is a transitional housing facility. They are often long-term, which means you will not need to leave every night and they help set you up with permanent housing when you're ready to leave their program.

Don't be afraid to have a conversation with your children to make sure that they understand what is happening. They should have the space to have their feelings validated and understand that they are not at fault for what is happening. Talk to them about your ground rules. It can be challenging to a parent in a new environment with different rules and other families with varying values. Remember, our children are sacred beings and can help bring healing into our lives and our communities.

## Native Men

Very few Native-centered shelters are able to house male victim-survivors though several do offer non-residential services

for men. Sometimes a shelter may be able to help support a survivor with a hotel room, legal advocacy or counseling services and case management. It can vary from shelter to shelter so it's always best to clarify what services they are able to offer men.

## Native LGBTQ2S+

Within the 2S+/LGBTQ+ community, intimate partner violence occurs at a rate equal to or higher than that of the cis-heterosexual community. Additionally, they may have concerns about being outed, not having inclusive restroom facilities, not being addressed with the correct pronouns and facing bias from other residents and staff members may prevent them from seeking a placement in a shelter. If you identify as a part of the LGBTQ2S+ community and are seeking shelter, here are a few questions to consider asking:

- Ask questions about sleeping arrangements, restrooms and privacy so you know what to expect
- Ask if there are any additional accommodations for your identity
- Ask if the staff has training in working with the LGBTQ2S+ community
- Ask about the safety and complaint procedures

If you experience bias or feel unsafe in the shelter, notify staff immediately and file a complaint.

## Shelter Tips

Choosing to seek a shelter may be a part of your individual safety plan. Be aware that sometimes shelters are not immediately available and your safety plan should include some additional options while going through the process. Shelters can be overcrowded and Native-centered shelters may take some time to get into for families.

Important things to consider when seeking a shelter:



- It can take a while (and a lot of calls) to find shelter space.
- If there is an emergency shelter directory in your area, our advocates may suggest contacting them directly to help you find a vacancy. These directories maintain current information on all of the shelter vacancies in their area so calling them can be easier than calling each place individually.
- Despite the potential for uncertainty, be respectful of shelter advocates during the intake process. They only want to help you. Speaking to a StrongHearts advocate before calling the domestic violence program may help you navigate some of the challenges.
- Remember that some shelters won't serve people who live out of the county, or out of state. If you desire to relocate to a different county or state, some shelters require a referral from the local shelter. Call the out-of-county/state program to learn more about the

policies for accepting survivors.

- Call the shelter two to three times a day to check for space. Bed availability changes very quickly every day and many times it is given out on a first come, first served basis. Ask the shelter worker to recommend the best time to make a return call.
- In the event that the shelter becomes undesirable, refrain from talking badly about it when speaking with a new shelter.
- If the shelter is full, shelter workers may be able to provide motel vouchers or know about alternative options at other nearby shelters.

Multiple needs require multiple programs which take time and considerable effort on the part of an advocate, please be as patient as possible. Our advocates are working hard to keep you safe.

#### **Staying in A Shelter**

Every shelter is different so get clarification on rules beforehand

so there are no surprises. Some may have different rules on cell phone use and curfews.

Discrimination and/or mistreatment by shelter staff is not okay and there may be a way to address a grievance through proper channels. Contact the state domestic violence program to ask if there is a way to address the issue or file a complaint.

Avoid the drama. It's good to find support if you can but recognize this is only temporary and sometimes it's best to keep your head down and get the services you need. It's hard living in a place with so many varying perspectives so be aware there may be conflicts among your new neighbors.

#### **Self-Care**

Stress can greatly impact your health so it is important to consider self-care. Participating in self-care activities like exercise (if safe to do so), eating healthily, counseling and journaling could

be helpful. Be gentle with yourself mentally and physically. Connecting with your cultural pregnancy practices during this time can be uplifting. Also, you can practice resilience by smudging, praying or sitting with your traditional medicines.

#### **StrongHearts Native Helpline**

If you consider leaving an abusive partner, StrongHearts Native Helpline can help you with safety planning and finding a Native-centered shelter.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon on Strongheartshelpline.org



## **Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.**

The Cherokee One Feather would like to share your stories in a column we call "Veteran's Corner". Send your written stories to Robert Jumper, editor, at [robejump@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:robejump@nc-cherokee.com). Or, if you prefer to sit down for an interview with one of our reporters, call 359-6482 (Robert), 359-6263 (Scott), or 359-6264 (Jonah).

Thank you for your service, and we look forward to hearing from you so we can share your stories of service with the entire community.

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# Forgiving offenses is best

**By TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)  
Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Matthew 18:15-35; 1 Peter 2:23; Galatians 6:1-3

Peter, in Verse 21, comes to Jesus and he says, “Lord, how shall or how often shall I forgive my brother that sins against me?” And then he said this, “seven times?” Peter was being pious. It’s my understanding that the Jews would believe this part of their being precise would be, “how about 3 times, Lord?” Jesus said this, He said, “Not seven times, but 7 times 70.” In other words, one should keep on forgiving and then you’re to just keep on forgiving them. And somebody says, “I don’t like that.”

“Well do you like it when we pray for you and your needs are met?” “Do you like it when we lay hands on you and your sickness runs away?” “Do you like it when we are seeking the Lord and then His Presence shows up?” “Do you like it when the chains break off of you?” Come on then, keep on forgiving.”

The Bible says this in 1 Peter 2:23, in speaking of Jesus, says, “When He was reviled, when He suffered, He threatened not, but committed Himself to Him that judges righteously. In Galatians 6:1-3, it says to help each other get humbly and gently back on the right path when someone has lost their way. It also says not to allow yourself to be tempted in the same way but, to just share the burden and thereby obey the Law of Christ.

If we find someone has been overtaken in a fault, we who are spiritual, should restore such a one.... This tells me one thing, those who don’t forgive are still fleshly. Offense is a sin, if we don’t handle it right. That’s why in Verse 2, He says this, “bear you one another’s burdens and so fulfill the Law of Christ.” How does one do that? I’ve had people before that lashed out when all I was trying to do is to be nice. You might have had this happen to you, too. If you have, you’ve seen where they took things out on you that had nothing to do with you.

I came today to talk to you because I loved you and cared about you. How then do I bear someone else’s burdens?

If a person sees that someone else has a burden, one ought to help lift that burden up together with them privately in prayer. Amen. Yes. Right? We need to be taking that burden and help them to lift it by talking to the Lord in prayer with them.

“Lord, they’ve already had a bad day, and maybe they took it out on me, but that’s alright because I have strong shoulders and I can handle that, and I just trust You, O Lord, that You know what’s going on and know how to deal with it. Amen.”

By bearing each other’s burdens, we fulfill the Law of Christ, by loving others as much as we love ourselves. How would we like it if we were in their situation? How would be asking for God to help them?”

He also warns us not to think of ourselves as being something when we are not. We could deceive ourselves. In other words, we are to watch this as we might also be tempted to get offended for them for ourselves. Hopefully, the

grace one has had extended them today, maybe they will be able to return grace back to you when some is needed for you, say, tomorrow. Hopefully, they will give it back to you when needed.

Read Ecclesiastes 7:20-21; Proverbs 19:11

These verses will change one’s life if one hears them. The Bible says in Verse 21, to also take no heed unto all the words spoken if a person knows their heart. Sometimes people say things they don’t really mean. Sometimes things get said in the heat of the moment that one really doesn’t need to take into their heart. I can still love them anyway. I’m still going to help them lift and carry their burdens and live out the Law of Christ. Why would I do that, especially when they said such mean and hateful things? I do that because it’s the Lord’s pleasure. Sensible people control their tempers, and they earn respect by overlooking wrongs. When one has the right to get offended, God considers it as glory because one may have said, “Not today, I’m not taking that bait (of satan) today.”

(To be continued...)



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



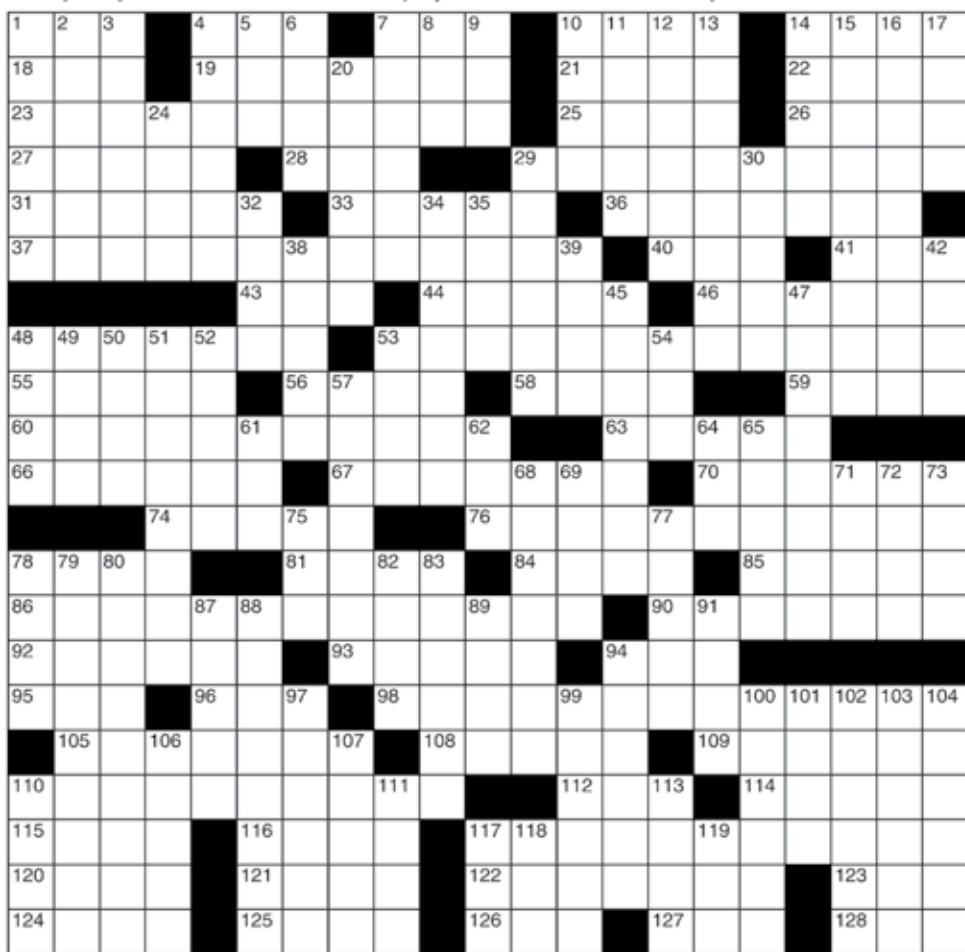
*Look at the birds of the sky,  
that they do not sow, nor  
reap, nor gather crops into  
barns, and yet your  
heavenly Father feeds them.  
Are you not much more  
important than they?*

**Matthew 6:26**





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18 "There it is!"  
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22 Unmask  
23 Giving monikers to flower holders?  
25 Whale type  
26 Bride's ride, perhaps  
27 It might follow "So I lied!"  
28 That, to Juanita  
29 The lass I love with a twangy voice?  
31 Fill with fury  
33 Alaskan panhandle city  
36 "No fooling!"  
37 Embryonic thyroids and pituitaries?  
40 Many a shareable PC file  
41 Cry loudly
- 43 "Chairman —" (NBA moniker)  
44 Brief review  
46 Lake in north Minnesota  
48 Broken stone used in paving  
53 Actor Lane after improving his skills?  
55 Amazed  
56 "Will you allow me?"  
58 Father, in France  
59 Be disposed  
60 "Batman Forever" star commanding a warship?  
63 Barrage of shots  
66 Fail to feed  
67 Actress on HBO's "Insecure"  
70 Matador  
74 Levi's material  
76 Homer hit by poet Tate?  
78 Swing about  
81 Old soda brand  
84 The Beatles' "— Tired"  
85 "Better in Time" singer Lewis
- 86 Title of a sommelier training video hosted by novelist Gordimer?  
90 Goes into overtime, say  
92 Rival of Sampras  
93 Heat energy unit  
94 See  
95 Sharks' org.  
96 Signing tool  
98 Dilemma caused by quarterback Joe?  
105 Men's neckwear accessory  
108 Island porch  
109 Beethoven's Third  
110 Really mean porkers?  
112 Biology subj.  
114 Financier Carl  
115 With 94-Across, designer with the fragrance Fantasia  
116 QED's "E"  
117 Rich founder of a loofah-producing company?
- 120 Newsy note  
121 Jazzy Simone  
122 Feeling bad for  
123 Rural tract  
124 California city known for its zinfandel  
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126 Positive reply  
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2 Debi Mazar's "Entourage" role  
3 Beast breakers  
4 Go back (on)  
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6 Surfer's ride  
7 Attack verbally  
8 "No fooling!"  
9 Mag VIPs  
10 Shout at sea  
11 Breed of herding dog  
12 Set up tents  
13 Totally enclosed  
14 Lion in "Narnia" tales
- 15 "Speaking," for a woman on the phone  
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17 GI on the run  
20 "Do not —" (Monopoly directive)  
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73 City in 5-Down  
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77 Clean a spill  
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87 U.S. humane org.  
88 TV ratings system  
89 "— la Douce"  
91 Old Italian coins  
94 Climb, as a tree or rope  
97 — acid (aqua fortis)  
99 Seer's cards  
100 Circular gaskets  
101 — Raton  
102 Likely (to)  
103 Parrot, often  
104 Guy's stylish carrier  
106 As a friend, in France  
107 Kind of bar  
110 Sandbox toy  
111 Coup d'—  
113 Not "fer"  
117 Operative  
118 Crusty treat  
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Titus in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 22, what did God provide as a substitute sacrifice for Isaac? *Horse, Ram, Cow, Raven*
3. One of whose daughters had the 12-letter name of Kerenhappuch? *Potiphar, Zimri, Goliath, Job*
4. As stated in Joshua 2, where did the prostitute Rahab live? *Jericho, Philadelphia, Smyrna, Tarsus*
5. What is the longest chapter in the Bible (KJV)? *John 3, Psalm 119, Revelation 22, 2 Samuel 10*
6. Elijah lived by which brook? *Jordan, Salty, Ahava, Cherith*

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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1. TELEVISION: Luke's Diner is a prominent feature in which 2000s TV show?
2. MUSIC: When did The Archies' "Sugar Sugar" hit the No. 1 spot?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What does the Greek translation of rhinoceros mean?
4. MOVIES: Which movie features the song "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head"?
5. LANGUAGE: What is the American English equivalent of the British English phrase "drawing pin"?
6. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is the Yellowhammer State?
7. HISTORY: Who is believed to be the first to draw a world map, in 6th century BC?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which company advertised its product with the one-word description "Fahrvergnügen"?
9. GEOGRAPHY: How many states are in Australia?
10. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel starts with the line, "They're out there"?

see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 38



## EVENTS

### BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament.** June 4 at Painttown Gym. \$10 per person. Sign-up starts at 12:30 p.m., games start at 1 p.m. Concession will be available. Proceeds will go to 8U Boys NAYO Baseball Team Talking Trash traveling to Alabama. Info: Annee Hyatt 736-9284 or Ethan Jackson 788-4885

**Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community.** June 4 at 3 p.m., sponsored by Big Cove Free Labor. June 11 at 3 p.m., sponsored by Normal Walkingstick. At both shoots, participants will shoot shotgun and some .22 caliber rifle rounds with attachments (scopes, lasers) or you can shoot open sight. Bring your .22 show you like to shoot it – should be fun. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

**Cherokee Braves Kickoff Classic golf tournament.** July 15 at the Sequoyah National Golf Club. 18 hole captain's choice. Four-person teams, \$120 per person. 8 a.m. registration. 9 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch, prizes, and raffle items. Proceeds from this tournament

support the Cherokee Braves football program. Info: Chase Sneed 226-1068

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Cherokee Gourd Gathering.** June 1-5 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. On Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., children are invited to make a free birdhouse. Supplies are provided and each child (6-16) will go home with a completed birdhouse ready to hang. Children must be accompanied by an adult. On Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., there will be around 20 Make-and-Take classes. No experience or registration required. Each class is about an hour long, and the cost per class is \$10. Everything is provided. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday will see classes in progress from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. During this same time period, vendors of raw gourds, finished gourds, supplies, tools, and other craft supplies will be open. Info: [www.gourdgathering.com](http://www.gourdgathering.com)

**Teach What You Know, Share What You Have Conference.** June 2 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Council Ballroom. The conference will offer professional development opportunities and other entities to share the work they are doing to save the Chero-

kee language. Registration is free when you complete the online survey. Registration deadline is May 15. The conference is sponsored by the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program. Info: <https://ebcikpep.com/conference>

**Family Beef Box Giveaway.** June 6 at three locations including: Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds at 10 a.m., Church of the Lamb in the Snowbird Community at 12:30 p.m., and the John Welch Senior Center in Cherokee County at 10:30 a.m. 10 lbs. of ground beef and 1-3 lbs. of roast. One box per vehicle. Must show EBCI enrollment card. Masks required for all in the vehicle. Info: Mollie Grant 359-6430 or Zena Rattler 735-4594

**Summer Market.** June 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Local crafts and vendors. Lunch by Melishia. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

**Animal Clinic hosted by Christian Veterinary Mission.** June 10-11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Sponsored by Master's Mission, Grace Community Church, and EBCI Animal Control. Info: Dan Teasdale 735-1876, Tammy Jackson 359-6934, or Cherokee Animal Control 359-2380

**Cherokee Choices Summer Camps.** Yoga Camp (ages 7-11) June 6-23. Cultural Camp (ages 10-12) June 27 – July 14. Activ-

### Puzzle Answers

#### Super Crossword

Answers

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SUEME	ESA	MYGAL	NASAL	
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	YAO	RECAP	ITASCA	
MACADAM	GREATERN	NATHAN		
INAWA	KAYI	PERE	TEND	
NAVAL	KILMER	SALVO		
STARVE	ISSARAE	TORERO		
DENIM	NAHUM	DINGER		
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#### Weekly SUDOKU

##### Answer

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Ram; 3) Job; 4) Jericho; 5) Psalm 119; 6) Cherith

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

#### Answers

1. "The Gilmore Girls"
2. 1969
3. Horned nose
4. "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"
5. Thumb tack
6. Alabama
7. Greek academic Anaximander
8. Volkswagen. It's German for "driving enjoyment."
9. Six
10. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"

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ities include horseback riding, rafting, arts and crafts, yoga, creek snorkeling, and more. Camps are Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications must be submitted by May 3. Space is limited. Info: Tori Bryson, MHS, RDN, LDN 359-6778 or [victram@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:victram@ebci-nsn.gov)

### Cherokee Summer Social.

July 9 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the RC Field next to Kituwah Mound. Evening to celebrate Cherokee language, culture, song, dance, and food. Everyone is welcome. Featured singers: Bo Taylor, John Grant, Skylar Bottchenbaugh, Rich Bottchenbaugh, Micah Swimmer, Jarret Wildcatt, Will Tushka. MC: Catcuze Tiger. Traditional dress and ribbon skirts/shirts encouraged. Bring your own chairs. Info: [cherokeewintersocial@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeewintersocial@gmail.com)

### HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS 2022 EBCI Fish Tournament Lineup

(General Fishing Waters, Cherokee, N.C.)

General Fishing Enterprise Waters are closed to everyone from Saturday, March 12 to Friday, March 25. Each tournament requires a 2-day fish permit covering both tournament days (\$17) and Tournament Registration Fee (\$15).

Tim Hill Memorial Tournament - Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July 10

- Registration deadline is Friday, July 8

- \$10,000 in cash prizes

Qualla Country Fish Tournament

see **HAPPENINGS** next page

# COLD CASE



**The body of Marie Walkingstick Pheasant was found in a burned vehicle on Old Rock Crusher Rd., in the Big Cove Community, on Dec. 29, 2013.**

The Cherokee Indian Police Dept. reported at the time that "foul play" was suspected. No arrests have been made in this case. A **\$20,000** reward is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

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## VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

### 10-Foot Stack of Mail Sits Unopened at VA

Imagine a pile of mail heaped 10 feet high sitting unopened for 10 months. That's what was found in the basement of a rented Department of Veterans Affairs facility in Atlanta. When investigated, the stack was determined to contain 17,660 pieces of mail that included claims, correspondence from veterans, 10,020 medical records and \$207,000 in checks, some of which had already expired.

The problems began when a health care arm of the VA wanted to commandeer the basement space being used by a VA payments group. They came to a verbal agreement that the new group would take over dealing with the mail if the payment group left. A handshake later, it was done. Except nobody asked the new group if they even knew how to process correspondence, records and checks. And, apparently, nobody did.

So, although the new people took a stab at dealing with the mail, for the most part the pile sat and grew as more mail came in. And sat and grew some more. The new group asked the old group for help. The old group said no. Enterprising souls in the new group sent off some of the mail to other facilities — 14 boxes to one facility alone — which sent it right back. They tried again, sending another 13 boxes.

What happens when payment requests are ignored? Veterans can't go to that outside provider and treatment is delayed or denied. Appeals can be denied if not received in time. Veterans with bad test results may not be notified.

Within a short period of time after the report came out, the VA acted and got the backlog cleared up.

The worrisome part of this is that with a coming consolidation of 82 claims processing groups at the VA, this can happen again if steps aren't taken to ensure that mail is handled correctly.

To learn more, go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and search for "unopened mail backlog."

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### Pet's First Visit to the Veterinarian

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I'm planning to adopt a cat soon. This is my first pet, and I'm looking forward to caring for it. The local shelter gave me a few instructions to follow, pre-adoption, including making an appointment for a veterinary checkup. Is there anything I should know about my cat's first vet visit? — Kara L., Buffalo, N.Y.

**DEAR KARA:** Congratulations on deciding to accept a cat into your life! It will be a rewarding experience. I'm also glad that you're doing your homework ahead of time to give your cat the best start on a new life.

Here are a few tips that will help with your first veterinary visit:

- Research local clinics ahead of time. Is there one that specializes in cats?
- Purchase a cat carrier that best fits your cat (in terms of size, not decor). This will make transporting the cat from the shelter and to and from the vet much easier and safer.
- Keep all paperwork from the shelter in a folder and bring it with you.
- You should be able to be present during the exam. It's a great time to ask questions about caring for your cat. Be ready to take notes.
- Listen to the vet as he or she gives you information about your cat's general health. Vets or their assistants often talk to you throughout the process, telling you what they're checking for and the result.
- Follow the vet's instructions. If a follow-up visit or more tests are needed, make sure you do it. Write down special instructions like how much and what type of food to feed your cat, or instructions on giving medication. And don't be afraid to ask for clarification if you don't understand something.

Send your tips, questions or comments to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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**HAPPENINGS:** Event listings, from page 39

- Saturday, Aug. 27 to Sunday, Aug. 28
- Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 26
- \$20,000 in cash prizes

Tag turn-in times will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. both tournament days at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee. Fishing hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, daily.

Info: Office (828) 359-6110, text (828) 788-3013, <https://fish-cherokee.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/fishcherokee>

- EBCI Natural Resources Div.

**Galaxy Cheer Tryouts.** June 6-8 from 6 :30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

nightly at Pirouettes Dance & Cheer Academy. Attire is athletic wear. Info: Samantha Hernandez 736-0452 or email [pirouettesdanceacademy@gmail.com](mailto:pirouettesdanceacademy@gmail.com)

### **Southern Powerlifting Federation Rumble in the Smokies.**

Aug. 13 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cherokee Fitness Complex. General Admission: \$10, Kids 12 and under are free. Must be a current Southern Powerlifting Federation to participate. \$15 late fee after Aug. 1. Info: Jesse Rodger (423) 255-3672, [www.southernpowerlifting.com](http://www.southernpowerlifting.com)

### **WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS**

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting.** June 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the

Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City. Dick Sellers will present "Facts & Stories of the Origins of WNC Names of Ridges, Hollows, and Creeks". Free and open to the public. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation.

### **June Art Walk in Murphy.**

June 3 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in down Murphy. Art, shopping, food, and fun. Info: Murphy Art Center 360-3038

**Swain County Democratic Party monthly meeting.** June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Technology and Training Center at 45 E. Ridge Drive in Bryson City. This meeting is also being held via Zoom. Agenda will include planning for the 4th of July. All are welcome. For details or to request the Zoom link, call 488-1234 or visit SCDP on Facebook.

**Cowee School Farmer's Market.** Every Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Produce, plant starts, eggs, baked goods, flowers, food trucks, and music. Located at 51 Cowee School Drive in Franklin. Info: 369-4080 or [www.cowee-school.org](http://www.cowee-school.org)

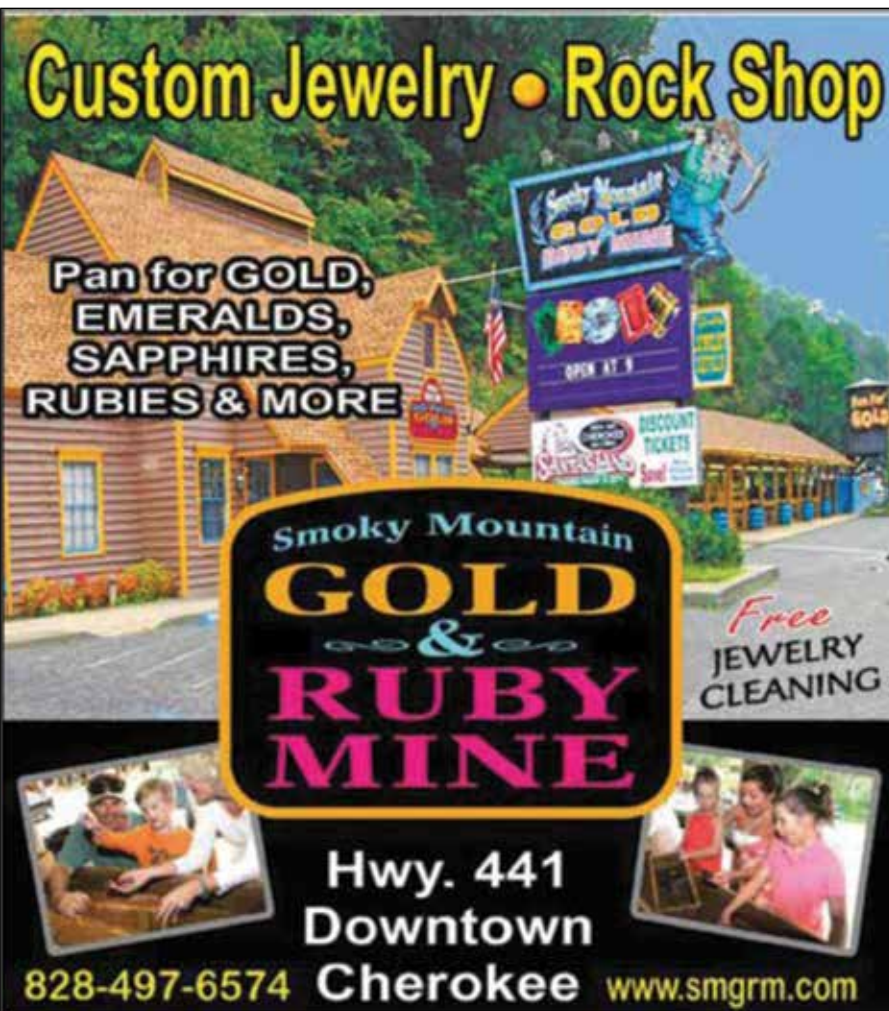
### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

#### **Cherokee Cancer Support Group**

meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road in the Birdtown Community. A potluck is held at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Event listings are FREE of charge.

Email them to Scott at: [scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov)



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# MISSING PERSON

Shayleen Rene  
Russell

Female Age: 25

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'2" Weight: 130 lbs

Hair: Black Eyes : Brown

Date of last contact: February 16, 2022

Circumstances of Disappearance: on February 16, 2022, Shayleen Russell was last seen in Phoenix, Arizona.

If you have seen Shayleen Russell, contact Detective Lourdes Lopez, Phoenix Police Department (602) 262-6151. Case #202200000696971.

Source: Namus.gov



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Yard Sale – June 4 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Old No. 4 Road upper end.  
Look for signs. Cancelled if raining. Info: 497-2037.

One acre of land on the Qualla Boundary to build a HIP Home. (828)  
788-1163. 6/8

Classified listings are FREE of charge for all items under \$25,000. You can message your listings to us on Facebook or email them to Scott at [scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov).

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A recent spate of confusion regarding decision-making begins to clear up. But caution is still advised. Continue to check details. An old friend has important news.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're anxious to see your ideas move from concept to development. But trying to force the issue right now could backfire. Wait for movement to resume shortly.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Keep your thoughts focused on the positive as you deal with an unexpected turn of events in a personal or professional relationship. This could be the start of a welcome change.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Health matters take on added importance at this time. Deal with them before they interfere with your summer plans. A relationship that cooled off could soon warm up again.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) While a few details involving upcoming decisions still need your attention, you fun-loving Felines can begin to spend more time enjoying your lively social life again.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) That long-sought-after career change could require you to move to another city. Weigh your decision carefully before either accepting or rejecting the offer out of hand.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A workplace situation can be awkward for Librans who prefer to keep their problems private. But you might have to "tell-all" if you hope to see it resolved in your favor.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Although your financial situation starts to improve this week, you still need to be cautious about money matters. Avoid major obligations, for now.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your overall aspects continue to brighten, allowing you to tackle long-deferred challenges. A change in travel plans could work to your benefit.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Things seem to be slowing down for the usually restless Sea Goat. But wouldn't a bit of respite be just what you need right now? Activity picks up by the weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Personal relationships take a positive turn for both married and single Aquarians. Professional commitments, however, could be complicated by newly emerging events.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A decision you thought was final might be reopened as new facts are discovered. This could lead to a short-term problem, but ultimately might prove beneficial.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your keen interest in pursuing global events could lead you into a career as a politician or journalist.

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**For questions, please contact:**  
**Angie Hill, Spa Operations Manager 828-497-8550**  
**[angieh@mandaraspaspa.com](mailto:angieh@mandaraspaspa.com)**



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# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



Application and job description can be picked up from the receptionist at the Boys Club information window between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828) 497-9101. The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or re-advertise positions without notice.

**Cherokee Boys Club**  
P.O. Box 507  
Cherokee, NC 28719

## OPEN UNTIL FILLED CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME:

- (1) FT RESIDENT COUNSELOR;
- (5) PT RESIDENT COUNSELORS

### AGELINK:

- (2) TEACHERS; (4) TEACHER ASSISTANTS;
- (1) COOK ASSISTANT; (2) GROUP LEADERS

### SNOWBIRD CHILDCARE:

- (1) TEACHERS

### BUS:

- (10) PT SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

### SHOP/GARAGE:

- (5) PT SEASONAL LAWN CREW

### OJT POSITIONS:

SHOP/GARAGE: 4 POSITIONS

AGELINK: 3 POSITIONS

CONSTRUCTION/FACILITIES: 2 POSITIONS

\*\*\*OJT WILL BEGIN 6/13/22 THROUGH 7/29/22\*\*\*



## Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553  
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### Closing Sunday June 5, 2022

- 1) Dadiwonisi Language Specialist: SB CC Language & Cultural Program – SB CC Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
- 2) GIS Mapping Technician: Geographic Information Systems – Realty (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
- 3) EMT – Paramedic: Tribal EMS – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 4) Domestic Violence Intake Technician: DV Program – PHHS (5) \$27,642 - \$34,541
- 5) Judicial Fiscal Agent: Tribal Court – Judicial Division (L9) \$40,105 - \$50,121

### Open Until Filled

- 1) Evidence Technician I: Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 2) Patrol Officer: Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 3) Detention Officer (Multiple): Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 4) PT Paramedic (Multiple): Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 5) Youth Development Professional: Cherokee Youth Center – Community Education & Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- 6) Certified Nursing Assistant: Tribal In-Home Care Services – PHHS (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- 7) Cultural Resource & Archive Officer: Kituwah Preservation Education Program – Community Education & Recreation Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
- 8) Driver (Multiple): Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 9) Teacher (Multiple): Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start – PHHS (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
- 10) Teacher Assistant (Multiple): Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
- 11) Real Estate Associate Attorney: Tribal Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
- 12) Social Worker (Multiple): Family Safety Program – PHHS (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
- 13) Housekeeper I – Light Duty: Housekeeping – Support Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
- 14) Legislative Financial Director: Tribal Council (L21 \$116,354 - \$145,421)
- 15) Corrections Officer: CIPD – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 17) Detention Sergeant (Multiple): Detention Services – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 18) Property Control Officer: Financial Assets – Treasury (L10) \$43,956 - \$54,950

All applications and job descriptions are available at  
[www.ebci.com/jobs](http://www.ebci.com/jobs)

Please attach any licenses, certificates, diplomas, resumes, etc. with application. If you are unable to attach the documents, you may drop them off at our offices located at 806 Acquoni Rd. Suite 100 or email them to the Employment Specialists listed on our website. Indian Preference does apply. NOTICE: Due to the Tribal State of Emergency, we will only advertise positions that are classified as Essential or Critical to Tribal Operations. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 22-049

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Annie Jean Arch**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Davy Mitchell Arch  
1419 Old Soco Road  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 22-062

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Kimberly Elaine Parton**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Anne Holt  
P.O. Box 1015  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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### **NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of R.Q., A Minor  
Child, File No. CVJ 22-006  
TO: The Unknown Father of Minor  
Child R.Q.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, R.Q., born January 20, 2020 is a neglected and drug endangered child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on January 27, 2022. A court order from the Cherokee Tribal Court directing that service of process on you take place by publication was entered on May 17, 2022.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 1st day of June, 2022.

Sybil G. Mann  
Family Safety Program Attorney  
P.O. Box 455  
Cherokee, N.C. 28719

(828)359-1559  
N.C. Bar No. 16729

**6/15**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 22-055

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Carroll James Parker**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Michael Andrew Parker  
PO Box 100  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 22-056

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Lawanda Louise Taylor**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Monica Wildcatt, P.O. Box 137,  
Cherokee, NC 28719; or Kim Wildcat, P.O. Box 304, Cherokee, NC 28719

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**BIDs, RFPs, etc.**

### **NOTICE TO PRE-QUALIFIED BIDDERS**

Date: May 24th, 2022

RE: EBCI Speakers Bureau, 1629  
Tsali Blvd, Cherokee, NC 28719  
To All Pre-Qualified Bidders:

Your firm has been chosen to be included on a select bidders list for the construction of the above referenced project. Bid Proposals will be received by Vannoy Construction Co., Inc. until (3:00 PM EST on June 22, 2022) Emailed Bids and Hard Copy Sealed Bids will be accepted for this project. At which time, all received proposals will be received for opening at a later time in the presence of the owner for the supply of all labor, materials, equipment, tools and supervision required for the complete construction of this project.

Complete plans, specification and contract documents will be open for inspection via a BOX link. Please note it is imperative you gain access to this site Box Link. (see below...) <https://jrvannoy.box.com/s/3i-68urheqdao0zs8x2u134ugss5mal2> Project: EBCI Speakers Bureau

A site walk thru will be held on at a later date (TBD) at the project site. The physical address of the construction site is 1629 Tsali Blvd. Cherokee, NC 28719. It is the bidder's responsibility to review the existing conditions of each building prior to bid. No consideration for additional payment for failure to complete thorough inspection will be accepted.

"Per the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Cherokee Code we will be following article V preference requirements for Procuring subcontractor bids and monthly reporting guidelines as spelled out in Section 92-23 of the Tribal Code." (See Bid Manual Section 4 and open Davis Bacon Wage Act folder for additional information)  
Project Name, Bid Package #, Bid Package Description that are included-



ed as indicated below:

C/O Vannoy Construction Co., Inc.  
Project Name: EBCI Speakers Bureau

Sealed bids that are to be hand delivered must be turned in prior to bid deadline (prior to 3:00 PM EST on June 22nd, 2022):

Emailed Bids must be submitted on our proposal form, with all the standard documents spelled out in a PDF format.

Bids will be opened at a later date in the presence of the owner

If you elect to Mail or Overnight bid forms send to:

Vannoy Construction  
1500 Ridgefield Blvd. Asheville, NC 28806

Attn: Mr. TJ Hollars

TJ.Hollars@JRVannoy.com

Delivery (Before NOON) on date of the bid.

If bids are mailed or overnighted

or emailed it is the bidder's responsibility to insure delivery before 3:00 PM on date of the bid.

Vannoy Construction will receive, open and read publicly all proposals received. Bid packages are as follows:

BP No.: (x) – Bid Package Description

BP 220 Site Development

BP 290 Landscaping

BP 300 Turnkey Building Concrete

BP 400 Turnkey Masonry & Stone

BP 500 Structural & Miscellaneous Steel

BP 640 Finish Carpentry, Millwork, Casework & Countertops

BP 710 Bituminous Damproofing, Weather Barriers, Caulking & Sealants

BP 742 Turnkey Fiber Cement Panel System

BP 750 Turnkey Roofing

BP 800 Doors, Frames & Hardware – Installed

BP 840 Aluminum Framed Openings, Glass, Glazing, & Aluminum Door Hardware

BP 920 Metal Studs, Drywall, Insulation & Acoustical Ceilings

BP 930 Hard Tile

BP 960 Resilient Flooring

BP 990 Painting, Coatings & Wall Coverings

BP 1000 Division 10 Accessories Installed

BP 1020 Signage – (Coming Soon)

BP 1210 Window Shades

BP 1530 Fire Suppression

BP 1540 Plumbing Systems

BP 1550 HVAC & Controls

BP 1600 Electrical Systems

All Bidders are strongly encouraged to include opportunities for Minority Business participation wherever possible in their respective Bid submission. Minority Business Partition is a part of this contract and must comply with the State of North Carolina Construction.

Bid Security (Bid Bond) Requirement: Bid Bonds are required on all bid packages that meet or exceed \$300,000.00 in total value. A bid bond, bid security or bank issued cashier's check in the amount of 5% (Five Percent) of the total base bid amount is required with the bid. A bid will not be read or considered without a valid bid security if required.

\*Any Standard Bid Bond form is acceptable for this\*

Performance and Payment Bond Requirement: Required on all bid packages that meet or exceed \$125,000.00 in total value. Performance and payment bond is bid as an ADD Alternate as noted on each bid form.

The Construction Manager and Owner reserve the right to add pre-qualified bidders. The Construction Manager and Owner reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

Bids received may not be withdrawn within 60 days after the bid date and time, except as required by law.

All bidder questions pertaining to the project must be submitted 10 calendar days prior to bid on written form (via mail, fax or email) to the Construction Manager, Vannoy Construction Co., Inc. for processing to the Design Professional and/or Owner as required. Applicable responses to questions will be issued in the form of an addendum by the Construction Manager or Architect to all pre-qualified bidders. Bidder questions shall be addressed to: Vannoy Construction Co., Inc Attn: Danny Staton – Preconstruction Manager

4024 Barringer Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217

Phone: (704)529-1914

Cell: (704)408-9677

Email: danny.staton@jrvannoy.com

Also may be copied to: Vannoy Construction Co., Inc Attn: TJ Hollars - Senior Project Manager

Cell: (828)265-6447

Email: tj.hollars@jrvannoy.com

On behalf of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Vannoy Construction we thank you in advance for the valuable time and effort you will be expending pursuing and preparing your bid proposal. Should you require additional direction, please contact Vannoy Construction, Danny Staton at (704)408-9677 (mobile) or TJ Hollars at (828)265-6447 (mobile).

Designer:

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### CIHA OPEN POSITIONS

#### FINANCE:

Patient and Referred Care Manager – \$60,190-\$75,238

#### ENGINEERING:

Dietary Services Supervisor - \$18.32 - \$20.67

EVS Technician - \$15.00 - \$16.77

#### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:

Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 - \$38.72

Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Residential Technician (Male & Female) – Kanvwotiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay)

Residential Technician (Female) – Women's Home \$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay)

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child positions available - \$45,512 - \$56,891 \*\*\$3,000 Hiring Bonus

Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety - \$39,576 - \$49,470

#### OPERATIONS:

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 – \$20.67

Dentist - \$116,443 - \$145,554

Pedodontist - \$139,732 - \$174,665

Phlebotomist - Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Optician - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Optometric Assistant - \$21.13 - \$23.98

Optometrist - \$97,036 - \$121,295

Ultrasound Technologist (Part Time Intermittent) - \$24.55 - \$27.99

Clinical Pharmacist - \$91,524 - \$114,427

Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

#### MEDICAL:

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Physician – Primary Care - \$139,732 - \$174,665

Advanced Practice Provider – Emergency Room - Part Time Intermittent \$80,863 - \$101,079

Clinical Dietitian – Full Time & Emergency Hire - \$39,576 - \$49,470

#### NURSING:

Registered Nurse Night Shift Supervisor – Inpatient - \$36.56 - \$42.11

Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64

Telemetry Nursing Assistant - Inpatient - \$19.66 - \$22.25

Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98\*\* 3,000.00 Hiring Bonus

RN Care Manager – Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$40.22 \*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus

Licensed Clinical Social Worker Care Manager – Primary Care - \$45,512 - \$68,269 \*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus

Registered Nurse – Emergency Room - \$31.06 - \$35.64

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Registered Nurse PTI – Analenisgi Inpatient - \$33.68 - \$38.72

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