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“Say their names!”

Walk highlights crisis of **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women**

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

The color red, the official color of the MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women) movement, marked the day in the form of ribbon skirts, t-shirts, badges, and more as Cherokee community members took awareness of a crisis to the streets. The 3rd Annual EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) MMIW Walk was held in the Yellowhill Community on the afternoon of Saturday, April 30.



Keawe Bone, right, sings an honor song for all of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) throughout Indian Country during the opening of the 3rd Annual EBCI MMIW Walk held in Cherokee on the afternoon of Saturday, April 30. Mary “Missy” Crowe, left, along with Loretta Bolden and Lea Wolf, was one of the organizers of the event. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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Maggie Jackson, right, speaks prior to the walk starting as Sheyahshe Little-dave holds a sign recognizing her cousin who is currently missing. Along with Ahli-sha Stephens, Jackson and Little-dave produce and host the "We Are Resilient" podcast which focuses on MMIW cold cases.

MMIW: Walk highlights Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, *from front page*

"Say their names!" exclaimed Loretta Bolden as over 200 people shouted out the names of 23 women of the EBCI who have gone missing or have been murdered – their names sounded loudly so as never to be forgotten. Bolden was one of the organizers of Saturday's event along with Mary "Missy" Crowe and Lea Wolf.

Those included: Gina Younce, Eva Blevins, Martha Driver, Tamara Seay, Lucinda Littlejohn, Bethna Bradley, Hermie Sequoyah, Ollie Cucumber, Benita Jumper, Jacqueline Davis, Stacy Bigwitch, Malinda Catolster, Patricia Mount, Lucy Wildcat, Deanah McCoy, Mary Haymond, Cheyenne Toineeta, Marie Walkingstick, Danielle Brady, Maggie Bowman, Jessica Calhoun, Ahyoka Calhoun, and Lively Crue Colindres.

"Women are the ones who raise us, who bring us into this world. And for them to be taken out of it is unthinkable,"

said Keawe Bone who opened Saturday's event with an honor song for all MMIW across Indian Country. "Today, as we gather here, I want you to think of not just the ones that have been lost but also the ones that could be. We need to protect our aunties, our mothers, our sisters, our nieces - all of those who build our future, who gave us the lives that we have today and the lives that we will have tomorrow. If we do not have them at the forefront of our minds, we are lost."

He added, "Our teachings tell us to treat everyone's existence as sacred and important. We shouldn't have to do this for our women, our mothers, our aunties. But you all gathered here today with them in your heart - thank you for existing. Thank you for carrying the message."

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley thanked the organizers of the event. "Our Cherokee culture teaches us how important the women are. I'm honored to be here today to honor the missing and murdered women. I think when it comes to

all Native women and all Natives together and become one, and be united as one, I think we can fight any battle that's thrown at us. This is just one occasion."

"We've got to stay united to fight any fight and this is a good cause and a great start."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said, "With your presence here today, we stand for those who can no longer stand for themselves. We walk today for those who can no longer walk for themselves, they're not with us anymore. But, most importantly, we're here to raise a voice and to bring awareness in our communities, and the communities surrounding us, and all across this nation."

He spoke of the need to address jurisdictional issues affecting all tribes. "Most people don't understand that tribes don't have the authority or the jurisdiction to arrest or prosecute men who commit acts of domestic violence against Native women unless that tribe has adopted VAWA (Violence Against Women Act), which we have. We are one of only 14 tribes in the country that have."

"We want to push. We want to be a voice politically when we're in D.C. for VAWA to be reauthorized every five years. We want to push for more jurisdiction. We only have the ability to arrest and prosecute and incarcerate for one year. People who are predators, men who are predators, they know that and they prey on Native women in Native communities."

He went on to say, "'So, we're here today to raise a voice to say 'It stops today'...We are going to continue to push for our rights, for the ability to prosecute, and for our sovereignty as a tribal nation. I say 'Sgi' to everybody here today because you represent all of those who can no longer have a voice.



Walkers approach the Tribal Council House. The group stopped and held a group prayer before finishing the walk.

And today we're their voice. Let's not have it stop here. Let's keep all of this happening and let's raise awareness all across this country."

Maggie Jackson is part of a podcast called "We Are Resilient", along with Sheyahshe Littledave and Ahli-sha Stephens, which highlights MMIW cold cases. "The MMIW movement is a grass roots effort that advocates to end violence against Native women. The statistics around violence that Native women are susceptible to is that four out of five women will experience violence in their lifetime."

She spoke of the issues surrounding MMIW cases. "The efforts around capturing statistics around MMIW cases is basically non-existent...In order to end this narrative that our Native women don't matter, we must help bring awareness, not only to the issues at hand, but also bring awareness to the specific cases that lack justice."

Littledave, herself a domestic violence survivor, is currently dealing with a family member that has gone missing. "In September last year I learned that my cousin, Brittaney Littledave, was missing. Since that time, it has been al-

most seven months of silence. The silence is scary. The not knowing is scary. But, I will tell you this, having a family member as an MMIW, you face uncertainty daily. You desperately try to keep your loved one at the forefront of the news, praying that people don't just scroll by her face on social media - hoping for the best, but preparing for the worst."

She applauded the group present at Saturday's event. "Let's keep this energy all year round. Let's work together. This epidemic affects us all. These women were mothers, sisters, cousins, friends, co-workers. They were artists, painters, beaders, rug-weavers, hair stylists, pow wow dancers, speakers. They were women whose smile lit up a room. They played outside with their cousins. They played basketball and hung out with friends. These women are us. They need us to be their voice and they need us to say their names."

Marsha Jackson, EBCI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, spoke of the need for such events. "Many Americans are unaware of this issue. That's why we're here today. We're going to put a voice to those voices that

haven't been heard...We are the fire-keepers for our people and we are here today to bring that fire back, to gather and stand for each other and for the sisters that we don't know about. For the ones that didn't have a voice. For the ones that didn't get the opportunity to speak. For the family members that can't be here to represent those."

She encouraged those present, "We have to be the voice now! We are here today. We have to be the voice for those fallen people - for our fallen people."

Mary "Missy" Crowe said the lack of visibility of MMIW cases is disheartening. "We had a young caucasian lady that went missing just a couple months back and the whole world was looking for her. That's all that our families want. That's all we want for our sisters is to have that same attention, to have that same respect."

Thursday, May 5 is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, and a candlelight vigil is being held at the Unity Field in Cherokee starting at 7 p.m.

**CIPD Arrest Report for
April 17-24**

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.

Morris, Carol Kim – age 49
Arrested: April 17
Released: April 17
Charges: Temporary Hold

Morris, Christopher Shanon – age 48
Arrested: April 17
Released: April 17
Charges: Temporary Hold

Cole, Cheryl Dion – age 38
Arrested: April 18
Released: April 18
Charges: Temporary Hold

Littlejohn, Michael – age 61
Arrested: April 18
Released: Not released as of report date (April 25)
Charges: Assault Emergency Personnel, Abusive Sexual Contract, Disorderly Conduct

Ballard, Mark Wayne – age 32
Arrested: April 19
Released: April 19
Charges: Abusive Sexual Contact, Misdemeanor Child Abuse

Bernhisel, Wahnetah – age 28
Arrested: April 19
Released: Not released as of report date (April 25)

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Burrrell, Melissa – age 31
Arrested: April 19
Released: April 19
Charges: Temporary Hold

Morton Jr., Tony Ray – age 22
Arrested: April 19
Released: April 20
Charges: Weapons Offense

Owle, Kenneth Randall – age 59
Arrested: April 19
Released: Not released as of report date (April 25)
Charges: Possession of Firearm by Felon

Queen, Lisa Lorraine – age 36
Arrested: April 19
Released: April 19
Charges: Harassment (two counts)

Rosario, Loretta Lynn – age 52
Arrested: April 20
Released: April 20
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bradley, Cecilia Belle – age 30
Arrested: April 21
Released: Not released as of report date (April 25)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Gregory, Cynthia Gale – age 43
Arrested: April 21
Released: April 21
Charges: Temporary Hold

Wolfe, Jasmyn Tiandra – age 25
Arrested: April 21
Released: Not released as of report date (April 25)
Charges: Probation Violation

Brady, Wendy Pearl – age 44
Arrested: April 22
Released: Not released as of report date (April 25)
Charges: Domestic Violence

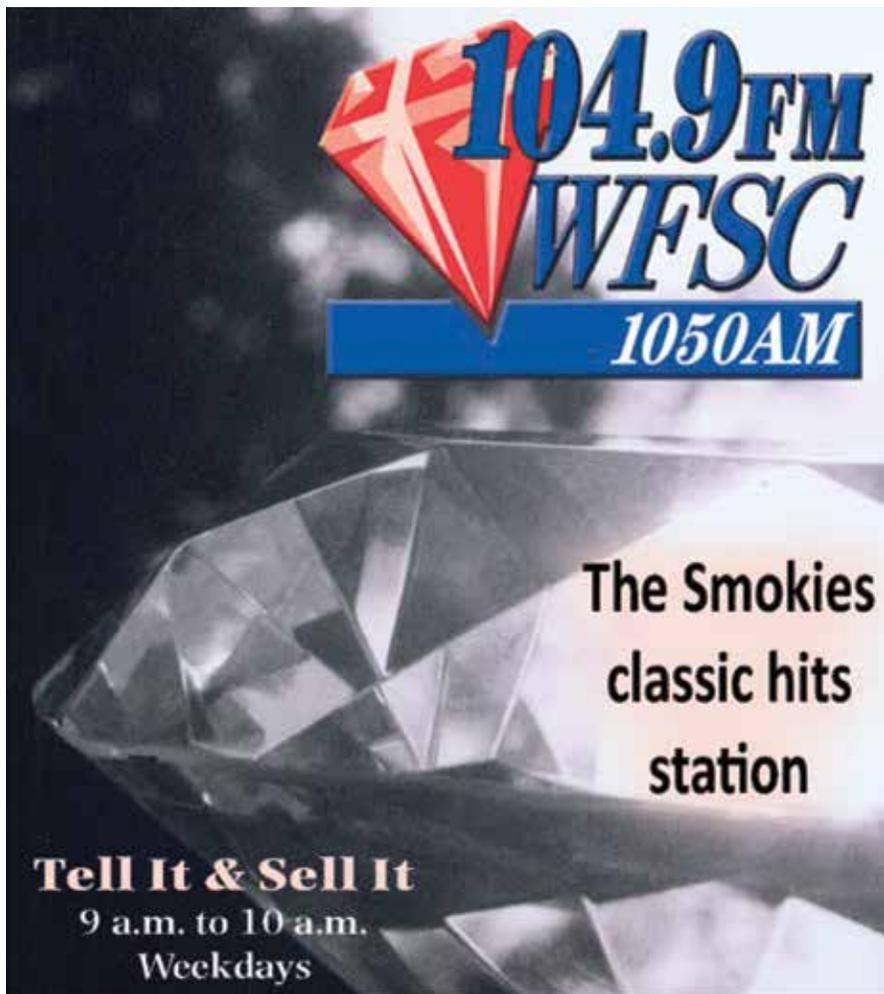
Crowe, Amber Sheriece – age 35
Arrested: April 22
Released: Not released as of report date (April 25)
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

Owl, Joshua Ryan – age 31
Arrested: April 22
Released: Not released as of report date (April 25)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Parker, Mystical – age 51
Arrested: April 23
Released: April 23
Charges: Failure to Appear

Toineeta, Storm Vincent – age 33
Arrested: April 23
Released: April 23
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Trawick, Gregory Patrick – age 37
Arrested: April 23
Released: April 23
Charges: Temporary Hold



Fun Facts from the Editor:

* In Washington State, you must ask permission before sleeping in someone else's outhouse.

* A four-year-old asks an average of 437 questions a day.

* The U.S. has the most English speakers of any country. A close second? India.

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TRACK & FIELD

Smoky Mountain Conference Middle School championship results

One Feather Staff Report

ROBBINSVILLE – The Smoky Mountain Conference held its Middle School Championship at Robbinsville High School on the afternoon of Monday, April 25. Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top three finishers in each event plus all Cherokee Middle School finishers:

Girls

Team Scores

- 1 – Hayesville Middle 181
- 2 – Swain Co. Middle 126
- 3 – Robbinsville Middle 80
- 4 – Murphy Middle 76
- 5 – Andrews Middle 69
- 6 – Martins Creek Middle 18

7 – Cherokee Middle 16

100M Dash

- 1 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 13.71
- 2 – Kaiya Ellis, Andrews, 14.34
- 3 – Kaydence Morrow, Hayesville, 14.45
- 14 – Deanna Long, Cherokee, 16.16
- 15 – Roxy Solis, Cherokee, 16.41
- 16 – Khloe Cucumber, Cherokee, 16.52

200M Dash

- 1 – Ava Shook, Hayesville, 28.39
- 2 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 28.51
- 3 – Halie Hill, Murphy, 29.85
- 14 – Khloe Cucumber, Cherokee, 35.98
- 15 – Roxy Solis, Cherokee, 36.25

400M Dash

- 1 – Emma Ashe, Hayesville, 1:04.69
- 2 – Halie Hill, Murphy, 1:08.61
- 3 – Briley Clampitt, Hayesville, 1:11.35
- 11 – Maya Brabham, Cherokee, 1:22.49

800M Run

- 1 – Annie Lewis, Swain Co., 2:39.22
- 2 – Fern Crayton, Martins Creek, 2:41.09
- 3 – Abby Wehr, Robbinsville, 2:47.40

14 – Yvonne Saunooke, Cherokee, 3:08.47

18 – Audrina Cooper, Cherokee, 3:17.09

1600M Run

- 1 – Fern Crayton, Martins Creek, 5:54.15
- 2 – Annie Lewis, Swain Co., 6:09.51
- 3 – Savannah Burch, Hayesville, 6:22.50
- 11 – Kaidyn Walkingstick, Cherokee, 6:41.55

100M Hurdles

- 1 – Kaiya Ellis, Andrews, 18.68
- 2 – Briley Clampitt, Hayesville, 18.74
- 3 – Saddle Cornwell, Murphy, 19.47

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Robbinsville 56.55
- 2 – Hayesville 57.94
- 3 – Swain Co. 58.04
- 6 – Cherokee 1:07.54

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Hayesville 1:59.79
- 2 – Robbinsville 2:06.01
- 3 – Swain Co. 2:06.02
- 6 – Cherokee 2:26.52

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Robbinsville 4:51.92

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2 – Swain Co. 4:56.56
3 – Hayesville 4:57.07
4 – Cherokee 5:41.68

4x800M Relay

1 – Swain Co. 11:29.42
2 – Hayesville 11:36.09
3 – Murphy 12:03.39
4 – Cherokee 13:13.52

High Jump

1 – Ava Shook, Hayesville, 5-1
2 – Olivia Giddens, Hayesville, 4-8
3 – Molleigh Woodard, Swain Co., 4-4

Long Jump

1 – Mykayla McGuire, Robbinsville, 14-6.5
2 – Halie Hill, Murphy, 13-11
3 – Kaiya Ellis, Andrews, 13-6

Triple Jump

1 – Jayden Smiley, Swain Co., 29-7.5
2 – Emma Ashe, Hayesville, 29-7
3 – Kinsley Hyatt, Swain Co., 28-2.5

Shot Put

1 – Carley Teesateskie, Swain Co., 29-7
2 – Alexis Beasley, Andrews, 28-10.5
3 – Blaire Hedden, Hayesville, 25-6
14 – Laylah Thompson, Cherokee, 18-2.5
16 – Briane Teesateskie, Cherokee, 16-10
18 – Mia Lane, Cherokee, 15-11

Discus

1 – Blaire Hedden, Hayesville, 81-8
2 – Emilia Lackey, Hayesville, 71-0
3 – Abree Teesateskie, Robbinsville, 69-6
14 – Annie Tramper, Cherokee, 49-10
15 – Laylah Thompson, Cherokee, 49-5
16 – Lily Pheasant, Cherokee, 47-9

Boys

Team Scores

1 – Murphy Middle 135
2 – Hayesville Middle 134
3 – Andrews Middle 101
4 – Swain Co. Middle 85.5

5 – Cherokee Middle 53.5
6 – Robbinsville Middle 37
7 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger 17
8 – Martins Creek Middle 7

100M Dash

1 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 12.13
2 – Cameron Allison, Robbinsville, 12.15
3 – Kaden Sawyer, Swain Co., 12.40
16 – Kyitan Johnson, Cherokee, 14.18
20 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 15.69
21 – Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 16.18

200M Dash

1 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 24.81
2 – Cale Harger, Murphy, 24.87
3 – Kaden Sawyer, Swain Co., 25.10
15 – Kyitan Johnson, Cherokee, 29.32
17 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 32.45
19 – Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 34.44

400M Dash

1 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 54.26
2 – Johan Webb, Hayesville, 56.90
3 – Kaden Sawyer, Swain Co., 57.60

800M Run

1 – O'Malley Salinas, Andrews, 2:19.02
2 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:21.12
3 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 2:27.15

1600M Run

1 – O'Malley Salinas, Andrews, 5:08.71
2 – Ross Clapsaddle, Swain Co., 5:31.14
3 – Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 5:36.01
4 – Tayvin Bark, Cherokee, 5:45.31

110M Hurdles

1 – Johan Webb, Hayesville, 17.87
2 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 18.54
3 – Sam Bateman, Andrews, 18.63

4x100M Relay

1 – Murphy 46.99
2 – Hayesville 47.68
3 – Swain Co. 50.08
7 – Cherokee 59.37

4x200M Relay

1 – Murphy 1:42.71
2 – Hayesville 1:45.17
3 – Swain Co. 1:50.89
4 – Cherokee 2:08.99

4x400M Relay

1 – Hayesville 4:09.04
2 – Murphy 4:13.97
3 – Andrews 4:14.70
5 – Cherokee 4:34.74

4x800M Relay

1 – Andrews 9:52.11
2 – Cherokee 9:53.15
3 – Robbinsville 10:32.38

High Jump

1 – Logan Shuler, Andrews, 5-7
2 – Sam Bateman, Andrews, 5-4
3 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 5-2

Long Jump

1 – Sam Bateman, Andrews, 18-11
2 – Jonah Webb, Hayesville, 18-4.75
3 – Cameron Clem, Murphy, 18-1
11 – Kyitan Johnson, Cherokee, 14-11.5
12 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 14-1.5

Triple Jump

1 – Myca Mustin, Andrews, 36-1
2 – Jonah Webb, Hayesville, 36-0
3 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 32-9.5

Shot Put

1 – Will Brown, Hayesville, 40-10.5
2 – Jayden Tramper, Cherokee, 40-5.5
3 – Brody Orton, Murphy, 38-9.5
11 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 31-5.25
14 – Jonathan Rivera, Cherokee, 28-5

Discus

1 – Landon Trout, Hayesville, 142-3
2 – Aaron Harger, Murphy, 111-7
3 – Brody Orton, Murphy, 111-6
7 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 101-0
13 – Jayden Tramper, Cherokee, 67-7
14 – Christian Grant, Cherokee, 63-8



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“Stripper” breaks ground

EBCI-driven short film aims for proper representation

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

A new short film entitled “Stripper” was written, directed, and produced by Anthony Sneed, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. In fact, the movie was shot in Cherokee, and all but one of the speaking parts went to EBCI tribal members.

The IMDb page for “Stripper” describes the movie as, “After signs



Viewers pack the Cherokee Cinemas and More theatre recently to screen a new short movie entitled “Stripper” which was written, directed, and produced by Anthony Sneed (shown seated at right), a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. (Photo by Kristy Herron/EBCI Communications)



CHS Graduation Info

Wednesday, May 25

4 p.m. - Graduation Parade through downtown

6 p.m. - Baccalaureate Service in Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center

Thursday, May 26

8 p.m. - Graduation in the Ray Kinsland Stadium



that his mother might be stripping at a nightclub, a young boy ventures out to prove to his friends that the rumors are wrong.”

That young boy is Fenix Taylor who played the part of Cricket. “It was tiring,” he said of the shoot schedule. “We had a lot of long days and filmed all day long. It was something new and exciting, and I had a lot of fun with everyone who was a part of the film.”

The movie centers around interactions of Taylor with his friends Chase (Kale Rattler), Wally (Noah Dossett), and Forest (Tayvin Bark) – all EBCI tribal members and first-time actors.

“Going to the Skate Park to film was fun – feeling like it was just a normal day,” said Taylor. “I really enjoyed meeting everyone and learning how films are made.” The film was screened recently at

the Cherokee Cinemas and More. He added, “Seeing Cherokee and local kids on the screen in the theater was awesome. It was exciting getting to watch myself in the theater with my close friends and family.”

Rattler said of his experience, “I didn’t know what to expect, but Anthony (Sneed) has a really cool way about him that helped us all relax and just have fun with it. I didn’t even mind the 7,000 takes of the same scene.”

He said everyone just clicked on-screen. “I think it’s super special we all got to be a part of something that represents our community and culture. I just wish there were more opportunities around here for Native roles and actors. It was fun to film, but seeing the final product was so cool. It’s completely different seeing it all put together

than filming it.”

Maggie Jackson, an EBCI tribal member, was an extra in the movie and is the real-life mother of Taylor. “Anthony came to Cherokee with the intention of finding kids who had zero acting experience but were coachable and spent the entire week of filming focused on ensuring that the boys felt comfortable. Watching parts of the filming process was remarkable.”

She added, “Anthony and his crew spent countless hours coaching the boys, building a relationship with them and encouraging them to step outside of their comfort zones. The film crew and cast filmed for one week and many of those days were 12-14 hour days and the boys in the film were always eager and cooperative despite being tired. It was such a great opportunity for four boys from a small town and one that I hope they remember for the rest of their lives.”

Sneed said the project was one he’s been waiting to make for a while. “Having just attended the American Film Institute (AFI) in Los Angeles, it was next to impossible to shoot anything with Cherokee actors since we had to shoot in LA. So the first chance I had post-school, I came to Cherokee to make this. This story I had previously written so kids were the center of the story from day one.”

This short is just the start for Sneed. “Another reason I wanted to do a short in Cherokee was to set the stage for bigger projects I have plans and dreams for. I’m currently shooting a stickball documentary but also writing a feature-length film where a group of Cherokee robs the casino armored truck. My goal as a filmmaker is to show a side of our people that Hollywood has historically missed. The side of us that is as human as anyone else.

The side of us that goes to the gas station as well the stomp dance. I, myself, still have so much to learn, but I do know there are things that I can do right now to help.”

Sneed wants to see more proper Native representation in film. “I’m sick and tired of us being portrayed in film in one of two ways: there’s a murder on the rez and the FBI agent comes into town to save the day (usually involving a drunken Indian somewhere) or a historical film with again, another white savior.”

He said the entire process of making “Stripper” has been emotional. “Filmmaking is an art that depletes all of your resources and humbles you. I believe God gave me a strong voice to speak up but also a sensitivity to feel and understand. People keep coming up to me and talking about the film. I’m so honored it made people proud.”

Sneed feels the film project has already exceeded any goals he had going into the process. “My overall goal was to shoot a film in Cherokee with a Cherokee cast of non-actors, and we not only exceeded that goal but all of the boys have expressed a desire to pursue acting in the future! I never would have imagined the impact this experience would have on these boys’ lives and my own.”

Rattler confirmed the impact and the pride, “I was really proud of myself and the other guys for representing our community and thankful to Anthony and the other crew for making it possible.”

Sneed went on to say, “In Cherokee, I hope this film can stand as a proof of concept and show people what we can do as a community. I want to be able to raise funds for future projects and have the faith and trust of our Tribe. This is only the beginning.”

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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Tribal member shows art in Brooklyn

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has brought an Indigenous viewpoint to an art installation in Brooklyn. Isabella Saunooke, a sophomore seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting with a minor in philosophy from the Pratt Institute, participated recently in the university's art show.

"My artwork was a response to a theme from Pratt Foundation called 'XO,'" said Saunooke. "Participants who entered came up with compositions that resembled either the letter X or O. The chosen participants' works were displayed on the sidewalk on the Myrtle Avenue Plaza, which is just across the street from Pratt Institute's main campus."

She submitted two pieces for the show – both of which were titled "The Land We Walk On."

Saunooke explained the name and meaning. "I was thinking about the importance of land and ownership. Brooklyn is called home by so many vastly different lives. In contrast, I was considering the Lenape-hoking tribe and the forced removal of Indigenous people."

Her art statement on the pieces was, "When people see this, I want them to think about the land and space they are taking up at that moment. What happened to get you to that place?"

To Saunooke, her art is an outward expression of herself. "Art has always been a means of expressing my thoughts and my inner being. I also write and feel that both painting and writing have a sort of play with one another. Some days, I cannot express myself visually, so I'll write instead. Other times, I cannot think of the right words, so I use colors and mark-making as another form of expression. I do not like drawing very much, and I am not in the same place that I once was when it comes to 'liking' my pieces from this installation, but I think that's what is so freeing about art. And I think that's something important for other young artists, like myself, to understand. You do not always have to like what you make, or think it's 'good'. An essential element of practicing



Isabella Saunooke, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a sophomore seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting with a minor in philosophy from the Pratt Institute, participated recently in the university's art show entitled "XO". (Photo courtesy of Saunooke family)

is getting those ideas out of your mind and materialized."

She went on to say, "Painting is such an intimate practice for me. I feel the most at home with myself and my surroundings when I paint. I used to avoid color, but now I cannot avoid the possibilities that color brings."

When asked about the future, Saunooke noted, "Ideally, having a studio practice while

living somewhere in the city would happen after graduation. I plan to return to school for my MFA (Master of Fine Arts degree) and later teach in a high school or college setting."

She appreciates the support she receives, "I am grateful to my parents, Cynthia and Brandon Saunooke, for always encouraging me to create artwork. My close friends always support me and are a true example of love."

Constitution vs. Charter: Article III

Know the difference!

Proposed Constitution

Article III – Citizenship

The citizenship of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall consist of all persons whose names validly appear on an official membership roll used by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on the date of the adoption of this Constitution. Future citizenship shall be determined as provided for by Cherokee Code.

The proposed constitution uses the terms citizen/citizenship instead of tribal member throughout the document.

What is the difference between membership and citizenship?

First let us look at the phrase “enrolled member”. The dictionary defines a member as “one who belongs to a particular group”. And the word “enrolled” means someone who is “officially registered as a member...” In essence, an enrolled member of a tribe is someone officially registered as a member of the tribe. According to the Department of Interior’s website, the process of “tribal enrollment” is where “the tribes establish membership criteria...” This is what we have labeled ourselves and come to accept.

On the other hand, the definition of a citizen is “a person who is legally recognized as a member of a state, with associated rights and obligations.” Another definition, “a person owing allegiance to and entitled to the protection of a sovereign state.” And what is a “state”, “a politically organized body of people usually occupying a definite territory.” In other words, a citizen is a person who is legally recognized as a member of a politically organized body of people within a distinct territory.

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Should the Constitution include language about the qualifications for citizenship?

The requirements for citizenship are left out of this version of the constitution to allow for any future changes to the requirements that could be handled by code. As a constitutional declaration of qualifications, a constitutional amendment would be required to make any changes. Leaving these other qualifications within the realm of code, changes could be made quickly by council.

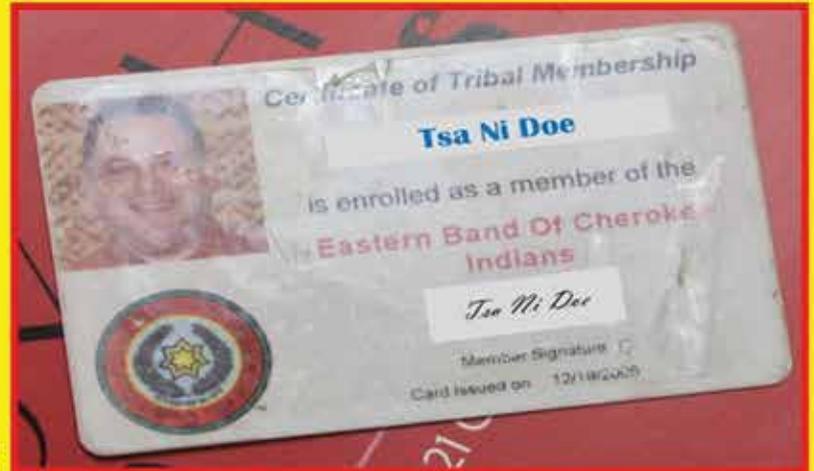
Why should we care?

Membership implies a place in a hierarchy of a group, whereas citizenship implies a vested interest in a community with rights, privileges and responsibilities. The terms “members” or “enrolled members” imply a contractual relationship, like you would to join a club. The enrollment process has undertones of federal direction and jurisdiction. Indeed, one of the primary current criteria for enrollment in our tribe is ancestry traced from the federal Baker Roll, a U.S. government Indian census. Codifying our rights of citizenship in a constitution is a step forward legitimizing sovereignty.

Citizenship also implies a tie to a place. In addition to the blood and genetic ties of our ancestry, citizenship also creates a tie to the Qualla Boundary or the territorial trust lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. We all know that this is an important distinction for our people, and language in any constitution for our people should empower us.

Current Charter

The **Charter and Governing Document** does not speak on who are members of the tribe.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS CONSTITUTION AND HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS CREATION: VISIT WWW.SGADUGI.ORG OR CONTACT LLOYD ARNEACH AT lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com

OBITUARIES JhfiR

James (Tim) Beck Sr.

James (Tim) Beck Sr., 89, of Cherokee went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, April 26, 2022. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Samuel Beck and Sarah Sneed Beck. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Janet Long Beck; son, James T. Beck Jr.; granddaughters, Stephanie Beck and Deanna Beck; brothers, Samuel Beck, Quinten Beck, and Paul Beck, and one sister, Wilma Lambert.

He is survived by his children, Jack Allen Beck, Julie Beck Maney (Buffalo), Jeanne Beck, Jilinda Beck, and Joey Beck; 12 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; four great great grandchild; several nieces and nephews; his beloved dog, Bo, and his special family

friends, Vice Chief B. Ensley, and Council Member David Wolfe.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 28 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Ben Reed officiated with burial at Beck Cemetery. Military graveside rites were given by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post #143.

Pallbearers were Jamey Beck, Brandon Beck, Jordan Bennett, Robbie Stamper, Brent Gunter, and Wren Gunter.

Xavier James Squirrel

Xavier James Squirrel, age 23, of Cherokee, passed away on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at his residence in the Birdtown Community.

He is survived by his mother, Rebecca Anne "Becky" Squirrel (Jayson Sneed); siblings, JP Tahquette, Jaycee Mae Sneed; step-siblings, McKenna Sneed, Maddox

Sneed, Jacqueline Gayosso, and Wanei Sneed; grandparents, Lillie Mae Squirrel and Bernard Kenneth Biddle Jr.; uncle, Desmond Biddle; aunt, Glenda George and family; special aunts and uncle, Callie Littlejohn, Claudette Ross and Henry Ben.

Xavier was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Bernard Kenneth Biddle Sr., Edna Arch Biddle, Daniel Squirrel, and Annie Mae Taylor Squirrel; and special grandparents, Sara "Nann" Ben Walkingstick and Paul "DoDo" Walkingstick.

Xavier was a 2017 graduate of Smoky Mountain High School, known by his friends as "Squirrel". He loved his Family, especially his granny and grandpa. He always made sure to tell them he loved them. He was a handsome young man with long, dark brown hair and the biggest, prettiest smile. He had the best all-around personality and always spoke his mind. He was a passionate, loyal, and loving soul. He loved his German shepherd, Lucy, and his white challenger. Xavier was strong, independent, and he was a hard worker and had worked at Wal-Mart for four years and then Food Lion. He liked to draw, play guitar, work out, gaming, cooking, hanging out with his friends and his favorite word was "Yeet".

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 27 at The Bethabara Baptist Church with David Hall officiating. Burial was in the Lillie Mae Squirrel Family Cemetery, located on Old #4 Road. Pallbearers were Leander Silva, Desmond Biddle, Henry Ben, Nunnie Davis, Derek Tahquette, Rodney Fountain, Jason Bradley, and Tommy George.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Norma Jean Smith

Norma Jean Smith, age 54, passed away peacefully at her residence in Little Snowbird surrounded by her family. She was born on April 20, 1968 in Swain County, to Tom and Jeanette Teesateskie. She worked for Harrah's Cherokee Casino as a gaming technician for over 20 years. In her spare time, she enjoyed fishing and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren but Riley was her world.

Norma is survived by her sons, Bobby Smith of Little Snowbird and Tommy Teesateskie (Sarah) of Cherokee; daughters, Precious Maney and Riley Teesateskie of the home, Fashia Teesateskie and Jill Swayney both of Little Snowbird; grandchildren, Dayton Wilnoty, Lorenzo Wilnoty, Jr., Levi and Lane, Liam Teesateskie, and Lylah Belle Crowe; sisters, Christina McCoy (Steve) of Marble, Donna Sue McCracken (Lonnie) of Stecoah, and Blanche Teesateskie of Cherokee. In addition, she is survived by her mother-in-Law, Lucille Smith of Cherokee; and many nieces and nephews which she loved dearly. She is preceded in death by her husband, James "Eddie" Smith; daughter, Felica "Belle" Smith; parents, Tom and Jeanette Teesateskie; brothers, Ronnie Teesateskie, Steve Teesateskie, Patrick Teesateskie; and her sister, Barbara Owl.

James Teesateskie, Keith Logan, Robbie Teesateskie, Tommy Teesateskie, Logan Teesateskie, Adam Wachacha, and Zane Wachacha served as pallbearers.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, May 1 at Zion Hill Baptist Church. Rev. Ernie Stiles officiated with burial at Taylor Family Cemetery in Cherokee.



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Cherokee Elementary School Honor Roll – 3rd Nine Weeks

3rd Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Amaya Rodriguez, Arian Queen, Bristol Armachain, Bryson Beach, Caitlyn Bone, Cheyenne Taylor, Coralyn Batton, Colton Owl, Daryan Smith, Ehko Lossiah, Eli Simpson, Ella Cline, Elli Thompson, Evelyn Taylor, Flynn Fowler, Izabela Crowe-Lossiah, Kaeson Reed, Kale Crowe, Keagan Taylor, Kenton Welch, Leiland Rhinehart, Lennox Harper, Lindsey Reed, Makray Lossiah, Marilyn Squirrel, Marlie Price, Mary Montelongo, Mya Wahnetah, Oakley Wolfe, Sindhu Arsana, Wyatt Moore

B Honor Roll: Alivia Catolster, Amaya Eaglestar, Arian Teesateskie, Ariel Crowe, Connor Thompson, Dahvie Conseen, Darryn "Tye" West, Freddy Estrada, James Plummer, Jayce West, Jayden Jones, Jayden Teesateskie, Jayla Owl, Kable Cash, Kaden Bennett, Kai Peone, Kaizer Smith, Kaylahni Williams, Kenietha Wildcat, Khloe Sequoyah, Kinley Crowe, Kyrie Lossiah, Lakshmi (Peyton) Pratama, Loki Raya, Makenzie Bark, Mariah Staton, Mariam Read, Marley Murphy, Mata Wi Raines, Meeka Taylor, Michael Reed, Mika Bradley, Nikwasi Sequohah, Peyton Arch, Raven Swayney, Richard Williams, Rylan Ledford, Savannah Driver, Shannon Lineberry, William Howell, William Mesteth, Xaldin Bird, Xander Miles, Xavier Shelton, Yoana Meza

Merit Honor Roll: Aleshaunie Hornbuckle, Arian Teesateskie, Channin Maye, Dara Codynah, Dayla Long, Ivan Martinez, James Gammon, Joseph Garcia-Armachain, Max Arch, Neymar Mayo-Arkansas, Tristan Armachain, Zoie Phillips

4th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Ada-

lynn Taylor, Adrian Santos, Amelia Holiday, Aryahnie Pheasant, Chotky Davis, Gabe Read, Harvey Batton, Kaelyn Montelongo, Kenleigh Hornbuckle, Kody Mae Gloyne, Laylana Allison, Lily Robertson, Lucas Myers, Mia Cruz, Rhema Anders, Sara Reed

A Honor Roll: Curren McCoy, Kealan Jumper, Nahnie George, Odie Owle

B Honor Roll: Abelia Mahan-Flores, Adam Cole, A-ge-yv Jenkins, Aubrey Toineeta, Brayden Lomas, Carter Cash, David Kalonaheskie, Elliot Myers, Elliott Brown, Emaline Cucumber, Emma Milholen, Hunter McMillan, Jabrien Smith, Jace Postoak, Jack Maney, Jallen Calhoun, Jeshua Lossiah, Joey Panther, Joshawa Swayney, Justin West, Kailey James, Kendryk Crowe-Jackson, Kody Smith, Kynleigh Taylor, Lilliana Toineeta, Makai Hernandez, Makeena Armachain, Makira Taylor, Rylan Jenkins, Serenity Willis, Shane Hornbuckle, Tristen Tisho, Xavion Davis

Merit Honor: Bishop Taylor, J-Leoni Walkingstick, MaKennedy Ensley, Nathan Taylor, Samuel Browning

5th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Braelyn Murphy, Georgia Girty, Janiyah Rattler, Jeron Martens, Kellin Blankenship, Kennedy Moore, Nazari Bell, Nyra Reed, Shyanna Cash, Viola Williams

A Honor Roll: Alaina Hull, Brayton Tucker, Cambry Stamper, Jaylee Arch, Jordin Eaglestar, Kalia Reed, Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Maya Lossiah, Taythone Larch

B Honor Roll: Abigail Lambert, Andyn Pheasant, Ava Murphy-Walkingstick, Blaze Crowe, Boomer Pheasant, Cher Crowe-Garcia, Colin Lossie, Coty Sampton, Dahlia Long, DeMarkus Staton, Devyn Wittman, Greyson Ledford, Greyson

Panther, Hailey Winchester, Jacqueline Fourkiller-Raby, Jaymsey Armachain, Josiah Hull, Josue Rivera, Julius Walkingstick, Kaydence Bradley-Davis, Kirk Reed, Kyson Jenkins, Lauren Arsana, Marissa Wilson, Natalee Myers, Riley McCoy, Savannah Hornbuckle, Sophie Crowe, Tawodi Awkina, Tahquette Wallace, Taytem Saunooke, Tia Buchanan

Merit Honor Roll: Daryl Raya, Dominique Gonzalez, Kayden Dial, Mason York, Malia Brady, Mason York, Nellie Lambert, Nolan Morgan, Phoenix Martin, Tyson Calhoun

2022 Community Wide Reading Challenge

The Community Development Division of the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center hosted their Community Wide Reading Challenge during the month of March in recognition of National Reading Month. Many of the events the Community Development Division host are in partnership with the community clubs of the Qualla Boundary.

This year, seven communities participated and hosted their own reading challenge. At the end of their challenge, they submitted their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from grades K – 2, 3 – 5, 6 – 8 and 9 – 12th to compete in the Extension Community Wide Challenge. The top winners will receive a cash prize and a Kindle. At the end of this year's challenge, a total of 50 reading logs were turned in with a grand total of 42,133 minutes read.

The following are the 2022 EBCI Extension Center Community Wide Reading Challenge Winners (minutes read in parenthesis):

Kindergarten to 2nd grade 1 - Aurora Lire (1,546)
2 - Ryleigh Lindsey (970)
3 - Austin Wahnetah (598)

3rd grade to 5th grade

1 - Place Bentley Lambert (900)
2 - Place Nira Reed (805)
3 - Place Wyatt Moore (615)

6th grade to 8th grade

1 - Dominic Arch (905)
2 - Jessika Carroll (452)
3 - Jonathan Thompson (420)

9th grade to 12th grade

1 - Joselyn Long (11,760)
2 - Naomi Taylor (2,315)
3 - Taliyah Eaglestar (1,980)

EBCI Cooperative Extension officials noted, "Congratulations to all our winners! This year's reading challenge was made possible by a Community Incentive Grant the Extension Center received from the Dogwood Health Trust Fund. Thank you, Dogwood, for your support of the Cherokee communities, students, and families. A special thank you to the Kituwah LLC and Kissie Smith, for your donation to this event. We look forward to hosting the challenge again in 2023 and encourage all students to keep Reading!"

Upcoming EBCI Cooperative Extension Events:
June – Annual Garden Contest – Registration begins June 1, Deadline to register your garden is June 30. Categories are Youth Garden (17 & younger), Individual Gardens, Senior Elder (60 – 69, 70-79, 80-89 and 90+), Family Garden, Community Club Garden, Raised Beds or other Recyclable Garden Beds.
June – Community Wide Landscape/Beautification Contest. Contact your community club officers for details and to enter their contest. Judging for community club entries will be June 13-16. Judging for all first-place winners from each community for the Community Wide Contest will be week of June 20–23. Info: EBCI Cooperative Extension Center 359-6939

- EBCI Cooperative Extension
release

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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 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

Note that entering information using the link at 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

Christian Veterinary Mission coming to EBCI communities

The Christian organization Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM) will host two animal clinics for the residents of the Quala Boundary and the Snowbird Community. CVM has been hosting clinics like these in the Snowbird Community for several years in partnership with the Master's Mission and Pastor Dan Teasdale.

Upcoming clinics include:

- May 20-21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Little Snowbird Baptist Church
- June 10-11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

The following services will be provided:

- Neuter for dogs and cats (dog - \$30; cat - \$20)
- Spay \$50
- Vaccines \$10 per animal, will also have Parvo vaccine available
- Teeth Floating \$50

The mission of Christian Veterinary Mission is to challenge, empower, and facilitate veterinary professionals to serve others by liv-

ing out their Christian faith. CVM was founded in 1976 in response to a need in the developing world for training in animal health. For over 35 years CVM has equipped and encouraged veterinary students and professionals to serve others in the name of Christ by using their veterinary skill.

All money raised from the clinics is given to the church hosting the event. The funds raised for the clinics held in Cherokee will be given to Grace Community Church of Cherokee, who in turn will donate half of their funds to Betty's Place Cancer Support Center.

Info: Dan Teasdale 735-1876 (Snowbird Clinic), Tammy Jackson 359-6934 (Cherokee Clinic), or EBCI Animal Control 359-2380 (Cherokee Clinic)

- Christian Veterinary Mission

Free Legal Clinics set for Cherokee and Murphy

The University of North Carolina School of Law's Pro Bono Program will visit western North Carolina on May 11-12 to hold free legal clinics that will provide wills and advance directives, and will also assist with paperwork for individuals who may be eligible for an expunction.

The Program will kick off at Tsali Manor Senior Center in Cherokee on Wednesday, May 11. The Program then moves to the Penland Senior Center in Murphy on Thursday, May 12, where it will run from noon till 4 p.m.

Law students will partner with attorneys from two different law firms that are based here in the mountains: Legal Aid of North Carolina's Smoky Mountain Offices and the Legal Assistance Office of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Students and lawyers will draft the documents during the

clinic. Individuals must be eligible for services from one of those two organizations to receive assistance at the clinic. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. To inquire further or register, call Lorinda Baker at (828) 389-5065.

- The University of North Carolina School of Law

THANK YOU LETTER Thanks for help with MMIW Walk

SIYO NIGAD,

EGWAHI SGI everyone who came out today. Thank you to those who helped to organize, arrange, donate, and who came to speak or stand in solidarity for the families.

If you spoke to me but I didn't respond, please accept my apologies. There were some last minute cancellations and technical difficulties I was running around trying to resolve.

Loretta Bolden lady/sister gvgeyua you outdid yourself with your nonstop energy and forward motion. We owe you a great debt of gratitude for pushing this forward. I'm honored you asked for my help and glad I got the chance to do my part.

To my sisters and relatives, thank you for being a part and giving your energy to those who were silenced. We have a chance to make them heard and fight for their resolve. With much work and movement we can bring their stories to light and give them the voice they deserve.

To all of the departments, businesses, and those who donated, thank you for your assistance and gifts: CIPD, Cherokee EMS, Cherokee Fire Dept, Emergency Management, Subway, Wendy's, Arby's, Cherokee Welcome Center, Nahnie Taylor, Vice Chief's Office, Principal Chief's Office, Bo Crowe,

T.W. Saunooke, Bill Taylor, Robert Saunooke, Bill Paul with Risk Management, Cherokee Bottled Water, Native Impressions, Our ball teams, We Are Resilient (Asha, Sheyashe, Maggie), Ernestine Walkingstick DV Shelter, Marsha Davis, A&A, Food Lion, Amy Walker Deer Clan Mother, Keawe Bone, Yellowhill Community Club organizers for use of the Activity Center, Allison's Outdoor Advertising, TOP Office, and Cherokee Library.

If I left anyone or business out, please forgive us, but we appreciate you and your gift. We give thanks from our hearts, thank you for making and supporting this event, and for showing love and support for the families.

Qualla MMIW committee/ event organizers.

Loretta, Mary, Yolanda, Tw, Lisa, Sheyashe, Angela, Diane, Elvia, Atsei, Tia, Juanita, Kim, and Lea

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Park announces Synchronous Firefly viewing dates

Great Smoky Mountains National Park will host the annual synchronous firefly viewing opportunity at Elkmont beginning Friday, June 3 through Friday, June 10. The public may apply for the limited viewing opportunity by entering a lottery for a vehicle pass through www.recreation.gov. The lottery opens for vehicle pass applications on Friday, April 29 at 10 a.m. through Tuesday, May 3 at 10 a.m. All applications, regardless

of the time or date of entry, are considered equally in the pool of lottery applicants.

Every year in late May to early June, thousands of visitors gather near the popular Elkmont Campground to observe the naturally occurring phenomenon of *Photinus carolinus*, a firefly species that flashes synchronously. Since 2006, access to the Elkmont area has been limited during the eight days of predicted peak activity in order to reduce traffic congestion and provide a safe viewing experience for visitors that minimizes disturbance to these unique fireflies during the peak mating period.

A total of 800 vehicle passes, 100 passes per night, will be issued through the lottery process. Results of the lottery will be available by Friday, May 13. Each vehicle pass provides admission for parking directly at the Elkmont viewing location for one passenger vehicle with a maximum of seven occupants. During the application process, lottery applicants may enter two possible dates to participate in the viewing opportunity over the eight-day period.

The number of passes issued each day is based on parking capacity and the ability to safely accommodate a large number of viewers on site, while minimizing resource impacts. The lottery system uses a randomized computer drawing to select applications. All lottery applicants will be charged a \$1 application fee. Successful applicants will automatically be awarded parking passes and a \$24 reservation fee will be charged to the same

credit or debit card used for the application fee. The \$24 reservation fee covers the cost of awarding the passes, on-site portable restrooms, supplies, and nightly personnel costs for managing the viewing opportunity at Elkmont.

Parking passes are non-refundable, non-transferable, and good only for the date issued. There is a limit of one lottery application per household per season. All lottery applicants will be notified by e-mail by May 13 that they were "successful" and awarded a parking pass or "unsuccessful" and not able to secure a parking pass.

During the viewing period, access to Elkmont is restricted after 4:00 p.m. to passenger vehicles with a parking pass, registered campers staying at the Elkmont Campground, or backcountry campers with a valid permit. Visitors are not allowed to walk or ride bicycles on the Elkmont entrance road or Jakes Creek Road after 4 p.m. due to safety concerns. Overnight parking at Little River Trailhead, Jakes Creek Trailhead, or the Appalachian Clubhouse is not allowed without a valid backcountry permit for backcountry campsites associated with these trailheads.

Visitors may visit www.recreation.gov and search for "Great Smoky Mountains Firefly Viewing Lottery" for more information and to enter the lottery. Visitors may also call 1-877-444-6777 to enter the lottery, but park officials encourage the use of the online process. For more information about the synchronous fireflies, please

visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/learn/nature/fireflies.htm>.

- National Park Service release

Public comment period on fee program changes for 2023 extended

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials have announced that the public comment period on the proposed Smokies Parking Tag, camping fee, and day-use facility rate changes has been extended through May 11 due to an upcoming network outage that is scheduled to occur from April 29 through May 1. The online portal for comment submissions won't be accessible during this four-day outage. Written comments can continue to be submitted throughout the comment period.

Comments may be submitted online through the following portal or via postal mail through May 11: Online Submission Portal (preferred method):

Visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/GRSMfeeproposal2023> Select "Open for Comment" on the left menu bar, open the Proposed Smokies Fee Program Changes for 2023 folder, and click on the green "Comment Now" button to access the online commenting form.

Postal Mail

Send comments to:

Superintendent Cassius Cash
Attn: 2023 Smokies Fee Program Changes Proposal
107 Park Headquarters Road
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

- National Park Service release



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COMMENTARY

Order in the Court

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

Silence can be deceptive. If you are sitting in a courtroom, like I was last week, you can get the feeling that justice is delivered at a snail's pace. The gallery is only engaged in the activities of the court by selection. In other words, there were a lot of small meetings going on with court officers during the session that do not go on record and are not typically heard by the general public who might be in the gallery as spectators. So, other than muffled whispers, there was a long stretch of time where you heard nothing much.

Adding to the sense of inactivity was a huge clock on the courtroom wall in which the battery had died. The clock is frozen at 8:47 and hours passed while the clock sat idle. This added to the sense that it was taking a lot of time to process cases.

The atmosphere in the gallery was very casual. It seemed very much like a very routine day for both the court officers and those in attendance who had business with the court, and even though those who were summoned there to do that business might be facing loss of possessions or loss of freedom. I sat next to a group of four young men, presumably facing various charges. They were in the back of the courtroom, whispering and laughing together. They didn't seem to be concerned about their fates. In fact, this seemed like

something that they were familiar with, something that didn't cause them any concern at all.

There isn't a sense of urgency or intensity in the room, from those serving justice nor those facing it. I would expect the court officers, prosecutors, and defense lawyers to be cool and calm. After all, they are doing this day in and day out as part of their jobs and service to the community. But, I know that I would be sitting on pins and needles if I was being called to account for an offense that might mean that I would be jailed, or a financial hardship might be placed on me or my family. For the most part, I didn't see that in defendants in the room that day, not even from the ones that they brought down from the jail in shackles.

In that regard, I watched certain of the young people, particularly the young men moving around the gallery, and noted the way they walked. It was very specific. They would hold their hands to the inside of their thighs, shoulders tucked in, head bowed, walking with a shuffle, not really picking up their feet. It was a curiosity to me until they brought those prisoners in from the jail (most folks in jail are there waiting for some part of the criminal process to take place). When someone is jailed, they are typically not convicted of anything. They are suspected of something. So, while they are in jail, they will need to attend different hearings in front of a judge - arraignments, bonds, appointment of defense counsel, and other processes of the court in their case.

So, there was a procession of five people brought down from the jail to the courtroom. As mentioned before, all were in shackles.

And that is when it dawned on me. The folks they brought down were chained at their feet and their hands were cuffed to their sides with a chain around their waist. As they walked in, they had that same hunched forward, hands at the inner thighs, barely lifting of the feet shuffle that I had seen in the young men moving around the gallery earlier. It was an eerie, awkward moment of confirmation that at least some in the gallery had been through this before, maybe many times before.

If you have ever watched Perry Mason, Matlock, Law and Order, or any number of court-based television shows, you will routinely see lawyers "approach the bench". Now in the magical world of television, you get to be an eavesdropper on the discussions of the judge, prosecutor, and defense attorney when they are called to the bench. The microphones left on, and you are allowed a front row seat to what is being decided in the huddle. In reality, and in the Cherokee Court that day, you were not welcome to hear the discussions between the judge and the lawyers at the bench. The microphones were muted, and the view included the face of the judge and back of the heads of both lawyers as they deliberated issues that would determine the fate of the defendant, sometimes procedural issues that would determine how the case would proceed.

So much of what happens is not open to public scrutiny. The Court proceedings of those days I attended had a cast of a judge, a clerk, a couple of detention officers or bailiffs, two prosecutors with only one addressing each case, a string of defense attorneys with only one addressing each case, and a defendant. All the engagement

happened between those players and there was very little, if any, interaction with anyone else during the sessions that I attended.

There seemed to be a sense of community among those facing adjudication. In one case of a stolen vehicle, the defendant had returned the vehicle to the owner, and the owner had communicated to the Court, through the prosecutor, that they did not want any kind of restitution for the theft. It sounded like the defendant may have taken the vehicle from a friend or acquaintance. It sounded like an "unauthorized borrowing". Then again, that is kind of the definition of theft. But that is me opining and not necessarily "facts in evidence" as they say on Law and Order.

It is hard to tell whether it came from resignation or arrogance, but many of the defendants facing the judge had a defiant, possibly smug, appearance, from the way they spoke, to the way they held their bodies as they approached the railing or podium to have their situation reviewed and to be given instruction. I guess, for some, an appearance of bravado may be all that they are able to cling to as they face dire consequences.

Recently, the Tribal Council permitted the addition of a public defender to provide more funding to assist the Court in providing representation for those who are facing judgement who cannot afford legal counsel. Currently, there are several defense lawyers working in the Cherokee Court. All of them are potentially at the disposal of the judge to appoint as legal counsel for a defendant in Cherokee Court. The issue has been that these same lawyers also work in other jurisdictions,

in other municipalities, in other court rooms, where they might have the same responsibilities to those courts and defendants, so the Court and Prosecutors Office must be creative with the way they create a docket so that a defendant's legal representative may be present at what may be several different hearing or court appearances for each defendant.

I watched as the defense attorneys would arrive at various times throughout the court sessions and in some instances, it looked very much like a race. As they would arrive, they would begin to look around the room to see if their defendants for the cases on the docket were in the room. And when they would spot one, there would be a flurry of conferences; a huddle with the defendant; a huddle with the prosecutor; another huddle

with the defendant; and maybe another huddle with the prosecutor. Then, there would be a huddle with the judge and the prosecutor, or two. Then there would be some on microphone action that would last one to five minutes. Several minutes or an hour of huddling to one minute of adjudication.

What I came to understand is that this is the way our system of government and court provides a fair trial. Not all cases are the same, even if it is the same charge brought against different individuals. The handling of the case has to be fair, not just to the defendant, but to the community that the Court serves. It is rarely as simple as you commit a crime, or you are accused of one, a judge or jury finds you guilty, then there is a set-in-stone penalty for the crime. I imagine many factors are weighed

to come to a fair and just determination. The process is not like a machine that can be set to run without hands-on tweaking. And what I saw in Cherokee Court was the tweaking process. The Court and the Prosecutors didn't seem to be interested in giving the harshest punishment, rather to consider all that the defense had to say about the character and circumstances of the individual, a person with a life beyond that one case. That whole back-and-forth between the prosecutor, defense attorney, and defendant seemed to be a negotiation to find the just relief for the charged activity. Not to be soft or hard on an individual, but to ensure that the defendant was held accountable for their actions, and to send the message that activity is not acceptable for the community. I did not see any activity that would indicate a spirit of vengeance in the Court, just a bending over backwards to ensure that defendants were fairly represented and that every effort is made to make sure that the "punishment fits the crime" and the defendant. We used to get a little heartburn when we would see the number of counts dismissed from an individual's case and wondered how that could be just. Allowing the defense lawyers to negotiate which charges will be tried and what penalty will be given is part of the duty of the court system to allow a defendant to have adequate representation and a fair opportunity to defend themselves.

From reports received from the Cherokee Court, Tribal Prosecutors Office, and the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD), there is a backlog of over 300 cases. I heard the judge indicate that day that some of the cases being heard were over a year old. I just checked the latest docket and

there is a case on there for impaired driving from 2006. Staffing seems to be an issue throughout the system. It was surprising to me to see the prosecutors being called upon to locate and check the schedules of the defense attorneys for the defendants. You never see that on Perry Mason. With the defense lawyers splitting their time between jurisdictions, it is no wonder that there is a backlog of cases. In speaking with Tribal Court staff, they say that one of the reasons that it is difficult to provide court reports on sessions is that they do not have the staff to commit to providing those documents. The same holds true for the Tribal Prosecutors Office, where a team of three used to work all the Tribe's cases now is being attended to by only two prosecutors. The CIPD has repeatedly reported to Council about the shortages in staffing that they have experienced in the recent past.

There is no pause in the behavior that generate cases that flow into the court system from the police. We receive an arrest report every week or two with pages of charges and suspects. And that is only the criminal charges. We don't receive all the traffic violations. The court dockets are pages long. It is easy for those of us on the outside of the court system to look at the situation on the surface and say that not enough is being done or that things move too slowly. Everyone should take some time out to visit the process. Watch what happens during a session of court. It takes more than a few minutes, but it is an eye-opening experience. It made me better appreciate those who attend to the day-to-day in the Cherokee criminal justice system.

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How the Kingfisher got his bill

Some old men say that the Kingfisher was meant in the beginning to be a water bird, but as he had not been given either web feet or a good bill, he could not make a living. The animals held a council over it and decided to make him a bill like a long sharp awl for a fish-gig (fish-spear). So, they made him a fish-gig and fastened it on in front of his mouth. He flew to the top of a tree, sailed out and darted down into the water, and came up with a fish on his gig. And he has been the best gigger ever since.

Source: James Mooney
Picture: asknature.org

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Readers advocate for
compassionate listening

Dear Editor:

Over the last few years, we seem to be in short supply of civil conversation, or the ability to listen carefully to what others have to say. It seems we most want others to agree with our way of thinking, having no patience for them when they don't.

When we don't take the time to listen and learn from and about others, the resulting miscommunications or misunderstandings cause trouble in our work, our families and our civic life together. Whether financial, social, medical, political, educational or professional pressures in life, we believe that learning to listen is more important than ever. By learning more about the human beings behind the faces we encounter in our daily lives, we can

begin to engage with one another with more kindness and compassion.

On Saturday, May 14, we are offering a unique opportunity to learn compassionate listening and transformative storytelling from Dr. Ray Christian during a workshop called, "Hearts for Hearing." Dr. Christian is a retired U.S. Army paratrooper, former professor of African American History and Storytelling, a 12-time Moth Story Slam Champion (from The Moth Radio Hour show), and the winner of the 2016 National Storytelling Festival Story Slam. Hearts for Hearing will take place at the Comfort Inn in Sylva from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can learn more about the workshop and register at www.sylvapres.org.

The Hearts for Hearing Team
First Presbyterian Church,

Signed,

Sylva
The Rev. Blake Daniel
Dr. Bruce Henderson
Mrs. Lynda Parlett
Mrs. Alisha Thomas

If you need more information or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, Lynda Parlett, at the above email address or on my cell phone (910) 977-0588.

COMMENTARY
Your vote is important in the
primary

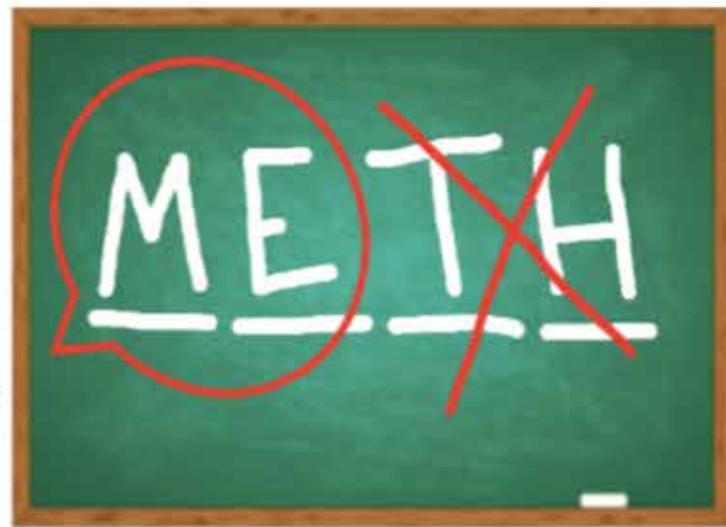
By MARY HERR
Cherokee, N.C.

Early voting started Thursday, April 28 for Swain County residents at Birdtown Gym in Cherokee and Swain County Board of Elections in Bryson City. Hours are from 8 a.m.

to 7:30 p.m. weekdays until May 13, Saturdays April 30 and May 7 from 8 a.m. to noon and close May 14 at 3 p.m. Jackson County residents can vote at the Qualla Community Building and Jackson County Board of Elections in Sylva. If you are not registered, you can register and vote during early voting but not on Election Day. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 17 at your local precinct. You cannot register and vote that day.

If you are registered as a Democrat, you must vote in the Democratic primary. If you are registered as a Republican, you must vote in the Republican primary. If you are registered as Unaffiliated, you may vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary.

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Assembly in Raleigh and County Commissioners, Sheriffs, Courts, etc.) affect our daily lives. All federal laws passed by the US Congress directly impact Cherokee people. How our NC State Representative and Senator vote on issues such as environment, Medicaid expansion, education, etc. is critical.

It is important to vote in this year's midterm because it promises to have a large affect on the direction of the country. Why are midterm elections so important? Whoever controls the House and/or the Senate controls the direction of the country. The majority party determines who leads important congressional committees. A president's ability to accomplish his or her agenda depends on whether their party controls the two houses of Congress.

Most of the attention of mid-

term elections is focused on the two chambers of Congress: the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives. Members of the House are elected for two-year terms, so all 435 seats are up for election during the midterms. Senators are elected to staggered six-year terms. A third of the 100 seats will be up for election in the 2022 midterm elections. North Carolina will be electing one US Senator this year for the position of Senator Richard Burr who is not running for re-election.

This year's midterms are critical for a few more reasons, according to political experts. For one, they serve as a thermometer that can forecast the temperature of the next presidential election. But more importantly, they could deliver both the Senate and House to the Republican Party. Currently, the Democrats have a razor-thin ma-

The Constitution Committee will be holding its weekly meetings on Thursday evenings at 6 pm at the Shawn Blanton Emergency Operations Center in the IT Conference Room. The Committee invites all EBCI Tribal members who are interested in providing input on the content and process toward a Tribal Constitution.

Rick Buchanan for Sheriff

Smoky Mountain Flat Top

The Baker Queen Band FEATURING **Terri Lynn Queen**

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Bridge Park May 7 1:00 -5:00

SPEAKING OF FAITH

His blood's salvation, His body for healing...

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

(Continuation from last week...)

Read St. John 6:1-55

The day after the feeding of the crowd, the Bible tells us, Jesus took a stroll walking on the sea. When those who were still looking for Him, finally could gather around Him, after they discovered Him on the other side of the Sea, asked “Rabbi, when came to us hither? (Verse 25) He begins to teach them. “You seek Me not because you saw the miracles, but because you did eat the loaves and were filled. You came for lunch.” (Verse 27). He told them to eat the “meat” which endureth unto everlasting life which the Son of Man shall give unto you. For to Him hath God the Father given the Seal of His Approval.

In Verse 28, the crowd begins to ask Jesus, “What shall we do that we might do the works of God?” That question is just as valid today. I don’t know if all know the answer to that now, but I do, and so will all of us. The work of God is each one believing who Jesus really is. The problem is, when Jesus told them what they must do, they didn’t really want the answer He gave them. They seemed to want to do the works, but they didn’t want to really do the work it takes.

It’s not easy to set time aside to pray. It’s not easy to make Jesus a priority in one’s home. It’s not easy to be sure devotions with one’s kids are being done daily.

“I don’t understand any of that nonsense they’re coming out with now. How many know the reason? We already have young people possessed because we have nobody who will rise and stand for them and declare, “There is Jesus, Who is real.” Well, as a Christian, the Holy Ghost is in me. I must ask, where are they? The Bible says, when He moved in, a person becomes the One Spirit (in Him.)—Not a few, just one.

They answered, “We have watched You

walk on the water, one even tried to follow You. If You keep giving to me, I’ll keep taking.”

“No, no, no, no. It’s not about what I can do for any person. It’s what one can do for Me, and what any person can each do for one another. They began to complain. (Verse 41) When Jesus said, “I Am the Bread which came down from Heaven.” (Jesus must have seemed put out with their attitude because He had told them He came that they might have Life.” (John 10.) Instead, they seem to prefer to live lives of desperation—life without Peace, without Joy, without Power—life without answers. “Yes, and yet, He is all of that. Amen.”

Holy Communion, as He said, “I Am the Bread of Life.” Nobody can come to Me except one is drawn through and by the Father Who has sent Me. This was the lesson He wanted to show and teach them—but, not just for what He can hand a person. He wants each person’s Love. (Verse 50.)

God always has a purpose for all He does. John begins to share with us what is the meaning of the Ordinance of Communion in the Christian faith, and why it is so important to all believers. (We, who are believers will observe it, Resurrection Day, as well.) Please note that God never wastes anything and that’s why all the “blessed and multiplied” fragments were, afterwards, collected, enough for a basket for each of the Twelve. God always has a purpose for each believer, too, if only to understand the Truth of what has been shown them, and likewise then minister unto others, and thereby,

unto Him.

“I thank You, Lord, that You won this Great Victory for every believer. You first exclaimed it from the cross as You paid the Blood Price for all sin, and dismissed Your Spirit, and died with, “It is finished.” I thank You, Lord.

“You then returned on the third day from hell and the grave with the keys, even its’ unknowable degree of having suffered undeserved punishment, the unthinkable horror of beatings, the cross and the unspeakable punishment of demons. You have given back to us who are Your Church, Your Supreme Victory!

“To us, as Your Church and Your Bride, and to all of humanity who have chosen to receive You as their sacrificial Lamb—the One who is now alive, and for those who are yet to become believers. Forevermore, You are Chosen as our High Priest, Redeemer, Savior, Lord and King!

(In Holy Communion, Jesus said, unless one partakes of Me in such a way that I become a part of each person, then there is no real Life. In Faith, The Blood going through one’s body is My Blood, and is the energy and the strength coming through one’s spirit and is My Flesh. When one partakes of Who He is and lets Him become such an intimate part of each person, He promises to raise each of them up at the last day! It is Real!)

“Yes, Lord, so, Father, we thank You for Thy Son, Jesus, for His Life, His Blood, (for our salvation) and His Body’s (for our complete healing/s) sacrifice. Yes, we give You our most grateful Praise, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.”



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



“As We Forgive Our Debtors”
by Max Pechstein (1921)

*Be kind to one another,
compassionate, forgiving each
other, just as God in Christ
also has forgiven you.*

🌀 Ephesians 4:32 🌀

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Super Crossword

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- 1 June hrs.
 - 4 Cobbling tool
 - 7 Birthstone after opal
 - 12 Run-down 73-Down
 - 19 Deep musing
 - 21 Calm down
 - 22 Filled pasta squares
 - 23 Shady public walk
 - 24 1909 Literature Nobel [Alabama]
 - 26 Runner-up of tennis' 2017 U.S. Open [Wisconsin]
 - 28 Enkindled
 - 29 Authorize to 30 "Ye olde" place
 - 31 Quarterback Brady
 - 32 Counterparts of egos
 - 35 Cutely shy
 - 38 Cosmetics company founder [Montana]
 - 46 Paris-based cultural gp.
 - 49 Mysterious letters
 - 50 Washington subway system, familiarly
 - 51 Alfred Lunt's comedy partner [Massachusetts]
 - 54 Poker champ Ungar
 - 55 Spicy cuisine
 - 56 Last line on an invoice
 - 57 Abu — (emirate)
 - 59 Navy off.
 - 60 Plaintiff
 - 61 "Today" co-anchor [Georgia]
 - 67 Take in
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 - 72 "Jane Eyre" novelist [North Carolina]
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 - 85 Sedentary
 - 88 LAX stats
 - 90 Comic Carrey
 - 91 Star of the reality show subtitled "Life's a Tripp" [Connecticut]
 - 95 Birthstone after ruby
 - 97 "The Liberty Bell" march composer
 - 98 Passionate 99 "Weeds" actress [New Jersey]
 - 103 — Plaines
 - 104 Mag heads
 - 105 That lad's
 - 106 Motorola competitor
 - 109 Saturate
 - 112 Iceberg part
 - 113 "National Velvet" novelist [Oklahoma]
 - 119 1970 #1 hit for The Guess Who that's apt for this puzzle?
 - 124 "Woe Is I" author Patricia T. —
 - 125 Price ceiling
 - 126 Part of FDA: Abbr.
 - 127 Toto's owner
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 - 129 Decade units
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 - 131 Grafton's — for Outlaw"
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 - 8 Stay in line
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 - 11 Passionate
 - 12 Greek society
 - 13 Delay
 - 14 Abel's mom
 - 15 Broadcast
 - 16 — weevil
 - 17 Healing plant
 - 18 Donation
 - 20 Send out
 - 25 See 31-Down
 - 27 Kenan's sitcom buddy
 - 31 With 25-Down, perch for a nest
 - 32 Night demon
 - 33 Mil. award
 - 34 "Keep it in"
 - 35 Niche sects
 - 36 "The joke's —!"
 - 37 "Fiddler on the Roof" matchmaker
 - 39 Age
 - 40 Ursuline, e.g.
 - 41 Actress Miller
 - 42 Fido's jingler
 - 43 Antiquated anesthetic
 - 44 From Tehran
 - 45 Clamor
 - 47 Spider web, at times
 - 48 Toronto-based Banks gridiron org.
 - 52 Sorority letters
 - 53 Caddy drink
 - 54 "Zip it up!"
 - 57 "Aw, rats!"
 - 58 Suffix with social
 - 62 Old Saturn SUVs
 - 63 LAPD alert
 - 64 "Weekend Edition" network
 - 65 Natal lead-in
 - 66 Set of seven
 - 68 Similar to
 - 69 Superbly done tasks
 - 72 Delicate pancake
 - 73 The Ritz, e.g.
 - 74 Pong creator
 - 75 Overused
 - 76 Pro —
 - 77 — for tat
 - 78 Rock's Brian
 - 80 Irritated
 - 81 Sheeplike
 - 82 Auto dings
 - 86 Northwestern Pacific fish
 - 87 ER skill
 - 89 Large or medium
 - 91 Enjoys some 1940s jazz
 - 92 Regret
 - 93 Syr. neighbor
 - 94 Hefty Cinch —
 - 96 "Old man"
 - 97 Slope on which a vessel is built
 - 100 Wispy
 - 101 Pol. wild card
 - 102 Unimportant person
 - 107 Stravinsky and Sikorsky
 - 108 Part of A.D.
 - 109 Indian dress
 - 110 Arab nation
 - 111 Singer Seeger
 - 112 Racket grip enhancer
 - 113 "The Circle" actress Watson
 - 114 Brand of hair remover
 - 115 Stay-the-night sites
 - 116 Informed of
 - 117 Utah city near Provo
 - 118 Abstainers from alcohol
 - 120 Writer Stout
 - 121 French for "here"
 - 122 Shortstop Ripken
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia

test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Is the book of Huldah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. After being banished, which king had his hair grow as long as eagles' feathers? *Solomon, Herod, Asa, Nebuchadnezzar*
 3. Along with all in the household, who was spared during the fall of Jericho? *Deborah, Miriam, Abigail, Rahab*
 4. The River Nile was turned to blood on which of the 10 plagues of Egypt? *1st, 2nd, 5th, 10th*
 5. Who made the infamous golden calf that the Israelites worshipped? *Aaron, Moses, Enoch, Abraham*
 6. From 2 Kings 2:11, what took Elijah into heaven? *Arrow, Flood, Whirlwind, Boat*
- Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

1. SCIENCE: What is an organism that depends entirely upon another organism for its existence?
2. HISTORY: When did the Suez Canal open?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What nation's second largest island is called Mindanao?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where was sherry invented?
5. MUSIC: Who was known as "the king of swing"?
6. DISCOVERIES: In what century was the ancient city of Troy rediscovered by archaeologists?
7. GOVERNMENT: Who was the longest-serving U.S. House Speaker?
8. MOVIES: Who directed the movie "It Happened One Night"?
9. ARCHITECTURE: How many churches did Christopher Wren design for London after the Great Fire of 1666?
10. TELEVISION: On "The Flintstones," what is Bam-Bam's last name?

see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 22

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Turkey Shoot. May 7 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Sponsored by Norman Walkingstick. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit!

Bake Sale Fundraiser. May 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or until sold out) at Tsali Manor. All proceeds will go to Annie Young, a Tsali Manor employee, to help with medical expenses while she is out of work.

8U Diamond Elite Girls Softball Bingo Night. May 13 at the Birdtown Community Building. Concessions start at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 6 p.m. \$15 a person includes 15 games. There will be a few special games at \$2/game. Info: Amanda Washington 736-5697

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 Police Department C.O.P.S Blue Blood Drive. May 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Rod Cooper Training Room at the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center.

Tribal Food Council Planning and Interest Meeting. May 5

from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Cherokee Choices Community Room within the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Anyone interested in healthy food access, agriculture and food businesses in western North Carolina is welcome to attend these facilitated meetings-snacks or meals provided. RSVP or contact for more information: Jess Mrugala at jmrugala@ncsu.edu, 359-6927

Archery Clinic. May 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Painttown Gym. You will register for a 30-minute time slot (two youth per time slot) where they will learn first-shot fundamentals and hit a target several times. Certified 4-H Archery coaches will provide instruction. All archery equipment is provided (Genesis compound bows). Youth must be 8-years-old as of Jan. 1, 2022. 4-H enrollment forms must be filled out for all youth participating, and a parent/guardian must stay on site. A \$10 refundable deposit per participant must be paid within 48 hours of signing up to keep time slot. Info: Mariah 359-6939 or mmahan@ebci-nsn.gov to sign up and reserve time slots.

Cherokee Youth Center new fall open Kindergarten orientation. May 12 at 7:30 a.m. at the Cherokee Youth Center. Bring court documents and \$20 per child. Must be 5-years-old and enrolled in Kindergarten. Work verification form will be to be returned to CYC by May 20 at 4:30 p.m. CYC will only take the first 20. The rest will be put on a waiting list. Info: Melissa Ledford or Stephanie French 359-8113

400 Years Project presentation "A Conversation on

Photography in Indigenous Communities". May 14 at 3 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian TJ Holland Education Room. 400 Years Project founders Sheena Brings Plenty and Sarah Stacke will present images from Native American photographers working in the first 100 years of photography, as well as images by contemporary Eastern Band Cherokee photographers. Info: Museum of the Cherokee 497-3481

Animal Clinics hosted by Christian Veterinary Mission. May 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. 4 p.m. daily at the Little Snowbird Baptist Church in Robbinsville; June 10-11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Dan Teasdale 735-1876, Tammy Jackson 359-6934, EBCI

Animal Control 359-2380

Cherokee Customer Celebration Day. May 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Welcome Center. Vendors needed. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center 359-6490 or Josie Long 359-6491 or 269-8221

Cherokee Choices Summer Camps. Yoga Camp (ages 7-11) June 6-23. Cultural Camp (ages 10-12) June 27 – July 14. Activities 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 viettram@ebci-nsn.gov

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Nebuchadnezzar; 3) Rahab; 4) 1st; 5) Aaron; 6) Whirlwind

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriquez

- Answers
1. Parasite
 2. 1869
 3. Philippines
 4. Spain
 5. Benny Goodman
 6. 19th
 7. Sam Rayburn (17 years)
 8. Frank Capra
 9. 52
 10. Rubble

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: Catuce Tiger. Traditional dress and ribbon skirts/shirts encouraged. Bring your own chairs. Info: cherokeewintersocial@gmail.com

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Summer Chakra Yoga Series.

Thursdays May 12 to June 9 from 12 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Cherokee Choices Yoga Studio. Free and open to everyone. Attend four out of the five classes and receive a Chakra

Yoga book. Info: Robin 359-6785 or robibail@ebci-nsn.gov

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).

Memorial Day Fish Tournament

- Saturday, May 28 to Sunday,

May 29

- Registration deadline is Friday, May 27

- \$10,000 in cash prizes

see **HAPPENINGS** next page

MISSING PERSON

Diane Lynn Medicine Horse

Female Age: 67

Crow

Height: 5'2" Weight: 130-140 lbs

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Last Known Residence: Crow Agency, Montana

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Aidan was last heard from on September 28, 1981. Diane was last seen at her uncle's house in Crow Agency, Montana.

If you have seen Diane Medicine Horse, contact BIA Agent Garrick DeClay. Text BIAMMU and your tip to 847411. Call in tips to 1-833-560-2065. Email OJS_MMU@bia.gov.

Source: bia.gov



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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER * TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Honor Flights Resume

Honor Flights are back. After sitting out the trips for the last two years due to the pandemic, Honor Flights are up and running again.

The Honor Flight Network consists of independent groups (hubs) that take veterans on all-expenses-paid trips to Washington, D.C., to visit the memorials and monuments. This involves free airfare and visits to the memorials with guardians and volunteers every step of the way while in the company of other veterans.

You only have to see the trip photos and videos to understand how much these trips are appreciated. In 2019 alone (the last year they had the trips before COVID shut things down), they flew over 23,000 veterans and 18,000 guardians. Since its beginning in 2005, Honor Flights has taken over 245,000 veterans on these trips.

At this point their focus is signing up veterans who served in World War II, as well as veterans who are severely ill or injured.

Would you like to go, either as a veteran, a guardian or a volunteer? Go online to Honor Flights at www.honorflight.org. Click the regional hubs for a map of states; click your state for contact info and the hub's website and schedule, as well as the applications for veterans, guardians and volunteers. My state, for example, has one flight planned every month through October. Scroll down the page for state-related info and videos. Call them at 937-521-2400 with your questions.

Honor Flights is non-profit and can use our dollars. (They rate 4 stars from Charity Navigator.) You can donate on their website (www.honorflight.org/donate-online.html), either to one of the regional hubs that covers your state or to the network as a whole. Or, if you'd rather send a check than make a donation online, you can send it to:

HonorFlight, Inc.
1405 South Fern Street No. 702
Arlington, VA 22202

We haven't opened our wallets in quite a while. I think we should do so for this.

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Are Irresponsible Owners the Bane of Dog Parks?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: When I first adopted my Collie mix "Sara," I went to the dog park near my apartment every morning. I thought it would be a great place for a year-old puppy to socialize with other dogs and humans. A year later, I no longer take her to the dog park if there are any other dogs there — which means taking pre-dawn walks or bypassing the park entirely.

I quickly learned that while many dog owners are responsible people who train and socialize their dogs, others don't train them at all, or train them inadequately. On Sara's first day, a huge dog ran up, snarling and barking at both of us. The dog's owner just sat on a bench, waving and yelling, "He's friendly," while Sara cowered behind my legs. A few days later, that same dog got in a vicious fight with two other dogs.

Because we continued to have negative experiences with other dogs (and their owners), making it impossible to train and socialize Sara, I've stopped going there. I don't think dog parks are a great idea anymore, even though I live in an urban area and green spaces are important for dogs. What's your take? — *Hannah J. in Boston*

DEAR HANNAH: I'm really sorry that happened to Sara and you, and you're doing the right thing by taking her at uncrowded times. Overcrowded parks, resource-guarding and aggressively playful dogs can make it a negative experience.

Dog parks are a community resource, and it's important for dog owners to work together to make the park work. Find out if there's a volunteer committee for your particular park. If not, and you want to keep using the dog park, consider forming a group to address behavior and other issues.

Send your questions, tips and comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

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HAPPENINGS: Event listings, from page 23

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
- 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.

Mother's Day 5K. May 7 at Kituwah. Registration from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., race begins at 9 a.m. Register at <https://runsignup.com/mothersday/5k>. \$15 for early registration until March 14; then, it increases to \$20. \$10 registration for 1-12 year-olds and 59-99. Info: Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784 or email yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

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

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

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. Henry Chambers will be presenting "The Migration and Settlement of WNC". This is free and open to the public. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation.

Art Walk. May 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Info: 360-3038

Friends of the Greenway Spring Fundraising event (FROG FAIR). May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at FROG Quarters, 573 E. Main at the Town Bridge in Franklin. Arts and crafts, food, and music. Vendor spaces are available. Info: frog28734@gmail.com or www.littletennessee.org

Swain County Democratic Party monthly meeting. May 9 at 7 p.m. at the Technology and Training Center at 45 E. Ridge Dr. in Bryson City. Please wear a mask. This meeting is also available via Zoom. Early voting (April

28 to May 14) and the Election Day (May 17) will be on the agenda. All are welcome. For details or to request the Zoom link, call 488-1234 or go to the SCDP Facebook page.

N.C. Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Advisory Council meeting. May 12 at 10 a.m. in-person at the NCDOL Lake Boone Trail Office in Raleigh. The 11-member OSH Advisory Council is composed of safety and health professionals who advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the commissioner of labor on matters associated with the administration of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of North Carolina. This meeting is open to the public.

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

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. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to

scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov.



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Bryson City, NC 28713
828-488-2005

Upcoming Cherokee Choices programming

For more information on Cherokee Choices or Nurse Family Partnership check out the EBCI Public Health & Human Services website at <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/>

Mother's Day 5k – Saturday May 7, 2022

Registration is from 7:30am – 8:45am. Walk/Run Begins at 9am. At Kituwah Fields. A Virtual option is available (contact Yo for info).

<https://runsignup.com/mothersday5k>

Contact Yolanda Saunooke at (828)-359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov with questions.

Native Youth Garden Summer Program 2022: Applications Open Now!

This summer we will deepen cultural connections with food and land through gardening. We'll also get to swim, hike, cook, go tubing, etc. Participants will receive compensation for time spent gardening. First meeting is April 29th, with the bulk of the camp being for two weeks in July. For dates, questions or to apply contact Katie Rainwater at katirain@ebci-nsn.edu or by phone at 828-329-9227.

Summer Camp 2022

CC will be offering 2 different summer camps for the summer of 2022. The first 3-week summer camp will be Yoga Camp for ages 7-11 with a focus on yoga and meditation with activities such as horseback riding, rafting, etc. The second 3-week camp will be Culture Camp for ages 10-12 with a focus on Cherokee culture and nutrition with activities such as horseback riding, rafting, fishing, etc. For dates, more information, or to apply please contact Tori Bryson MHS, RDN, LDN at victram@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6778.

Summer Chakra Yoga Series

May 12th – June 9th @ Cherokee Choices Yoga Studio

Thursdays @ 12-12:50pm & 5:00-6:00pm

FREE & Open to everyone- Attend 4 out of 5 classes & receive a Chakra Yoga Book.

Drop ins Welcome! In-person & Virtual (MS Teams)- message for link.

Want more info? Contact: robibail@ebci-nsn.gov or 828-359-6785



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FOR RENT

2br 1bath mobile, quiet park in Ela, no pets, references and background check required, \$450 per month \$450 deposit 828-736-1074. UFN

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.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You Ewes and Rams will find your ideas cheered by a mostly receptive flock. Those few dissenters could well be turned around by your charm and powers of persuasion.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's time for the bold and beautiful Bovine to shake off the dust of the past and shape up with new ideas for the future. This could surprise some folks, but they'll soon adjust.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those nagging new doubts about an upcoming decision should alert you to step back (at least temporarily) so you can reassess its potential impact from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That unpleasant situation you hoped would go away by itself needs immediate attention before it affects an upcoming decision. Expect your supporters to rally around your cause.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're moving up and away from that recent setback. But remain cautious about finances. An exercise in thrift today helps cushion a possible end-of-the-month money squeeze.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're still dealing with overtones of pessimism that cause you to doubt your ability to make some needed changes. But the negative pressures will ease up by week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be some fallout from the way you handled a recent family problem. But those who know that you were in the right won't hesitate to step in on your behalf.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Financial strains ease by week's end. Meanwhile, focus on cultivating that new relationship if you hope to have it blossom into something more meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Health matters once again dominate the week. Be careful not to ignore recurrences of an old problem. An almost-forgotten commitment resurfaces.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The emergence of an unusual selfish streak could dismay those close to you. Defy it — don't justify it — so you can become your gracious self again.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reassess your decision to stay with the status quo. It might seem like the sensible thing to do right now, but changes around you could make that choice a risky one.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Move decisively but cautiously when dealing with a delicate personal matter. The fewer mistakes you make now, the less likely it is that the problem will recur later on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can find beauty where many cannot. And you enjoy sharing your discovery with others.

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Employment Opportunities

Position: Massage Therapist

Full-Time* - Part-Time* -
SIGNING BONUS UP TO \$2500*

Job Description: The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. The massage therapist must provide excellent guest care and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.

Applicants must possess a current NC massage license. Required to have open availability, weekends, and holidays. Background Check/Drug Testing, EEOC

For questions, please contact:
Angie Hill, Spa Operations Manager 828-497-8550
angieh@mandaraspa.com

Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at <https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or visit: www.ccs-nc.org for more information.

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| 1. CMS Special Education Teacher | 16. CES School Counselor |
| 2. CMS Special Education Teacher - Pathseekers | 17. Elementary Teacher (Multiple) |
| 3. CMS Licenced Clinical Counselor | 18. Cherokee Language Instructor |
| 4. CMS Social Worker | 19. Math/Reading Interventionist (High School) |
| 5. CHS English Teacher | 20. JV Cheer Coach |
| 6. CHS Drone Teacher | 21. Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach |
| 7. CHS Engineering Teacher | 22. JV Volleyball Assistant Coach |
| 8. CHS Social Studies Teacher | 23. JV Women's Basketball Head Coach |
| 9. CHS Automechanics Teacher | 24. Varsity Football Assistant Coach |
| 10. CHS Special Education Teacher - Life Skills | 25. Maintenance Worker - Grounds (multiple) |
| 11. CES Speech Language Pathologist | 26. Part-Time Security |
| 12. CES Special Education Teacher - STARS | 27. Custodian |
| 13. CES Special Education TA - STARS | 28. Substitute Teachers |
| 14. CES Special Education TA | |
| 15. CES Special Education Teacher | |



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**
- 2 FT RESIDENT COUNSELORS
- 6 PT RESIDENT COUNSELORS
- AGELINK**
- 12 TEACHERS
- 1 HOUSEKEEPER
- 1 COOK ASSISTANT
- SNOWBIRD CHILDCARE: 2 TEACHERS**
- BUS DEPARTMENT:**
- 6 PT SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS
- SHOP: 4 PT SEASONAL (LAWN CREW)**

OJT POSITIONS:

- Shop & Garage - 4 applicants
- Shop (2), Body Shop (1), Bio-Fuel (1)
- Agelink - 3 applicants
- C&F - 2 applicants
- Admin - 1 applicant (IT)
- A total of 10 students will be selected.
- OJT will begin June 13th and end on July 29th (7 weeks)



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, May 8, 2022

1. Library Aide: Qualla Boundary Public Library – Department of Education (L4 \$25,261 - \$ 31,581)
2. Education Program Specialist: Tribal Education - Department of Education (L6 \$40,105 - \$ 50,121)
3. Detective: CIPD – Public Safety (L11 \$48,162 - \$ 60,202) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

Open Until Filled

1. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
5. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
6. Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
7. Cultural Resource and 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 – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,57 SA4)
10. Teacher Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
11. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Tribal Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
12. Facilities Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
13. CDOT Program Manager – Cherokee Department of Transportation – Operations (L14 \$62,918 - \$78,630) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
14. Workforce Development Coordinator - TERO (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
15. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
16. Housekeeper I Light Duty (Multiple) – Housekeeping – Operations (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
17. Legislative Financial Director – Tribal Council (L21 \$116,354 - \$145,421)
18. Corrections Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
19. Detention Sergeant (Multiple) – Detention – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
20. Property Control Officer: Financial Assets – Treasury (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)

All applications and job descriptions are available at 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.

WE'RE HIRING.



PUT ON YOUR NEW JOB NEW ME HAT.

Harrah's Cherokee Property Job Fair

Wednesday, May 4

Time: 10 am -3 pm

Harrah's Cherokee Resort Hotel Ballroom

Hiring bonuses up to \$3,000



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www.harrahsherokeejobs.com

EMPLOYMENT

Cherokee Cinemas & More

Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities:

Theater Manager – Full Time -

\$40,000.00 - \$60,000.00

Floor Staff - \$10.00hr

Cleaning Staff - \$12.00 – Full Time

Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices

of the Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, NC 28789,

Log Building across from Waffle House, if you have any questions

please call Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553. Open until filled. 5/4

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. EST 22-047

In the Matter of the Estate of Annie Welch French

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

Marissa E. Smith

PO Box 730

Cherokee, NC 28719

5/18

In the General Court of Justice in Jackson County, District Court Division: File Number 21 JT 15

In the matter of Toineeta, a minor child for Termination of Parental Rights

Petitioners: Cheryl Colleen Franks and Kayla Nicole Cogdill

Respondents: Taryn Krista Elizabeth Toineeta and Thomas Eugene Pheasant, Sr. and Any Unknown

Father

Petitioners' attorney: Shira Hedgepeth, PO Box 514, Cullowhee, NC 28723, Phone 828-585-5044

Thomas Eugene Pheasant, Sr. or any Unknown Father must enter a

defense to the pleadings within 40 days of this notice. If Thomas Eugene Pheasant, Sr. or any Unknown

father fails to make a defense within the time required, the Petitioners

will apply to the Court for the relief sought. 5/18

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Division of Agriculture and

Natural Resources, Water Quality Office will hold a Public Meeting on

THURSDAY, MAY 12th, 2022

1 PM – 3 PM at

Cherokee County Tribal Community Club Building

302 Airport Rd., Marble, NC 28905

The purpose of this meeting is an opportunity for the public to

receive information and provide comments on the Triennial Review

of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Water Quality Standards, which have been revised to

comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's suggested

modifications to the Water Quality Criteria for Specific Uses, Source

Water Protection, and Cherokee County Stream Classification Use.

These revisions are in compliance with the Clean Water Act Sections

303 and 518 (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341) and Tribal Law.

Stakeholders and participants will also be asked for input on

(<https://cherokeematerialresources.com/contact-us/>). A copy of the

revised Water Quality Standards will be available online at (<https://cherokeematerialresources.com/>).

A hard copy of the revised Water Quality Standards will be available

for viewing at EBCI Water Quality Laboratory, 2000 Old #4 Road,

Cherokee, NC 28719 during business hours.

Questions about the revised

Water Quality Standards should be directed to the Water Quality

Section Supervisor, Michael Bolt by phone at (828) 359-6772 or email

michbolt@ebci-nsn.gov. Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, Thursday May 12th,

2022. Written comments need not be notarized but must be post-

marked before midnight and mailed to:

Michael Bolt

Water Quality Section Supervisor EBCI 106 Water Quality Office

PO Box 1925

Cherokee, NC 28719

5/4

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION LAND WANTED

BIG COVE COMMUNITY

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeding land in the Big Cove

Community for purchase. Seeking fifteen (15) to twenty (acres). Land

must be buildable. Will consider three to four smaller tracks. Please

contact Nathaniel Crowe if interested. (828) 359-6903. 5/18

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION Houses Wanted

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is looking for houses in

sub-standard condition for possible

purchase. Houses will be rehabbed to provide affordable housing stock for enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Houses can be located on or off Tribal property. Only houses with no liens will be considered. Contact Michelle Stamper if you own a property that you would like to offer for sale.

(828) 359-6904. **5/18**

Request for Qualifications

Roof repairs and inspections for the Building Rental Program.

At: EBCI Commerce Division

ATTN: Matt Hampton

810 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719

mhampton@ebci-nsn.gov

828-359-6706

Until: May 11th, 2022 at 3:00 PM local time

The Building Rental Office for the Eastern band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) oversees all buildings owned by the EBCI being leased for business use. Our office is requesting qualifications from interested parties for roofing repairs and maintenance services. The Building Rental office has several buildings under its management and these buildings will need periodic repairs and inspections. We aim to have a company onboard who we trust to respond to maintenance issues quickly and efficiently. **5/4**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of M.B., A Minor
Child, File No. CVJ 21-075

TO: The Unknown Father of Minor
Child M.B.

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, M.B., born June 2, 2010, is a neglected child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on November 2, 2021. A court order from the Cherokee Tribal Court directing that service of process on you take place by publication was entered on April 21, 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.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of C.W., A Minor
Child, File No. CVJ 21-076

TO: The Unknown Father of Minor
Child C.W.

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, C.W., born September 25, 2021 is a neglected and drug endangered child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on November 2, 2021. A court order from the Cherokee Tribal Court directing that service of process on you take place by publication was entered on April 20, 2022.

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Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting proposals for an Advertising Agency of Record.

All proposals should be submitted to our office by Tuesday, May 24, 2022. Proposals can be mailed to our office at P.O. Box 460, Cherokee, NC, 28719 or emailed to stepmane@ebci-nsn.gov.

Project plans and specifications can be viewed at our office located at 810 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. with prior appointment.

Please contact our office at 828-359-6479

with questions or for additional information. **5/11**

Request for Proposals

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Division of Commerce, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting proposals for an On-Line Advertising firm.

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