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# Connecting to nature

**NPS director  
visits GSMNP on  
National Public  
Lands Day**

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

**C**onnection to the land was the theme as National Public Lands Day was celebrated in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on Saturday, Sept. 24. To make it more special, the director of the National Park Service (NPS) visited the Park in recognition of the day. Charles Sams III, a member of the Cayuse and Walla Walla of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, is the 19th NPS direc-

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Charles Sams III, National Park Service (NPS) director; Cassius Cash, Great Smoky Mountains National Park superintendent; and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed talk prior to an event at the Oconaluftee Visitor Center on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 24 in recognition of National Public Lands Day. Sams, a member of the Cayuse and Walla Walla of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, is the 19th NPS director and the first Native American to hold that position. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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Charles Sams III, Cayuse and Walla Walla of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, is the 19th director of the National Park Service and the first Native American to hold that position.

**PARK:** NPS director visits GSMNP on National Public Lands Day, *from front page*

tor and the first Native American to hold that position.

“Our mission, under the Organic Act, is to steward America’s resources, to steward those places that are so very special to the American people,” said Sams. “Our job is also to do that in perpetuity. Just as my people must do it for seven generations, the National Park Service must do this for future generations and not just now.”

Sams related that 300,000 volunteers across the NPS donate over 6.5 million hours of service, valued at over \$185 million, annually. “Today, on National Public Lands Day, we have this great opportunity to continue to fulfill our obligations to ensure that the flora and fauna are welcomed back into the land and that reciprocity exists between the

human and the natural environment.”

He added, “National Public Lands Day provides the perfect opportunity to get involved in stewardship as we recognize the significance of our public lands in making our lives better. Spaces like the Great Smoky Mountains National Park provide vital opportunities for people to recreate, relax, revive their minds and bodies.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed spoke on the connection that Cherokee people have had to the land for thousands of years. “I think the rest of the country has learned what we, as Cherokee and as Indigenous people, have always known - that our connection is first and foremost to the land, and, equally as important, or maybe even more important, our connection to one another. I think if today reminds you of anything, it’s the importance of putting our devices down. I think we can no longer ignore



the correlation between a decline in mental health, especially amongst our children and our adolescents, and the amount of time that we are spending not connected to the land and not connected to one another.”

He continued, “Everything about us, about humanity, is inextricably connected to the land. I thank you today for being here to give back, to be good stewards of the land.”

National Public Lands Day was started in 1994 and is recognized annually on the fourth Saturday in September.

Cassius Cash, Great Smoky Mountains National Park superintendent, commented, “Thank you so much for taking your precious time to be here with us on a beautiful, beautiful Saturday morning as we celebrate National Public Lands Day. Let me tell you that we really need you - the volunteer work that we’re going to be receiving here today. 14.1 million people is what we had last year, right? And, as we’re starting to see the fall colors come in as we were coming over the mountain, I have no doubt that we’ll probably see something close to that as we close out the year.”

He spoke of the need for volunteers in the Park. “Having the distinct honor of hosting that many visitors, as you would imagine, has a lot of challenges that come with hosting that many people - wear and tear on infrastructure - and sometimes that can feel daunting to keep that service level to a point where we are all proud of. Feeling daunting most of the days, but today, I feel inspired and I’m very much appreciative of showing the spirit and soul of the volunteerism that is so important to this park.”

National Public Lands Day is



Officials pose during the event, left to right, including – Charles Sams III, National Park Service director; Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed; Rear Admiral Denise Hinton, deputy surgeon general for U.S. Public Health; Meri-Margaret Deoudes, National Environmental Education president; and Cassius Cash, Great Smoky Mountains National Park superintendent.

organized annually by the National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF) along with the NPS. Meri-Margaret Deoudes, NEEF president, spoke during Saturday’s event, “We started this concept of National Public Lands Day 29 years ago with three sites and a couple hundred volunteers. In the last decade alone I’m really, really pleased that we’ve had over 1 million volunteers, like you all, coming out on a Saturday in September to support our public lands. That’s been 5 million hours of volunteer work...we need that work on our public lands. That’s the value of \$133 million in the last decade alone. So this is really important in terms of preserving this great place and places like this across the country for all of us to enjoy.”

The dignitaries present spoke

about the healing properties of nature and how it can affect people’s mental health positively. Rear Admiral Denise Hinton, deputy surgeon general for U.S. Public Health, noted, “What a glorious place for us to truly all come together to enjoy the fresh air and the beautiful scenery and just lend a hand with projects helping people and the planet. This is where we all come to feel connected and to be connected.”

She further said, “For the COVID-19 public health emergency, it did bring out just unprecedented mental health deterioration. These have been and still are trying times for many Americans. In addition to other concerns, the Office of the Surgeon General has identified youth mental health as a priority.”

Rear Adm. Hinton related that

in early 2021 research found that suspected suicide attempts were 51 percent higher for adolescent girls and 4 percent higher for adolescent boys compared to that same timeframe two years earlier.

“Correction of these challenges will not happen overnight. It will take a community-wide approach to stem the tide of mental anguish and hopelessness that increasingly plagues our youth. The good news is that there are free and accessible ways to begin that change. And, the parks and the public lands are well-positioned to be part of that solution. All of you are staged to be a part of that solution and we just thank you for your commitment as is evidenced by you all being here today spending time in nature and volunteering for activities that

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**PARK:** NPS director visits GSMNP on National Public Lands Day, from page 3

help put people on the path to hope and healing and to lead happier, healthier, and more fulfilled lives.”

Chief Sneed commented, “If the pandemic did one thing, it opened our eyes to the need for connection - connection to the land, connection to one another.”

Director Sams said, “In our very connected world, I’m inspired by disconnecting for a bit and allowing myself to connect with you, my fellow land stewards, as we roll up our sleeves and celebrate the precious gifts that we have in our National Parks. Your volunteerism embodies the collaborative conservation approach that the President’s “America the Beautiful” initiative seeks to embrace...the work here today is so important. It helps us in ensuring that the Smokies that we experience today is nurtured, cared for, and respect-

ed to help us meet the mission of preserving it for those future generations.”

Deoudes gave a personal anecdote, “One of my greatest pleasures during COVID was going out to Great Falls, which is near my home. I took out my son, who was 12 at the time, and our dog and it was a really nice way for us to relax and reconnect with the beautiful land that we all hold so dear. And also just unplug...during a really stressful time I got rejuvenated walking along those trails. So, I look forward to the work we have ahead of us today in doing that.”

Director Sams concluded by thanking those who help make the Parks accessible and enjoyable for all. “Volunteering is the cornerstone of what makes America great. And you being out here today continuing to help make America what it is and standing in the forefront of protecting these resources for yourself and for your future generations.”



Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed speaks during Saturday's event.

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<b>Tuckaseige River</b>	Hatchery supported stocking May 3	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout.	Green and Yellow Stone, Golden Stone, Light Cahill, Terrestrials.	Golden Stone Nymph Size 10, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears Size 18s-20s.
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	No stocking	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Green and Yellow Stone, Golden Stone, Light Cahill, Terrestrials.	Golden Stone Nymph Size 10, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears Size 18s-20s.
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Hatchery supported stocking various times through summer	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Wild Brook Trout	Green and Yellow Stone, Golden Stone, Light Cahill, Terrestrials.	Golden Stone Nymph Size 10, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears Size 18s-20s.

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# School Board considers \$15 minimum wage in latest meeting

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

The Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education discussed the potential of some major changes in its meeting on Monday, Sept. 19.

First of which was to follow the lead of the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) government and implement a \$15 minimum wage across CCS. Finance director Howard Wahnetah offered a cost analysis for raising all employees below 15 dollars an hour up to that minimum. He said that his initial estimate was approximately 90,000 dollars in additional funding.

However, several Board members felt there needed to be a school-wide raise, similar to that offered by the EBCI. As part of the \$15 wage minimum, the Tribe also announced that all other employees would be receiving a raise. This 'living wage adjustment' offered a range of a 3-6 percent pay increase, with employees on the lower end of the scale receiving a larger raise.

The Board unanimously agreed that they wished to get a new cost analysis for this CCS-wide pay increase. Wahnetah was tasked to create this and report back to the Board with his findings.

Wahnetah was also in attendance to provide the School Board's finance update. He had nothing major to report. He stated that the Board was currently under budget projections through the first quarter of the school's fiscal year.

The 'good news' portion of Monday's meeting consisted of a visit from Cherokee High School



Howard Wahnetah, standing right, delivers the finance update to the CCS Board of Education during its meeting on Monday, Sept. 19. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

principal Dr. Debora Foerst and English teacher Mindy Ledford. They were there to talk about an activity they ran for the Pre-K classes where they brought high school students in to read stories to them. They said it was very well-received and that many of the high school students want to repeat the event. Dr. Foerst said that it was a great way to get the older and the younger students interacting.

A large portion of the meeting was dedicated to a 'first reading' of some policy amendments that are being suggested by Board attorney John Henning of Campbell Shatley, PLLC. The Board asked for Henning to run through their policy and suggest any updates or changes to the Board for approval. According to Henning, many of these changes are minor. However, there are a few more significant potential changes that sparked conversation. A couple of these surrounded discipline protocol and the handling of contracts at

CCS. Nothing has been decided on any of these suggested changes, and Henning said that he would be adapting his suggestions based on feedback from the Board in both open and closed session.

Following this policy discussion, the Board did move into an executive session for the remainder of their meeting. They had two guests, Angela Wolfe and Tim Swayney, and reported that they would be discussing 'student and personnel issues'. They also spoke more acutely with Henning on some matters during the closed session.

The last items handled before going into closed session were the resolutions for the meeting. The consent agenda was passed after pulling four items for discussion in closed session. The passed agenda put forth the following:

- Brandice "Nikki" Rhinehart approved as the Licensure and Beginning Teacher Coordinator for the Human Resources Office.
- Christine Terrell and Steven Sut-

ton approved as volunteers for the High School HOSA Chapter.

- Marcela Garcia, Charlene Wolfe, Rosemary Larios, and Lydia Raines approved as chaperones for the High School Travel Club for Cherokee High School.

The four items that were pulled were all passed following the closed session, and they granted the following:

- Kimberly Dunford approved as the Mental Health Behavior Support Specialist for the Preschool program.
- Jordyn Thompson approved as the Preschool Special Education Support Specialist for the Preschool program.
- Elizabeth Reed and Amber Platt approved as Pre-K Teacher Assistants for the Preschool program.

The Monday, Sept. 19 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Co-Vice Chairs Tara Reed-Cooper and Melanie Lambert; Secretary Kristina Hyatt; Board members Berdie Toineeta and Regina Ledford Rosario; Superintendent Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Beverley Payne; HR Director Heather Driver; Finance Director Howard Wahnetah; CCS Board Attorney John Henning of Campbell Shatley, PLLC; and Administrative Assistant Diane Driver all in attendance. Tribal Council Rep. T.W. Saunooke was absent for the meeting.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education is set for Monday, Oct. 3 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings are being held in the Administrative Offices at Cherokee Central Schools. These meetings are open to the public unless there is a call for an executive session.

## Tribal member to attend White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health

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

The White House is hosting a Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health on Wednesday, Sept. 28, and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has been invited to attend. Juanita Wilson, co-chairperson of the Nikwasi Initiative, is excited to learn about food sovereignty issues specifically how it can be addressed in Indian Country.

Information from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services states that the goal of the conference is, “End hunger and increase healthy eating and physical activity by 2030, so that fewer Americans experience diet-related



Juanita Wilson (Photo contributed)

diseases like diabetes, obesity, and hypertension.”

It continues, “The toll of hunger and these diseases is not distributed equally, disproportionately impacting underserved communities, including communities of color, people living in rural areas, people are differently-abled, older adults, LGBTQI+ people, military families, and military veterans. Lack of access to healthy, safe, and affordable food, and to safe outdoor spaces, contributes to

hunger, diet-related diseases, and health disparities.”

“It’s critical for tribes to have voices, and it is even more important for tribes to have administrative-level seats at the table,” said Wilson.

In addition to working with the Nikwasi Initiative, she is a member of the EBCI Public Health and Human Services Healthy Eating Advocacy Team (HEAT). “We have been searching for particular projects to help cement our purpose. I hope to learn what other Indigenous communities are doing that has been successful but also what continues to be challenges for them.”

She added, “In our own community, I believe federal guidelines for the programs we have are dragging so much red tape that we are focused on making sure we don’t get ‘cheated’ by people working the system than we are with figuring out how to help them get ahead.”

Wilson was invited to the Conference through her work with the Nikwasi Initiative “because one of our key goals is to re-awaken Cherokee culture that includes traditional agricultural ways and diets.”

According to information from the Nikwasi Initiative, it “was founded to promote, interpret, and link cultural and historic sites – such as Noquisiyi (alternate word used for Nikwasi) and Cowee mounds – along a Cherokee Cultural Corridor, along with raising awareness and funds to pursue those efforts and exploring more opportunities for collaboration between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and local communities”.

In 2019, the Franklin Town Council voted to transfer the deed to Nikwasi Mound to the Nikwasi Initiative who has served as its caretakers since.

## Tribe’s COVID-19 Dashboard coming to an end

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

After more than two years of reports, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) health officials are ceasing publication of the COVID-19 dashboard. The last one is set to be released to the public on Wednesday, Sept. 28. Since the start of the pandemic, a total of 240 COVID-19 dashboards were released by EBCI PHHS (Public Health and Human Services) through the EBCI Joint Information Center.

The first was released on July 15, 2020, and

the dashboard initially came out on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays. Later that year, it was released weekly on Wednesdays.

The reports included multiple graph pages full of information including: number of new positive cases, number of new negative tests, number of hospitalizations, number of deaths; and breakdowns of cases and more information by age and community.

“We are still collecting COVID-19 data, and we will report to the community if anything concerning arises, but COVID-19 is here to stay, and we will be moving into a new response phase,” the EBCI Public Health Team said in an official response to One Feather questions. “During the height of the pandemic, it was important for the community to know their risk and take appropriate precautions.

The dashboard assisted the community in understanding the risk.”

From now on, PHHS officials will release a monthly public health report. “COVID-19 data and data from other important and emerging health issues will be included on the monthly public health report.”

That report will be posted online: <https://phhs.ebcinsn.gov/>

EBCI Public Health Team officials state that people should take the following COVID-19 precautions, “Make sure that you’re up-to-date with your vaccinations and get the new COVID-19 bivalent booster shot. If you’re at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19, continue to take necessary precautions.”



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# Good Housekeeping

## Bulgur Bean Burgers

Satisfy vegetarians and meat-eaters alike with these healthy, Middle Eastern-style Bulgur Bean Burgers. No one will miss the beef when black beans and spices are providing first-class flavor.

- 1 cup water
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup bulgur
- 1 can (15 to 19 ounces) reduced-sodium black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 container (6 ounces) plain low-fat yogurt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 cup (packed) mint leaves, chopped
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 small shredded Kirby (pickling) cucumber
- 4 whole-wheat hamburger buns
- 4 lettuce leaves
- 1 medium tomato, sliced

1. In ©1-quart saucepan, heat water and 1/2 teaspoon salt to boiling over high heat. Stir in bulgur. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 10 to 12 minutes or until water is absorbed.

2. Meanwhile, in large bowl, with potato masher or fork, mash beans with 2 tablespoons yogurt until almost smooth. Stir in bulgur, allspice, cinnamon, cumin and half of mint until combined. With lightly floured hands, shape bean mixture into four 3-inch-round patties. Spray both sides of each patty lightly with nonstick cooking spray.

3. Heat nonstick 12-inch skillet over medium heat until hot. Add burgers and cook 8 minutes or until lightly browned and heated through, turning over once.

4. While burgers are cooking, prepare yogurt sauce: In small bowl, combine cucumber, remaining yogurt and mint, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Makes about 1 1/4 cups.

5. To serve, divide lettuce, tomato and burgers among buns; top with some yogurt sauce. Serve with remaining yogurt sauce. Serves 4.

• Each serving: About 295 calories, 3g total fat (1g saturated), 3mg cholesterol, 960mg sodium, 58g total carbs, 13g dietary fiber, 16g protein.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Partners come together to offer Cherokee Potters Master Apprentice Program

The Center for Native Health, UNC Asheville, the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI), and Tsali Care are partnering to develop ᎠᎩᎩᎩ ᎠᎩᎩᎩᎩᎩ “asinasinole adolegwasgi”: Cherokee Potters Master Apprentice Program. This collaborative project, funded by a SOUTH Arts In These Mountains: Central Appalachian Folk Arts & Culture Project Grant, will support projects that promote sharing, teaching, learning, preserving, documenting, and supporting the continuity of the folk arts and traditional culture of Central Appalachia.

ᎠᎩᎩᎩ ᎠᎩᎩᎩᎩᎩ “asinasinole adolegwasgi” is designed to be a knowledge and cultural exchange by exposing emerging Cherokee potters to pottery techniques and technologies, particularly the use and maintenance of kilns, to incorporate into their own cultural knowledge. In return, participating faculty, staff and students at UNC Asheville will gain a deeper understanding of Cherokee culture, particularly traditional arts.

“This program fits directly into our mission by developing positive relationships and projects that are community based with the direct goal of interrupting the devastating effects of historical trauma,” said Trey Adcock, executive director of The Center for Native Health and director of American Indian and interdisciplinary studies at UNC Asheville. “The loss of language and culture in Indigenous communities directly impacts the health outcomes of individuals and communities as a whole, so for the Center for Native Health to be

involved in a project that supports the revitalization of Cherokee pottery is part of a larger goal of supporting pathways of healing for Native peoples.”

During the year-long experience, master apprentice potters will be introduced to firing a two-chambered wood kiln at UNC Asheville, and will learn about atmospheric firing processes using soda, salt, and wood. The project team will travel throughout WNC to learn from and with master potters to better understand design principles related to wood-fire kilns.

ᎠᎩᎩᎩ ᎠᎩᎩᎩᎩᎩ “asinasinole adolegwasgi” will be supported by Tara McCoy, coordinator of the Right Path Adult Leadership Program on the Qualla Boundary and resident of the Birdtown Community, as project consultant; Levi West, coordinator of the Cherokee Youth Council program and resident of the Wolfstown Community as principal apprentice; and Matt West, lecturer in art and studio technician at UNC Asheville, as master craftsman.

“I’m thankful to be able to learn new pottery techniques so I can give back to my community and hopefully increase creativity and quality of art in the community,” said McCoy, who leads a community pottery class.

Levi West, a student of McCoy’s community pottery class, said, “I’m excited for the opportunity to learn something I can teach my community. It will be full circle from learning from master potters to being able to give back by making their firing process easier.” “I’m excited to be a part of this process,” said Matt West. “I hope it will become an opportunity to support craft, creativity, and the Cherokee culture in multiple communities.”

For more information on this project and the work of The Center for Native Health, visit [centerfor-nativehealth.org](http://centerfor-nativehealth.org) or [@centerfornativehealth501\\_c\\_3](https://www.instagram.com/centerfornativehealth501_c_3) on Instagram.

- UNC Asheville News

### CIPD Arrest Report for Sept. 11-18

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

Armachain Jr., Larry Douglas – age 40

Arrested: Sept. 12

Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 19)

Charges: Probation Violation

Walkingstick, Rex Spencer – age 23

Arrested: Sept. 13

Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 19)

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts)

Wildcat, Craigan Stan – age 41

Arrested: Sept. 13

Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 19)

Charges: Probation Violation

Bradley, Thunder – age 28

Arrested: Sept. 14

Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 19)

Charges: Probation Violation

Cabrera, Delores Amelia – age 49

Arrested: Sept. 14

Released: Sept. 14



Charges: Larceny

Jackson, Rain Edwind-Swimmer  
– age 28  
Arrested: Sept. 14  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Sept. 19)

Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful  
Order of the Court

King, Allison – age 30  
Arrested: Sept. 15  
Released: Sept. 15  
Charges: Domestic Violence

Parsons, Letiesha Lashea – age 30  
Arrested: Sept. 15  
Released: Sept. 15  
Charges: Temporary Hold for  
Swain Co.

Pyne, Kimberly Ann – age 28  
Arrested: Sept. 15  
Released: Sept. 15  
Charges: Temporary Hold for  
Swain Co.

Thompson, Homer Lee – age 35  
Arrested: Sept. 15  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Sept. 19)  
Charges: Tampering with Public  
Property

Arneach, Cheyenne Robin – age  
30  
Arrested: Sept. 16  
Released: Sept. 16  
Charges: Failure to Appear on  
Misdemeanor

Brady Sr., Billy Joe – age 55  
Arrested: Sept. 16  
Released: Sept. 18  
Charges: Failure to Appear on  
Misdemeanor

Cucumber, Ariane Alene – age 41  
Arrested: Sept. 16  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Sept. 19)  
Charges: Probation Violation

Wilson, Marvin Ray – age 45  
Arrested: Sept. 16  
Released: Sept. 17  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Wolfe, Roberta Irene – age 49  
Arrested: Sept. 16  
Released: Sept. 17  
Charges: Larceny

Jones, Rachel Annaleigh – age 29  
Arrested: Sept. 17  
Released: Sept. 17  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Pethal, Evelyn – age 43  
Arrested: Sept. 17  
Released: Sept. 17  
Charges: Simple Assault

Thompson, Victoria Grace – age  
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Arrested: Sept. 17  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Sept. 19)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful  
Order of the Court

Nicholson, Michelle – age 30  
Arrested: Sept. 18  
Released: Sept. 18  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Snead, Amy Brett – age 35  
Arrested: Sept. 18  
Released: Sept. 18  
Charges: Intoxicated and Disrup-  
tive in Public; Resist, Obstruct,  
and Delay

Villada, Juan Gabriel-Estrada –  
age 42  
Arrested: Sept. 18  
Released: Sept. 18  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Welch, Juliann Renea – age 23  
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**VARSITY SOCCER: Swain Co. 5 Cherokee 0**

Cherokee's Tanin Esquivel (#9) heads the ball over Swain County's Mason Devine during a match at the Cherokee High School Soccer Field on the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 21. The Swain Co. Maroon Devils won the match 5-0 with goals coming from: Clayton Shuler, Evan Hall, Gavin Rowland, and two by Matthew Gray. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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Cherokee's Anthony Lossiah boots the ball up field.



## CROSS COUNTRY

# Crowe, Swimmer win at Bulldog XC Meet

### One Feather Staff Report

The Cherokee High School (CHS) and Middle School (CMS) cross country teams traveled to Murphy for the Bulldog XC Meet on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 24.

Livia Crowe, CMS Lady Braves, won the middle school girl's race with a time of 13:28.49, and Ogana Swimmer, CMS Braves, won the middle school boy's race with a time of 11:52.22. Crowe has won every race she's entered so far this season including: Hayesville (Aug. 24), Tri-County Early College (Aug. 31), Cherokee home meet (Sept. 7), Swain Co. hosted meet at Kituwah (Sept. 17), and the Bulldog XC. Swimmer won three wins on the season (Hayesville, Swain Co. at Kituwah, and the Bulldog XC). He placed second in the other two.

The CHS Braves won the team event with an overall score of 43. They were led by Jaylan Bark who placed third with a time of 17:51.65 followed by Tyce Hogner who finished in fifth place with a time of 18:07.18.

The following results, per [nc.milesplit.com](http://nc.milesplit.com), show the top seven finishers in each race plus all CMS and CHS finishers:

### Middle School Girls

- 1 - Livia Crowe, Cherokee, 13:28.49
- 2 - Halie Hill, Murphy, 13:30.05
- 3 - Kennedy White, Murphy, 13:42.34
- 4 - Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14:02.67

- 5 - Lolo Bell, Cherokee, 14:13.37
- 6 - Marley Blackwell, Murphy, 14:15.19
- 7 - Sydney Greenstone, Hayesville, 14:25.76
- 10 - Jaqueline Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 14:28.24
- 17 - Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 14:58.42
- 19 - Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 15:38.88
- 21 - Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 15:51.55
- 33 - Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 17:07.78
- 35 - Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 17:13.40
- 37 - Joselyn Stamper, Cherokee, 17:17.87

### Team Scores

- 1 - Murphy 34
- 2 - Cherokee 35
- 3 - Swain County 82
- 4 - Hayesville 104
- 5 - Robbinsville 127

### Middle School Boys

- 1 - Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 11:52.22
- 2 - Gabe Clark, Andrews, 11:53.06
- 3 - Ross Clapsaddle, Swain County, 11:55.03
- 4 - Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 11:57.47
- 5 - Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 12:08.27
- 6 - Luke Clark, Andrews, 12:32.25
- 7 - James Loftis, Swain County, 12:34.45
- 27 - Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 14:31.56
- 35 - Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 15:13.98
- 40 - Cruz Drake, Cherokee, 15:22.37
- 41 - Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 15:23.52
- 42 - Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 15:23.81

- 35 - Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 15:13.98
- 40 - Cruz Drake, Cherokee, 15:22.37
- 41 - Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 15:23.52
- 42 - Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 15:23.81

### Team Scores

- 1 - Andrews 37
- 2 - Swain County 70

- 3 - Hayesville 71
- 4 - Murphy 97
- 5 - Cherokee 124
- 6 - Robbinsville 125
- 7 - Mountain Discovery Charter 177

### High School Girls

- 1 - Amaya Hicks, Swain County, 20:13.65
- 2 - Lolo Hunter, Union County, 20:18.22
- 3 - Annie Lewis, Swain County, 21:09.50
- 4 - Lindsey Holloway, Fannin County, 21:39.92
- 5 - Gracie Monteith, Swain County, 22:00.77
- 6 - Angelina Lomelli, Swain County, 22:38.53
- 7 - Ellie Adams, Union County, 22:52.59
- 17 - Leste Burgos, Cherokee, 23:58.72
- 33 - Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 26:21.90
- 45 - Boie Crowe, Cherokee, 29:19.11

### Team Scores

- 1 - Swain County 23
- 2 - Union County 56
- 3 - Fannin County 79
- 4 - Hayesville 80
- 5 - Tri-County Early College 131

### High School Boys

- 1 - Connor Brown, Swain County, 17:32.53
- 2 - Salinas O'Malley, Andrews, 17:33.01
- 3 - Jaylan Bark, Cherokee, 17:51.65

- 4 - Zechariah Prater, Fannin County, 18:01.28
- 5 - Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 18:07.18
- 6 - Kane Jones, Swain County, 18:17.44
- 7 - Benton Gregory, Union County, 18:20.19
- 8 - Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 18:24.81
- 13 - Tanin Esquivel, Cherokee, 18:51.01
- 19 - Tanis Esquivel, Cherokee, 19:17.13
- 27 - Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 19:49.32
- 28 - Anthony Lossiah, Cherokee, 19:51.80
- 29 - Dacian Tafoya, Cherokee, 20:04.60
- 34 - Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 20:28.29
- 55 - Eli Bird, Cherokee, 22:05.96
- 75 - Matox Stamper, Cherokee, 24:01.10
- 82 - Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 25:35.75
- 91 - Gideon Freeman, Cherokee, 36:40.19

### Team Scores

- 1 - Cherokee 43
- 2 - Swain County 57
- 3 - Fannin County 70
- 4 - Union County 98
- 5 - Hayesville 151
- 6 - Hiwassee Dam 164
- 7 - Carolina Mountain 189
- 8 - Robbinsville 230
- 9 - The Franklin School 239
- 10 - Murphy 241
- 11 - Tri-County Early College 268



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# Dracula returns to Cherokee

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

“Last year we built it, and I feel like this year we’re crafting it,” said Bailey Frankenberg, who plays Lucy Westenra in “Dracula: The Failings of Men”.

Havoc Movement Company is back for the second running of “Dracula” at the Mountainside Theatre in Cherokee. The performance is being put on with the Cherokee Historical Society and is now Havoc’s third show to run at the theatre. After performing their version of Alice in Wonderland this April, the company is ecstatic to bring back “Dracula”.

“It’s such a rare opportunity that it basically feels like stolen time. It feels surreal in that way. You never get the opportunity to redo something like this. For it to be one of my favorite shows I’ve ever done, it feels great,” said Frankenberg.

Jake Guinn, director of the show, said that they didn’t want to just bring it back, they want to make it better.

“I started the process by asking everybody what worked best for them, and what was the worst part of last year for them. Because they’re experts of the experience. They did it every night,” said Guinn.

He said that the team is very comfortable with the space now, and they have a better understanding of how to take advantage of what the theatre has to offer. They have new rigging systems that they’re more confident in, which means they can ramp up the aerial



Benedetto Robinson is returning to play Dracula for the second straight year at the Mountainside Theatre. He is also the scriptwriter for the show. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos)

displays. And then there’s the blood.

“People loved the blood effects last year. But it wasn’t enough for me,” Guinn said with a chuckle. “We really, really leaned into re-developing our blood effects. The blood is something that I’m really excited about this year. I was already excited about it last year. It’s just that we don’t get to do blood

like this in indoor spaces. We can only do this sort of thing outside.”

A major change coming to “Dracula” is the addition of a pre-show. In last year’s performance, the audience followed the beginning of the show across the nooks and crannies of the Mountainside Theatre with hopes of developing an interactive experience. That has been tweaked.

“The main narrative is going to happen on the stage. But what we’ve done to keep the interactive experience is we’ve got an interactive preshow. For people with mobility issues that might not be able to keep up with the kind of pace we tried to set, they can do it at their own pace now ... They can see the fire performance, they can see the aerialists, and experience



all that and get in the mood to sit down and watch the show.”

There were also some amendments made to the script. Benedetto Robinson, who plays Dracula, is also the scriptwriter for the show. “The biggest changes were made in the second half of the show. The arc of the show remains the same. Some of the changes we’ve put in place were for clarity of communication to the audience about character motivation. Also, the momentum of storytelling. We didn’t want to go to a place where we had all of this action and stopped to talk about the expedition for a while and then get back to the action. The changes are in place so that it flows more cleanly,” said Robinson.

He has stayed busy in the last year, performing Shakespeare in Atlanta and helping to reshape the performance of “The Lost Colony”



Fight Choreographer Kevin Roost, Assistant Stage Manager Ciera Flinkingshelt, and Director Jake Guinn observe rehearsal.

in Roanoke, NC. Robinson said that he is so grateful to have the opportunity to come back to Cherokee and work with this cast and crew again.

“This project is, of course, very dear to me as the writer of it. But it’s just been the most fun that I’ve had as an actor in my career. It’s like a little boy’s dream. You don’t always get to play with swords and fly in the air. And this place. I don’t even know what to say about it, aside from that it is special in a way that many places are not. Lucy has a line about it in the play. It’s easier to breathe up here. It tastes better to breathe

in this space. It’s a healthier place to be.”

Robinson said that every change and addition has been made with a lot of care. He said that it’s the experience and confidence of the team that makes him so excited for this run.

“It’s going to be good this year. I hope I don’t sound super egotistical when I say that I know it was good last year. It is much better this year.”

Havoc Movement is a tight ensemble. “Dracula” will have six primary actors and two others that will be part of the preshow. Something that every member of the show has mentioned is the chemistry with the roster. Every actor from last year has returned, and the two pre-show performers were part of the cast for Alice in the Spring.

“The ensemble building that’s been happening since we got going again with “Dracula” last year, we’ve just been on a mission to increase our training opportunities with company members. That way we’ve got a deep bench. Honestly, it’s a family,” said Guinn.

He continued by saying that

the feeling and objective has adapted as well. Now that they’ve spent much of the last year in mountains, Guinn said he and many of the team feel a responsibility to the local area.

“The show isn’t just about what we’re doing on the stage. The show is about the community event of it. We’re all buying into it. The show feels like we know who we’re doing it for now. Because we’ve been here longer. We’re tapping in more and more into what I think people around here actually want.”

Frankenberg is a prime example of growing into the space. This is her second run as Lucy in “Dracula”, she was Alice this spring, Wilani in “Unto These Hills”, and will be reprising Wilani in “The Gathering”. She also earned this year’s performance award for her involvement in “Unto These Hills”. As someone who is a citizen of Cherokee Nation and part Choctaw, Frankenberg says that it has been an honor to work in Cherokee.

“I grew up as an Oklahoma farm girl away from either Cherokee or Choctaw communities. It is an identity that was very central to my family. I haven’t been able to, in my adult life, be in a community like this. Especially the fact that I get to be with the Eastern Band and in a Cherokee community here in the mountains. It’s an opportunity that I’ve dreamt about my whole life. I can’t believe I get to have that. I feel so lucky and fortunate and humbled and grateful.”

“Dracula: The Failings of Men” opens Friday, Sept. 30 at the Mountain Side Theatre. Pre-show begins at 7:30 p.m. and the full show begins at 8 p.m. For more information or to buy tickets in advance you can visit <https://cherokeehistorical.org/Dracula/>.



Pre-show performer Willie Frierson practices with fire fans during afternoon rehearsal.

**Patsy Lou Simpson**

Patsy Lou Simpson, 63, of Asheville, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 at the CarePartners Solace Center in Asheville.

Patsy was born in Elizabethton, Tenn. to the late Dee Allen Simpson and Alzina Miller Wyatt. She is also preceded in death by her brothers, Charles, Terry, and William Simpson.

Patsy proudly served our country in the U.S. Army. She loved to travel, donate to charities, and serve the Lord.

Surviving Patsy is her son, Brandon Craig-Simpson MacLeod of Lenoir; sisters, Loretta Hefner of Newton, Joyce Oliver of Hickory, and Betty Carlisle of Taylorsville.

A private service will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank CarePartners Hospice for their excellent and continuous care of Patsy.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.ashevilleareaalternative.com](http://www.ashevilleareaalternative.com)

**James Jeff “Buddy” Fischer**

James Jeff “Buddy” Fischer, 63, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022. He was the son of the late William Martin Fischer and Mildred Marie Mosley Fischer.

Buddy was preceded in death by his parents, and his three brothers: Tommy, Teddy, and Kenny Fischer.

Buddy is survived by his wife Jewell, and his three daughters; his brother, Bill Fischer (Rita), of Texas; sisters, Judy Eschete (Leroy) of California, Janie Miller (Marshall) of Louisiana, Jackie Fischer of Sylva, and Jerri Lowe

(Bobby) of Louisiana; as well as many nieces, nephews, and a wealth of lifelong friends.

Buddy was born on April 25, 1959, in Russellville, Ark. He spent his youth in Mandeville, La. After a summer visit to Cherokee, his family moved to Big Cove. In 1980, he married Jewell Dugan. He was the proud father of Kelly Dills (Tommy), Kimberly Deas (Matt), and Dana Stephenson (Nick), all of Bryson City.

Buddy’s most precious joy came from his grandbabies. He was happiest when he had all of his grandchildren together and particularly enjoyed the total chaos that naturally followed. He will be desperately missed by these grandchildren, Cody, Caitlyn, Cora, and Cade Dills; Oaklan and Hudson Deas; Kale and Kree Stephenson.

Buddy lived his life to serve. He was selfless in his giving to others and served in numerous capacities.

Buddy began serving his community in 1985 when he became a Cherokee Volunteer Fireman. He served as the Assistant Volunteer Fire Chief from 1996 until 2000 and was honored to serve as the Volunteer Fire Chief until 2005.

During those years, Buddy was a Charter Member of the Cherokee First Responders Group and was also active on the High Angle Rescue Team, the Swift Water Team, and the NC Dog Team, where he trained his own bloodhound.

He began his career as a paramedic in 1993 as part of the first paramedic class west of Haywood County. This was also the first paramedic group in Cherokee, and it laid the foundation for what is known today as the Cherokee Tribal EMS. Buddy retired from the Cherokee Tribal EMS in July of 2010, but he continued to keep

his certifications up to date.

He served his emergency services departments well and was highly dedicated to public safety and his fellow man. He was an instructor to many young students who were choosing the career and was a great preceptor and mentor to those who entered the field of public service.

His love for the Cherokee Community was unrivaled. Moving to Cherokee in the 1970s, he quickly became part of the fabric of this area. In the early 1990s, Buddy began the Beautification Committee and spread his joy throughout Cherokee with his love for Christmas decorations. He collected donations from local business merchants and used them for large displays. This tradition carried on until 2020.

He loved to make kids smile, so he began the Haunted House tradition as part of the Volunteer Fire Department. The children in

our community have enjoyed this tradition for decades.

In his final three years, he enjoyed volunteering at the Georgia Tugaloo State Park as their campground and maintenance host.

Buddy was a man of numerous skills and interests. He was an avid hunter and fisherman who instilled a love for the outdoors in his kids and grandkids; he was the most loyal New Orleans Saints fan and enjoyed traveling to their games; and he could fix or build anything. Perhaps most importantly, Buddy never met a stranger. If you met him, he was your friend; he made everyone feel at home; and if you needed him, he was there immediately without hesitation or expectation. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Visitation was held on Sunday, Sept. 25 at Crisp Funeral Home in Bryson City. The service immediately followed.

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# 2022 EBCI Pageant Contestants



**Miss Cherokee contestants**

No-la Pina, Aiyana Lambert, and Raylen Bark



**Teen Miss Cherokee contestants**

Alitama Perkins, Araceli Martinez-Arch, and Cameron Jackson

## 2022 Junior Miss Cherokee

#1 Kyndra Postoak	#2 Morgan Hernandez	#3 Kyla Keel-Aguilera
		
#4 Ava Walkingstick	#5 Hailey Winchester	
		



**Little Miss Cherokee contestants**

Zarah Dawkins, Penelope Stamper, Khloe Sequoyah, and Rhiannon Postoak

**Submitted by EBCI Pageant Board, Photos by A&M Photography**

## 2022 EBCI Pageant Schedule

**Little Miss Cherokee**  
Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

**Junior Miss Cherokee**  
Thursday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

**Teen Miss Cherokee**  
Friday, Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

**Miss Cherokee**  
Friday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

*All pageants will be held in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the campus of Cherokee Central Schools.*

## COMMUNITY NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2022 Cherokee Indian Fair Exhibitor Entry guidelines

When entering an item for the 2022 Cherokee Indian Fair please bring the following information with you. This is for Adult, Young Adult, and Youth entries. Please look for the Registration Tables in the foyer of the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Convention Center Lobby. Parking will be in the parking deck located beside the Convention Center.

1. EBCI Enrollment Card
2. Social Security Card
3. Correct Mailing Address & Phone Number

Due to the 2020 and 2021 being pandemic years, entries made from Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2022 will be accepted.

Enter Items at the Cherokee Convention Center Exhibition Hall on Friday, Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The last entries will be taken at 7 p.m., and the Exhibit Hall doors will be closed at this time and no one will be allowed to enter the hall.

Enter Baked Goods on Monday, Oct. 3 at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center Classroom at 876 Acquoni Road. No items will be accepted after 11:30 a.m. Pick up Baked Goods and/or containers from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. that same day, at the same location.

Registration for Livestock Entries will be taken at the Cherokee Convention Center Exhibition Hall on Friday, Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Do not bring livestock to the Convention Center on this day.

Entry Pick-up will be on Sunday, Oct. 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Entries will be picked up in alphabetical

order: A-F time 1 p.m. to 2 pm; G-K time 2 p.m. to 3 pm; L-Z time 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Entries not picked up on Oct. 9 can be picked up on Monday, Oct. 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at any time.

Unclaimed items can be picked up after Oct. 10 at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center Classroom at 876 Acquoni Road Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 pm.

- EBCI Cooperative Extension Center

### Senior Citizens Heating Assistance program

Applications for the 2023 heating season are now available at Tsali Manor. Applications will be available Monday through Friday after 1 p.m. each day, and they can be returned Monday through Friday after 1 p.m. each day.

The deadline for applications is

March 31, 2023.

If you are or will be 59 ½ by March 31, 2023, you are eligible for services upon turning 59 ½. If you are applying for Electric Heating Assistance, please attach a current billing statement. If you do not use the contract companies, it is your and your company's responsibility to get your delivery invoices to the Assistance program as soon as possible. This year's heating season will end on April 30, 2023.

Info: 359-6860

- Tsali Manor

### EBCI Heating Assistance Program (low income and disabled persons) for 2022-23 season

Applications for the 2023 heating season for low income and disabled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI)

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You may apply in person at the office of EBCI Family Support Services located in the Beloved Women and Children's Building at 73 Kaiser Wilnoty Rd. in Cherokee. Applicants do not need to make appointments. Applicants of Cherokee and Graham counties must apply at Snowbird Office for Family Services.

Low Income Applications must be submitted along with income verification, copy of electric bill, deliverable fuel bill (where applicable) and enrollment cards for all EBCI

members of the home. Additional documentation may be required. You must resubmit any past documentation.

Disabled Applications must be submitted along with current award letter and heating bill.

- EBCI Family Support Services  
release

#### THANK YOU LETTERS

##### Thank you from the family of Charles K. "Bear" Johnson

The family of Charles K. "Bear" Johnson would like to express our most sincere appreciation to all that supported us recently. It is not easy to find the right words during this difficult time to convey the depth of our sorrow for the loss of our loved one.

During Bear's years he served in the military, gathered ginseng and ramps, and played football. He left

behind many fond memories that will stay with us and everyone who knew him for a very long time. We'll all miss him very much.

It has been encouraging to know that our family had such amazing support from friends and community that prayed for us during our grief.

We would like to thank the following for their gracious assistance during our loss: Four Seasons of Flat Rock (hospice), Tsali Care Center administration and staff, Dr. Blythe Winchester, Yellowhill Baptist Church members, Pastor Foreman Bradley, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, Chief Richard Sneed, Vice Chief Alan B Ensley, Councilmember David Wolfe, Albert

Crowe, Longhouse Funeral Home, Cherokee Police Department, and Cherokee Tribal Construction.

Thank you to the following singers: Cherokee Baptist Church choir, Yellowhill Baptist Church choir, Phyllis Shell, Joe Wolfe, Jimmy and Evelyn Locust, Blue Jay and Donna Sequoyah, and Zena and Melvin Wolfe.

Thank you to all that brought food or sent floral arrangements to the Johnson family. Lastly, thank you to the many family members and friends that attended the funeral service.

Respectfully,

**The Charles K. "Bear" Johnson Family**

## MISSING PERSON

### Mary Eleanor Thacker

Female Age: 68

Enrolled with Washoe Tribe (Carson Colony, Dresslerville Colony, Woodfords Community, Steward Community, and Washoe Ranches)

Height: 5'1" Weight: 150 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: May 6, 1988

Last known location: Reno Sparks Indian Colony, Nevada

Circumstances of Disappearance: Mary Thacker was last known to be in the Reno Sparks Indian Colony. She had long hair. Large butterfly tattoo on upper left arm and small tattoos on fingers. Last seen wearing white shirt, Levi jeans, jean jacket, and white tennis shoes. No other information available.

If you have seen or have information about Mary Thacker, contact Matthew Ousley, Criminal Investigator, Western Nevada Agency-Bureau of Indian Affairs (775) 887-3500.

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## COMMENTARY

# Adult Education

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

In many professions, it is common for folks to assume knowledge and want to tap into it. Example, if a doctor goes out for a meal, it is very likely that someone will identify him or her as a doctor, and then at least one person in the room will hear and ask for some expert advice. “I have this weird pain in my (fill in the blank). What do you think that is?” Or a lawyer might be at a ball game and, when spotted, be asked “I just committed (fill in the blank). What should I do to get out of it?” Many of us will complain about people in these professions getting paid too much for what they do, but we have no problem availing ourselves of their expertise, if we can get it for nothing. In other words, we respect the knowledge that they have, we just don’t value it until we need it.

Editors and writers get the same treatment. “I want to make (fill in the blank) public. How should I do that?” As a newspaper or media outlet, we have been chastised because some folks think that the only news that should be presented to the public is the happy news. We have had tribal officials come to us with that “request”. There was a largely unspoken of effort to make the One Feather a corporate newsletter at different points in its history, and it may have even been misconstrued as a founding intent. But the community sees a much

greater purpose for the One Feather than a propaganda piece for our government.

The staff of the One Feather is working for and toward a community that is educated and informed. And that means that much of what you see may be disappointing, disheartening, disgusting...and any other “dis” you can imagine. Because reality, history, is about good times and bad times. And we don’t always know in the moment what is truly good or bad. For a media outlet, it should be primarily about documenting what “is”. The community is emotionally and psychologically healthier when it knows the truth. And if anyone, including the media or government, tells you “You can’t handle the truth”, you should be immediately suspicious of the messenger.

The editor of the One Feather in many ways acts as publisher for the paper. Because of the “hands off” mandate that is prescribed by ordinance in our Cherokee Code, the government does not intercede in the reporting of the paper directly. There have certainly been times when indirect control and pressure have been applied, but I am pleased to say that for the most part, the recent and current legislators and executives have been either tolerant or supportive of the law. Most of the difficulty in reporting to you comes from vagueness and weakness in the public records law. Vague language in laws that govern what information shall be released gives the government power to be very selective in what the public may inspect. Weakness in the law allows officials to deny access just because that weak law allows it.

In many governments, freedom of speech and the press is expressed in their foundational,

governing document. Ours is a codified ordinance. Our Eastern Band Charter is silent about the rights of the people to speak and to know. The big difference is that the people must be asked directly through referendum if a change is going to be made to one of the foundational elements of our government contained in the Charter. A Cherokee Code revision may be done by the government, either by vote and ratification through Tribal Council and Principal Chief, or in the case of a Chief’s veto, a super majority override of that veto. So, for a Charter change, you must be asked, for a Code change, you do not.

We have done things to isolate your right to information and our rights to inquire on your behalf, and we will be submitting legislation to do much more. Other tribal nations struggle with this issue. Just in case you think that free press is too big of an issue and too popular to be messed with, I would like to provide you the following NPR report from KGOU (Oklahoma). It’s about the ongoing struggle of the tribal media outlet to maintain a free press for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The report is by Carolina Halter and it is from Jan. 7, 2019

“Muscogee(Creek) Nation recently repealed a 2015 law guaranteeing freedom of the press. The tribe backtracked just before the new year, but free press proponents suffered another setback late Friday when Principal Chief James Floyd vetoed legislation that would have restored the independence of the tribally-funded Mvskoke Media.

“According to Freedom of Information Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Jour-

nalists, Muscogee (Creek) was one of just three tribes in Oklahoma with free press protections. But that changed in November when the Muscogee (Creek) National Council voted to dissolve Mvskoke Media’s independent editorial board, bringing it under direct control of the tribe’s executive branch. Under the new set-up, the outlet would essentially function as a public relations tool, rather than a news agency.

“This isn’t personal against the newspaper staff, but there’s just too much negativity in the newspaper,” Muskogee District Rep. Pete Beaver said following the November vote. “There just needs to be more positive coverage.”

“The November measure was promptly signed by Principal Chief Floyd, who said it would not affect Mvskoke Media’s independence, even though stories from the nation’s Department of Commerce and reporters’ digital communications could be monitored under the nation’s employee policies.

“Before resigning in protest, Mvskoke Media’s former manager, Sterling Cospers, pushed back against Floyd’s assertion. ‘In the past, we have gotten word from officials that they would not touch and influence what we do,’ Cospers said. ‘But if the structure and the law does not reflect that, then it’s not going to really inspire confidence.’

“The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) also issued sharp criticism. It read in part: In a survey of NAJA membership earlier this year, two of the biggest threats to tribal media identified were a lack of financial resources and editorial control.

see **COMMENTARY** next page



**COMMENTARY**

# Why are teachers leaving?

By **MARY HERR**

Cherokee, N.C.

In recent years, we have seen a number of people leaving the teaching profession or moving to other states for higher salaries among other reasons. According to the NC Department of Public Instruction, the percentage of teachers leaving the profession increased from 7.53 percent in 2019-20 to 8.20 percent in 2020-21. In 2020-21, the most common reason for leaving the profession was personal reasons (44.6 percent), followed by other reasons (25.5 percent), beyond control of the district (24 percent), and initiated

by the district (5.9% percent).

In the early 2000s, North Carolina was near the top in the South in teacher pay and per pupil spending. Its teacher incentive pay tied to end-of-grade and end-of-course testing programs was a model for education reform throughout the country. Soon after that when Republicans controlled the General Assembly, they began doing away with extra pay for tenure, teacher pensions, master's pay and the NC Scholars Program that gave student-teachers a reason to stay and work in NC after college graduation. Democrats were opposed to these changes, but they were outnumbered and our education system began to decline. According to Salary.com, the average teacher salary in North Carolina is \$58,910 as of April 26,

2022, but the range typically falls between \$51,500 and \$68,055. Salary ranges can vary widely depending on the city and many other important factors, including degrees earned and the number of years spent in the profession.

At the March Indivisible Swain County NC meeting, Swain County Public Schools Superintendent Mark Sale said the legislature tells the counties what to pay teachers. We need to tell legislators that teachers require more pay and ask them to increase salaries. Sale said there needs to be a way to provide a supplement for teachers above their salary on the local level. In the recently approved NC state budget, teachers and school based instructional staff have been allotted small school supplements. However, Jackson, Haywood and Buncombe Counties and Ashe-

ville are giving a locally supported supplement in addition to the state sponsored supplement. Representative Clampitt and Senator Corbin supported the state sponsored supplements. Sale is encouraged.

Teachers shape our children and the future of our country. They often spend more time with the children than the parents/guardians do. Can we afford not to pay teachers what they are worth when the cost to our children's future is so high? What are we willing to give up to provide equal compensation for Swain County teachers and support staff for their work with our children? The least we can do is support County Commissioners and legislators who will increase teachers' pay. Are you willing to do this?

**COMMENTARY:** Adult Education  
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Tribal journalists reported that their nation's economies impacted their tribal media's ability to be financially independent and that government officials and political interests often determined media content. Indigenous journalism plays a critical role in supporting tribal sovereignty and self-determination. From holding the powerful accountable to disseminating stories of cultural significance, a free and independent Indigenous press supports the goals of tribal nations by providing an open forum for community voices. "The legislation vetoed by Principal Chief Floyd was passed on Dec. 5 by a 9-6 vote. It would have repealed the November legislation that abolished the tribe's independent Media Act and restored Mvskoke Media's

independent editorial board. In a press release Floyd said Mvskoke Media has problems that need to be addressed, such as accounting for how it uses tribal funding. His veto could be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Muskogee (Creek) National Council, but it is unclear whether the council will act.

"Some Muskogee (Creek) citizens are taking matters into their own hands with an effort to restore press protections through a vote of the people."

In July 2020 the action of Principal Chief Floyd was repealed. In less than a year of executive control, "Mvskoke Media employees publicly testified that they were instructed to remove pertinent facts and entire stories, videos, and radio segments by executive branch employees during that time period. Censorship was occurring."

The happy ending is that the people voted in a referendum and "approved a constitutional amendment requiring the tribe to provide funding for the day-to-day operations of Mvskoke Media and explicitly states that the tribe's media are editorially independent of the Muskogee Nation government. That editorial separation is key. It puts power into making decisions based on the betterment of the people, not the government."

Under the Cherokee Code, any civil right beyond that of voting, including those of free speech and free press, are one election away from the possibility of negative changes to the Free Press Act of the EBCI. Don't take those civil rights, civil liberties for granted. If it were not for a forward-thinking Tribal Council and Executive Committee, we could face the ugly government censorship experienced by the Muskogee (Creek)

Nation from its government. The people of that tribal nation voted by a majority of 76% to ensure that their news and voice would not be stifled by government censorship. We must educate ourselves. We need this conduit, the One Feather, for the people to raise their voices for tribal power to hear. We need this conduit to communicate truth to the people. May it ever be so.

"Omitting information only leads to an ill-informed citizenry. That type of ignorance does not serve any nation well." (Tulsa World editorial)



## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# Trust God's plan for us

By **REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Colossians 3:9-10

Continued from last week...

"This new truck is crazy and all in a good way." "I can say, okay, Ford, set the cruise control at sixty-five, and it does." "Okay, turn the lights on." It will, or I can say, "I want to listen to the radio, and it will turn to my favorite radio stations." Who knew that was possible?"

But I also found out, all I must do is ask my Lord, "Okay, Lord, we want to know Your Way, and how we are to best walk in it today." "Okay, Lord, I'm going to be under Your Anointing today, and God I want to be a part of whatever's necessary for today's assignment You are giving me, one I may not have known about before, and I thank You." Thank You, Lord Jesus! He's capable of doing this, and to help us do it right, all in His Way and timing.

Part of this is the very reason people get saved. They come to church, but then may end up walking away if nothing is going on where they can be a help to others or participate in. It's because they never realized there's so much more to it than just church attendance required. He wants to involve us in the everyday things so we can learn while helping others, too. It's more than just an exciting event that happens every now and then. "Whatever one doesn't learn something about, and something with an importance for us and for others, we may quickly lose interest in helping and accomplishing it.

Life is always about learning, even the everyday things needing our attention, our skills. We may quickly lose interest in being there, otherwise.

"I remember my Dad when I was a kid. There was a video game that I wanted so bad. It was made by Atari and the box it came in looked so cool, called "Yars Revenge". Revco had it and Dad paid the .25 cents to buy it for me. I'll never forget it. Found out shortly afterwards that Atari was going out of business and so was Revco. I only remember it because my

Dad got it for me just because I'd asked for it.

I took it home, but I also quickly lost interest because I could never figure out how to play it. One might also remember The game "ET". I read later there's some place in Ohio where they dug a hole and buried half a million of those games because nobody wanted them. See what happens when a person doesn't get what they need, or when they don't invest in the gaining of knowledge of how things work and operate, because we can lose interest.

I just wanted to spend a little time and bring the Word of God. In tonight's Scripture reference, we are told that Paul wrote the church at Colosse, that they never ceased praying for them, for the desire that everyone might be filled with the knowledge of His will and with all wisdom and spiritual understanding. He added that they might "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and that we might speak a powerful Word to all in this House." Paul calls us all to understand what we've not understood, calls us to gain wisdom where we've lacked it and grow in the Spirit."

Pastor Tim prayed, "Father, that you would put us on a pathway, a crash course, O God,

in growing. Lord, that we might continue day by day until we are so useable by You, Father, that You would have to look nowhere else. We give You the Praise, the Glory and the Honor in Jesus' Name, Amen.

This is because we all matter and is why we don't cease or stop praying for the churches. Notice what he said, "That we be filled with the knowledge of His Will, that we might know what it is God is trying to do with us, what it is He wants with us. Ask, "what it is that God wants? Does that mean His Will of where I work and His Will of what I say? Listen, I believe what Paul is trying to say, He would want us to learn what it is God is trying to get to us and in us, what God is trying to bless us with.


We need to realize we serve a God Who wants to bless us. No matter what happens my Lord always turns things around for our good and He blesses me, and He has everything worked out. He has a good Plan. That doesn't mean that everything works out that way I might desire or am always happy or excited, but what it does mean is that I can trust God in what He has for my life. We can all trust Him.

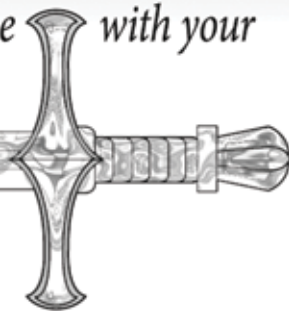
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## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "I am about to fulfill my words against this city; words concerning disaster, not prosperity. At that time they will be fulfilled before your eyes. But I will rescue you on that day, declares the Lord; you will not be given into the hands of those you fear. I will save you; you will not fall by the sword but will escape with your life, because you trust in me, declares the Lord."*

JEREMIAH 39: 16-18 



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Perfect places
  - 8 Places
  - 15 Firing noise
  - 20 Italian province or its capital
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  - 22 Goes the distance
  - 23 "We were just talking about you!"
  - 25 Roast's host
  - 26 Early 1900s cars
  - 27 The Raptors, on sports tickers
  - 28 Up to, for short
  - 29 Actor Everett of "Stardust"
  - 30 In accordance with
  - 33 Really big
  - 36 Low-value billfold fillers
  - 37 Yet to happen
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  - 44 "Your Song" singer John
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  - 58 Bring items to someone as a server would
  - 61 Italian province or its capital
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  - 66 Ouzo flavorer
  - 67 Insist that formalities are observed
  - 73 Extensive destruction
  - 76 "Air kiss" sound
  - 77 Crude
  - 78 Greek god in a chariot
  - 82 Make radical changes to the norm
  - 87 Hi- — graphics
  - 89 Long time
  - 90 Beige
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  - 92 Talk to a deity
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  - 97 Acknowledge
  - 99 Wading birds
  - 100 Relax briefly
  - 105 No matter the consequence
  - 107 A long time
  - 108 1988 NFL MVP Boomer
  - 110 Bearings
  - 111 Loosened, as a skate
  - 113 From — Z
  - 114 Assist
  - 115 "That's awful!"
  - 119 Actor
  - 120 Place to teach the eight commands featured in this puzzle
  - 125 Rub away
  - 126 Mopped, e.g.
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  - 130 Woven fabric
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Sticky stuff
  - 3 Butter substitute
  - 4 Field laborers
  - 5 Really bug
  - 6 Year, in Rio
  - 7 "Mister" of ice cream trucks
  - 8 Bert of "The Wizard of Oz"
  - 9 "Go, torero!"
  - 10 Ill-bred dude
  - 11 Assists in crime
  - 12 Sumptuous
  - 13 Actress de Ravin of "Lost"
  - 14 Actor Mineo
  - 15 — cheese dressing
  - 16 Sendup
  - 17 Liftoff follower
  - 18 Hi-fi system
  - 19 Feared fly
  - 24 Swimmer
  - 29 Installed anew, as flooring
  - 31 Beer vessel
  - 32 Prof's degree
  - 33 Having a dull finish
  - 34 Hurly-burly
  - 35 Eschewer of animal products
  - 37 "The Little Rascals" girl
  - 38 Conical woodwinds
  - 39 Had no life
  - 40 Royal name of Norway
  - 42 Soup holder
  - 45 Mother-of-pearl
  - 48 Hammer end
  - 50 Norse god in a chariot
  - 51 Nonlethal stunner
  - 52 Jackie's hubby #2
  - 53 HMO participants
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  - 57 SFO guess
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  - 60 Writer Seton
  - 62 Merits a "so-so"
  - 64 Acknowledge
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  - 70 Actor Conrad of early films
  - 71 Nanny Poppins
  - 72 Have a debt
  - 73 Pres. elected in '48
  - 74 "Caught you!"
  - 75 Boxy vehicle
  - 79 Weaponize again
  - 80 "Traffic" actress
  - 81 Full of lip
  - 83 Packed firmly
  - 84 Gas pump attachments
  - 85 Novelist Sinclair
  - 86 Grads' dance
  - 88 Lucifer
  - 93 Lacking vitality
  - 95 Medium to poor
  - 96 Least difficult
  - 98 Lead-in to chic or hazard
  - 99 Sow or cow
  - 100 Dish under a cup
  - 101 Brush aside
  - 102 "Neon" tank swimmers
  - 103 Prone
  - 104 Triangular sail
  - 106 Least narrow
  - 109 Coke and Pepsi
  - 112 Peepers
  - 114 Roddick of tennis
  - 116 Pueblo people
  - 117 Yuletide tune
  - 118 Dated, quaintly
  - 120 Mo. with the birthstone opal
  - 121 Suffix with opal
  - 122 Fish that can be shocking
  - 123 — Jeanne d'Arc: Abbr.
  - 124 "Friends" co-star

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate    ◆◆ Challenging  
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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Is the book of 2 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. Joel declared, "Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into ..." *Hooks, Hammers, Dust, Spears*
  3. From Genesis 35, who died giving birth to Benjamin? *Rachel, Leah, Naomi, Ruth*
  4. Who wrote down the book of Romans for Paul? *Stephen, Benaiah, Cyrus, Tertius*
  5. Who was the mother of David? *Not mentioned by name, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah*
  6. In Proverbs 23:4, "Labour not to be ..." *Wise, Rich, Glorified, Found*
- Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy).*

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see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 22

## EVENTS

### BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

#### Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community.

- Oct. 15 at 5 p.m., Jesse Welch Memorial Turkey Shoot
  - Oct. 22 at 5 p.m., Eddie Hill Remembrance Turkey Shoot
  - Oct. 29 at 5 p.m., Free Labor Turkey Shoot
  - Nov. 5 at 5 p.m., Brothers in the Wind Turkey Shoot
- Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefits!

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### 2022 EBCI Royalty Pageant schedule

- Little Miss Cherokee. Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- Teen Miss Cherokee. Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m.
- Junior Miss Cherokee. Sept. 30 at 6:30 p.m.
- Miss Cherokee. Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

All pageants will be held in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the campus of Cherokee Central Schools.

**West Family Picnic.** Oct. 1 at 12 p.m. at the Big Cove Community Building. Meal at 1 p.m. Pot Luck. Please RSVP by Facebook message to Marina Catt, Kathy West, or

Adam West.

**Western Carolina University EBCI Appreciation Game.** Oct. 1 at 3:30 p.m. at WCU stadium. WCU vs VMI. Free tickets to the first 40 EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) members only offered at the WCU Cherokee Center location. EBCI Section Seating is available with display of EBCI card to receive discount. There will be a hospitality tent tailgate available for all alumni and their families from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. near Gate 6.

**Revival.** Oct. 3-5 at 6 p.m. nightly at Bethabara Baptist Church. Rev. Richard Pickup preaching.

**Speak to the Mountain Divine Healing Crusade.** Tuesday through Saturday (now through Oct. 4) at 7 p.m. nightly at 3548 Wolf-town Road in Cherokee. Info: [www.newsongcherokee.com](http://www.newsongcherokee.com)

**Community Baby Shower.** Oct. 11 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym. Open to all pregnant women and new parents. First 50 people get a t-shirt. Snacks and raffle prizes such as strollers, car seats, diapers, diaper bags, gift cards, and more. Info: Tricia Carver 359-6250 or [tricarv@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:tricarv@ebci-nsn.gov); Candy Martin 359-6865 or [candmart@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:candmart@ebci-nsn.gov)

[ebci-nsn.gov](http://ebci-nsn.gov)

**Spooktacular Shopping Bash.** Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center.

**Food Truck Boot Camp.** Nov. 7-10 in Cherokee. Everything you need to know about starting and growing a food truck business. Info: Laura Lauffer 359-6926 or [lw-lauffe@ncsu.edu](mailto:lw-lauffe@ncsu.edu)

### HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

**Tsunsdi Analenisgi (Little Beginners) Basketball.** Every Thursday Sept. 29 to Oct. 27 (no clinic during the week of the Cherokee Indian Fair) from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Big Cove Gym. 3-4 year-olds (parents must participate). Equipment provided. Register by Sept. 22. 15 spots available. Info: Kelsey Jackson 736-6906 or [kels-jack@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:kels-jack@ebci-nsn.gov)

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**Tsunsdi Analenisgi (Little Beginners) Soccer.** Every Tuesday Sept. 29 to Oct. 25 (no clinic during the week of the Cherokee Indian Fair) from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wolf-town Soccer Field. 3-4 year-olds (parents must participate). Equipment provided. Register by Sept. 22. 15 spots available. Info: Kelsey Jackson 736-6906 or [kels-jack@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:kels-jack@ebci-nsn.gov)

**Tsunsdi Analenisgi (Little Beginners) Teeball.** Every Monday Sept. 26 – Oct. 24 (no clinic during the week of the Cherokee Indian Fair) from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the John Crowe Complex. 3-4 year-olds (parents must participate). Equipment provided for kids, parents will need their own glove. Register by

## Puzzle Answers

### Super Crossword

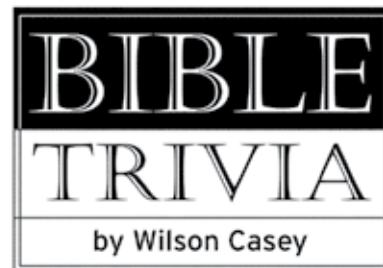
#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Spears, 3) Rachel, 4) Tertius, 5) Not mentioned by name, 6) Rich



#### Answers

1. Florida.
2. Yellow.
3. "Wheel of Fortune."
4. Wichita, Kansas.
5. The Daily Planet.
6. "Terms of Endearment."
7. A fear of mirrors.
8. Six.
9. About 15 hours.
10. Seven.

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*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

Where did I go?  
gatsv wagilose

Don't go (two or more).  
tsesdi hitsenvsv

Note: These words are from the first book provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Kituwah Language Revitalization Initiative in 2019.



Sept. 22. 15 spots available. Info: Kelsey Jackson 736-6906 or kels-jack@ebci-nsn.gov

Sgili Shootout. Oct. 22 at Big Cove Gym. Registration will be from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tournament starts at 5 p.m. Ages 14-17 (18 if still in school). Blind Draw. No team registration. Free entry.

**Youth Basketball Sign-up.** Oct. 3-21. First practice is Nov. 7, and the first game is Nov. 19. Registration packets will be available at all recreation facilities on Oct. 3.

### UPCOMING POW WOWS

*Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the*

*continent. Please call before traveling.*

**Last Chance Community Pow Wow.** Sept. 30 – Oct. 2 at the Exhibit Hall at Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds in Helena, Mont. MC: Vince Short. Host Drum: Southern Medicine. Info: (406) 439-5631, lccpw@hotmail.com

**11th Annual Rocking the Rez Pow Wow.** Oct. 1-2 at the Pakitu Community Park in El Paso, Texas. MC: Rick Yazzie. Host Drums: Blazing Bear, Wild Band of Comanches. Info: (915) 694-4424

**25th Annual Chumash Inter-tribal Pow Wow.** Oct. 1-2 in Santa Ynez, Calif. Info: ChumashPow-

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## VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

### Extension for Debt Hardship Relief Period

If you owe benefit debts to the Department of Veterans Affairs, your hardship relief period, previously set to expire on Sept. 30, has been extended to Dec. 31.

Those types of debts can include those for education, disability compensation and non-service pension, and you might have been approved for either a waiver, a compromise or an extended repayment plan, as well as the hardship suspension of debt.

These debts impact half a million veterans and sometimes can be the result of a clerical error, the veteran not being able to understand the paperwork or a letter being lost in the mail. Worse is when the error occurred when the veteran didn't see the fine print and suddenly started receiving collection bills for debts he didn't know he owed.

By now you might have received a letter from the VA, if you have been making payments. Don't be afraid to open that letter. It's likely extension information for you. Consider using it to apply for a hardship extension that will carry you to the end of the year.

If you ever received an overpayment and were told you have to pay it back, give them a call at 800-827-0648. If the money you owe results from either a pharmacy co-payment or medical care debt, instead call 866-400-1238 and talk to them.

Get to the bottom of the actual source of the debt. Did a clerk make a mistake? Did you fail to verify dependents or write in a wrong number? Do you have the canceled checks to show that you actually paid? Find out what's wrong.

The VA has taken a number of steps over the years to help veterans saddled with VA-related debt. They canceled co-pays from April 2020 to September 2021. They changed the income to qualify for relief. They took away the Financial Status Report for hardship eligibility. And, a big deal: They cut nearly all the reports to credit agencies for medical debt. That can have a big impact on your future credit score.

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### Teaching Petless Kids to Care for Animals

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** We can't have pets in our apartment, but I want to teach my children about responsibility and compassion for animals. Are there volunteer opportunities for kids out there? — Jessica in Seattle

**DEAR JESSICA:** There certainly are volunteer opportunities for kids in most communities. The hard part can be finding one that will work for your kids, fit in with school schedules and provide the kind of rewarding experience you want them to have. PAWS.org, for example, has several volunteer opportunities in the Lynnwood, Washington, area. The shelter doesn't allow kids under 18 to work directly with animals, but it hosts a special Day of Service for those 10 or older to help spruce up its dog trail, and hosts a PAWSwalk each summer. Kids also can choose to "donate their day" — ask for donations to the organization in lieu of birthday presents, for example. That's just one organization in one area. Kids and parents should search for local shelters and animal-rescue organizations to see what volunteer or fundraising opportunities are available. Another, more immediate opportunity may be right in your neighborhood. Do you have friends or neighbors with pets? Are they willing to let your kids visit and play with their dog or cat? Is there an elderly relative or friend who needs help walking their dog or taking their cat to the veterinarian? Remember that, as the parent, you'll need to supervise your kids for many of these events or pet-care opportunities. But you'll be giving them key tools to be awesome pet owners of the future.

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

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**HAPPENINGS:** Event listings, from page 23

Wow@ChumashCasino.com

**28th Annual Suscol Intertribal Council Pow Wow.** Oct. 1-2 at Skyline Park in Napa, Calif. MC: Manny Lueras. Host Northern Drum: Young Nation. Host Southern Drum: Red Buffalo. Info: (707) 256-3561, suscol@suscol.net

**8th Annual Harvest Moon Intertribal Pow Wow.** Oct. 1-2 at Cooper County Fairgrounds in Boonville, Mo. MC: Bob Woolery. Host Drum: Young Bucks. Info: Pam Arth (660) 621-2506 or Jessica Jenry (660) 537-8808

**51st Annual Oklahoma State University Pow Wow.** Oct. 1 at Payne County Expo Center in Stillwater, Okla. MC: John Arkeketta. Head Southern Singer: Daniel Cozad. Info: Kathryn.gage@okstate.edu

**69th Annual American Indian Center Chicago Pow Wow.** Oct. 7-9 at Schiller Woods in Chicago, Ill. Emcees: Mark Denning, Shannon Martin. Host Northern Drum: Midnite Express. Host Southern Drum: Southern Boyz. Info: (773) 275-5871 or www.aicchicago.org

**Dix Park Intertribal Pow Wow.** Oct. 8 at Dix Park in Raleigh. Info: trey@dixparkconservancy.org

**Spavinaw Pow Wow.** Oct. 7-8 at Camp Copperhead in Spavinaw,

Okla. MC: Choogie Kingfisher. Head Southern Singer: Francis Stumblingbear. Info: email – kristy@campcopperheadspavinaw.com

**41st Annual Tennessee Indian Education Pow Wow.** Oct. 14-16 at Long Hunter State Park in Nashville, Tenn. MC: Tim Tall Chief. Info: (615) 232-9179, naia@naiatn.org

**23rd Annual Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow.** Oct. 15 at Cowlitz County Event Center in Longview, Wash. MC: Carlos Calicia. Host Drum: Bad Soul. Honor Drum: Star Horse. Info: email – Krisdil43@gmail.com

**Chester County American Indian Cultural Festival.** Oct. 15-16 at Ramano 4-H Center of Chester in Honey Brook, Pa. MC: Matt White Eagle Clair. Host Drum: Gray Cloud. Info: Rebecca McAfee (484) 514-6137, becca.culturalfestival@gmail.com

**14th Annual American Indian Festival.** Oct. 15 at Patuxent River Park in Upper Marlboro, Md. MC: Keith Colston. Host Drum: Medicine Horse. Other Drum: Yapatoko. Info: Stephanie Sterling (301) 627-6074, patuxentrivierpark@pgparks.com

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

**12th Annual Symposium Integrating Indigenous Knowledge, Language, Health, Environment (Rooted in the Mountains).** Sept. 29-30 in the Blue Ridge Conference Room at Western

Carolina University in Cullowhee. The theme for the event is “Nv wa tohi ya da a de hi di yi – Living in a Continued State of Wellness”. Cost: Students \$25, Adults \$75 through Sept. 18 (\$125 after). Info: Email llefler@email.wcu.edu or visit: www.rootedinthemtnc.wcu.edu

**Presentitled titled “Re-Discovering Watauga: The Legacy of Cherokee Astronomy in Western North Carolina”.** Oct. 5 at 12:2 p.m. in the lecture hall (Room 201) at the new Apodaca Hall on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. WCU archaeologists Dr. Jane Eastman and Dr. Brett Riggs will give the presentation on their two summers of work exploring the archaeological site of Cherokee town Watauga. Info: Peter Nieckarz Hard, WCU Department of Anthropology and Sociology, 227-3835 or pnieckarz@wcu.edu

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting.** Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. “Roots & Herbs: How WNC Root Diggers Helped Launch the Pharmaceutical Industry” is the title of the presentation by Luke Manget. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation which is free and open to the public.

**Upcoming Native events at Western Carolina University.** - Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration. Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

at the WCU Fountain Area. Outside festival event of crafts, retail, performances, traditional food, and education on Indigenous populations

- Wear Red Day. Nov. 1. Wear red on this day in honor of the start of Native American Heritage Month and to honor the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women’s Movement.
- Multicultural Mental Health Showcase. Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the UC Grandroom. A showcase of various cultural mental health challenges, tips, trades, and solutions.
- Rock Your Mocs Walk. Nov. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet in the lobby of the Cherokee Tower at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort. Participants will walk the length of the casino. T-shirts will be available for purchase.

Info: WCU Cherokee Center 497-7920 or [www.facebook.com/wcucherokee](http://www.facebook.com/wcucherokee)

**Pine Needle Basket class.** Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center at 33 Valley River Ave. in Murphy. This is a regular class, suitable for adults or other ages. Learn to make a small needle basket and leave with information to find most of the materials locally to continue your learned skill. Info: Liisa Cull (321) 480-9530, LiisaCull@gmail.com

#### **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



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# 2022 Cherokee Indian Fair Schedule

## Tuesday, Oct. 4 - Parade Day

- 2:30 p.m. – Judging of Floats
- 4 p.m. – Parade starts
- 7 p.m. – Opening Prayer by Scott Chekelelee (Outdoor Stage); Exhibit Hall opens
- 7:10 p.m. – Presentation of Colors (Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143), National Anthem by Ernestine Driver (Outdoor Stage)
- 7:35 p.m. – Welcome greetings by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, and Tribal Council (Outdoor Stage)
- 7:55 p.m. – Recognition of Grand Marshals – Cherokee Speakers (Outdoor Stage)
- 8:20 p.m. – Welcome by Miss Cherokee (Outdoor Stage)
- 8:35 p.m. – Cherokee Elementary School Dancers (Outdoor Stage)
- 9 p.m. – Museum of the Cherokee Indian Dancers (Outdoor Stage)
- 9:30 p.m. – Bailey Mountain Cloggers (Outdoor Stage)
- 10:05 p.m. – Storytelling and Flute by Jarrett Wildcatt (Outdoor Stage)

## Wednesday, Oct. 5 - Children's Day

- 9 a.m. – Gates and Exhibit Hall opens, Archery sign-ups and contest (Unity Field)
- 10 a.m. – Free bracelets for rides begins (Outdoor Stage)
- 10:15 a.m. Sign-up for contests (Outdoor Stage)
- 10:30 a.m. – Baby Crawling Contest (Outdoor Stage)
- 11 a.m. – Lunch begins, Soldiers of Truth/Turtle Race (Outdoor Stage)
- 11:15 a.m. – Axe Throwing (boys) and Lid Toss (girls) (Outdoor Stage)
- 12 p.m. – Rides begin
- 12:30 p.m. – Longest Hair Contest for ages 5-7 (Outdoor Stage)
- 12:45 p.m. – Longest Hair Contest for ages 8-12 (Outdoor Stage)
- 1 p.m. – Longest Hair Contest for ages 13-17 (Outdoor Stage)
- 2 p.m. – Youth Stickball (6-9), Wolftown vs Big Cove (old High School)
- 3 p.m. – Youth Stickball (10-12), Big Cove vs Wolftown (old High School)
- 6 p.m. – Men's Stickball, Wolftown vs Humming-

- birds (Unity Field)
- 7 p.m. – Youth Dance Contest, ages 5-12 (Outdoor Stage)
- 8 p.m. – Teen Dance Contest, ages 13-17 (Outdoor Stage)
- 9:30 p.m. – Lip Sync Contest for Youth (Outdoor Stage)
- 10 p.m. – Lip Sync Contest (Outdoor Stage)
- 11 p.m. – Gates close

## Thursday, Oct. 6 - Elder's Day

- (events will be held inside Exhibit Hall unless otherwise noted)
- 9 a.m. – Gates open
- 9:15 a.m. – Presentation of Colors
- 9:30 a.m. – Cornhole sign-up
- 10 a.m. – Cornhole
- 10:30 a.m. – Field Events until 2 p.m.
- 10:30 a.m. – Maybelle and Alfred Welch
- 11 a.m. – Ice-Breaker Questions
- 11:30 a.m. – Lunch and door prizes
- 12:30 p.m. – Door prizes
- 1:45 p.m. – Door prizes
- 2 p.m. – End of Field Events
- 3 p.m. – Traditional Fashion Show
- 3 p.m. – Youth Stickball (6-9), Wolftown vs Hummingbirds (old High School)
- 4 p.m. – Elders Stickball (old High School)
- 6 p.m. – Men's Stickball, Big Cove vs Birdtown (Unity Field)
- 6 p.m. – Robert Runningwolfe concert (Outdoor Stage)
- 9 p.m. – Cherokee Idol (Outdoor Stage)

## Friday, Oct. 7 - Veteran's Day

- 11 a.m. – Lunch, Honor Songs (Exhibit Hall)
- 11:30 a.m. – Opening Ceremony (Exhibit Hall)
- Presentation of Colors by Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Color Guard; National Anthem by Angela Toomey; Invocation by Chaplain Vaughn Benner, USA; POW/MIA; Welcome Message by Post 143 Commander Lew Harding; Welcome Message by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed; Guest Speaker Secretary Walter Gaskin, NC DMVA; Introduction of Special Guests; Recognition of all veterans
- 12:30 p.m. - "Brothers and Sisters Like These" stories from Steve Henderson (Exhibit Hall)

- 1:15 p.m. – Musical Entertainment by Angela Toomey (Exhibit Hall)
- 1:45 p.m. – Closing Ceremony (Exhibit Hall)
- EBCI Roll Call of Fallen Warriors, Sounding of "Taps", Closing Prayer by Chaplain Benner
- 2 p.m. – Retiring of Colors and Service Flags (Exhibit Hall)
- 2 p.m. – Youth Stickball (6-9), Hummingbirds vs Big Cove (old High School)
- 3 p.m. – Youth Stickball (10-12), Big Cove vs Wolftown (old High School)
- 5 p.m. – Men's Stickball, Wolftown vs Big Cove (Unity Field)
- 6 p.m. – Men's Stickball, Birdtown vs Hummingbirds (Unity Field)
- 6 p.m. – Thompson Boys (Outdoor Stage)
- 8 p.m. – Trial by Fire – Tribute to Journey (Outdoor Stage)
- 10 p.m. – Cherokee Idol finals (Outdoor Stage)

## Saturday, Oct. 8 - Community Day

- 8 a.m. – Archery and Blowgun contest sign-up (Unity Field)
- 8:45 a.m. – Archery and Blowgun contests (Unity Field)
- 10 a.m. – Snowbird/Cherokee County Community Day event (old Elementary School site)
- 11:15 a.m. – Big Cove Community Day event (Outdoor Stage)
- 12 p.m. - Yellowhill Community Day event, Cherokee marbles (old Elementary school site)
- 12:30 p.m. – Wolftown and Painttown Community Day events (Outdoor Stage)
- 1:45 p.m. – Birdtown Community Day event (Outdoor Stage)
- 2 p.m. – Teen Stickball (13-17), Big Cove vs Wolftown (old High School)
- 4:15 p.m. – Men's Stickball, Wolftown vs Birdtown (Unity Field)
- 5 p.m. – Sugah & The Cubes (Outdoor Stage)
- 5:30 p.m. – Men's Stickball, Hummingbirds vs Big Cove (Unity Field)
- 7 p.m. – Big Y Community Day event (Outdoor Stage)
- 8 p.m. – Boyz 2 Men Concert (Harrah's Cherokee Event Center)
- 10:15 p.m. – Cherokee Idol (Outdoor Stage)
- 11 p.m. – Pretty Legs Contest (Outdoor Stage)

Theme: "Say it in Cherokee", "Hniwi Tsalagi"



**BUYING**

Buying Wild Ginseng starting Sept. 1. Green only until Sept. 15 then green and dry. Buying at The Old Caney Fork General Store every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also buying at my home every from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call Ricky Teem (828) 371-1802 or 524-7748. 10/11

**SEEKING**

Seeking a two-bedroom trailer in Cherokee. 788-5654.



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might not like the sudden setback in your plans. But keep that headstrong Arian temperament in check and wait for explanations. Things will begin to clear up by week's end.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Enjoy the respite from your recent hectic schedule, but be ready to plunge into a new round of social activities. A new contact holds much potential for the future.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A trusted colleague has news that could change your perception of a current workplace situation. What had seemed unfair might prove to be highly favorable after all.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You still need to watch what you say and how you say it. What you assert as honesty, others might perceive as Crabbiness. Be patient. This difficult period clears up by the weekend.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your Royalness needs some time away from the limelight to catch up on things, whether it's tidying up your desk or making those calls you've put off. You're back in the center of things by the weekend.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Honesty is the best policy, of course. But, you'll do better at achieving your goals if you can be less aggressive and more circumspect in how you phrase your comments.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain your balance in confusing situations continues to work for you. Stay on the steady course, one step at a time. The week-end shows improvement.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your indecisiveness could simply be your keen Scorpion sense warning you to be wary of making a commitment. Take this time to do a more thorough investigation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Good news: New information comes your way to help you make a more informed decision on how to deal with the opportunity that has opened up for you.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce your self-confidence by acknowledging your own good qualities. A lull in your social life ends by the weekend. Have fun.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to let those recently pent-up emotions flow more freely. Why not start by letting the people you care for know how you really feel about them?

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Resist offers, no matter how well-intentioned, to help with a personal decision. Only you know what must be done, and you have the emotional strength to follow through.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a talent for getting things done. You also have a gift for bringing people together in both personal and professional relationships.

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**Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings**

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

**Cherokee Central School is currently taking applications for employment for the following job opportunities, all jobs are open until filled unless otherwise indicated :**

1. Elementary Teacher (Multiple)
2. Elementary School Counselor
3. Special Education Parent Support Specialist
4. Middle School Special Education Pathseekers Teacher
5. Math Teacher (High School)
6. Behavior Modification Teacher Assistant (Middle School)
7. Math Teacher (Middle School)
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*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  
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## Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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### Closing Sunday October 2, 2022

1. Family Social Worker: Qualla Boundary Head Start - Early Head Start / PHHHS (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
2. Teacher Assistant: Qualla Boundary Head Start - Early Head Start / PHHS (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
3. Family Safety Manger: Family Safety Program / PHHS (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
4. Remember the Removal Bike Ride Group Fitness Coordinator: Cherokee Choices / PHHS (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
5. Library Assistant: Qualla Boundary Public Library / Department of Education (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)
6. Head Cook: Snowbird Sr. Citizens / SB CC Services (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)
7. GIS Lands Records Technician: Geographic Information System (GIS) / Realty (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
8. Deputy Clerk: Tribal Court / Judicial Branch (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)
9. Mother Town Assistant Supervisor: TERO / Independent (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
10. Housekeeper: SB CC Housekeeping / SB CC Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
11. Family Safety Grants Coordinator: Family Safety Program / PHHS (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)

### Open Until Filled

1. Detention Officer (Multiple) - Detention Services - Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. PT Paramedic (Multiple) - Emergency Medical Services - Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Youth Development Professional - Cherokee Youth Center - Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
4. Certified Nursing Assistant - Tribal In Home Care Services - Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
5. Driver (Multiple) - Transit - Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Teacher (Multiple) - Qualla Boundary Head-Start/Early Head-Start - Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SA4
7. Real Estate Associate Attorney - Tribal Realty Services - Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
8. Social Worker (Multiple) - Family Safety - Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
9. Legislative Financial Director - Tribal Council (L21 \$116,354 - \$145,421)
10. Tribal Prosecutor II - Criminal Law - Office of the Attorney General (L18 \$89,580 - \$110,970)
11. Arts and Crafts Instructor - Cherokee Youth Center - Community/Education/Recreation Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
12. Electrician Helper - Qualla Housing Services - Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
13. Watershed Coordinator - Natural Resources - Agriculture and Natural Resources (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
14. Carpenter (Multiple) - Qualla Housing Services - Housing (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
15. Carpenter Helper (Multiple) - Qualla Housing Services - Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
16. Maintenance Utility (Multiple) - Qualla Housing Services - Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
17. Utility Worker/Operator Assistant - Qualla Housing Services - Housing (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
18. Education Program Specialist: Tribal Education / Department of Education (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)

**All applications and job descriptions are available at  
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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.



## Employment Opportunities

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the following positions:

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## EMPLOYMENT

**The Cherokee Historical Association is currently accepting applications for Dracula.** We are looking for efficient, dependable, trustworthy people for the Box Office, Concession, and Ushers.

The Dracula production will be at the Mountainside Theatre from September 30 through October 31, 2022.

Applications can be picked up at Cherokee Historical Association's main office located at 564 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC 28719 from 9:00am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

For more information, please call (828) 497-2111. **9/28**

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT  
CHEROKEE, NC  
FILE NO.: SP 22-036  
IN THE MATTER OF C.S.  
TO: THE FATHER OF A JUVENILE BORN ON OR ABOUT MAY 26, 2014, IN JACKSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is KINSHIP GUARDIANSHIP. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than October 24, 2022, said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This is the 14th day of September

2022.  
Stephanie-Lyn Lepre  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
EBCI Legal Assistance Office  
PO Box 2280  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
828.359.7400  
N.C.G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4(j1).  
**9/28**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 22-099  
**In the Matter of the Estate of Florence Lorene Bradley**

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  
Lehman Aaron Bradley  
112 Jarrett Blythe Homestead Dr.  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
**10/5**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 22-083  
In the Matter of the Estate of **SAMUEL LAFAYETTE LAMBERT**


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


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Cake Walk



**October 8 1:00-5:00 Bridge Park**



**A Community Moving Forward Together**

# WINCHESTER REALTY



**MLS 26028497      \$399,000**

- 2 miles from Cherokee
- Great 3/2 with additional living
- Full drive in basement
- Living and carport on main level
- Great views with 1.3 acre yard
- Lots of upgrades: roof, kitchen, windows doors, AC

**Charles Winchester      828-276-6326**



below.

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

Tammy Lynn Lambert  
107 MT. Noble Rd.  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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**BIDs, RFPs, etc.**

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

LANDSCAPING SERVICES  
2023 CCBD Landscaping  
The EBCI PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM is requesting proposals for Cherokee Central Business District/ Landscaping. In an effort to provide a more appealing and beautiful appearance in Cherokee Business District to the general public, the PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM seeks proposals from qualified firms to provide landscaping services.

An Expectations Meeting will be held on September 23, 2022 at 10:00AM. The meeting location is 680 Acquoni Road, Cherokee Transportation Center, CDOT Conference Room. Attending the meeting is a requirement in the bid process.

All bids must be submitted by September 30, 2022, 12:00PM (EST). TERO certified companies will receive preference in accordance with TERO rules and regulations.

Contact Maceta Bradley at 828-359-6531 or email mbradley@ebci-nsn.gov, to request a copy of the RFP. 10/5

### Requests for Proposals (RFP)

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Public Works Program  
680 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Phone: (828) 359-6531  
Project: Highway Enhancement /  
Litter Pickup 2022-2023

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Works Program is requesting sealed proposals for litter pick up on BIA/State roads on the Qualla Boundary, in Cherokee and Graham Counties. A meeting on the project requirements will be held on September 23, 2022, at 1:30pm in the CDOT Conference Room in the Cherokee Transportation Center Building. The deadline for submitting proposals will be September 30, 2022, at 12:00p.m. to be turned in at the CDOT Office, 680 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee Transportation Center.

Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full RFP and proposal requirements through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-359-6531; Maceta Bradley or email - mbradley@ebci-nsn.gov. 10/5

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING  
DIVISION

687 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Metal Roofs

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals from competent firms for the installation of metal roofs for rental units located at:

- 228 Old No. 4 Housing Lower Birdtown, Cherokee, NC
- 42 Old No. 4 Housing Lower Birdtown, Cherokee, NC
- 97 Upper Old #4 Housing, Cherokee, NC
- 98 Upper Old #4 Housing, Cherokee, NC
- 1312 Old #4 Road, Cherokee, NC

- 126 Upper Old #4 Housing, Cherokee, NC
- 91 Tsula Dr, Cherokee, NC
- 124 Tsula Dr, Cherokee, NC

All bids are due on October 5, 2022. Enclose all bids in an sealed envelope addressed to Rob Welch. Envelope should be marked in the upper right corner with "House Painting". Bids can be turned in at the housing division main office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. Contracts will be awarded based on individual bids submitted for each house. 10/5

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING  
DIVISION

687 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Painting

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals from competent firms for the painting of rental units located at:

- 228 Old No. 4 Housing Lower Birdtown, Cherokee, NC
- 42 Old No. 4 Housing Lower Birdtown, Cherokee, NC
- 97 Upper Old #4 Housing, Cherokee, NC
- 98 Upper Old #4 Housing, Cherokee, NC
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### CHEROKEE WATER

### PROGRAMS

CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA  
LOCUST BRANCH WATER &  
SEWER IMPROVEMENTS  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Locust Branch Water & Sewer Improvements will be received, by Cherokee Water Programs, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, at the office of the 1840 Paint Town Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, until 2:00 PM local time on November 2, 2022, at which time the Bids will be accepted and opened in accordance with Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Policy.

The Project consists of the installation of approximately 5,400 linear feet (LF) of eight inch (8-inch) gravity sanitary sewer; concrete manhole installations with watertight frames and covers; and other appurtenances as required; 5,300 linear feet (LF) of six and two (6 & 2-inch) water main with several fire hydrant assemblies and valves; abandonment of existing water main and installation and connection to existing water meters as current water customers.

The scope of the project will include all dewatering, lateral and service line installation, pavement restoration, and any necessary tools or equipment required to complete the jobs according to the specifications. Owner will provide up to 3,300 LF of DIP to mitigate long lead time for select materials. All other materials will be the responsibility of the contractor.

The allotted time for construction is 310 calendar days.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bid-

ding Documents is: LJA Engineering, 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 504 Knoxville, TN 37909 Phone: 865-328-3141; Vickie Wilhite vwilhite@lja.com Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM local time, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the office of the Cherokee Water Program, on Mondays through Thursdays between the hours of 8:30 – 3:30 PM local time.

Electronic copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a non-refundable deposit

of \$50.00 for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to “LJA Engineering.” and sent to Attention: Vickie Wilhite 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 504, Knoxville, TN 37919. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time on October 20th, 2022, at the Cherokee Water Programs, 1840 Paint Town Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders shall proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to

Bidders.  
Owner: Cherokee Water Program  
By: Ethan Arch  
Title: Program Manager  
Date: September 19, 2022  
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**Harrah’s Valley River Casino is seeking bids** from TERO-Certified firms for clearing and seeding a retention pond located at 777 Casino Pkwy, Murphy, NC.

Bids must be sealed and delivered to Charlie Myers, Purchasing Department, Harrah’s Cherokee Resort, 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee before 4:30 PM on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

Questions and requests for additional information can be directed to: jchant@harrachs.com or David Ott at dott@harrachs.com or 828-541-9978. **10/5**



## North Carolina 2022 Elections

Get a sample ballot for  
your county:

[www.ncsbe.gov](http://www.ncsbe.gov)

Registration deadline for  
this year’s election is

**October 14**

One-stop, in-person early  
voting begins **October 20**

# 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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**CIPD (828) 359-6600**



## SUMMER SPECIAL

**\$5 off any new tire**

**The Tire Shop**  
**2661 Governors Island**  
**Bryson City, NC 28713**  
**828-488-2005**





# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## FINANCE:

Patient Registration Clerk (Grant) \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Patient Access Specialist - Part Time Intermittent \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Contracting Officer \$24.55 - \$27.99

## ENGINEERING:

Dietary Manager - \$52,339 - \$65,424  
 EVS Technician \$15.00 - \$16.77

## EXECUTIVE

Administrative Assistant - Engineering / Performance Improvement \$19.66 - \$22.25  
 Credentialing Clerk - \$19.66 - \$22.25

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist - Adult & Child positions available - \$56,891 - \$68,269 **\*\*\$3,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Targeted Case Manager - Family Safety \$39,576 - \$49,470  
 Residential Technician (Female) - Kanvwtiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay) **\*\*\$3,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Integrated Classroom Skill Builder - Cherokee Central Schools - \$17.12 - \$19.26

## OPERATIONS:

Clinical Pharmacist \$91,542 - \$114,427  
 Dental Assistant II \$18.32 - \$20.67  
 Pedodontist \$139,732 - \$174,665  
 Optician \$22.76 - \$25.89  
 Ultrasound Technologist - Part Time Intermittent \$24.55 - \$27.99  
 Helpdesk Support Specialist - \$22.76 - \$25.89

## MEDICAL:

Advanced Practice Provider - Emergency Room - Part Time Intermittent \$97,036 - \$121,295  
 Clinical Dietitian - \$45,512 - \$56,891  
 MAT Clinic - PA/FNP \$80,863 - \$101,079

Physician - Primary Care \$139,732 - \$174,665  
 Physician/Hospitalist - Inpatient - Full Time / Part Time Regular / Part Time Intermittent - \$139,732 - \$174,665

## NURSING:

Acupuncturist - \$60,190 - \$75,238  
 Analeisgi Inpatient Technician - Part Time Intermittent \$17.12 - \$19.26 (PM/Weekend differential pay)  
 Care Manager (IDD/TBI) - Primary Care \$31.06 - \$35.64  
 Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse - Primary Care \$21.13 - \$23.98 **\*\*\$3,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Chiropractor \$69,219 - \$86,523  
 Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Center - \$22.76 - \$25.89  
 Massage Therapist \$45,512 - \$56,891  
 Medical Social Worker- Primary Care - \$39,576 - \$49,470  
 Registered Nurse - Emergency Department - Part Time Intermittent - \$31.06 - \$35.64  
 Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64 **\*\*\$3,000 Hiring Bonus** (Night shift)  
 Scribe Program Coordinator \$19.66 - \$22.25  
 Telemetry Nursing Assistant - Inpatient - \$19.66 - \$22.25

## TSALI CARE CENTER:

Assistant Administrator \$52,339 - \$65,424  
 Certified Nursing Assistant \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Certified Nursing Assistant - Part Time Intermittent \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64  
 RN Supervisor (Night Shift) - \$36.56 - \$42.11  
 Cook \$16.01 - \$17.95  
 Housekeeper \$15.00 - \$16.77

## Tribal Options

Tribal Option Business Analyst [\\$60,190 - \\$75,238](#)  
 CM Data Reporting Analyst \$60,190 - \$75,238

**To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](https://careers.cherokeehospital.org)**

If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.





# THE ATLANTA BRAVES ARE PROUD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHEROKEE INDIAN FAIR

## PARADE DAY

TUESDAY, OCT 4

Don't miss the Braves floats featuring BLOOPER, a live DJ, the 2021 World Series Trophy, and the opportunity to catch some new Braves promo items!

## CHILDREN'S DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCT 5

Stop by the Braves exhibit and enjoy some fun for everyone in the family:

- Retail booth with exclusive co-branded Braves and Cherokee apparel for purchase
- 2021 World Series Trophy Photo Opportunities
- Appearance from Braves Mascot, BLOOPER
- DJ, games, food truck, prizes and more!



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