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Fire destroys Kituwah, LLC building

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Kituwah, LLC building burned in a fire on the morning of Thursday, Dec. 15. Cherokee Fire Dept. officials noted they were dispatched to the scene at 1:55 a.m. and, joined by crews from Bryson City, Qualla, Maggie Valley, and Savanna, extinguished the fire. They note that the cause is under investigation. The adjacent Kituwah Global Government Group, LLC building received slight fire and water damage.

Mark Hubble, Kituwah LLC executive director, commented, "Thankfully, no one was injured. I have already met with the Fire Chief. We also met with the police on site. We arranged for all first responders to get anything they needed (coffee, food, etc.) from



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FIRE: Kituwah, LLC building in Cherokee destroyed, from front page

Waffle House. When you watch that many people respond and just the absolute level of professionalism and coordination it's, in a weird way, an amazing experience."

He said that operations will continue on as normal as possible. "It will obviously cause some minor disruption while the building is demolished and rebuilt, but both the premises, contents, and business operations are well-insured. We will temporarily relocate some employees to both offices at the model center and the Chestnut Tree back offices."

Hubble added, "We should experience little to no loss of data because we back up automatically to both redundant servers and the cloud. We will actually rebuild a larger matching two-story, more energy efficient building that will align with the new add-on that suffered only minor damage, and we believe that there will be no material financial impact on the Company."

"We still expect profits to increase for the third year in a row by more than 100

percent, and we still expect the distributions to the Tribe to increase by 500 percent this coming year. We also fully expect the new building to be two times as large as the portion to be demolished to accommodate our rapidly expanding office staff, significantly more than half of whom are enrolled EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) members, at little to no material cost to the Tribe or Kituwah, LLC."

Looking to the future, Hubble noted, "We fully expect to be at least a \$1 billion company by assets within 24 months with no additional asks from the Tribe to reach that number. We have received an overwhelming outpouring of support from around the globe and from local, state, federal and Tribal leadership."

He further thanked people for the support following Thursday's fire. "Once again, I truly and most heartfully want to thank the myriad of first responders on the scene with us overnight. Watching that level of coordination is a moment in one's life you don't forget."

The One Feather will report more as it is known.



New Tribal Council representatives

On Tuesday, Jan. 3 in the Tribal Council Chambers, the two new Tribal Council representatives were sworn in following December's special election. TOP PHOTO: Painttown Rep. Sean 'Michael' Stamper was sworn in by Cherokee Chief Justice Kirk Saunooke. BELOW: Wolfstown Rep. Andrew W. Oocumma was sworn in by Cherokee Supreme Court Justice Brenda Toineeta Pipestem. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos)



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This includes Franklin, Clyde, Waynesville and Asheville.

*Sylva is excluded, unless for the diagnosis/ treatment of cancer.

School Board holds first meeting of 2023

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Reporter

The Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education met for the first time this year on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

One of the first orders of business came with the Board asking some advice of Tribal Council Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed. Sneed was attending the meeting in place of Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke, who was traveling to Washington, D.C. Chairperson Jennifer Thompson presented the situation to Rep. Sneed.

"It's in Cherokee Code that if a child is suspended from school or expelled from school on the last day of school...the Code says that we can't uphold that the next school year. Basically, they get to come back in if they choose to on Aug. 1. What we're asking is if we could put in a resolution with help from Tribal Council to amend that part of the Code so that we could continue with the discipline," said Thompson.

She also mentioned that there was some confusion about the In-

dian Preference policy within the Tribe and how it should be implemented at CCS. These questions come after the Board has tasked their attorney services to comb through the school's policies and offer amendments.

"The best thing to do is have Michael McConnell here at your next meeting. He's the AG and he'll show for a meeting like this. He'll also help you write any kind of ordinance change that you want to do," said Rep. Sneed.

The Board said that they would be making a request for the Attorney General to be in attendance at their next meeting.

Co-Vice Chair Tara Reed-Cooper also had a question about how the Board should handle the honoring of Board members that pass away.

"It was asked of me: when a School Board member current or former, do we close the school in honor or remembrance of them? I pulled the Code. The Code the doesn't really pertain to the school. It states an elected official, but it states that the Principal Chief may grant that time off. I don't know

what they're done in the past," said Reed-Cooper.

The Board discussed this issue back and forth but could not come to a unified decision. Reed-Cooper was focused on maintaining consistency, regardless of any particular individual. They considered closing the school for a full day or half of a day, but no motion was made.

"As far as any of us remember, it's only been closed for sitting members. That can just be the precedent we know right now, and we can work on the policy for the future," said Chairperson Thompson.

The Board agreed in the end to offer condolences and to send flowers. No further actions were made on this issue.

The final discussion in the open meeting was a scenario presented by Secretary Kristina Hyatt.

"I had a teacher and couple of parents approach me and it's about the Pre-K and Halloween. Sometimes during Halloween you'll have Pre-K students dress up in really scary costumes. One of the concerns is that sometimes it can take weeks for the teacher, some of the kids get really scared and it can take them weeks to get over that fear," said Hyatt.

Interim Superintendent Beverly Payne said that she would bring this concern to the leaders of Pre-K. However, there were no decisions made on this issue.

The School Board also unanimously approved the consent agenda, putting forth the following:


- Tiffany Miller approved as a special education teacher for Cherokee Middle School.
- Sarah Hyatt-Hopkins approved

as the band teacher for Cherokee High School.

- Nichole Efird approved for an increase to the Level 5 pay scale at her current step.
- Kyle Wilke approved for an increase to the Level 5 pay scale at her current step retroactively beginning school year 2022-23.
- Nikki Rhinehart approved for an increase to the Level 5 pay scale at her current step retroactively beginning school year 2022-23.
- Jennifer Davidson approved for an increase to the Level 5 pay scale at her current step retroactively beginning school year 2022-23.
- Heather Driver approved to transfer to the human resources coordinator role when the human resources director position is filled.

The Tuesday, Jan. 3 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; Interim Superintendent Dr. Beverley Payne; Alternate Tribal Council Rep. Dike Sneed; HR Director Heather Driver; and Administrative Assistant Diane Driver all in attendance.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education is set for Monday, Jan. 23 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. The Board typically meets the first and third Mondays of the month, but each of those dates fell on holidays. The next meeting will have the Board's attorney in attendance.



The Garden Bug
The squash bug

Adult squash bugs spend the winter hiding in sheltered places. Emerging in spring, they seek squash and pumpkin plants, to feed on the leaves and stems and also to lay eggs. Plants can be destroyed from extensive feeding by these pests. To trap them, leave boards or newspaper out near infested plants; squash bugs will congregate under them at night. In the morning, collect the bugs and destroy them. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.extension.umn.edu/garden/insects www.maine.gov/dacf/php/gotpests/bugs

NEWS BRIEFS

Tribal Council Special Election Unofficial Results

Thursday, Dec. 15

Wolftown Community

Andrew W. Oocumma 131

Mike Parker 117

Frank Dunn 86

Amy Sequoyah Anders 73

Chelsea Taylor 56

Jess Sneed 44

Sam "Frell" Reed 33

Theodore Michael Bird "Teddy" 29

Susan Coleen Toineeta 14

Painttown Community

Sean "Michael" Stamper 105

Jeff Thompson 51

Marie Junaluska 44

Bentley Tahquette 39

Lisa Taylor 30

Stephanie Maney 24

Lou Jackson 14

Andrew Brown 12

Kayaker's body recovered near The Sinks in the Park

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Water level receded in the Little River overnight making it possible for National Park Service rangers to recover the body of 61-year-old Carl Keaney of Knoxville, Tenn.

On Friday, Dec. 16, Great Smoky Mountains National Park dispatch received a call

that Keaney disappeared underwater while kayaking above The Sinks and did not resurface. Although high water levels the last several days made recovery efforts difficult, emergency personnel searched the area where it was safe to do so. On Monday, Dec. 19, rangers were able to safely recover Keaney's body near where he was last seen.

Emergency personnel from Townsend Fire Department, Blount Special Operations Response Team, and American Medical Response (AMR) assisted Great Smoky Mountains National Park rangers. AMR transported Keaney to the Blount County Medical Examiner's office.

No other details are available at this time.

- National Park Service release



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Sequoyah's words and a very rare snail live harmoniously in an Alabama cave

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FORT PAYNE, Ala. - Caves are, by nature, mysterious subterranean portals to another world. Manitou Cave – a historical gem, a cultural phenom, a conservational wonder -- is supernatural.

The walls of the limestone cavern in northeast Alabama bear some of the first recorded evidence of the written Cherokee language created by the Tribal leader and scholar Sequoyah. Tribal members sought communion with the spirits two centuries ago deep in the bowels of the mile-long cave.

Saltpeper miners scribbled their names on the walls during the Civil War. Later, the mine-turned-tourist-attraction beckoned northerners into its “ballroom” for candle-lit galas. More recently, an adventuring company offered “wild cave tours.”

An exceedingly rare snail has borne witness to, sort of, the cave's multifarious history. The sight-less Manitou Cave snail lives without light in the chilly stream that runs along the cave's bottom, and nowhere else. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering whether to list the endemic species as threatened or endangered. A decision is expected by 2026.

“Not only is it a historic monument, but it has a neat natural history link as well,” said Paul Johnson who runs the Alabama Aquatic Biodiversity Center and has researched the Manitou snail. “And then there's Annette. She's a very interesting lady. I commend her enthusiasm for helping to con-



serve Manitou.”

Annette would be Annette F. Reynolds, the indefatigable Birminghamian who near-singhandedly saved Manitou Cave from disrepair and dissipation. Reynolds, 76, took stewardship of the cave nearly a decade ago and has since restored its cultural and natural luster.

“I'm not a caver. I'm not Cherokee. I'm not from around here. I'm supposed to be retired. And I don't have deep pockets. I had no idea what I was getting into,” Reynolds said before a recent, leisurely tour of the cave. “But people who know me said, ‘Of course she runs a cave.’ I've always done things like this – try to make the world a better place and do the things that need to be done. I had a vision, and this is my mission to respect and protect this historic, sacred site through conservation and education.”

Great Spirit Mountain

In 1888, the Fort Payne Iron and Coal Company bought the cave and ran tracks from the Birmingham-to-Chattanooga line to the budding tourist destination near Lookout Mountain. Wealthy New Englanders, drawn by coal and iron ore deposits, built rolling mills, foundries, and steel plants around town. The boom proved short-lived. By 1907, Fort Payne – named for the stockade which held Cherokee families before their forced removal to Oklahoma – had reinvented itself eventually gaining renown as the “sock capital of the world.” Overseas competition sundered the town's manufacturing capacity. The completion of Interstate 59 allowed motorists to speed on by without learning of Fort Payne's touristic offerings.

The Cherokee once reigned supreme over much of the Southeast, yet the cave's northern owners

thought the Ojibwe word Manitou – a spirit or supernatural force – would appeal more to tourists. They built a park outside the cave and a series of wooden bridges inside leading to the 60-foot-high ballroom. Reynolds prefers “reflection room” and, during the tour, flipped off her flashlight for a total immersion into darkness and quiet.

On her way down she passed the Great Spirit Mountain, a bus-sized rock column formerly known as “the haystack.” The drip-drip of calcite-rich water over hundreds of thousands of years created the chunky stalagmite. Other, far-out geologic formations – stalactites, soda straws, flowstones – fill the chamber-sized room.

The cave narrowed. Walls filled with inscriptions loomed just beyond the spot where the creek emerged from below ground. Some modern scribbblings. Some

Civil War-era signatures. And some fascinating, 200-year-old Cherokee writings, either written in charcoal or engraved with sticks or stones.

“This is one of the most important places in the cave – a very historic, archaeologic wall of signatures,” Reynolds said. “This was a very significant place for the Cherokee, in particular.”

Sequoyah, a silversmith and scholar who also went by George Guess, created the Cherokee syllabary, a set of 85 written characters each one representing a syllable or sound. It was officially adopted by the tribe in 1825. Previously, the Cherokee relied upon oral history to tell their story. Manitou Cave affords one of the few, rare examples of Cherokee writing on a cave wall.

Manitou was an important spiritual and ceremonial gathering spot in the midst of a troubled land. White settlers in the early 1800s continuously pushed the Cherokee further west from their homelands in the Carolinas, Tennessee, and Georgia. Many landed in Willstown, now known as Fort Payne. Yet they couldn’t escape the relentless pressure – or worse -- to assimilate into the white, Christian world. Stickball, and the cave, offered some relief.

Stickball games, similar to today’s lacrosse, could last for days and, at times, settled disputes between different Cherokee communities. Players oftentimes ended up bruised and bloodied. They also required a quiet, safe, ceremonial space near water before and after contests. Manitou Cave fit the bill. One charcoal inscription reads, “Leaders of the stickball team on the 30th day in their month April 1828.” Another, “We who are those that have blood come out of their nose and mouth.” It was signed by Richard Guess, Sequoyah’s son

and most likely a spiritual leader.

In 2019 a team of Cherokee and non-tribal scholars interpreted the writings to mean that stickball players gathered deep in Manitou Cave to prepare for, and recuperate from, a match. The players prayed, meditated, danced, scratched, and cleansed minds and bodies with smoke and water.

“The Cherokee and their antecedents considered caves to be powerful places: places where water emerged from the lower world, where the spiritual and visible worlds were close, and where the living could seek spiritual strength in seclusion,” they wrote in the archaeological journal *Antiquity*. More inscriptions – written backwards to, supposedly, be legible to the Old Ones living in the spiritual world above – appear closer to the cave’s entrance and 40 feet above ground. The scholars decline to fully translate these charcoal and engraved writings because “they relate to sensitive religious subject matters.”

Julie Reed, an associate history professor at Penn State University and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, co-authored the *Antiquity* article. She first visited Manitou Cave in 2015 – and was blown away by what she discovered.

“I remember just being overwhelmed by a lot of very different kinds of emotions,” Reed said in an interview. “What we see on the ceiling, clearly, is a conversation with beings above which is not the same audience as the stickball narrative on the wall. Different authors, different audiences. And that, in and of itself, is complicated and awe-inspiring. I was struck by the sophistication of the writings. One of the things that got driven home to me was, ‘Man, our ancestors were so smart.’”

‘Mitigate the threats’

Reynolds, during her tour, stopped at one of the bridges over the creek. The water appeared, magically, from a hidden, subterranean chamber. Manitou Cave snails were down there, somewhere, eraser-sized gastropods clinging to a tentative existence. “What’s so great about a tiny snail anyways?” Reynolds asked, kiddingly.

In 2010, the Service was asked to federally list and protect Antrobus breweri named for Dr. Stephen Brewer, a local dentist who previously owned the cave. Jeff Powell, a deputy field supervisor for Fish and Wildlife in Alabama, says the agency is investigating whether listing the blind, thin-shelled mollusk is warranted. The Service, and partners, are studying the snail’s habitat, water sources, and possible contaminants – a nearby quarry, subdivisions, highways, and cleared land – to gauge threats to the snail’s existence.

“We could avoid listing it if we’re able to mitigate the threats,” Powell said.

Johnson, the Alabama mollusk expert, first visited Manitou Cave in 2004.

“The only answer is to preserve the spring and cave habitat by keeping the sediment out, and the water quality in good condition,” he said. “We need to get some funds together to, basically, purchase the recharge area which is not that large.”

Saving the snail means, first and foremost, protecting the cave. It was closed to the public in 1979, but that didn’t keep locals from using the so-called “dump” or “swamp” as a party spot. Spray-painted graffiti in green, red and other garish colors welcomes visitors just beyond the cave’s entrance. In 2015, a nonprofit bought the cave, 10 acres and the run-

down visitors’ center and turned it over to Reynolds.

Officially, she’s the cave’s volunteer director and steward. But, really, she does it all: caretaker; fundraiser; historian; educator; cave guide; community activist; publicist; toilet-cleaner; and conduit between Manitou, conservationists, scholars, the community, and the Cherokee.

“I feel like I’ve been a hamster on a wheel, but I had no idea that this would be so important,” said Reynolds, formerly a registered nurse and creative arts therapist. “The cave, the land, and the water must be protected for visitors and wildlife as a place of peace. It’s not just about one thing or another. A big part of it, yes, is about the snail. But it’s also about education and land conservation and the truth about its history.”

In 2015, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians paid for the 3,000-pound steel gate at the cave’s mouth to keep out ne’er-dowells while letting in brown and tricolored bats. A year later, the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation labeled the then-decrepit visitors’ center as an important place in peril. In 2021, Manitou Cave was added as a National Trail of Tears historic site.

Late last year, Reynolds announced she was retiring. Finding a volunteer -- unpaid -- replacement will be difficult. Once again, Manitou Cave’s future, and the protection of the Cherokee syllabary and one very rare snail, hangs in the balance.

“I have given my life to this cave for nearly a decade,” Reynolds said, “and now it’s time for Manitou Cave, and me, to move forward. But I’ll always be deeply connected to the cave. It’s part of me.”

CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 4-11

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.

Calhoun, Chad Lawrence – age 39
Arrested: Dec. 5
Released: Dec. 5
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Littlejohn, Justice Lee – age 28
Arrested: Dec. 5
Released: Dec. 9
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Violation of Pre-Trial Release

Taylor, Stephanie Nichole – age 32
Arrested: Dec. 5
Released: Dec. 5
Charges: Probation Violation

Flippo, Robert – age 26
Arrested: Dec. 6
Released: Dec. 6
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Radford, Jake Michael – age 23
Arrested: Dec. 6
Released: Dec. 9
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Wahnetah, Samuel – age 28
Arrested: Dec. 6
Released: Dec. 11
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Crabtree, Danielle Rebecca – age 23
Arrested: Dec. 7

Released: Dec. 10
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Pummill, Erica – age 46
Arrested: Dec. 7
Released: Dec. 7
Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Rattler, Xavier Nate – age 20
Arrested: Dec. 7
Released: Dec. 10
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Reed, Adam Joseph – age 29
Arrested: Dec. 7
Released: Dec. 7
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Saunooke, Brittany Cheyenne – age 28
Arrested: Dec. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 12)
Charges: Non-Compliant with Wellness Court

Sequoyah, Tashina Pepion – age 40
Arrested: Dec. 7
Released: Dec. 8
Charges: Failure to Appear

Bird, Stephen Isaiah – age 23
Arrested: Dec. 8
Released: Dec. 9
Charges: Probation Violation

Little, Shalina Lynn – age 20
Arrested: Dec. 8
Released: Dec. 10
Charges: Failure to Appear

Taylor, Shaina Marie – age 32
Arrested: Dec. 8
Released: Dec. 8
Charges: Second Degree Trespass,

Larceny

Toineeta, Jordan Nicole – age 28
Arrested: Dec. 8
Released: Dec. 8
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Swayney, Eric Matthew – age 32
Arrested: Dec. 9
Released: Dec. 10
Charges: Public Intoxication

Thompson, Victoria Grace – age 32
Arrested: Dec. 9
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 12)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Walker, James Gerald – age 46
Arrested: Dec. 9
Released: Dec. 9
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance

Wilnoty, Megan Dawn – age 29
Arrested: Dec. 9
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 12)
Charges: Drug Trafficking; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

Rattler, George Alan – age 46
Arrested: Dec. 10
Released: Dec. 10
Charges: Cruelty to Animals (two counts)

CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 18-25

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.

Taylor, Derrick Kyle – age 30
Arrested: Dec. 18
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 26)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule II (two counts), Providing or Possessing Contraband, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Murphy, Reena Lashanda – age 31
Arrested: Dec. 19
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 26)
Charges: Failure to Appear

Bird, April Dawn – age 43
Arrested: Dec. 20
Released: Dec. 20
Charges: Failure to Appear

Gould, Kenneth – age 39
Arrested: Dec. 20
Released: Dec. 21
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Disorderly Conduct, Public Intoxication

Thompson, Homer Lee – age 35
Arrested: Dec. 20
Released: Dec. 21
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Conseen, Venyall Lashaun – age 42
Arrested: Dec. 21
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 26)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Toineeta, Margie Lynn – age 53
Arrested: Dec. 21
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 26)
Charges: Possession of a Con-

Controlled Substance

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 44

Arrested: Dec. 22

Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 26)

Charges: Failure to Appear

Price, Brittany Taylor – age 28

Arrested: Dec. 22

Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 26)

Charges: Failure to Comply with Wellness Court

Taylor, Heather Lee – age 33

Arrested: Dec. 23

Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 26)

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Jumper, Charlie – age 38

Arrested: Dec. 24

Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 26)

Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Assault by Strangulation

Tolley, Lawrence – age 50

Arrested: Dec. 24

Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 26)

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Littlejohn, Stephanie Marie – age 24

Arrested: Dec. 25

Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 26)

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Sequoyah, Jeremy Isaac – age 29

Arrested: Dec. 25

Released: Dec. 25

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 25, 2022 to Jan. 1, 2023

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Released: Dec. 26

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Sequoyah, Jeremy Isaac – age 29

Arrested: Dec. 25

Released: Dec. 25

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Caselia, Lisa Cocci – age 55

Arrested: Dec. 26

Released: Dec. 26

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Finnley, Scott Allan – age 61

Arrested: Dec. 26

Released: Dec. 26

Charges: Driving While Impaired

Rickman, John Preston – age 35

Arrested: Dec. 27

Released: Dec. 28

Charges: Failure to Appear

Duran, Sarah Emily – age 32

Arrested: Dec. 28

Released: Dec. 29

Charges: Public Intoxication, Drinking Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places, Disorderly Conduct

Reed II, Gary Lee – age 25

Arrested: Dec. 28

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Probation Violation

Saunooke, Joshua David – age 25

Arrested: Dec. 28

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Aggravated Weapons Offense; Purchase or Possession of Firearms, etc., by Person Subject to Domestic Violence Order

Standingdeer, Shena Dale – age 41

Arrested: Dec. 28

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Ayers, Mitchell Wayne – age 40

Arrested: Dec. 29

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Burton, Joseph Daniel – age 45

Arrested: Dec. 29

Released: Dec. 29

Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Crowe, Danny - age 56

Arrested: Dec. 29

Released: Dec. 29

Charges: DWI

Blanton, Madison Julia – age 21

Arrested: Dec. 30

Released: Dec. 30

Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Huskey, Justin Ryan – age 35

Arrested: Dec. 30

Released: Dec. 30

Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Littlejohn, Justice Lee – age 28

Arrested: Dec. 30

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Parker, Mystical – age 51

Arrested: Dec. 30

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree; Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Tienda, Jacinto Dominquez – age 46

Arrested: Dec. 31

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Probation Violation

McMahon, Jonathan Martin – age 31

Arrested: Jan. 1

Released: Jan. 1

Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143
 is seeking contact information for
 active EBCI service men/women to
 provide aid and support.

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



BASKETBALL

Holidays on the Hardwood Day 1 - Tuesday, Dec. 27

Photos By Scott McKie B.P./One Feather

Cherokee Lady Braves 81 Eastside Spartans 38

The Cherokee Lady Braves played the Eastside Spartans (Coeburn, Va.) in the Holidays on the Hardwood Classic at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 27. SCORING: Cherokee – Awee Walkingstick 11, Kyla Moore 6, Dvdaya Swimmer 14, Loshi Ward 8, AJ Hill 8, Creedon Arch 3, Lexi Smith 4, Whitney Rogers 18, Kamia Wiggins 9; Eastside – Shelby Stanley 4, Rylie Bower 2, Lexie Bond 1, Taylor Clay 6, Azzy Hammonds 21, Lexi Carter 4



Cherokee's Awee Walkingstick (#1) goes up against an Eastside defender. Walkingstick finished the game with 11 points.

Cherokee Braves 75 Bellarine Storm 46

The Cherokee Braves played the Bellarine Storm (Australia) in the Holidays on the Hardwood Classic at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 27. SCORING: Cherokee – Elijah Lineberry 15, Javian Martin 2, Michael Driver 11, Jack Jack Teesateskie 9, Josiah Teesateskie 4, Savian Davis 5, Tso Smith 15, Jaden Armachain 4, Luke Smith 10; Bellarine – Kade Little 2, Jack Davies 9, Harry Crane 2, Ayden Cooper 4, Harper Allchin 5, Rohan Evans 4, Jack Maulby 20. Interesting Note: It was announced during the game that Bellarine traveled 32 hours from Australia to attend the tournament.



Cherokee's Jack Jack Teesateskie brings the ball up court. He averaged 11.6 points per game in the three-game classic and was named to the Holidays on the Hardwood All-Tournament team.

BASKETBALL

Holidays on the Hardwood Day 2 - Wednesday, Dec. 28

Photos By Scott McKie B.P./One Feather

Cherokee Lady Braves 76 Rosman Lady Tigers 71 (overtime)

The Cherokee Lady Braves played the Rosman Lady Tigers on the second day of the Holidays on the Hardwood Classic at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 28. SCORING: Cherokee – Awee Walkingstick 3, Kyla Moore 17, Dvdaya Swimmer 22, Loshi Ward 9, Whitney Rogers 19, Kamia Wiggins 6; Rosman – Kyndall Harrison 19, Lexi Powell 10, Alissa Cheek 27, Emma Moretz 2, Madison Aiken 3, Marlee Carneathon 10



Cherokee's Whitney Rogers (#32) goes for a layup as Rosman's Lexi Powell defends. Rogers averaged 16.3 points per game in the three-game classic and was named to the Holidays on the Hardwood All-Tournament team.

To see photos from each game of the Holidays on the Hardwood tournament, plus thousands of other One Feather photos, visit:

Cherokeepics.com



Asheville Christian Lions 87 Cherokee Braves 55

The Cherokee Braves played the Asheville Christian Academy Lions on the second day of the Holidays on the Hardwood Classic at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 28. SCORING: Cherokee – Elijah Lineberry 8, Javian Martin 4, Michael Driver 10, Jack Jack Teesateskie 8, Savian Davis 3, Mato Grant 2, Luke Smith 2, Tso Smith 18; Asheville Christian – Brendan Bailey 25, Ryan Storr 3, David Still 2, Ian Bailey 16, Javien Rice 6, Gabe Erbeck 15, Jeremiah Dodd 4, Dyllan Barnwell 15



Cherokee's Tso Smith (#15) gets a shot off over the outstretched arms of Asheville Christian's Gabe Erbeck. On the game, Smith had 18 points.

BASKETBALL

Holidays on the Hardwood Day 3 - Thursday, Dec. 29

Photos By Scott McKie B.P./One Feather

Cherokee Lady Braves 71 North Buncombe Lady Blackhawks 39

The Cherokee Lady Braves played the North Buncombe Lady Blackhawks in the third day of the Holidays on the Hardwood basketball classic on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 29 in the Charles George Memorial Arena. SCORING: Cherokee – Awee Walkingstick 10, Kyla Moore 4, Dvdaya Swimmer 18, Yvonne Saunooke 2, Lexi Davis 3, Loshi Ward 2, AJ Hill 3, Tsuli Lossiah 3, Creedon Arch 2, Lexi Smith 4, Whitney Rogers 12, Kamia Wiggins 8; North Buncombe – Peyton Whitson 4, Kadence Penley 2, Eden Barnwell 6, Devon Davis 10, Grace Parker 6, Lily Metcalf 5, Kayley Carter 1, Gracie Edmonds 1, Brittany Parnell 4



Cherokee's Lexi Smith (#30) works for a shot inside as North Buncombe's Gracie Edmonds defends closely. Smith finished the game with 4 points.

North Buncombe Blackhawks 77 Cherokee Braves 73

The Cherokee Braves played the North Buncombe Blackhawks in the third day of the Holidays on the Hardwood basketball classic on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 29 in the Charles George Memorial Arena. SCORING: Cherokee – Elijah Lineberry 8, Michael Driver 13, Jack Jack Teesateskie 18, Savian Davis 9, Tso Smith 17, Luke Smith 8; North Buncombe – Trent Clark 15, Chad Clark 35, Spencer Roane 9, Reid Cook 2, Brian Wolfe 2, Canaan Norton 2, Gabe Banks 12



Cherokee's Savian Davis (#12) goes for a short jump shot as North Buncombe's Canaan Norton (#32) defends. On the night, Davis had 9 points.



Whitney Rogers
CHS Lady Braves
avg. 16.3 points per game

Dvdaya Swimmer
CHS Lady Braves
avg. 18 points per game

Jack Jack Teesateskie
CHS Braves
avg. 11.6 points per game

HOLIDAYS ON THE HARDWOOD ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM



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BASKETBALL

Cherokee vs Highlands - Friday, Jan. 6

Photos By Scott McKie B.P./One Feather

Cherokee Lady Braves 45 Highlands Lady Highlanders 39

The Cherokee Lady Braves hosted the Highlands Lady Highlanders at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Jan. 6. SCORING: Cherokee - Dvdaya Swimmer 13, Whitney Rogers 12, Awee Walkingstick 7, Kyla Moore 5, AJ Hill 5, Kamia Wiggins 3; Highlands - Ezra Branham 11, Hunter Conner 8, Bella Wilson 6, Aislynn Wyatt-Luck 6, Beatrice Bryson 4, Riley Conner 4



Cherokee's Whitney Rogers (#32) shoots an outside jump shot over Highlands' Hunter Conner in the first half of Friday's game. Rogers finished the evening with 12 points.

Cherokee Braves 78 Highlands Highlanders 37

The Cherokee Braves hosted the Highlands Highlanders at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Jan. 6. SCORING: Cherokee - Savian Davis 25, Elijah Lineberry 17, Michael Driver 14, Luke Smith 8, Tso Smith 7, Jack Jack Teesateskie 4, Josiah Teesateskie 3; Highlands - James Earp 12, Luke Ramos 8, Landon Green 4, Isaiah Vilardo 3, Kasen Mitchell 3, Bryan Jarquin 3, Cooper Hall 2, Nathan Keener 2



Cherokee's Luke Smith (#35) goes for a shot inside against Highlands' Kasen Mitchell during the first half of Friday's game. On the evening, Smith had 8 points.

Cherokee hosts Osley B. Saunooke Tournament

One Feather Staff Report

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The 2023 Osley B. Saunooke Wrestling Tournament was held on Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. The Cherokee Lady Braves won the women’s team title being led by Jaylynn Esquivel who took first place in the 107lb division and was named Most Outstanding Female Wrestler.

Several other Cherokee High School wrestlers placed in the top three including J’Ron Lineberry who won the championship in the men’s 182lb division; Alitama Perkins, second place, women’s 120lb.; Niyah More, third place, women’s 114lb.; and Chanttin Tramper, third place, men’s 285lb. Kellen Ensley, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at Robbinsville High School, took first place in the men’s 220lb. division.

Following are full results per trackwrestling.com:

Women’s Results

107-114lb

- 1 – Jaylynn Esquivel, Cherokee
- 2 – Naveah Perkins, Owen
- 3 – Niya Mora, Cherokee

120lb

- 1 – Marissa Cole, Rosman
- 2 – Alitama Perkins, Cherokee

Men’s Results

106lb

- 1 – Skyler Anderson, Robbinsville
- 2 – Aydan Mull, Tuscola
- 3 – Ques Zeglen, Pigeon Forge
- 4 – Matthew Barton, Rosman

113lb

- 1 – Dalton Galloway, Rosman
- 2 – Miles Corbett, Owen
- 3 – Ferdinand Rivera, Pigeon



Jaylynn Esquivel, center, won first place in the women’s 107-114lb. division and was named Most Outstanding Female Wrestler. She was presented with her medals by Rob Saunooke, left, grandson of Chief Osley B. Saunooke, and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley. (CCS Athletics photo)

Forge

120lb

- 1 – Kreed Smith, Rosman
- 2 – Cooper Williamson, Tuscola
- 3 – Bryson Perkins, Owen
- 4 – Ethan Webster, Robbinsville
- 5 – Thomas “Zach” McMinn, West Henderson

126lb

- 1 – Damon Landreth, West Henderson
- 2 – Luke Pratt, Pigeon Forge
- 3 – Jayden Reynaldo, Rosman
- 4 – Kaiser Perkins, Owen

132lb

- 1 – Andy Cable, Pigeon Forge
- 2 – Christian Phillips, Robbinsville
- 3 – Levi Worsham, West Henderson
- 4 – Adrian Grooms, Owen

5 – Aiden Tucker, Tuscola

138lb

- 1 – Jacob Ed, West Henderson
- 2 – Ayden Hood, Pigeon Forge
- 3 – Koen Kiser, Rosman
- 4 – Fisher McPherson, Owen

145lb

- 1 – Kyle Monnin, Pigeon Forge
- 2 – Anthony “Tony” Delgado, West Henderson
- 3 – Devin Hall, Robbinsville
- 4 – Joaquin “Ceviche” Freeman, Owen
- 5 – Lucas Burress, Tuscola

152lb

- 1 – Kam Moore, Owen
- 2 – Dawson Trentham, Pigeon Forge
- 3 – William Sheffield, Rosman
- 4 – Nick Anderson, Robbinsville

160lb

- 1 – Wyatt Howard, Pigeon Forge
- 2 – Gaige Watson, West Henderson
- 3 – Zach Seay, Robbinsville
- 4 – Jackson Craig, Owen
- 5 – Oztin Swayney, Cherokee

170lb

- 1 – Dylan Jackson, Pigeon Forge
- 2 – Daniel Rueda, Owen
- 3 – Zackary Blankenship, West Henderson
- 4 – Ryelon Waldroup, Robbinsville

182lb

- 1 – J’Ron Lineberry, Cherokee
- 2 – Kennedy Gallegos, Owen
- 3 – Herbert Little, Pigeon Forge

195lb

- 1 – Aiden Howard, Pigeon Forge
- 2 – Jason Dash, Owen
- 3 – Bryson Haynes, Tuscola
- 4 – Lee Birchfield, Rosman
- 5 – Vincent Owle, Cherokee

220lb

- 1 – Kellen Ensley, Robbinsville
- 2 – Lucian Thomas, Owen
- 3 – Luke McMinn, West Henderson
- 4 – Enrique Perez, Pigeon Forge
- 5 – Talan Crowe, Cherokee

285lb

- 1 – Caleb Wolfe, Pigeon Forge
- 2 – Owen Blevins, Robbinsville
- 3 – Chanttin Tramper, Cherokee
- 4 – Alexander Caldwell, Tuscola
- 5 – Cameron Whitmire, West Henderson

Team Results

- 1 – Pigeon Forge 165
- 2 – Owen 104.5
- 3 – Robbinsville 85
- 4 – West Henderson 83
- 5 – Rosman 74
- 6 – Tuscola 32
- 7 – Cherokee 25
- 8 – Andrews 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

Cherokee wrestlers place at SMC meet

One Feather Staff Report

ROBBINSVILLE, N.C. - The Smoky Mountain Conference Middle School championship meet was held at Robbinsville High School on Thursday, Dec. 15. Following are results per trackwrestling.com:

Team Scores

- 1 – Robbinsville 271
- 2 – Swain Co. 223
- 3 – Murphy 150
- 4 – Hayesville 128
- 5 – Cherokee 110
- 6 – Andrews 24

76lb

1st place match: Devin Burchfield (Robbinsville) win by fall over Hunter Hill (Hayesville)

- 1 – Devin Burchfield, Robbinsville
- 2 – Hunter Hill, Hayesville
- 3 – Joel Maffett, Swain Co.

83lb

1st place match: E. Wildcat (Cherokee) win by fall over Hunter Sawyer (Robbinsville)

- 1 – Elliot Wildcat (Cherokee)
- 2 – Hunter Sawyer (Robbinsville)

90lb

1st place match: Zander Lucksavage (Murphy) win by fall over Cheyenne Harrison (Swain Co.)

- 1 – Zander Lucksavage, Murphy
- 2 – Cheyenne Harrison, Swain Co.
- 3 – Milexa Jenkins, Robbinsville
- 4 – Evan Burks, Hayesville

98lb

1st place match: Jany Echeverria (Swain Co.) win by fall over Latesha Orr (Robbinsville)

- 1 – Jany Echeverria (Swain Co.)
- 2 – Latesha Orr (Robbinsville)
- 3 – Russell McKay (Cherokee)
- 4 – James Garrett (Murphy)

106lb

1st place match: Chase Beasley (Andrews) win by fall over Hailey Hill (Murphy)

- 1 – Chase Beasley, Andrews
- 2 – Hailey Hill, Murphy
- 3 – Aiden Conley, Robbinsville
- 4 – Brylee Lambert, Swain Co.

113lb

1st place match: Claire Ball (Swain Co.) win by fall over Trenton Cook (Murphy)

- 1 – Claire Ball, Swain Co.
- 2 – Trenton Cook, Murphy
- 3 – Ethan Chekelelee, Robbinsville
- 4 – Logan Querns, Hayesville

120lb

1st place match: Mason Ray (Murphy) win by fall over Makayla Hunt (Swain Co.)

- 1 – Mason Ray, Murphy
- 2 – Makayla Hunt, Swain Co.
- 3 – Jayden Chekelelee, Robbinsville
- 4 – A. Saylor, Cherokee

126lb

1st place match: Anthony Catuto (Murphy) win by fall over K. Sokol (Cherokee)

- 1 – Anthony Catuto, Murphy
- 2 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee
- 3 – John Paul Kincaid, Swain Co.
- 4 – Ben Koeller, Robbinsville

132lb

1st place match: Braydon Lane (Robbinsville) win by fall over Silas Lovingood (Hayesville)

- 1 – Braydon Lane, Robbinsville
- 2 – Sila Lovingood, Hayesville
- 3 – Kale Walkingstick, Swain Co.
- 4 – Jonathan Lamb, Murphy

138lb

1st place match: Kayleb Orr (Robbinsville) win by fall over Edwin Nava (Hayesville)

- 1 – Kayleb Orr, Robbinsville
- 2 – Edwin Nava, Hayesville
- 3 – Alexa Roberts, Swain Co.
- 4 – K. Keel-Aguilera, Cherokee

145lb

1st place match: Knox Orr (Robbinsville) win by fall over Landon Gibson (Hayesville)

- 1 – Knox Orr, Robbinsville
- 2 – Landon Gibson, Hayesville
- 3 – Colton Shuler, Swain Co.

- 4 – H. Winchester, Cherokee

152lb

1st place match: Jace Grooms (Robbinsville) bye win

- 1 – Jace Grooms, Robbinsville

160lb

1st place match: Luke Green (Robbinsville) win by fall over A. Larch (Cherokee)

- 1 – Luke Green, Robbinsville
- 2 – Aiden Larch, Cherokee
- 3 – Jeremiah Register, Hayesville
- 4 – Noah Arch, Swain Co.

170lb

1st place match: Joseph McCoy (Robbinsville) win by fall over Lawson Bailey (Hayesville)

- 1 – Joseph McCoy, Robbinsville
- 2 – Lawson Bailey, Hayesville
- 3 – Harper Welch, Swain Co.
- 4 – B. Sequoyah, Cherokee

182lb

1st place match: Gracie Anderson (Robbinsville) bye win

- 1 – Gracie Anderson, Robbinsville

195lb

1st place match: Sam Owle (Swain Co.) win by fall over Lakota Patterson (Hayesville)

- 1 – Sam Owle, Swain Co.
- 2 – Lakota Patterson, Hayesville

220lb

1st place match: Mijo Salinas-Wike (Swain Co.) win by fall over K. Foalima (Cherokee)

- 1 – Mijo Salinas-Wike, Swain Co.
- 2 – Kymani Foalima-Squirrel, Cherokee
- 3 – Louis Parker, Robbinsville

250lb

1st place match: Caden Chastain (Murphy) over Charlie Thompson (Swain Co.)

- 1 – Caden Chastain (Murphy)
- 2 – Charlie Thompson (Swain Co.)

WRESTLING

Cherokee vs Murphy

One Feather Staff Report

The Cherokee High School

(CHS) varsity wrestling team hosted the Murphy Bulldogs (MHS) on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 13. Following are the results per trackwrestling.com:

Murphy 54 Cherokee 21

106 – Jake Miller (MHS) win by forfeit

120 – Dalton Farmer (MHS) win by fall over Niya Mora (CHS)

126 – Luke Hyde (MHS) win by fall over Alitama Perkins (CHS)

132 – Ashton Raxter (MHS) win by forfeit

138 – Jessie Catolster-Hernandez (CHS) win by forfeit

145 – Zach Kessler (MHS) win by forfeit

152 – Mason Cook (MHS) win by fall over Julius Pepion (CHS)

160 – Treyvon Luther (MHS) win by fall over Oztin Swayney (CHS)

170 – Joe Gibby (MHS) win by forfeit

182 – Shawn White (MHS) win by fall over Vincent Owle (CHS)

195 – J’Ron Lineberry (CHS) win by decision 4-1 over Robert Chastain (MHS)

220 – Talan Crowe (CHS) win by fall over Nathan Shaw (MHS)

285 – Noah Long (CHS) win by forfeit

WRESTLING

Tri-meet held at Swain County

One Feather Staff Report

Cherokee High School and Smoky Mountain High School visited Swain Co. High School for a three-team match on Friday, Dec. 9. Following are the results via trackwrestling.com:

Women’s Results

Smoky Mtn. 42 Cherokee 18

107 – Jaylynn Esquivel (CHS) win by fall over Dagny Williams (SM)

114 – Tiffany Lin (SM) win by

forfeit
120 – Niya Mora (CHS) win by forfeit
126 – Alitama Perkins (CHS) win by forfeit
132 – Emma Burnes (SM) win by forfeit
145 – Atai Ramirez-Perez (SM) win by forfeit
152 – Mackenzie Ball (SM) win by forfeit
165 – Gabriela Roman Bruno (SM) win by forfeit
185 – Veronica Mathis (SM) win by forfeit
235 – Riley Stokes (SM) win by forfeit

Swain Co. 54 Cherokee 6

100 – Tynighia Lillard (Swain) win by forfeit
107 – Jaylynne Esquivel (CHS) win by fall over Ellian “Elli” Norton (Swain)

120 – Josephine “JC” Parsons (Swain) win by fall over Niya Mora (CHS)
126 – Brianna “Bree” Wesley (Swain) win by fall over Alitama Perkins (CHS)
132 – Erika Wachacha (Swain) win by forfeit
138 – Elaynah Cogdill (Swain) win by forfeit
152 – Emmalie “Emmie” Fuller (Swain) win by forfeit
165 – Lylan Cogdill (Swain) win by forfeit
185 – Dakota McMillan (Swain) win by forfeit
235 – Anasette Cooper (Swain) win by forfeit

Men’s Results

Smoky Mtn. 66 Cherokee 11

106 – Caiden Vick (SM) win by forfeit
113 – Davey McCoy (SM) win by

forfeit
120 – Gavin Coggins (SM) win by forfeit
132 – Kavan Wilson (SM) win by forfeit
138 – William McCoy (SM) win by fall over Jessie Catolster-Hernandez (CHS)
145 – Collin Coggins (SM) win by forfeit
152 – Mason Forbis (SM) win by fall over Julius Pepion (CHS)
160 – Alex Rodriguez (SM) win by fall over Oztin Swayney (CHS)
170 – Juan Mirafuentes (SM) win by forfeit
182 – J’Ron Lineberry (CHS) win by technical fall (17-1) over Lee Parton (SM)
195 – Jadon Cole (SM) win by fall over Niya Mora (CHS)
220 – Sean Martinez (SM) win by forfeit
285 – Noah Long (CHS) win by fall over Donnie Hebenstreit (SM)

Swain Co. 84 Cherokee 0

106 – Sully Cunningham (Swain) win by forfeit
113 – Kale Stephenson (Swain) win by forfeit
120 – Andrae Aguilera (Swain) win by forfeit
126 – Jason Maffett (Swain) win by forfeit
132 – Colin “Phoenix” Hoyle (Swain) win by forfeit
138 – James Stroman (Swain) win by fall over Jessie Catolster-Hernandez (CHS)
145 – Owen Craig (Swain) win by forfeit
152 – Israel Ferguson (Swain) win by fall over Julius Pepion (CHS)
160 – Clay Seagle (Swain) win by fall over Oztin Swayney (CHS)
170 – Gabriel Lillard (Swain) win by forfeit

182 – Lucas Sutton (Swain) win by fall over Michael Gayosso (CHS)
195 – Matthew Ferguson (Swain) win by fall over Vincent Owle (CHS)
220 – Blake Sain (Swain) win by forfeit
285 – Kohlton Neadeau (Swain) win by fall over Chantin Tramper (CHS)

WRESTLING

SMC wrestlers participate in Great Smoky Mtn. Grapple

One Feather Staff Report

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – The 2022 Great Smoky Mountain Grapple wrestling tournament was held at the Harrah’s Cherokee Center in Asheville on Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17. Following are results of Smoky Mountain Conference wrestlers per trackwrestling.com:

Varsity Women

107lb: Jaylynne Esquivel, Cherokee, fourth place
126lb: Marissa Cole, Rosman, third place
145lb: Tasia Neadeau, Swain Co., third place
165lb: Lylah Cogdill, Swain Co., third place
235lb: Anasette Cooper, Swain Co., third place
Varsity Men
182lb: Jeshua Whited, Rosman, third place
220lb: Blake Sain, Swain Co., fourth place
285lb: Kohlton Neadeau, Swain Co., second place



Tribal offices of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

EBCI announces Remember the Removal participants for 2023 Ride

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Six members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have been selected to participate in the 2023 Remember the Removal (RTR) Ride which will retrace the northern route of the Trail of Tears this June. The riders will join participants from the Cherokee Nation on the journey from New Echota, Ga. to Tahlequah, Okla.

This year’s EBCI riders include: Destiny Mills, Nelson Lambert, Rae Queen, Judge Sunshine Parker, Venita Wolfe, and Villareal Nika West.

The annual RTR send-off event will be held at Kituwah on Friday, June 2, and the riders will depart New Echota on Monday, June 5. The riders will complete their journey in Tahlequah on Friday, June 23.

Wolfe, 47, of the Big Cove Community, commented, “Since I came here, I’ve wanted to do the ride. It’s a challenge first of all, but second of all, I want to really connect to being Cherokee. I’m of three tribes (EBCI, Zuni, and Navajo), but my fire is here in Cherokee. So, I just really wanted to connect with that side. I just feel like this is home to me, and I think going on the ride is really going to help cement that and really just be proud of being Cherokee.”

Mills, 20, of the Wolftown Community, said, “I am really looking forward to the challenge. When I was Teen Miss Cherokee



Six members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have been selected to participate in the 2023 Remember the Removal (RTR) Ride which will retrace the northern route of the Trail of Tears including, left to right, Nelson Lambert, Judge Sunshine Parker, Venita Wolfe, Rae Queen, and Destiny Mills. Not pictured – Villareal Nika West. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

in 2019, I got the opportunity to be there when the riders came into Tahlequah. I could just feel the challenge they went through and the experience they had, and I want to experience that for myself.”

She is looking forward to learning more about her family history. “From my mother’s side, I heard a story about my family members from that time, and I’m looking forward to seeing how that story combines into our genealogy. And, if I have any family members out in Oklahoma, that’d be cool too.”

Lambert, 34, of the Birdtown Community, said, “In 2016, my son was born and that was a life-changing experience. Since then, my daughter has been born and I’ve had a lot of accomplishments and some setbacks. I’m at a point in my life where I just need to rehabili-

tate my mind, body, and spirit. I just want to take this journey and remember the past so I can move on and start a new future just being stronger and being more connected to the community and our people.”

He said the ride has been described by others as “life-changing” and he wants to learn more about Cherokee culture and history and experience that for himself. Lambert is looking forward to starting in New Echota and seeing where the Treaty of New Echota was signed and learning more about Major Ridge and John Ross. “I want to learn about these big people in our history and walking in their footsteps and just trying to feel a tie and connection to that is what I’m looking for.”

Rae Queen, 41, of the Big Cove Community, “I’ve lost a lot of

weight. I lost 80 pounds two years ago, and I’ve gotten really lazy and a lot of big things have happened in my life. So, I think this is trying to get me back on track and I’m excited to be in this big family of riders.”

She added, “I want to learn more about what our people went through...everyone says it’s really life-changing and I’m looking forward to it.”

Judge Sunshine Parker, 40, Yellowhill Community, “This is the year that I feel I’m in the best position to do this ride. I have the most flexibility in my job. I have the most time to get into the shape I need to be in to do the ride, and it just felt like the right time to learn more about my history, learn more about the Tribe and how we got where we’re at, and to do something to challenge myself.”

“I talked to a lot of the RTR alumni riders, and they all talk about how they feel this real connection back to their culture that they hadn’t necessarily felt before. I know the legal history. I know how the treaties were formed and how we got where we’re at, but I don’t necessarily feel that real connection back to my culture itself. So, I’m really hoping to get that.”

West, 44, was selected for the 2020 Ride that was cancelled due to COVID-19. He told the One Feather previously, “One thing for me is to learn more about who I am and who my family is through the genealogy – and just the heartache that went on on the Trail of Tears.”

Lloyd Carl Owle receives Frell Owl Award

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Lloyd Carl Owle, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, received the coveted Frell Owl Award on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 14 during a ceremony held at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Convention Center. An artist, educator, former Tribal Council representative for the Birdtown Community, and more, Owle received the award for his years of dedicated service to Cherokee youth and families.

“The Frell Owl Award is given to those who best exemplify the character and accomplishments of the late Mr. Frell Owl and to those who have significantly contributed to the welfare of the Cherokee children and families,” Benny Graves, Cherokee Boys Club Board president, said during the honoring for Owle.

Graves noted, “I’m getting chills right now. I’ve known that he was the winner, but this is one of the nicest people that I’ve ever met around here. And, of course, he’s passed it onto his son. Super, super guy.”

He spoke of Owle’s life and accomplishments including starting at the Cherokee Boys Club when it was still the Cherokee Farm Club. There, Owle was a bus driver and a vocational training leader in automotive, carpentry, and agriculture. Later, he worked for the UNITY youth treatment center in Cherokee for 18 years as a cultural intervention specialist. Owle was the area coordinator for the Save the Children Program and became the Southeast Indian Nations director for Save the Children.



Lloyd Carl Owle, left, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, receives the coveted Frell Owl Award from Benny Graves, Cherokee Boys Club Board president, on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 14 during a ceremony held at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Convention Center. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Graves added, “He exemplifies everything that this award stands for. When I first met him, I felt as if I had known him for all of my life. That’s just the kind of man he is.”

Owle said he was happy to be chosen for the award and joked, “I’ve always enjoyed working with people and running my mouth.”

“I served as a teacher between the Boys Club and the school teaching them about mechanics. We had a lot of really wonderful people working there. It was really good working with them, and I enjoyed becoming president of the Boys Club.”

He further stated, “I really enjoyed working with youth and ended up doing that most of my time...thank you for this award. I

appreciate all of you.”

This year, four people were nominated for the award including: Kimlyn Sneed Lambert, executive director of Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee (VOC); Judy Castorena, Cherokee Middle School physical education teacher; Tina Swimmer, NASIS (Native American Student Information System) administrator at Cherokee Central Schools; and Owle.

Past recipients of the Frell Owl Award include: Principal Chief John A. Crowe (1983), Stella Kanott (1984), The Scar Crowe Family (1985), Ray Kinsland (1986), Pearl and John Reagan (1987), Betty Crisp (1988), Jerri Reagan Kinsland (1989), Mary Chiltoskey (1990), Dora Reed (1992), Marie Junaluska (1995),

David and Sharon Crowe (1996), Ernestine Walkingstick (1997), Jody Adams (1998), Gary Maney (1999), Mary Sneed (2000), Mary Mantooth (2001), David McCoy (2002), Glenda Crowe (2003), Denise Ballard (2004), David McQueen (2005), Skooter McCoy (2006), Johnson “Booger” Arch (2007), Kathy Wolfe (2008), Carmaleta Monteith (2009), Roy Lambert (2010), Sandi Owle (2011), Lana Lambert (2013), Catherine Blythe Sanders (2014), Will Poolaw (2015), Lou Johnson and Wilbur Paul (2016), Alan and Mary Jane Smith (2017), Isaac “Ike” Long (2018), Michael Yvette (2019), and Peaches Squirrel (2021).

Cherokee Middle School 2nd Quarter Honor Rolls

8th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Dillon Beam, Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Johnny Long, Jamee McMillian, Elizabeth Myers, Aaliyah Rogers, Zaynon Taylor, Madigan Welch

Alpha Honor Roll: Nayaa Addo, Ty-mius Allsion, Emilee Brady, Chloe Cooper, Livia Crowe, Kymani Folima, Denver Porterfield, Cynthia Saunooke, Utsela Saunooke, O-ga-na Swimmer

Beta Honor Roll: Martin Arteaga, Tayah Bird, Brandon Blankenship, Elias Blankenship, Jarvis Brady, Cindy Crowe, Daisy Fourkiller-Raby, Christian Grant, Alexis Grimes, Aubree Grimes, Kayla Guillien,

Carlito Huerta-Perez, Aleiyah Hull, Reginald Hyatt, Ayanna Lambert, Aiden Larch, Drallen Ledford, Deanna Long, Christian Luna-Martinez, Chaz Martens, Russell McKay, Joscelyn Stamper, Kaden Stephens, Auron Taylor, Kingston Welch, Dalton Yates

7th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Jessica Arsana, Kiarra Caley, Kahya Cucumber, Khloe Cucumber, Zoe De Los Reyes, Audree Edwards, Eloise Frady, Ledaina French-Bird, Weston Fuson, John Calvin Gloyne, Jean Layno, Maddalen Mendia, Karmelita Montelongo-Huertaper, Kahmera Pheasant, Wakinyan Raines, Makenzie Sequoyah, James Smith Jr., Levi Trampler, Aliyah Watty, Armani

Watty

Alpha Honor Roll: Ander Antone, Kyam Arch, Zailiana Blythe, Lillian Bradley, Tsalagi Brady, Rubianalyn Conner, Kimberly Crowe, Bailey Crowe, Shawn Driver, Colton French, Gabriella George, Waya Hernandez, William Hoyle, Olivia Huskey-Morales, Maia Lane, Walela Ledford, Haley Locust, Felix Lossiah, Lilly Lossiah, John Morgan, Derick Owle, Nicolas Paramo, Ernest Pheasant, Jayla Pheasant, Meikka Pheasant, David Reed, Ivan Santos, Dezmond Shelton, Kiara Sneed, Kimo Sokol, Roxy Solis, Kylea Swayney, Briann Teesateskie, Laylah Thompson, Kaidyn Walkingstick, Eveie Welch, William Welch

Beta Honor Roll: Mack Burgess, Dylan Crisp, Trenten Larch, Kea-

ton Locust, Rayden Locust, Elvia McCoy, Preston Roach, Ashton Saylor, Dyani Standingdeer-Mejia, Jayanna Thompson, Cainyan Welch

6th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Kellin Blankenship, Maya Lossiah, Jeron Martens, Kalia Reed, Cambry Stamper, Hailey Winchester

Alpha Honor Roll: Tia Buchanan, Blaze Crowe, Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Colin Lossie, Kennedy Moore, Braelyn Murphy, Andyn Pheasant, Nyra Reed, Taytem Saunooke

Beta Honor Roll: Lauren Arsana, Nazari Bell, Tyson Calhoun, Samantha Cucumber, Genesis Ensley, Georjia Girty, Ava Murphy-Walkingstick, Siah Teesateskie, Tahquette Wallace

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**Gertrude (Trudy) Olean
Bradley Fann**

Gertrude (Trudy) Olean Bradley Fann went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022. She was 99.

Born on May 22, 1923, on the Qualla Boundary in Cherokee, N.C., she was the eldest daughter of nine children born to the late Julia Emma McCoy Bradley and General Washington Bradley. She was a proud, enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Trudy graduated from Cherokee High School in 1940 and then attended Bacone College, a school for North American Indians, in Muskogee, Okla. She originally wanted to be a teacher, but when WWII began in 1941, she chose to pursue her associates degree in nursing at Knoxville General Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn.

Prior to her last six months of nurse's training, the federal government expressed a need for more nurses to help with the war effort, and she volunteered to serve in the Navy branch of the

U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps, which began with a ride on a troop train to Oakland, Calif., where she helped care for 8,000 war-wounded at Oak Knoll Naval Hospital before the war ended in 1945. She was always delighted and proud to tell everyone about her journey across the United States by train to serve her country during a time of crisis.

She then traveled back to Oak Ridge, Tenn., where she worked as a nurse in a doctor's office until she met her husband, the late Samuel Ray Fann, Sr., originally of Greeneville, on a blind date. On Nov. 2, 1946, they exchanged wedding vows in the home she shared with several nursing school friends at 110 Ulysses Lane, Knoxville.

She moved then to Johnson City where she and Ray started a family. Trudy worked as a full-time registered nurse at the Mountain Home Veterans Administration Hospital for 30 years, and an additional 10 years part-time at the former Specialty Hospital (now Turning Point).

She was an active member of the former Calvary Presbyterian Church (1947 – 1972) and Asbury Presbyterian Church (1974 – 1980) as well as Johnson City Christian and Missionary Alliance Church (1980 – 1993). She is a current member of Westminster Presbyterian Church since 1993, where she served on the pastoral search committee, the missions committee, and with the senior citizens fellowship.

Trudy devoutly prayed for others and took food to the sick and bereaved. She did this gladly and with compassion until she was no longer physically able.

Her Christian faith was very deep and strong, and she lived it more than she spoke about it, with integrity and love and forgiveness. She rarely complained; was very

independent, highly intelligent, and always grateful for her blessings, having overcome the limited life available to her on the Qualla Boundary. She was a hard worker, extremely self-disciplined, and she carried herself with elegance and grace.

Trudy was a member of the former Johnson City Christian Women's Club and served as president for one year. In 1994, at the age of 70, she traveled to Ukraine and served as a short-term missionary for one year with Mission to the World (MTW) after the fall of the Soviet Union. There, she assisted in the development of a medical clinic in the rural community of Belgorod. In the mid 1980's, she also initiated the first Alzheimer's Disease Support Group in Johnson City.

She loved crocheting, sewing, and painting china, often making things that she generously gave to family and friends.

She is survived by her five children: Samuel Ray Fann, Jr., Hampton; Rebecca Susan Freeze, Huntsville, Ala.; Benjamin Bradley Fann, Boone, N.C.; Timothy Vernon Fann, Huntsville, AL, and Julie Annette Fann, Johnson City; as well as 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2243 Knob Creek Rd, Johnson City, Tenn. with funeral services afterward at noon. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Monte Vista Cemetery, 1900 E. Oakland Ave. Those wishing to attend the committal service are asked to please meet at the cemetery.

The family would like to thank the former pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dr. Jim

Richter, who will deliver the eulogy, and his wife, Linda; current pastor Rev. Andy Wyatt; as well as her church family who visited her, prayed for her, and sent cards and flowers throughout much of her life but especially in her final years and days. They also want to thank the kind staff at Dominion Senior Living for their loving care for her for the past five years. She was loved by many and will be very much missed.

Those who wish to may, in lieu of flowers, send a monetary donation to Mission to the World, P.O. Box 744165, Atlanta, GA 30374-4165.

Memories and condolences may be shared via www.morrisbaker.com

Morris-Baker Funeral Home, 2001 E Oakland Ave, Johnson City, is honored to serve the Fann family.

Carolyn Rae Queen

Carolyn Rae Queen, age 79, of Whittier, N.C., passed from this earth after a brief illness on Nov. 20, 2022, in the Cherokee Indian Hospital. Carolyn's spirit started its next journey surrounded by her loving family.

They will greatly miss her adventurous nature, love of butterflies, trees, flowers, music, photography and genealogy.

Carolyn was born and raised in Cherokee, N.C. and was a 1960 Swain High School graduate who attended the University of Louisville. She lived a full life of passion and was dedicated to bringing happiness and knowledge to her family. She was a retired USPS Kentucky Postmaster and Harrah's blackjack dealer. She had a love of travel and had visited all 50 states and many countries including Thailand, China, Japan, Costa Rica, Cambodia, Poland, Czech

Republic, Ecuador, Galapagos Island, and many more. She had many friends worldwide that she enjoyed traveling with and learning about their cultures, but the Smoky Mountains were always her home.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond Henry and Ida Lee "Dixie" Arneach; maternal grandparents, Arnold and Myrtle K. Cooper; paternal grandparents, Pearl Tipton and Bob Henry; and her great-grandson, Hudson B. Blankenship. Surviving her are her children, Carmen Queen Bryant of Bryson City (Carlos), Stuart D. Queen of Louisville, KY (Karen); grandchildren, Matthew Bryant (Dana) of Bryson City, Andrew Bryant (Crystal) of Bryson City, Holly Queen Blankenship (Buck) of Flagstaff, AZ, Zachary Bryant of Flagstaff, Ariz., Eric McKendrick (Nicole) of Louisville, Ky., Michele Mandlehr (Stephen) of Louisville, Ky.; and great-grandchildren, Amelie "Misia", Finn, Olivia, and baby Ralph Curtis Bryant, Stella and Leo Mandlehr, Sylvia McKendrick, Hank Bryant Blankenship, and Chotky Davis. Also, surviving her is her brother, Ralph Henry (Joan) of Cherokee; sister, Sara "Tami" Hogner (David) of Cherokee; nieces and nephews, Jessica Hogner (Marquis) of Piedmont, Okla., Terri Henry of Cherokee, and Aaron Hogner (Terri) of Cherokee. She had many special friends and family that she loved dearly including Andiarra Bryant, Magda Bryant, Paula Obando Schiltz, and Ann Sneed.

We are eternally grateful to the staff at Cherokee Indian Hospital for the Hospice care and comfort they provided to our cherished mother and granny.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cherokee Indi-

an Hospital Foundation, Cherokee Children's Home, or the Cherokee Historical Association in her memory.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, Dec. 28 at Long House Funeral Home with a celebration of life service afterwards.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Xiomara Concepcion (Rico) Mann

May 27, 1951 – Dec. 8, 2022

Xiomara Concepcion (Rico) Mann died at Cherokee Indian Hospital in the early hours of Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022 surrounded by loved ones.

Xiomara was a tough and unbelievable woman who made a life beating the odds. She loved Tom Brady, football, making empanadas for her family, the Beatles, spoiling her grandchildren with Grandma's love, and the life she built with her beloved husband, Stephen (Steve) Charles Mann. With her joie de vivre, Xiomara touched lives wherever she went. Greatly loved by many, she will be cherished for another lifetime in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

Xiomara was born on May 27, 1951 in Olanchito, Yoro, Honduras to parents Julio Cesar Rico and Concepcion Maria Rico. The family moved to New Orleans, La. with seven children in 1958. She graduated from Redemptorist High School and attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She moved to Columbia, Mo. after Hurricane Katrina. While playing game theory optimal poker, she called an all-in bluff by Steve, raking all of his chips — and his heart. They lived a life full of love and adventure, together.

Xiomara is survived by daughter, Maya (Cory) Gance-Wunder

and granddaughter Violet; and daughter, Beatriz (Adam) Metts and grandchildren Eloise, Montgomery and Adelaide. She cherished her extended family in New Orleans, Atlanta, and Covington including sisters Cynthia and Patricia Rico, great nephews Tyler and Devin Rico, her nephews and nieces, great nephews and nieces, cousins, in-laws and the Philip Street gang.

The cause of Xiomara's death was cancer. Her family would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the Cherokee Indian Hospital for their extraordinary and compassionate care in her final hours. Her final wish was to play poker at Harrah's Cherokee Casino. After a foggy mountainous drive, she arrived at the casino and asked for her player's card. She passed away soon after; but she'd achieved her final goal against all odds. A private family burial took place on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Raymond Eugene Jones

Raymond Eugene Jones went home to be with the Lord unexpectedly, Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022.

A native and lifelong resident of the Nations Creek Community, Gene (AKA, the Milkman) was preceded in death by his mother, Gertrude Cabe Jones and his brother, Bill McDonald.

He retired from PET Dairy after 45 years of service.

Gene loved his family, community, and friends. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend who lived a life filled with goodness, laughter and kindness.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Bumgarner Jones; his father, Raymond H. Jones; his children, Jill Jones, Karen Jones and Alec Bowers, all of Whittier; his grandchildren, Victor Jones and

Gracie Price; his step daughter, Misty Bumgarner of Knoxville; his sisters, Sue Jones (Peter) Peggy Jones (Ned), Judy Jones, Wanda Hall and Ruth Korr; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 17 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Burial was in the Nations Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Ray Nations, Colton Bailey, Troy Hartline, Jessie Korr, Doug Ashe, and Tommy Bumgarner.

Annabelle Watty Valdez

Annabelle Watty Valdez, age 70, also known as our Litty Bitty Mamaw, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, at Mission Hospital.

She is survived by her children, Nena Taylor (Dee Dee), Chad Feather, Tosh Davis III, Brian Watty; stepson, Tommy Valdez, all of Cherokee; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brothers, Michael Ray Watty and Little Joe Watty; sisters, Jenny Mae Watty, Sarah Swayney, and Judy Goldsmith of Asheville; and aunts, Maybelle Watty and Auntie Inez.

Annabelle was preceded in death by her father, Johnny Watty; mother, Edith Swayney Wachacha; son, Jonas Feather; daughter, Elizabeth Kalonaheskie; brothers, Quincy "Duke" Watty, John Henry Watty; and sister, Nancy Watty.

Annabelle was very much loved by Kimberly Winchester Rosario (George), Tiffany Taylor (Jeff), Tanya Taylor (Travis Crowe), Courtney Taylor, Tonya Rae Winchester, Zackary Winchester (Angel), and Benjamin Feather.

A formal funeral service was held on Friday, Dec. 16 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Noah Crowe officiating.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Frederick Scott Lambert

Frederick Scott Lambert, cherished Dad, Pop, Pop-pop, 94, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2022 at his home in Cherokee, N.C. He retired from the Cherokee Boys Club after 26 years as the Garage Manager.

He was the son of the late Jesse Brisco and Minnie Etta Stiles Lambert. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings, Carl G. Lambert, Ralph Lambert, and Jessie Lambert Taylor. He was the husband of Wilma Lee Beck Lambert for 59 years who died on Nov. 20, 2012; infant daughter, Saretta; grandson, Scott Williamson; and a valued friend, George Sneed.

Surviving are his children, William Beck and Teresa Lambert Williamson and husband Ray; grandchildren, Sam Clements, Lora Williamson Branning and husband Brooks, Jamie Williamson and wife Suzanne, Dwight Williamson and wife Christa, and Summer Lossiah and husband Chuck; great-grandchildren, Cole Saunooke, Drew Rice, Issac Rice, Elizabeth "Scottie" Branning, Alex Rice, Reese Williamson, Abby Branning, Jakob Sutton, Elle Williamson, Izabella Lossiah, Asher Williamson and Isabella Williamson; many nieces and nephews; dearest friends, Mike and Judy Cook, Dave Owle, L. Paul Beck, Sarah Davis, Mary Ann Graham, Mike Werhan and Jack, Jennie Penley, and Nathan Robinson.

The family would like to extend tremendous Gratitude to dad's beloved caregivers, Chris and Katie MaHoney, Pat Tuller and Nancy Wingrove who loved and cared for him and were cherished in return by Fred and family.

You gave us the ability to make sure that Dad was safe and happy and made sure that I didn't miss too many of our Grandchildren's events. Cherokee Home Health, Brandi Lambert who was always there when we needed her, Genia Parris who always seemed to be on call in the middle of the night, Kim Hermes who always entered with a smile on her face and took such gentle care of him and, Missy Jenkins, Prunella to Dad, who always kept him on his toes. All of you helped us keep dad at home where he was the happiest and your care and compassion will never be forgotten. The family would also like to extend a special thank you to Four Seasons Palliative and Hospice for their care.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 14 in the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Rev. John Ferree officiated with burial at Lambert Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mike Werhan, Sam Clements, Cole Saunooke, Brooks Branning, Drew, and Issac Rice, and Jakob Sutton. Honorary Pallbearers were Mike Cook and Richie Sneed.

Debra Louise Smith Ramirez

Debra Louise Smith Ramirez, age 65, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022, at Mission Hospital after an extended illness.

She is survived by her husband, Rafael Vasquez Ramirez; son, Rafael Cruz Ramirez of Cherokee, NC.; sister, Libby Smith Wolfe (Marvin); great aunts, Joan Henry, Becky Bridges, and Connie Cabe; nephews, Lil Eddie Crowe, Eric Crowe, Benjamin Ortiz, William Cody Wolfe; and niece, Kitty Taylor.

Debra is preceded in death by her mother, Fancheon Louise Smith Elders; sisters, Nancy "Jim" Taylor (Mernie) and Ernie Crowe;

grandmother, Elma Arch Smith; uncles, Charles Delbert Smith and JD Raby; aunts, Linda Raby, Osceola Smith, JoLou Bradley, and Nancy Smith.

Debi had an insatiable wanderlust that she passed on to her son; along with a desire to better her community. In her later years, she enjoyed number search puzzles, binge watching "The Good Doctor" and listening to her son spin yarns about his day at work. She had a heart of gold and the strength of an army. Deb will be missed immensely by her husband and son, Big Raf and Lil Raf.

Along with her husband and son, she leaves behind her cousins, James and Michelle Raby; and nephews, Benjamin Ortiz, Lil Eddie and Eric Crowe; all of whom she considered her first babies. Most of all she loved her husband, Rafael, whom she affectionately referred to as Dad with every fiber of her being.

A formal funeral service was held on Sunday, Dec. 18 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Anne French officiating. Burial was in the Bethel Cemetery. Pallbearers were James Raby, Tince Cabe, Josh Crowe, Peyton George, Jeremy Kilgore, and Tony Cabe. Honorary Pallbearers were Eric Crowe and Travis Cabe.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Mary Etta Welch Powell

Mary Etta Welch Powell, age 69, passed away on Friday, Dec. 16, 2022 at Mission Hospital after an extended illness.

She is survived by her children, Jacqueline Powell and James Powell (Zena) both of Cherokee; five grandchildren, Samantha, Darion, Haleigh Powell, Aliah

Locust, and Daymion Powell; four great-grandchildren, SirSon Powell, Brayah Reed, JayLyn, and Zavier Lecco-Powell; brother, Frank Cucumber; and sister, Wanda McLendon.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Powell; father, Adam Welch; mother, Nellie Cucumber; and brothers, William Welch, James David Welch, and Irvin Glen Welch.

Mary Powell believed in God, and she loved her family. Her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren were the world to her. She was proud of her son and daughter. Mary loved her cats, Jimbo and Harvey, she made them hats and had them model them. Whiskey was the fur baby. He came along to help her through her journey. She fed her birds and racoons on a daily basis. Mary can now be with her Husband.

A formal funeral service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 20 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Scott Chekelelee officiating. Mary was laid to rest by her Husband in the Powell Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jimmy Bradley, AJ Bradley, Mike Bradley, Tim Swayney, John McLendon, and Jobie Garland. Honorary Pallbearer was SirSon Powell.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Marguerita Hornbuckle Owl

Marguerita Hornbuckle Owl, age 64, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022 in Haywood County after an extended illness.

She is the daughter of the late Larens and Charlotte Hornbuckle. She is survived by her grandson; brothers, Taylor Bridge (Becky), Ronie Hornbuckle (Sue); and David Youngbird (Molly); and sister, Joyce Bowman (Don).

Marguerita was preceded in death by her son, Sky Owl; brother, Ed Youngbird; grandparents, Russell and Stacy Hornbuckle; and several nieces and nephews.

As requested by Marguerita herself, she wanted a direct burial as soon as possible after her passing.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements in honoring Marguerita's wishes.

Toby Alaxander Crowe

Toby Alaxander Crowe, age 30, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2022, in the Wrights Creek Community. He is the son of Eric and Ina Crowe.

He is also survived by his children, Mason, Jaymin, and Liam; sisters, Nikki, Rai, Kelsey, and Kristen; uncles, Lil' Eddie Crowe, and George and Richard Sequoyah; and aunt, Christine.

Toby is preceded in death by his grandparents, Ernestine Crowe and Ollie and Ammons Sequoyah.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, Dec. 29 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Burial was in the Sequoyah Cemetery. Pallbearers were Josh Crowe, Eddie Crowe, Randy Grey, and George Sequoyah.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Billie Jean Lossiah Ledford

Billie Jean Lossiah Ledford, 65, of the Big Y Community, went home to be with the Lord Friday, Dec. 23, 2022. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Bill Candy and Betty Lossiah and was raised by the late Luzene L. Thompson. In addition, she is preceded in death by one sister, Brenda Lossiah.

She is survived by one brother,

Franklin Thompson of Cherokee; two sisters, Nadine Lossiah and Penny Thompson of Cherokee; one aunt and one uncle, and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jayden, Chan, Preston, Brandon, Travis, and Joey.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 29 at Bigwitch Baptist Church. Rev. Ben Reed officiated with burial in the Luzene L. Thompson Family Cemetery.

Kyle Smith

Kyle Smith, age 30, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022 at Cherokee Indian Hospital after an extended illness. He is the son of Greg Smith and the late Charlene Enoah.

Kyle is also survived by his three children, Liam Smith, Keira Smith, and Caiyah Smith, all of New Mexico; brothers, Jack Smith and Greg Smith; sister, Haley Smith; mother of his children, Charmayne Chee; and many aunts and uncles also survive.

Kyle also had many friends that he held close to his heart.

Aside from his mother, Kyle was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Mary Ann Rich and Faye Enoah; uncle, John Smith; and great-grandmother, Katie Jessan.

Kyle was a friend to all and hardly met a stranger. He enjoyed making people smile.

A formal funeral service was held on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023 at Yellowhill Baptist Church with Foreman Bradley and Aaron Langston officiating. Burial was in the Crowe Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among Family and Friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Troy James Crowe

Troy James Crowe, 53, of Cherokee, N.C., went to his heavenly home at his residence on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022.

He is preceded in death by his father Mark Crowe; grandparents, James Crowe, Elizabeth Huskey, Glen Davis, and Laura Hornbuckle; beloved aunt, Sis Crowe; and in-laws, Wayne and Evelyn Wachacha.

Troy is survived by his wife of 31 years, Melissa Wachacha Crowe; three daughters, Kayla Crowe-Williams (Brandon), Trae Crowe (Daniel), and Jacobi Berg (Harry); grandchildren, Talan, Colton, Troy, and Taysom; his mother, Glenda Crowe; brother, Chester Crowe (Brandy); special brother and sister Sam Crowe and Libby Ensley; and special cousin, Ida Lespier.

Troy had many nieces and nephews he loved and cherished.

He was once a Hot Shot with the U.S. Forest Service. He served a term on the Cherokee Central School Board from 2007-11. Troy retired from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in 2019 after many years of service.

Troy was an avid Cherokee Braves fan. He especially enjoyed watching his children, and now grandchildren participate in sports.

Troy was a coach in softball and wrestling. Being highly skilled at both sports allowed him to help athletes achieve goals and wins. He left a lasting impression on many athletes.

Troy mentored local youth through Qualla Housing's former Drug Elimination Program.

In his younger years, he loved to play softball. In his later years, he took a strong interest in fishing and golfing.

He had a very giving heart when it came to charities and families in need. He encouraged his wife and children to have a giving heart as well.

Troy never met a stranger and had more friends than his family can name. You could always count on him to make you laugh. He is now reunited with one of his best friends, Noland Crowe.

Pallbearers: Carr Crowe, Dasan Gross, Rossi Wachacha, Bo Crowe, Dick Crowe, Peanut Crowe, Ike Teesateskie, Kevin Owle, and Pokey Hornbuckle.

Honorary Pallbearers: Sam Crowe, Leon Garner, Jim Owle, Albert Arch, B. Ensley, Denny Ensley, and Mike Saunooke.

Crisp Funeral Home of Bryson City handled the funeral arrangements. The funeral was held on Thursday, Jan. 5 at Rock Springs Baptist Church with Greg Morgan officiating. Burial took place in the Crowe Family Cemetery.

Tommy McMillan

Tommy McMillan, 68, of Bryson City passed away Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023. A native of Swain County, he was the son of the late Clifford and Mary Brady McMillan.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Alfred and Jerome Brady, and Howard, Larry, Earl, and Wayne McMillan.

Tommy is survived by his daughters, Amanda McCoy, Tasha McMillan; brother, Herman McMillan; sister, Leola McMillan; grandchildren, Donovan Bronson, Phoenix McCoy, CJ Smith, Dakota McMillan; partner, Elaine Smith; and multiple nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Jan. 7 at Birdtown Cemetery. Revs. Chris Nations and Sam McMahan officiated.

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John Adam Squirrell

John Adam Squirrell, age 85, of the Yellowhill Community, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2022 at Swain County Hospital.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Yahnne Squirrell; children, Angela Squirrell of Cherokee, Charlene Mejorado of Hendersonville, and Joseph Smith (Cherry) of the home; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; brothers, George Squirrell and Robert Squirrell, both of Cherokee; special friend, Jimmy Muskrat of Stillwell, Okla.; and his many cats, whom he loved to take

care of.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Shepherd and Mianna Squirrell; brother, Joshua Squirrell; sisters, Mary Squirrell and Irene Martin; niece, Arlene Squirrell; and nephew, Joshua Squirrell Jr.

John grew up in the Yellowhill Community with his brothers and sisters. He loved to run and participated in many road races in the area. As a young boy, he was coached by the late Robert Youngdeer and achieved Golden Glove status in boxing. Many mornings he would be seen running up to Stoney Curve and back down before daylight to begin his day. He also played stickball.

He married Yahnne Littlejohn in October 1967. They were married 55 years. He became a stone mason following in his father, Shepherd's footsteps. He would put in a long day's work, come home, tend the garden, and coach his daughter's softball team. A stroke in 2001 finally slowed him down and he spent the rest of his time enjoying life at home sitting on the porch listening to gospel songs and watching his grandchildren play in the yard. He also found Jesus, was an avid church goer, and was baptized at Cherokee Baptist Church. He would enjoy going to different churches to sing praises to God. John was always willing to go sing at set-

ups and funerals. Many loved to hear him sing as he sang from the heart. He blessed many lives and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

A visitation was held on Thursday, Jan. 5 at Yellowhill Baptist Church. John remained at the church until the hour of service on Friday, Jan. 6. Burial was in the Yellowhill Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jack Smith, Greg Smith, Adam Saine, Aaron Squirrell, Fernando Mejorado, Fred Squirrell, and Herb Squirrell.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

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Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Hatchery supported waters are open	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Squirmy wormy, egg patterns, mop fly, Pats rubber legs, wooly bugger, pheasant tail, perdigons, blow torch waltz's worm	Soft hackles, parachute adams, elk hair caddis
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery supported waters are open	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Squirmy wormy, egg patterns, mop fly, Pats rubber legs, wooly bugger, pheasant tail, perdigons, blow torch waltz's worm	Soft hackles, parachute adams, elk hair caddis

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Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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



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COMMUNITY NEWS

One Feather donates to Madison Hornbuckle Foundation

Through the recent Christmas Wishes project, the Cherokee One Feather donated \$1,515 to the Madison Hornbuckle Foundation. A total of \$800 came from sponsors, \$165 for Christmas Wishes in the print paper, and \$500 that the One Feather received from the Steve Young-deer American Legion Post 143 in conjunction with the paper receiving the Distinguished Service Award in November.

Cory Blankenship, Foundation board, commented, "On behalf of the Madison Hornbuckle Foundation, we would like to thank the Cherokee One Feather and everyone who sponsored or posted a holiday wish. Your generous support will help the foundation accomplish our mission to ease the financial burden on fami-

lies with children battling cancer and to allow families to focus on treatment and care. We are very grateful to everyone that participated and wish you all the best this holiday season."

Museum of the Cherokee Indian announces Winter Lecture Series

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Museum of the Cherokee Indian (MCI) will host its 2023 Winter Lecture Series during January, February, and March 2023. Titled "Our Voices, Amplified: Indigenous Artistry Today," the series includes both on-site and virtual lecture and workshop opportunities that introduce audiences to innovative and inspiring artists from tribes across the country.

"The Winter Lecture Series takes a closer look at contemporary Indigenous arts and how artists are using

their mediums to amplify their voices," says Jenn Wilson (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), Aniywiyahi Community Program Coordinator at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. "Be it as activism, a push for cultural welding, or to tell stories, this series will feature artists from different backgrounds who are using different mediums to show what Indigenous art can be and mean today."

All Winter Lecture Series events are offered free of charge. Space is limited, and attendees may register for each panel via the links in the schedule below. Additional information can be found at mci.org/learn/ programming. All recorded Lecture Series events will be uploaded to the Museum's YouTube channel.

Art As Activism: How Indigenous Artists Use Their Mediums to Amplify Their Voices

Jan. 18 at 5 p.m., Virtual Fawn Douglas (Las Vegas Paiute Tribe) of Nuwu Art, a Las Vegas-based community hub where families, friends and allies gather to enjoy the cultural arts, will discuss how art can be a valid and powerful form of activism for bringing attention to Indigenous people and the issues that affect them today.

Workshop: Beginner Pottery Class with Lori Reed

Jan. 26 and 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Museum of the Cherokee Indian Learn how to make a beginner's level pinch pot with accomplished potter Lori Reed (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians)! Participants will make at least one pot that will be kiln-fired for preservation. Pieces will be ready for pickup the Monday after classes. A Community Learning workshop, this class is open exclusively to enrolled citizens of federally recognized tribes; space is limited.

Maker Monday

Jan. 9 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Museum of the Cherokee Indian Watch Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians artists demonstrate their artistic processes and showcase their work in the Museum lobby. Participating artists will have works for sale.

Our Voices, Our Identity

Feb. 15 at 5 p.m., Virtual Afro-Indigenous artists join a panel to discuss their experiences and how their identity informs their art. Speakers to be announced.

Maker Monday

Feb. 6 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Museum of the Cherokee Indians Watch Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists demonstrate their artistic processes and showcase their work in the Museum lobby. Participating artists will have works for sale.

Beaded Graduation Cap Class

March 13 and 14, Museum of the Cherokee Indians Jennifer Wilson (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) will guide participants in making their very own beaded graduation cap. This class is open to enrolled citizens of federally recognized tribes. Registration link to come.

Our Own Words: Storytelling is a Journey

March 8 at 5 p.m., Virtual Indigenous authors come together to share the stories they tell, their journey to being published, and how their cultural identity influences their craft and experiences. Speakers to be announced. Register here.

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- Museum of the Cherokee Indian
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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reward offered in Cherokee elk-poaching case

The EBCI Natural Resources Department is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and filing of charges against the person, or persons, responsible for shooting an elk calf on the Qualla Boundary. On the morning of Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement staff responded to a citizen report of an elk calf at Tsali Manor (55 Echota Church Rd.) that had been shot with an arrow. If anyone has information about the case, please contact EBCI Dispatch (828) 497-4131. Caller information will remain anonymous.

- EBCI Natural Resources Dept. release

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

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Signed,
Janice Faus
Cherokee, N.C.

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Spur Tunnel construction has begun

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Traffic on the northbound Spur will be reduced to one lane now through April 7 to allow for repairs to the Spur Tunnel. While the single-lane closures will cause temporary delays, the repairs are necessary to address water leaks and lighting improvements.

For the safety of workers, motorists are reminded to reduce speeds, refrain from honking when traveling through the construction zone, and allow extra time for all northbound travel on the Spur.

Closures will be in place 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the construction period. Crews will replace drains and lights, clean and paint the tunnel interior, put in a new lighting control system, and install a generator for emergency backup.

The Federal Highway Administration awarded a \$10,284,135 construction contract to Bryant's Land Development of Burnsville, NC for the repairs, which should fully conclude by June 5. The National Park Service incentivized the contract by providing an opportunity for the contractor to earn \$10,000 per day, for up to 45 days before April 7, for early completion of the repair work that requires the single-lane closure on the Spur.

For more information about temporary road closures, please visit the park's Current Road, Facility, Trail & Backcountry Updates webpage. Additional details are

also available in a November news release that announced the project.

- National Park Service release

Park announces Finding of No Significant Impact for the Wears Valley Mountain Bike Trail System

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—The National Park Service has issued a decision and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Wears Valley Mountain Bike Trail System Environmental Assessment (EA).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service (NPS) prepared an EA to examine alternatives and environmental impacts associated with a proposed mountain bike trail system within the Wears Valley portion of Foothills Parkway Section 8D, Sevier County, Tenn. The purpose of the project is to enhance visitor experience by providing a mountain bike trail as a unique recreational opportunity in this area of Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Park). Previous NPS planning efforts completed between 1968 and 1984 identified Section 8D as one of the most desirable areas for recreational development. While more than 800 miles of trails exist in the Park, fewer than 8 miles are designated for biking. Public roads within the Park are open to biking, but no purpose-built mountain biking trails currently exist.

The EA analyzed the no-action alternative and three action alternatives for construction of a mountain bike trail system. Based on the analysis presented in the Revised EA, which was available for public review from February 8 – March 10, 2022, and after considering public comments, NPS selected alternative 3 (Proposed Action and NPS preferred alternative) for the development of a mountain bike trail system if construction and annual operational

monies become available. Under the selected alternative and pending available funding, the NPS would construct a mountain bike trail system with approximately 4.2 miles of easy trail, 2.9 miles of moderate trail, and 4.7 miles of advanced trail for a total of 11.8 miles of mountain bike trails. The selected alternative would also include approximately 2.3 miles of pedestrian-only trails in the project area for a total of 14.1 miles of trails. An approximately 0.93-mile access road would also need to be constructed to access the mountain bike trail system and trailhead. Amenities at the trailhead would include a bike wash and repair station, restrooms, and picnic tables. An informational kiosk for orientation, trail etiquette, and rules for mountain biking would also be constructed at the trailhead.

“We understand the public's desire to have a purpose-built bike trail, and this marks a step for potential future development of a trail in Wears Valley,” said Superintendent Cassius Cash. “Having the signed FONSI allows us the opportunity to explore potential funding paths for both the construction and the annual operational costs.”

Next steps include a business analysis by the NPS to examine possible operational strategies for a mountain bike trail system. The selected alternative may also include a concession/bike rental building and/or a fee collection station, depending on the identified operational strategy. No funding for construction has yet been identified.

The FONSI and NPS responses to comments on the EA and associated documents are available for viewing online via the Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: [Parkplanning - Wears Valley Mountain Bike Trail System \(nps.gov\)](http://Parkplanning-WearsValleyMountainBikeTrailSystem(nps.gov)).

- National Park Service release

Cooper takes advantage of COVID break to meticulously detail Sherrill Cemetery

By **JIM BUCHANAN**

Reprint from
The Sylva Herald and Ruralite

Cemeteries are embedded in our lore. Toward the end of the year, they're the setting for chilling Halloween tales. In the Easter season they're the site for ceremonies of resurrection and hope.

But for most of the year cemeteries are quiet, peaceful places, good locations for a contemplative walk. On such walks, the mind naturally turns to the names on the tombstones, and speculation about what tales the persons remembered would have, of what



Sherrill Cemetery
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sort of lives they lived.

Joyce Cooper had those questions regarding the Sherrill Cemetery, also known as the Sherrill Family Cemetery, in Whittier, a site she has memories of from back to her earliest years.

Usually, the rest of us who harbor such questions let them pass, Cooper took another tack:

She set out to answer them.

To roll back the clock, Cooper's first memories of the Sherrill Cemetery go back to her youth. She remembers a site that prior to the era of modern lawn tools was losing a battle to nature, marked with briars, weeds, jack pines and mosquitoes that was cleaned up by family members on weekends and evenings. (It's worth noting nature never gives up, and there are cemeteries in the county where families have died out or have moved

on where nature has essentially won).

With the clearing done, there was still plenty of work to be done – “leveling” humped graves so grass could be sown, getting a road built to the cemetery and constant mowing and weedeating.

It was during those chores, Cooper writes in her new book on the Sherrill Cemetery, that she “often wondered about the people buried there.”

Of course, she didn't have to wonder about them all, being the great-great-granddaughter of Jonas Bedford Sherill. Jonas made the Sherrill Family Cemetery a reality back in 1877 when he dedicated an acre of land for a family cemetery.

As it turned out, he was the first person buried there after passing in a bitter winter. “The

snow was so deep (up to the windows),” Cooper writes, “that it was impossible to make it up the hill to the cemetery, so the funeral was delayed for several days.”

Cooper moved on from those childhood days in the cemetery to a long and energetic career that included serving as director of the Haywood Community College Library for more than 20 years, working to help get elk reintroduced to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and making sure Cherokee Medal of Honor winner Charles George was recognized with statues at the Oteen VA Center (now named after him) and on the Qualla Boundary for his Korean War heroism. She also worked up a history of her church, Olivet United Methodist. She was still busily engaged in church, civic and community life well after retirement when COVID hit.

“We suddenly had to deal with family, friends and strangers dying from a strange, new, unheard of disease which required a new way of life for everyone of all ages,” Cooper writes in the introduction to the cemetery book. “Schools closed, churches closed, businesses closed, worldwide; we were no longer free to go places locally or globally. And were required to wear a face mask if we did leave our homes and encouraged to take vaccines and boosters which were quickly developed.”

While very little good came

from the awful height of the pandemic, Cooper took the opportunity to go against that template. “For the first time in my life, I quickly realized I needed a project to occupy my new ‘stay-at-home’ lifestyle; hence the Cemetery research.” She threw herself into the project, trekking to the cemetery to take photographs of every headstone. With a born knack for research and plenty of practical experience to back it up, she documented burials and locations, waded through Census records, pored over marriage certificates, death certificates and websites like FamilySearch.com, newspapers.com and ancestry.com.

The result is a massive, well-researched book that pays due to every single person interred in the cemetery.

Bill Crawford, the go-to repository of local historical and genealogical knowledge, said Cooper deserves praise and recognition for what she's accomplished.

“I've never seen anything like it,” he said in wonderment.

As usual, Crawford is correct. Cooper is more modest.

“I thought ‘well somebody's got to do it,’ and I've been blessed with good health and brainpower,” she said.

The results are available for perusal at the Jackson County Genealogical Society in the Jackson County Public Library. Call 631-2646 for more information.

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COMMENTARY

The Status Quo comes with a price

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

We are all opponents of disruption. We love normalcy. When things function to our satisfaction or comfort level, we don't want snags. If you have exposed water pipes, you know how aggravating it is when your routine gets changed by a frozen and busted water line. But when the weather is fair and the water is flowing, we typically don't think about taking the measures necessary to prevent

those aggravating circumstances that come with the winter freeze. What could and would take care of us in the summer is not sufficient for the winter. So, our lives are complicated, albeit ever so slightly but significantly, because we failed to make the changes necessary for maintaining the status quo.

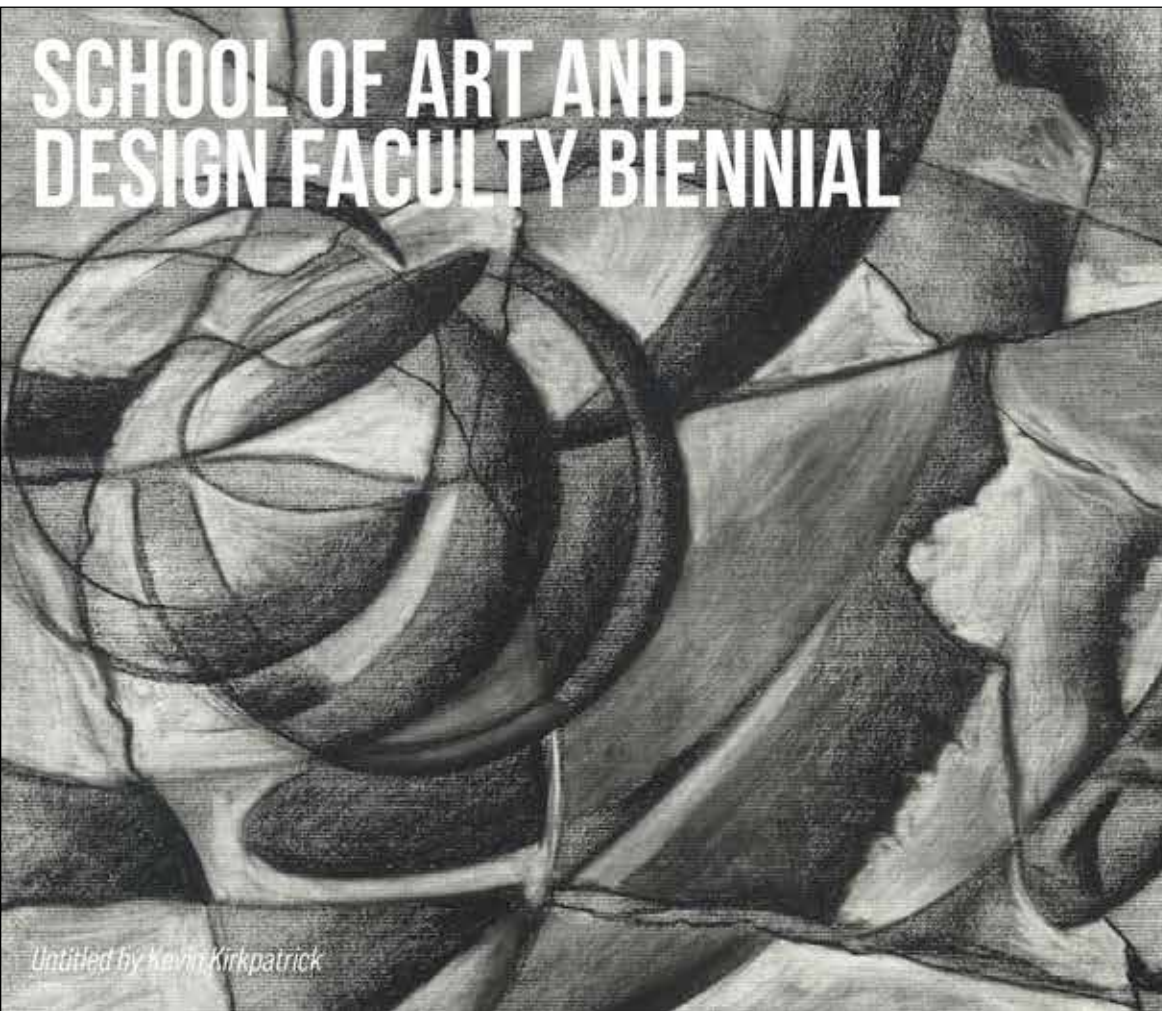
Back in late October, early November, the tribal leadership began to reveal a plan to deal with outdated and overloaded water and sewer lines in Cherokee, specifically beginning with a major line project along the length of Acquoni Road from downtown to the Cherokee Central School in Big Cove. The issue necessitating the line replacements have been around and accumulating for years. Lines designed for the load of the smaller population

of decades ago are now strained because, over the years, not only have these lines deteriorated, but the number of new constructions and increased populations are stressing the lines and water and sewer systems to the breaking point.

For example, the week before Christmas, two catastrophic mishaps occurred, and both were potentially attributable to the overloaded and aging water lines. The Kituwah, LLC main office was burned to the ground. One report (not confirmed) was that during the fight to get the blaze under control, a fire hydrant lost pressure and the Cherokee Fire Department had to use back up plans to put the fire out. Our Cherokee Fire and Emergency personnel did an outstanding job in ensuring

the damage was minimized, but the entire Kituwah, LLC office was totaled. Had it not been for the firefighters' quick thinking and actions, adjacent buildings might have suffered the same fate.

Only a day or two later, a water line failed at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex (just before the tribal employee Christmas breakfast). As employees started to arrive at the GLW at the back entrance to start their workday, they were met with standing water on nearly half of the building. By midday, damage mediation teams were in the building assessing and preparing to begin what could be a lengthy restoration process. EBCI Support Services stated, "At this time, the timeline for restoration of any damage caused by this incident has not been deter-



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mined. Our primary concern is for the safety and welfare of our employees, so please be patient as we take the necessary time to ensure that clean-up, repair, and abatement measures are performed to the highest standard and at the quickest pace possible." Our tribal leaders are working quickly to get things back to normal at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex but dealing with the complications of structural damage and sanitary concerns may take some time.

An overview of the water/sewer line project was presented at a November stakeholder meeting, one of many planned by tribal leadership. In a document distributed at the time, an overview of the project was given. It included "replacement of the undersized water and sewer lines (US 19 to Saunooke Bridge Road); ancillary improvements including pedestrian and bike paths, drainage improvements, and roadway".

The document stated the plan is to do this project in two phases; phase one will be Acquoni Road from Acquoni Road-Tsalagi Road (US 19) to Drama Road; phase two will be Acquoni Road-Drama Road to Big Cove Road. The timeline presented in the document showed a start month of December 2022 with a completion date for phase one of May 26, 2023. Phase two is

scheduled to begin November or December 2023 with an undetermined completion date.

The status quo will be disrupted for an extended period. The initial contractor for the project, Vaugh-Melton, along with tribal leadership, is incorporating measures to mitigate the disruption as much as possible. For example, on Acquoni Road, they plan to maintain two-lane traffic throughout the project, shifting the lanes so as to complete pipeline work on one side of the road down the length of the project, then moving the lanes over so that work can be completed down the other side until there is a finish. On Big Cove Road, since there is not room between the road and river to do two lane shifts, a traffic control unit will be established to regulate traffic during the construction period to minimize delays.

Project materials (pipeline) have already been purchased for the entire project to save time and money. There won't be delays for material purchases because they are already here, being stored at the old high school site.

Leadership from our Water and Sewer Department have been monitoring and patching the exiting water and sewer lines for quite some time. If recent events are any indication, we seem to have

reached a breaking point. Two catastrophic failures during a couple of days should tell us that it is well past time to make the necessary replacements and upgrades. We cannot continue to add loads like new businesses, new residences, and new facilities, to existing old, under sized lines and not expect increasing failures.

Will we be inconvenienced by this construction project? Yes, more than likely. You can't do a project of this size without some disruption of the traffic pattern and periodic issues with water availability. But the benefits of getting this done now will be felt for many years, possibly many decades to come. As we continue to grow and prosper as a tribe, the

infrastructure of aging lines must be addressed to be able to continue to provide services now and in the future. If we don't address these water and sewer issues now, we may be forced into doing them under emergency conditions and at a greater cost.

I am glad to see tribal leadership moving forward on much needed help for our community. While these new lines are being installed, and maybe traffic snarls are impeding us, let's all remember why it is happening and be patient as these improvements make our lives better. Like many other things in our government and lives, we shouldn't be satisfied with the status quo.

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COMMENTARY

Cherokee Nation has no rights to seat a delegate in Congress

By **ANILE LOCUST**

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians elder

The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) has conducted a major ad campaign to generate support to have a delegate seated in the House of Representatives. Several native leaders across the country and legislators are supporting this action, accepting at face value what Cherokee Nation has said.

Cherokee Nation leadership has the audacity to demand that the US government honor a 187 year old treaty, a treaty they are not party to...Article 7 of the Treaty of New Echota,(the removal treaty) does contain a provision

that the Cherokee Nation can seat a delegate in Congress. There is only one problem, the present-day Cherokee Nation (of Oklahoma) does not have this right, because they are not the signors of the 1835 Treaty of New Echota.

Clearly documented history tells the true story of the demise of the Cherokee Nation, and it has never been resurrected except in the minds of Cherokee Nation leadership.

Nobel Peace Prize Winner and Journalist Maria Ressa explains in her book that lies spread faster than the truth, and with social media, a fact can become a lie, or a lie said a million times becomes a fact. When the truth is distorted in social media, it can become a fact to some. This propaganda technique has been used effectively by the Cherokee Nation since its reorganization in 1976.

Two distinct Cherokee groups were signors of the 1835 Treaty, the Eastern Emigrants and Western Cherokees,(from which the

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma derive). These two groups became unified by the Treaty of 1846.

Land claims for lands in the East were executed by the Western Cherokees and Eastern Emigrants. The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma were not party to the land claims. Why? Because they are not party to the 1835 Treaty.

Congress passed the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (IRA) and the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (OIWA) to reverse the negative effects of enculturation policies. The United Keetoowah Band, composed of Western Cherokees, also called Old Settlers, Keetoowah Society and the Eastern Emigrants received its federal recognition in 1946 and reorganized under OIWA in 1950, and with that should have received full rights, benefits, and privileges of the IRA, and the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. This has not come to pass, primarily due to Cherokee Nation claiming these

rights.

Cherokee Nation's final treaty with the U.S. government is the Treaty of 1866. This is why CNO could not reorganize under the OIWA. The government determined Cherokee Nation's citizenry in that treaty, which is comprised of mixed-blood Cherokees, other tribes and races. In an October 20 issue of the Tahlequah Daily Press, there was a statement that the UKB organized under the OIWA for the purpose of starting a cattle business, then became an economic entity, and now is a band of Cherokees. This in an incorrect statement.

Now, the Cherokee Nation is demanding that they have a delegate seated in the House of Representatives, for a treaty right they do not have. The House Rules Committee held a hearing on Nov. 16 with no due diligence of examining history.



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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

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

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About the God who provides for us all...

By REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read: Isaiah 46:9-10; Genesis 22:1-19

What a wonderful Promise today from the Lord Who declares, “He finished it before He ever started any of it.”

How many realize today that those things that are already going on in your life are already done in the Heavens? Know that your life is already going on and you’re just walking through it right now.

In fact, God had already spoken to ‘your answer’ before you ever knew you had a problem. Before you started walking down the pathway toward what you thought was going to be a destruction, God was already moving an answer from another direction and it is even now coming right towards you—just as it was for Abraham.

The Lord had had that ram walk up that mountain from another side and then get caught, held tangled up in that thicket for both Isaac’s and Abraham’s sake and within His Own Will, we also can see a very Purposeful Test of obedience for Abraham and for Isaac.

Over in time again, I have seen where the Lord has allowed me to go through some things that to others it looked like, ‘all was over.’ I’ve literally had friends who said to me, “You must have upset God because of all the trials and all the tests and all of the struggles, and yet, I was able to look them in the eyes and say, “You just wait and see what God does next.” It’s because I realized that sometimes I must go through a valley to get to the mountain top that He has called me to, or sometimes I must go through a desert that I won’t enjoy. It’s dry and it’s arid and can be a difficult journey, but I’m headed to an “oasis” that will supply every need that I may have.

I’ve even found myself locked away in a “cave of life”, wondering if my prayers were

even breaking through the ceiling of it, but all the while, the “ravens” were feeding me and the “brook was watering” me. Why? Because God had prepared an answer before the test ever began.

In Genesis, Chapter 22, we read an historical account of the man named Abraham, which literally means, “A Friend of God.” I found out it is possible to be “a friend of God” and still be sick. I found out it is possible to be “a friend of God” and still have trials. I found out it is possible to be “a friend of God” and walk through difficult places, but the “good news” is, “He goes with me everywhere I go.” This is why He declared, “I Am a Friend Who sticks closer than a brother.” In other words, when you cannot depend on anybody else, you can still depend on Jesus.

It also states in Chapter 22. “It came to pass...” There are some things in life that just “come to pass.” Aren’t you glad you are not stuck in the middle of it? That God is working you through it? He’ll help one through it. If you found your way into it, He will help you find a way out of it. “And it came to pass.”

Some of you need to look at your problems and say, “It came to pass.” They came today and they’re going tomorrow. I wasn’t able to do it today, but I’m doing it tomorrow. Glory

to God!” “The Lord knows what He’s doing!”

It came to pass after these things, that God came to test Abraham. He said, “Abraham.” And Abraham said, “Behold, here I am.” “Behold, take thine son, Isaac, thine only son, Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I shall show thee of.”

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two servants with him and his son, Isaac. He claimed the wood for a burnt offering and rose up and went into the place which God told him.

Then on the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. Abraham said to the young men and told them to “abide you here with the ass, and we will go yonder and worship and will come again unto you.”

“Father, this morning, I pray, you would speak a Powerful Word into the Earth and all over this world. I pray that those watching by television today would receive the Word, as well as those here, and those listening with good attendance by radio, that would cause us all to look at things quite differently. I give you all my worship, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

To be continued...



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Detail of “Hand of God” by Clare Leighton (1952)

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

HEBREWS 4: 13, 14

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Suddenly blazing star
 - 5 Put stress on
 - 11 Volcano in Sicily
 - 15 Meadow songbird
 - 19 Supreme Norse deity
 - 20 Net-tending player
 - 21 Donahue of TV
 - 22 Genesis garden
 - 23 Very ornate designs of the 1700s
 - 25 Be mindful of
 - 26 Bill with Lincoln
 - 27 Sports site
 - 28 Apr. and Dec.
 - 29 Longtime metal alloy manufacturer
 - 31 M.Sgt., e.g.
 - 33 Friz Freleng's real first name
 - 36 Mean-spirited sort
 - 37 Fill-up sites with star logos
 - 42 Crows
 - 43 Oscar winner Brody
 - 44 Like a straight line, in brief
 - 45 Work to get
 - 46 Mimicking an angry dog
 - 48 1993 event at Mount Carmel Center
 - 55 Comic actor Danny
 - 56 Spill the info, with "up"
 - 58 Region
 - 59 Raines of old Hollywood
 - 60 Active person
 - 62 Spring forth
 - 65 Thingamajig
 - 67 "Please help!"
 - 70 Venue of the 2002 Humanitarian Bowl
 - 73 Log chopper
 - 74 Brief summary
 - 76 Sprung forth
 - 77 Trail
 - 79 Prefix with dynamic
 - 80 Henna applicator
 - 81 Read hastily
 - 83 Gibbons, e.g.
 - 87 Something Plus White toothpaste claims to remove
 - 92 Water, humorously
 - 94 Sports side
 - 95 Potting stuff
 - 97 TV journalist Chung
 - 98 Mimicked Daffy Duck
 - 101 A cut from the short loin
 - 105 Playwright Fugard
 - 106 Vocalists
 - 107 Smile middle
 - 108 University in northern California
 - 110 McKellen of "X-Men"
 - 112 Mosul native
 - 117 Aquarium
 - 118 One of 18 on a golf course
 - 119 They're in eight answers in this puzzle
 - 122 Slushy drink
 - 123 Superior to
 - 124 Works the rudder
 - 125 Dimple site
 - 126 Play roster
 - 127 Joins in matrimony
 - 128 Cherished "Mother"
 - 129 Held on to
- DOWN**
- 1 With 11-Down, "Sleepless in Seattle" director
 - 2 Aroma
 - 3 Destructive habit
 - 4 After a while
 - 5 In days past
 - 6 Carl Sagan book
 - 7 Roman censor
 - 8 Blissful
 - 9 Nothing at all
 - 10 One of 18 on a golf course
 - 11 See 1-Down
 - 12 One's wifey
 - 13 Nephew's sister
 - 14 Gucci of fashion
 - 15 Unlike righties
 - 16 Farewells
 - 17 Go back to the way it was
 - 18 Belfry sounds
 - 24 Call off
 - 29 Foo faraw
 - 30 Jeer at
 - 32 Christmas trees, usually
 - 34 Single-pot meal
 - 35 Verdi heroine
 - 37 Job to do
 - 38 Pulitzer winner Ferber
 - 39 Diagnostic pic
 - 40 Ran on TV
 - 41 Clothes, colloquially
 - 42 Ewe's call
 - 45 LGA guess
 - 47 Emperor before Galba
 - 49 A la — (menu words)
 - 50 Hammond instruments
 - 51 Potential plant
 - 52 "Three Sisters" sister
 - 53 Tighten up a muscle
 - 54 Destiny
 - 57 Under wraps
 - 61 Kyoto sash
 - 63 Actress Kelly or Shearer
 - 64 Suffix with prophet
 - 65 Andean llamas
 - 66 Quantity: Abbr.
 - 67 Little quarrel
 - 68 Classic cookie
 - 69 Kosovo native
 - 71 "No" votes
 - 72 Apple device
 - 75 Opening in a parka, say
 - 78 Lacks
 - 80 DeLuise of "Hot Stuff"
 - 82 Large city in Colombia
 - 84 Window unit
 - 85 Kazan of film
 - 86 Search for
 - 88 Green with Grammys
 - 89 Ill-bred man
 - 90 "Oh, woe —"
 - 91 Jordanian queen
 - 92 dowager
 - 93 Tile artwork
 - 96 Like some trading
 - 98 Milk-related
 - 99 Cornell University of
 - 100 Gives off lig
 - 101 Used a rota telephone
 - 102 Puts in
 - 103 Big T-shirt size: Abbr.
 - 104 Some chair craftspeople
 - 106 Hot pot spot
 - 109 Movie or play
 - 111 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
 - 113 Pebble, e.g.
 - 114 Tennis' Arthur
 - 115 Ear swab
 - 116 "— that special!"
 - 119 1940s pres.
 - 120 Suffix with Israel
 - 121 Hush-hush govt. gp.

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See answers on page 38

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey



1. Is the book of Goliath (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Exodus 10, who made a false confession to Aaron and Moses? *Herod, Malachi, Satan, Pharaoh*
3. Who was bespoken by an angel to save Israel from the Midianites? *Ishmael, Job, Gideon, Philip*
4. From 1 Samuel 9 and 10, who was the first king of Israel? *David, Saul, Solomon, Jehu*
5. Who laughed on hearing she would have a child in her old age? *Sarah, Ruth, Lydia, Esther*
6. From John 8:44, what is Satan the father of? *Sin, Lust, Scepters, Lies*

Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com.

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1. TELEVISION: Which TV game show features a "Daily Double" to increase potential winnings?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of poisoned fruit does the fairy-tale character Snow White eat and fall into a deep sleep?
3. ADVERTISING: Which cereal features a character named Seadog?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president officially named the executive mansion the White House?
5. MOVIES: What is the name of the most famous Wookiee in the "Star Wars" movies?
6. MONEY: What is the official currency of Nigeria?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs do shrimp have?
8. HISTORY: How many states did Alabama Gov. George Wallace win as a third-party candidate in the 1968 presidential primary?
9. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the human trachea?
10. GAMES: How many suspects are in the board game "Clue"?

EVENTS

BENEFITS & FUNDRAISERS

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

• Jan. 14 at 3 p.m., benefit for Big Injun Racing
 Good food, Good Fun, Great Prizes, Great Benefits.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yellowhill Community Club Community Events for January 2023 at the Yellowhill Activity Center

* Jan. 17 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Sewing Class by Arlene Reagan. Class limit 8

* Jan. 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Gadugi Indoor Flea Market. Need 10 individuals to purchase table(s). One (1) table \$10 or two (2) for \$15

Contacts: Carmaleta 736-9392, Stephanie 735-9001, or Virginia 788-8659

Bingo Night. Jan. 13 at Yellowhill Activity Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo starts at 6 p.m. \$15 adult packs, \$10 kid packs. 15 games with five special games. Concessions will be available.

Steve Youngdeer American

Legion Post 143 monthly meeting. Jan. 16 at the Legion Hall off of Acquoni Road. Meal will be served at 6 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7 p.m.

NANNA Food Bank Community Market. Jan. 19 from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym. The event is free and open to all community members. Stop by for free grocery staples, produce, and other perishables. Bring bags if you can.

Cherokee Winter Social. Jan. 28 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Birdtown Gym. Everyone is welcome. MC: Catcuce Tiger. Traditional dress and ribbon shirts/skirts encouraged. All Cherokee dance groups welcome. All Cherokee singers welcome. Bring your own rattles and drums. Food provided by Nikki's Frybread. Info: cherokeewintersocial@gmail.com

Annual Kituwah Celebration. June 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Kituwah Mound. Celebrating the return of the Mother Town.

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.

Morning Star Celebration American Indian Pow Wow.

Jan. 14 at the John Carroll School in Bel Air, Md. MC: Wilbur Bull Coming. Host Drum: Zotigh. Invited Drums: White Buffalo, Medicine Horse, Red Blanket. Info: Gary Scholl at glsjcs@yahoo.com

White Earth Nation's 2nd Annual Health & Wellness Round Dance.

Jan. 21 at Shooting Star Event Center in Mahnomon, Minn. MC: Dave Northbird. No contact information available

FIHA Thunder on the Beach

Pow Wow. Feb. 17-19 at Indian River County Fairgrounds in Vero Beach, Fla. Host Northern Drum: Warpaint. Host Southern Drum: Ottertrail. Info: (772) 519-7888, info@FIHA.us, or www.FIHA.us

North Carolina School of Science and Math Pow Wow.

Feb. 4 in the Charles R. Elber Physical Education Center in Durham, N.C. MC: Kaya Littleturtle. Host Northern Drum: Red Clay. Host Southern Drum: Smokey River. Info: admissions@ncssm.edu or www.ncssm.edu/powwow

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Mental Health Seminar facilitated by Vaya Health. Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. This

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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NCO	ISADORE	CHURL	
TEXAC	OSTATIONS	BOASTS	
ADRIEN	ONED	EARN	
SNARLING	WACOST	ANDOFF	
KAYE	FESS	AREA	ELLA
DOER	EMERGE	GADGET	
SOS	BRONC	OSTADIUM	AXE
PRECIS	ARISEN	PATH	
AERO	DYER	SCAN	APES
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Pharaoh, 3) Gideon, 4) Saul, 5) Sarah, 6) Lies

Trivia test
by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

1. "Jeopardy."
2. Apple.
3. Cap'n Crunch.
4. Theodore Roosevelt.
5. Chewbacca.
6. The naira.
7. Ten.
8. Five.
9. Windpipe.
10. Six.

How do you say that in Cherokee?
 He/she was talking
 Gawonisgv
 They were talking.
 Aniwonisgv

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

program will be held in the conference room and is free of charge, but registration is required. Effective communication cultivates strong relationships and supports one's voice being heard. This curriculum is designed to look at ways to neutralize barriers and methods to enhance clear, concise, and deliberate exchanges. Presented by Vaya Health's Geriatric and Adult Mental Health Specialty Team. Info: JCPL-Adults@fontanalib.org or 586-2016, or visit <https://www.vayahealth.com/calendar> to

register

Official Bob Ross Technique Class. Jan. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center in Murphy, N.C. Classes are for ages 13 and up. Bring some paper towels. All other materials are included. Info: Gary Grider (423) 208-2235, garygriderstudio@gmail.com or the Murphy Art Center 360-3038.

See **EVENTS** next page



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to see what's going on in
Cherokee and beyond.**

PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearing for Cherokee Indian Hospital Governing Board pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A

Cherokee Indian Hospital Governing Board re-appointment hearing for Ahli-sha Stephens

Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 1 p.m.
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.

These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A.

Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date. Testimony shall not include personal matters pending in litigation.

**The final date for public comment will be
Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023**



VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

VA needs More Employees for the PACT Act

PACT is officially up and running as of the first of the year. PACT, aka Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act, extends health care and benefits to veterans who were exposed to toxins around the globe and who subsequently became ill with an expanded number of presumptives. The key feature of PACT is that veterans no longer have to fight to prove where their illness came from. It's "presumed" the illness was the result of the toxins in the environment where they served.

Meanwhile, the Department of Veterans Affairs has been on a massive hiring blitz to fill positions in support of the new PACT Act. These positions will be all across the U.S. and Puerto Rico at all 56 regional offices. Not only do they need people to process the 175,000 claims that have been submitted since August (when the PACT Act was signed into law), but they need the people who give the actual support care.

If you, a spouse, a caregiver, a survivor or family member are interested in signing on for a position, check usajobs.gov and search for "veterans service representative" or "rating veterans service representative."

The first step as part of the big push at the VA is to process the claims for veterans who are terminally ill, something the VA actually started weeks before the official Jan. 1 date. Additionally they will prioritize claims by homeless veterans, those over 85 years of age, those with cancer, those experiencing financial hardship and those who are recipients of a Purple Heart or Medal of Honor.

If you need to learn how to file a claim, go to VA.gov/PACT or call them at 800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411). A caregiver, survivor or family member can also make the call for the veteran.

To learn more about PACT, go to VA.gov/PACT and read "The PACT Act and your VA benefits."

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Do Cats Really Need Potty Training?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I read with interest your recent column about cats using shop towels rather than kitty litter to do their business. How did their owner manage to train the cats to use the towels and switch from litter? And why not just let a cat do its business outside? — **Caroline D., Winchester, Virginia**

DEAR CAROLINE: Compared with dogs, cats are usually easy to potty train (or litter train) because they have very specific potty behaviors. Cats instinctively bury their poop to hide their scent from potential predators — hence the use of cat litter, which also absorbs urine well and masks the scent for a few days.

I'm not sure how the reader did it, but one way to switch a cat from litter box to a pad is to place the new pad and tray next to the old litter box so that a cat can sniff around it, check it out and become familiar with it. After a day or two, remove the litter box and put the pad in its place. Many cats will get the message right away. Others might hunt around for their box; if you notice this, place them gently on the pad to help them make the connection.

I'm not a big fan of letting indoor cats go outside to do their business. They'll often head straight for the nearest flower bed, leaving a surprise that I'm personally not thrilled about. They also are at risk in the outdoors, from coyotes, turkeys (yes, turkeys in the Northeast), cars and other cats. It's better to provide a safe spot indoors with a clean litter box.

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

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EVENTS: From page 39

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee precinct meeting. Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include setting priorities for 2023 and determining delegates for upcoming meetings. Join to share your concerns and ideas. For more information or to request the Zoom link, email maryherr2017@gmail.com or call 497-9498

Pen and Wash Watercolor Class. Jan. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center in Murphy, N.C. Class is suitable for adults. Two different paintings done in the pen and wash watercolor medium. Info: Barbara McMillan 557-5881, bmcmlan0927@gmail.com or the Murphy Art Center 360-3038.

Valentine Cork Wreath Class. Feb. 11 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center in Murphy, N.C. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club class suitable for kids. Students will make a cork wreath heart for hanging. Ages 10-15. Info: Dian McKelvey (404) 580-5740, dbmckelvey@gmail.com or the Murphy Art Center 360-3038.

Making Clay Faces Class. March 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center in Murphy, N.C. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club class suitable for kids. Students will make, bake, and paint faces of clay and decorate to hang. Ages 7-17. Info: Dianne Gardner (760) 974-6583, rosie091504@gmail.com or the Murphy Art Center 360-3038.

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

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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Old Elementary School Demolition

A resolution was passed on Sept. 10, 2009, that approved a request to demolish the old Cherokee Elementary School that was located in the Yellowhill community. The resolution cited that the Bureau of Indian Affairs had built these facilities more than 40 years prior to demolition and that there were several 'health and safety defects'. Seven years later an archaeological dig took place on the site to ensure it was cleared for development. The land has a rich history and was once the farming property of Principal Chief Nimrod Jarrett Smith. Different projects have been considered over the years, but there are currently no formal plans for the property.

Source: Cherokee One Feather archives

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An old adversary wants to make amends now that a new year has commenced. The decision is yours, but wouldn't it be nice to share the new year with another friend?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As news of your work gets around, expect to receive a special "gift" from influential contacts who could help you launch your upcoming projects for this year.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Instead of fussing over what you didn't get to do during the holidays, relax and enjoy kudos for a job truly well done. A happy surprise awaits you soon.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The best way to shake off lingering holiday blues is to reach out to some loved ones or close friends. A confusing situation starts to make sense in upcoming weeks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Special emotional rewards mark this time for Leos and Leonas who are able to open up to new relationships and the possibilities they offer during this upcoming year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your efforts to make time together memorable for some people in your life will be rewarded in some unexpected (but very welcome) ways this year.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be assured that your efforts to make this new year special for everyone won't go unnoticed by those who could make some important changes within your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Lots of folks want you to light up their days with your presence. But try to take some quiet time 'twixt the fun and entertainment to spend time with some very special people.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While the round of holiday revels had your social life on the fast track these past few weeks, someone special might want to keep pace with you this year as well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Even though you should be enjoying all the fun you deserve during Capricorn season, don't lose sight of the need to make some changes now that the new year has begun.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What happens during this time can help clear up some of the confusion jeopardizing a once-stable relationship. Follow your instincts on what to do next.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your days are brightened by new friends eager to become part of your life. But don't forget to spend time with that one special person. (You know who!)

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the ability to encourage people to reach their potential by setting an example with your own efforts.

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
HOUSING DIVISION

HOUSING LOTTERY



Must be prequalified through a bank or lending institution to be eligible.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PREQUALIFICATIONS IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023, AT 4 PM. DRAWING WILL BE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023.

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CLASSIFIEDS

If you have any land on the Qualla Boundary available for residential use and want to sell it, please call 828-736-1918. **1/25**

EMPLOYMENT

Data Entry Operator
Kituwah Services, LLC is accepting applications for Data Entry Operators to provide records management support at the Cherokee Court.

Please visit the KG3 Office at 1158 Seven Clans Lane to pick up full description and application or contact Maggie Toineeta, HR Manager at maggie.toineeta@kituwahG3.com or 828.604.8229. Tribal employment preferences apply. Open until filled. **1/25**

Project Manager – Full Time
Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office located at the old Chestnut Tree Inn between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Friday or email Kristin Smith at kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com to request information to be sent through email.

This position will close Friday, January 13th, at 4pm.

*Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application.

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President of Marketing/ Director of Brand Management

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office located at the old Chestnut Tree Inn, between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday or email Kristin Smith at kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com

This position will close January 13th, 2022 @ 4:00pm

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 22-131

In the Matter of the Estate of SAMMY W. OWLE

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

Tonya Yvonne Owle

783 MTN. Noble Rd.
Cherokee, NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 23-001

In the Matter of the Estate of Kobe Gavin Toineeta

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

Robert O. Saunooke
P.O. Box 309
Cherokee, NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 22-127

In the Matter of the Estate of LIBBY HAMPTON

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

Travis Teeters
9015 Big Cove Road #37
Cherokee, NC 28719

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BIDs, RFPs, etc.

RFP for Sequoyah National Golf Course Hotel Project Manager

The Sequoyah National Golf Club LLC is seeking proposals from experienced Project Managers who can be responsible for all aspects of managing the construction of a 125-room hotel on the Sequoyah National Golf Course property. Respondents will be asked to address a detailed scope of the responsibilities of the Project Manager pursuant to the requirements as outlined in the Request for Proposal, which is available upon request.

For a detailed copy of the complete request, please contact: Vince Hyatt, Office of the Attorney General, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719

Phone: (828) 359-7434

Email: vinchyat@ebci-nsn.gov

The deadline for submitting proposals will be at 4:00 PM on January 30, 2023. **1/18**



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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

Tribal Dispatch
497-4131

Cherokee Indian Police Dept.
359-6600

Tribal Fire and Rescue
359-6584

Tribal EMS
359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

Transit Main Line Dispatch
359-6300

Tsali Manor funds passes for Tsali Manor residents and communal lunch attendees. This pass provides unlimited trips within the service area and on shopping trips. Out-of-town shopping trips are currently on hold due to COVID-19.

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Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line
497-9163

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

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

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

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

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

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

EBCI Domestic Violence
359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance
507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic
554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center
497-6866

Snowbird Senior numbers
James Jones, Snowbird site supervisor,
346-6744
Samantha Teesateskie, Senior Services coordinator,
346-6745

Tsali Manor main line
359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line
835-9741

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





CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCE:

Patient Access Specialist – Emergency Hire
\$17.12 - \$19.26

Accountant III \$58,332 - \$72,915

Customer Service Representative – Patient &
Referred Care \$19.66 - \$22.25

Grants Compliance Officer – Contracting \$67,082 -
\$83,852

Purchasing Agent \$24.55 - \$27.99

EXECUTIVE

Credentialing Clerk - \$19.66 - \$22.25

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child positions
available - \$63,404 - \$76,085 **\$3,000 Hiring
Bonus

Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety \$44,107 -
\$55,134

Targeted Case Manager – Women’s Home
\$44,107 - \$55,134

Targeted Case Manager – Cherokee Central
Schools \$44,107 - \$55,134

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

Training and Development Specialist \$50,723 -
\$63,404

HR Generalist \$50,723 - \$63,404

OPERATIONS

Clinical Pharmacist – Part Time Intermittent -
\$102,023 - \$127,528

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PGY2 Pharmacy Resident \$102,023 - \$127,528

Dentist – Satellite Clinics \$131,405 - \$164,256

Dental Assistant II \$18.32 – \$20.67

Pedodontist \$157,686 - \$236,529

Optometrist - \$109,504 - \$136,880

DME Specialist - \$18.32 - \$20.67

MEDICAL

Advanced Practice Provider - \$109,504 - \$136,880

Clinical Dietitian - \$50,723 - \$63,404

FNP/PA – ICC \$91,254 - \$114,067

Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108

Physician/Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time /
Part Time Regular - \$157,686 - \$197,108

NURSING

Acupuncturist - \$67,082 - \$83,852

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

Analenisgi Inpatient Tech - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Care Manager (IDD/TBI) – Primary Care \$31.06
-\$35.64

Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center -
\$22.76 - \$25.89

Massage Therapist \$50,723 - \$63,404

Registered Nurse – Emergency Room \$33.68 -
\$38.72

Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64
**\$3,000 Hiring Bonus (Night shift)

Registered Nurse - Inpatient – Part Time
Intermittent \$31.06 - \$35.64

Registered Nurse – Satellite Clinic TJCC/BH -
\$31.06 - \$35.64

Social Worker – Inpatient - \$44,107 - \$55,134

TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Nursing Assistant \$17.12 - \$19.26 **\$2,000
Hiring Bonus**

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 **\$3,000 Hiring
Bonus**

Cook \$16.01 – \$17.95

Fiscal Coordinator - \$50,723 - \$63,404

Tribal Option

Tribal Option Business Analyst - \$67,082 - \$83,852

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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



Employment Opportunities

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

***** Signing Bonus up to \$2,500 *****

- Senior Concierge for Front Desk and operations support – hospitality experience preferred
 - Concierge for Front Desk – hospitality experience preferred
 - Male Spa Host and Female Spa Host – no experience required
- Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

Apply in person or contact Angie Hill at angieh@mandaraspa.com or 497-8550.



Tribal Employment Rights Office

756 Aquoni Rd, Cherokee, North Carolina.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:45am-4:30pm

The TERO Office is pleased to provide the following jobs listing for the Cherokee area. We ask that when applying for any of these jobs, to please reach out to us to enroll in our Job Bank.

If you have any questions or need more information about a specific opening, please contact Hillary Norville or Douglas McCoy at the email or telephone numbers below.

If you need a Job Bank Application, please email Hillary or Doug, or you may download the form from our website at this link: [WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - EBCI TERO \(ebci-tero.com\)](http://WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - EBCI TERO (ebci-tero.com)).

Hillary Norville – TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6422

hillnory@ebci-nsn.gov

Douglas McCoy – TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6478

dougmcco@ebci-nsn.gov

Local Job Openings for January 2023:

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Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

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

1. Middle School Receptionist
2. Middle School ISS Teacher Assistant
3. Middle School Full Time Permanent Substitute Teacher
4. Cultural Department Coordinator
5. 6-8 Special Education Alternative Teacher
6. K-5 Lifeskills Teacher Assistant
7. Middle School Science Teacher
8. Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher
9. 8 Hour Food Service Worker (Full Time w/ Benefits)
10. 6 Hour Food Service Worker (Full Time w/ Benefits)
11. 4 Hour Part Time Food Service
12. Elementary Teacher
13. Elementary School Counselor
14. Middle School Special Education Pathseekers Teacher
15. Math Teacher (High School)

Upcoming Cherokee Choices programming

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

Tai Chi

Tai Chi will be in-person on Wednesday's starting January 11, 2023. Cherokee Choices yoga room 10am-11am. To sign up, contact Keahana Lambert 359-6193 email keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov or Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784 yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

Power Princess

Boxing focused on mind, body, and spirit. Thursday's 3:45pm-5pm After school program - 6 weeks Begins 1/12/23 10 spots available for girls ages 10-14, Contact Keahana to sign up 359-6193 or keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov

Gloves on Fire

Women's boxing focusing on mind, body, and spirit
6 weeks Tuesdays 5-6pm begins 1/17/23, Wednesdays 12-1pm begins 1/11/23, Thursday's 6-7am begins 1/12/23 Contact Keahana to sign up Keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6193

Cherokee Strong

A diabetes prevention program, Free weekly Group classes, Provides support for making healthy lifestyle changes, includes nutrition, physical activity, goal setting and stress management. Begins January 24, 2023. 12 week series. For more info or to sign up Contact April Innis at (828)-359-6201 or apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov

Peaceful Warriors

After school youth program, Mondays January 23 – February 27, 2023 3:30pm-4:45pm Attend 5 classes to earn free shirt Only 10 spots available Contact Yo to sign up 359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

Women's Strength Training

Begins Thursday Jan. 19, 2023 12pm All levels welcome.
Weighted exercises, modifications available. Contact Shelby to sign up shelpark@ebci-nsn.gov or 828-359-6783

Change of Heart

Free 12 week program will teach you heart healthy cooking, stress management, and diet and exercise tips. Class time TBD and based on request. Will begin in February. Contact April for more info apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov or 828-359-6201.

Pound

Cardio and Strength Training all in one. This program is designed for all fitness levels. Fridays at 12pm beginning January 27th, 2023. Contact April or Tori for more info on classes. 828-359-6201 or 828-359-6778

Resources for Resiliency

Learn about stress and trauma and how it affects the brain and body. Learn new tools that help provide relief when every day stressors arise. 2-day in person training February 27 & 28, 2023 9am- 3:30pm with a scheduled lunch break. Must commit to both classes. Contact Shelby for more info or to sign up (828)-359-6783 shelpark@ebci-nsn.gov

Healing Touch

Nurturing, Relaxing Energy Therapy Some Benefits of healing touch include: Reducing Stress, calming anxiety/ depression, strengthening the immune system, supporting cancer care, creating a sense of well being, easing acute and chronic conditions/pain, deepening spiritual connection Contact Nancy Stephens, RN, BSN, HTCP for more info or to sign up for a session. nancstep@ebci-nsn.gov



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Cherokee Yoga

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Gentle Flow and Meditation with Robin Tuesdays 12:05-12:50pm

Jan. 17 – Feb. 14

Restorative Tuesdays with Yolanda Jan. 24 – Feb. 28

Tuesdays 10am and 3:40pm

Special Healing Touch and Restorative Yoga Thursdays

Feb 9 12pm and 3:40pm

To get more info or to sign-up with Robin 828-359-6785,

robibail@ebci-nsn.gov

Or Yo at 359-6784

yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

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MISSING PERSON

Shaun Ralph

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 6'3" Weight 180-185 lbs

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Current age: 16 Male

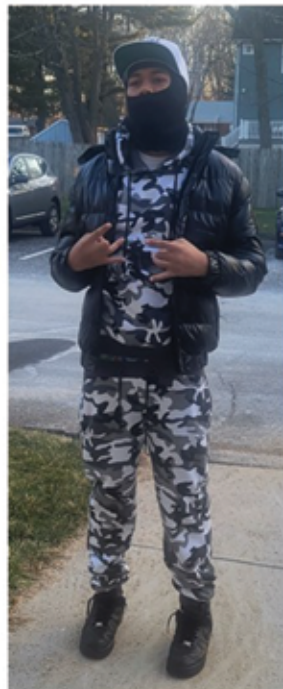
Date of last contact: December 28, 2022

Last Known Location: Bloomfield, Connecticut

Circumstances of Disappearance: On 12/28/22 at approximately 0300 hours, Shaun asked his mother to borrow her car keys to her vehicle. Shaun frequently "smokes and listens to music" in the vehicle. At approximately 0700 hours, Shaun's father observed both Shaun and the vehicle missing.

If you have seen Shaun Ralph, contact the Bloomfield Police Department (860) 242-5501.

Source: www.namus.gov



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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553
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828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, January 15, 2023

- Buyer – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
- Disbursements/Loan Specialist – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
- Library Aide – Qualla Boundary Public Library – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
- Social Services Supervisor – Senior Citizens – Education (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
- Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
- Commercial Property Specialist – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L13 \$22.80 - \$28.58 per hour)
- Supervisor (Social Services) – Sr. Citizens / CERS (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
- Hatchery Technician (Seasonal) – Fisheries & Wildlife Management / Agriculture & Natural Resources (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

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- Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Evidence Technician – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
- Bailiff – Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Probation Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$39,806 - \$49,758) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- PT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$39,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
- PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
- Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
- Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
- Real Estate Associate Attorney – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$72,342 - \$90,428)
- Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour)
- Legislative Executive Financial Director – Tribal Council (19 \$97,792 - \$130,389)
- Electrician Helper – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- Carpenter (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L7 \$33,259 - \$41,574)
- Carpenter Helper (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- Maintenance Utility (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- Utility Worker/Operator Assistant – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Economic Analyst – Destination Marketing – Commerce (L10 \$64,581 - \$80,727)
- Law Clerk – Tribal Court – Judicial Branch (L13 \$47,552 - \$59,449)
- Lead Horticulture Technician – Natural Resources – Agriculture and Natural Resources (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
- Legal Services Attorney – Legal Assistance Office – Office of the Attorney General (L16 \$64,389 - \$85,852)
- Financial Analyst (Multiple) – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478)
- Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Head Cook – Snowbird Senior Citizens – Snowbird and Cherokee County (L7 \$15,60 - \$19.50 per hour)
- Tribal Prosecutor II – Criminal Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$72,127 \$96,169)
- Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications – Operations (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Supervisor (Regulatory Compliance) – Natural Resources – Agriculture & Natural Resources (L14 \$52,349 - \$65,437)

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