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## Working on Overhill bill

Bill to place  
Tennessee lands  
into trust for EBCI  
passes House, for  
fourth time

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

Once again, a bill that would place 76 acres of land containing several Cherokee historic sites in eastern Tennessee in trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has passed the U.S. House of Representatives. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act, H.R. 548, passed the House on Tuesday, Feb. 7 by a

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A bill that would place 76 acres of land containing several Cherokee historic sites, such as the Chota Memorial pictured, in eastern Tennessee in trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has passed the U.S. House of Representatives. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act (H.R. 548) passed the House by a unanimous voice vote on Tuesday, Feb. 7. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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**BILL:** Eastern Band Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Bill passes House, from front page

unanimous voice vote.

“For the fourth Congress in a row, the House passed my bill to return 76.1 acres of sacred land to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians – correcting a historic wrong when the federal government forcibly took their land,” Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-Tenn.), said in a statement.

Rep. Fleischmann, who introduced the legislation on Jan. 26, added, “It is on these 76 sacred acres the Cherokee people have honored the birth and life of Sequoyah, one of the most influential and important Native Americans to have lived. It is essential that the land is returned to the Eastern Band of Cherokee, so the legacy of Sequoyah and the Eastern Band is taught for generations to come. I hope my colleagues in the Senate recognize the crucial importance of returning and preserving this sacred land and act quickly to send the bill to President Biden for his signature.”

The bill was received in the Senate, read twice, and referred to the Senate

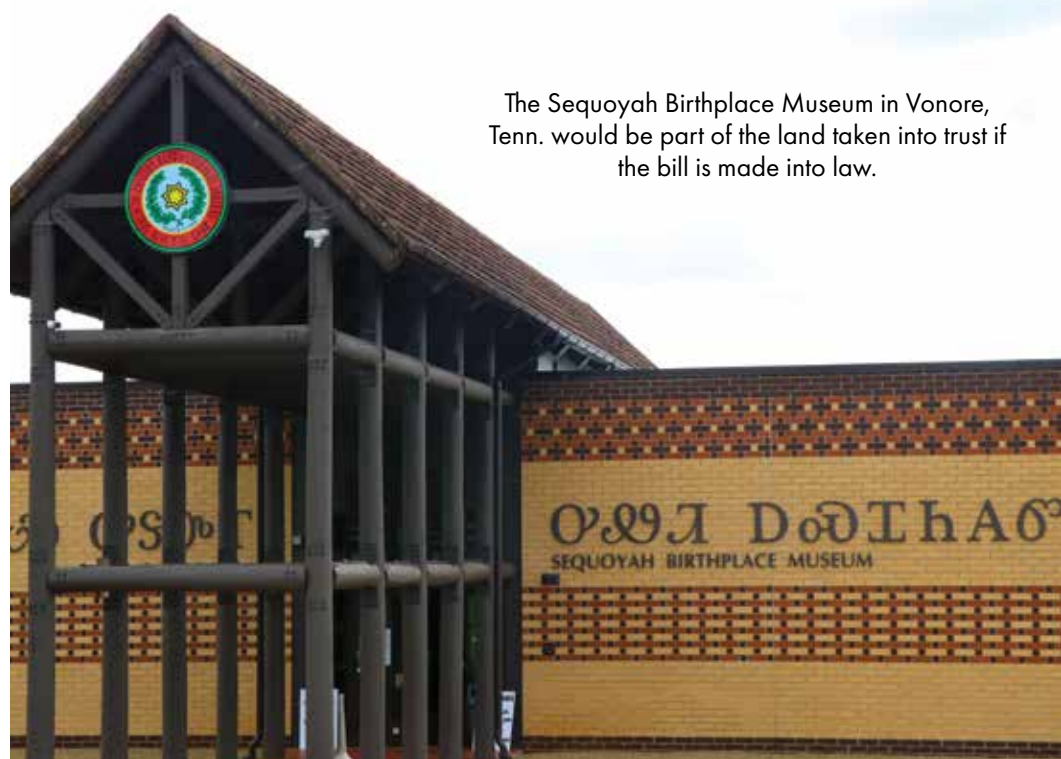
Committee on Indian Affairs on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed told the One Feather, “We are pleased with the passing of the Historic Tennessee Lands bill that would take the Overhill towns of Tanasi and Chota into trust. This is the fourth time a version of this bill has passed. Unfortunately, the previous bills died in the Senate as a result of opposition from our own North Carolina Senators. We are hopeful that will not be the case this time around, and instead, that a promise by the federal government to take the land into trust will be fulfilled some 40 years after the fact.”

According to language in the bill, the 76 acres includes approximately 46 acres at the site of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, around 18.2 acres which includes the Chota Memorial and the Tanasi Memorial, and another 11.2 acres known as “support parcel”. Also included in the bill are permanent easements for the Chota Peninsula, which includes 8.5 acres, and the Chota-Tanasi Trail which has 11.4 acres.

Charlie Rhodarmer, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum director, noted the importance of the area. “Tanasi was the

The Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. would be part of the land taken into trust if the bill is made into law.







The Tanasi Memorial is part of the land that would be put into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians if H.R. 548 passes the U.S. Senate and is signed into law.

first Cherokee capital in what is now this area of east Tennessee. It was set up by Moytoy of Tellico in the late 1720s/1730s. Moytoy was the first ‘emperor’ (spokesman) of the Cherokee. By 1753, Chota had become the mother town of the Overhill. During the eighteenth century, Chota was the political and cultural capital of the Cherokee Nation. It was known as a peace town.”

He added, “Chota was the longest existing Cherokee capital in the east before the Removal. Chota is center stage for Lt. Timberlake’s visit. Timberlake wrote his memoirs of his visit to the Cherokee Overhill, which gives us an incredible insight into Cherokee life in the mid-eighteenth century. By 1788, the Cherokee had moved their capital south to Georgia.”

The bill prohibits both Class II and Class III gaming from being conducted on these lands.

The Tennessee Valley Authori-

ty (TVA) would still maintain some authority over the lands. The bill states, “The Tennessee Valley Authority may temporarily and intermittently flood the lands subject to this Act that lie below the 824-foot (MSL) contour elevation and the road access to such lands that lie below the 824-foot (MSL) contour elevation.”

Subsections (f) and (g) in Section 5 of the bill outline more on the Tennessee Valley Authority. “(f) Right of Entry. – The lands subject to this Act shall be subject to a reasonable right of entry by the personnel of the Tennessee Valley Authority and agents of the Tennessee Valley Authority operating in their official capacities as necessary for purposes of carrying out the Tennessee Valley Authority’s statutory program for river control and development. (g) Entry Onto Land – To the extent that the Tennessee Valley Authority’s operations on the lands subject

to this Act do not unreasonably interfere with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians’ maintenance of an appropriate setting for the memorialization of Cherokee history or culture on the lands and its operations on the lands, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall allow the Tennessee Valley Authority to enter the lands to clear, ditch, dredge, and drain said lands and apply larvicides and chemicals thereon or to conduct bank protection work and erect structures necessary in the promotion and furtherance of public health, flood control, and navigation.”

Previous versions of the bill included H.R. 2088 (117th Congress) which passed the House by a vote of 407-16, H.R. 453 (116th Congress) which passed the House by a unanimous voice vote, and H.R. 146 (115th Congress) which passed the House by a vote of 383-2. All of these bills died in the Senate. The Congressional Budget Office

(CBO) released a report on Feb. 24, 2022 on the previous bill (H.R. 2088), identical in language to the current bill. The report states in part, “The Act would require TVA to submit revised maps of those lands to the Congress and would prohibit certain types of gaming on them.”

The report then states “that compiling the information to revise the maps of the lands taken into trust would cost about \$30,000 in 2022.” It adds, “... CBO expects that any increase in direct spending for mapping would be treated as an operating expense and recovered quickly in TVA’s rates for electricity. Thus, CBO estimates that the net effect on direct spending would be negligible.”

According to the report, the Department of the Interior would incur administrative costs to take the land into trust but that those “would not be significant”.



# Cherokee Police Commission discusses public information and community reporting

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**  
One Feather Reporter

The EBCI Police Commission met on Thursday, Feb. 9 to discuss recent developments in the community and law enforcement.

A theme throughout the meeting was reporting and how to properly disseminate information. Part of this discussion involved the Cherokee Indian Police Department and the potential hiring a public information officer (PIO). Cherokee Police Chief Carla Neadeau was amongst the guests at the meeting. When asked if the Police Department was considering hir-

ing a PIO, Neadeau said that the department was working on the details of the job description for that position.

Conversation around the value of public information continued with Vice Chairperson Buddy Johnson.

"I saw where there were some juveniles that walked off from the school and were missing, for lack of a better word. Then I saw where a report came back out and said 'found'. To me, that's an interactive kind of thing that looks really good for the PD, the Commission, and the Tribe. Public information and transparency and sharing with the community, I like

that," said Johnson.

This reporter offered a comment to the Commission, stating that the Cherokee One Feather wants to do whatever it can to assist in searches and releases such as these. Given that motivation, the newspaper wishes it was notified when there are missing people in the community, especially juveniles. The CIPD will often post reports regarding missing persons and the paper is rarely notified of these situations. Police Chief Neadeau wished to respond to this comment.

"According to Code, we don't have to send out things to be published. They're actually supposed

to request it, and then we can give them the information that is requested. So, it's not required of us to have to report to everybody. That's one of the reasons we try to get stuff posted to the Facebook page," said Neadeau.

Chairperson Tunney Crowe offered his perspective on the conversation, saying it can be difficult to release information regarding ongoing investigations.

"I think another thing to take into consideration with that from a PD standpoint is the fact that anytime you're dealing with juveniles, that's a very touchy and confidential situation. So, you have to be careful about what you

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do publish,” said Crowe.

This reporter clarified to Chairperson Crowe that the Cherokee One Feather does not wish to break confidentiality. Simply that the newspaper wants to support the community and the police department in any way it can when it comes to searches for missing people. Especially when there is a call for public assistance on Facebook. No more comments were given in this particular issue, but Commissioner Frank Dunn did inquire about the process for hiring a public information officer.

“With the PIO, I heard her say soon. So, can we have a date when this will be done? Are there any barriers to getting this done? Do you have a budget for it?” asked Dunn.

Police Chief Neadeau clarified that they will need to go through the Human Resources process to open the position, and that they have not completed the job description. Once they are finished, they can begin the process of creating the role in the Police Department.

“I just want to reiterate the importance of a public information officer. Because when we have a shooting like with Lambert Wilson, the community wants the police department to come forward and do a press release or meeting and assure the community that they’re safe. They want to be informed,” said Dunn.

The Commission moved to reports and heard first from Jonah Bird of Natural Resource Enforcement. He said the season is beginning to pick up for him and his officers. He also wanted to offer an update on the elk in Cherokee.

“One of the things we have realized with the elk is they’re down around the town area

because there’s no feed for them. This time of year, feed is scarce, they’re coming down to the town to try to find feed. The elk ain’t the problem, it’s the people that are stopping in the road and the ones trying to go up and pet them,” said Bird.

Chairperson Crowe said that NRE and the Tribe might need to reevaluate the law regarding the elk.

“Do we have laws on the books covering the elk, covering the bear? Is there a fine process of what it would take to replenish that animal that was killed here? We don’t own the elk. But if it was killed on the reservation here, then how do we pursue that?” asked Crowe.

Bird said that there are some guidelines, but they could be expanded. He said that there is not a specific restitution fee for elk, so NRE would most likely operate on guidelines provided by North Carolina.

“It’s actually set in our hunting and fishing code. There is a schedule of restitution fines for the wildlife. But the maximum for wildlife, I think for bears it’s up to 5,000 dollars,” said Bird.

Attorney General Michael McConnell was in the meeting and said that they could look to add to the Code. He brought up Section 113-5 of the Cherokee Code, which states that ‘it shall be unlawful to hunt, trap, kill or take any bird of prey, elk or deer.’

McConnell was also needed for comment later in the meeting after Commissioner Dunn asked about the incident in Cherokee County that involved Cherokee SWAT. This was in reference to an officer-involved shooting where Cherokee SWAT was called to assist Cherokee Co. Police in December of last year. Police Chief

Neadeau was the first to comment on the question.

“That’s still under investigation the State Bureau of Investigations. Because of the MoU that was in place, they were acting under state authority. So, they were acting under the sheriff’s authority at that time. So, they weren’t really even acting as Tribal officers,” said Neadeau.

The Attorney General then offered his piece on the situation.

“The SBI is investigating. We don’t have any idea when they’ll complete that. It could be tomorrow or a year from now. Carla and I and some other folks have been in touch with the Cherokee County Sheriff and his attorney. We disagree with some of the public statements that the Cherokee County Sheriff has made. But that doesn’t alter the facts of the encounter with the person who was injured. Right now, we’re waiting for the SBI to finish,” said McConnell. “The gentleman that was shot, he does have a couple of criminal charges in the county. We do anticipate a civil lawsuit being filed by the injured man against probably everybody who was involved in any respect.”

The Commission’s next business was to get an update on the Overdose Map project. Sheena Meader from Beraten Software was there to speak with the Commission on the process of implementing the new technology. The main topic for this meeting was deciding what items from should be considered for cataloging for a monthly dashboard for CIPD and other emergency services within the Tribe.

After some discussion, Commission Secretary Anita Lossiah made a motion to collect the following data points: calls for service (including topic and

community breakdowns), arrests, accidents, citations, total drugs seized, overdose incidents (fatal and nonfatal), Narcan deployments, and booking report numbers.

There was also one community member who was present at the meeting. That was Sarah Thompson, who was there to advocate for more traditional literature and stories to be made available to the inmates in the jail. She suggested getting photocopies of stories to increase volume of material. Police Chief Neadeau said that typical protocol is for inmates to request literature, and that those books need to come from an official source and be wrapped up to avoid the delivery of contraband. The Commission told Thompson that they would work with her and the administration to try and implement more traditional literature at the jail.

The Commission finished their meeting in a closed session for ‘attorney-client privilege’. No further information or report was offered from the closed session.

The Thursday, February 9 meeting of the EBCI Police Commission was called to order at 12 p.m. with Chairperson Tunney Crowe; Vice Chair Buddy Johnson; Secretary Anita Lossiah; and Commissioners Lisa Taylor, Kym Parker, Frank Dunn, and Hillary Norville present. Commissioner Solomon Saunooke was absent from the meeting.

The next meeting of the Police Commission is set for Thursday, March 9 at noon. The Commission gathers monthly and has been meeting in the training room at the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. These sessions are open to tribal members until the Commission moves into an executive session.



# Hospital reports 430 “no-shows” for January

**By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) is concerned about people not showing up for their appointments. It reported a total of 430 “no-shows” for Primary Care appointments during the month of January.

“A ‘no-show’ occurs when a patient fails to show up for a scheduled appointment and does not notify the clinic that they will not be able to make it to that appointment,” said Dr. Richard Bunio, CIHA executive clinical director.

He said it creates some issues within the hospital. “The hospital administration and staff are tasked

with providing the best possible access to healthcare so members of this community can get an appointment with the provider of their choice as quickly as possible. Every ‘no-show’ appointment is time that could have been given to someone else waiting for care which lengthens the wait time for others.”

Dr. Bunio added, “No-show’ appointments do not typically affect the flow of appointments that follow them. They do, however, waste valuable time that could be used to see other patients in need.”

He said the hospital is completely understanding for people needing to cancel appointments. “We understand that things happen and life can get in the way

of attending any appointment. Letting the hospital know with as much notice as possible that you cannot keep a scheduled appointment gives us the ability to call someone in and use that time to see others in this community who need care. It is a kindness that we and your community greatly appreciate.”

When asked if there is any monetary loss to ‘no-shows’, Dr. Bunio commented, “The monetary amount lost when staff are engaged to sit and wait to see a patient who does not arrive is secondary to the greater concern that this creates longer wait times for patients needing to be seen.”

Casey Cooper, CIHA chief executive officer, addressed the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Health Board on Jan. 18 and discussed, among other topics, the issue of ‘no-shows’ affecting access

to care. “The thing that is having the biggest adverse impact on access is not vacancies now – it’s ‘no-shows’...we have some service lines that have monthly ‘no-show’ rates above 30 percent now.”

“It’s approximately three months lead time to get a dental appointment. It’s still about three months to get an eye appointment. And, that’s only worsened when one-fourth to one-third of our appointments go unutilized because people don’t show.”

He encouraged the community, “When you talk to your family and friends, just really encourage them that if they’re going to cancel to give us plenty of notice so that we can put somebody else in that slot.”

To contact the Cherokee  
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Authority ([cherokeehospital.org](http://cherokeehospital.org))

# MISSING PERSON

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**Circumstances of Disappearance:** Dalynn Nova has not been heard from in about six months. Dalynn's last known location was the Ruth Compound in Crescent City and it is rumored she may be traveling with a carnival

If you have seen Dalynn Nova, contact Yurok Tribal Police Department 707-482-8185 or Del Norte County Sheriff's Office .

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# Long appeals to Cherokee Supreme Court

By **ROBERT JUMPER**  
One Feather Editor

**C**HEROKEE, N.C. - At just after 10 am on Friday, Feb. 10, the Cherokee Supreme Court convened to hear an appeal in the case of Benjamin Cody Long. Long was found guilty of "misuse of Tribal property" on Oct. 14, 2021 (20CR465). While not in attendance at court, Long, through his attorney Andy Banzhoff, asked to have his conviction vacated for misuse of tribal property, a conviction that came as a part of a larger case brought from a network breach. The larger issue of the breach itself was not determined to have anything to do with Long. The conviction had to do with an

unauthorized access to the tribal network.

According to Banzhoff, the conviction was based on a section of the Cherokee Code, Chapter 14, Section 70, Subsection 42C1, which states:

*Misusing Tribal property. It shall be unlawful for a person in possession of or charged with the safekeeping, transfer, or use of Tribal property to:*

*(1) Without lawful authority appropriate the Tribal property or any portion of it to his own use or use of another.*

Banzhoff said that it was questionable as to whether Long was under any obligation to adhere to the direction of his former superiors to cease to use the tribal

network since, at the time of the incident, Long was suspended and relieved of all his duties. Banzhoff also focused on language in the Code that states "to his use or the use of another". He contended that, since there was no documented action other than accessing the network, Long's accessing the network did not rise to the level of a violation of the Code SS 14-70-42C1.

Banzhoff, reading from a document prepared and supplied to the Court and the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Prosecutor's Office, also questioned the timing of when Long might have accessed the network. He indicated that there might be some question as to whether Long accessed the network before or after his suspension. The attorney also challenged the testimony of Doug Chase, Tribal Information security officer, who was introduced as a lay-witness, not an "expert" witness. Banzhoff suggested that Chase gave testimony beyond the parameters defined for lay-witnesses and had used reference materials beyond his own personal knowledge.

Tribal Attorney Cody White addressed the Supreme Court, responded to the three areas of challenge by the appellant. He explained that the judge in the trial had addressed the section of Code 14.70.42C1 and had ruled that the

use and action described in this case did fit the definition outlined in Code. White also disagreed with the idea that Long might not have had a duty to comply with the direction of his supervisor to not be on the network using his OIT (Office of Information Technology) credentials. He said the Code violation would apply regardless of Long's status as an employee. White also pointed out that the decision of the jury in October 2021 was unanimous.

On the subject of the testimony provided by Chase, White said that the trial judge had ruled on his testimony and found it to be in order. White also stated that he thought that Chase's testimony substantially agreed with that of the defense's expert witness on the tribal IT logs and their interpretation.

White also addressed a question that was asked by the Court concerning a phone that had apparently been the device that Long used to access the network. According to White, ownership of the phone was determined to be Long's, but the SD card or chip in the phone was the property to EBCI.

The Supreme Court will now deliberate and create an opinion or ruling on the appeal. There is no time limitation on the Court as to the timeframe for finalizing a ruling on the appeal.



  
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# Ethics report finds TABCC member violated Cherokee Code

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Reporter

The EBCI Office of Internal Audit and Ethics released a report that states there was ‘probable cause’ that Shannon Ross, a member of the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC), was in violation of four pieces of the Cherokee Code.

The report stems from a complaint that was filed on August 31 of 2022. It alleged that Ross ‘failed to act in a professional manner and attempted to use the prestige of his office to influence and intimidate others’ during incidents that occurred at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort.

The findings were that Ross was in violation of four of six aspects of Code that were being reviewed. The violations in question are the following:

- Section 117-45.3(d)(5): The respondent used the prestige of the office to advance personal interests of others or themselves.
- Section 117-45.3(d)(10): The respondent acted individually, jointly or through another to threaten, intimidate, or discipline any person as reprisal for any legitimate action taken by the person.
- Section 117-45.3(d)(14): The respondent participated in a private activity that detracted from the dignity of the office or interfered

with the performance of official duties.

• Section 117-45.3(d)(15): The respondent failed to maintain or enhance the honesty and integrity of his respective office; and safeguard the reputation of the EBCI as a whole.

The report cites three incidents that occurred over the space of a week. The first on August 20, and the second and third on the night of August 24 into the morning of August 25. The allegation painted a picture of misrepresentation and disregard for Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort’s drinking policy. The following is the description of the first incident on August 20:

‘Mr. Ross was at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino where he identified himself as an Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) Officer to a bartender [redacted name] in an attempt to convince [redacted name] to violate the casino’s alcohol policy and serve him a second cocktail before he had finished his first.’

The next alleged happening was a more detailed account. ‘[redacted name] encountered Mr. Ross at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino again. Mr. Ross was being loud and obnoxious and using terrible language causing guests to leave the area. Bartender [redacted name] also encountered Mr. Ross later that evening. Mr. Ross at-

tempted to get [redacted name] to violate the casino’s alcohol policy by instructing him to sit a second cocktail behind the machine until Mr. Ross finished his first and then he would grab it. [redacted name] informed Mr. Ross that was a violation of policy, and he had to finish the first cocktail before he could be served another. Mr. Ross again identified himself as an ALE Officer and as the person responsible for writing the Tribe’s alcohol law and informed him that he was wrong in regard to policy.’

According to the report, the incident continued after midnight and escalated from there.

‘Just after midnight, Beverage Supervisor [redacted name] was called to Sports Book Bar 2 by [redacted name] regarding Mr. Ross claiming to be ALE and wanting extra alcohol. [redacted name] approached Mr. Ross where he again identified himself as an ALE Officer. Mr. Ross argued with her about why he could not be served a second cocktail while he still had one in hand. [redacted name] then red-lighted Mr. Ross for being intoxicated. Mr. Ross then asked her if she knew Mike, the attorney for TABCC, and advised her not to call security. When [redacted name] called security Mr. Ross became irate. He informed [redacted name] he was Josh Taylor’s (Chief ALE Officer) boss, and he would

just call Josh. Once Josh arrived, he took over the situation and eventually drove Mr. Ross home.’

The report states that multiple witnesses corroborated this story and said that Ross falsely identified himself as an ALE Officer. After review, it was decided that Ross used his prestige, lied about his position, detracted from the dignity of his actual position, and attempted to intimidate workers at the Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort.

The Audit and Ethics Committee recommended that Ross face consequences of a 1,000 dollar fine and require him ‘to obtain an alcohol assessment with adherence to the recommendations of that assessment.’

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed submitted a resolution to Tribal Council to have Ross removed from his position on the TABCC Board. The Council and Chief Sneed debated the topic at February’s Tribal Council session, which led to the Principal Chief withdrawing his resolution. Tribal leadership decided that they would offer the TABCC Board a chance review the investigation and offer a recommendation to Tribal Council on how to handle Ross’s position.

No further decisions have been made at this time.

**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**



# Ethics report dismisses complaint involving Attorney General

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Reporter

The EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Office of Internal Audit and Ethics has dismissed a complaint filed against EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell.

Ashley Sessions, a member of the EBCI, filed the complaint against McConnell following an incident that occurred at the Tribal Council House on Sept. 29, 2022. She alleged that McConnell 'violated Cherokee Code Section 117-45 Standards of Ethical Conduct when he confronted the complainant in a hostile and intimidat-

ing manner during an interaction'. Sections 117-45 of the Cherokee Code covers Tribal officials, including their role in the community and how they should conduct themselves. The Attorney General is an appointed position and would therefore fall under this this section of Code. The alleged violation was of Section 117-45.3(d), Code of Ethics which reads as follows:

'Tribal officials of the EBCI shall not act individually, jointly or through another, threaten, intimidate, or discipline any person as reprisal for any legitimate action taken by the person.'

The Office of Internal Audit

and Ethics received the initial complaint on Oct. 21, 2022. A copy of the complaint was sent to McConnell on Oct. 26, 2022 to which he responded on Nov. 18. This began an investigation that extended through January of this year. The Ethics Review Committee approved for staff to conduct interviews with two unnamed Tribal Council Members and other witnesses, according to the report. They also interviewed Sessions and McConnell during this time period to obtain information on the event.

The single allegation under review (in violation of Sect. 117-45.3(d)(10)) was dismissed, with

the report citing there was 'not sufficient evidence to support this allegation'. This led to the conclusion of the report stating that 'there is no probable cause of an Ethics Code Violation, for the reasons set forth in the report, and the complaint should be dismissed in its entirety.' The Committee suggested that no further actions be taken regarding this incident.

The report was finished on Jan. 30, 2023 and was formalized on Feb. 3, 2023. There was no further information in the report detailing the circumstances of the complaint or anything describing the altercation in question.



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## LEAF Festival LEAF Cherokee Poster Art Design Contest

This year's theme is *"The Drum, The Heartbeat of Humanity"*. The First place winner will receive \$800, a Free booth space at the October LEAF festival and your entry will be highlighted in an art gallery- style setting. Second place will receive \$200, plus a free booth space at the October Festival.

All entries must be submitted from February 1, 2023 to April 1, 2023. We are accepting digital pieces only set for 11x17, 18 x 24 and 24 x 36 common poster sizes. A contract will be given to the winners of the contest for written consent of use of work to promote the event.

Please submit a JPEG of your piece to **theironbead@gmail.com** along with your full name, address, phone number and email address by April 1st.

The winner will be announced on April 3rd.

We look forward to seeing your artwork.

If you would like to purchase a booth space at any of the LEAF events, please visit <https://theleaf.org/product/ha-booth-fee-fall>



**CIPD Arrest Report for  
Jan. 29 to Feb. 5, 2023**  
*The following people were arrested  
by the Cherokee Indian Police Depart-  
ment 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, Shaina Marie – age 32  
Arrested: Jan. 31  
Released: Feb. 2  
Charges: Warrant

Chekelelee, Adrian Kyle – age 38  
Arrested: Feb. 1  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Feb. 6)  
Charges: Drug Trafficking, Possession

of a Controlled Substance Schedules  
I-V

Littlejohn, Michael – age 62  
Arrested: Feb. 1  
Released: Feb. 2  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Watty, Ashton McClennon – age 18  
Arrested: Feb. 1  
Released: Feb. 1  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Wolfe, Terrance Russell – age 25  
Arrested: Feb. 1  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Feb. 6)  
Charges: Failure to Appear, Resisting  
Lawful Arrest

Beasley, Jerome Montana – age 31  
Arrested: Feb. 2  
Released: Feb. 3  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Burton, Joseph Daniel – age 45  
Arrested: Feb. 2  
Released: Feb. 4  
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Ob-  
structing Officers

George, Darrell – age 52  
Arrested: Feb. 2  
Released: Feb. 2  
Charges: Failure to Appear

Ledford, Austin Taylor – age 20  
Arrested: Feb. 2  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Feb. 6)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled  
Substance

Locust, Kaley – age 22  
Arrested: Feb. 2  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Feb. 6)  
Charges: Probation Violation

Oocumma, Farrell Edward – age 36  
Arrested: Feb. 2  
Released: Feb. 3  
Charges: Weapons Offense, Failure to  
Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Sequoyah, Tashina Pepion – age 40  
Arrested: Feb. 2  
Released: Feb. 2  
Charges: Trespassing

Shell, Henry – age 61  
Arrested: Feb. 2  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Feb. 6)  
Charges: Probation Violation

Shivers, Anthony – age 52  
Arrested: Feb. 2  
Released: Feb. 2  
Charges: Drug Trafficking

Teesateskie, Uktena – age 52  
Arrested: Feb. 2  
Released: Feb. 2  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Screamer Jr., James Albert – age 48  
Arrested: Feb. 3  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Feb. 6)  
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dat-  
ing Violence

Tapp, Seth Emerson – age 23  
Arrested: Feb. 3  
Released: Feb. 3  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Taylor, Destiny Marie – age 25  
Arrested: Feb. 3  
Released: Feb. 3  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Crowe Jr., Gilbert – age 52  
Arrested: Feb. 4  
Released: Feb. 4  
Charges: Disorderly Conduct; Resist-  
ing, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers;  
Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Ledford, Clinton Lee – age 45  
Arrested: Feb. 4  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Feb. 6)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful  
Order of the Court, Possession of  
a Controlled Substance Schedules  
I-V, Domestic Violence and Dating  
Violence


Spicer, Ashlyn – age 26  
Arrested: Feb. 4  
Released: Feb. 4  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson  
Co.

Beasley, Jerome Montana – age 31  
Arrested: Feb. 5  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Feb. 6)  
Charges: Driving While Impaired


Crump Jr., Michael Allen – age 41  
Arrested: Feb. 5  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (Feb. 6)  
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second  
Degree

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**Community Garden Kit Give Away-** April 3rd & 5th: On Monday  
April 3rd-Cherokee County at the Community Club Pavilion 12-2pm,  
Snowbird Community at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex 2-5pm  
On Wednesday, April 5th-Cherokee at the Yellowhill Basketball Court  
12-2pm (elders only), 2-5pm all others.

**Community Wide Landscape Beautification Contest-**Deadline  
to enter is Friday, May 19, judging week: May 22-25

For more information on any of these events please call the Extension  
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## INDOOR TRACK

# Swain County women repeat as East Burke men claim their first team title

NCHSAA Release

(One Feather staff contributed to this report)

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – The Swain County women made it back-to-back state Indoor titles with a convincing 83.5-61 victory over second place Cummings at the 1A/2A Indoor Track & Field State Championship held at the JDL Fast Track in Winston-Salem, N.C. on Saturday, Feb. 11. The men's championship was a much tighter affair with East Burke edging Union Academy 48-43 to earn the Cavaliers' first Indoor State Championship.

The Maroon Devil women racked up much of their points in the distance disciplines, earning 14 points in the 1000 Meters and getting a pair of individual event victories from Arizona Blankenship in the 1600 and 3200 Meters. Blankenship racked up gold in the 1600 Meters with a time of 5:12.72 and in the 3200 hitting the tape in 11:42.44. Amaya Hicks also won gold for Swain, taking the 1000 Meters in 3:10.84. Hicks and Blankenship paired up with Annie Lewis and Gracie Monteith in the 3200 Meter Relay to lift Swain to victory in 10:13.33.

Akala Garrett from Albemarle was selected as the 1A/2A Meet Most Outstanding Performer. She set a pair of 1A/2A State Meet Records as she won the 55 Meter Hurdles in 7.86 seconds and the 500 Meters in 1:15.86. Her 55 Meter Hurdles time nipped the previous mark of 7.99 seconds set by Alyssa Thompson Rowe from Lexington in 2020. The 500 Meter record she replaced was 1:16.79 set by Araybian Lilly from West Montgomery in 2017. Garrett also won the 300 Meters with a winning time of 40.44 seconds.

Another notable name from the women's meet was Robbinsville's Zoie Shuler. She pulled down a pair of first place finishes by winning the Long Jump and Triple Jump. She cleared 17' 5" with her winning effort in the Long Jump and 39' 9.5" in the Triple Jump.



Amaya Hicks, center, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians attending Swain Co. High School, won first place in the women's 1000M run at the 1A/2A Indoor Track Championship at the JDL Track in Winston-Salem, N.C. on Saturday, Feb. 11. Shown, left to right, are Emily Pierce, Eno River Academy, second place; Hicks; Ainsley Heath, Heide Trask, third place; and Emily Hedrick, Bandys, fourth place.

(Photo contributed)

East Burke won the men's meet in large part due to the heroics of Kenneth Byrd who won a pair of events at the meet. Byrd was the winner of the 55 Meter Hurdles, crossing in a time of 7.71 seconds before earning the top spot in the High Jump with a clearance of 6' 6". Byrd was selected as the Most Outstanding Performance.

Four men's meet 1A/2A records fell in the

competition. NC School of Science & Math-Durham runner Andrew Parker won a pair of events in the meet, earning victory in the 3200 Meters with a time of 9:28.43. He also climbed to the top of the podium in the 1600 Meters, setting a new 1A/2A State Meet mark with his time of 4:19.23. His run eclipsed the old record of 4:21.11 set by North Lincoln's Jason Thomson from 2019.

Jonathan Paylor from Cummings also set a new 1A/2A Meet Record in the 300 Meters, crossing the line in 35.13 seconds. His effort bested the old time of 35.18 set by Reidsville's Elliott Graves in 2016.

There were two new 1A/2A Meet Records in the field events. Swain County's Matthew Gray cleared 16' 6" to win the Pole Vault and beat the previous 1A/2A Record of 16' 00" set by Kenneth Byrd from East Burke a year ago. Northeastern's Junion Payton Kimble also set a new top performance for 1A/2A in the Shot Put tossing 55' 9" with his best throw of the day. His toss eclipsed the 55' 6.5" performance of North Lincoln's Jake Soorus in 2020.

The NCHSAA is committed to promoting good sportsmanship at all athletic events and has partnered with the North Carolina Farm Bureau to present the NC Farm Bureau Sportsmanship Awards to two athletes from each NCHSAA Championship Event. The 1A/2A Women's Sportsmanship Award Winners were Amelia Rogers from Swain County and D'Anna Cotton from Cummings. The Sportsmanship Award Winners on the Men's side were Avery Fraley from East Burke and Evan Mitchell from Union Academy.

Following are all of the finishers from the Smoky Mountain Conference:

#### Women's Events

##### 500M Dash

- 6 – Annie Lewis, Swain Co., 1:24.40
- 9 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 1:26.90

##### 1000M Run

- 1 – Amaya Hicks, Swain Co., 3:10.84
- 5 – Gracie Monteith, Swain Co., 3:20.71

##### 1600M Run

- 1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain Co., 5:12.72

##### 3200M Run

- 1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain Co., 11:42.44

##### 4x200M Relay

- 7 – Swain Co., 1:56.23
- 9 – Robbinsville, 1:57.18

##### 4x400M Relay

- 3 – Swain Co., 4:24.73
- 15 – Robbinsville, 4:51.25

##### 4x800M Relay

- 1 – Swain Co., 10:13.33

##### High Jump

- 2 – Gracie Sutton, Swain Co., 5-00
- 4 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 5-00

- 10 – Alden Thomas, Swain Co., 4-08

- 14 – Naomi Feagin, Swain Co., 4-06

##### Long Jump

- 1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 17-05

- 10 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 15-8.50

##### Triple Jump

- 1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 39-9.5

- 14 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 30-8.5

##### Pole Vault

- 1 – Amelia Rogers, Swain Co., 11-00

- 2 – Alden Thomas, Swain Co., 8-00

- 3 – Delany Brooms, Robbinsville, 8-00

- 8 – Hannah Wingate, Swain Co., 7-06

##### Shot Put

- 8 – Carley Teesateskie, Swain Co., 30-2.50

- 9 – Gabby Lloyd, Murphy, 30-1.50

##### Adaptive Girls Wheelchair Shot Put

- 1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 7-5.75

##### Adaptive Girls 55 Wheelchair

- 1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 23.36

#### Men's Events

##### 1600M Run

- 3 – Jaylan Bark, Cherokee, 4:28.40

##### 3200M Run

- 9 – Jaylan Bark, Cherokee, 10:13.48

##### 55M Hurdles

- 6 – Austin Jenkins, Swain Co., 8.14

##### 4x400M Relay

- 13- Cherokee, 3:48.59

- 14 – Swain Co., 3:50.63

##### 4x800M Relay

- 3 – Swain Co., 8:38.30

##### High Jump

- 5 – Matthew Gray, Swain Co., 6-00

- 14 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5-06

##### Long Jump

- 7 – Kelan McCullough, Swain Co., 20-2.50

##### Triple Jump

- 11 – Kelan McCullough, Swain Co., 38-05

##### Pole Vault

- 1 – Matthew Gray, Swain Co., 16-06

- 7 – Caden Lail, Robbinsville, 11-00

- 13 – Kelan McCullough, Swain Co., 9-06

##### Shot Put

- 5 – Kensen Davis, Cherokee, 46-03.25

- 8 – Nse Uffort, Swain Co., 43-11.50

## Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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





## One Feather Staff Report

A 1988 graduate of Swain Co.



## Neil Blankenship

(Swain County Schools photo)

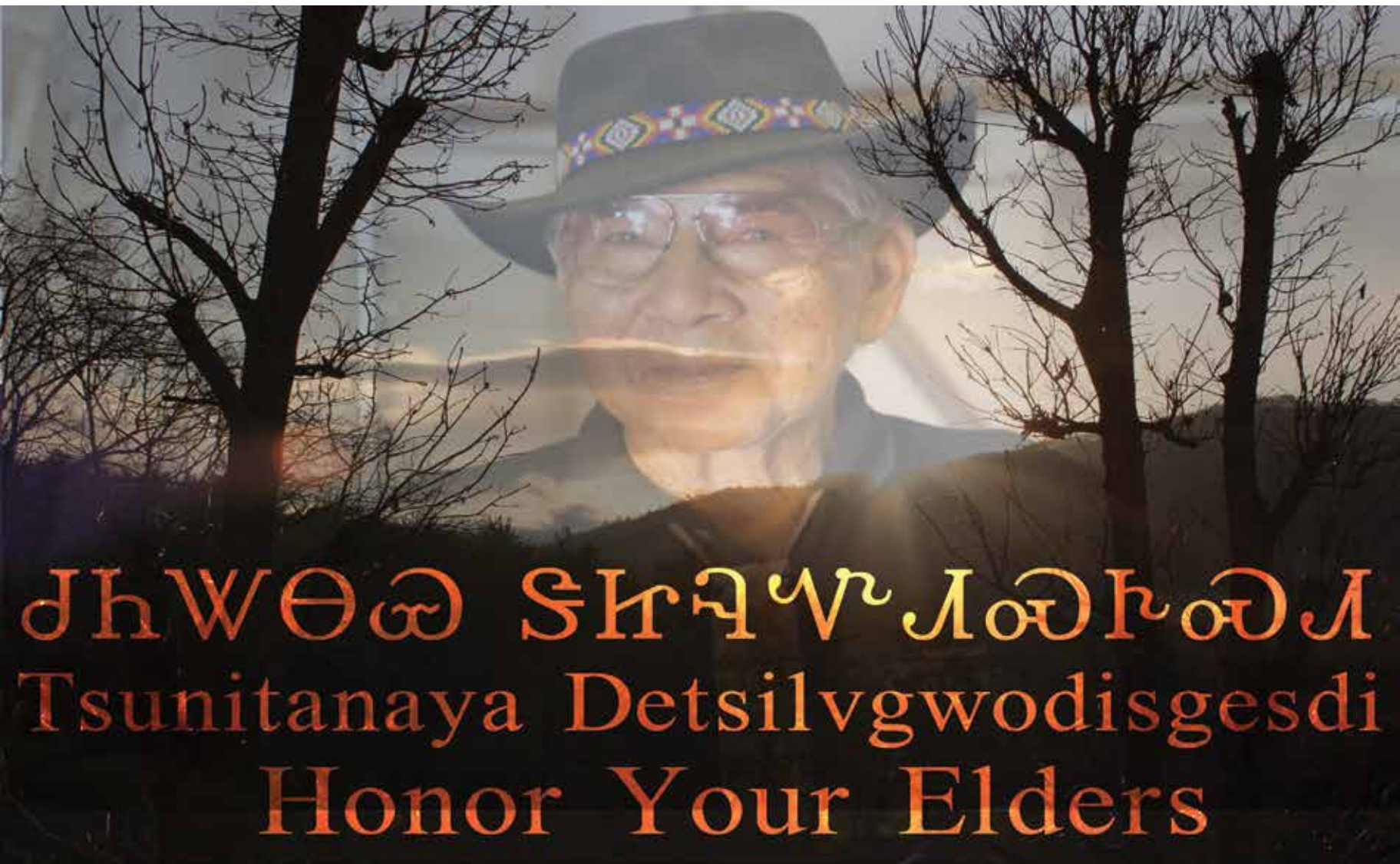
High School, Blankenship went on to become a nationally-ranked NAIA cross country runner at Mars Hill. Upon completing his

He's served as the athletic director at Swain Co. since 2012 and coached several sports there including women's basketball and varsity football where he finished his coaching career in 2021 with a 95-40 record that included three Smoky Mountain Conference championships and a 1A state championship runner-up finish.

According to information from NCADA, “Since becoming the AD (athletic director) at Swain, he has served on the N.C. Athletic Directors Association, the Board of Directors for N.C. High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA), the N.C. Coaches Association Board (president in 2021), the

N.C. Football Coaches Association Board, and the Southwestern Officials Association Board of Directors. He is a certified athletic administrator (CAA) and a Level 3 coach with NFHS. Neil has been awarded the Gerald McGee Award of Excellence in 2022, the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 2021, the Charlie Adams Distinguished Service Award in Region Eight in 2020, the Region Eight Athletic Director of the Year in 2016, and the NCHSAA Special Person Award in 2015.”

Other inductees for the Class of 2023 include: Michael Gainey, Troy Lindsey, Jay Smith, and Jim Taylor.







### WRESTLING: Seven EBCI tribal members qualify for state meet

Seven members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have qualified for the 1A State Wrestling Tournament scheduled for Feb. 17-18 in Greensboro, N.C. They qualified by placing at the 1A West Regional tournament held at Mitchell High School in Bakersville, N.C. on Feb. 10-11. They are shown, left to right, including – Lucas Sutton, Swain Co., second place 170lb.; Blake Sain, Swain Co., second place 220lb.; Kale Stephenson, Swain Co., second place, 113lb.; Jacob Teesateskie, Robbinsville, fourth place 285lb.; Blake Powers, Robbinsville, third place 152lb.; Darius Saunooke, Swain Co., second place 182lb.; and Kohlton Neadeau, Swain Co., first place 285lb. (Photo courtesy of Jenny Millsaps)

## Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Beginning March 1, 2023, valid parking tags will be required on any vehicles parking for longer than 15 minutes. Approved parking rates are \$5 for a daily parking tag, \$15 for a weekly parking tag, and \$40 for an annual parking tag. All revenue will stay in the park to provide sustainable, year-round support focusing on improving the visitor experience, protecting resources, and maintaining trails, roads, historic structures, and facilities. Visitors who simply drive through the park will not need a parking tag.



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## FRANK DUNN FOR WOLFTOWN/BIG Y TRIBAL COUNCIL

Frank Dunn is a candidate for the Wolftown/Big Y tribal council election that will be held on **March 2, 2023**. Frank Dunn a Wolftown resident wants to work with and vote together with the current council Andrew Oocumma and make the Wolftown/Big Y community strong as one.

Interesting times are happening for our community. Frank has met with many of you in your homes this last special election. Frank Dunn humbly mentions, *"What I am hearing from you is we don't want a cookie-cutter politician, (same ole same ole) we need someone who is going to be a person of integrity. 'The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles, moral uprightness.' My GIT R DUNN is an acronym meaning,"*

**G = God, I = Integrity, T = Transparency, R = Reliability, D = Diversify, U = Understanding, N = Native, N = Needs**

Frank will do this by drawing on his education of a Master's in Business Administration, wide range of experience in successful business ventures, supporting the arts, culture, Cherokee language revitalization, and implementing change for all of our people. Frank humbly says that if he is elected to this position he will continue to stay in contact with the people, listen and communicate their needs, wants and will move Cherokee forward for all seven generations.

Frank will serve from the top of Rough Branch to the top of Dobson Ridge and all the creeks, branches, and hollers in between. Frank Dunn states "that every voice is important." Frank includes "God gave us two ears and one mouth and he is here to listen to your needs and bring it back to the horseshoe to serve you."

Frank is proud and thanks the community for entrusting him to serve our communities thus far in the capacity of helping in the construction of buildings, getting more food on the tables for our families, and partnering to make our communities a safer place to live and raise our children for the next 7 generations. "I have seen changes and great things being done, but this is not enough. With passion and a servant's heart, he states that "our ancestors sacrificed a lot for me and our people, in return I have a desire to serve and pay it forward for all our people.

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## Sochan permit applications for Great Smoky Mountains National Park being accepted

To apply online for a 2023 sochan gathering permit, visit: <https://cherokeeenaturalresources.com/sochan-gathering/>

If you have difficulty using the online application form, or to apply for a permit in person, please contact Desirae Kissell at [desikiss@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:desikiss@ebci-nsn.gov) or 788-0219 for assistance.

Only members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are eligible for permits. The gathering season will run three months, from March 1 to May 31, and each permittee is allowed to gather up to one bushel of sochan per week. A permittee may be accompanied by up to five guests.

A total of 36 permits are available to be issued. If more than 36 applications are received, those applications submitted first will receive priority and a wait list will

be created.

To receive a permit, you must also complete the annual orientation on regulations and reporting requirements for the sochan gathering program. The annual orientation session will be held in person on March 7 from 4 p.m. to 6 pm. at the TERO Technical Training Institute (3TI) located at 149 Children's Home Loop, Cherokee, N.C.

In order to be eligible to receive a sochan gathering per-

mit for the 2024 sochan harvest season, every 2023 permit holder must submit at least one harvest report. Gathering permits are limited. If you are chosen to receive a permit in 2023 and do not pick it up by March 17 or do not attend the required orientation, your permit will be given to the next applicant on the waitlist.

- EBCI Natural Resources Dept. release

## The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Presents The **WNC Fly Fishing Trail** Weekly Fishing Report

February 13-19, 2023

| WATERSHED   | STOCKING                           | PRODUCTIVITY                | ACTIVE SPECIES                           | HATCHES   | FLY/BAIT                                       |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Tuckaseegee River</b>                                  | Last stocked November 2nd & 8th    | Based on water temperatures | Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown 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 |
| <b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>                  | 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 |
| <b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b> | 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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- Session 7: July 23-28
- Session 8: July 30-Aug. 4
- Session 9: Aug. 6-11



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## OBITUARIES JhñfR

### Frank Welch

Funeral services for Frank Welch, 85, of Sisseton, S.D., were held on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023 at Family Life Center, Sisseton, S.D. with Pastor Vern Donnell officiating. Pall Bearers were Richard Welch, Jack Teesateskie, Eli Janise, Austin Ducheneaux, Eric Tiger, and Tom Thode. Honorary Pall Bearers were all family and friends. Pianist was Sarah Aadland. Drum Group was Old Agency Singers. Honor Guard and Military Rites by Dakota Kit Fox Society. Burial will be at a later date in the Yellowhill Veterans Cemetery, Cherokee, N.C. The Cahill Funeral Chapel, Sisseton, S.D. was in charge of arrangements.

Frank Welch was born on April 23, 1937, in Cherokee, N.C. Frank

was the first born of six brothers (Frank, Leland, Everett, Richard, Jim, and Jack). At the age of 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served for eight years during the Korean War Conflict. He served on the USS San Marcos during the Cuban Missile crisis "Bay of Pigs". His brothers, Everett and Richard, also followed his lead and enlisted into the U.S. Navy.

Frank was very fluent in the Cherokee language and spoke it often. He even was learning the Dakota language. Frank was united in marriage to Delia Lacroix-Welch for the past 45 years. They had a blended family: Delia with her children, Baron, Kenneth, and Crystal; Frank with his children, Danielle, Denise, and Frank Jr. and his faithful shadow 12-year-old dog: Xochitl (pronounced Sochi) (Aka: Killer).

For a number of years, Frank worked for the Hertz Rent-A-Car company in Denver, Colo. When they relocated to Sisseton, Frank worked at the Dakota Connection when it was first being built and various other jobs. He later worked for Woodland Cabinetry until his retirement.


Frank was always proud and supported his family for their accomplishments. Frank loved and enjoyed spending time with his family. Fishing with his grandsons, family picnics, gardening, going to the casino, loved to dance, and traveling across the country to see family. He always greeted everyone with a smile, asking how you were. His sense of humor was contagious. He loved to joke even when you thought he was serious. He even gave names to certain friends and he loved to laugh. He will be

missed by family and many friends.

Frank leaves his wife, Delia Welch; daughters, Danielle (John) Two Stars, Denise (Ben) Red Horse; brothers, Richard (Loretta) Welch, Jim Brown, and Jack Teesateskie; grandchildren, Eli Janise, Austin Ducheneaux, Chelaine (Eric) Tiger, Wally Ducheneaux, Alissa and Sierra Gomez; many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.


Frank rejoined with his family in heaven on Jan. 27, 2023: mom, Stacy Crowe-Tuite; dad, Larch Welch; son, Frank Welch Jr.; step-children, Baron, Kenneth, and Crystal Walker; grandson, Eric Walker; brothers, Leland and Everett Welch.

Xochitl will also be laid to rest with Frank.



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### Linda Carol Crowe

Linda Carol Crowe, 71 years of Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023. She was born on Thursday, July 12, 1951, in Cherokee, the daughter of Richard Crowe "G-pa Geet" and Berdina Powell "Granny Birdie".

She was a manager for McDonalds in Cherokee and the proud mother of Sutaga Standingdeer and four grandchildren. She loved to go to Pow-wow and to make frybread. Her grandchildren were the light of her life. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Charles "Chick" Crowe. She is survived by her daughter, Sutaga (Jody) Standingdeer of the home; grandchildren, Zoe and Ahanu De Los Reyes, and Brooke and Jeremy Saunooke; brother, Alva Crowe (Nancy); nieces and nephews, Dave (Dawn "Squirrel-

lie"), Cosmo (Ameisha), Andy, and Sarah Crow; great-nieces and great-nephews: Clareece, Botch, Bri, Keagan, Brent, Aiden, Hunter, and Mathias; great-great niece and great-great nephew, Go-gi, Zayno.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Feb. 9 at Cherokee Baptist Church 812 Tsalagi Rd, Cherokee, and were officiated by Rev. Percy Cunningham and Rev. Merritt Youngdeer.

### Henry Robert Youngdeer

Henry Robert Youngdeer, age 64, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023, at Mission Hospital following an extended illness.

He is survived by his children, Keena Armachain (Dustin), Steven Youngdeer (Tia), and Special Daughter, Jolene Bradley (Marshall); eight grandchildren, Sateva,

Slevin, JoJo Youngdeer, Jaden, Makeena and Tso-I Armachain, E Librado, and Special Grandson, Jacoby Bradley; and aunts, Emma Louise Otter and Geraldine Nancy Bradley "Gunny".

Henry is preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Henry Youngdeer and Elsie Marie (Bradley) Youngdeer.

Known to friends as "Chez", he was a fisherman, golfer, tennis player, science fiction enthusiast and a Steelers and Atlanta Braves fan. But, most of all, he was a beloved father and grandfather. There was no one on earth he loved more than his grandchildren. Henry attended BYU for a year before deciding the mountains was where he wanted to be. He worked for 20 years at Haywood Regional Medical Center until his health started declining. He spent his last years

spending time with his family, fishing, gardening, Grandpaw-ing, and just enjoying life. He will be remembered as the most loving father and grandfather, and he will be sorely missed.

A formal funeral service was held on Thursday, Feb. 9 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Jerry Huntsman officiating. Burial was in the Bradley Cemetery on Hoot Owl Cove Road. Pallbearers were Jaden Armachain, Ryne Sampson, Slevin Youngdeer, Timber Sampson and Marshall Bradley. Honorary Pallbearers were E Librado and JoJo Youngdeer.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that any donations be made to the American Heart Association.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 2023 Cherokee Indian Fair Theme Contest

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The theme must be culturally-oriented, and it must be seven words or less. Write a short paragraph describing the meaning of your theme. Only one entry per person.

The deadline for entering the contest is Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. The entry forms will be available at the Cherokee Welcome Center, (828) 359-6490, between the hours

of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Forms can also be emailed to interested parties. Contact Lisa Frady at [lisafrad@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:lisafrad@ebci-nsn.gov) for a form. Completed forms can be emailed or turned in at the Welcome Center. The winner will be selected at the next Cherokee Indian Fair Committee meeting.

EBCI Destination Marketing Dept. employees, and their immediate families, are not eligible to enter the contest.

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### Donations taken for Frances Hess Scholarship Fund

Smoky Mountain High School, in Sylva, N.C., is now accepting donations to the Frances Hess Scholarship fund. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors from Smoky Mountain High School

who plan to attend a postsecondary program in health science.

Hess taught health science for 17 years at Smoky Mountain High and for 13 years at Cherokee. She received her diploma from Mission Memorial's nursing school, and then managed the Emergency Room at Mission for some time. She then earned her BSN from Western Carolina University. Frances worked in a pediatrician's practice in Sylva before transitioning to her teaching career. She is an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

In honor of Frances' impact on our schools and community, we are accepting donations to the scholarship fund. Interested persons can contact Kaila Day at 586-2177 ext. 2046 or [kday@jcpsmail.org](mailto:kday@jcpsmail.org). Checks should be made out to SMHS HOSA with a memo "Frances Hess Schol-

arship." Donations for the 2022-23 graduates are due by March 31.

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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.

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## NATIONAL PARK NEWS

### Spring prescribed fires planned in Cades Cove

GATLINBURG, Tenn.— Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Appalachian Piedmont Coastal Fire Management Zone staff plan to burn approximately 925 acres of fields in the Cades Cove area. Weather permitting, burn operations will occur between Monday, Feb. 13 and Friday, March 3.

Deer, turkeys, ground-nesting birds, and other species benefit when plants they depend on for food and cover are rejuvenated using seasonal prescribed fire. The restoration work using prescribed fire takes months of planning and coordination. Added support from resources and firefighters from across the country helps the park meet specific objectives.

“We are fortunate to have assistance from Conservation Legacy wildland firefighters for our spring prescribed fires,” said Fire Management Officer Brian Tonihka. “Their skilled application of prescribed fire is critical to the health of the natural ecosystem at Cades Cove and the safety of our visitors.”

Firefighters plan to burn the following units labeled on the attached map: Maple Branch, Tip-ton Oliver, and Cemetery Marsh. The three units are the last to be treated with prescribed fire in the Cades Cove area this prescribed fire season. Firefighters successfully burned about 250 acres last fall in the Cable House and Sparks units to target woody plant species that were encroaching into the fields.

Cades Cove Loop Road and

historic structures will remain open to visitors during burn operations, but brief delays may occur to ensure public safety. Sparks Lane may be closed, and other temporary road closures or traffic control may be implemented, especially if crews and equipment are working along the edge of the road or if smoke causes unsafe driving conditions. Visitors should expect to see firefighters and equipment along the loop road, Sparks Lane, and Hyatt Lane. Fire managers ask that motorists reduce speed in work zones, and refrain from stopping in the roadways. If smoke is present, motorists should roll up windows and turn on headlights.

Over the last 20 years, park managers have conducted burns during the spring and fall under specific parameters, or prescrip-

tions, to safely reduce fuels, restore meadow habitats, and maintain the historic landscape of Cades Cove. Park staff closely monitor fire weather conditions including vegetation and soil moisture, wind speed and direction, temperature, and relative humidity to ensure that conditions meet the burn plan objectives for the site. The weather and precipitation forecast in the East Tennessee area over the next few weeks will improve the opportunity to meet prescription parameters.

For more information on the use of prescribed burns in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/learn/nature/wildlandfire.htm>.

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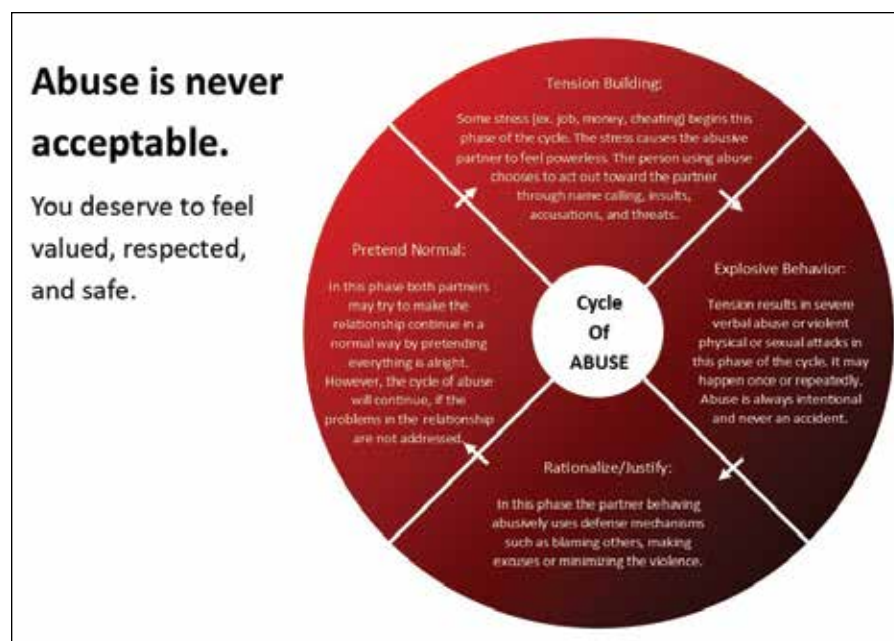
The following is a testimonial provided by [nomore.org](http://nomore.org) and Sarah Stewart, used by permission.

Domestic violence is an ongoing threat to the fabric of our society—in the U.S., in Indian Country, and on the Qualla Boundary. As is clear in the testimony of Sarah, physical violence is only one of the ways an abuser takes life tolls on partners, spouses, children, family, and extended family. Substance abuse spills out on those who surround you. Verbal abuse cuts those closest to you. Abandonment and isolation destroys family and drains loved ones emotionally.

Sarah is a domestic abuse survivor, mom, attorney, author, and speaker. She lives in the U.S. where she strives to change the narrative and culture surrounding domestic violence. Her first book, “The Monster in My Home: Surviving Evil”, was published in October 2022 and chronicles her own experience with domestic violence and teaches other how to avoid and leave abusive relationships.

I was raised on fairytales. I learned about the knight in shining armor at a young age. I consumed the movies and books that showed unwavering pursuit and refusal to accept rejection as a desirable trait and a display of true love and affection. My perspectives of romance and true love were warped by society and the lack of strong, healthy relationship role models from the time I was a young girl.

Though inwardly, I had no



desire to marry or have children, I felt the outward pressure of family and friends to have a relationship. They questioned me, seemingly innocently, in my teenage years and early twenties about my romantic relationships. Was I dating? Had I found a partner? How many kids did I want to have? When would I have children? I didn't know the answers. And my lack of answers to these questions made me feel insecure and inadequate.

So, I found someone. Or, rather, he found me. He found me when I was 22. I wasn't initially interested in him. But he continued to pursue me—you know, like they did in the movies—and I eventually gave in. It took me a few dates to really become interested in him. But, when I was, he rushed our relationship. I felt it then, but I didn't listen to myself.

He showered me with attention and affection. He complimented me constantly. He wanted to spend every free moment he had talking, texting, or spending time together. We were on the phone most nights until the black, cold, early morning hours. He shared his deepest, darkest secrets with me and only me—so he said.

He wanted to know mine too. He wanted to know everything about me to understand every thought and breath I made—so he said.

By the end of the first month, his belongings started showing up in my home. Every time he came over, a new item appeared. I noticed. I pretended I didn't. His affection and attention were all-consuming. It felt good to feel wanted.

By the end of the sixth week, he told me he loved me. I remember how odd it seemed. He blurted it out, in the middle of a spat about a male friend of mine. His words stopped me cold in my tracks. “You didn't expect me to say that did you?” he chuckled.

I caught my breath. “No. No, I definitely didn't.”

“I know. It's a little fast. But you're it for me. I know. It's ok if you don't love me yet.” He said. And I didn't. I knew I didn't, but I rolled the words over and over in my mind. It felt good to be loved. And the way he loved me then was like the movies. He was kind, understanding, affectionate. He really seemed to know me and understand me on a level I hadn't experienced before. Though, I

sometimes wondered how someone could feel that way so quickly, I often got validation from my friends that this relationship was ok. It was how it was supposed to work, right? That's what most of us thought anyway.

By the end of our second month together, he proposed. I was confused. I felt rushed. But here was this man that I was starting to think I might love, kneeling in front of me. I didn't want to lose him. I didn't want to hurt him. But I wasn't sure about marriage—not to him necessarily, just in general. I said “yes” anyway. I asked him not to let anyone now just yet because it seemed so fast to me. At this point, he hadn't left my house in weeks. By the end of that week, he openly moved everything in.

Our relationship slowly began to change over the course of the next few years. He started with jealousy. He questioned any male friendship I had. He texted me constantly when I was out with my friends. He'd become irritated if he wasn't invited to go or if I didn't respond to him quickly. At the time, he couched his jealousy in concern for my safety.

His “concern” for my relationships with others grew. Eventually, he accused me of cheating on him with my male friends. So, to prove my love for him, I had to stop hanging out with them. Then, he started in on my female friends. If they weren't hitting on him, they were saying horrible things about me behind my back. He was very detailed in relaying their betrayals. He could repeat every word. I pulled back from a lot of my friendships. The betrayals weren't the reason. Something inside me didn't fully believe him but pulling away was still easier than battling the barrage of word vomit about

how monstrous my friends were and what I must be doing while I was out every time I came home.

Then, he began going through my texts and social media messages. He'd find messages from months or years before we met and use them against me. He'd tell me how horrible I was for having these messages in my inbox. Messages with friends, people I had dated, or just messages from strangers I hadn't even responded to. But any sort of insinuation of attraction in these messages somehow cheapened me in his eyes. He was teaching me that his love and affection were conditioned on how I responded to him and his needs.

I wound up marrying him, despite nagging doubts. The bad times were really bad, but the good times were really good. I still had glimpses of this storybook fictional

romance and I held out hope that I'd eventually get back to that. But I never did. The storybook tale was just a fantasy.

After the wedding, he constantly devalued me. He'd bring up the old texts and social media messages. When I tried to leave, he'd bear-hug me until I promised I wouldn't go, tears streaming down his face. So, after a year of fighting and trying to talk him into getting control of his jealousy and anger, I packed my bags and left while he was at work.

That's when he threatened to kill himself. He said he couldn't live without me. He was so terribly sorry, and he was going to do better. He agreed to go to counseling. We went to counseling for a few months, and he did get better. So, I moved back in. Our relationship was the best it had been since

the beginning for several months. He convinced me he had chosen to change. So, we planned to have a child.

During my pregnancy, things got bad again. They continued to get worse and worse until the day I left almost four years later. And they didn't end there. After our separation, his abuse continued to escalate. He seemed completely out-of-control. But it seemed like no one else could see it. No one would listen to me. He presented himself so well outwardly that no one could believe how dangerous he was to me, my children, and his future partners.

The narrative didn't change for me until after his arrest for several violent offenses against his girlfriend at the time. Though, a couple years after his arrest, a jury still found him not guilty of the offense- despite his admissions on the stand of abuse. A week after his release from jail, he was arrested again. This time for first-degree rape.

About nine months after that arrest, the District Attorney dropped the charges. In that time, I got no contact orders for me and my children. But he's still out there. Now, he's on his fourth protective order and wears an ankle monitor to prevent him from contacting his victims, but he's

still out there. He's still hunting his prey.

Amid my struggles with the ex, I needed to clear my trauma-clouded thoughts. So, I started a journal. My journal separated my realities from his fictions. As I navigated the family and criminal court systems, finding myself continually let down and re-traumatized, I realized my experiences could help someone else. So, I turned my journal into *The Monster in My Home: Surviving Evil* to share my experience, and what I've learned over the years. I hope that my words can help protect and empower others.

And now, I am honored to join No More as a guest blogger. My goal is to explore the multitude of issues domestic violence survivors the world over experience and give tips, advice, and education to help survivors navigate the systems and traumas that hold us back. I want to change the cultural perspectives around domestic violence, hold abusers accountable, and empower victims to break free from their abusers and the chains of their traumas. I hope you will join me on this journey.

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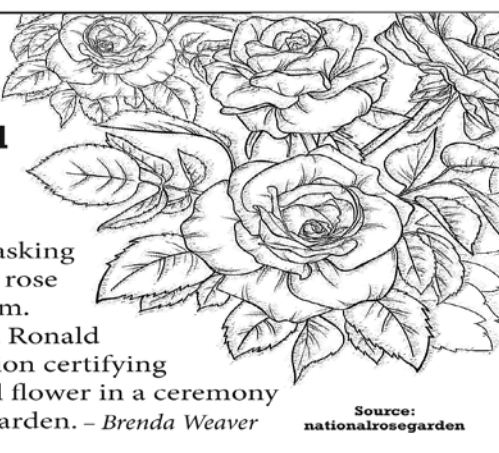
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## COMMENTARY

### Zoo or sanctuary?

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

Several of our leaders have suggested it and I believe it has even appeared on CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) for the Tribe. You only have to look at the reactions of both locals and tourists when wildlife breaks through the trees and underbrush and makes a public appearance to know that a nature habitat or wildlife park would be a no-brainer economic development idea.

One of the best examples of

the drawing power of local wildlife is the reaction to the reintroduction of the elk in western North Carolina. Released in Haywood County, as soon as the population started to grow, they started to roam across the Park and hills onto the Qualla Boundary. And the reactions were immediate. Traffic would immediately stop at the sight of an elk on the side of the road. All rules of the road were immediately ignored as local and tourist alike stopped in the middle of the road, jumped out of their vehicles, and tried to get the money shot-that perfect, frameable photo of the majestic elk. Some would even get too close so that they could get that “selfie”, not caring that this half ton ball of muscle and fur could make it the last selfie they ever took.

Such is the fascination with wildlife. Before elk, I would hear and see similar stories told about black bear. They look warm and cuddly, but could easily make quick work of mauling a local or tourist who got too close or were perceived as endangering their cubs. All the warning in the world won’t educate some folks to the dangers of close contact with wildlife. Somehow they miss the term “wild” or at least it doesn’t register when they are trying to capture a picture to show the folks back home.

Rabbits, squirrels, turkeys, deer, and even Canadian geese (who ain’t even from around here) stir a sense of excitement and attract those who want to be “one with nature” like a magnet. I have watched any number of kids

on the Oconaluftee Island Park, chasing geese and ducks, tramping through those large birds’ droppings, trying to “catch them one” while parents laughed and commented on how cute the whole situation was.

For years, decades actually, Cherokee has been a place where you could come and be close to animals. When I was a boy, back in the 1960s to 1970s, I can remember being in downtown Cherokee and playing tic-tac-toe with a caged chicken; not wildlife but an animal nonetheless. For just as long, local business owners have had captive bears on display for public view. Some of those bear parks and wildlife zoos came under scrutiny by outside

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animal rights organizations during the Principal Chief Michell Hicks administration and were the subject of protest by those same organizations. While the talk led to some negative press and possibly one closure due to an investigation that found substandard living conditions for the animals, one of the bear zoos reported the publicity generated by the animal rights organizations actually increased visitor traffic to their zoo. Apparently, when you want to see a bear, you want to see a bear.

As a side note, I cannot recall ever winning a game against that chicken.

During the frenzy that occurred over the bear zoos, one local entrepreneur brought an idea to create a bear sanctuary at the old fun park area, a space just down from the Boundary Tree property nearer to the entrances to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Great Smoky Mountains National Park. And while that idea has not been officially dismissed, current development has not included a bear sanctuary. In a 2013 report by Scott McKie Brings Plenty, it was

reported that the entrepreneur “hopes to open a wildlife sanctuary and animal rehabilitation center on the Qualla Boundary that would include bears.”

Also, during the Chief Hicks administration, while the Boundary Tree property was being considered for commercial development, Principal Chief Hicks had said that he would like to see a river aquarium as part of the overall plan to develop Boundary Tree. Other public aquariums of this nature, like the one in Chattanooga, have been extremely successful. It was a forward-thinking idea but plans to make the Boundary Tree property commercial never got off the drawing board, so the aquarium idea was never developed.

One of the highlights of Maggie Valley was the Soco Gardens Zoo. This small, but financially lucrative, zoo drew thousands of tourists and locals to see local and exotic animals from only a few feet away. One of the big attractions at the zoo was the rattlesnake pit where you were treated to shows as snake handlers would step down into the pit and handle copperheads, cottonmouth moccasins, rattlers of different varieties, and whatever other poisonous reptile

might be crawling around down there. I remember the pit (large as a hotel swimming pool) being routinely surrounded by curious zoo-goers, a sign that the cash register was ringing and the zoo was prospering. As the owners of the zoo were getting older and wanting to get out of the business, sometime before it finally closed in 2005, the Tribe had the opportunity to purchase the zoo. I always thought with a little overhaul and tweaking its image to be more in line with the cultural image of the Tribe, that the old Soco Garden Zoo would have been a good investment for us. But alas, the opportunity for the zoo in Maggie came during those years that we were adamant that economic development should remain on the Boundary. And we still have folks who would argue that if its not on the Boundary, we shouldn't be doing it. But let's save that for another time.

All I know is that when you see your clients telling you what they want and you are in the service business, you should look for ways to give them what they will buy. For certain, the desire to have access to wildlife should be tempered with our cultural obli-

gation to treat them with respect and to care for them properly. But there is nothing morally or legally that says we can't do both animal conservation and protection, and create paid venues for people to be able to experience that excitement when they see elk or bear on the roadside. And we can create an environment to have that interaction in a safe way for both the animal and the sightseer. A nature or wildlife park near the entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park has the potential to be packed with people year-round. It has all those things that you routinely hear the Tribal Council say that we want; a business that would be on the Boundary, a business that we could reasonably assume would be profitable, a business that would create jobs for specialists and for common laborers. And if done right, we could be seen as what we claim to be, good stewards of our land and its inhabitants, and lovers of the Creator's creatures.

I think it is time for us to seriously consider a tribal wildlife and nature sanctuary. It is an idea that is long overdue to be taken from concept dreaming to concrete planning and development.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Tribal members should be equal on tax issue

To the Editor:

Regarding the bill that says that the tribal members living in the five surrounding counties not paying North Carolina taxes.

Recently the editor of the Cherokee One Feather in his editorial said all tribal members are equal. So, why are some chosen (ones that don't live on the Rez) not to pay North Carolina taxes? If all tribal members are equal, then all Tribal members should not have to pay North Carolina taxes.

I was born in the Cherokee Hospital 90 and a half years ago and raised on Big Cove Road across the river from Sequoyah Baptist Church. I want my equal rights as a tribal member.

**Candy Smith**  
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COMMENTARY

# A message from the president of USET

By KIRK FRANCIS

USET President

*Note: The following is a transcript of a video speech delivered by Kirk Francis, USET (United South and Eastern Tribes) president during the USET SPF Impact Meeting in Washington, D.C. on Monday, Feb. 6.*

On behalf of the entire USET family, I hope that each of you had a memorable, safe, relaxing, and enjoyable holiday season...

that you took the time to be with loved ones...and that you were able to achieve some necessary downtime to recharge in preparation for what is sure to be another busy year!

As we begin another round of advocacy...and with a new 118th Congress to educate once again, I want to first acknowledge and celebrate a few of the successes and positive momentum achieved in 2022.

As promised by the Biden Administration, we continued to see more of our talented and skilled relatives from across Indian Country placed in key positions across the Administration. With special recognition and acknowledgment, we were especially proud to see longtime USET leader, and former USET Executive Officer, Chief Lynn Malerba, appointed as

the first Native American Treasurer of the United States. To state the obvious, Treasurer Malerba, along with all our other relatives working inside the federal system, collectively bring an invaluable and incalculable perspective and benefit to promoting, advancing, and improving our relationship with the United States.

After years of advocacy...and as a reflection of what can be accomplished when Indian Country chooses to work in partnership, we were finally able to secure Advance Appropriations for Indian Health Services as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. While this was important for fairness and equity, more importantly, it is tremendously important for the health and wellness of our people. However, it must be understood that we are

far from being done. Not only will we have to protect and defend this accomplishment, we must equally be committed to full and mandatory funding, not only for the IHS system, but for all Indian Country funding; only then will we achieve the goal of erasing the multitude of disparities that prevent us from achieving greater health and wellness in the broadest of measures. To support this endeavor, especially for those that would choose to stand in our way, it must be understood that this is not an unrealistic, naïve or unreasonable goal, this is not charity, this is not social welfare, but rather fulfillment of a special and unique debt owed to us that exists in perpetuity. This is why the establishment of an Indian Desk within the Office of Management and Budget last year, in addition to their recent pivot

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and commitment to engage with Indian Country, becomes another critical piece necessary to move us towards the full and mandatory funding goal.

Related, I want to recognize and applaud the efforts and success to secure significant dollars for Indian Country as part of the various relief packages passed in recent years, including last year. However, while many are framing these as “historic” funds, and while we again don’t take this for granted and recognize the alternative would have been exclusion from these funding packages, we must remember that they are historic because they underscore the severe continued historical underfunding and Broken Promises with which Indian Country has long had to contend...Broken Promises that are core to many of our continued challenges today. So while this funding represents progress, our advocacy will continue until full and mandatory funding is achieved across the board.

Finally, we were appreciative that the Biden Administration reinstituted an in-person Tribal Nations Summit after conducting its first virtually due to the pandemic, and after four years of the prior Administration not holding any summit at all. While there are opportunities to improve and strengthen the event to more appropriately reflect the diplomatic nature of the convening, the summit should serve as a reminder of this Administration’s commitment to prioritize Indian Country. As President Biden stated in his remarks, “Everyone is entitled to be treated with respect and dignity...This is especially true for Tribal Nations to whom the United States owes a solemn trust and treaty obligations that we haven’t always lived up to...Respect means

we’ll defend Tribal sovereignty and self-government and self-determination.” These are strong words, but words have no meaning if there is not action to coincide. You have our commitment that USET will continue work to ensure that this Administration, and every Administration, lives up to these words and expressed sentiments. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and involvement of all of you...and as leadership evolves and changes over time, I want to thank all of you, but also the leaders and advocates who may have walked on to the spirit world, or who moved on to other endeavors before these successes were achieved.

While there is much we can celebrate in reflection, we must not rest on our laurels, but recommit ourselves to bringing even greater energy to the days ahead. The present is our moment. We must now take back control and become the architects of our future as our ancestors always intended. There is no other acceptable option, and it is a responsibility that we must each own.

The last few years have caused us all to think differently about the world, our priorities, our general outlook and perspective, and the responsibility that we each possess to make a positive and meaningful difference. There is a tremendous opportunity before us now to adjust, refine, and strengthen our overall advocacy approach...an opportunity to assertively push for the changes we ultimately seek without apology or reservation...an opportunity to correct failures to provide a better future for the many generations to come. But it must start with willful intention on our part to change much of the too often accepted status quo...it must start with a recognition of the need

to discard colonized mindsets and antiquated paternalistic processes, including evolving away from a Federal Indian Law understanding of our rights to a Tribal Nation Law understanding... it must start with a willingness to retire the use of language that was created with ill intentions and assimilation & termination goals and objectives... it must start with a willingness to not limit our advocacy within a space that extends the courtesy of comfort to those who repeatedly fail us...and it must start with a willingness to not succumb to that which is designed to intentionally divide us and cause us to fight amongst ourselves, but rather, to focus on addressing and solving the greater systemic failures with a goal of uplifting us all.

In addition to some of the things I already mentioned, there is much remaining for us still to accomplish:

- Achieving the full recognition of Tribal Nations’ sovereign rights without restriction;
- Pushing back against challenges to the constitutionality of federal Indian law; including anticipation of the important Brackeen SCOTUS decision and fixing the challenges created by the recent Castro-Huerta decision;
- Institutionalizing secured wins for the long-term;
- Continued adjustment to a post-COVID world;
- Rebuilding our homelands and infrastructure challenges; including working to secure a Carcieri fix after 14 years of continued advocacy;
- Promotion and support for a Marshall Plan-like investment in Tribal Nations; and
- Growing and strengthening our economies without interference.

We can achieve all of this...and so much more...if we all under-

stand the greater strength and power that is derived from partnership, solidarity, unity, trust, and respect. Collectively, they must always be our north star not only internally within USET and across our membership, but also our relations with whom we share space to protect our inherent sovereign rights and authorities.

A worldwide pandemic, devastating climate change events, broad societal division...there has been much turmoil over the past few years, that is still with us today and will require healing in the days and months ahead. There are long standing crisis that we must continue to contend with, like the ongoing opioid epidemic. There are continued threats that seek to erode and dismantle our inherent sovereign existence.

Nonetheless, I see the bright future ahead of us, but I also understand the work that we must each put in individually and collectively to achieve that bright future. Just as the morning star rises, change is now rising above the horizon in all its glory and each of us possesses the opportunity and potential to be a changemaker.

At each moment along the way, we must always remember who we are...Native...Indigenous... people who have persevered despite the greatest of odds. We are the rightful owners and stewards of our homelands...the place where we come from...the place that we will return...the place that has sustained us for generations despite the most aggressive efforts to erase us.

It continues to be my honor to serve as the President of this amazing organization, to be part of the family that is Indian Country. I thank you again for all your efforts and I look forward to a productive and successful year.



# All tests measure one's growth

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

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Genesis 22:1-19; Genesis 15:4; Isaiah 49:9-10; Hebrews 11:8-9

"At one's own altar, I've never seen a time in my life when God has let me down, stated Pastor Melton before. He never has."

"I found out this Truth, that God really wants to bless YOU—each of us today. I remember years ago they used to say, it's not Truth unless it's universal. I believe this is universal. God wants to bless His people. God has said that a good father knows how to give good things, how much more does He know how to give to those who ask Him.

"We must remember this doesn't always mean it's always going to work out just the way we think it's going to work out. It may not look like one thinks it ought to look like. It might not mean the person won't go through struggles or trials and tests and temptations, but God knows how to bless each seeker.

"It does mean this, when He can trust a person, God will bless them. A person needs to understand that what one is going through right now maybe a time of testing, but if they pass the test, God will bless them. When a person passes the test, God can and will multiply them, or promote them. Know that from the moment each person has begun their journey, their own answer has already begun its journey, as well.

"Here is the challenge, to begin. Turn not to the left nor to the right. Keep your foot on the path. Here is what He said with Paul writing down these words. "I put my eyes on the prize and I refuse to take my eyes off the prize, the high calling of Jesus. Why? I believe that my answer is wherever He is!

"It was not just the Angel of the Lord, I believe it was the pre-incarnate Christ. I believe that it was Jesus Who was talking to Abraham, and I'd bet, when he heard his name called, Abraham's heart was lightened so much in

his chest, just as when I hear the Words of my Savior, Jesus calling my name, I know that everything's about to turn around! Everything's about to change! "Abraham! Abraham! O, thank God!"

I believe, if one listens today, they'll hear Him calling their own name. Wherever in the world one lives today, please trust me when I say this, God knows each person's name! He knows who YOU are. He knows where you are. He knows what you did last night and last year. He knows how far you've gone, how many lines you may have crossed.

But...to Him...He knows you are His child—or at least He wants you to be! If one knows Him, He's calling your name! If you don't know Him, He is calling your name!

I wish someone would just sit back and say, "Yes, Jesus." Whatever You want, whatever You need, come into my heart. Fill me, O God, because I'm ready to have fellowship with You! Jesus, You know my name! Jesus knows your name.

I'm so glad today. Jesus knows who you are. I think the Power of this verse is this today. That even though the tests may come, He's the God Who will give one a test AND the answers! And then promote you anyway! My God!

Pastor, Tim, you don't know how hard my test is.

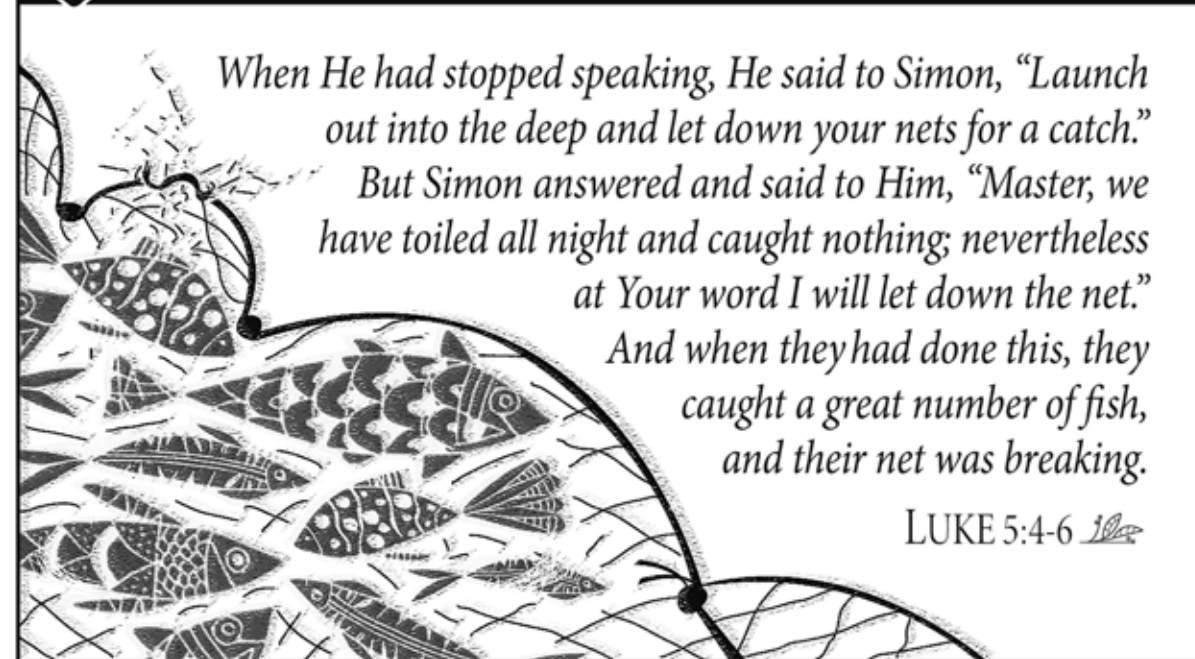
He's just trying to promote YOU. Each person should realize that this is how it works in life as it does in school. As one goes to school, gets their own instruction, have read their books and done their homework, and at the end of it all, there is coming a test. But, the test isn't so that one is destroyed or learns how dumb they are. No, the test is there so a person can be promoted. A test only can measure each achievement growth one has made. That's what a test really tells each person.

In life we don't look at them and say, "the Lord hates us, He's forgotten us, It's all over and done with." No, when a test comes to our house and this is the Truth, we lift up our hands and our voices, and lift up our eyes to the hills and declare, "I'm about to be promoted! I'm not giving up, I'm not backing down, I'm going to take my test because He's the God Who has also given me the answers!"

Now one can say, "I'm going through a test or a trial. It's the hardest thing I've ever been through, and not knowing exactly which way to turn, I've decided I'm not going to turn, I'm putting my eyes on Jesus and declaring to Him, I'll go where You would have me go, and He will give me my answer."




## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."*

*But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."*

*And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.*

LUKE 5:4-6 

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### ACROSS

- 1 Soprano's last note, perhaps  
6 Jordanians, e.g.  
11 Oscar winner Rockwell  
14 Mazda model  
19 NBA Hall of Famer — Thomas  
20 Tanzanian national park  
22 "Burnt" or "raw" color  
23 Bird from Richmond?  
25 Trident, e.g.  
26 Winter D.C. hrs.  
27 Fermented honey drink  
28 Fashion's Oscar de la —  
29 Patron associated with a "fire"  
30 A handful of  
31 Bird partially composed of element #56?  
33 In less peril  
36 Seek the affection of  
38 Archery asset  
39 Solo of sci-fi  
40 Bird that always keeps to itself?
- 43 Mob member  
48 Adept  
49 "Entertaining Mr. Sloane" playwright Joe  
50 "Atlantic City" director Louis  
52 Prefix with 33-Down  
53 Fellow soldier  
55 Bird that travels to and from work?  
58 Notable time  
59 Potentially offensive, in brief  
62 El — (certain current)  
63 Stand for art  
64 Bird wearing a hard hat?  
69 Far — eye can see  
71 Ending for switch  
72 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt  
73 Cell material  
76 Bird nesting in winter precipitation?  
80 Causes to be ashamed  
82 Finnish coin  
83 Not worth — of beans  
84 Not one's best effort, in sports lingo

### DOWN

- 87 Some small batteries  
88 In — (while not present at the event)  
90 Bird performing under the big top?  
92 Abbr. of fair hiring  
93 Store clerk on "The Simpsons"  
95 Business agt.  
96 Peels the skin off of  
97 Bird that plays bebop?  
103 Real admirer  
104 German subs  
105 Absorb a loss  
106 "Sure, sign me up!"  
108 The Gem State: Abbr.  
111 Mournful song  
112 Bird living in the Sistine Chapel?  
115 Being tried, as a case  
116 Movies' main stories  
117 Rub down  
118 Chairs, e.g.  
119 Waco-to-Austin dir.  
120 Cary of "Saw"  
121 Alternative to Valium

### DOWN

- 1 Bees' place  
2 Horned Egyptian goddess  
3 Surrounded with a belt  
4 Witch  
5 Mythological fire-breather  
6 Korea's place  
7 Peruse  
8 Brow's shape  
9 Catcher Yogi  
10 Be disdainful of  
11 Nose partition  
12 Elite squad  
13 1986-2001 Earth orbiter  
14 Feral horse  
15 Drive along  
16 "That rings —"  
17 "I love you," in Mexico  
18 Symbol on a one-way sign  
21 Wish-fulfilling spirits  
24 Innovative  
29 River in a Foster tune  
30 Flu symptom  
31 — chic (fashion style)  
32 Will, biblically  
33 Part of NASA  
34 Shady shelter  
35 Movie cast members
- 36 Failed to be  
37 Mo. in fall  
41 Commotions  
42 Extremely old: Abbr.  
43 Particles believed to bind quarks together  
44 Kitchen wrap  
45 Result of backcombing  
46 Toledo's lake  
47 Pack of coins  
50 2,002, in Roman numerals  
51 Comeback to "Are too!"  
54 Two wives of Henry VIII  
56 En pointe, in ballet  
57 Ranch in Ferber's "Giant"  
60 1990-2019 Toyota minivan  
61 Moisturizer brand  
65 Melodramatic cry of sorrow  
66 Relative of a univ.  
67 Refuse to talk  
68 Kimonos, e.g.  
69 Out of port  
70 Rebuff rudely  
74 Writer Zora — Hurston  
75 Aides: Abbr.  
77 Spiteful types  
78 Buckeye State sch.  
79 Slugging stat  
81 The Evil One  
85 Mutt's threat  
86 Pitching star  
89 Fishers with seines, say  
90 Dead skin at the base of a fingernail  
91 Lycra, e.g.  
93 "Trainwreck" director Judd  
94 Word before jury or larceny  
97 Betrayer of Jesus  
98 "Take — out of crime!"  
99 "— the Greek"  
100 Big name in restaurant guides  
101 Repasts  
102 Web vending  
103 Pine's cousin  
106 Frozen drink treat  
107 Widespread  
108 Privy to  
109 Arp's art  
110 Author Haley  
112 #2 execs  
113 Dir. 135 degrees from 119-Across  
114 Author Levin

# 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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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Valentin (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in ..."
3. In Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all ..."
4. Which Old Testament book reads like a love story? *Ruth, Daniel, Habakkuk, Song of Solomon*
5. Where does one find the phrase "God is love"? *Genesis, Nehemiah, Hebrews, 1 John*
6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honourable in all? *Love, Trust, Marriage, Worship*

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy).

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What was the name of the saloon in the 1960s series "Gunsmoke"?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: To date, how many people have walked on the moon?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Canadian province Nova Scotia?
4. MOVIES: How many "Police Academy" movies have been produced?
5. U.S. STATES: Why is Indiana known as "The Hoosier State"?
6. FOOD & DRINK: What percentage of a cucumber is water?
7. HISTORY: Which company published its first mail-order catalog in 1872?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What does the armadillo's name mean in English?
9. LITERATURE: What is author Mark Twain's real name?
10. CELEBRITIES: What is one of singer/actor Frank Sinatra's famous nicknames, based on a physical attribute?

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Little Snowbird Church playground, Snowbird Community, Robbinsville, N.C. Mound Ceremony at 11 a.m. Demonstrations: beadwork, pottery, quilting, wood carving, storytelling, and much more. Info: 735-4959, 582-7369, or 479-1201

### Annual Kituwah Celebration.

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

### HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

#### Qualla Boundary Local Senior Games.

March 2 to May 1. Ages 50 and over. Registration is now through Friday, Feb. 17 at 4:30 p.m., and registration forms are available at the following locations: Tsali Manor 359-6860, Snowbird Recreation 346-6961, Birdtown Gym 359-6890, Snowbird Senior Center 346-6746, and John Welch

Senior Center 835-9741. Events include: archery, basketball shooting, billiards, bocce, bowling, cornhole, croquet, cycling, football throw, golf, horseshoes, shuffleboard, softball throw, table tennis, pickleball, track and field events, mini-golf, basketball tournament, and a softball tournament. Info: Janelle Rattler, Qualla Boundary Senior Games coordinator, 359-6890

#### EBCI NASA/NAYO Volleyball Qualifier.

March 18. Free entry. Winning teams will be guaranteed a spot in the NASA/NAYO Volleyball Pop-Up. Enter your team by Friday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m.

- NASA Co-Ed (18+) is best of three (25-25-15) or one-hour time limit. Eight-person rosters with three females on the court at all times. Men

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The changes you've waited to see in your work situation might not be happening quite as quickly as you hoped. Although the pace is slow, it's ongoing. Expect to hear news soon.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You should be feeling very proud of the fine effort you've made to get that important project done. Now take some time out to celebrate with family and friends. You've earned it.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're close to reaching your objectives. That's the good news. But be careful: Your aspects show lots of potential distractions looming. Stay focused and keep your eyes fixed on your goals.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to let that suspicious Cancerian mind create a problem where none exists. What you might believe is an act of betrayal could be nothing more than a misunderstanding.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your Lion's heart overflows with self-confidence. All you need to do is tap into it, and you'll be able to handle any change that must be made regarding that recent surprise development.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The need to watch what you say becomes increasingly crucial this week. Be as temperate as you can with your comments and avoid arguments for the sake of controversy.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A longtime family problem presents new demands. But this time, you won't have to go it alone: Someone else is asking to help share your responsibilities. Let it happen.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A period of feeling vulnerable is about to give way to a stronger, more-self-confident aspect. Use this new strength to reaffirm promises you've made to others and yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A creative dilemma stalls your progress. Instead of letting it raise your ire, use the time to re-examine your aims and perhaps come up with a new target.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your nimble will might find a way for you to work out those newly emerged problems plaguing your new project. Stay with it. The results will be well worth your efforts.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might feel overwhelmed with having to decide which new opportunity you should follow. Best advice: Check them all out and see which offers what you really want.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Continue to tread water before you even consider plunging into something that never seemed quite right. Some facts will emerge soon that can help you make a decision.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are a natural-born peacemaker. You value truth and have little patience with those who lie to you for their own purposes.

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## VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

### \$30 Million for Homeless Veterans Grants

The Department of Veterans Affairs is gearing up to award \$30 million to organizations to hire case managers across the country to support homeless veterans for two years beginning this October. Those 150 case managers will assist with searching for and obtaining permanent housing and troubleshooting any barriers to keeping that housing.

Those barriers to finding and keeping housing can range from having a poor credit history, to being behind in rent, to having legal problems and more.

The VA goes by the Housing First philosophy: The veteran needs the stability of housing before taking additional steps to improve quality of life. Once the veteran is in permanent housing, the rest of the work starts — job training, mental health care, education assistance, medical care ... whatever it takes to keep them in their home. The Housing First model was tested early on, and the results were promising: In a test of the first 177 homeless veterans, the program reduced the waiting time for housing placement from 235 days to 35.

If you're a homeless veteran or know someone who is, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838) or see [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless). If you know that you're likely to be homeless soon, don't wait until the last minute. Reach out for help now. There are resources to help you with health care, employment, housing and much more. You can also go to your closest VA medical center. While you're there, ask about Community Resource and Referral Centers (CRRCs) and their list of contacts who have the resources to help.

If your community group works to assist homeless veterans, take a look at the Housing First information at [www.va.gov/HOMELESS/nchav/resources/housing-programs/housing-first.asp](http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/nchav/resources/housing-programs/housing-first.asp).

Applications for the Case Management Grants must be received by May 4, 2023. See the notice in the Federal Register at <https://tinyurl.com/27x3djay>. If you have questions, contact the Grant and Per Diem Program at [GPDGrants@va.gov](mailto:GPDGrants@va.gov).

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### Should I Buy a Pet on an Online Marketplace?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I was scrolling through my social media account and an ad popped up showing a really cute puppy for sale. What are people's experiences buying pets online? — Curtis, via email

**DEAR CURTIS:** The short answer is, don't. It's unlikely that what you saw was an approved ad, because most social media companies do not allow pet sales or advertising for the sale of pets. Probably, someone created a post and made it public.

Avoid responding to the post, even if you think you know the person who posted it or think you know the location. Chances are it's either a scam to part you from your hard-earned money, or you will receive a puppy that is not the one advertised or is very ill and needs a lot of medical care. I've heard too many stories from owners who got scammed from such online transactions.

If you just want a cute animal companion, adopt a pet through your local shelter. You'll be able to see and interact with a potential pet, and the shelter will help you evaluate whether you're ready for a dog at this point. There is a cost involved with adoption, but those fees are upfront. And I guarantee it is substantially less than what you will pay a shady pet dealer (or pay out in medical bills later on).

If you absolutely want a specific breed of dog, do the homework required. Find nearby breeders who specialize in the breed you're interested in. Read up on the breed. Find out the financial requirements to match with, purchase, train and care for that dog.

No matter which path you pick, know that pets are an investment of money and time. The dividend is a healthy, happy pet that adores you. Don't take a shortcut.

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

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cannot spike from the front row. Net is set at men's height.  
- NAYO (Girls 12-14 and Girls 15-17) is best of three (25-25-15) or one-hour time limit. Eight person roster.  
Info: Kelsey Jackson 736-6906

**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.*

**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

**47th Annual Denver March Pow Wow.** March 17-19 at the Denver Coliseum in Denver, Colo. Info: denvermarchpowwow@comcast.net

**38th Annual Wa:k Pow Wow.** March 18-19 behind the San Xavier Mission del Bac Church in Tucson, Ariz. MC: Ryan Rumley. Host

Northern Drum: Wild Medicine. Head Southern Singer: Kenneth Cozad. Info: WakPowWow@gmail.com

**Lead by Example Pow Wow.** March 18-19 at the Strathmore Motor Products Sports Centre in Strathmore, Alberta, Canada. Emcees: Donald Speidal and Howie Thompson. Host Drum: Black-foot Confederacy. Info: Melodie Ayoungman-Hunt (403) 499-9910, melodieaym@gmail.com

**1st Annual Marin Pow Wow.** March 19 at The Fairfax Pavilion (Big Red Barn) in Fairfax, Calif. Host Northern Drum: All Nations. Info: Mary Kitchens (415) 342-2049, mary.kitchens@yahoo.com

**40th Annual Harold A. Ceddartree Memorial Pow Wow.** March 23-25 at the Wilkinson Student Center in Provo, Utah. Info: Shiegrid Hernandez, shiegrid\_hernandez@byu.edu

**Mascoutin Society of Chicagoland Winter Social Dance.** March 25 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Munster, Ind. Info: Jeff (630) 405-3574, Plantman502@aol.com

**Spirit of Nations Pow Wow.** March 25 at Jefferson County High

School in Dandridge, Tenn. Info: IndianCreekProductions@gmail.com, www.indiancreekproductions.com

**WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS**  
**Jenna Kranz, from Uncomplicated Kitchen, cooking class.** Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library Atrium. This event is free; however, sign-up is required as space is limited. Register by emailing JCPL-Adults@fontanalib.org or call 586-2016

**Presentation by Brian Paley entitled "Unrepresented: White, Cherokee, and Enslaved Women".** Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. in the Estelle Bennett Hughes Theater at the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska, Ga. Info: www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage

**Four Seasons Grief Counselor.** Feb. 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library Conference Room. This event is free; however, registration is required. Register by emailing JCPL-Adults@fontanalib.org or call 586-2016

**Cardinal Welcome Plaque class.** Feb. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center in Murphy, N.C. Painting a two-lay cardinal plaque in Dixie Belle Paint. Info: Barbara McMillan 557-5881, bmcmillan0927@gmail.com

**Container Gardening.** Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. in the Community Room at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Minda Daughtry, Jackson County Extension Agency, will give a demonstration. This is not a workshop. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library. Info: 586-2016, jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org

**Bilingual Storytime.** Feb. 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Includes stories, songs, rhymes, and more, in both English and Spanish. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library. Info: 586-2016, jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org

**Haywood Co. Arts Council (HCAC) featured artists' exhibit.** Through Feb. 27 at the Haywood County Arts Council 86 N Mail St, Waynesville, N.C. This specially-curated exhibit features 12 HCAC artist members who will have monthly features throughout 2023. Artists are chosen by opting into a drawing during membership renewal. The opening reception is on Feb. 3 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Info: www.haywoodartscouncil.org, (828) 452-0593

**Presentation by William Isom II entitled "Cherokee Slaveholders & East Tennessee".** March 2 at 2 p.m. in the Estelle Bennett Hughes Theater at the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska, Ga. Info: www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage

**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.

**Southwestern Community College community courses.**  
• Raku Potter. March 6-29, Mondays and Wednesdays 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$70, Swain Center Room 125.



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Instructor – J. McKee. Learn the art of Raku. Explore crackle and cluster glazes. Students will learn what types of forms to create and how to glaze and fire them. Cost of materials not included. Pre-req: Beginning Wheel and/or instructor's permission

• Horse Hair Pottery. April 3-26, Mondays and Wednesdays 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$70, Swain Center Room 125. Instructor – J. McKee. Explore this simple process that creates expressive results. Students will learn what types of clays to use, what shapes and forms best, and how to safely use this process. Cost of materials not included. Pre-req: Beginning Wheel and/or instructor's permission

• Beginning Wheel II. April 4 – May 25, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$125, Swain Center Room 123. Instructor – M. Burrell.

For beginning students. Students will learn to center clay on a wheel and make basic forms including cylinders, bowls, and plates, as well as turning, trimming, and glazing basic forms. Must be 18-years-old or older. No pre-requisite. Cost of materials not included.

• Color & Weave. May 5-6, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$70, Swain Center Room 123. Learn the basics of weaving and create a table runner or scarf in this two-day workshop. Spend the first day on how to warp and set up your loom, then begin weaving. The second day, you will continue to weave and complete your project. All materials provided. No pre-requisite. Info: Register online at: <https://www.southwesterncc.edu/class-schedule>

**Easter Hat Parade.** April 15 at

2 p.m. in Dillsboro, N.C. Judges select the best hats in more than 20 categories including: biggest, smallest, funniest, best-smelling, “poofy-est”, most creatives, most spring-like, and most outrageous. Easter egg hunt starts at 10:30 a.m.

**Cherokee High School and Teacher exhibit.** May 3-29 at the Haywood County Arts Council 86 N Mail St, Waynesville, N.C. This specially curated exhibit, curated by Lori Reed, features work of Cherokee High School students and their teachers in celebration of the unveiling of the Cherokee-inspired and -designed mural on the HCAC's building back wall facing Wall Street. Info: [www.haywoodartscouncil.org](http://www.haywoodartscouncil.org), (828) 452-0593

**Plott-Toberfest.** Oct. 5-8 in

Canton, N.C. Sponsored by the Haywood County Historical & Genealogical Society. Traditional German heritage will be featured. Info: 564-1044, [nchchgs.org](mailto:nchchgs.org)

## SUPPORT GROUPS

### Cherokee Cancer Support Group

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

Send your event listings to us at **Cherokeefonefeather1966@gmail.com**

| 2023 EBCI Election Calendar   |  |
|---|--|
| Principal Chief, Vice-Chief, Tribal Council (12 Seats) & School Board PT, BY, YH  |  |
| Primary Election- Registration is now open and will close on April 28th at 4:00pm.  |  |
| March-6   | Filing for Office begins   |
| March-10  | Filing for Office closes   |
| March-30  | All Candidates must be notified of decision                                |
| April-3   | Write-In Filing begins   |
| April-7   | Write-In Filing closes   |
| April-3   | Absentee Ballot request period begins                                      |
| April-28  | Voter Registration closes at 4:00pm For the Primary Election               |
| April-30  | All Write-In Candidates must be notified of decision                       |
| May 1-5   | Beginning of Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday                     |
| May 8-12  | Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday                                   |
| May-15  | Absentee Applications by mail ends   |
| May 15-19   | Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday                                   |
| May-20  | Saturday Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm  |
| May-22  | End of Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm  |
| May-26  | Absentee Voting In-Person ends at 4:00pm                                   |
| June-1  | Primary Election Day 6:00am-6:00pm   |
| June-5  | Registration books open for the General Election                           |
| General Election Information  |  |
| July-3  | Absentee Ballot request period begins                                      |
| August-4  | Registration Closes at 4:00pm for the General                              |
| August-8  | Registration Closes at 4:00pm for the Referendum                           |
| August 7-11   | Beginning of Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday                      |
| August 14-18  | Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday                                   |
| August-15   | Absentee Application by mail ends for the General and Referendum           |
| August 21-25  | Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Friday                                   |
| August-26   | Saturday Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm  |
| August-28   | End of Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm  |
| August-31   | Absentee Ballot for the Referendum must be returned and received by 4:00pm |
| September-1   | Absentee Ballots for the General must be returned and received by 4:00pm   |
| September-1   | Absentee Voting In-person ends at 4:00pm                                   |
| September-7   | General Election 6:00am-6:00pm   |
| September-11  | Registration books will re-open  |
| Voter Registration/Community Changes must be completed by April 28 for the Primary Election, August 4 for the General Election, and August 8 for the Referendum by 4:00pm. Enrolled Members who will be 18 years of age on the date of or prior to any Election may register to vote before the registration books close. |  |

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Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the Office of Environment and Natural Resources, 1840 Painttown Road, Cherokee, NC. Interested persons may contact Ken Green, PE at 828-359-6120 or by email at [kgree@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:kgree@ebci-nsn.gov) for additional information from 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. Review of maps is available until 03/08/2023. Comments must be received by 03/15/2023.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### LAND CLEARING

#### LOWER OLD #4 HOUSING

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking general contractors with heavy equipment to provide tree cutting and grubbing on approximately .75 to 1 acre of land. Contractor will be responsible for disposing of all stumps and trees.

Burning on site will be allowed if feasible. For additional information or scope of work contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7087 or [peancrow@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:peancrow@ebci-nsn.gov). Label the sealed envelope ON TREE CUTTING. All bids are due by 4:00 PM on February 22nd at the Cherokee Indian Housing Division Main Office. A mandatory site visit will be held on February 10th at 2:00 PM **2/22**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

### OCONA VALLEY TOWNHOMES

#### RETAINING WALL

#### RE-CONSTRUCTION

#### AQUONI RD

#### CHEROKEE, NC

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking general contractors with heavy equipment to re-construct a retaining wall at the Ocona Valley Townhomes on Acquoni

Rd. Contractor will be responsible for disposing of all debris. If your company is interested in the project, please contact Sarah Crowe by email at [saracrow@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:saracrow@ebci-nsn.gov). A mandatory site visit will be held on February 10th at 2:00 P.M. All bids are due by 4:00 P.M. on February 22nd at the Cherokee Indian Housing Division main office with envelopes labeled OCONA VALLEY RETAINING WALL. **2/15**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING

#### DIVISION

#### QUALLA HOUSING SERVICES

#### 687 Acquoni Road

#### Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

#### Painting

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

- 118 Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing
- 74 Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing
- 64/62 (Duplex) Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing
- 60/58 (Duplex) Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing
- 54 Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing
- 19 Old #4 Road, Lower Birdtown Housing

The work to be performed under this RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Bid packages can be picked up at the warehouse or emailed to interested parties. Deliver sealed proposals to the QHS warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is February 24, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. Please email Robert Welch at [robewelc@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:robewelc@ebci-nsn.gov) or by phone at 828-359-6344. Contracts may be awarded based on individ-

ual bids submitted for each house. **2/22**

## Bid Proposals

Robins & Morton will be accepting bid proposals from Subcontractors and Vendors for the project noted.

Tsali Long Term Care Facility in Cherokee, NC.

The following scopes of work are available to bid:

Stone, Siding, Roofing, Doors and Hardware, Drywall, Flooring, Painting, Casework, Landscaping on February 28, 2023 at 2:00pm CST.

Please contact Carson Chandler [carsonc@robinsmorton.com](mailto:carsonc@robinsmorton.com), Taylor Payne [tpayne@robinsmorton.com](mailto:tpayne@robinsmorton.com) or Brandon McDonald [bmcdonald@robinsmorton.com](mailto:bmcdonald@robinsmorton.com) for further information regarding this request for proposal.

Every bidder is responsible for reviewing all contract documents and including all costs associated with the contractor's scope of work. Any questions regarding discrepancies, conflicts or insufficient information are to be directed to Carson Chandler at [carsonc@robinsmorton.com](mailto:carsonc@robinsmorton.com) and Taylor Payne [tpayne@robinsmorton.com](mailto:tpayne@robinsmorton.com). The project is to be bid per plans and specifications. Voluntary alternates, methods and/or substitutions are encouraged, but must be identified and quoted separately from your base bid. **2/22**

## Bid Proposals

Robins & Morton will be accepting bid proposals from Subcontractors and Vendors for the project noted.

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Hotel and Casino Expansion Murphy, NC.

The following scopes of work are available to bid: Selective Demolition, Millwork,

**H.E.L.P. Program Lawn Maintenance and Garden Plowing**

**Applications will be available March 1 through May 31, 2023 and are available at the HELP Office located inside Tsali Manor.**

**DEADLINE FOR BOTH MOWING & PLOWING APPLICATIONS IS MAY 31, 2023**

**Eligibility Requirements**

1. Must be an enrolled member of EBCI
2. Individuals applying for assistance must be living in the home.
3. Applicants must be 59 ½
4. Applicants under 59 ½ must not be physically capable of mowing:
  - Proof of Disability (2023 Social Security Disability Statement) required

**Mowing**

- Client/Family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash/debris.
- Animals must be properly secured when mowing contractor arrives.
- Residence must be within the 3 county service areas: Swain, Jackson and Haywood.
- Seasonal – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Mowing and weed eating will include a 50 ft. perimeter around the home including carports.
- Lawns mowed outside the 50 ft. perimeter will be the homeowner's responsibility.

**Plowing**

- Seasonal - March 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 31<sup>th</sup>
- Available up to a 100 ft. by 100 ft. area
- (1) garden per household

Please call (828) 359-6638 with any questions you may have.



Doors and Hardware, Drywall and Interior Framing, Flooring, Painting and Wallcovering, Fire Sprinkler on March 1, 2023 at 2:00pm CST.

Please contact William Byrd [williamsb@robinsmorton.com](mailto:williamsb@robinsmorton.com), Jeremy Bolton [jbolton@robinsmorton.com](mailto:jbolton@robinsmorton.com), Carson Chandler [carsonc@robinsmorton.com](mailto:carsonc@robinsmorton.com) or Brandon McDonald [bmcDonald@robinsmorton.com](mailto:bmcDonald@robinsmorton.com) for further information regarding this request for proposal.

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The project is to be bid per plans and specifications. Voluntary alternates, methods and/or substitutions are encouraged, but must be identified and quoted separately from your base bid. **2/22**

### **Request for Proposals**

Total Rehab Services

For 1 Apartment

Unit 16 Heritage (Soco)

Cherokee Indian Housing

Division is seeking contractors to provide total rehab services for apartment 16 Heritage located off of Wolftown Road on Newman Arneach Drive. Work will consist of all new flooring and new paint throughout the unit and replacing all outlets and switches with new. The old flooring will have to be removed along with the carpet on the steps. All doors will have to be repainted and some exterior power

washing and work will be needed. Mandatory site visit will be held on February 22nd at 2pm. The scope of work will be provided at this time as well as material list. Sealed Bids are due March 3rd by 4:00pm and Label the envelope Heritage 16. For any additional information Peanut Crowe 828-788-7097. **2/22**

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Project Management Program

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Project Title:

Geo-Technical Engineering  
Services

The EBCI is requesting proposals from qualified geo-technical engineering firms to provide pre-construction services, special inspections and SWPPP compliance inspections for construction

projects. Firms wishing to request a proposal package should contact Ken Green, at (828)359-6120 or by email at [kengree@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:kengree@ebci-nsn.gov).

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included in the RFP to Ken Green, EBCI Project Management Program. Proposals must be received by 03/01/2023@11:00 AM at which time they shall be opened and evaluated in accordance with tribal procedures. Any proposal received after this time will not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to this solicitation.

If you have any questions or comments, you may address them to Ken Green. **2/22**

## **PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY**

*Re-appointment Hearing for Tribal Gaming Commission  
pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A*

### **Tribal Gaming Commission Re-appointment Hearing for Albert Martin**

**Wednesday, March 7 at 9 a.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  
Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023**



## **PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY**

*Confirmation Hearing for Qualla, LLC Board of Managers  
pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A*

### **Qualla, LLC Board of Managers confirmation hearing for Israel Rodriguez**

**Wednesday, March 7 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.**

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Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023**







## Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

### Closing Sunday, February 19, 2023

1. Receptionist – Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L5 \$15.00 - \$18.75 per hour)
2. GIS Land Records Technician – Geographic Info Systems – Office of the Attorney General (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)

### Open Until Filled

1. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Evidence Technician – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
4. Bailiff – Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Probation Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$39,806 - \$49,758) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
7. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
9. Driver (Multiple) (Shift: Monday through Friday, 3pm – 12am) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
11. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
12. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$72,342 - \$90,428)
13. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour)
14. Electrician Helper – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
15. Carpenter Helper (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
16. Maintenance Utility (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
17. Lead Horticulture Technician – Natural Resources – Agriculture and Natural Resources (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
18. Legal Services Attorney – Legal Assistance Office – Office of the Attorney General (L16 \$64,389 - \$85,852)
19. Financial Analyst (Multiple) – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478)
20. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
21. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
22. Head Cook – Snowbird Senior Citizens – Snowbird and Cherokee County (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour)
23. Tribal Prosecutor II – Criminal Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$72,127 - \$96,169)
24. Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications – Operations (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
25. Supervisor (Regulatory Compliance) – Natural Resources – Agriculture & Natural Resources (L14 \$52,349 - \$65,437)
26. Family Safety Grants Coordinator – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
27. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)

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

Please attach any licenses, certificates, diplomas, resumes, etc. with application. If you are unable to attach the documents, you may drop them off at our offices located at 806 Acquoni Rd. Suite 100 or email them to the Employment Specialists listed on our website. Indian Preference does apply.



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

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

1. Cherokee Language Teacher Assistant
2. Middle School ISS Teacher Assistant
3. K-5 Lifeskills Teacher
4. Cultural Department Coordinator
5. 6-8 Special Education Alternative Teacher
6. Middle School Science Teacher
7. Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher
8. Elementary Teacher
9. Middle School Special Education Pathseekers Teacher
10. Math Teacher (High School)
11. Part Time Substitute Teachers
12. Elementary Special Education Teacher Assistant



## EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

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### CAREER COUNSELING AVAILABLE

The TERO Office is pleased to announce that we are now offering career counseling as a service to individuals participating in our Job Bank through TERO's Workforce Development program. We cordially invite you to access this service.

Career Counseling is a process that will help you to know and understand yourself and the world of work in order to make career, educational, and life decisions. During this process, we will guide **you** through:

- Figuring out your career path interests and what you want out of your education, your career, and your life.
- Thinking about your thoughts, ideas, feelings, and concerns about your career and educational choices, who will help you sort out, organize, and make sense of your thoughts and feelings.
- Identifying the factors influencing your career development, and helping you assess your interests, abilities, and values.
- Helping you locate resources and sources of career information.
- Helping you to determine next steps and develop a plan to achieve your goals.

There are four phases of this service that involve a series of at least four in-person conversations with you. These meetings typically take from 30 minutes to an hour as we work with you to set **your** employment goals. We hope that you take advantage of this service if you need direction or resources in setting your career goals.

Contact our main number to learn more or to schedule an appointment.

EBCI TERO Job Bank  
application is available thru this QR code.







## CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### FINANCE:

Accounts Payable Processor \$19.66 - \$22.25

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child positions available \*\*\$5,000 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

Behavioral Health Consultant I - \$50,723 - \$63,404 \*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

Cultural Coordinator – Kanvwotiyi (\$21.13 - \$23.98)

### ENGINEERING

Food Service Worker \$15.00 - \$16.77

### OPERATIONS

Clinical Pharmacist - \$102,023 - \$127,528

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

Dentist – Pediatrics \$131,405 - \$164,256

Dental Assistant I \$17.12 - \$19.26

Dental Assistant II \$18.32 - \$20.67

Medical Technologist - \$28.68 - \$32.85

### MEDICAL

Advanced Practice Provider- Part Time Intermittent - \$109,504 - \$136,880

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

FNP/PA – ICC \$91,254 - \$114,067

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

Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time / Part Time

Regular - \$157,686 - \$197,108

### NURSING

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

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Analenisgi Inpatient Registered Nurse - \$33.68 - \$38.72 \*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

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

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

Certified Medical Assistant – Pediatrics - \$21.13 - \$23.98

Registered Nurse – Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72 \*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64 \*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (Night shift)

Registered Nurse – Satellite Clinic TJCC/BH - \$31.06 - \$35.64 \*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

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

### TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Nursing Assistant \$17.12 - \$19.26 \*\*\$3,000 Hiring Bonus\*\*

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 \*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus\*\*

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

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





## 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

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**\*\*\*contingent on FT/PT and availability status**

Apply in person or contact Angie Hill at [angieh@mandaraspa.com](mailto:angieh@mandaraspa.com) or 497-8550.



## Tribal Employment Rights Office

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

### Now Available - TERO's Job Listing February 2023



The Tribal Employment Rights Office ("TERO") is pleased to provide a monthly job listing for the Cherokee area. Please visit the TERO Office or TERO's website at [ebci-tero.com](http://ebci-tero.com) to receive the job list for February 2023. Our office is located at 756 Acquoni Rd in Cherokee, NC.

### TERO Job Bank

If you are seeking employment and you are:

- o An enrolled member of the EBCI
- o Spouse, parent, or child of an EBCI enrolled member
- o An enrolled member of another federally recognized tribe
- o Spouse of an enrolled member of another federally recognized tribe

You are eligible to enroll in TERO's Job Bank for job referrals. Please contact Hillary Norville or Douglas McCoy at the email or telephone numbers below.



**Hillary Norville -TERO Job Bank Coordinator**

828.359.6422

[hillnory@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:hillnory@ebci-nsn.gov)

**Douglas McCoy -TERO Job Bank Coordinator**

828.359.6478

[dougmcco@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:dougmcco@ebci-nsn.gov)

WE'RE HIRING



## PUT ON YOUR CULINARY CREATOR HAT.

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