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'Their Hard Rock moment'

Kituwah, LLC and EBCI launch \$316 million investment with Sports Illustrated Resorts

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Kituwah, LLC will be investing more than \$300 million over the next four years in a deal that will see them become part owners and operators of Sports Illustrated Resorts.

The deal will see Kituwah, LLC invest \$75 million per year for the next four years, with each of those installments going toward an individual new resort that will be built from the ground-up. The enter-



Kituwah, LLC will be investing more than \$300 million over the next four years in a deal that will see them become part owners and operators of Sports Illustrated Resorts. (Renderings courtesy of Kituwah, LLC)

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SI RESORTS: Kituwah, LLC investing in Sports Illustrated properties, *from front page*

prise will also be investing \$7 million in initial equity, giving them 37.4 percent in effective equity partnership and 50 percent control of Sports Illustrated (SI) Resorts. That percentage makes Kituwah, LLC the largest equity holder in SI Resorts.

The final part of the deal are two loans that Kituwah, LLC is offering to the business to assist with the launch of the brand. One is a \$5 million loan that has a two-year grace period and a 12 percent interest rate. The other is \$4 million and an 8 percent interest rate but has no grace period.

Mark Hubble, chief executive officer of Kituwah, LLC, said that this could be a watershed moment for the company and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

“Since another tribe obtained a worldwide brand, which was the Hard Rock with the Seminole Tribe, this tribe has actively looked for a brand that they could develop. It’s taken a lot of connections and a lot of time, but I think this is their Hard Rock moment. I think our brand is at least as strong a brand as the other major brands that are out there, including Hard Rock. It is the most trusted name in sports...so, the brand name is Sports Illustrated Resorts,” said Hubble.

The primary partner in operation is Experiential Ventures. They describe themselves as ‘a team of hospitality, food and beverage, branding, retail, design, entertainment and real estate leaders who have worked with some of the most iconic brands in the world’. Those brands include Condé Nast, Emmitt Smith, and The GARAGE.

Another major player in the deal is Authentic Brands Group (ABG), a multi-billion-dollar brand management company that owns the branding rights to Sports Illustrated. They are licensing the brand name but are not operating partners in the deal.

The company will operate on two main levels: rebranding of existing resorts and building new ones.

Rebranding

The first stage of business will be rebranding efforts. This will include going through a shortlist of resorts across the country and the world and picking prime candidates to rebrand under the Sports Illustrated name. According to Hubble, this greatly assists the short term book of business by immediately generating revenue and building out the foundation of the business.

“The first landmark date will be the rebranding in the Dominican Republic. You literally could not build that now. It is its own village. That whole place is getting redone as a Sports Illustrated,” said Hubble.

The resort is currently Ancora Cap Cana, a resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. He said that rebrand will be happening right away. Once it is complete, SI Resorts will then turn its attention to the next project.

Hubble said that it is important to understand that Kituwah, LLC is not putting equity investment into these rebrands. Their role in these projects will be license fee collection.

“We pay Authentic Brands Group a license fee. We then charge a higher license fee to the property. The spread is what we earn on everything that an SI Resort touches. So, if you’re at Ancora Cap Cana once it becomes a Sports Illustrated Resort and you pay 500 bucks for that night. If we charge them a 6 percent fee, that \$30 is coming to our partnership. Half of that is going to Authentic Brands Group, because that’s their brand fee, and the other half would go to us,” said Hubble.

He said that these license fees typically average around 6 percent. Larger resorts might get a slightly lower fee, smaller ones might have a higher one. That will be negotiated for each rebrand. He also said that a key distinction in their licensing agreement is that that fee

goes to every dollar spent.

“We get it on everything. For example, Marriot. They get it on room fees. They don’t get it on your food and beverage. We get it on everything.”

There is some investment going into design. SI Resorts itself will be handling these costs in the future, but the partners will be supplementing those costs while the company gains its footing.

“It’ll take about two years to get the brand level to profitability, is our estimate. Up to a million dollars a year. So, we are agreeing that we’ll fund up to a million dollars a year for two years. Because it takes a lot of meetings and lawyers and stuff to get these sites under control.”

SI Resorts will break ground on new resorts soon, and while those are under construction there will be multiple rebrands done.

“You will probably see five to 10 rebrands in the next 24 months. With five to 10 rebrands, the brand is profitable...there is almost no doubt we’ll be in a double-digit number of resorts in some stage of development within 24 months,” said Hubble.

Building Resorts

The eye-grabbing number is \$300 million. That money is what will be invested in new resorts. \$75 million each year will go to establishing a new business. This is completely different from the rebranding efforts, because with these deals Kituwah, LLC will be an equity partner in the individual resort. How much stake it will own is dependent on other investors.

Hubble explained that SI Resorts is one company, and each of the resorts will be another. Kituwah, LLC is not required to put additional money into rebranding efforts, but there is an option to. As part of the deal, though, that



\$75 million must be invested in new property each year. The way the equity stake will work is that Kituwah, LLC will own as much of the individual business as \$75 million gets them. That could make them a majority owner or be one of multiple partners on the deal. It will all depend on the cost of the resort and the amount of investment from other partners in the business.

He said that first ground-up build is set for Orlando, Fla. The exact location cannot yet be confirmed, as there are still dealings being sorted. However, Hubble says that they are hoping to announce that project very soon. He estimates a build time around 36 months after the groundbreaking, though he said that is a conservative mark. He is hopeful it could be faster.

The model for these major investments is 20 percent return on investment (ROI) annually. Hubble said that Kituwah, LLC is trying to be as safe as possible when dealing with this scale of

investment. Given that, they are looking for as many assurances as possible. This will include consulting.

“We’re using a third-party institutional consulting firm. I’ll tell you...it’s going to be one of the very big accounting and consulting advisory services. Top 10 in the world. We will pay them a flat fee. If you pay people on success fees, then they’re going to tell you what you want to hear. They have to independently, without seeing our stuff, say, ‘yes we believe this is a reasonable proforma’. That costs us a little bit more money. It costs about 100 grand every time we do that. But if you’re going to spend \$75 million, and these are \$300 million resorts, we really want to be right.”

Hubble said that they are already looking at a list of at least 10 potential properties. Their job now is to find the three to five best options for major build projects and decide on one for each year.

End Goals

Sports Illustrated Resorts

looks to build their brand as fast as possible. According to Hubble, the goal is to establish a significant base over the next three to five years. This is evidenced by the strategy of continuing to build and rebrand new resorts while other projects are under construction.

He said that one of the most unique aspects of this deal is the ability to go public. He said that even if ABG doesn’t decide to go public with Sports Illustrated, SI Resorts will have the option. Hubble said that is quite unusual for a deal like this.

“We could take that public. If we do, that’s a multi-billion-dollar transaction. That’s probably going to happen within the first 10 years. I don’t like to use those forward-looking statements, but that brand will have so much value.”

ABG will have the ability of exercising a warrant option in the case that SI Resorts does go public, and that would result in a 2 percent dilution. That number was reduced down from 5 percent in the final agreements. ABG accepted 5 percent equity upfront as part of the deal to reduce their claim to warrants.

This deal greatly increases Kituwah, LLC’s footprint. In a report to Tribal leadership, the company stated that they will be making their first dividend distribution to the EBCI in the first quarter of 2023. That same report claims that those dividends are expected to grow to \$5 million annually during this year.

SI Resorts will be looking to build every year and will likely be rebranding other resorts at a similar frequency. Hubble said that he is excited to announce each of these deals as they cross the line and will continue to offer updates as the company grows.

Tribal Council Rep. Bo Crowe's resignation triggers special election

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Wolfstown Tribal Council Rep. Bo Crowe was not present for Tuesday morning's (Jan. 31) Budget Council meeting. Instead, Chairperson Richard French read out a statement on his behalf:

"Mr. Chairman, members of Tribal Council, it has been an honor representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Please accept this letter as my official resignation effective January 30, 2023. Work-

ing for and serving our enrolled members is something that I have put my whole heart into and at this time, with everything going on, I do not feel like my whole heart and mind is here and I cannot be the Council Representative that they know and deserve. I will be stepping away to work on healing my family and taking care of myself I believe that God is in control and I will be keeping you all in my prayers, and I ask that you do the same for myself and my family. Thank you for the friendship, and relationships I have been blessed with during my service as Wolfstown/Big Y Council Representative. God bless you all and God bless the Eastern Band."

The announcement comes a few weeks after Rep. Crowe was arrested and charged with three felonies in Cherokee Court. The incident in question occurred on

Friday, Jan. 6. The following week, he addressed Tribal Council and said that he would not be resigning. Exactly three weeks following that announcement, he has decided to step away from his seat around the horseshoe.

As revealed during an arraignment hearing on Jan. 9, Rep. Crowe was charged with assault inflicting serious bodily injury (In offense of Tribal Code 14-40.54), aggravated reckless endangerment (In offense of Tribal Code 14-40.64), and assault by strangulation (In offense of Tribal Code 14-40.49). The Court applied case numbers 23CR9019, 23CR9020, and 23CR9021 for these charges, respectively.

The next court date involving Rep. Crowe is set for April 5.

On the Feb. 2 Tribal Council agenda was a proposed resolution submitted by Chelsea Saunooke and

Mary Jane Ferguson calling for the "immediate" suspension of the now former representative from his seat and a commencement of impeachment proceedings. The legislation was subsequently withdrawn.

His resignation opens a third vacancy of a Tribal Council seat in less than four months. Late Paint-town Rep. Tommye Saunooke passed away on Oct. 9, 2022. Wolfstown Rep. Bill Taylor resigned on Oct. 16, 2022 following his arrest. Those two seats were filled via a special election that was held on Dec. 15, 2022.

The EBCI Board of Elections announced on Thursday, Feb. 2 that Tribal Council approved their plan for a Special Election for Thursday, March 2 to fill Crowe's seat. See the graphic on the next page for more details on the Special Election.

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**Special Election for
Wolftown Community
Tribal Council Rep.
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* Candidate filing fee is \$500 and must be paid at the Tribal Finance Office. Candidates, bring the fee receipt, along with your EBCI enrollment card, to the Board of Elections office

* Candidate filing will be held on **Thursday, Feb. 9 and Friday, Feb. 10 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** both days at the EBCI Board of Elections office at 808 Acquoni Road (old Tribal Enrollment Office at Ginger Lynn Welch Bldg.)

* The Board of Elections will certify candidates by Tuesday, Feb. 14.

* Voter registration rolls for Wolftown will close on Friday, Feb. 24. There shall be no write-in candidates, no early voting, and no absentee voting.

* Protests must be filed within one day of the Special Election - by the end of Friday, March 3. After the protest period has expired, the Board of Elections will certify the results to Tribal Council.

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March Community Wide Reading Challenge- March 1st-March 31st, For more information contact Tammy Jackson, Community Development Coordinator

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 Center at **828-359-6939**

Georgia man arrested in local hotel, charged with drug trafficking

CHEROKEE, N.C.-On the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 1, the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) received information that a known drug trafficker was operating out of a hotel room on the Qualla Boundary.

CIPD Investigators conducted surveillance and a search warrant was drafted on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 2. The search warrant was issued and executed on a room at the Cherokee Grand Motel and produced the following:

- 213 grams of methamphetamine
- 31 grams of heroin
- drug paraphernalia
- \$14,948 in US Currency

Anthony Deshun Shivers, a 52 year-old male of East Point, Ga., was taken into custody and

charged in Jackson County with trafficking methamphetamine by possession, trafficking heron by possession, trafficking heroin by distribution and felony maintain a dwelling or place for controlled substance.

- Cherokee Indian Police Dept. release

CIPD Arrest Report for Jan. 22-29, 2023

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

Bigwitch, John Albert – age 44
Arrested: Jan. 23
Released: Jan. 23
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Braun III, Richard Albert – age 52
Arrested: Jan. 23
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Jumper, Taelon Kenlee – age 21
Arrested: Jan. 23
Released: Jan. 23
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance, Manufacture Schedule I Controlled Substance

Sherrill, John Charles – age 35
Arrested: Jan. 23

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Chasity – age 23
Arrested: Jan. 23
Released: Jan. 23
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Century, Andy Angelo – age 49
Arrested: Jan. 24
Released: Jan. 26
Charges: Domestic Violence

Lillard, Melissa Ann – age 47
Arrested: Jan. 24
Released: Jan. 26
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

McDay, Rodjahnneighe Keyonnie – age 20
Arrested: Jan. 24
Released: Jan. 24
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Rickman, Paiton Chanon – age 27
Arrested: Jan. 24
Released: Jan. 24
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

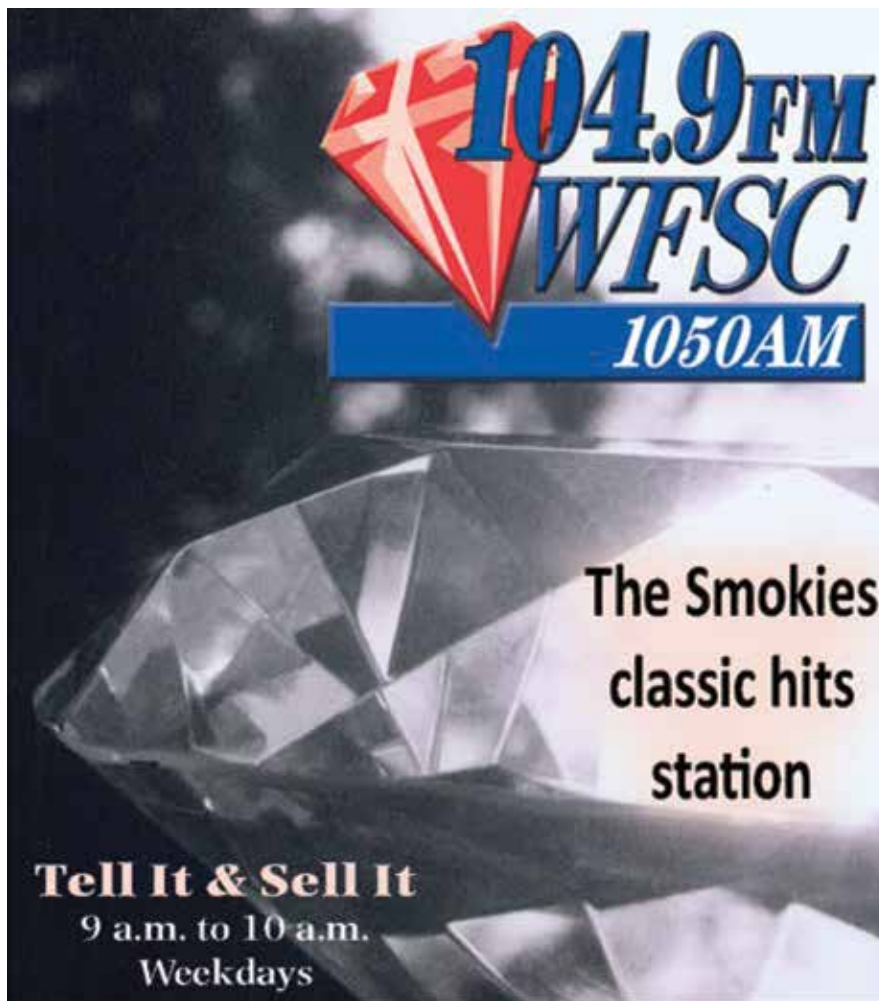
Watty, Ethan Mahki – age 21
Arrested: Jan. 24
Released: Jan. 25
Charges: Failure to Appear

Williams, Becky Renee – age 48
Arrested: Jan. 24

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Misdemeanor

Lossiah, Channing Victor – age 25
Arrested: Jan. 25
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Child Abuse in the Sec-
ond Degree, Domestic Violence
and Dating Violence, Driving
While Impaired, Pretrial Release
Violation

Penland, Alyson Laraine – age 31
Arrested: Jan. 25
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Public Intoxication

Swayney, Ellisa Nicole – age 35
Arrested: Jan. 25
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)

Charges: Failure to Appear on
Misdemeanor

Taylor, Taylor Norman – age 22
Arrested: Jan. 25
Released: Jan. 25
Charges: Temporary Hold for
Swain Co.

Badgley, Johnathan Reid – age 22
Arrested: Jan. 26
Released: Jan. 27
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or
Obstructing Officers

Calhoun, Travis – age 41
Arrested: Jan. 26
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Manufacture, Sell, De-
liver, or Possession with Intent to
Sell or Deliver a Controlled Sub-
stance (three counts)

Morgan, Frances Armachain – age
47
Arrested: Jan. 26
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Driving While License
Revoked, Child Abuse in the Sec-
ond Degree, Reckless Endanger-
ment, Driving While Impaired

Reed II, Gary Lee – age 25
Arrested: Jan. 26
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Failure to Comply with
Pre-trial Release

Young, Tansi Elaine – age 42
Arrested: Jan. 26
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Failure to Appear

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah –
age 44
Arrested: Jan. 27
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Probation Violation

Davaasambuu, Enkhchimeg – age
33
Arrested: Jan. 27
Released: Jan. 27
Charges: Temporary Hold for
Jackson Co.

Gloyne, James Brent – age 37

Arrested: Jan. 27
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Probation Violation

Morgan, Trevor Dillion – age 25
Arrested: Jan. 27
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Failure to Comply With
Pre-Trial Release

Uganbayer, Ulzibayar – age 34
Arrested: Jan. 27
Released: Jan. 27
Charges: Temporary Hold for
Jackson Co.

Vaughn, Eric Daniel – age 40
Arrested: Jan. 27
Released: Jan. 27
Charges: Temporary Hold for
Haywood Co.

Taylor, Jordan Michael – age 32
Arrested: Jan. 28
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Failure to Appear on
Misdemeanor

Davis, Austin Blake – age 25
Arrested: Jan. 29
Released: Not released as of report
date (Jan. 30)
Charges: Failure to Appear on
Misdemeanor (two counts)

MISSING PERSON

Brent Pickens

Male
Enrolled with The Chickasaw Nation
Age: 15 years
Height: 6' 0" Weight: 120 lbs
Hair: Brown Eyes : Brown
Date of last contact: January 23,
2023
Location: Sulphur, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance: Last known contact was on
January 23, 2023

If you have seen Brent Pickens, contact the Chickasaw Nation
Lighthorse Police (580) 436-1166.

Source: Namus.gov



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FOOTBALL

Kensen Davis signs with Lenoir-Rhyne University

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Kensen Davis, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Cherokee High School, will be continuing his athletic career at the next level. He signed a letter of intent, to play football at Lenoir-Rhyne University, during a ceremony at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 1.

“It feels great,” said Kensen who plans to study biology at the university. “I’d like to thank my parents, all my coaches. I’d like to thank the football team, too, because they’ve been there and made things a little easier and a little bit more fun during high school. I’d like to thank my family for being there for every game we’ve had.”

He’s looking forward to playing at the next level. “Playing college football is different than high school. Everything is more up speed and seems more fun.”

David Napert, CHS head football coach, commented, “Starting in 8th grade, they would bring him in every morning at 6 or 6:30 and every day since then. He’s one of the hardest workers that I have coached in my career. He’s a very loyal young man from a very loyal family. They supported us 100 per cent. He represents the Tribe very, very well with his attitude. His mom and dad were very supportive of us. He missed a year because he blew his knee out, but he came right back strong.”

He added, “I feel really good about his chances there. I think they got a good one. He’s work-



Kensen Davis, second from right, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, signs a letter of intent to play football this fall at Lenoir-Rhyne University during a ceremony at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 1. Shown, left to right, are Lexi Davis, Kensen’s sister; Kenny Davis, Kensen’s father; Kensen Davis; and Lula Davis, Kensen’s mother. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

ing on his weakness which is foot speed. He comes in in the mornings and works on that every day. I feel really good about his future.”

Craig Barker, CHS assistant principal, said, “We are very proud of him. On behalf of Cherokee High School and the Cherokee school system, we are excited for what you’re going to do for our Tribe...Kensen is a great young man. I’m a firm believer that you truly get what you deserve, and

He’s one of the hardest workers that I have coached in my career.

- David Napert, CHS head football coach

Kensen works harder than anyone that I have coached in years and years. I'm just very proud of his work ethic...he truly represents our school and our Tribe and his family in a manner that I'm super proud of."

He went on to say, "We just can't wait to see what your future holds...he is the epitome of a Brave - he lays it all on the line every time he plays."

Kenny Davis, Kensen's father, said, "It's very exciting to see him reap the benefits of what he's worked for. Just like what Coach Napier talked about, it's been four years and to see him get to that next level is just really exciting. I'm really proud of him...I'm just glad he's ready to take that step and go on."

Lula Davis, Kensen's mother, said she's very excited for him. "He did some summer workouts down there (Lenoir-Rhyne) and then he visited some schools. When we went on our visit and they gave us a call, he just accepted. He liked it down there and we liked it...I'm happy to see him go out there and reach his dreams and goals."

Also an outstanding athlete in track and field, Davis placed third in the men's discus throw at the 2021 NCHSAA 1A State Championship meet. He took second place in the men's discus throw at the 2021 1A West Regional and third place in the men's shot put at the 2022 1A West Regional.

Davis is a two-time (2021 and 2022) winner of the Chief John A. Crowe Memorial Most Dedicated Male Athlete award. He also was named MVP Field for the CHS men's varsity track and field team in 2021 and 2022. Also in 2022, he received the Varsity Football Lineman Award and the Indoor Track & Field Coach's Award.



INDOOR TRACK

Cherokee hosts Smoky Mtn. Conference Indoor Track Championship

One Feather Staff Report

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Cherokee High School (CHS) hosted the Smoky Mountain Conference Indoor Track Championship on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 3. The Cherokee Braves took second place overall in the men's team event with 114 just behind Swain Co. who won the title with 122 points. Two CHS athletes won individual conference titles including Dalmon King, men's 55M dash, and Jay-

lan Bark, men's 1000M run and 3200M run. The CHS men's relay team also won three titles including:

- 4x200M (Dalmon King, Ayden Thompson, Eli Bird, Tanin Esquivel)
- 4x400M (Dalmon King, Ayden Thompson, Anthony Lossiah, Tanin Esquivel)
- 4x800M (Anthony Lossiah, Oztin Swayney, Aizen Bell, Jaylan Bark)

All of CHS's first place finishers above were named to the Smoky Mountain All-Conference team for their respective events.

Following are the top three finishers in each event plus all CHS finishers per N.C.milesplit.com:

Women

Team Results

- 1 – Swain Co. 188
- 2 – Robbinsville 62

3 – Cherokee 24

4 – Murphy 20

55M Dash

1 – Melani Linton, Swain Co., 8.59

2 – Sienna Hackshaw, Swain Co., 9.08

3 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 9.37

5 – Sara Toineeta, Cherokee, 10.67

300M Dash

1 – Melani Linton, Swain Co.,

46.24

2 – Annie Lewis, Swain Co., 47.01

3 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 47.84

500M Dash

1 – Amaya Hicks, Swain Co.,

1:28.64

2 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee,

1:30.53

3 – Corinne Cotton, Murphy,

1:31.36

1000M Run

1 – Gracie Monteith, Swain Co.,

3:30.01

2 – Angelina Lomelli, Swain Co.,

3:30.55

1600M Run

1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain Co., 5:58.13

2 – Audrey Monteith, Swain Co., 6:40.32

3 – Lilah Foster, Swain Co., 6:50.41

3200M Run

1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain Co., 11:57.31

2 – Marden Harvey, Swain Co., 14:33.46

3 – Josephine Parsons, Swain Co., 17:03.73

55M Hurdles

1 – Melani Linton, Swain Co., 10.55

2 – Kinsley Hyatt, Swain Co., 11.03

3 – Kaylan Cochran, Swain Co., 11.49

4x200M Relay

1 – Robbinsville 1:59.62



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2 – Swain Co. 2:00.90
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 1 – Swain Co. 4:34.58
 2 – Cherokee 5:06.06
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4x800M Relay
 1 – Swain Co. 11:41.99
 2 – Cherokee 12:53.10
High Jump
 1 – Gracie Sutton, Swain Co., 5-00
 2 – Naomi Feagin, Swain Co., 4-08
 3 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 4-08
Long Jump
 1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 15-11
 2 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 13-08
 3 – Naomi Feagin, Swain Co., 12-09.50
Triple Jump
 1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 34-06.75
 2 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 30-00.00
 3 – Kensley Phillips, Robbinsville, 26-08.00
Pole Vault
 1 – Amelia Rogers, Swain Co., 8-00
 2 – Alden Thomas, Swain Co., 7-06
 3 – Hannah Wingate, Swain Co., 7-00
Shot Put
 1 – Faith Woodard, Swain Co., 29-05
 2 – Carley Teesateskie, Swain Co., 29-01
 3 – Kensley Phillips, Robbinsville, 26-06

5 – Jaelyn Lossiah, Cherokee, 23-01
Adaptive Wheelchair Shot Put
 1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy
Adaptive Wheelchair 55M
 1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 36.41

Men

Team Results

1 – Swain Co. 122
 2 – Cherokee 114
 3 – Robbinsville 37
 4 – Murphy 11
 5 – Tri-County Early College 10

55M Dash

1 – Dalmon King, Cherokee, 7.57
 2 – Austin Jenkins, Swain Co., 7.60
 3 – Sebastian Clevon, Tri-County

Early College, 7.62
 5 – Eli Bird, Cherokee, 7.76
 11 – Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 8.63

300M Dash

1 – Cameron Grooms, Murphy, 39.14
 2 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 40.44
 3 – Sebastian Clevez, Tri-County

Early College, 41.19
 4 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 43.40
 5 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 44.04
 8 – Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 48.61

500M Dash

1 – Kane Jones, Swain Co., 1:13.61
 2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 1:15.03
 3 – Tanin Esquivel, Cherokee, 1:16.79
 5 – Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 1:23.25

1000M Run

1 – Jaylan Bark, Cherokee, 2:51.70
 2 – Connor Lambert, Swain Co., 2:56.48
 3 – Anthony Lossiah, Cherokee, 2:58.48
 6 – Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 3:17.20

1600M Run

1 – Connor Brown, Swain Co., 4:45.64
 2 – Jaylan Bark, Cherokee, 4:52.61
 3 – William Cable, Robbinsville, 5:17.70
 4 – Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 5:19.31
 5 – Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 5:48.01

3200M Run

1 – Jaylan Bark, Cherokee, 11:32.23
 2 – Connor Brown, Swain Co., 11:35.36
 3 – Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 11:44.81
 5 – Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 12:41.72

55M Hurdles

1 – Austin Jenkins, Swain Co. 8.97
 2 – Kelan McCullough, Swain Co., 9.18
 3 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 10.86
 4 – Eli Bird, Cherokee, 11.60
 5 – Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 13.06

4x200M Relay

1 – Cherokee 1:44.32
 2 – Robbinsville 1:46.56
 3 – Swain Co. 1:54.30

4x400M Relay

1 – Cherokee 3:49.42
 2 – Swain Co. 3:53.74

4x800M Relay

1 – Cherokee 9:15.85
 2 – Swain Co. 10:18.83

High Jump

1 – Matthew Gray, Swain Co., 6-00
 2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5-10
 3 – Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 5-00

Long Jump

1 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 18-01.50
 2 – Kelan McCullough, Swain Co., 17-02.50
 3 – Dalmon King, Cherokee, 15-09

Triple Jump

1 – Matthew Gray, Swain Co., 39-11.20
 2 – Kelan McCullough, Swain Co., 38-06.00
 3 – Austin Jenkins, Swain Co., 37-00.75
 6 – Eli Bird, Cherokee, 26-01.00

Pole Vault

1 – Matthew Gray, Swain Co., 11-00
 2 – Caden Lail, Robbinsville, 10-06
 3 – Tanin Esquivel, Cherokee, 8-06

Shot Put

1 – Nse Uffort, Swain Co., 45-03.50
 2 – Kensen Davis, Cherokee, 43-05
 3 – Donovan Hall, Robbinsville, 35-04



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BASKETBALL

Cherokee splits with Swain Co. in home games

Photos by Jonah Lossiah/One Feather

Cherokee Lady Braves 65 Swain Co. Lady Maroon Devils 52

The Lady Braves earned a strong 65-52 victory over Swain on Thursday Feb. 2 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. It was a fiercely fought matchup from the opening tip. Both teams deployed a zone defense that keep each team on their heels. Cherokee weren't able to pull away until the fourth quarter. A strong surge in the final frame made it a comfortable win in the end. The Lady Braves (19-3, 9-0 in Conf.) are still undefeated in conference play, and they have strung together 15 consecutive wins. There are only two regular season games left.



Cherokee senior AJ Hills squares up for three.



Cherokee senior Kamia Wiggins (#42) wins the opening tip.

Swain Co. Maroon Devils 83 Cherokee Braves 72

Cherokee lost a difficult conference game to Swain 83-72 on Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. The Maroon Devils (11-11, 5-5 in Conf.) came out of the gate on fire. Thanks to a disrupting full court press, Swain jumped out to 12-0 lead. However, the Braves (11-11, 4-5 in Conf.) stormed back in the second quarter. Cherokee managed to tie the game in the second half, but a 14-0 run by the Devils in the third quarter was just too much for the hosts.



Cherokee freshman Jack Teesateskie (#5) soars to save a loose ball.



Cherokee sophomore Luke Smith drives for a layup.



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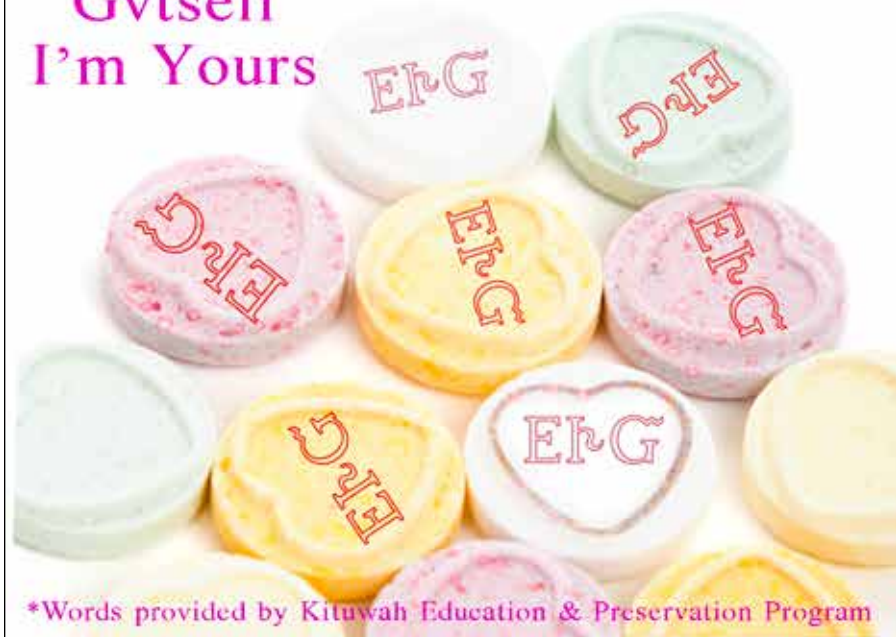
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Thompson recognized by First Peoples Fund for artistic excellence

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

Mary Welch Thompson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from the Big Cove Community, has been selected to receive a prestigious art award. She is one of four recipients in Indian Country to receive the 2023 Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Award given by the First Peoples Fund.

“I was amazed when I received the phone call last month,” Thompson said of when she heard the news of the award. “It means a great deal to represent the EBCI on any stage, but having my artwork recognized is indeed an honor.”

She is a third-generation basket maker having learned the art of both white oak and river cane basketry from her mother, Geraldine Wolfe Walkingstick, and grandmother, Annie Welch.

Thompson, who is also a member of the Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, Inc., commented, “Cherokee art is our culture and a part of our history. The more I learned, the more I wanted to know about us. I researched, went to museum archives and symposiums to learn more about us and our art. Doing this, I learned more about our culture and history which I was not taught in school. It makes sense to me how all of this ties together and makes us Cherokee. I do appreciate that this part of our culture is now considered ‘art’. To our

Mary Welch Thompson, an EBCI tribal member from the Big Cove Community, has been selected to receive the 2023 Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Award from the First Nations Fund. She is shown holding a pot during the 2019 Kanasesgi Pottery Festival in Cherokee, N.C. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



youngsters, I encourage NiGaDa to create art, to acknowledge and learn about where we came from and where we might be in the future as Cherokee artist whether it be traditional or contemporary and in all mediums.”

Lori Pourier, a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and president of the First Peoples Fund, said in a statement, “Our Community Spirit Award honorees are the heart and soul of First Peoples Fund and our tribal communities. Our support for them now is critical.”

Information from the First Peoples Fund describes the history of the award. “Named for First Peoples Fund’s founder Jennifer Easton, the award recognizes artists who have worked selflessly to weave their cultural knowledge and ancestral gifts into their communities. These practicing artists are nominated for the award by

their students, mentees, fellow artists, and community members.”

Thompson is also a founding member of the Cherokee Potters Guild and practices the traditional art of Cherokee stamped pottery. During the 2019 Kanasesgi Pottery Festival in Cherokee, N.C., she spoke to the One Feather about the difference between her two art forms. “With baskets, it is so much work and time-consuming to get your materials ready and getting through that process whereas, with pottery, I can cut myself off a piece of clay, sit down and start working. I have access to clay so that makes it a lot easier.”

She said pottery is a “stress-reliever” but she said the connection to Cherokee culture is the main reason she enjoys the art form. “It just amazes me that somebody’s grandma’s grandma’s grandma figured this out and it’s still going

on right now. To be able to fire it, waterproof it, cook with it; it just amazes me how productive and how much ingenuity they had to be able to come up with it. So, that culture and history intrigues me as much as sitting there and being able to produce something with your hands.”

The following artists also were selected to receive the 2023 Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Award:

- Charles Kealoha Leslie, a Kanaka Maoli from Captain Cook, Hawai’i; for traditional Hawaiian net-making
- Tom Stone, a Kanaka Maoli from Kane’ohe, Hawai’i; for carving
- Robert Charles Davidson Guud San Glas, a member of the Haida and Tlingit nations from White Rock, British Columbia, Canada; for carving, dance, sculpture, and storytelling

Rural Community Scholarship Program receives \$3.1 million donation

The Board of Directors of WNC Communities announced on Thursday, Feb. 2 that the estate of George H.V. Cecil has donated \$3.1 million to the George H.V. Cecil Journey Scholarship Fund, an endowment fund administered by WNC Communities and managed by the Community Foundation of western North Carolina. This generous contribution is a continuation of George Cecil's long-time commitment to education within the geography served by WNC Communities.

These funds allow the program to increase educational funding for students across western North Carolina. The scholarships, which are available to high school seniors, will now be four-year renew-

able scholarships. The expectation of this newly endowed scholarship program is to help the young people of western North Carolina with the cost of attending college, while fostering lasting relationships between local youth and their communities.

The scholarship honors the legacy of George H.V. Cecil, who gave decades of service to our rural communities across western North Carolina. Mr. Cecil was among the founders of the WNC Honors program in 1949 and served the program for 71 years. He remained active as part of the scholarship committee until his death at age 95 on Oct. 19, 2020. In recognition of Mr. Cecil's lifetime contributions, and his dedication to higher education for all students living within the most rural geographies of Western North Carolina, the

governing board of WNC Communities renamed this scholarship program in his honor.

"WNC Communities is most grateful to the George H.V. Cecil family for their dedication to youth in rural communities and for the generous contribution that will fund this scholarship program in perpetuity. In doing so, Mr. Cecil's wish, which was to improve the quality of life for all who live in WNC, will be honored. Throughout his business and civic career, he wanted to leave his community better than he found it," WNC Communities officials said in a statement.

Scholarship applicants must live or participate in a community that is enrolled in the WNC Honors Awards Program managed by WNC Communities. EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) com-

munities include: Big Cove, Big Y, Cherokee County Indian Community Club, Snowbird, Towstring, Yellowhill, and Wolfstown. Extra consideration is given to applicants who actively volunteer with their community center. All applicants are expected to demonstrate good character, strong academic record, dedication to community service, and leadership qualities. Additional eligibility requirements can be found on the application.

Applications for the 2023-2024 school year opened in January 2023 and are available through high school guidance counselors, community center officers, and found on WNC Communities' website: <https://wnccommunities.org/journey-scholarship/>

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- WNC Communities release

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OBITUARIES ᏆᏁᏂᏁ

Jonathan Gilette McCarter

Jonathan Gilette McCarter, age 53, passed away from health complications on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, at his residence in Whittier, N.C. He is formerly of Atlanta, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla., and Fernandina Beach, Fla.

He is preceded in death by his father, John M. McCarter; mother, Darlene A. Whitetree; and brother, Michael M. McCarter. Jonathan is survived by his sister, Jennifer McCarter Otalora of Whittier, N.C.; niece, Lauren P. Shaaber; and nephew, Jonathan B. Shaaber, both of Jacksonville, Fla.

Jonathan attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in 1994. He loved cooking, golfing, fishing,

and hunting. He loved bringing people pleasure through his culinary expertise.

A short graveside service was held on Wednesday, Feb. 1 in the Blythe/Whitetree Cemetery where Jonathan will be laid to rest by his mother. Pallbearers were Greg Casper, Michael Edmondson, and John Burgess.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Phillip Owle Jr.

Phillip Owle Jr., age 59, of the Wolftown Community, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023.

He is survived by his sisters, Frances Lucille Librado and Melinda Kay Owle; many nieces and nephews also survived, whom he loved very much; special friends, Albert Sluder, Joyce Dugan, Bo

Crowe, and Jesse Sneed.

Phillip is preceded in death by his parents, Phillip Owle Sr. and Geneva (Queen) Owle; sisters, Carolyn George, Ella Mae Seagle, Julie Owle, Lillie Jean Owle, Balinda Faye Owle, and Gaynelle Owle; grandparents, Abraham Queen and Nannie Kalonaheskie Queen, and Jonah Owle and Julie Sanders; uncles, Ellis Owle, Phillip Kalonaheskie, Howard Kalonaheskie, Bascome Queen, and Jacob Queen; and aunts, Francis Queen Toineeta and Naomi Jane Queen. Phillip loved the Dallas Cowboys. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A formal funeral service was held on Sunday, Feb. 5 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Matthew Tooni officiating. Burial was in the Blythe Cemetery. Pallbearers were James Browning, Emilio Librado, Andrew Oocumma, Mike Parker, Keving George, Bo Crowe, and Tim Mills.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

David Allen "Dave" Parker

David Allen "Dave" Parker, 61, of Long Branch in Cherokee, N.C., passed away following an extended illness on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 while among family at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

Dave was the son to the late James Robert Parker and Linda (Stone) Parker.

He was employed in the restaurant business and resided

with his family until his passing. Dave loved listening to Rock-N-Roll music, looking for his next car and guitar, drinking Pepsi, and enjoying his tobacco. His favorite pastimes were sitting on the porch and grilling out or riding around on his new scooter.

Dave is survived by sisters, Robin B. Parker of the home and Kathy Smith (Paul), both of Cherokee; nieces and nephews who were like his own children: nieces, Megan Smith, Charlee Bird, Mahala Bird, Shelby Smith, Madilyn Bird, Makenzee Bird, and Nalayah B. Bird; nephews, Arie "AJ" Bird (Casey), Matthew Smith (Lacey) and Hunter Smith, all of Cherokee. Also surviving are aunts and uncles, Steve and Lydia Parker, Jeanne Parker, Dwight Parker (Dakota), and Loretta "LuLu" Parker, all of Cherokee, and Nancy Durbin (Robert) of Washington State and too many cousins to name.

A funeral was held for Dave in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee on Monday, Feb. 6 starting with Rev. Jay Lambert and Nephew Arie "AJ" Bird officiating. Burial followed in the Tow String Cemetery in the Tow String Community of Cherokee with pall bearers being Charlie Bird, Charlee Bird, Matthew Smith, Arie "AJ" Bird, Paul Smith, and Noah Brand with Teddy Bird and Billy Bird as honorary pall bearers.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

2023 Cherokee Indian Fair Theme Contest

If you are a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, you are eligible to enter the 2023 Cherokee Indian Fair Theme Contest. The contest is open to all ages, and the winner will receive \$250. Entrants younger than 18-years-old must have a parent or guardian co-sign a liability release form and submit it with a W9 form.

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 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.

- Cherokee Indian Fair Committee release

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@jcpmail.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.

- Smoky Mountain High School

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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2023 EBCI Election Calendar
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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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(no class Feb 22nd)

Restorative Tuesdays with Yolanda Jan. 24 – Feb. 28 Tuesdays 10am & 3:40pm
Special Healing Touch and Restorative Yoga with Robin
Thursday Feb 9 12pm & 3:40pm

New to Yoga or interested but need a different class time? Sign up for Yoga 101(TBA) & let us know what class day/time works best for you!

Tai Chi sign up with Keahana or Yolanda

Tai Chi will be in-person on Mondays, Wednesday's, & Fridays starting January 9
Cherokee Choices yoga room 10am-11am.

Power Princess – Danowasgi sign up with Keahana

Boxing after school program for girls 10 yoa -14 yoa
Mind, body and spirit Patience, respect, integrity, self-confidence, self-control,
problem solving, balance, coordination, endurance, flexibility

Thursday's 3:45-5pm

Healthy Without the Hard sign up with Keahana

Life Coaching with a focus on goal setting and behavior modification.
45 minute, 5 week individual sessions

Women's Strength Training sign up with Shelby

Begins Thursday Jan. 19, 2023 12pm
All levels welcome. Weighted exercises, modifications available.

Healing Touch Sign up with Nancy

Nurturing, Relaxing Energy Therapy Some Benefits of healing touch include:
Reducing Stress, calming anxiety/ depression, strengthening the immune
system, supporting cancer care, creating a sense of well being, easing acute
chronic conditions/pain, deepening spiritual connection

Soup for the Soul Book Club sign up with Keahana

Create a new social network through the love of reading!
Engage in positive, though-provoking dialog, explore your imagination while
coping with life stresses.. Join us!
February 6th, March 6th, April 3rd, May 1st, June 5th 5pm – 6pm
(Meal provided each meeting)

Gloves on Fire – Danowasgi sign up with keahana

Boxing classes for women offer a total-body workout including
cardiovascular conditioning by incorporating boxing movements that focus
on speed, intensity and agility. These boxing moves will engage your arms,
core and legs, strengthening your whole body and improving your
coordination.

Tuesdays 5pm – 6pm/ Wednesdays 12noon – 1pm/Thursdays 6am – 7am
Protein Smoothie after each class. FREE Smoothie Cup if you attend 6
consecutive classes. FREE T-shirt if you attend 12 consecutive classes

Resources for Resiliency sign up with Shelby

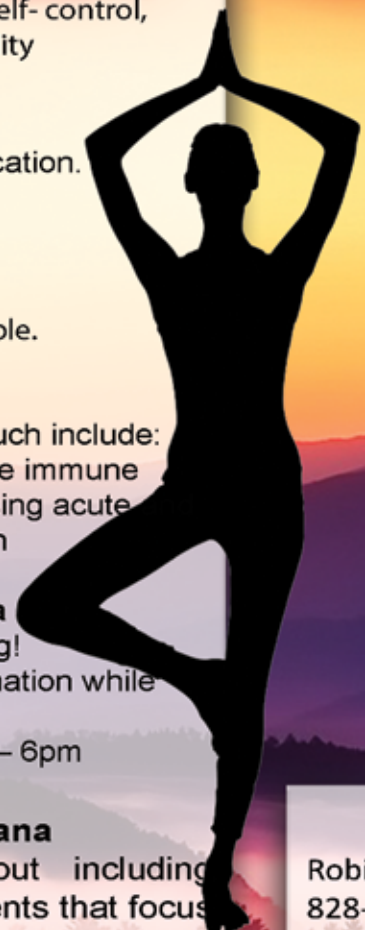
Learn about stress and trauma and how it affects the brain and body.
Learn new tools that help provide relief when every day stressors arise.
2-day in person training

Monday, Feb 27 & Tuesday Feb 28, 2023 9am- 3:30pm with a scheduled
lunch break. Must commit to both classes.



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COMMENTARY

Blind faith

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

We leave a bunch of our lives in the hands of others, so much so that we rarely question things like who is flying our commercial flight, our bus, our taxi or Uber. We don't think much about the mental state of our pizza delivery person or the person back at the restaurant cooking up our tasty pepperoni delight. We depend on technology and those anonymous folks in control of it to secure our personal data, including our financial access and access to our loved ones contact information. Whether you know it or not, you have been lulled into being a very

trusting soul, or at least convinced that you don't have or don't have to care about how you get there or the outcome of letting someone else control certain critical parts of our lives. We like the convenience and the lessening of aggravation that comes with delegating some fairly important aspects of our lives to others, without really knowing if they are qualified or even interested in our welfare enough to make choices for us that could either make us a pauper or impact the health of our person or the person of who we care for.

As many of you know, I have been amazed at the apathy and low voter turnout that typically comes with each tribal election and referendum that comes down the pike. One of the eye-poppers for me was when we had the first referendum question on alcohol, which was not defeated

by the vote, but by the lack of votes needed to qualify for a legitimate election on the issue. We all have a passion one way or the other on the subject of alcohol, but it had to wait multiple election cycles to be finally expressed. I know that some believe the "ignorance is bliss" theory of political engagement, but I am not sure I can buy-in to that. In a community that is as intelligent as this one is, I refuse to believe that we are blind in our faith in government.

In fact, I have seen some of you at least try to hold feet to the fire. There are those of you in the community who routinely submit accountability legislation. There are some of you who take a public stand that doesn't necessarily line up with the status quo. You view your voice being heard a sacred right, not a privilege to be held and withheld by govern-

ments.

The people you elect to high office should do more than give lip service to your freedoms, including the right of free speech. A good, social temperature gauge as to how your leadership feels about your freedoms is to ask them questions about the implementation of a constitution. First, ask them if they are in favor of having a true constitution that puts civil rights back on the table for the community? And if they give you a yes, then ask them if they have read and/or been involved in the development of the latest proposed constitution? If they have not read or been engaged, ask them how they can be in favor of it. You may get some interesting answers. A qualified yes is essentially a no. If they say, "Yes, I support the constitution, but...", they have given you a no. Whatever



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BREACH: Logbook23 | CORIOLIS

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follows a “but” is a justification of non-support.

The totality of our government is on the hook for all the successes... and all the failures of government. The continual finger-pointing and bickering are distractions from the fact that disunity is the primary cause that the ball of community growth does not advance. It is the business of elected officials to, first and foremost, serve the community. Every piece of legislation passed, an executive action should be taken with the health of the entire community as the goal. How does this law or action make life better for the Cherokee community, now and hereafter? You know that I am a proponent of longer terms for our Tribal Council. One of the reasons I support longer terms is that we need to get our legislators out of campaign mode for as long as possible. Any distraction, like the short terms creating a perpetual campaign environment, is another reason that the leadership might be slowed in taking action on progressive but unpopular projects. Theoretically, a sitting leader could have to weigh the political cost of doing the right thing long term for the community against potential short term negative consequences. Sometimes, investment requires short-term sacrifice to generate long-term benefit.

It is never a good idea to take things on blind faith. Most people don't want to go into surgery without first checking to see if their surgeon has some experience, training, and a good track record of success in whatever type of procedure you might be facing. I don't let just anybody work on my car because I have had my share of bad experiences with mechanics supposedly doing major repairs that turn out to be no fix at all. You want an experienced, qualified mechanic to make adjustments on a vehicle that could make or break your livelihood or your life.

Here's an analogy you won't typically see in Cherokee: The Japanese Puffer or “fugu” fish is a delicacy in Japan, and in the U.S. in order to sell and serve it, you need a special license to do so showing that you know how to clean and prepare it because if done the wrong way, the meat will be contaminated with tetrodotoxins and/or saxitoxins found in the body of the fish, which are poisons more deadly than the poison cyanide and can affect a person's nervous system (findlaw.com). And once the meat is contaminated, there is no way to “wash off” the toxins. Even in Japan, chefs must train tirelessly, preparing hundreds of fish at a cost of thousands of dollars. At least for now. Tokyo's government has plans to ease restrictions on chefs so that those with as little as one day of training may sell and serve puffer fish.

So, if you were offered a plate of puffer fish, a plate that just cost you \$120 (average price of a single filet), would you blindly enjoy your meal of puffer, having not a care about who prepared it? I don't know about you, but if I even entertained the thought of trying puffer, I would want to make sure I have a cook who had proven he knew how to prepare the fish and I would probably ask for proof that he hadn't killed anyone with his cooking. I do not want my tombstone to read “He rests here because he blindly trusted the cook”. Being asked to sign a liability waiver before you eat your food would definitely be a turn-off in my opinion.

We should be just as discerning about other choices, like who we will select to make representative decisions for us and who will execute those decisions. We need them to educate themselves on every choice of governance and development and to have good judgement in making those choices that will effect the quality of life in our community. While

we love gamblers at the consumer level, we do not want anyone in our leadership who is willing to gamble away our economic security. And when someone tells us it is good or bad for us without supporting their argument with facts, we should consider that no argument at all. There are times when we foolishly risk our future on the words of someone who either hasn't given us hasn't made even a simple case for doing so. It is so easy to buy-in to something if we think we know the person, or they have been friends or family, or they are eloquent of speech.

It is routine practice for resolutions to be accepted, considered, and decided in a single Council session without the community ever having seen the legislation. It's legal. Not a look. Take it on faith.

It is common practice to have off-air portions of legislative sessions, not closed sessions for cause. Open sessions with the cameras off. It's legal. Not a look. Take it on faith.

And, if we would admit it to ourselves, we are lazy. I don't want to have to do the research. I do not want to take time from my leisure activities to find out if something is good or bad. It is much easier to rely on someone else's judgement. Blind faith. And when we put our faith in someone and the result is negative, we use the excuse that we should have been able to trust the decision-maker, instead of taking responsibility for our own laziness.

We need to be responsible and accountable. Just like our elected officials need to be responsible and accountable. A good journey requires and upright walk. A good community requires that upright leadership. And if we don't hold our leadership accountable, then we must own that too. It becomes what we want because, in our silence, it is what we ask for.

Leadership often rails against

gossip, considering it an ultimate evil. And I concur that the world would be better off without it. But it is not the ultimate evil, particularly in government. There is an implication that all misinformation comes from the gossipers. This is not the case. Many times, government itself is the disseminators of less than accurate information. And unfortunately, government sometimes waits until the weight of gossip is thick in the community before they reveal the truth. As I have said many times before, in the absence of truthful communication from our leadership, the information vacuum will breed speculation and gossip. Transparency in government must be more than just a political buzzword to acquire votes.

The Cherokee Core Values, as adopted by our Tribal Council and taught by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation leadership programming, are spirituality, sense of place, group harmony, strong individual character, honor the past, educate the children, and possess a sense of humor. As we move through this election year, a year of decision that is kicking off with yet another special election, we now more than ever need to understand our need to promote the core values of our people. In order to be in group harmony as a tribal nation, we all need to educate ourselves on the successes and failures of our past so that we may make a better future for Cherokee children and their children's children. I guess the real question is: Do we want to gamble with our future? And if we don't address this now-today, we are surely going to need that sense of humor. By blindly following instead of educating ourselves and demanding good governance, we are just taking it on faith that we will have a future at all.

God has the plan...

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 11:8-19

Continuation...

Every mountain has more than one side.

God had sent instruction to the ram, as to when it should begin its three days' journey and climb a particular mountain by a specific time. In the meantime, Abraham, on the morning of his third day's journey, was led to leave his two servants at the base of the mountain and to wait there for their return. Taking only his son, whom he also had carry the wood on his back, as they began the climb together, were to go to a specific place where His answer was to meet them.

On that same morning, the ram began making its way up the mountain from the other side. Step by step, mile by mile, every foot, every inch, the ram, Abraham, and Isaac were to climb to meet there on the other side, and isn't everyone glad?

"When a person doesn't procrastinate by getting up late, there's no chance of missing their answer. Here's what I know," said Pastor Melton, "God had a plan. It was a plan that would cause the man of God, Abraham, to be delivered and his son would be set free."

Watch what happened. As Abraham walked up one side, his answer was walking up the other side, so when that answer gets to the place where the altar would be, the answer gets there right on time. Abraham then heard the Angel of the Lord call to him to stop and looking up he saw the ram, whose antlers were caught there in a thicket. God had provided him the sacrifice.

How many understand that His answers will always be found at an altar? Does a person have to be at a church? No, for everyone ought to have someplace for an altar at their home, a place in one's own home, or a backyard, or

even a garage, it really doesn't matter where, but it should be in a place where one can go to make a sacrifice of those things to the Lord that need to be let go of and may be dropped off there. When one gets there at their own specific place, that's where their own answers' going to be.

"I've never seen a time in my life when God has let me down," stated Pastor Melton. "He never has. If a person finds themselves at the right place at the right time, they will find their answer right there waiting on them, too."

"The Lord sent me here to tell people that God has already spoken to them with the answers for themselves. He's just waiting on each of us to climb the hill to the "altar". He's just waiting on that person to put the wood on the right place and get the fire ready to go. God has a plan for one's life—especially for you. Your answer's on its way."

"Pastor, Tim, I've been waiting a long time."

"Well, keep marching. Don't stop. Don't back down. Don't quit now. Now's the time to put down some double-time steps wherever a person's got to walk. Go where a person's got to walk, go where one must go, their Mount Moriah is waiting."

"We've found out that when Abraham got

to where the Lord told him to be, when he finally got to that place, there caught in a thicket was the ram!"

"Why didn't he see it before? He should have seen it right away."

"It's always in the Lord's timing that one's answer shows up. And, while one waits, they worship. While one waits, they obey.

"Well, I don't know what to do."

"What's the last thing He told you to do? Just keep on doing it until God shows up."

Is this alright today? When the thicket released the ram and it was placed on the altar, Abraham proclaimed, "The Name of this place will forever be "Jehovah-Jirah". In other words, Jehovah is "the God Who Provides".

"He knows where each person is, knows what they are going through, already knows what one needs and even what one has sacrificed, what they have given and what it has cost them. He knows the journey every person has been on. He knows the struggles each person has had. He knows our thoughts. But, if we can get to a place where we can just trust Him, where we can say, 'whatever it takes.' Whatever I must do, whatever it looks like, whatever I have to give up, whatever I have to let go. He's still the God Who Provides, and I'm so thankful.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



"Törichte Jungfrau" by Robert Philipp (1930)

*O God, You are my God;
Early will I seek You;
My soul thirsts for You;
My flesh longs for You
In a dry and thirsty land
Where there is no water.
So I have looked for You in the
sanctuary, to see Your power
and Your glory.*

PSALM 63:1,2

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 - 29 Haunting
 - 30 Mike Brady's three kids, e.g.
 - 31 Greek fabulist
 - 32 Pair of poetic lines about the army?
 - 35 — Valley, San Francisco
 - 36 Disney frame
 - 37 FedEx rival
 - 38 Layers
 - 39 Healed a fictional prince of Denmark?
 - 44 Striped feline
 - 47 "And others," in footnotes
 - 48 Mineo of "Dino"
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 - 57 Extra wrestling garment in case the main one gets lost?
 - 60 Heifer's home
 - 63 "Hulk" director Lee
 - 65 Blind as —
 - 66 Earp of the O.K. Corral
 - 67 Sound of wonderment
 - 68 Bright red Kleenex?
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 - 74 Cause, as havoc
 - 76 City in Kansas
 - 77 Time on end
 - 78 Bison group
 - 79 Secondhand apartment rental in Rome?
 - 84 — gin fizz
 - 86 See 28-Across
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 - 88 Just so-so
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 - 105 Parents-to-be expecting three babies at once?
 - 111 "The — come out tomorrow" (start of an "Annie" song)
 - 113 "Mystic Pizza" actress
 - 114 Turkish coins
 - 115 Out-of-date
 - 116 How cats ask for Meow Mix, per a slogan
 - 117 Lady friend, in France
 - 118 Pleasing answer when actress Kate asks her agent "Who wants me next?"
 - 121 Job detail
 - 122 "Huh-uh!"
 - 123 Cyclops' odd feature
 - 124 Actress Falco
 - 125 Car roller, to Brits
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 - 127 Less wordy
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 - 16 Bobolink's kin
 - 17 Big headline
 - 18 Explosions
 - 24 "The Raven" poet's inits.
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 - 34 4x4, in brief
 - 36 Jacques of France
 - 40 Panache
 - 41 Use a shovel
 - 42 Vegas lead-in
 - 43 Wallach of "Firepower"
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 - 45 Suffix with organ
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 - 49 Pride parade letters
 - 50 Jai —
 - 52 Glide on ice
 - 53 Teach privately
 - 54 Decided (to)
 - 56 Actress Ortiz
 - 58 Of birth
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 - 60 "Fame" vocalist David
 - 61 Major artery
 - 62 Ostrichlike birds
 - 64 Horrific
 - 68 Glide on snow
 - 69 Uncouth guy
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 - 71 "He-e-elp!"
 - 72 Loosen, as a shoe
 - 75 Decorative church screen
 - 78 Cannabis fiber
 - 80 Paid promos
 - 81 Tchr.'s org.
 - 82 Comic Phillips
 - 83 Phone no.
 - 85 "... man — mouse?"
 - 89 Clairol products
 - 91 "M*A*S*H" co-star
 - 92 Request for a poker hand
 - 93 Olympics participants
 - 95 NBC show since '75
 - 96 Writer's tool
 - 97 Trailer park campers, for short
 - 98 "Finally!"
 - 99 Like pie crusts with pressed-in ridges
 - 100 Greasier
 - 101 Dry red wine
 - 102 Simple
 - 106 Kagan of the court
 - 107 Some DVR systems
 - 108 Sets up, informally
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Is the book of Eliab (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 21, who was commander of Abimelech's army? *Beniah, Omri, Sisera, Phichol*
3. Saul consulted a medium wanting to talk to whose spirit? *Goliath, Moses, Samuel, Solomon*
4. Which natural disaster occurred only once in the Bible? *Windstorm, Flood, Drought, Earthquake*
5. Who was known as the "Weeping Prophet"? *Jeremiah, Nathan, Elisha, Daniel*
6. Who was the mate of Rachel? *Ananias, Boaz, Jacob, Isaac*

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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1. ART: Where is the Prado Museum located?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn pass through?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "tempus fugit" mean?
4. MATH: What is another name for the division sign?
5. MUSIC: How long did it take singer Bob Dylan to write the big hit "Blowin' in the Wind"?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many times on average does a ruby-throated hummingbird flap its wings in one second?
7. MOVIES: Which movie features the line, "Keep the change, ya filthy animal"?
8. LITERATURE: Which novel features four children named Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy?
9. TELEVISION: What is Joey's famous line in the sitcom "Friends"?
10. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the pinna in human anatomy?

EVENTS

BENEFITS & FUNDRAISERS

Bingo Fundraiser for Savian Davis.

Feb. 11 at the Big Y Gym. Concession available starting at 5 p.m., games start at 5:30 p.m. \$15 per pack. All proceeds go to Savian Davis and his travels to play basketball for Legendary Elite in Oklahoma, Colorado, New York, Washington, and Arizona.

Bingo Night Fundraiser.

Feb. 17 at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Complex (Birdtown Gym). Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Cherokee High School students Adia Frady, Destiny Siweumptewa, and Lilah Reynolds raising money for their senior trip. Pack prices includes 15 games: Adults - \$20, children \$10, special games will be \$2 each. Concession will be available.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sweetheart Market.

Feb. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Shopping, food, and fun. Info: Denise Walkington 508-2211

Valentine's Day Pop-up Market at the Museum.

Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mu-

seum of the Cherokee Indian lobby and store. Shop for locally and Indigenous-made items for your sweetheart and loved ones.

Painttown Valentine's Day Party.

Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at the old Painttown Community Building. Food, music, crafts. Any volunteers that want to help set up and prepare snack, meet at the building on Sunday, Feb. 12 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Info: Mariah Hill 788-4574

Happy Valentine's Day event.

Feb. 25 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Big Cove Community Center. DJ music, activities, concession. Admission is \$5 and includes a meal of hot dog, chips, drink, and a dessert. Everyone is invited to this event. Info: Venita Wolfe 554-1199

WeSpeakWNC Workforce Conference.

Feb. 27-28 at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Convention Center. Day 1 of the Conference is for business owners, managers, and entrepreneurs in the western North Carolina region. Elaine Marshall, North Carolina Secretary of State, and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed will be guest speakers along with other local leaders. Day 2 of the Confer-

ence will have high school and college students as well as job seekers and current employees from all over western North Carolina join and learn about these sectors from the employers. The day will also feature Talent Jam, a high energy elevator pitch training, following by Yes, Chef! which gives everyone a glimpse into the behind the scenes magic of a professional kitchen, and Sector Expo which will be filled with local businesses in the CREATE sectors of retail, hospitality, entertainment, accommodation, and tourism. Info: www.wespeakwnc.com

37th Annual Fading Voices.

May 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Little Snowbird Church playground, Snowbird Community, Robbinsville, N.C. Mound Cere-

mony 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-

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Pichol, 3) Samuel, 4) Flood, 5) Jeremiah, 6) Jacob

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez


Answers

1. Madrid, Spain.
2. Brazil.
3. Time flies.
4. Obelus.
5. 10 minutes, according to Dylan.
6. About 50 times.
7. "Home Alone."
8. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."
9. "How you doin'?"
10. Outer ear.

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

ᎠᎵᏍᏗᎦᎳᏍᏗ.
Danelohvsga.
She is playing.



ᎠᎵᏍᏗᎦᎳᏍᏗᎦᎳᏍᏗ?
Do iyusdi daneldiha?
What is she playing with?

ᎠᎵᏍᏗᎦᎳᏍᏗᎦᎳᏍᏗᎦᎳᏍᏗ.
Dagwalela daneldiha.
She's playing with a car.

Note: These words are provided by Kituwah Language Revitalization Initiative. Illustration by Justin Reed, EBCCI Communication Dept.

9741. Events include: archery, basketball shooting, billiards, bocce, bowling, cornhole, croquet, cycling, football throw, golf, horse-shoes, 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

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.

Bad River Wellbriety Round Dance. Feb. 10 at the Bad River

Community Center in Bad River, Wisc. Emcees: Keveon Kingbird and Niigaanigwaneb. Invited Groups: Northern Cree, Blackstone, Midnite Express, Pipestone, Red Deer Table, and Red Willow.

50th Anniversary Seminole Tribal Fair & Pow Wow. Feb. 10-12 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Fla. Emcees: Juaquin Hamilton and Ruben Little Head. Info: 1-800-683-7800 ext. 11468, Wanda Bowers (954) 444-9827, or Eugenia Osceola (786) 537-1905

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:

See **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member could make contact as well.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped into your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time, to allow new developments to come through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers to your questions.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped would finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partnerships — personal or professional — which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So, be warned.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem causing you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming and turn them into successful ventures.

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by Freddy Groves

Fast Help for Suicidal Veterans

It has a very long title, but a short, concise purpose. The Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment Act of 2020, or the Veterans COMPACT Act of 2020, section 201, allows eligible suicidal veterans to go to an emergency room for help. This opens the door for 9 million veterans to get the care they need.

But the scope is much wider. An acutely suicidal veteran can go to not only a Department of Veterans Affairs emergency room, but any emergency room.

The VA will pick up the tab, at no cost to the veteran, for inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and then outpatient care for up to 90 days, as well as any necessary transportation. The veteran doesn't need to be enrolled in VA health care.

After getting that care, they'll determine eligibility for any other VA services and benefits and refer the veteran to appropriate programs.

Even though the VA believes that there are 9 million veterans who can take advantage of this, if necessary, there are a few eligibility requirements.

Veterans must have been discharged or released from active duty after serving more than 24 months, and leave under conditions other than dishonorable.

Eligible individuals are former members of the armed forces (including reserves) who served more than 100 days "under a combat exclusion or in support of a contingency operation either directly or by operating an unmanned aerial vehicle from another location" and again, be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

And thirdly, former members of the armed forces who were the victims of sexual assault or sexual harassment are eligible.

If you or someone you know needs help, there are a number of ways to get it. Go online to www.veteranscrisisline.net and view the choices. You can call them by dialing 988 and then pressing 1. You can chat online at that website. Or you can text a message to 838255. Help is available 24/7 from qualified, trained people.

Or, per this Act, help is as close as the nearest emergency room.

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Headline

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: This winter, a lot of my family has had colds and flu. Can my cat catch a cold from us? — Darlene, via email

DEAR DARLENE: Cats don't catch colds directly from humans, but they can suffer from upper respiratory infections that are just as uncomfortable.

A number of viral and bacterial infections can make your cat sick. Some of these, such as FVR (feline rhinotracheitis) and FVC (feline calicivirus) can be prevented by making sure your cat gets an annual check-up and vaccinations. An underlying health condition also can make your cat more susceptible to upper respiratory infections. Again, regular check-ups and shots can keep it healthy.

What symptoms does a cat with a URI have? It may be sniffing and sneezing, along with a clear or cloudy discharge from the eyes or nose. Your cat also may have little to no appetite and might be lethargic.

Contact the veterinarian right away if your cat has any of these symptoms. The vet will want to examine your cat to confirm what kind of URI it has. Use a cat carrier so other cats in the waiting room won't be exposed, and to keep your cat safe.

Follow the vet's instructions on caring for your sick cat. You may be given a prescription, and you will be asked to keep the cat comfortable and warm, and to try to get it to drink water and eat some food. Dry food may be a turn-off, but it may eat a little wet food. If your cat won't eat or drink, contact the vet again — an IV may be needed to keep it hydrated.

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

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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 W: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: Blackfoot 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. Ce-

dartree Memorial Pow Wow.

March 23-25 at the Wilkinson Student Center in Provo, Utah. Info: Shiegrid Hernandez, shiegrid_hernandez@byu.edu

Mascoutin Society of Chicago-land 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

Presentation by Liz Malone

entitled “Life & Death in a Georgia Town: The Roots of Marietta, Ga.” Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Estelle Bennett Hughes Theater at the Funk Heritage Center in Waleska, Ga. Info: www.reinhardt.edu/funkheritage

Paint & Sip class.

Feb. 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center in Murphy, N.C. A fun class with acrylic paint and drinks (brought by students) and a painting. Ages 21 and older only. Info: Sammi Crow (239) 560-4072,

scrows42@gmail.com

Valentine Cork Wreath Class.

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

Swain County Democratic Party hybrid in-person or remote meeting.

Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope Street, Bryson City, N.C. Please wear a mask. The meeting will also be conducted via Zoom. Call 488-1234 for a link to join or for other details. All are welcome.

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 En-

slaved 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

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 Slave-

holders & 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. Instructor – J. McKee. Learn the art of Raku. Explore crackle and luster glazes. Students will learn

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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, (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

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



LEAF Festival
LEAF Cherokee Poster Art Design Contest
GLOBAL ARTS

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>



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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 22-126

In the Matter of the Estate of Allen Edward Reed

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

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

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

Anita Smith Reed
382 Blue Wing Church Rd.
Cherokee, NC 28719

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Tribal Construction Program (TCP)
Tribal Utilities Bldg.
1840 Paint Town Road
P.O. Box 547
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
Ph. (828) 359-359-6146

Project Title: Domestic Water Well
Drilling in Five Western Counties
of North Carolina

The Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians Tribal Construction Program is requesting separate sealed bids for the services of a licensed water well driller for the purpose of drilling an estimated 50 water wells in western North Carolina between March 2023 and March 2025.

The project area is located in Jackson, Swain, Cherokee, Haywood and Graham Counties with the bulk of the work anticipated to be within a 20 mile radius of Cherokee,

NC. An estimated 50 wells will be drilled, as needed, during the contract period. Prospective bidders must be familiar with the terrain and drilling practices of western North Carolina. Contract specifications and bidding documents will be provided to any licensed well driller upon request. Contact Mr. Jeremy Watkins at (828)359-6146 or by email at jerewatk@ebci-nsn.gov request a bid package. Pre bid meeting will be held on February 13th, 2023 for any questions regarding the bid package, contact Jeremy Watkins for approved time.

Bid packages should be addressed to Mr. Watkins at the address above and must be received by 11:00 a.m., February 24, 2023, at which time they will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

This work is being funded by the Indian Health Service. Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) applies for this contract. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) documentation required by Executive Order 11246 as Amended and regulations (41 CFR Part 60-4) shall be applicable throughout the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Watkins at (828) 359-6146 or by email at jerewatk@nc-chokeee.com **2/8**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians,
Tribal Construction Program
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Title: Utilities Engineering
Service for Tribal Homesite
Development

The EBCI is requesting proposals from qualified engineering

firms to provide planning, design, permitting, bidding assistance, and construction administration for projects related to development of infrastructure improvements including expansion, replacement, upgrade, or improvement of existing treatment and distribution/collection systems. Firms wishing to request a proposal package should contact Jeremy Watkins, at (828)359-6146 or by email at jerewatk@ebci-nsn.gov or Ken Green, at (828) 359-6120 or by email at kengree@ebci-nsn.gov.

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included in the RFP to Jeremy Watkins, EBCI Tribal Construction Program. Proposals must be received by 02/28/2023@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 and award of this contract.

If you have any questions or comments, you may address them to Jeremy Watkins or Ken Green.

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Intent to Revise

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program, in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of the Tribe's intent to revise the flood hazard information, generally located along the Oconaluftee River. Specifically, the flood hazard information will be revised along the Oconaluftee River from a point approximately at the confluence with the Tuckasegee River to a point approximately 3,200 feet upstream of Enloe Floyd Bottoms

Road. As a result of the revision, the floodway will widen and/or narrow along the route. The 1-percent-annual-chance water-surface elevations shall increase and/or decrease, and the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain will widen and/or narrow within the area of revision.

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 kengree@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

GUT REHAB SERVICES FOR 2
HOUSES

BIG COVE HOUSING

Cherokee Indian Housing
Division is seeking contractors to provide gut rehab services on two homes located at 24 Big Cove Housing and 26 Big Cover Housing Cherokee, NC. Demo has been completed. Work will consist of returning the units to new construction condition. Work will consist of tasks from insulation to final trim out including the replacement of exterior doors. Installation of all electrical switches and outlets will be installed by Housing Division staff. Installation of commodes and plumbing fixtures will also be handled by Housing Division staff. Mandatory site visit will be held on January 31 at 2 PM. Material lists with item numbers will be provided at that time. For additional information contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7087 or peancrow@ebci-nsn.gov. Sealed bids are due

by 4:00 PM February 10, 2023.
Label the sealed envelope HOUSING GUT REHAB. 2/8

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
HOUSE DEMO
PIONEER VILLAGE

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking general contractor for demo of two homes located at the Pioneer Motel. Mandatory Site Visit will be held on February 7th at 2:00 PM. All interest parties are to meet onsite at the Pioneer motel office. Sealed Bids are due by 4:00 PM February 10, 2023. Label Sealed Envelope PIONEER DEMO. For additional information contact Bunsey Crowe at (828) 788-6785.

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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. 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. 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 or by phone at 828-359-6344. Contracts may be awarded based on individual bids submitted for each house. 2/22



The Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines are used to determine income eligibility for participation in Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Children from birth to age five who are from families with incomes below the poverty guidelines are eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start services. Children from homeless families, and families receiving public assistance such as TANF or SSI are also eligible. Foster children are eligible regardless of their foster family's income. Program staff members may refer to this section of the Head Start Act to further understand eligibility for Head Start and Early Head Start: Sec. 645 of the Head Start Act.

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$14,580
2	\$19,720
3	\$24,860
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,140
6	\$40,280
7	\$45,420
8	\$50,560

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,140 for each additional person.

The poverty guidelines (shown at left) are adjusted for families of different sizes and may be used to determine financial eligibility for certain federal programs such as Head Start and Early Head Start services. The guidelines are issued each year in the Federal Register by the Department of Health and Human Services. A single set of guidelines applies to the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. There are separate sets of poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii. These guidelines may be used when determining a family's eligibility for Head Start and Early Head Start services.

theonefeather.com is a great resource for all EBCI-related links

See the "LINKS" button at theonefeather.com and see a listing of website links to various tribal entities and Cherokee-related businesses.

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Closing Sunday, February 12, 2023

1. Disbursements/Loan Specialist – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
2. Registered Nurse – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$27.87 - \$34.84 per hour)
3. Housekeeper I – Housekeeping – Operations (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 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. Commercial Property Specialist – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L13 \$22.86 - \$22.58 per hour)
27. Family Safety Grants Coordinator – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
28. 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

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.

Leo J. Phillips Attorney at Law

* Have you been charged with a crime and feel your rights have been violated

* Have your children been removed from your home by the court system

* Call Leo for help and he will come to your aid

* 30 plus years of experience

* Serving the Qualla Boundary

He will return your call and provide a free initial consultation.

828-835-4892
404-277-3253 (cell)





Employment Opportunities

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

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

- Senior Concierge for Front Desk and operations support – hospitality experience preferred
- Concierge for Front Desk – hospitality experience preferred
- Male Spa Host and Female Spa Host – no experience required

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

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

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



Tribal Employment Rights Office

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 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:

- An enrolled member of the EBCI
- Spouse, parent, or child of an EBCI enrolled member
- An enrolled member of another federally recognized tribe
- 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
hillnorv@ebci-nsn.gov

Douglas McCoy – TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6478
dougmcoco@ebci-nsn.gov



Chief Financial Officer

Seeking experienced accounting professional for our growing operation. This position is responsible for the accuracy and integrity of accounting information, financial analysis and reporting, and continuous improvement of finance and accounting functions.

The ideal candidate will excel in a fast-paced team environment, be highly organized with a deep understanding of nonprofit and managerial accounting, have a history of growth within the field, and be an excellent communicator.

Competitive pay and benefits. Some travel is required.

Apply online at bit.ly/sf-cfo-application

Indian preference applies. Position open until filled.



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



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCE

Accounts Payable Processor \$19.66 - \$22.25
Billing Analyst II \$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

ENGINEERING

EVS Technician \$15.00 - \$16.77
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 II \$18.32 – \$20.67
Optometrist - \$109,504 - \$136,880
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
Physician/Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time / Part
Time Regular - \$157,686 - \$197,108

NURSING

Acupuncturist - \$67,082 - \$83,852
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
LPN– Immediate Care Center - \$22.76 - \$25.89
**\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
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**
Fiscal Coordinator - \$50,723 - \$63,404

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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