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# **Oconaluftee River Water Quality update**

#### Submitted by EBCI Natural Resources

HEROKEE, N.C. - Water qual-∕ity on the Qualla Boundary is maintained by adherence to federally approved Tribal water quality standards written in the Cherokee Code. These water quality standards comply with the Clean Water Act. Water quality criteria are listed in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' Water Quality Standards: Administrative Rules, Section 4: General Water Quality Criteria, and Section 5: Water Quality Criteria for Specific Uses. Water quality regulations are also found in Chapter 113E - WATER QUALITY CODE FOR TRIBAL WATERS.

The NRD monitors the health of the Oconaluftee River by evaluating the following parameters: Dissolved oxygen – Oxygen is

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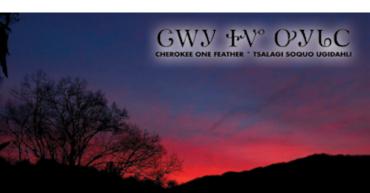
Sun glistens off the water of the Oconaluftee River on the morning of Monday, March 13. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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critical for aquatic life. The value for dissolved oxygen should be above 5 mg/L.

pH - pH measures the acidity or alkalinity of water with expected values ranging from 6-9. Anything below 6 is too acidic and anything above 9 is too basic which can be troublesome for aquatic organisms.

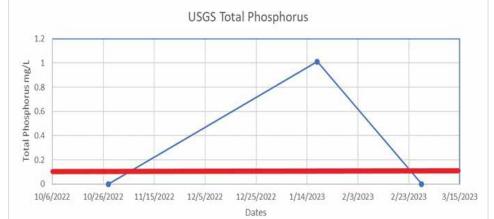
Nutrients – EBCI Natural Resources monitors for total phosphorus and total nitrogen in the waters but do not have regulatory parameters for these two nutrients. Nutrient pollution can come from agricultural runoff and lawn fertilizer as well as from wastewater treatment plants. High total phosphorus amounts can cause toxic algal blooms, which can kill off any organisms living in the stream or river and can make humans and their pets sick. For total nitrogen, higher amounts can be troublesome for aquatic organisms.

Turbidity – This parameter measures the amount of suspended particulate matter in our water and should be less than 10 NTU. Turbid waters caused by sediment from stormwater runoff can harm fish gills and smother reproductive habitat. For instance, after a rainstorm, the water could be brown with suspended sediment in the river. Escherichia coli (E. coli): These bacteria are naturally occurring in the digestive tracts of people and animals. E coli can be found in moving waters such as rivers and streams from waste pollution. Values should be less than 126 MPN/100mL. Anything higher increases the possibility of making a human being sick.

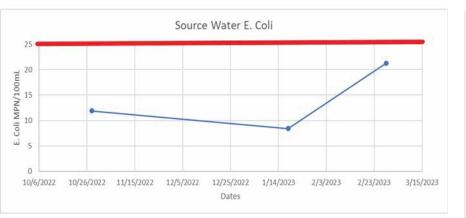
Temperature - For coldwater streams that contain trout, the temperature should be less than 29 degrees Celsius. Anything higher can create conditions where trout are stressed, less healthy and unable to live year-round.

The sample station for the "Source Water" data collection is upstream of the drinking water plant intake. The sample station for the lower Oconaluftee River is a USGS Gauging Station supported by the EBCI located downstream of the Cherokee Wastewater Treatment Plant. This station takes continuous readings which are accessible via the USGS webpage (https://waterdata.usgs.gov/ nwis/uv?site\_no=03512000&legacy=1 ).The data from this reporting period for both the "Source Water" and the USGS Gauging Station indicate overall healthy river conditions.

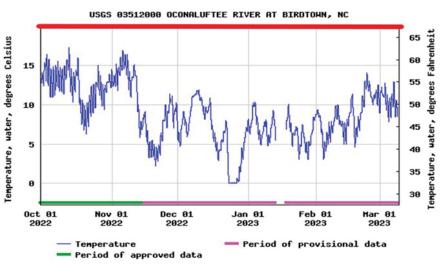
See the following graphs for more information on specific parameters. The red lines represent thresholds for a healthy aquatic system.



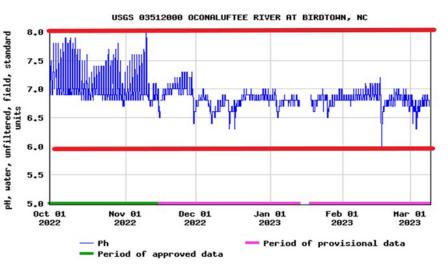
Total phosphorus can come from a number of different sources including effluent from the CWWTP upstream or from a rain event. Historically, phosphorus spikes are rare, so the levels observed on Jan. 14, 2023 are seen as an anomaly and future monitoring will continue to evaluate this potential pollutant.



The E. Coli levels at the Source Water site are all well below the threshold of 126 MPN/100mL as you can see on the graph. The sample points don't go above 25 MPN/100mL. Anything above the threshold is a hazard to both animals and people.



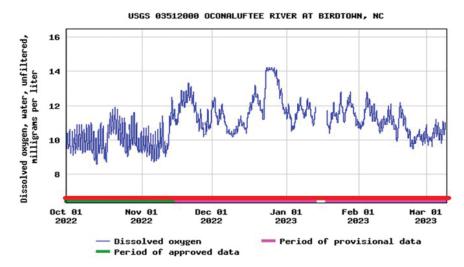
The temperature is well below the threshold of 29 degrees Celsius, which is good for the organisms living in the river, such as trout, which need cold temperatures to thrive.



The pH is within the minimum and maximum threshold of 6-9, meaning that it is an acceptable level for the life within the stream. In Section 4.1.3 of the Tribal WQS Rules the pH needs to be between 6 – 9, anything lower than a 6 is too acidic and will kill most organisms in the water, and anything above 9 is too basic and is also toxic for the organisms.

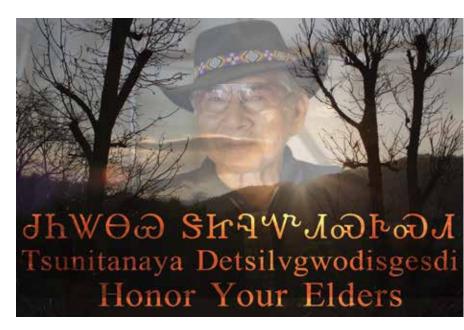


The "Source Water" turbidity is well below the threshold of 10 NTU, which is excellent, and means there is very little suspended in the water column. For cold water trout streams, turbidity needs to be between 0 to 10 NTU.



The dissolved oxygen is well above the minimum threshold of 5mg/L, meaning there is enough oxygen in the water to support healthy aquatic organisms, such as trout.

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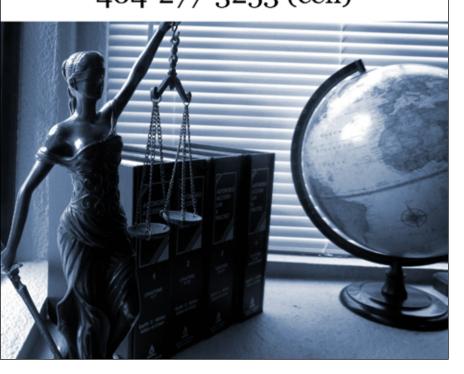
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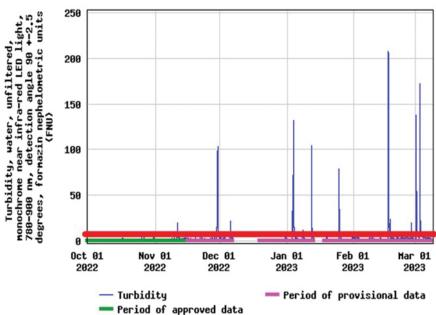
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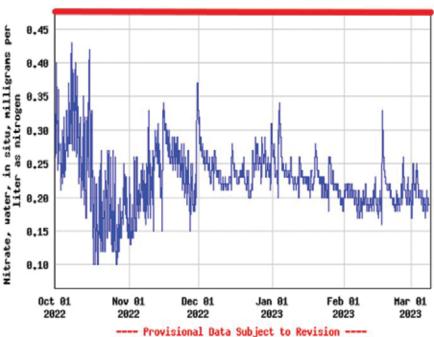
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USGS 03512000 OCONALUFTEE RIVER AT BIRDTOWN, NC

Turbidity levels at this site are generally below the threshold expected. The spikes observed are associated with rain events that produce stormwater runoff and naturally stir up instream sediment. Implementing best practices for stormwater runoff continues to be a priority for the EBCI.

USGS 03512000 OCONALUFTEE RIVER AT BIRDTOWN, NC



The nitrate is well below the threshold of 0.46. Anything over that amount can have negative consequences for water quality. Those adverse effects include algae blooms, accelerated plant growth, and low dissolved oxygen from the decomposition of additional vegetation. An excess of nitrogen can lead to low levels of dissolved oxygen and negatively impact various lifeforms living in the water.

### Tribal Council's Travel Report Part One

Submitted by Tosh C. Welch on behalf of Tribal Council

The purpose of Tribal Council's travel is nationwide coalition building and lobbying state and federal legislators. Many questions get asked when elected officials are on travel. Such as, are they on vacation? Is this travel necessary? The public has the right to ask those questions, and EBCI Tribal Council has the right to answer them. Yes, some of your elected officials have been all over the country. They are working diligently to advance the political and economic agendas of the EBCI.

In recent years, the long-standing relationships between EBCI Tribal Council with state and federal legislators had diminished. Some of the disconnect can be attributed to the onset of the Covid pandemic. As well, some legislators retire or vacate office, some simply lose dialog with EBCI elected officials, and some legislators aren't fully informed as to the nature of the indigenous issues being debated on the congressional floors in Washington D.C. and Raleigh.

Recognizing the importance of legislative power, the EBCI Tribal Council has made a sound effort to become a presence on the state, federal, and tribally affiliated national coalition scene. Simply put, a Cherokee presence is noticed, and becomes influential when congressmen and congresswomen meet during regular session to pass legislation. Indigenous people and Native American tribes are very simply a stronger voice when they show up together in



Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Painttown Rep. Michael Stamper, N.C. House Majority Leader John Bell, Tribal Council Chairman Richard French, Yellowhilll Rep. TW Saunooke, N.C. Rep. Charlie Miller, N.C. Rep. Reece Pyrtle, Wolftown Rep. Andrew Oocumma, and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. (Photo by Tosh Welch/Legislative Public Relations Specialist for EBCI Tribal Council)

Washington DC. Likewise, state level initiatives are more influential when EBCI has worked with members of the NC Senate and NC House of Representatives to build support for the issues pertaining to all citizens of the EBCI.

Additionally, the EBCI Tribal Council and Principal Chief met with Governor Roy Cooper at the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh, NC. The conversations were productive, as Gov. Cooper agreed to have open discussions with the EBCI on all matters important to our Tribal Nation, and he was positive in remarks about the EB-CI's role in pushing the statewide Medicaid Issues.

Given the update on news from the meeting with NC Governor Roy Cooper, EBCI Tribal Council has provided the following list of interests that are being addressed on your behalf on the state and federal levels.

#### State Level Issues for the EBCI in Raleigh, N.C. Tribal ID Cards for all purposes and purchases

North Carolina, at present, does not allow for Tribal ID Cards to be used for all purchases or purposes. If passed, the legislation put forward by EBCI will allow for EBCI Tribal ID Cards to be used for the purchase of all items to include alcohol, tobacco, medications, etc. Since EBCI Tribal ID cards are Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) approved, they meet the highest standards. If EBCI members can use their Tribal ID Cards to fly anywhere in the United States, we believe they should be good for all purchases and purposes.

#### **Statewide Medicaid**

The move to make Medicaid available to eligible persons statewide would increase the number of people in the rural WNC communities to have health coverage. This offsets the costs for the Tribe for those living off boundary, and for non-enrolled community members who reside on boundary or in the 5-county service area.

#### **Online Sports Betting**

Legislation to pass online sports betting in the State of NC would have an impact on gaming revenues for the EBCI. EBCI's interest in this matter is that when individuals are on the Qualla Boundary, the bill would require them to use the EBCI's system of online betting, thus providing additional gaming revenues to the EBCI.

#### N.C. Income Tax Exemption

EBCI has initiated legislation in Raleigh to provide a NC Income Tax Exemption for enrolled members of the EBCI who live off-Boundary. At present enrolled members of the EBCI who reside and work on Qualla Boundary are exempt from paying NC Income Tax. This becomes a matter of equitable treatment of enrolled members as some individuals work on Qualla Boundary, but due to shortage of available housing, are limited to housing that's off-boundary. EBCI Tribal Council is working diligently to get this passed in the NC General Assembly.

#### **Compassionate Care Act**

The Compassionate Care Act is a bill that has been introduced onto the floor of the NC General Assembly to legalize medical marijuana in the state of North Carolina. As EBCI has already made medical marijuana (cannabis) legal, the Cannabis Dispensary on Qualla Boundary looks to open in April. If this bill passes both the N.C. House and Senate, then the EBCI Cannabis Dispensary will be the only operational and legal dispensary in the state of North Carolina as the industry spreads statewide. This would make Cherokee cannabis more profitable at the onset of legalization of medical marijuana. This would not only directly affect revenues for the EBCI but would also create more jobs for the immediate Cherokee community and service area.

The conclusion (Part 2) in next week's One Feather. (Tosh Welch is the legislative public relations specialist for the EBCI Tribal Council)

#### CIPD Arrest Report for Feb. 28 to March 5, 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.

Maxey, Mark – age 54 Arrested: Feb. 28 Released: Feb. 28 Charges: DVPO

Pepion, Tyler Dean – age 28 Arrested: Feb. 28 Released: March 2 Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Woody, Jessie Camron – age 24 Arrested: Feb. 28 Released: Feb. 28 Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Rattler, George Alan – age 46 Arrested: March 1 Released: March 1 Charges: Failure to Appear

Reed, Tamara Ann – age 28 Arrested: March 1 Released: March 2 Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Wahnetah, Samuel – age 28 Arrested: March 1 Released: Not released as of report date (March 6) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Misdemeanor Possession Schedule VI Controlled Substance

Walkingstick, Stephen Dewayne –

age 38 Arrested: March 1 Released: March 2 Charges: Sexual Abuse of a Minor or a Ward (three counts)

Brady, Tasia Kateri – age 28 Arrested: March 2 Released: March 2 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Owle, James Darion – age 26 Arrested: March 2 Released: March 2 Charges: Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Swayney, Ellisa Nicole – age 35 Arrested: March 2 Released: Not released as of report date (March 6) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Autrey Vincent – age 40 Arrested: March 2 Released: March 2 Charges: Larceny, Second Degree Trespass

Toineeta, Storm Vincent – age 34 Arrested: March 2 Released: March 3 Charges: Failure to Appear

Youngdeer, Andrea El – age 35 Arrested: March 2 Released: March 2 Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Bigmeat, John Allen – age 49 Arrested: March 3 Released: Not released as of report date (March 6) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Owl, Joshua Ryan – age 32 Arrested: March 3 Released: Not released as of report date (March 6) Charges: Injuring Real Property, Disorderly Conduct

Stephens, Thomas Brandon – age 51 Arrested: March 3 Released: March 3 Charges: Sex Offender Crimes

Tullos, Michael James – age 33 Arrested: March 3 Released: Not released as of report date (March 6) Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (two counts)

Bradley, Terri Welch – age 62 Arrested: March 4 Released: Not released as of report date (March 6) Charges: Aggravated Reckless Endangerment

Calhoun, Chase Matthew – age 18 Arrested: March 4 Released: Not released as of report date (March 6) Charges: Driving While Impaired; No Operator's License; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Hanna, Ron Davano – age 48 Arrested: March 4 Released: March 4 Charges: Felony Larceny

Kaluta, Aleksey Mikhaylovich – age 32 Arrested: March 4 Released: March 4 Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Reed, Michael James Hunter – age 47 Arrested: March 4 Released: Not released as of report date (March 6) Charges: Warrant

Yazzie, Karen Kay – age 48 Arrested: March 5 Released: Not released as of report date (March 6) Charges: False Pretenses, Grand Larceny

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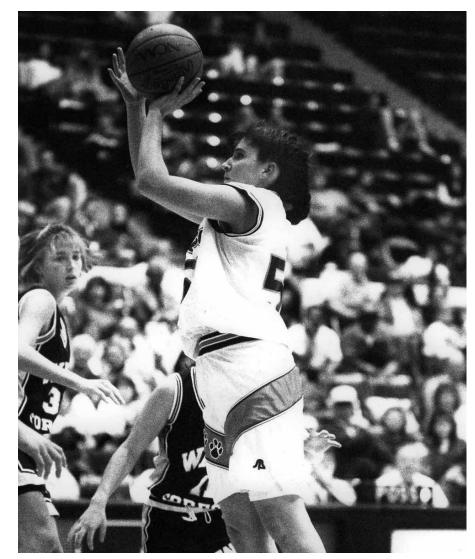
**By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.** One Feather Asst. Editor

or Tara Saunooke Alexander and her daughter, Katie Alexander, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, sports are a family affair. Tara, a standout basketball player at AC Reynolds and Clemson University, was recently inducted into the WNC Athletic Hall of Fame. Katie just finished four stellar years playing volleyball at Asheville Christian and received a national award.

"It was hard for me to believe that playing sports that I love and enjoyed pouring time into would lead to such an honor and recognition," Tara said of that honor. "Without even knowing it, 44 years ago, a small 5-year-old girl, in the old Fairview gym began playing a sport that would create unforgettable memories and open many doors for my future."

Born and raised in Fairview, Tara graduated from AC Reynolds High School in 1991 and went on to a stellar career playing basketball at Clemson University (1991-95) where she graduated in 1996. She was named to the AC Reynolds Athletic Hall of Fame and her basketball jersey was also retired.

"From the time I walked through the doors at Little John Coliseum to the time I took my last shot in Texas, playing for the Lady Tigers gave me a whole new aspect on what it takes to play at such a high level of competition," she noted. "Basketball always came



Tara Saunooke Alexander, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is shown during her time playing on the women's basketball team for Clemson University. She still holds multiple records at the university and is ninth on the all-time scoring list. (Photo courtesy of Clemson University)

natural to me, but as a freshman, earning a starting position on a Division 1 level was one of my hardest, but also one of my highest accomplishments."

"Being 5'7", people always ask me how did you compete on the ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference) level? I respond by saying the Lord blessed me with the ability to shoot a basketball and boy did I shoot it. I shot it so much that my coach gave me the nickname 'Trigger'."

Coming out of the gates in college, her shooting lit it up. Tara finished her freshman year leading the ACC in 3-point percentage (47 percent) and 3-point field goals made (58 of 113). She was named first team ACC All-Freshman team that year. She went on to lead the ACC in 3-point field goals made each of her four years at Clemson and she led the conference in 3-point percentage again in her sophomore and senior years.

"I was blessed to play at Clemson University where athletics is of utmost importance. We traveled and played in venues from Alaska. Las Vegas, New York, Texas, and every ACC school in conference. Up to the time I arrived at Clemson, the furthest I have ever traveled was to a softball tournament held in Mississippi and had never been on a plane before. Clemson gave me the opportunity, through athletics, to visit and play in many states throughout the country. I was honored as a freshmen to be invited to Colorado Springs, Colo. to try out for the Junior Olympic Team. Along with the travel, the friendships that were made between teammates and managers hold true to this day. Those are my two favorite parts of playing collegiate basketball."

Tara is still ninth all-time in scoring for Clemson with 1,462 career points, and she is a member of the 1,400 point 200 assist Club. She is first all-time in several shooting categories including: 3-point field goal percentage at .430 (252 of 586), 3-point field goals attempted (586), and 3-point field goals made (252). She is second all-time in 3-point field goals per game (2.08) and third all-time in free throw percentage (.8120). In 1995, she received the Clemson University Frank Howard Award for most outstanding female athlete.

Katie, a senior setter at Asheville Christian, was named the 2022 NCSAA (National Christian School Athletic Association) Division 2 National Player of the Year. "I was very surprised, honored and humbled all at the same time. This year's volleyball team was an amazing group of players and friends. Our success was due to the hard work, commitment, and dedication our team poured into volleyball throughout the year. Without each and every one of them, especially Coach Torri Render, I would not have received this award."

She finished the season with 718 assists, 241 digs, and a 97 serve percentage. Some of Katie's accomplishments include: 2022 NCSAA First Team All-American, four-time NCSAA All-State, threetime NCSAA Carolina Athletic Association Player of the Year, threetime All-Western North Carolina first team, two-time nominee for Western North Carolina Athletic Association Female Athlete of the Year, two-time NCSAA 3A State Champion, and four-time Carolina Athletic Association All-Conference.

She added, "Going 24-0 and winning the state championship was a dream come true. Over the last four years, we have put a ton of hard work into volleyball, and we have been blessed with two State Championships. Being named to the CAA All-Conference Team four years in a row, Player of the Year for the CAA the last two years, All-State the last three years, and being named to the First Team All-Western North Carolina Volleyball for the past two years, was more than I had ever expected."



Katie Alexander, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is shown serving during a volleyball match. She was named the 2022 NCSAA (National Christian School Athletic Association) Division 2 National Player of the Year. (Photo courtesy of family)

As a setter, she commands the offense – a position she enjoys. "I have been blessed to be a setter for each volleyball team I played for since I was in 4th grade and I love the challenges placed on a setter. Running all over the court, communicating with all five other players and trying to perform the best offensive moves that will allow us to win the point, not to mention the pressure of making a legal, good set is what makes me love to play the game of volleyball.

Each play is like organized chaos."

Coming from an athletic family, both Tara and Katie were raised in that environment. Tara commented, "My mom, Shirley, who was voted into the AC Reynolds Hall of Fame, along with my dad, Mike, both played basketball on a high level and were very competitive. Needless to say, that DNA fell right on top of me. Mom and Dad coached my older sister and at the age of 4, I was drug to every gym in western North Carolina. While basketball was in season, a day did not go by that I wasn't shooting, dribbling, or being asked to leave the gym floor between timeouts and quarters, while the game was going on. Along with my school coaches at Reynolds, I was lucky enough for my dad to be able to coach me as well. Mom and dad played a pivotal role in helping with my decision on which college to attend."

Tara added a fun fact, "My dad never missed a basketball game of mine through middle school, high school, and college - approximately around 285 games in 10 years. Mom made most of them but had to miss a few because my younger brother was playing. Either way, I knew both of them had my back or were fully vested in any venture basketball brought my way." Katie commented on her experiences growing up, "Both sides of my families were all athletes coming through school. My Dad and Mom were both accomplished athletes growing up and they take athletics very seriously. To say that my sister and I were gym rats is an understatement. For 12 and 15 years, my Dad was an athletic director and Mom was a PE teacher, so we lived in the gym and on the fields. I mean it was every day and on weekends. They coached volleyball, basketball, softball, and soccer."

She added, "The Lord blessed me with great love for athletics and the ability and mindset to work as hard as possible at my chosen sport. We loved to practice but we were taught at a young age, when it's game time, it's game time! Now that I am older and can look back at it, I realize the support my entire family has given my sister and I and how blessed we

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were to learn so much about life in general, through athletics."

Like her mother, Katie credits her parents' support for helping her to success. "From an early age, Mom and Dad taught me through athletics about what it means to be a true teammate - how a teammate needs to be dependable, honest, never quit, and willing to work to get better. My Dad used to tell my sister and I, 'Someone has to be the best, why not you?'. No matter what happened in a practice or game, Mom and Dad would always say, sometimes before a game and sometimes after, no matter what happens, your athletic accomplishments, good or bad, would, never, ever affect our love for you and your sister. We were taught at a young age that the platform given to us through athletics by our Lord and Savior should be appreciated and used to help others."

She went on to say, "My extended Saunooke family taught me to be proud of my Cherokee heritage and always remember where you come from."

And, Tara is very proud of her

daughter. "Every sport that Katie has experienced since the age of 3 has come very naturally to her. She was blessed with a will to win and a work ethic second to none, so her father and I very seldom had to urge Katie to practice or spend time in the gym/field. We realized she was special in volleyball when, as a 7th grader, she played on our varsity volleyball team with her older sister Hannah. The following year, Katie was able to learn from Hannah, who was also a setter, and helped establish techniques and strategy to try and become the best setter possible. The following

year, as a 9th grader, she was the starting setter for ACA and never looked back."

Tara went on to comment, "I cannot express the fun and excitement she brings to the volleyball court, not only as a player, but also a team leader. As her parent, it's hard to describe how proud I am, not only for her accomplishments in volleyball, but also the heart she has for all those she comes in contact with each day and the love she has for the Lord."



### **BASKETBALL: Post-season honors for Cherokee players**

(Photos by Scott McKie/One Feather Asst. Editor)



Whitney Rogers, Cherokee Lady Braves sophomore, has been named First Team NCBCA (N.C. Basketball Coaches Association) All-District 12. She was also named to the Smoky Mountain All-Conference team.



Dvdaya Swimmer, Lady Braves freshman, has been named Second Team NCBCA All-District 12. She was also named to the Smoky Mountain All-Conference team.



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Michael Driver Smoky Mountain All-Conference Honorable Mention

### ON THE SIDELINES Cooperation is needed to solve charter school situation

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

For years, schools in the 1A division of NCHSAA (N.C. High School Athletic Association) have had to play against non-traditional schools (charter schools, prep, etc.) who are able to garner players from all over, not just their geographic area like other schools. It has been an issue for a long time, and many schools have issued complaints against this practice. But, it is time for the schools to come together to finally solve the issue once and for all.

One of the best basketball games I've covered in awhile was the women's final of the Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament last month between Cherokee and Robbinsville. The game was decided in overtime and pitted two of the best teams in 1A. It was truly great North Carolina basketball. Both teams went on to lose to the same team in the 1A state playoffs – Bishop-McGuinness, a charter school.

North Carolina General Assembly Rep. John R. Bell IV (R-Wayne) told HighSchoolOT two years ago, "The majority of state champions and teams that are playing in the final four throughout the whole entire 1A athletic championships – in all sports – the overwhelming majority are charter schools."

He added, "I graduated from a 1A school, so I know what it's like to show up to play a football game and the school you're playing has more boys in it than we had students. Watching where charter schools are bragging about their athletic programs, keeping their



Cherokee's Loshi Ward brings the ball up the court during the Smoky Mountain Conference tournament final as the Lady Braves defeated the Robbinsville Lady Black Knights 72-71 in a barn-burner at the Ken Solesbee Athletic Center at Andrews High School. Both teams would go on to lose to Bishop-McGuinness in the 1A State Playoffs a few weeks later. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

numbers low, and recruiting... that's not the intent of a charter school."

In January 2021, the Carteret County Board of Education wrote a "Resolution Urging the NCHSAA to Address Inequities in Conference Alignments and Playoff Competitions". In it, the board members wrote, "...in recent years, an increasing number of non-traditional high schools across the state have been created where enrollment is not keyed to an audience zone and students are free to enroll regardless of the physical address of their residences. These non-traditional schools include charter schools, magnet schools, and non-boarding parochial schools ... "

The resolution continued, "... when a non-traditional school establishes a successful athletic program, skilled student athletes are often drawn to the school, and with no attendance zone limits, are free to enroll and join a team therefore perpetuating the success of the program."

NCHSAA-member schools are currently considering a proposal that would increase the amount of classifications from four to seven starting with the 2025-26 athletic season. A total of three-fourths of all schools must vote in the affirmative for the change to take place, and ballots were distributed earlier this month.

The problem is that charter schools would still be competing

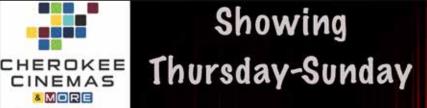
against other public schools. In a column, J. Mike Blake, HIgh-SchoolOT contributor, gives his best guesses on reclassification if this passes, and he puts both Cherokee and Bishop in 2A with Robbinsville still in 1A. Now, to be clear, that's just a guess and nothing is official at all, but it does illustrate how this reclassification wouldn't fix this issue at all.

More than a decade ago, NCH-SAA did attempt to address this issue and put it to a vote. According to CarolinaCoastOnline, a total of three-fourths of the NCHSAA member schools were required to vote in the affirmative for it to occur. At the time, that meant a total of 293 of the 390 schools had to vote for the measure. It failed. CarolinaCoastOnline reported that there were 197 votes for, 81 against, and 112 abstentions. And, the issue was allowed to continue.

My fix to this issue is for schools to finally work together, come together, and get the vote out to change it together. It won't happen if individual 1A schools keep complaining. It won't happen if parents keep complaining. It's going to have to come from a large, unified block of schools and conferences working together.

And, to me the fix is simple – give the charter schools their own division and be done with it. They can still play public schools in regular season games, but come playoff time, they just go to their own tournament – easy as pie.

Oh, and for the record, Bishop-McGuinness will play Chatham Charter in the 1A women's state title game.









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> \*Words provided by Kituwah Education & Preservation Program

### MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK Cherokee hosts first meet of season

**One Feather Staff Report** 

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Middle School (CMS) track team hosted the first meet of the 2023 season on the afternoon of Monday, March 6. Following are the results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top three finishers, and all CMS finishers, in each event:

#### **Girls Team Scores**

- 1 Hayesville 120
- 2 Cherokee 108
- 3 Robbinsville 97
- 4 Swain Co. 92
- 5 Rosman 30

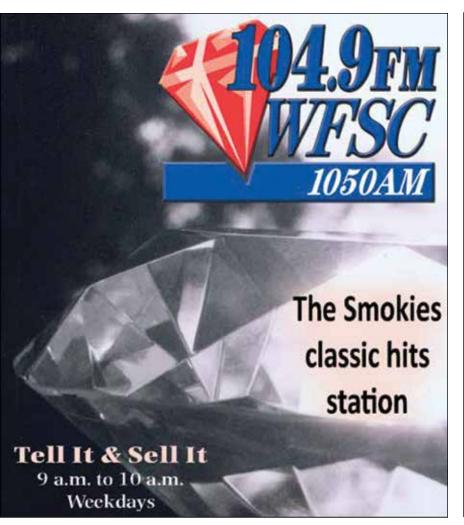
#### **Boys Team Scores**

1 – Robbinsville 117

- 2 Swain Co. 108 3 – Hayesville 106 4 - Cherokee 81 5 – Rosman 32 **Girls 4x800M Relay** 1 – Cherokee 11:23 2 – Swain Co. 11:41 3 - Hayesville 11:42 **Boys 4x800M Relay** 1 – Swain Co. 10:12 2 - Hayesville 10:27 3 – Cherokee 10:31 **Girls 100M Hurdles** 1 – Chasity Jones, Robbinsville, 20.19 2 – Constance Morris, Rosman, 21.80 3 – Novie Dutcher, Robbinsville,
- 21.81 7 – Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Cherokee,
- 28.00 10 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 28.40

#### Boys 110M Hurdles

1 – Johan Webb, Hayesville, 18.07



2 – Elijah Lambert, Robbinsville, 19.00 3 – Benton Gibby, Robbinsville, 20.05 6 - Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 21.78 **Girls 100M Dash** 1 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 12.88 2 - Cassidy Sudderth, Robbinsville, 13.29 3 - Kaydence Morrow, Hayesville, 13.78 7 - Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14.09 8 - Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 14.10 9 – Nazari Bell, Cherokee, 14.29 10 – Cara Aldridge, Cherokee, 14.30 **Boys 100M Dash** 1 – Cameron Allison, Robbinsville, 11.58 2 - Kaden Sawyer, Swain Co., 11.60 3 – Easton Shuler, Robbinsville,

11.99 13 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 14.98 14 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 15.00 Girls 4x200M Relay 1 – Cherokee 2:01 2 – Hayesville 2:04 3 – Robbinsville 2:09 **Boys 4x200M Relay** 1 – Hayesville 1:48 2 – Robbinsville 1:51 3 – Swain Co. 2:01 4 - Cherokee 2:02 **Girls 1600M Run** 1 – Emily Grey Stargell, Swain Co., 6:10 2 - Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 6:24 3 - Sydney Greenstone, Hayesville, 6:25 4 - Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 6:43 6 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 6:45 15 - Kaidyn Walkingstick, Chero-

### LEAF Festival LEAF Cherokee Poster Art Design Contest

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

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

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

The winner will be announced on April 3rd. We look forward to seeing your artwork.

If you would like to purchase a booth space at any of the LEAF events, please visit https://theleaf.org/product/ha-booth-fee-fall kee, 8:31 Boys 1600M Run 1 – Ross Clapsaddle, Swain Co., 5:16 2 – Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 5:18 3 – James Loftis, Swain Co., 5:40 12 – Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 6:46 2:22 13 – Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 6:49 2:28 Girls 4x100M Relay 1 – Robbinsville 54.15 2 – Hayesville 58.55 3 – Cherokee A 1:01.45 5 – Cherokee B 1:03.97 Boys 4x100M Relay 29.18 1 – Robbinsville 49.81 2 – Rosman 52.12 3 – Hayesville 52.52 4 – Cherokee 54.12 32.19 Girls 400M Dash 1 – Nazari Bell, Cherokee, 1:12 32.53 2 – Alexia Fields, Hayesville, 1:13 3 – Khylei Alberta, Hayesville, 37.19 1:14.33 6 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 24.01 1:16 10 – Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 1:24 12 – Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Cherokee, 1:25 25.31Boys 400M Dash 1 – Austin Bohn, Robbinsville, 56.21 29.18 2 – Kaden Sawyer, Swain Co., 57.11 32.00 3 – Weston Arant, Rosman, 1:00.42 12 – Aiden Larch, Cherokee, 1:08.92 14 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 1:18 Girls 800M Run 1 – Savannah Burch, Hayesville, 2:46 2 – Emily Grey Stargell, Swain Co., 2:47 3 – Sydney Greenstone, Hayesville, 3:03 7 – Jamee McMillan, Cherokee, 3:10 8 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 3:14

13 – Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 3:25 14 – Anie Mora, Cherokee, 3:33 15 - Christina Armachain, Cherokee, 3:37 16 – Viola William, Cherokee, 3:46 **Boys 800M Run** 1 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 5 2 – Ross Clapsaddle, Swain Co., 3 – James Loftis, Swain Co., 2:34 8 – Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 2:28.12 **Girls 200M Dash** 1 – Kaydence Morrow, Hayesville, 2 – Ella McNeely, Rosman, 29.28 3 – Livia Crowe, Cherokee, 29.58 8 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 9 – Keysa Ann Collins, Cherokee, 16 – Khloe Cucumber, Cherokee, **Boys 200M Dash** 1 – Kaden Sawyer, Swain Co., 2 – Johan Webb, Hayesville, 24.38 3 – Jacob Allison, Hayesville, 9 – Joe Garcia, Cherokee, 26.92 14 - James Martinez, Cherokee, 20 – Brayon Tucker, Cherokee, **Girls 4x400M Relay** 1 – Robbinsville 4:54 2 - Cherokee 5:01 3 - Swain Co. 5:07 **Boys 4x400M Relay** 1 - Swain Co. 4:19 2 – Robbinsville 4:33 3 - Hayesville 4:47 **Girls Discus Throw** 1 – Josclyn Stamper, Cherokee, 80-11.5 2 - Abree Teesateskie, Robbinsville, 72-0 3 - Emilia Lackey, Hayesville, 68-11.75

9 - Briane Teesateskie, Cherokee, 53-8 10 – Annie Tramper, Cherokee, 48-11 12 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 45 - 2**Boys Discus Throw** 1 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 109-2 – Mason Buckner, Hayesville, 102-0 3 – Noah Lossiah, Swain Co., 90-7 4 - Christian Grant, Cherokee, 86-1.5 8 – Johnny Long, Cherokee, 73-1.5 14 - Reginald Hyatt, Cherokee, 60-2 **Girls Shot Put** 1 – Blaire Hedden, Hayesville, 30-0 2 – Josclyn Stamper, Cherokee, 29-6 3 – Madalynn Nemovich, Hayesville, 27-3 6 - Brianne Teesateskie, Cherokee, 24-10 7 – Laylah Thompson, Cherokee, 23 - 411 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 22-9 20 - Hailey Winchester, Cherokee, 15-5 21 – Viola Williams, Cherokee, 15-3 **Boys Shot Put** 1 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 39-1 2 – Christian Grant, Cherokee, 34-8 3 – Noah Lossiah, Swain Co., 34-0 9 – Johnny Long, Cherokee, 30-4 10 – Reginald Hyatt, Cherokee, 30-1 14 – Felix Lossiah, Cherokee, 25-6 **Girls Long Jump** 1 - Leilani Queen, Swain Co., 15-1



2 - Mykayla McQuire, Robbinsville, 13-9 3 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 13-1 10 – Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 11-3 11 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 11-0 12 – Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 10-11.5 14 - Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 8-5 **Boys Long Jump** 1 – Johan Webb, Hayesville, 17-8.5 2 - Cameron Allison, Robbinsville, 17-3 3 – Mason Bell, Rosman, 15-10 8 – Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 13-2.59 - Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 12-9 **Girls Triple Jump** 1 - Leilani Queen, Swain Co., 31-10 2 – Deanna Long, Cherokee, 28-3 3 – Lucy Trout, Hayesville, 27-7.5 **Boys Triple Jump** 1 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 36-0 2 - Kaden Cucumber, Swain Co., 34-0 3 – Johan Webb, Hayesville, 33-9 **Girls High Jump** 1 – Aniya Swartz, Rosman, 4-02 2 – Josclyn Stamper, Cherokee, 4-00 3 – Jamee McMillan, Cherokee, 4-00 **Boys High Jump** 1 – Weston Arant, Rosman, 5-02 2 - Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 5-00 3 - Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 5-00 9 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 4-6

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### TRACK & FIELD Cherokee hosts season-opening meet

**One Feather Staff Report** 

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Cherokee High School hosted six other schools for its season-opening meet on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 8. Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top three finishers, plus all CHS finishers, in each event:

#### Women's Events

#### **Team Scores**

- 1 Swain Co. 231.5
- 2 Franklin 111.5
- 3 Smoky Mtn. 92
- 4 Robbinsville 66
- 5 Cherokee 57
- 6 Nantahala 11

100M Dash

1 – Emeline Addy, Smoky Mtn., 13.92 2 - Marlee Hicks, Swain Co., 14.00 3 – Rylee Cassada, Franklin, 14.21 8 – Niya Mora, Cherokee, 15.48 200M Dash 1 – Claire Ballard, Franklin, 29.85 2 – Aiden Thomas, Swain Co., 30.61 3 – Sophia Ammons, Smoky Mtn., 31.54 4 – Lexi Davis, Cherokee, 31.68 400M Dash 1 – Rylee Cassada, Franklin, 1:04.74 2 – Maddie Holden, Franklin, 1:06.62 3 - Sienna Hackshaw, Swain Co., 1:08.31 10 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 15:22.18 1:25.14 800M Run

1 – Amaya Hicks, Swain Co., 2:30.14 2 – Annie Lewis, Swain Co., 2:31.233 – Angelina Lomelli, Swain Co., 2:54.88 4 – Yvonne Saunooke, Cherokee, 3:13.44 **1600M Run** 1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain Co., 5:14.19 2 – Annie Lewis, Swain Co., 5:42.66 3 – Kalyn Allen, Smoky Mtn., 7:19.89 3200M Run 1 – Gracie Monteith, Swain Co., 13:05.10 2 – Marden Harvey, Swain Co., 14:10.05 3 – Lilah Foster, Swain Co.,

**100M Hurdles** 1 – Caroline Spilliards, Smoky Mtn., 16.34 2 - Melani Linton, Swain Co., 18.83 3 – Mya Burrows-Kurr, Swain Co., 20.36 **300M Hurdles** 1 – Melani Linton, Swain Co., 50.50 2 – Mya Burrows-Kurr, Swain Co., 52.97 3 - Delany Brooms, Robbinsville, 53.51 4x100M Relay 1 – Robbinsville 53.35 2 – Smoky Mtn. 54.69 3 – Swain Co. 55.04 4x200M Relay 1 – Robbinsville 1:52.55 2 – Swain Co. 1:54.21 3 – Smoky Mtn. 2:01.64 4 – Cherokee 2:03.72 4x400M Relay 1 - Swain Co. 4:39.79

2 – Cherokee 4:56.41



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9 – Jaelyn Lossiah, Cherokee, **Men's Events Team Scores** 1 – Swain Co. 149 2 – Franklin 132 3 – Smoky Mtn. 121 4 – Cherokee 107 5 – Robbinsville 94 6 – Christ School 24 7 – Nantahala 4 100M Dash 1 – Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 2 – Da'Mare Williams, Smoky Mtn., 11.71 3 – Sawyer Snider, Smoky Mtn., 4 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 12.42 5 – Dalmon King, Cherokee, 6 – Mike Driver, Cherokee, 12.55 9 – Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 10 – Eli Bird, Cherokee, 12.91 17 – Tayvin Bark, Cherokee, 13.41 200M Dash 1 – Josiah Glaspie, Swain Co., 2 – Cal Drake, Franklin, 24.63 3 – Malachi McKneely, Smoky Mtn., 24.71 6 – Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 12 – Tayvin Bark, Cherokee, 19 – Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 400M Dash 1 – Sawyer Snider, Smoky Mtn., 2 - Anthony Lossiah, Cherokee, 3 – Justin Rodriguez, Franklin, 20 – Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 1:11.37 800M Run 1 – Dawson Reeves, Christ School, 1:56.19 2 - Luke Parrish, Christ School, 2:02.76

3 – Dallas Reeves, Christ School, 2:08.149 – Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 2:23.06 10 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 2:23.08 13 – Anthony Lossiah, Cherokee, 2:25.3119 – Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 3:05.72 **1600M Run** 1 – Jaylan McCoy-Bark, Cherokee, 4:36.50 2 – Caleb Phillips, Smoky Mtn., 4:38.94 3 – Connor Brown, Swain Co., 4:50.31 5 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5:18.38 9 – Oztin Swavney, Cherokee, 5:55.90 3200M Run 1 – Jaylan McCoy-Bark, Cherokee, 10:13.65 2 - Corey Wolf, Swain Co., 12:09.23 3 – William Cable, Robbinsville, 12:38.67 **110M Hurdles** 1 – Brock Adams, Robbinsville, 15.58 2 – Austin Jenkins, Swain Co., 16.17 3 – Da'Mare Williams, Smoky Mtn., 16.24 5 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 17.94 9 – Eli Bird, Cherokee, 22.13 300M Hurdles 1 – Brock Adams, Robbinsville, 43.03 2 – Carson Seagraves, Smoky Mtn., 44.08 3 – Austin Jenkins, Swain Co., 44.67 6 - Levi Winter, Cherokee, 46.47 7 – Eli Bird, Cherokee, 54.16 4x100M Relay 1 – Smoky Mtn. 47.14 2 – Swain Co. 47.50 3 – Cherokee 48.93 4x200M Relay 1 – Robbinsville 1:36.86 2 - Smoky Mtn. 1:38.40

3 – Swain Co. 1:39.24 4 – Cherokee 1:44.29 4x400M Relay 1 - Swain Co. 3:47.66 2 – Cherokee 3:55.60 3 – Franklin 4:07.41 4x800M Relay 1 – Swain Co. 8:54.07 2 - Cherokee 8:55.02 3 – Smoky Mtn. 10:26.09 **High Jump** 1 – Cal Drake, Franklin, 6'4" 2 - Brock Adams, Robbinsville, 6'2" 3 – Talon Smith, Franklin, 5'8" **Pole Vault** 1 – Kellen McCallah, Franklin, 13'3" 2 – Owen Craig, Swain Co., 11'6" 3 – David Rogers, Franklin, 10'6" 7 – Tanis Esquivel, Cherokee, 7'6' Long Jump 1 – Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 19'5" 2 – Talon Smith, Franklin, 18'5" 3 - Ganner Gerrety, Smoky Mtn., 18'2.50" 16 – Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 15'1" 19 – Jonathan Saylor, Cherokee, 14'7.50" 22 – Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 13'3.50" **Triple Jump** 1 – Josh Collins, Swain Co., 40'1" 2 - Talon Smith, Franklin, 37'10.5" 3 - Luke Vanhook, Franklin, 37'6" Shot Put 1 – Kensen Davis, Cherokee, 45'6" 2 – Antonio Lorenzo, Smoky Mtn., 44'0" 3 – Nse Uffort, Swain Co., 39'11" 10 - Nathaniel Littlejohn, Cherokee, 33'4" **Discus** Throw 1 – Kensen Davis, Cherokee, 138'0" 2 – Nse Uffort, Swain Co., 124'5" 3 - Braylon James, Swain Co., 124'1"

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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Donations taken for Frances Hess Scholarship Fund

Smoky Mountain High School, in Sylva, N.C., is now accepting donations to the Frances Hess Scholarship fund. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors from Smoky Mountain High School who plan to attend a postsecondary program in health science.

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

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

- EBCI Natural Resources Dept.

#### NATIONAL PARK NEWS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Local volunteers needed to help track seasonal changes of trees

GATLINBURG, Tenn.— Great Smoky Mountains National Park



is currently recruiting local volunteers to 'Adopt-A-Plot' and track the seasonal change of trees, also called phenology.

Members of the public who visit the Smokies often are encouraged to sign up to adopt a plot of trees near the roadside at Kanati Fork, Newfound Gap, Kuwohi (Dome Rd.), and other locations in the park.

Interested volunteers can attend a virtual orientation session on Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST, and later field site orientations will follow. Volunteers can sign up to visit their "adopted" study plot weekly, and less during summer months, to monitor trees from the first bud in spring to the last leaf drop in fall. Volunteers will monitor when trees develop buds, leaf out, produce flowers and fruit, and when leaves change color.

Data collected by volunteers will be used in collective park-wide research to interpret how changing climate and length of day affect when seasonal changes occur. Researchers are noticing seasonal and annual shifts of the timing of phenophases, the stages of the life cycles of trees in the park. Early or late phenophases can affect entire forest ecosystems because all organisms are interconnected in the food web and depend on trees to survive.

If you are interested in this exciting volunteer opportunity, please email Angel Chaffin at grsm\_phenology@nps.gov to register for the virtual phenology orientation.

For more information about phenology research efforts across the country, visit the National Phenology Network at https://www. usanpn.org/.

- National Park Service release

### Cherokee Youth Council attends UNITY Mid-Year Conference

#### Submitted by Cherokee Youth Council

TEMPE, Ariz. - Five members of the Cherokee Youth Council (CYC) traveled to Tempe, Ariz. recently to join 500 other indigenous youth at the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Mid-Year Conference-Lighting the Fire: Bringing Light to Your Community Through Advocacy. Eva Bottchenbaugh, Mila Lossie, Alitama Perkins, Alexis Smith, and Emma Taylor spent several days working with their peers in Indian Country learning about and tackling issues like loss of language and culture, domestic violence, alcoholism, substance abuse, and intergenerational trauma.

Alexis Smith said about the breakout working sessions, "I liked having the discussions in our smaller group sessions about the pros and cons for the different tribes. No one had the exact same problems, but we all want to help better our tribe and people."

The conference also worked with participants on youth empowerment through the guest presenters. Keynote speaker, James Anderson encouraged the young adults in attendance to show up with positive energy and try their best in any endeavor. Producer, Jhane Myers (Comanche); actress, Amber Midthunder (Assiniboine); and casting director, Angelique Midthunder for "Prey", were a

# MISSING PERSON

# Shannon Tara Lewis

Enrolled with Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community of the Salt River Reservation

Age: 40 years Female Height: 5' 2" Weight: 165 lbs Hair: Black Eyes : Brown Date of last contact: August 9, 2022 Location: Scottsdale, Arizona

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Shannon left Scottsdale, Arizona on 8/8/2022 heading to India, California. Shannon has a scar on right cheek below eye. Tattoos: wrist tattoo of a skull with a rose in its mouth; ring tattoo on a finger that resembles vines; eyebrow tattoos.

If you have seen Shannon Lewis, contact the Salt River Police Department (480) 362-7740.

Source: Namus.gov



highlight for many youth.

"I heard from a former CYC member that this would be a great conference to attend and that made me want to experience it for myself. I enjoyed hearing from the panel from the women that worked on Prey. It was encouraging to hear from successful native women in the film industry and I was one of only 50 participants selected to meet them after their presentation for a photo," said Emma Taylor.

Another aspect of the conference allowed youth to select from over 35 speed workshops covering a variety of topics such as emergency preparedness, better money habits, youth wellness, early college programs, the importance of the youth voice in the arts, supporting lateral kindness, indigenous and modern: it's a balance, preserving ancestral languages, interviewing dos and don'ts, positive indigenous representations and overcoming stereotypes.

Eva Bottchenbaugh commented, "I really enjoyed seeing all the people of different tribes coming together to dance or connect. It made me fill up with tears of joy by how many of us there were and hearing all the beautiful songs. Seeing all the different cultures and hearing the songs helped open my eyes to all the different traditions other tribes have. My favorite workshop was with Kristopher Dosela who taught us three steps to learn our songs. Seeing that his tribe also have a quail song was neat."

In addition to conference activities, there was a cultural presentation by local tribes each morning, social dancing by the O'odham Cu:dk on Friday night, and the UNITY Round Dance and Intertribal Powwow on Saturday night. Mila Lossie stated, "My favorite part was bonding with the other girls on the trip. I had a blast spending time with everyone, there were many laughs and smiles the past few days. I also enjoyed meeting new people, participating in the dances and activities, speaking to royalty from other tribes, and exploring a new area. We were able to learn about issues that affect other tribal communities and brainstorm ways we can work to help fix issues in our own tribal communities."

Furthermore, Alitama Perkins said, 'My favorite part was being able to feel like I was at home with people I had never met. To be able to experience all the different cultures within one building, to see and hear all the different songs, dances, and languages. I felt as if I had known many of the new people I met my whole life. This experience filled me with emotions that cannot be explained. It is a feeling I hope to bring back to my community."

In addition to attending the conference, the group also toured the Heard Museum and learned about the indigenous tribes of the southwest.

The Cherokee Youth Council is a program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute; a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is supported by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

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#### Bamboo light

Sunlight peaks through the bamboo on the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee on the afternoon of Tuesday, March 7. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather Photo)

# Elk are, in fact, wild animals. This is not a petting zoo.

Keep your distance. Stay back at least 50 yards (150 ft.) to avoid the possibility of injury and/or fines in both the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

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#### **OBITUARIES** JhfiFR

#### **Deborah Dee Walkingstick**

Deborah Dee Walkingstick, age 58, passed away on Friday, March 3, 2023, at her residence in the Birdtown Community.

She is the daughter of the late Wayne Walkingstick and Frances (Catt) Walkingstick.

Deborah is survived by her two Sons, Tyler Washington and Michael Walkingstick; one grandchild, Taelyn Sophia Washington; sister, Marian Littlejohn; nieces, Christina Littlejohn and Lucy Lira; great-niece, Alextina Littlejohn; and great-nephew, Keni Littlejohn. In addition to her parents, Deb is preceded in death by her brother, Duane Eddy Walkingstick.

A formal funeral service was held on Saturday, March 11 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Matthew Tooni and Dan Conseen officiating. Burial was in the Birdtown Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

#### Shane Lewis Walkingstick

Shane Lewis Walkingstick, age 38, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Friday, March 10, 2023.

He is the son of the late Daniel and Roberta Walkingstick. Shane is survived by his brother, William Walkingstick; sister, Carla Walkingstick; and uncles, Harley Maney Sr. and Steve Swilling.

In addition to his parents, Shane was preceded in death by his siblings, Daniel D. Walkingstick Jr., Johnny Adam Walkingstick, Nicky-Jack David Walkingstick, and Ongeequay A-Ka-Ti Walkingstick.

The family held a private visitation on Tuesday, March 14 and a graveside service immediately followed in the Walkingstick Family Cemetery with Harley Maney Jr. officiating. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



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Cherokee Indian Police Dept. 359-6600

Tribal Fire and Rescue 359-6584

Tribal EMS 359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital 497-9163

# EBCI TRANSIT

Transit Main Line Dispatch 359-6300

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



# Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line 497-9163

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

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

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

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

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

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

> EBCI Domestic Violence 359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance 507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic 554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center 497-6866

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

> Tsali Manor main line 359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line 835-9741

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



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### commentary Why so many questions?

#### By ROBERT JUMPER One Feather Editor

With this being the year of decision for our people and all, you will be seeing the One Feather asking you, in print and digital posts, some pretty repetitive questions like "what would you ask your candidates if you had the chance to ask?"

Before 2013, The amount of information that you were able to get from the newspaper was much more limited that it is today. Overseers of the paper tightly controlled content. Staff had very little say or freedom to invite you into the discussion and, in some cases, were not even permitted to approach certain members of leadership to inquire about projects, nor anything else. Even the number of football jerseys in a picture was monitored and deemed fit for censorship. Even though the Free Press Act had been written into law in 2006, government continued to use its power to prevent and suppress community opinion and control the flow of information. Polling questions, like we do routinely today, were banned from the Cherokee One Feather. It has taken some work and focus to move from a totally controlled newsletter type publication to something resembling a tribal newspaper. The website and social media ("social media" was not permitted for the One Feather back then either)

were linked so that not only did you see the news, but were finally able to publicly comment on what you see. It has been exciting and fun to watch the readership grow and engage as more and more information has been made more publicly available. We still have a long way to go, but we surely have come a long way. And if you are reading this, you have been with us for at least a portion of the ride.

We, at the One Feather, have strived to fulfill the charge we receive from the Cherokee Code. We are not a politically-biased outlet, meaning our writing and content selection is not influenced by incumbents and candidates. We abide by the Code and work to provide the community information that is free from outside influence-political, special interest, or

promotion of any kind that might benefit us, but not the community. We don't play favorites. Do we have them? You bet. Each member of this staff has a vested interest in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians culturally, communally, and from a financial perspective. And each of us will share opinions because we have those too. But we will never share our opinions in a newspaper forum created to give you the facts you need to make decisions. And we will never skew fact to push any individual agenda. The Cherokee One Feather doesn't belong to any one of us, or you. It belongs to all of us. You and me - the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. And we have a right, a duty, to each other to provide that safe place where you and I may disagree, but we may understand







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YMCA Camp Watia Summer sign-ups are going on now. Special rate for Enrolled members. For more information or to sign up, contact Tammy Jackson, Community Development Coordinator.

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-Deadling to enter is Friday, May 19, judging week: May 22-25

For more information on any of these events please call the Extensior Center at **828-359-6939**  each other. Something we have lost in society, this and others, is the ability to disagree without hating.

Information is power. Wisdom is power properly wielded. The more we know, the better decision we may make. And that is what we push for as a paper and as a community. The definition of a stupid mistake is to allow someone else to make decisions for you without making sure that you may trust and that the one you entrust know what they are doing.

So, we ask a lot of questions. And we get a lot of answers. Some given thoughtfully while others are tongue-in-cheek. And some are downright silly. Then there are some that are just not fit for print. But that is what free speech is all about, letting me know what you think and me letting you know what I think. Even the silly answers will tell you something about how a person feels about an issue.

The Cherokee Code gives me a very specific job to do, but it does not give me the ability nor authority to control the One Feather or the content contained in it. The Code charges me with unbiased, fair, and equitable filtering of material so that opinions are respected and those who what to contribute their voice find a safe and protected environment to do so. Just like in all other aspects of life, there are those who would like to manipulate you and take from you. Some would like nothing better than for the One Feather to become a gossip column, while others would whittle it down to a governmental newsletter. I as a community member, want more



than that. And all of us want it to be more than that.

Years ago, we implemented another community forum for elections that we call the debates. We started with Executive and Tribal Council, then later were able to add School Board candidate debates. The format is structured to not invite a freefor-all unintelligible vocal battle of wills, but to allow for sincere questioning for the answers to make a wise decision. Now some, maybe some in high places, don't like the format nor the questions that we ask. That is okay. Everyone has their opinion. But I want to make it clear that I, personally, do not decide what questions will be asked, that is done by committee, typically the Editorial Board. As we said in the beginning, we routinely and frequently ask you what you would like to have asked in those debates. We get them via comment on posts, email, and on the night of the event from community members who care to attend the debate in person. They are not just my questions, as some may have tried to convince you. I will definitely put my two cents worth in on what questions to ask, but as a member of the community just like you.

Questions are reviewed and

decided by the Board before we lock them in for the debate. We must set a number of questions to ask, so that means not all of our questions will be selected. Each question must be asked of each candidate with ample time for responses, and there are only so many hours in a night. We also leave room for questions from the audience, which are vetted by a separate panel before I get them. I have moderated the debates (with the occasional guest host giving me a break - thank you Sabrina Arch and Jonah Lossiah) because you need to have a little experience at that sort of thing or, again, you end up in a free-for-all where no one learns anything.

So, I ask and encourage you to participate in the surveys that One Feather does in preparation for the debates and then join us as we present the questions to the candidates. There may be no more important thing that you do than to fill out your ballot in the elections this year. We created the seats of power and we are responsible for who we let sit in them, even if we never enter the polling place. Don't let your choice be that of risking a stupid mistake. Educate yourself. Better yet, let's educate ourselves together.

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# 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					
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3	\$24,860					
4	\$30,000					
5	\$35,140					
6	\$40,280					
7	\$45,420					
8	\$50,560					

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.

# speaking of faith What is the fire of revival?

**By REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON** Cherokee Pentecostal Church Pastor Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate

Read: Psalm 91; Isaiah 40:1-31; James 4:7-10; Mathew 6:3-4; 17-18

"Does anyone know what will happen when a revival fire or any fire starts burning?" "We have a wood stove at our house. For the nighttime, we may throw in 8-10 pieces, really stuffing them in tightly. It will burn brightly and will heat the entire room. I can do one of two things. I can just shut the door or I can put the dampers out and let it go out. It will heat the room all night long, but when I get up the next day, there aren't even any embers. There's not any fire left. The stove has begun to cool off. Why? It's because it has all burned down to ash.

"What the Lord seems to be doing right now is setting us up; setting us up for a might move of God. I began to read in the media that they had told the students what they needed to actually do is to take the 'Fire' to their homes, to their churches, their classrooms, to their workplaces, because a true revival is more of a series of services, and only when a couple of shouts and a few miracles here and there. "When I looked into the Bible, I didn't see any real revivals like we would call a revival today. I did see an entire city named Nineveh coming to repentance because a preacher (Jonah) got up and preached. How many know that was a revival!

"Then, I saw one when Peter came out in the street, and he preached, and thousands of Jewish people came to know Jesus. When they went to the Gentiles, while he was still speaking, the Holy Ghost fell on them in the room and baptized them. Why? It was because they simply believed.

"Now, everywhere I see a revival, most everywhere they went, God began to do some things. We saw Paul and Silas badly beaten, put in jail, and there, in the midnight hour, they began to pray, sing, and praise. As they did, the jail was shaken by an earthquake. The prisoners all heard them singing and later the jailer's family heard and gave their hearts to Jesus. That is what a real revival is.

"I admit to you. I'd like to have church on Sundays where some are laying there weeping, or fallen prone on the floor, or when God's people are shouting. I enjoy that kind of thing, but if we make a whole lot of noise here, and still make no difference out there, it can be said, it wasn't a revival.

"That's why Matthew 6:6 declared this and verses 17-18 about fasting are added. "In fact, God is doing a new thing in this Last Day. 'There's nothing new under the sun.' I agree with the Word of God, but I will guarantee it will all be new to each of us. 'What we pray in secret, He will reward openly.' "Whatever we've been doing behind the scenes. None of us knows what others have given away when nobody was looking. All that's seen is what God has rewarded openly. I'm trying to help us.

"There's a theme coming out of this. Whatever one gives to the Lord in secret, God turns around and blesses any person, doing what's been shown to him, openly. We may even want to see God work openly, but if the persons assigned aren't doing anything in the Secret Place...What I see is that God rewards anyone for things done just for Him, by honoring them and no one else.

"So, it matters what we all do every day of the week, not just Sundays. Whether it's privately worshipping God, or fasting, giving to someone they are shown is in need, or studying His Word or what the Lord has directed. Whatever He wants them to be given, we should just do it. A person can blame it on the preacher all they want, but the fact of the matter is , there's just one of him and a whole lot more of others who should remain involved.

"We're not telling anyone. They didn't pray or do something. One can just tell by the tenor or the temperature of the church what the week was like for a Body of Believers. Sometime I go in and say, Lord, some people might need some trouble, because the only time we seem to grow is when there's some trouble. At least then they'll pray in Psalm 91 over themselves and their families in the Secret Place."

# THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...A servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what

you are saying." ... Another girl saw him and said... "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" ...Those who stood by... said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them..." Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus... "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly. Detail of "A rooster"

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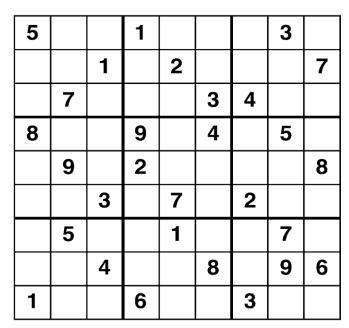
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# Weekly SUDOKU

### by Linda Thistle



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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: •

Moderate A Challenging HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Galatians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither? 2. In how many verses is the specific name of Satan used in the Old Testament (KJV)? 0, 1, 15, 174

3. From Genesis 36, which city was Esau's home base? Petra, Tyre, Gilgal, Perga

4. Which of these persons hid in a cave while God passed by? Noah, Moses, Abraham, Ĵonah

5. From Esther 5, who/what was Zeresh? King of Persia, Mountain, Wife of Haman, River

6. In 1 Peter, to what animal is Satan compared? Serpent, Wolf, Rat, Lion

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1. MOVIES: What is the name of Scarlett and Rhett's daughter in "Gone with the Wind"?

2. GEOGRAPHY: What body of water lies between Australia and New

Zealand? 3. TELEVISION: Eric Camden is a minister on which TV dramedy?

4. CHEMISTRY: Which element has the Latin name stannum (Sn)?

5. LITERATURE: Which book is first written in C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia series?

6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the bird logo on Twitter?

7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How long does it take a sloth to digest food? 8. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the irrational fear represented by coulrophobia?

9. MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek god stared at his own reflection until he died?

10. INVENTIONS: What did Alessandro Volta invent?

#### APPENINGS contact info to scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov. THE REPORT OF THE PARTY OF THE

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and

#### **EVENTS**

#### **BENEFITS & FUNDRAISERS**

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

- March 11 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for "Outsiders" NAYO team

- March 18 at 3 p.m., sponsored by Delbert Ross

- March 25 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for "Bloodhounds" NAYO team Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

#### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Community Quilt Day hosted** by the Quilt Alliance. March 18. Quilt talk and open house at Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join for a talk about quilts in western North Carolina. You'll see an interview with a local quilter, learn about historic quilts made in the area, and find out how to document the quilts you own and make. Quilt documentation session at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Bring in your quilts (ones you've made or ones you own) to share and document. Photo and video stations will be set up and an interactive station for attaching labels to quilts. A quilt historian will be available to help identify quilt patterns and other details of vintage and antique quilts.

Info: https://quiltalliance.org/communityquiltdays/

#### **EBCI Community Garden Kit**

Giveaways. Must be a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and must show enrollment card to receive a garden kit. One kit per household. Info: EBCI Cooperative Extension 359-6939

- April 3 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee County Community Club Pavilion.

- April 3 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex in the Snowbird Community.

- April 5 at the Yellowhill Community Basketball Court. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Elders only, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. all others

#### 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 Ceremony at 11 a.m. Demonstrations: beadwork, pottery, quilting, wood carving, storytelling, and much more. Info: 735-4959, 582-7369, or 479-1201

#### Annual Kituwah Celebration.

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

**HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS** 



**BEHIND THE MASK** CHEROKEE MASK MAKERS AND THEIR LEGACY

March 1 - June 1, 2023

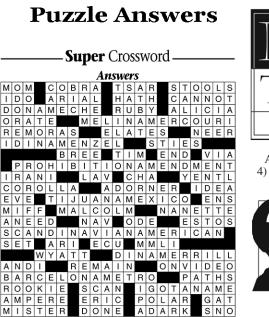
An exhibition at the CHIEF JOYCE DUGAN CULTURAL ARTS CENTER Tai Chi classes. Fridays from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. for the month of March in the Welch Top Conference Center at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. Benefits include improved strength, flexibility, aerobic conditioning, and balance. Info: Ulela Harris, Cherokee Indian Hospital, 497-9163 ext. 7575

#### EBCI NASA/NAYO Volleyball

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

- NASA Co-Ed (18+) is best of three (25-25-15) or one-hour time limit. Eight-person rosters with three females on the court at all times. Men cannot spike from the front row. Net is set at men's height.

- NAYO (Girls 12-14 and Girls 15-



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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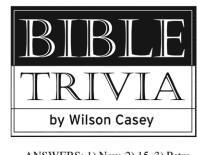
Info: Kelsey Jackson 736-6906

#### **UPCOMING POW WOWS**

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

38th Annual Wa:k Pow Wow.

March 18-19 behind the San Xavier Mission del Bac Church in Tuscon, Ariz. MC: Ryan Rumley. Host Northern Drum: Wild Medicine. Head Southern Singer: Kenneth Cozad. Info: WakPowWow@gmail. com



ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) 15, 3) Petra, 4) Moses, 5) Wife of Haman, 6) Lion



Answers

- 1. Bonnie Blue Butler.
- 2. Tasman Sea.
- 3. "7th Heaven."
- 4. Tin.
- 5. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."
- 6. Larry. 7. An average of 16 days, and up to
- 30 days.
- 8. Fear of clowns.
- Narcissus.
- 10. The electric battery.
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#### 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

#### (Note: Location change) 1st Annual Marin Pow Wow.

March 19 at Middle Creek Middle School in San Rafael, Calif. Host Northern Drum: All Nations. Info: Mary Kitchens (415) 342-2049, mary.kitchens@yahoo.com

#### **40th Annual Harold A. Cedartree Memorial Pow Wow.** March 23-25 at the Wilkinson Student Center in Provo, Utah. Info: Shiegrid Hernandez, shiegrid\_her-



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Some unsettling facts about a past situation could come to light. And ,while you'd love to deal with it immediately, it's best to get more information to support your case.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A straightforward approach to a baffling situation is best. Don't allow yourself to be drawn into an already messy mass of tangles and lies. Deal with it and move on.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Don't be discouraged or deterred by a colleague's negative opinion about your ideas. It could actually prove to be helpful when you finally get around to finalizing your plan.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Ignore that sudden attack of "modesty" and step up to claim the credit you so rightly earned. Remember: A lot of people are proud of you and want to share in your achievements.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A financial "deal" that seems to be just right for you Leos and Leonas could be grounded more in gossamer than substance. Get an expert's advice to help you check it out.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Don't ignore that suddenly cool or even rude attitude from someone who is close to you. Asking them for an explanation could reveal a misunderstanding that you were completely unaware of.

nandez@byu.edu

#### Mascoutin Society of Chicagoland Winter Social Dance.

March 25 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Munster, Ind. Info: Jeff (630) 405-3574, Plantman502@aol.com

#### Spirit of Nations Pow Wow.

March 25 at Jefferson County High School in Dandridge, Tenn. Info: IndianCreekProductions@gmail. com, www.indiancreekproductions. com

**43rd Annual Spring Pow Wow.** April 1 at America First Event Center in Cedar City, Utah. MC: Alex Shepard. Host Drum: Indian Creek. NASA Club (435) 322-0028, nativeasasuu@gmail.com

#### See EVENTS next page

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Unless you have sound knowledge, and not just an opinion, it's best not to step into a family dispute involving a legal matter, regardless of whom you support. Leave that to the lawyers.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An awkward situation presents the usually socially savvy Scorpian with a problem. But a courteous and considerate approach soon helps clear the air and ease communication.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A calmer, less tense atmosphere prevails through much of the week, allowing you to restore your energy levels before tackling a new challenge coming up by week's end.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your approach to helping with a friend or family member's problem could boomerang unless you take time to explain your method — and how and why it (usually!) works.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Someone who gave you a lot of grief might ask for a chance for the two of you to make a fresh start. You need to weigh the sincerity of the request carefully before giving them your answer.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Too much fantasizing about an upcoming decision could affect your judgment. Better to make your choices based on what you know now rather than what you might learn later.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of seeing the best in people and helping them live up to their potential. © 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.



#### by Freddy Groves

#### VA Cemetery Association Ranks High

On the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) the Department of Veterans Affairs' National Cemetery Association was given the highest score ever received by any goods and services organization that ACSI covers. And not for the first time. This recent rating marks the seventh time in a row that the cemetery association has come in first in a survey covering over 400 U.S. corporations providing everything from utilities, health care and insurance to restaurants, travel and manufacturing ... and cemetery services.

That's saying a lot. Given the nature of cemeteries in general and what they provide, for a cemetery association to be listed at the top of satisfaction surveys so many times is amazing, because there are many possible areas for unhappiness.

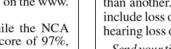
The VA's National Cemetery Administration provides services to the families of veterans at 121 locations. These services include burial, headstones and markers, medallions, military honors and more. In one year alone, last year, the NCA buried over 145,000 veterans and family members.

To determine if a veteran is eligible for VA burial benefits, go to www. cem.va.gov. Look for information on types of discharge, applying for a burial allowance and services provided.

If you've lost a veteran, are you familiar with the Veterans Legacy Memorial? It's a digital platform with over 4.5 million veterans listed where friends and families can post biographies, documents and photos of their veteran. Each individual bio includes branch of service, dates of birth and death, war period, rank and more. The profiles can also be emailed and posted to Facebook and Twitter. (Unfortunately, Arlington National Cemetery is not included in this memorial.) To find the memorial, go to www.vlm.cem. va.gov.

If you are a veteran who might be eligible for burial in a national cemetery, consider planning in advance. Search for "Pre-need eligibility" on the www. cem.va.gov website.

An amusing note: While the NCA received a satisfaction score of 97%, the overall rate for all government agencies was 66%. The Department of the Treasury, of course, came in last. © 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.



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Paw's Corner by Sam Mazzotta

#### In Cats, Ear Infection Can Have Subtle Symptoms

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My cat Chester seemed perfectly healthy, but when I brought him in for his annual checkup, the veterinarian said that he has an ear infection. I didn't notice any behavior or odd symptoms previously. I gave Chester the expensive eardrops he was prescribed, and he seems just fine. Was the vet just making up the infection? — Jeanine C., Buffalo, New York

DEAR JEANINE: Cats are really good at hiding the symptoms of an illness. I'm glad you brought Chester in for his regular checkup, because those are very helpful in determining hidden acute problems like an ear infection, and noting potential problems (for example, if his weight is getting higher than normal, or he's developing arthritis).

Now that Chester has been treated, keep an eye out for signs of the infection recurring. Look, listen and smell (yes, smell!) around his ears periodically and note certain behaviors. Hold Chester on your lap and shine a little flashlight into each ear.

A healthy ear is pale pink, with little to no earwax visible and no debris.

Trouble signs include: A strong odor from the ear; lots of earwax buildup; debris or discharge that looks like coffee grounds; or discharge that is yellow or black. You (or the vet) may see redness or swelling of the ear flap or in the ear canal.

Ear infections cause behavioral changes, too. Some of them are subtle: Chester may shake his head after you scratch around his ears, or he may tilt his head more in one direction than another. More serious symptoms include loss of balance, disorientation, hearing loss or even facial paralysis.

#### EVENTS: From page 31

O'ahu Native Nationz Organization Pow Wow in Paradise. April 1-2 at Magic Island in Honolulu, Hawaii. MC: Kenneth "Tuffy" Helgeson. Host Drums: The Boyz, 808NDNs. Info: Lynnae Lawrence at ONNOpowwow@gmail.com

#### University of Central Oklahoma's 50th Annual Pow Wow.

April 1 at UCO Hamilton Field House in Edmond, Okla. MC: Marty Thurman. Head Southern Singer: Kingston Pipestem. Info: Chris Hendricks (405) 974-3626 or chendricks4@uco.edu

Youth Pow Wow. April 1 at Grogan Park in Eden, N.C. MC: Vincent Short. Host Drums: Rez Ratz, Young Waters. Info: (336) 416-4913 or patrickjsuarez@gmail.com

Kiowa Tribe Liaison Office for Veterans Affairs Art Festival and Pow Wow. April 7-8 at the Kiowa Community Center in Carnegie, Okla. Emcees: Tim Yeahquo and Warren Queton. Head Southern Singer: Sydney Toppah Sr. Info: Pershing Yeahquo (405) 274-2426 or LaRue Guoladdie (580) 919-1315

**Relations & Resilience Pow** Wow. April 8 at Ed Robson Arena, Colorado College, in Colorado Springs, Colo. MC: Steve LaPointe. Host Northern Drum: Medicine Bull. Host Southern Drum: Southern Plains. Info: Fer Juarez Duran (404) 281-9389 or f\_juarezduran@ coloradocollege.edu

#### San Diego State Pow Wow.

April 8 at San Diego State University soccer field in San Diego, Calif. Info: Chris Medellin (619) 594-3188 or cmedellin@sdsu.edu

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

Happenings at John C Campbell School at 1 Folk School Road in Brasstown, N.C. All events are open to the public. Info: www.folkschool.org/events - Friday, March 17: Concert with Stringer's Ridge. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Tuesday, March 21: Dance and Social with Bob and Amy Buckingham w/ House Caller. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Saturday, March 25: Community Dance with House band w/Nancy Mamlin. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. - Tuesday, March 28: Dance and Social with House Band & Caller. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Friday, March 31: Concert with Larry Unger. 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Jenna Kranz, from "Uncomplicated Kitchen", cooking class. March 15 at 11 a.m. in the Atrium at the Jackson County Public Library.

Participants will use the Library's new Charlie Cart, a teaching kitchen on wheels, to cook a meal that costs under \$10 to make. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library. To register and or for more information, please call the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva at 586-2016 or email at jcpl-adults@ fontanalib.org.

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.

#### Sewing Circles with Helen Vance and Lynn Hart. March

18 at 10 a.m. in the Atrium of the Jackson County Public Library. Participants will learn how to create an original design on a piece of material using paint and embroidery stitching. Participants will need a basic understanding of hand sewing. The material can be cut and used as a coaster or as an individual accent piece. This class is for people 16-years-old and older and registration is required. Info: JCPL 586-2016 or jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org

Musical presentation. March 18 at 3 p.m. in the Community Room of the Jackson County Public Library. WCU School of Music faculty member Dr. Leonidas Lagrimas, piano, and Guest Artist James Judd, tenor, will present a program of vocal selections juxtaposing themes of light and dark - from love and loss, dreams and despair, to triumph and tragedy. The selections span several centuries and genres,

including classical art song, opera, and Broadway. This program is open to all ages, is free of charge, and is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library and the Jackson County Arts Council. Info: JCPL 586-2016 or jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org

#### Lecture Series at Sequoyah **Birthplace Museum (Dawn**

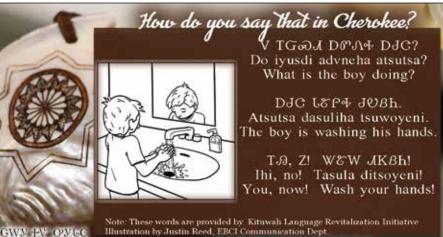
Arneach). March 19 at 1 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Dawn Arneach, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will present "Learn how to find your ancestors and hear what they shared through the generations". This is a free lecture. Info: Museum at (423) 884-6246

#### **PreSchool Art Exploration.**

March 23 at the Murphy Art Center in Murphy, N.C. Description: Pre-School Art Exploration - Ages 3, 4, 5. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club Class, Suitable for Kids! March activities include: Rainbow Watercolor Resist, Mixing Watercolors, Mixing Colors with Fingerpaints, Cotton Clouds. A parent or guardian must stay. Each child should bring a painting smock or large old tee shirt. Parents dress accordingly: it's going to get messy! Ages 3, 4, 5. Class is from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the above date(s). Register at The MAC by stopping by or calling. Info: Carolyn Garrison, 813-466-4014, cgarrison5@verizon.net

#### **Jackson County Republican** Convention. March 24 at 4:30 p.m. at the Comfort Inn at 1235 E. Main Street in Sylva. Info: www. jacksoncountygop.com

Inspired by The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds. March 25 at the Murphy Art Center in Murphy, N.C. Description: Inspired by The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds - A Young



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

Painters Class: Ages 5, 6, 7. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club Class, Suitable for Kids! The young artists will learn about the color wheel and explore warm and cool colors as they paint their DOT inspired by the children's book by Peter H. Reynolds Ages 5, 6, 7 . Class is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the above date(s). Register at The MAC by stopping by or calling. Info: Carolyn Garrison, 813-466-4014, cgarrison5@verizon.net

#### 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 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

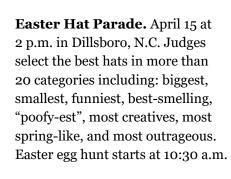
• Horse Hair Pottery. April 3-26, Mondays and Wednesdays 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$70, Swain Center Room 125. Instructor – J. McKee. Explore this simple process that creates expressive results. Students will learn what types of clays to use, what shapes and forms best, and how to safely use this process. Cost 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

**Lecture Series at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum (Dr. Lin Stepp).** April 1 at 1 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Dr. Lin Stepp will be lecturing and holding a book signing for her latest book, "Seeking Ayita" which is set in Cherokee, N.C. This is a free lecture. Info: Museum at (423) 884-6246



#### Women's Health Awareness Wellness Conference. April

15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Long's Chapel United Methodist Church in Waynesville, N.C. Free health screenings, health education sessions, healthy living sessions, and health resources. Registration is free. Register at: https://niehs.nih. gov/womenshealthawareness. Info: (919) 541-3852, WHA@niehs.nih. gov

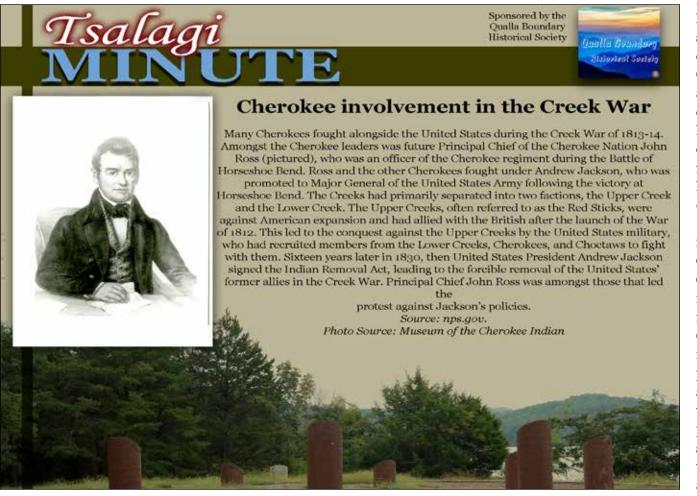
#### Cherokee High School and

**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

#### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

#### Cherokee Cancer Support Group

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



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#### CLASSIFIEDS

Looking to purchase your old Legos. Old sets, loose pieces, minifigures, and all things Lego. Contact legohunter60@gmail.com with descriptions and photos of what you have to offer. 3/15

#### EMPLOYMENT

#### **Accepting Applications**

The Swain County Board of Elections is accepting applications for Elections Director. The application and full job description is posted at https://www.swaincountync.gov/elections. All applications and applicant resumes should be emailed to BOE@swaincountync. gov, or mailed to SCBOE, P.O. Box 133 Bryson City, NC 28713. **3/22** 

#### **VOC Job Openings**

VOC has an opening for a Seasonal Project Supervisor. Must have a strong practical background in supervision, job estimating, sales, marketing, and must possess computer skills such as Microsoft Word and Excel. Must have basic mechanic experience in performing routine maintenance on vehicles, equipment with small mothers/ engines, lawn mowers, weed eaters, etc. A minimum of a High School diploma with three (3) years of working experience, in which (2) years in a supervisory position. Have and maintain a valid North Carolina driver's license. Pass required drug tests. Pick up Application/Job Description at VOC located behind the former Tribal Bingo. For questions, call 828-497-9827.3/29

CTVRS has an opening for a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Indian preference does apply, but all applicants are welcome to apply. Job duties include providing Vocational Rehabilitation Services to Native Americans with disabilities in order to facilitate their employment and/ or re-employment by assessing the consumer needs, eligibility of service, and feasibility of vocational rehabilitation. Provide personal and vocational counseling, training, and job placement. Evaluate consumers' interests, qualifications, and limitations to develop appropriate employment objectives for them. A Bachelor's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation, Special Education, Social Work, or a counseling-related field is required, with a master's degree in Vocational Rehabilitation or a related field preferred, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor certificate is desired. Previous work experience in a counseling position for a minimum of two years is required. Pick up Application/Job Description at CTVRS located behind the former Tribal Bingo. For questions, call 828-497-4300. **3/29** 

#### **Cherokee Cinemas & More**

Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities: Floor Staff - \$10.00 hr Cleaning Staff - \$12.00 – Full Time Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 37 Tsalagi Road, Old Chestnut Tree Motel, if you have any questions please call Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553. Open



visit: www.ccs-nc.org for more information. Cherokee Central School is currently taking applications for employment for the following ich enpertunities all ichs are open until filled unless

- 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 Pathseekeers Teacher
- 10. Math Teacher (High School)
- 11. Part Time Substitute Teachers
- 12. Elementary Special Education Teacher Assistant
- 13. Elementary Life Skills Teacher Assistant



# Tribal Employment Rights Office

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:45arn-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 <u>ebci-tero.com</u> 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
- o 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

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

> Hillary Norville -TERO Job Bank Coordinator 828.359.6422 hillnory@ebci-nsn.goy

> Douglas McCoy -TERO Job Bank Coordinator 828.359.6478 dougmcco@ebci-nsn.goy

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#### LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 23-007

#### In the Matter of the Estate of GARFIELD AXE-LONG

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 PUBLICA-TION

Timothy Eugene Long 98 Axe-Long Drive Cherokee, NC 28719 **3/22** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 22E69 In the Matter of the Estate of Linda S. Sandlin

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 PUBLICA-TION Collette Coggins PO Box 1914 Cherokee, NC 28719 **4/5** 

#### RFPs, BIDs, etc.

#### **Request for Proposals**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Division of Commerce, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting proposals for an Advertising Agency of Record. All proposals should be submitted to our office by Tuesday, March 28, 2023. Proposals can be mailed to our office at P.O. Box 460, Cherokee, NC, 28719 or emailed to michpark@ebci-nsn. gov. Please contact our office at 828-359-7018 with questions or for additional information. **3/15** 

#### **Bid Proposals**

Robins & Morton will be accepting bid proposals from Subcontractors and Vendors for the projects noted below: Conference Center Renovation and Starbucks Renovation at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Cherokee, NC.

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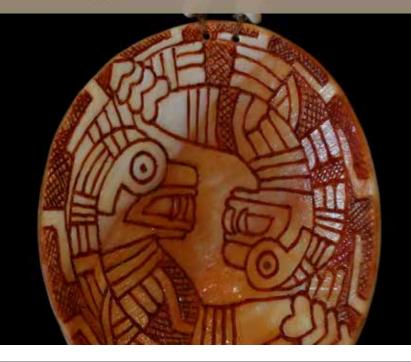
Proposal due date for Starbucks is : March 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM CST.

Proposal due date for the Conference Center is: March 27, 2023 at 5:00 PM CST Please contact Bob Legler at bob. legler@robinsmorton.com or 205-803-0178 for further information regarding this request for proposal.

Every bidder is responsible for reviewing all contract documents and including all costs associated with the contractor's scope of work. Any questions regarding discrepancies, conflicts or insufficient information are to be directed to Bob Legler bob.legler@robinsmorton. com. The project is to be bid per plans and specifications. Voluntary alternates, methods and/or substitutions are encouraged, but must be identified and quoted separately from your base bid. **3/15** 

# Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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



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#### **Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements**

Application and Job description can be picked up from the receptionist at the Boys Club information window between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or re-advertise positions without notice.

### **Current Vacancies**

Bus Department – (5) PT Bus Drivers

Cherokee Children's Home – Social Worker and Multiple Resident Counselors and Multiple PT Resident Counselors

Agelink Childcare – Multiple Teachers

Lawn Mowing Crew - Multiple Positions

Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC. 28719 828-497-9101







#### Oconaluftee INDIAN VILLAGE

Now Hiring for the 2023 season

Open to all community members interested in employment opportunities centered around Cherokee history and culture.

> Village opens April 18th Flexible hours available Training provided

Apply online at CherokeeHistorical.org or pick up an application at our main office located at 564 Tsali Blvd



# Employment Opportunities

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the fallowing 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 Angle Hill at angieh@mandaraspa.com or 497-8550.





# Now Hiring **Collections Manager**

Learn more and apply at mci.org/employment

CareNet Thrift Store

Accepting Donations

Tuesday-Friday 10am-4pm

Everything sold goes to provide food for our neighbors in need







PO Box 553 Cherokee, NC 28719 828 359 6388

#### Closing Sunday, March 19, 2023

1. Registered Nurse - Tsalagi Public Health - Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$27.87 - \$34.84 per hour) 2. Housekeeper I Light Duty (Multiple) - Housekeeping - Operations (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 3. Maintenance Utility Worker - Facility Management - Operations (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour) Manager – Housing Production – Housing Program – Housing (L14 \$52,349 - \$65,437) 5. Elementary Immersion Instructor - Kituwah Academy - Education (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) 6. Groundskeeper - Cherokee Life Recreation - Education (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour) Lead Maintenance Technician – Housing Program – Housing (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSTIVE POSITION Electrician Helper – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 9. Carpenter Helper (Multiple) - Qualla Housing Services - Housing (L4 \$25,261 -\$31,581) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 10. Maintenance Utility (Multiple) - Qualla Housing Services - Housing (L4 \$25,261 -\$31,581) 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 Probation Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$39,806 - \$49,758) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 6. Community Response Officer - Cherokee Indian Police Department - EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) 7. FT Paramedic - Emergency Medical Services - Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) 8. PT Paramedic (Multiple) - Emergency Medical Services - Operations (L11 \$19.13 -\$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 9. Youth Development Professional - Cherokee Youth Center - Education (L6 \$15.30 -\$19.13 per hour) 10. Driver (Multiple) (Shift: Monday through Friday, 3pm - 12am) - Transit - Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 11. Teacher (Multiple) - Qualla Boundary Early Head Start - Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) 12. Teacher (Multiple) - Qualla Boundary Head Start - Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour) 13. Real Estate Associate Attorney - Realty Services - Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$72,342 - \$90,428) 14. Social Worker (Multiple) - Family Safety - Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) 15. Lead Horticulture Technician - Natural Resources - Agriculture and Natural Resources (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) 16. Legal Services Attorney - Legal Assistance Office - Office of the Attorney General (L16 \$64,389 - \$85,852) 17. Financial Analyst (Multiple) - Budget and Finance - Treasury (L15 \$57,982 -\$72,478) 18. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator - Waste Water Treatment -Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 19. Supervisor - Biological/Waste Water Operator - Waste Water Treatment -Operations (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 20. Head Cook - Snowbird Senior Citizens - Snowbird and Cherokee County (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour) 21. Tribal Prosecutor II - Criminal Law - Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$72,127 -\$96,169) 22. Telecommunicator - Public Safety Communications - Operations (L12 \$20.89 -\$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 23. Family Safety Grants Coordinator - Family Safety - Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) 24. Certified Nursing Assistant - Tribal In Home Care Services - Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) 25. Hatchery Technician (SEASONAL) - Fisheries and Wildlife Management -Agriculture and Natural Resources (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 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.

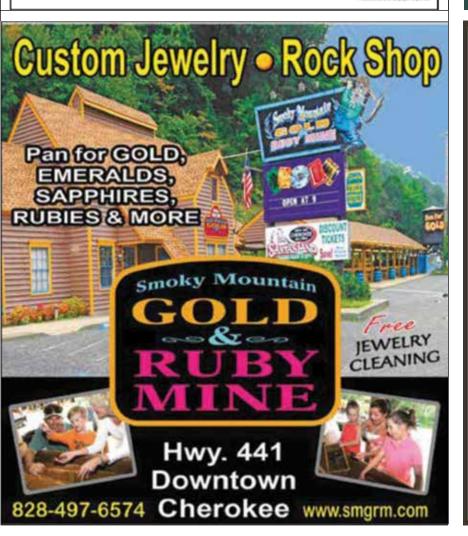
# GET MONTHLY SSI PAYMENTS TO MEET BASIC NEEDS

See if you qualify for Supplemental Security Income.

### SSA.gov/SSI 1-800-772-1213



SSI is for people with low income and financial resources, who are either 65 or older, or an adult or child with a disability or blindness.



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## Cherokee Business Training

A multi-day, hands-on workshop providing insight into what it takes to start and run a business.

### MARCH 20-22

9am-4pm

IN-PERSON

Purpose Room

### bit.ly/cbt-2023

Payments can be made online when you register, at the Revenue Office or by check to Enterprise Development.

S65 Registration Fee Reserve Your Spot!

SEQUSYAH FUND

Explore your

industry &

Develop your

Create a

Outline

Build a

business skills

business goals

business plan

# **Cherokee** Gutters



New Installation, Gutter Guard, Maintenance & Cleaning 828-508-7467 hawkhomes@frontier.com



# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

#### FINANCE

Billing Analyst II \$19.66 -\$22.25 Senior Accountant \$67,082 - \$83,852 Patient Access Specialist - \*Part Time Intermittent \$17.12 - \$19.26 PO Processor – Supply \$19.66 - \$22.25 Payroll Officer \$24.55 - \$27.99 Finance / HR Administrative Assistant \$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 – Cherokee Central Schools \$44,107 - \$55,134 Registered Nurse \*Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 -\$38.72 Behavioral Health Consultant I - \$50,723 -\$63,404 \*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus Cultural Coordinator - Kanywotiyi \$21.13 - \$23.98 Integrated Classroom Skill Builder \$17.12 - \$19.26 Residential Technician - Kanywotiyi \$17.12 - \$19.26 Residential Technician - Men's Home \$17.12 - \$19.26 Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor - Kanvwotiyi \$44,107 - \$55,134

#### 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 I \$17.12 - \$19.26 Dental Assistant II \$18.32 - \$20.67 PT II - \$77,144 - \$96,430 Phlebotomist PTR - \$17.12 - \$23.98

MEDICAL

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

# **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

FNP/PA – ICC \$91,254 - \$114,067 Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108 Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time / Part Time Regular -\$157,686 - \$197,108

#### NURSING

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician - \$17.12 - \$19.26 Analenisgi Inpatient Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent \$33.68 - \$38.72 Case Management Support – Cherokee County \$18.32 -\$20.67 Certified Medical Assistant – Pediatrics - \$21.13 - \$23.98 Certified Medical Assistant - Immediate Care Center -\$21.13 - \$23.98 Massage Therapist - \$50,723 - \$63,404 RN Supervisor - Satellite Clinics \$36.56 - \$42.11 Emergency Room Registered Nurse – \$33.68 \$38.72\*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64 \*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (Night shift) Registered Nurse - Immediate Care Center \$31.06 -\$35.64\*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus Registered Nurse - Kanvwotiyi \$33.68 - \$38.72\*\*\$5,000 **Hiring Bonus** Social Worker - Inpatient - \$44,107 - \$55,134 Telemetry Nursing Assistant – Inpatient \$19.66 - \$22.25

#### **TSALI CARE CENTER**

Certified Nursing Assistant \$17.12 - \$19.26 \*\*\$3,000 Hiring Bonus\*\* CNA/PCA – PTR - \$17.12 - \$19.26 Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26 Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 \*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus\*\* Registered Nurse – PTI - \$31.06 - \$35.64 Fiscal Coordinator - \$50,723 - \$63,404

#### **Tribal Option**

Tribal Option Business Analyst - \$67,082 - \$83,852 Tribal Option Administrative Assistant \$19.66 – \$22.25

### To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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

Yoga - sign up with Robin Monday and Tuesdays 12pm

#### 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

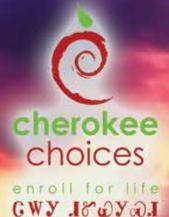
#### Gloves on Fire – Danowasgi sign up with keahana

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. Protein Smoothie after each class FREE Smoothie Cup if you attend 6 consecutive classes FREE T-shirt if you attend 12 consecutive classes

#### Summer Camp

Peaceful Warriors Camp (Ages 8-10): A threeweek summer camp beginning at 7:45am and ending at 4:30pm daily. Camp focuses on learning yoga, meditation and stress management techniques. Activities include horseback riding, yoga, swimming, etc. June 12th – June 29th, Monday-Thursday only

Cultural Outdoor Leadership Camp (Ages 11-12): A three-week summer camp beginning at 7:45 am and ending at 4:30 pm daily. Camp focuses on nutrition, physical activity, and Cherokee culture. Activities in the camp include Cherokee language, traditional crafts, rafting, horseback riding, swimming, yoga, etc. July 10th – July 27th, Monday-Thursday only Applications due April 28th by 4pm Contact Tori for an application Tori: victtram@ebci-nsn.gov Cherokee Choices: 806 Acquoni Road Cherokee NC 28719



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