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"We're not going to lose it."

Walk highlights Cherokee Speakers and languagelearning

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

HEROKEE, N.C. – "We're not going to lose it. We're not," Bo Lossiah, New Kituwah Academy curriculum and instruction supervisor, told a crowd gathered following the Annual Cherokee Speakers Walk of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). "We're going to have an ear to it and the mouths are going to say it. You've got to know that in your heart, and you've got to believe it and you've got to want it."

The Annual Cherokee Speak-

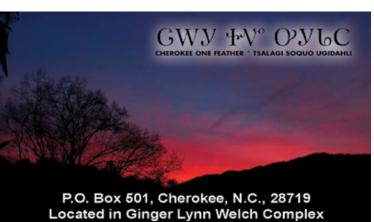
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EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson, a first language Cherokee speaker, walks in the Annual Cherokee Speakers Walk, honoring first language speakers of the Cherokee language and those learning the language, which was held at the old Cherokee High School site on the morning of Wednesday, April 19. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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Bo Lossiah, New Kituwah Academy curriculum and instruction supervisor, is shown during the walk. Following the walk itself, he was honored for his work in teaching and preserving the Cherokee language and was given the name 'Water Spider'.

LANGUAGE: Walk highlights Cherokee language, *from front page*

ers Walk, honoring first language speakers of the Cherokee language and those learning the language, was held at the old Cherokee High School site on the morning of Wednesday, April 19. Students and teachers at the New Kituwah Academy, along with Cherokee speakers, all donned special green event shirts during the walk.

Renissa McLaughlin, EBCI director of education and a staunch supporter of Cherokee language-learning, told the crowd, "Today, we commemorate the opening of the first immersion classroom in 2004. It's been 19 years and we are still going strong - from our humble beginnings with one classroom with Cherokee speakers and infants to a robust adult learning program here and in Snowbird."

"These are not the only language efforts. Whether directly or indirectly through Cherokee Preservation (Foundation) grants or gaming allocation, there are many people engaged in language reclamation...None of these efforts would be possible if not for our Cherokee speakers. You all are the reason we're here and today, and every day, we honor you."

EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson commented, "Thank you to everyone that came out to support the Cherokee speakers. What a beautiful sight to see all these green shirts. They're learning to speak the most beautiful language in the world."

Roger Smoker, a first language Cherokee speaker and chairperson of the Cherokee Speakers Council, encouraged everyone, "Use what you know. You can add a little bit more later on, though. We don't want to lose the language."

He added, "Last year, when we held this walk...we had 165 speakers. I was looking at my papers this morning and we're down to 153. They're leaving us fast. Use what you know."

Following the walk, Lossiah and McLaughlin were honored for their devotion to the Cherokee language. On



Kayla Pheasant, front right, New Kituwah Academy community mobilization coordinator, drives two EBCI elders and first language Cherokee speakers – JC Wachacha, front left, and Jody Taylor.

Lossiah, who was given the name 'Water Spider', Beloved Woman Johnson noted, "Water Spider is very suitable for him because he never stops. He's always darting back and forth to get for us and do for us for what we need. We love him and we cherish him."

Marie Junaluska, a first language Cherokee speaker, said of Lossiah, "He's a valuable and important leader, mentor, friend. Since he's been employed with KPEP (Kituwah Preservation and Education Program), he's been working tirelessly and is a very dedicated person. We commend him for that."

She went on to say, "Words

cannot really express our feelings with all that you have accomplished and have helped us accomplish. It's through your dedication in your endeavors for the success of the Cherokee language and the culture. Long live the Cherokee language and the culture."

Lossiah thanked everyone he gets to work with, especially all of the Cherokee speakers, and he encouraged everyone to continue with their language-learning. "What I ask everybody here to do... keep the language close to your heart. Say something every day, every opportunity, and let it build and that's how we maintain that collective consciousness which is

Cherokee. That's how we're all one as Cherokee."

"I want to thank you all for coming and at least stoking up the coals and building up the little bit of fire that's there."

Beloved Woman Johnson also spoke about McLaughlin, her daughter, saying, "She is someone who has worked tirelessly for 19 years to get everything we need to teach our beautiful Cherokee language. I've seen her in tears. For each tear that rolled down her face, it was another word learned by our students. It just awards me the greatest pleasure to name our honoree - my daughter, Renissa."

An emotional McLaughlin

said, "I am honored, but I am also humbled because we still have so much work to do...We're not worthy of the time we have left with our speakers, we're not. Because we can be argumentative. We can say not nice things when we're all supposed to be continuously supporting each other. Especially when it comes to language, are we not supposed to just be supporting and lifting each other up? Are we not supposed to be supporting and lifting each other up every day in every part of our lives?"

She ended with, "That's what we are. That's who we are as Cherokee people."



Jamie Van Clief, right, of the American Chestnut Foundation, gives a chestnut tree to JC Wachacha, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), during a plant giveaway event at the outdoor basketball court in the Yellowhill Community on the morning of Tuesday, April 18. During the event, American Chestnut trees, Mulberry trees, and two varieties of Milkweed plants were given away to EBCI tribal members. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Cherokee celebrates Earth Week

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) celebrated Earth Week (April 17-22) with several events on and around the Qualla Boundary encouraging knowledge of environmental and wildlife issues.

"Earth Day is where you recycle, you grow stuff, and you don't throw trash around the Earth," Chloe Rivera, a second-grade student at Cherokee Elementary School, told the One Feather during an Earth Week event held at the Oconaluftee Island Park. "If you find trash, you should put it in the trash can. You can clean your neighborhood and clean your school."

The event, for second grade students at

Cherokee Elementary School and New Kituwah Academy, was hosted by the EBCI Natural Resources program on the morning of Friday, April 21. Students went through various stations and learned about things such as erosion control, fish populations, planting seeds properly, water and air quality, and more.

Paula Price, EBCI Natural Resources program coordinator, said of the event, "Earth Day is the combination of bringing a lot of elements together, and the outreach that we hold each year on Earth Day brings young children here where we can educate them on things such as water quality, air quality, regulatory compliance, forestry, fisheries, and wildlife. All of these elements are brought together. It's like a circle of life. It's a way for us to instill in our youngsters that all of these things are related."

She added, "This is our largest outreach

event that we have each year. All staff comes together to teach the youngsters, and you have to catch them at a young age in order for them to grow up to appreciate what we've got here."

Joey Owle, EBCI Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, said of Earth Week, "Instead of just having a day, let's celebrate Earth for a week. We celebrate it every day. We asked the question to these second graders, 'what does Earth Day mean to you?' and I think my answer would reflect what they said – take care of the environment, reduce pollution, pick up trash, plant trees. Those are everyday things that we can all do. I didn't expect to hear anything less from these kids who have grown up with this topic being so important every day."

Secretary Owle added, "When it comes to what we're doing here, at Natural Resources,

we're going out and monitoring our various ecosystems, our wildlife, our forests, our horticulture areas. We're planting varieties of native species of trees and working with community members...we're doing a lot of activities that we're going to be bringing community members in on so that they can have that ownership over and participate in."

In a collaboration with the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and EBCI Tribal Recycling and Solid Waste Operations Programs, the Cherokee Youth Council hosted a recycling bin giveaway at the Yellowhill outdoor basketball court on the morning of Wednesday, April 19. The bins were given to tribal programs and employees and are for recycling plastics (both 1 and 2 types) and aluminum cans. Several years ago, the Cherokee Youth Council distributed recycling bins, but that portion of the program hasn't been active in awhile.

"In talking about community needs and what would better our community, they decided that recycling was one of those things and we decided to revive the program," said Levi West, Cherokee Youth Council leadership specialist. "Hopefully, this time it is more successful. That's why we tried to focus on just the ones and twos and aluminums."

West said the bins have a circle top to encourage people to throw plastic bottles and aluminum cans into them and discourage people throwing trash into them.

Recycling and the environment are of extreme importance said West. "As Natives, it should be at the top of our list. We should care more than anybody about the Earth, the water, and doing our part in taking care of it."

Alexis Smith, a member of



Alexis Smith, a member of the Cherokee Youth Council and a senior at Cherokee High School, puts stickers on a recycling bin during a recycling bin giveaway at the Yellowhill outdoor basketball court on the morning of Wednesday, April 19. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

the Cherokee Youth Council and a senior at Cherokee High School, helped with the recycling bin giveaway on Wednesday morning. "I think it is really important for our community – to clean it up a little bit, and I think it's very important for people to know just how they can help our community by recycling."

She spoke to the impetus behind the event. "We saw that not many people were recycling, and we wanted to try to get the word out. It's a really good opportunity for people to start doing this because they will not only help the Cherokee community as a whole

but the communities they live in."

T. Trejo, EBCI Solid Waste
Dept. manager, said he's very happy his program could collaborate
with the Cherokee Youth Council
on the project. Of its importance,
he noted, "As Cherokee people,
we should be the best stewards
of the environment that there are
around. It's a major thing for us,
as Cherokee people, to protect our
environment, and every bit that we
can recycle protects our environment."

He added, "Another big aspect is the cost of waste disposal. Every item that we recycle is not being sent to the landfill which is not having to be transferred to the landfill. We are not paying a hauler because any trash that we dispose of goes to Georgia...so, there's two big aspects to recycling – that's environmental and economic."

EBCI Natural Resources hosted the EBCI Community Forest Celebration at the Cowee Mound site near Frnaklin, N.C. on Thursday, April 20. The event featured speakers discussing the Mound itself and the natural environment. The EBCI Cooperative Extension Office hosted a plant giveaway event at the outdoor basketball court in the Yellowhill Community on the morning of Tuesday, April 18. During the event, American Chestnut trees, Mulberry trees, and two varieties of Milkweed plants were given away to EBCI tribal members.

The first Earth Day was held on April 22, 1970. The website, EarthDay.org, speaks to the impact from the beginning. "Groups that had been fighting individually against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, the loss of wilderness and the extinction of wildlife united on Earth Day around these shared common values...by the end of 1970, the first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of other first-of-their-kind environmental laws, including the National Environmental Education Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, and the Clean Air Act. Two years later, Congress passed the Clean Water Act. A year after that, Congress passed the Endangered Species Act and soon after the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act."

See more photos from these events on pages 6-7.



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Tom Belt, center, a Cherokee Nation elder and first language Cherokee speaker, talks of the importance of the Cowee Mound with Tribal Council Chairman Richard French, left, and Tosh Welch, EBCI Tribal Council legislative public relations specialist. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

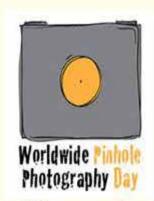


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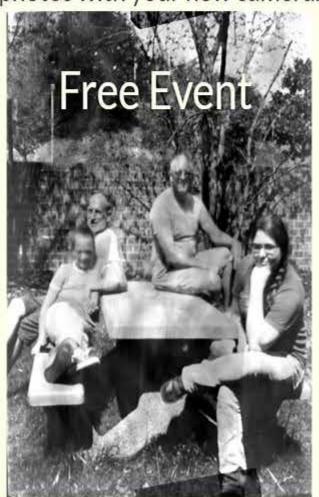


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EBCI Attorney General seeks removal of the constitution referendum question

By ROBERT JUMPER
One Feather Editor

On Thursday, April 20, the Constitution Committee of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) held its regular weekly meeting at the EOC building. In attendance were Lloyd Arneach Jr., chairperson of the committee, and Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith, who serves on the committee and is a repre-

sentative of the Community Club Council (Yellowhill). Others in attendance were Ernest Tiger (vice chairperson of the Community Club Council), Virginia Johnson (Yellowhill Community Club representative), Judge Barbara "Sunshine" Parker, EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell, Hannah Smith, Bonnie Claxton, Tammy Jackson, and Big Cove Tribal Council Rep. Teresa McCoy.

The meeting opened with a statement from Rep. McCoy who left immediately after making her comments. She alluded to an unannounced, unaired meeting held with Tribal Council on April 19 to discuss the constitution referendum with members of the Attorney General's office and Executive Committee. She indicated that these tribal executives had concerns that the existing language in

the proposed constitution threatened the sovereignty of the EBCI. On April 6, Tribal Council voted unanimously to allow a referendum vote on the September 2023 ballot on the issue of approving the proposed constitution, with the existing language.

Rep. McCoy said during Thursday's meeting, "I hope that all of us can remain open-minded about this entire process. I hope we can put it out there and move forward. I look at this and it's very readable. It's presentable. But, it causes (Office of the Attorney General's) ire to rise. We had a pretty lively discussion yesterday. I am not here representing Tribal Council at all. I told Hannah that 'I will go down there together with you and talk to the Constitution Committee'. I could not get them to tell me specifically, very precisely, tell me what they have a concern with."

She went on to say the Committee had, in the document, covered the three branches of government, and "you even put some civil rights in here that we do not have". She alluded to items mentioned like the Indian Civil Rights Act, additional unspecified language concerning the bolstering of sovereignty. "What can we do to enhance the document, yet not make it so large and big and technical that people won't understand it or support it? That's just coming from me."

She said further, "I know how important this is to communities. I am (a member of) Tribal Council I don't look to the Executive when I need answers. I look right back to the Community Club Council, and, before that, I take my issues



up with the Big Cove Community Club. Sometimes you have to trust your people."

Hannah Smith spoke next, clarifying that Res. No. 559, passed at the April session of Tribal Council, authorized the referendum question and the existing constitution language to be voted on by the people.

The Attorney General said he was hoping that, at that session of the Tribal Council, the representatives would have "read and tabled" the referendum resolution, giving time for discussion and modification of the document via work sessions. He said that the attorneys in his office read the existing document as presenting some important "issues and (big) problems that may be unanticipated. We see some things in there that are very troublesome that could create

uncertainty in tribal government and could diminish some protections that tribal members currently enjoy."

Community Club Council Vice Chairperson Ernest Tiger asked if the Attorney General's office could identify these critical issues. McConnell attempted to answer the question indicating that he could make a "long, long list", then vielded the floor to Hannah Smith, who said, "We can identify those, and we are ready to identify those in the proper forum where we have time because it isn't a five or 10-minute spiel. It is going to take some time to explain everything, and you can categorize some of the problems as oversight, not close enough reading to catch some errors, and then some of them require legal analysis."

Both McConnell and Smith

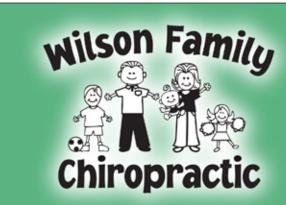
referred to their being "fresh eyes" on the document. She referenced "case law" and "Supreme Court", saying that the Constitution must not be in conflict with those. And she said, because the Tribal Council voted in favor of the legislation, and it could be ratified in 30 days after the vote, either by Chief's signature or expiration of the waiting period, that "we are all stuck".

When asked about why the Attorney General's office did not bring these concerns to the Constitution Committee prior to the resolution for the referendum being put to the Tribal Council, Smith indicated that unless it had been channeled through the petition process or specifically requested by tribal leadership, those types of legal reviews do not take place. She stated, "The expectation was that if something

of this importance would come up, the government, not its citizens, would have come to its law office to say we need a read-over on this. I don't know what to tell ya. If we were asleep at the wheel...it's been a while."

Judge Parker, not present in an official capacity with the Chero-kee Tribal Court but as a member of the EBCI, then added that she didn't keep up with the multiple versions of the document as the process of creating a draft continued. "I got my copy in the mail and you guys changed it from that time to this time. That's the problem. Not everybody's going to go on your website. I haven't looked at your website until this week. I didn't even know what it was. So, I've read the paper. You changed

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it. What's on there (the website) is what went to Council."

She went on to express the use of the words "and" and "or" in sentences within the document cause problems because of their different legal meanings regarding the purpose and power of leadership. Judge Parker also said terminology like "member" and "citizen" cause legal problems if left without definition. She said that some of this "stuff" already exists in Tribal Code and that it is in Code so that it may be easily changed. She indicated that the exclusion of language in Charter Section 16 from the Constitution would impact or jeopardize per capita distribution.

Tiger asked specifically what language she had identified in the proposed constitution that would jeopardize per capita. Hannah Smith said that the lack of language in the constitution like that in Section 16 of the Charter could allow government to "de-equalize" the per capita allocation for each member.

Constitution Committee
Chairperson Lloyd Arneach then
spoke concerning the awareness
of the Attorney General's office of
a pending constitution. He said, "I
am going to have to speak up now.
I talked to Mike...three years ago
when we first brought it up?"
McConnell responded, "Could be. I
don't remember."

Arneach continued, "We asked the AG's office to participate so that by the time it got to Tribal Council, all these questions, all these issues would be dealt with; had been identified and appropriately handled in the document. So that by the time it got to Tribal Council to make it a referendum

item, the document was ready. The Community Club Council created this document based on the one from last year in the mailer. They made some adjustments. We heard nothing from the AG's office. This is not a surprise. The AG's Office was well aware ahead of time, years ahead of time that this was happening."

Judge Parker said that regardless of "who should have participated when", the fact remained that letting this legislation move forward would have "unintended consequences", and referenced language in the judicial piece of the constitution that she said could potentially allow the appointment of judges without law training, causing the collapse of things like Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) and the Tribal Law and Order Act. She said, "It's going to be bad."

It was unclear from the discussion as to whether there was an understanding that the Community Club Council and Constitution Committee intended that the Code would continue to be in law, a document that currently flows from the Charter. The Code would be amended to conform to the Constitution if it passed the referendum vote.

Arneach asked what the AG's Office is recommending. McConnell's response, "Our recommendation and our request is that we jointly rescind Res. 559 and that we work...take a step back...and say let's fix these problems that the lawyers have identified. We are not trying to derail the effort. But we want to get the effort right. That if people say 'yes' to this, we don't fall off a cliff."

In his estimation, there are problems with per capita, jurisdiction, sovereignty in the language of the proposed constitution. "Yeah, I could have come forward before, but it wasn't an official document that required my time. I wait for Tribal Council or the Chief to say 'I need a review on this'. We don't have extra time." McConnell, too, referenced the term "unintended consequences" when speaking of the proposed constitution.

McConnell then said he is against a "wholesale repeal and replace", which has been the intention of the Committee from the beginning of the effort and the direction expressed by Tribal Council. The Constitution Committee or Community Club Council did not consider a partial replacement of the Charter. He called the process of replacing the Charter "problematic and creates a risk of many more problems".

Smith elaborated on a due process point of law, stating that every article should have been presented to the people with an appropriate summary and explanation. The Constitution was presented publicly in a weekly column, one article at a time with an explanatory summary over a two-year period in the One Feather. It was and is continually available at the sgadugi.org website for tribal member review. Smith and Judge Parker emphasize their preference in the ease of resolutions and ordinances for modifying law as opposed to referendum votes which take more time to process. They indicated that the words charter and constitution were interchangeable and the documents function similarly.

The Community Club Council submitted the constitution referendum resolution, and the current language received the endorsement of the Community Club Council in a meeting in which their quorum was met. For the Community Club Council to join in any motion to rescind the reso-

lution, they must meet again in an official session with a quorum present to vote to do so. Their next regular meeting is Monday, May 1. The next session of Tribal Council is Thursday, May 4.

As of press time, there has been no word from the Principal Chief as to whether he has signed the resolution into law. If he fails to take action, there is a 30-day law, that will automatically ratify the resolution and it would be in effect. The clock is ticking on the ability to physically get the question on the ballot, as mailings are already in the works at the Election Board.

Tiger asked the Attorney General for a timeline to completion of the revisions they would like to make to the constitution. McConnell, then Smith, then Judge Parker could not give Tiger even a "ballpark" estimate, with Judge Parker moving to discussion about revising the existing Charter to include a judiciary, advocating for leaving the judicial code in place in the Cherokee Code and just change the Charter, through referendum vote, to create the branch. She also went back to the discussion of the Indian Civil Rights Act and including it in the Charter without implementing the constitution. Smith added that if there was an issue with calling the governing document a "charter", that the name could be easily changed, going back to her assertion that the Charter is a constitution.

Tammy Jackson asked that the Attorney General's office provide a detailed list of the changes that need to be made to the Constitution draft for presentation to the Community Club Council. McConnell then joined Smith and Judge Parker in recommending sticking with the Charter and just amending it, including a name change.

He characterized the changes of making the judiciary a third branch, inclusion of ICRA, and the name change "easy". That was what the Attorney General was willing to commit to as being able to meet the deadline for getting to referendum in September. He repeated that replacing the Charter with the proposed Constitution would cause "a lot of things to fall off that deck that we just built and we don't want that". McConnell indicated that they could provide a detailed list of "issues" with the proposed constitution, but he said the list was long and it "would try the Community Club's patience to read that."

Smith made some comments regarding the Cherokee way of governance versus the "anglo" way of governance. She suggested that Cherokee tradition was a looser, more oral form of government. Smith, "I don't think we can fix

this (the constitution) for anybody. I think we need to take time and talk about the issues and try to, you know, problem solve, think about it, and problem solve some more."

McConnell, "We have made our request. If you have to take it to Community Club Council, that is what you do. We will work on a list of things that we would like to see changed or problems we've identified. We can provide that to you. We can address the Community Club Council. They are not going to be happy. I know you guys are not happy that we are here throwing a grenade in your backyard."

The Constitution Committee was established and funded by the Tribal Council to create a draft to present to them for review and approval, work that has been going on for at least three years with weekly open meetings. Committee

Chairman Arneach created a website, sgadugi.org, and a Facebook page, EBCI Constitution, that has been publicly available 24 hoursa-day, seven days a week, with updates of the ongoing process of creating the constitution based on input from the community through the meetings, feedback on the website and Facebook page. Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith engaged the Community Club Council and discussions in the community clubs about the proposed constitution draft has been ongoing.

Two years of weekly educational pieces highlighting one article at a time were run in the Cherokee One Feather in 2021 and a republication of those pieces on an every-other-week basis in 2022. Public service announcements ran in the print newspaper and online soliciting tribal member input. The Constitution Committee provided

drafts of the constitution to each enrolled member household via a mailer. Final community input came as representatives of the Community Club Council met in a "Constitutional Convention", which was held on two evenings in March 2023. Both sessions were livestreamed on Facebook pages, then posted to the EBCI Constitution and Cherokee One Feather social media pages, where they are still available for review. Tribal member access and input on the creation of the constitution was a priority for the Constitution Committee from the beginning of the process.

At this meeting, on April 20, is the first time anyone from the Office of the Attorney General or the Tribal Court has expressed an official opinion concerning the proposed constitution.



CIPD Arrest Report for April 10-16, 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.

Finger, Brian David – age 32

Arrested: April 10

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 17)

Charges: Larceny; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers;

Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Youngdeer, Andrea El – age 35

Arrested: April 10 Released: April 10

Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor

Driver, Tommy Eugene – age 44

Arrested: April 11 Released: April 14

Charges: Domestic Violence and

Dating Violence

Pete, Cal Joseph - age 46

Arrested: April 11 Released: April 14

Charges: Domestic Violence and

Dating Violence, Assault by Stran-

gulation

Rose, Jesse – age 32 Arrested: April 11 Released: April 14

Charges: Domestic Violence and

Dating Violence

Williams, Becky Renee - age 48

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date (April 17)

Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor

Cucumber, Derrick Alan – age 42

Arrested: April 12 Released: April 12

Charges: Possession Schedule II

Controlled Substance, Weapons Offense

Bird, Stephen Isaiah – age 23

Arrested: April 13 Released: April 14

Charges: Hold Until Sober

Crowe, Danny - age 56

Arrested: April 13

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 17)

Charges: Driving While Impaired

Johnson, Hannah Roxanne – age

39

Arrested: April 13 Released: April 13

Charges: Simple Possession

Schedule II Controlled Substance

Taylor, Shaina Marie – age 32

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Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor

Freeman, Matthew Adam – age 39

Arrested: April 14

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date (April 17)

Charges: Violations of Exlusion

Resolutions and Orders

Swimmer, Ashley Davada - age 38

Arrested: April 14 Released: April 14

Charges: Violations of Exclusion

Resolutions and Orders

Littlejohn, Michael – age 62

Arrested: April 15

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 17)

Charges: Drunk and Disruptive

Dockery, Sheena Smith - age 38

Arrested: April 16 Released: April 16

Charges: Temporary Hold for

Swain Co.

Neeves, Timothy Michael – age 37

Arrested: April 16 Released: April 16

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Cherokee Musical Theatre to present "Sister Act"

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

HEROKEE, N.C. – The comedic antics of Deloris Van Cartier will come to life this spring in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center as the Cherokee Central Schools Musical Theatre program presents "Sister Act". Performances are scheduled for Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. and Friday, May 12 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Valerie Deitz Tissue, Cherokee Central Schools dance and musical theatre director, said they considered several musicals including "Grease" and "Beetlejuice". "But, in the end, we thought 'Sister Act' is one that will really be fun. Last year was a little bit of a more serious piece with 'Once on This Island'. We thought it would be fun to do something totally out-of-the-box. Who doesn't want to see a bunch of teenagers in nun costumes? So, we picked 'Sister Act'!"

"We've also picked up a little tap dancing in it. It's given us the opportunity to do a little bit of that. I never knew how funny some of these people were. The comedic timing in here is really fantastic. I can't wait to highlight some of that."

When asked how they choose a production, Tissue noted, "We kind of look at the students that we have now and think 'where are



Members of the Cherokee Central Schools Musical Theatre Program, shown here during a rehearsal on the afternoon of Thursday, April 21, is set to perform "Sister Act" at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on May 11 at 7 p.m. and May 12 at 7 p.m. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

we at with our capabilities as of this minute if we have to perform it today?'. But, where could we go? Where could we grow over this semester, the year, and kind of go 'this would push us out of our box, but not to a place that's unattainable that we're going to crash and burn'. We want to soar and fly, not crash and burn."

Kyleigh Sherman, a junior, plays 'Deloris Van Cartier'. "I have seen the movie a few times. When I first figured out that I was Deloris at first I was like 'whoa, this is not going to be good for me'. Her character is very conceited, almost, or above and beyond and I'm definitely not above and beyond so it was hard to take that on. But, one thing I keep in mind with Deloris is I have to be sassy 24/7. If that means I'm scared, I'm scared sassy. If I'm mad, I'm mad sassy. Everything has to be

attitude the whole time. That's the first thing when I approach the character is that I have to be sassy the whole time."

Julius Bolden, a senior, plays 'Joey' who he describes as "the player, the ladies man".

He plans to pursue acting after high school and has an upcoming audition for the New York Conservatory of Arts. Bolden enjoys all aspects of musical theatre noting, "My favorite part is probably my song. I really love singing that song. The name of the song is 'Lady in the Long Black Dress'. I love singing it every time. I love seeing my dancers in the back."

"I do like the comedy part. I would personally think I have very good comedic timing. I do like the acting. When I found out I got the role, I was like 'cool'. Then they told me what he was like and I was like 'oh'."

Amiya Lequire, a senior who plans to attend Rocky Mountain Art and Design, plays 'Mother Superior/Michelle'. "She's kind of this really old-school nun. She's kind of dull...she's no-nonsense, doesn't joke around. She's no fun...I think my favorite thing about getting to play Mother Superior is getting to play a character that's more serious instead of fun...getting that experience and having to act all serious all the time, be mad about certain things, it's fun. It's a little challenging, but it's fun."

"It's so hard to act like I'm mad and be serious whenever I'm running scenes with them and they do something that's insanely funny and I have to sit there and not smile. I have to have a straight face. It's so hard."

Rachel Maney, a senior who plans to attend Savannah College

of Art and Design, plays 'Mother Lazarus' who is the original choir director before she passes it on to Deloris. "She's the definition of a nun. She slowly warms up and cracks out of her shell thanks to Deloris. The challenging part is having to sort of change my voice to match her personality. She's not young per-se, she's a much older nun. She's been doing this for years and years so I have to find this gravely old voice."

Tissue is proud of the work the students have put in on this year's production. "The kids have been great. I love working with this group of kids...it's really a great group of students that we have in here. I kind of wish every teacher and administrative anybody could get a chance to be in this room when we're doing what we do because they're so supportive of each

other. They're so kind and they're willing to collaborate. It's just a really great atmosphere to be in...it's really like a little family - dysfunctional sometimes, but a family."

She added, "To put on a good show, you have to be willing to trust a director, to trust a teacher. I would say that the kids trust me, and it's mutual because I trust them with making good decisions, doing the right thing, and trying their best at all times. They do and so it works."

Tissue said she's very much looking forward to the shows. "I'm really proud of this group and what they're doing, what they've done, and what they continue to do, and what they're going to do when they leave this place, too. They're a great bunch of kids. They're going to do great things."

The cast is as follows: Kyleigh

Sherman as 'Deloris Van Cartier', Jade Squirrel as 'Tina/Nun', Jocelyn (JoJo) Saunooke as 'Nina/ Nun', Adia Frady as 'Elle/Nun', Amiya Lequire as 'Michelle/Nun', Colby Lossie as 'Curtis/Altar Boy', Julius Bolden as 'Joey/Altar Boy', Gideon Freeman as 'TJ/Altar Boy', Adaneti Durham as 'Pablo/Altar Boy', Corbin Freeman as 'Ernie/ Altar Boy', Nikki Toineeta as 'Cop/ Nun', Dominyk Arch as 'Eddie Souther', Amiya George as 'Mother Superior', Tyruss Thompson as 'Monsignor O'Hara', Lauren Wooten as 'Mary Patrick', Ann Toineeta as 'Mary Robert', Rachel Maney as 'Mother Lazarus', Autumn Greene as 'Mary Martin-of-Tours', Joselyn Long as 'Mary Celeste', Nogwisi Crowe as 'Mary Irene', Odie Codynah as 'Mary Stephen', Timber Sampson as 'Altar Boy', Dayvian Pheasant as a 'Dancer',

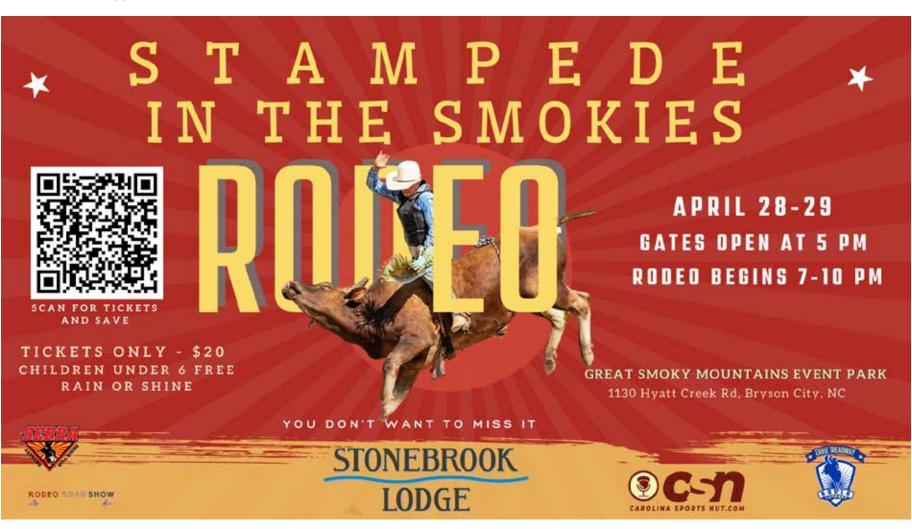
Jimya Driver as a 'Dancer', and Louisa Walkingstick as a 'Dancer'.

The backstage/artist crew is as follows: Usgwanigdi (Ush) Akwina, Jaylynn Brady, Victoria (Tori) Cabrera-Davis, Jimya Driver, Kaimare Eaglestar, Jesse (Bella) Hernandez Walkingstick, Isabella (Bella) Jones, Leilah Lossie, Samantha Montemayor-Blythe, Dayvian Pheasant, Treyton Queen, Aaliyah Reed, Sadie Rivera-Gomez, Ayala Ross, Ariyanna-Ali (Ari) Toineeta, Eliana (Ellie) West, Kyra West, Zaina Williams, and Haylie Woodard.

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Tribal member named a Kentucky Colonel

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

Robert C. Parker, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been given the highest honor from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Gov. Andy Beshears recently commissioned Parker as a Kentucky Colonel.

Gov. Beshears comments on the state's website, "Our Colonels are Kentucky's ambassadors of good will and fellowship around the worlds. Commissions as Kentucky Colonels are presented for contributions to the community, state, or nation, and for special achievements of all kinds."

Parker said of hearing of his commission, "My reaction was in amazement. You have to be nominated for such an award by someone. I don't know who it was, but I wish I could thank them."

An automotive and motorcycle engineer working in Florida, Parker has never actually been to Kentucky. "This award can be given to anyone, not just people from Kentucky," he noted. "It is the highest honor bestowed by the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

He added, "I was given this award for bravery – being a local hero, always helping others, and helping Native reservations out west that don't have the luxuries we have. It means a lot to me that someone who knows me well nominated me for this. I am definitely thankful, and it encourages me to keep on the path I'm on."

Information from the official Kentucky Colonels website states on its history, "The title Kentucky Colonel dates back to around 1813. The Kentucky Militia has just returned from a highly successful campaign during the War of 1812. When the militia disbanded, Gov. Isaac Shelby commissioned Charles S. Todd, one of his officers in the campaign, as an Aide-de-Camp on the governor's staff. Todd's official rank and grade was colonel. While early Colonels actually served militia roles, the position took on a more ceremonial function in the late 1800s."



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

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



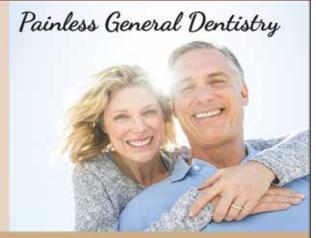




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Week of the Young Child Children's Fair held at old Cherokee High School site on Thursday, April 20 Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather





















CHEROKEE GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIP Housing for the Elderly and/or Disabled has changes coming

Per the Cherokee Boys Club Construction and Facilities Dept.: Due to HIP Committee working on changes to the HIP Ordinance, we are not taking applications currently. We hope to have everything changed by the end of April. The program will still follow their income guidelines and home ownership policy. These changes will not affect already built Scattered Site homes (homes built on Enrolled Member's Property). Only new scattered site applications will be affected by the changes.

If you have questions or would like to leave your name and number to be put on a list, contact Cindi Squirrel at 828-359-5520.

Call for artists

Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) is seeking local artwork for their new Long Term Care facility, Tsali Care. The collection will have over 100 artworks designed to reflect the culture and history of the EBCI community and the local landscape. Artworks will be purchased and commissioned. To learn more about this project and apply online, visit content.turningart.com/ciha. The deadline to apply is May 12.

- Cherokee Indian Hospital

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.

THANK YOU LETTERS

A letter to our Cherokee friends and neighbors from Mission to the World

In 1992, Mission to the World began their ministry with the Cherokee people under Baptist Resort Ministries, and for 30 years short-term summer teams have served the Cherokee & Snowbird communities. Now the time has come for this part of the ministry of Mission to the World to end but a new one has begun. In 2006 my family and I came with a team from our church to serve a week of ministry in Cherokee. During these trips, God would give us a heart for the people and would call

us to be the church-planters of a future (PCA) Presbyterian Church here. The sole focus of MTW is church planting and short-term teams aid in that mission. Church planting efforts began in 2016 with weekly worship services held at the MTW Camp. With the summer ministry ending there was no need for the camp and the property has been turned over to the Cherokee Boys Club HIP program for future housing. Beginning March 19, 2023, Grace Community Church began to meet for Sunday Worship at the Yellow Hill Activity Center on Acquoni Road. If you've experienced Mission to the World through our short-term ministry, we invite you to get to know us through our long-term ministry and come join us for worship! We are excited to see how God will build this new ministry. For more information about our church please contact me at 828-508-7836 or on Facebook at Grace Community Church, Cherokee. We hope to see you soon!

- Pastor Scott Hill Grace Community Church of Cherokee







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Siyo, my name is Ernest Tiger, it is my honor to have this opportunity to introduce my 2023 Yellowhill Council Candidacy to you. My people are mother Judy Gloyne-Tiger and father Michael Tiger. I have over 30 years of experience in working with Native American Tribes, specializing in Economic Development, Tribal Program Development, Housing, and Public Relations.

I am Bird Clan and currently serve as the Treasurer for the Yellowhill Community Club and Vice-Chair for the Cherokee Community Club Council. Since being appointed to these Boards, I have continued my mission to improve the quality of life for my people, by assisting in the development of the Tribal Constitution and recent submission of two resolutions"Acknowledge Experience in Hiring" for Blue Collar workers for the Tribe and "Reimbursement for Land Surveys." By submission of these resolutions, I hope to establish accountability for Tribal Council Representatives, create equal opportunity in all Hiring for the Tribe, and eliminate the long wait periods for conducting Land Surveys.

If elected to office I will continue fighting for equality in Hiring, Contracting, and create more Housing for my Community.

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Rebecca Ensley Butler

Rebecca Ensley Butler, known to everyone as Becky, passed away on Sunday, April 16, 2023.

She is preceded in death by her loving and devoted husband, Allen Butler; father, Bea Ensley; mother, Clydia Mae; brothers, Charlie Ensley (wife, Edgarita) and David Ensley; sister, Vivian Harlan and husband John; and sister-in-law, Mary Ensley.

Becky is survived by her sisters, Charlotte Ann Ensley (Carleton) and Eunice Washington (Noah); and brother, Paul Ensley. She leaves behind many nieces and nephews as well as many friends. Becky retired from Cherokee Indian Hospital as a Department Manager for the Housekeeping Division. She loved her job and

co-workers. She is known by many for her love of flowers, both at the hospital and her home.

A formal funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 19 at Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Burial was in the Wrights Creek Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were her family and nephews.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Craig Alexander Otter

Craig Alexander Otter, age 57, passed away at his residence on Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

He is survived by his daughter, Corrina Zell; brothers, Henry Otter (Marina) and John Shelton (Rebecca); four grandchildren; nieces and nephews, Daniel Shelton, Amanda Shelton, Donathan Shelton, Kerry Otter, River Otter,

Rachel Walton, Jessica Kemper, Dillion Watkins, Jakob Anderson, Robinson Anderson, Zane Shelton, Guadalupe Guerreo Shelton; and 17 great nieces and nephews. Craig is preceded in death by his mother, Lewanda Otter; father, Ralph Owle; brothers, Samuel Otter and Michael Shelton; sister, Mary Regina Shelton; nephew, Xavier Otter; and niece, Desiree Otter.

Craig was a talented artist and liked to paint. He enjoyed watching classic tv shows that his mother enjoyed. He was adventurous and was loved by his family and friends. He could put a smile on your face with a few simple words. He loved the New Orleans Saints. GO SAINTS!

A formal funeral service was held on Friday, April 21 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Scott Hill officiating. Burial was in the Birdtown Cemetery.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



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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.

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1	\$50,560

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.

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.





Cherokee Outdoors, an outdoor-focused specialty shop, opened recently at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. (Photo by Sage Shirley Photography)

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort opens Cherokee Outdoors shop

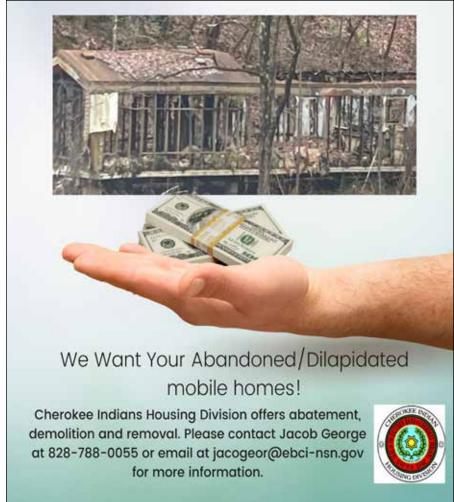
CHEROKEE, N.C. - Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort has announced a new addition to the resort's retail collection, Cherokee Outdoors, an outdoor-focused specialty shop. The new retail store opened its doors on April 1 and offers hotel guests and visitors a variety of outdoor-focused apparel and gear from distinguished and sustainable brands

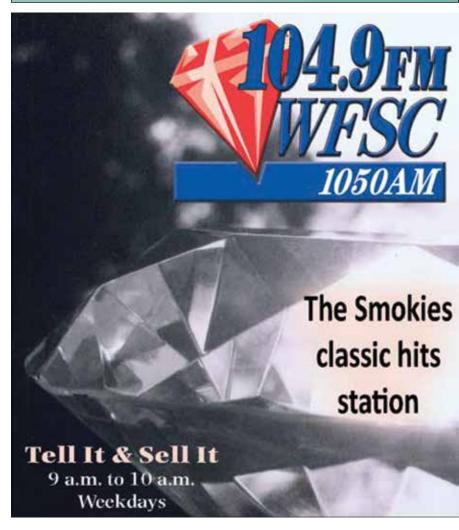
Embodying the spirit of adventure, this new shopping experience will give visitors the opportunity to shop for everything they need to get outside and explore the various activities Cherokee, North Carolina, has to offer. Outdoor enthusiasts and families can find expertly curated products and branded apparel to equip them for their next outdoor adventure. The shop carries a premium assortment of lifestyle apparel, footwear, outdoor gear, accessories, equipment, and more. Customers can expect to find sought-after brands such as Columbia, Yeti, Spyder, Tommy Bahama, Calla Bags, Grey Duck, Koopman, and more.

"We are fortunate to be surrounded by outdoor recreation ranging from whitewater rafting, to fly fishing and hiking," says Brooks Robinson, regional senior vice president & general manager. "While visiting Cherokee Outdoors, we hope guests feel inspired to explore our local area, gear up and enjoy it."

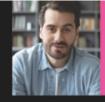
Cherokee Outdoors is located on the second floor of the casino at the River shops and will be open from Monday – Thursday from 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. To learn more about Cherokee Outdoors or Shopping at Harrah's Cherokee, visit caesars.com/harrahs-cherokee.

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COMMENTARY Ain't nothing like grandma's hands

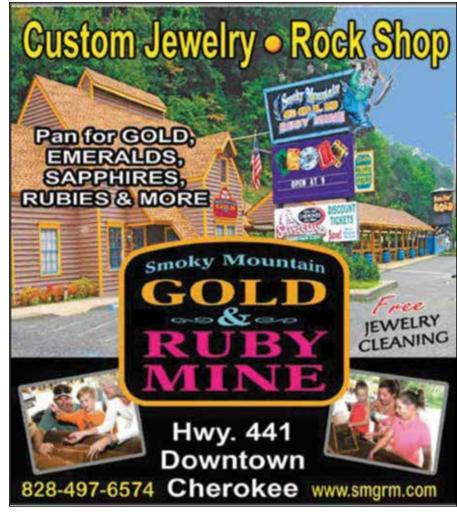
By CHELSEA TAYLOR
Wolftown Community

"Grandma's Hands" is a song that multiple artists have recorded their very own version of. Most of the lyrics are the same with a few insertions here and there. In Gladys Knight's version of the song, there is a lyric that resonates with how deeply I love and appreciate my granny.

The lyric "Ain't nothing like grandma's hands", can bring me a multitude of emotions. Her hands are stricken with arthritis and mobility is worsening as time passes. With grace, she continues to follow her daily regimen. One of her regimens I admire the most is when she sits at her kitchen table every morning to read her Daily Devotionals.

She may not know it until she reads this, but I have stared at her in awe as she reads and turns the pages. Observing the mobility, she has left in her hands to do things that we take for granted every day is difficult and makes me wish I could take her ailments away. Without the many journeys of my granny's hands, I wouldn't know how to love unconditionally, pray for others, and be willing to give the shirt off my back. The fading image and mobility of Granny's hands are bittersweet, and nothing is more precious to me than how she holds my hands in hers when she says a special prayer for me.











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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Resurrection Day of 2023

By REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church (Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Read: Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-20; John 20:12,18-23

Continuation...Part B

In Mark is given some of the women's conversations as they headed to the tomb, talking about the spices they were carrying, needing to anoint the body of Jesus, and whom they might get to move the stone from the entrance of the tomb. The real problem is they all underestimated Jesus. Don't underestimate Jesus.

They saw the stone was removed. It'd been sealed at one point, but now was unsealed. The rock had covered the entrance, but now was moved out of the way. When they'd gone in, they found the Body of Jesus was no longer there. They'd brought their spices to anoint His Body but found the tomb empty. Two witnesses were there instead. They were angels and the Bible says they wore "shining" garments. Their clothing was literally shining in the Glory of the Lord.

The angels asked the question seen in Verse 5, "Why seek ye the Living among the dead? Why'd you come to a dead place to seek Him Who's alive?"

May I just help us this morning? By asking, has anyone ever looked at a situation and declared how it was going to work out? If I can work through this, it may look like we're going to make it. Then finding out, the problem had already dissipated and been dealt with. The stone was already rolled away. There was nothing left but the evidence that God had been there.

We could all ask, "Why are we looking for the Living among the dead?" If we've ever lost something that was precious to us, then we know what they must've felt like. The very One who'd healed their bodies, had cast out devils, the One Who'd walked with them and given them Hope and Peace, was now gone and no one knew where His Body could have been taken. They were not sure what to do next.

When I look around this scene, I see a group of folks who called themselves, "those who follow Jesus." They were mourning the fact they'd lost a relationship with someone they loved. They also mourned the fact that they'd lost a job, and were mourning all these unchangeable facts.

I've come today to share, that a person can't do normal things to get back the things that have been lost. Begin declaring with me, "I'm mourning for Live things." The problem is the the devil comes only to steal, kill and destroy, but the issue is, I refuse to look into the death for the Life, to look for what's stolen, for what I still have. I refuse to look at the situation, and I look and declare, there's Life, there's Justice, and there's Peace! Realize there's a God Who knows how to bring what's needed.

There's a group of people today who are looking to and on Twitter, Facebook, Periscope, and the others for all the things they've lost, that one relationship, that love. Those things are now dead things. But, there's One Who lives now, His Name is Jesus, He is alive and well.

If one is looking today, look to Jesus Who is alive and well, and a person can find what they're looking for today. The angel stood at the tomb's door and had a message for the la-

dies, in Verse 7. What the angel said was what Jesus had said and is printed in the Red letters. Why is that? If the angels said them, why were these Words printed in Red?

"The Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and then on the third day, rise again."

Now in my Bible, these Words are in Red, but note that the angels said it. It's because these aren't just the Words the angels spoke, but they're the Words that Jesus spoke as well!

Pastor Tim, "Why? Why are the Words in Red, if the angels said them?"

"When one says the Words Jesus has said or spoken, even the demons don't know Who said them. All they hear is the actual Voice of God even if He is speaking them out of a person's own mouth!" explained Pastor Tim.

We ought to quit lingering at "the empty grave" of our lives, and at the mess that was made of our lives, at the mess made yesterday, with the stuff others' did, and done at the the hands of cruel and and wicked men. We should rise up and begin saying the very Words Jesus is speaking into our lives.

Words like, "Let the poor say, I am rich. "Let the weak say, I am strong." Speak them out loud. It's why the Words are in Red. Speak them into your life for yourself!

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When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the Lord, he rose from before the altar of the Lord, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven. He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice, saying: "Praise be to the Lord, who has

given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses."

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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- 1. Is the book of Simon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. In a fit of anger, what did King Saul throw trying to kill David? Spear, Vase, Shield, Ax
- 3. From Exodus 1, what were the people of Israel forced to make? Blankets, Boats, Baskets, Bricks
- 4. Who was the deceptive future father-in-law of Jacob? Masa, Laban, Jehoram, Rehu
- 5. What did Shamgar use to kill six hundred Philistines? Sword, Stones, Mina, Ox goad
- 6. How many deacons were chosen to help the apostles? 4, 7, 11, 15

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- 1. MOVIES: Which movie gave actor Tom Hanks his first Oscar?
- 2. SCIENCE: Apollo astronauts reported that the Moon smelled like what substance?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: How many stars are on the Australian flag?
- 4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president killed a man who insulted him in a duel?
- MUSIC: Which pop group produced the hit song "God Only
- TELEVISION: "The Brady Bunch" features how many blended family members?
- 7. LANGUAGE: What is the official language of the United States?
- 8. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Rhode Island?
- 9. ASTRONOMY: Which is the only planet in our solar system that is not named after a god or goddess?
- 10. FOOD & DRINK: What is a cheese connoisseur called?

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APPENINGS

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov.

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Turkey Shoot at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community: - April 29 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Eli Bird's trip to Japan Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

Hot Dog Benefit hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143. May 5 at the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143. Two hot dogs, chips, baked beans, and a drink for \$10. All proceeds will be donated to support the Pets for Wounded Soldiers (P.A.W.S.) program at the Charles George VA Medical Center.

Benefit for Darlene Shook **Crisp.** May 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at the Deep Creek Baptist Church. This will be followed by Gospel Singing at 7 p.m. Funds will be used to help Darlene with expenses for a heart transplant. Dinner choices are spaghetti with salad, bread, dessert, and a drink; or hotdogs with chili, chips, and a drink. There will also be a cake auction, gift basket auction, and cakes that you can buy a raffle ticket. To pre-order your dinner, offer a donation, or to help, call Holly Taylor (828) 341-5283 or Barbara Shook (828) 488-1870

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

Virtual Forager Fridays with the Museum of the Cherokee **Indian.** View via the Museum of the Cherokee Indian's YouTube channel (https://www.youtube. com/@cherokeemuseum)

• Sochan. April 28 at 5 p.m. – You-Tube premiere. Join the search for the flowering stalk sochan (also known as the green-headed coneflower or cutleaf coneflower), a

delectable wild springtime green. • Wild Strawberries. May 12 at 5 p.m. - YouTube premiere. Join the search for the flowering stalk sochan (also known as the green-headed coneflower or cutleaf coneflower), a delectable wild springtime green.

Branch Lettuce. May 26 at 5 p.m. - YouTube premeire. The final Forager Friday of the season calls for branch lettuce-sometimes called "wild lettuce"— a versatile late spring green.

Tribal Agriculture Meeting.

May 3 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. Receive assistance with the Census of Agriculture – if you produce crops, honey, hay, livestock, mushrooms, flowers, fish, tobacco, gourds, ginseng, etc. The Census of Ag is conducted every five years and influences USDA funding. Lunch will be provided. Door prizes. Info: (828) 359-6939

4th Annual Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relative Walk & Vigil. May 5 from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Resource Fair located at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, will walk to the Tribal Council House.

Virtual Cooking Demonstration: Blackberry and Grape **Dumplings with Nakoa Chil**toskie (EBCI). May 8 at 5 p.m.

 YouTube premiere. Blackberry and grape dumplings have been a beloved dish among Southeastern tribes for centuries. Tune in and learn how to make and share something sweet this spring. View via the Museum of the Cherokee Indian's YouTube channel (https:// www.youtube.com/@cherokeemuseum)

Yellowhill Community Club Family Fun Day. May 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Bouncy Houses, water slides, outdoor games, popcorn. Snow cones will be available for purchase. Lunch will be hot dogs and burger, chips, and a drink. Info: Stephanie 735-9001, Ernest 538-1220, Camaleta 736-9392, or Virginia 788-8659

Principal Chief Candidate

Debate. May 17 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Meet and Greet at 5 p.m.; Debate from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This event is open to the public and will be live-streamed at the EBCI Communications Facebook page. Sponsored by EBCI Communications and the Right Path Adult Leadership Alumni.

Christian Veterinary Mission Animal Clinics. Services and fees include: dog neuter \$30, cat neuter \$20, spay for both cat and dog \$50, vaccines \$10/per animal (will also have Parvo vaccine available). All monies raised from the clinics is given to the church hosting the event. The funds raised in Cherokee will be given to Grace Community Church of Cherokee who, in turn, will donate half of the proceeds to Sacred Roots Farm, a ministry for human trafficking victims.

- Snowbird Clinic. May 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Snowbird Baptist Church. Info: Dan Teasdale 735-1876
- Cherokee Clinic. June 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. This is for residents of the Qualla Boundary.

Puzzle Answers

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ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Spear, 3) Bricks, 4) Laban, 5) Ox goad (Judges 3:31), 6) 7



- 1. "Philadelphia."
- 2. Burnt gunpowder.
- 4. Andrew Jackson. In 1806 he shot and killed Charles Dickinson in a duel.
- 5. The Beach Boys.
- 6. Eight: six children and two par-
- 7. None the United States doesn't have an official language.
- 8. Providence.
- 9. Earth.
- 10. A turophile.
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Info: Tammy Jackson 788-0878 or Scott Hill 508-7836

Make Your Own Ribbon Skirt class. May 20 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Open to enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or other federally recognized tribes, this Community Learning workshop, taught by Kristy Maney Herron, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, guides attendees through the ribbon skirt making process from start to finish. This class is open to a limited number of participants and is offered at no charge. Participants must supply their own materials. Info: www.mci.org or (828) 497-3481

Cherokee High School Commencement Events.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Changes in the workplace might be daunting for some, but you love challenges and will do just fine with this one. Remember to work with facts, not rumors.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you need some emotional reassurances, you find an almost-forgotten, friendly gesture repaid in the most wonderful way. More good news follows.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You have a chance to restart a stalled personal relationship. Additionally, a workplace change bodes well for new opportunities, but you need more facts before you can act.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Talk to your longtime friends about why they're not in sync with your new pal. You might learn some startling facts. Also, a difficult workplace situation eases.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What seems to be a golden opportunity is, naturally, attractive to Leos. But be careful that it's not just a lot of surface glitter. You need to ask more questions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There are still some issues with getting decisions made on your work-place project. Talk to a supervisor about ways to break the impasse.

- CHS Senior Parade. May 24 at 4 p.m.
- Baccalaureate. May 24 at 6 p.m. (following parade) in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center - Graduation. May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Ray Kinsland Stadium at CHS.

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

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family matter could become more complicated and reach an apparent dead end. Don't give up on trying to find a solution. Work patiently with everyone involved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You'll soon hear more about an offer that could change the direction of your career. Meanwhile, enjoy the newly positive on-the-job environment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect a favorable reply to a workplace request. On the home front, a full explanation helps you sort out a long-standing personal problem.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A serious matter needs focused consideration. Watch that your sometimes capricious nature doesn't create any unnecessary distractions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You win added support for your determination to turn a bad situation into a good one. One new ally arrives from a most unexpected source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Family and friends need to be told about a decision you want to make. Be prepared to offer a full explanation when asked. Hold nothing back.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be a fighter and a lover. You are a natural leader with a strong sense of justice that makes people respect you.

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by Freddy Groves

Copay Exemption for Native American Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs is moving forward toward its goal of ensuring that Native American veterans receive the benefits they should be getting. Two weeks ago it was reduced mortgage interest rates for Native Americans, native Hawaiians, Alaska Natives and Pacific Islanders. Now, per the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, it's a waiver on having to pay a copay for VA health care services and urgent medical care.

Besides taking affect now, it's retroactive: Starting last year, on Jan. 5, 2022, any eligible American Indian and Alaska Native Veteran who's received care and paid a copay can go back and be reimbursed.

There are details, of course. To be eligible for exemption you need to be an American Indian or Alaska Native Veteran, provide a copy of an official tribal document showing that you meet the eligibility requirements of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and submit a Tribal Documentation Form (VA Form 10-334). That form is also known as Documentation of Indian or Urban Indian Status for Veteran Copayment Exemption.

Pay special attention to the government's definition of "Indian." It involves being a first- or second-degree descendant of certain groups, and you must live in an urban center, which includes the department of Health and Human Services' definition of an Indian population with unmet health needs.

If you're not yet signed up for VA health care, this might be the time to do it and have that, plus the question of your copays, out of the way. In a medical emergency, you don't want to have to think about what you're going to do or where you're going to go. And if you've paid out several copays since Jan. 5 of last year, you stand to be reimbursed if you're eligible for the American Indian exemption.

Confused yet? There's help at 800-698-2411, the MyVA number that's answered 24/7 with assistance on a dozen different topics, from benefits to cemeteries to a crisis line.

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How to Stop an Overweight Dog From Howling for Food

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My Labrador-mix, Seeker, has always been a pretty big guy. But lately he's turned into a very round dog. If I don't feed him throughout the day, he sits beside his bowl and howls — making it impossible for me to work at my desk. What can I do to calm him down and help him lose weight? — Jim G., Quincy, Massachusetts

DEAR JIM: It's difficult to help overweight pets lose those extra pounds, and it's clear that Seeker has no qualms about complaining about it!

Since you're working from home, one way to mitigate the howling is to implement a divert-and-reward system to take his mind off his empty bowl. In essence, keep Seeker away from the kitchen and as busy as your schedule allows.

Immediately after his breakfast, close off the kitchen. Use a baby gate or shut the door, and hide the food bowl out of sight. Take Seeker outside for a short walk to burn off extra energy and a few calories. If you're in a high-rise apartment or another situation where going outside frequently is more difficult, opt for a five-minute training and play session instead.

While you're working, Seeker should be separated from the kitchen — either in a closed-off room or with you in your office (but in his own corner) — and given plenty of toys to chew on. Spend time with Seeker on each break from work. Play, work on basic obedience, or just hang out. Once you're finished with work for the day, take Seeker out for a long walk before giving him dinner.

Stick with the diet prescribed by the vet. Be patient but consistent with Seeker to change his behavior. He can and will lose the weight, because you care about him!

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

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return of the Mother Town.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

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

Blood Drive. April 28 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wolftown Community Center. Visit Red-CrossBlood.org and enter: Wolftown to schedule an appointment. Info: 1-800-REDCROSS

Georgia Swarm Lacrosse Native Heritage Celebration.

Cherokee Fitness Complex

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April 29. Stickball demonstration from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at 235 Old Dawsonville Road in Ball Ground, Ga. This will include a stickball exhibition and educational series, Cherokee craftsmen and vendors, and local food trucks. Georgia Swarm vs. Halifax Thunderbirds lacrosse game at 7 p.m. at the Gas South Arena in Duluth, Ga. Info: www.georgiaswarm.com/ebci-nativeheritage

10-year Anniversary for EBCI Nurse Family Partnership.

May 1 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Cherokee Choices Community room. Info: Candy (828) 359-6865 or candmart@ebci-nsn.gov

Childbirth Education Class.

May 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Cherokee Choices office. Free classes, open to all. Learn

about labor and birth, coping skills for labor, postpartum, breastfeeding, and newborn care. Receive a \$25 gift card for attending each session. Info: Tricia Carver (828) 359-6250 or triccarv@ebci-nsn.gov

Mother's Day 5K. May 13 at Kituwah. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the walk/run begins at 9 a.m. \$15 early registration until May 1, and then it increases to \$20. \$10 for 1-12 year-olds and 59-99 year-olds. Hosted by Cherokee Choices. Register at: https://runsignup.com/mothersday5k. Info: Yolanda Saunooke (828) 359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

Makennah Craft Wrestling Camp, Champions Training Champions. June 10-11 at The Barn at 20 Ensley Road in Bryson City, N.C. Info: Coach DeHart (937)



UPCOMING POW WOWS

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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.

Gathering of Nations Pow

Wow. April 27-29 in the Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque, N.M. Emcees: Dennis Bowen Sr., Vince Beyl, Ruben Little Head, Juaquin Hamilton, James Edwards. Invited Drums: Show Time, Blazing Bear, Cozad, Young Spirit, Ho-Chunk Station. Info: https://www.gatheringofnations.com

29th Annual Ohlone "Big Time" Gathering and Pow

Wow. April 28-30 at Tony Cerda Park in Pomona, Calif. MC: Walter Ahaitty. Host Drum: Sooner Nation. Info: www.costanoanrumsen. org

AICC & Natives at Virginia
Tech Spring Pow Wow. April
29 at the GLC Lawn on the campus
of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.
MC: Rufus Elliot. Info: Melissa
Faircloth at native@vt.edu

Indian Health Care Resource Center Restoring Resilience Pow Wow. April 29 at River West Festival Park in Tulsa, Okla. MC: Mark Wilson. Host Northern Drum: Young Buffalo Horse. Info: Jacobi Allison (918) 382-2218 or jallison@ihcrc.org, Misti Mathews

iherc.org, or Jordan Cox (918) 382-1226 or jcox@iherc.org

38th Annual UCLA Pow Wow. May 6-7 at Wallis Annenberg

(918) 382-2207 or mmathews@

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Stadium at Westwood Plaza in Los Angeles, Calif. MC: Ruben Little Head. Host Northern Drum: Bear Springs. Host Southern Drum: Shakey Town. Info: Cheyenne Faulkner (858) 722-8767

Apache Tribal Princess Pow Wow. May 6 at the Comanche Community Center in Apache, Okla. MC: Chris Whitewolf. Head Southern Singer: Alonzo Chalepah. No contact information provided.

Sequoyah High School Graduation Pow Wow. May 6 in the Sequoyah High School Old Gym in Tahlequah, Okla. Host Drum: County Line (open drum). Info: Tonya D. Hooper at tonya-hooper@cherokee.org

Western Washington University Student Union Spring Pow Wow. May 6 in Carver Gym in Bellingham, Wash. Emcees: TJ Adams, Big Rez. Host Drum: Young Society. Info: Brandon Joseph at josephb2@wwu.edu

3rd Annual Santa Clara University Pow Wow. May 6 at Santa Clara University Mission Gardens in Santa Clara, Calif. MC: Randy Pico. Host Northern Drum: All Nations. Host Southern Drum: Red Buffalo. Info: naccscu@scu. edu

50th Naimuma Traditional Pow Wow. May 6 at Viking Pavilion at the Peter W. Stott Center in Portland, Ore. MC: Nick Sixkiller. Host Drum: Four Directions. Info: (503) 725-9695

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Native Market. Third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 46 Aston Street in Asheville, N.C. To be a vendor, visit www.indigenouswallsprojects.com and fill out

the application.

Modern Political Philosophy a four-part series. On the four Tuesdays in April from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Led by retired Clemson professor Todd May, this series will be in the Community Room. It is free, and no registration necessary. Info: Jackson County Public Library 586-2016

Phases of the Moon with Randi Neff. April 26 at 4 p.m. in the Storytime Room of the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Attendees will learn about the phases of the moon from Randi Neff, from the Smoky Mountain STEM Collaborative, and will also be making an Oreo Moon Phase Calendar. This program is free and open to the public and is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library. Info: (828) 586-2016

Barbara McRae Cherokee Apple Trail Grand Opening.

April 28 at 4 p.m. on the Greenway in Franklin, N.C. Key speaker is Kandace Hollenbach. Live music, caramel apple dipping, and more. Arbor Day celebration of apple trees and Cherokee farmers hosted by the Nikwasi Initiative. Info: https://www.nikwasi-initiative. org/

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

Murder at the Library Book **Club meeting.** May 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Marshall Main Library at 1335 N. Main St. in Marshall, N.C. This is a murder mystery book club. The book for this meeting is "The Housemaid" by Freida McFadden. A young woman named Millie Calloway is employed as a live-in housekeeper by a well-to-do family. Millie considers this a fresh start as a departure from her rocky past, but Nina Winchester's moods are unpredictable, and nothing in the house is what is seems. Folks are welcome to read the book and then join for casual conversation about the book.

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meet-

ing. May 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City, N.C. "Migration of the Home Folk" is the title of the presentation for the evening and will be given by Bill Crawford, a lifelong resident of Jackson County and a historian and genealogist. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

Quilt & Fiber Celebration.

May 5-6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center at 51 Cowee School Driver in Franklin, N.C. Workshops, demonstrations, kids activities, vendors, and a fashion show. Info: 369-4080

Pop-Up Mini Fair. May 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Folk Art Center at milepost 382 on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Ashville,

N.C. This event is organized by the Southern Highland Craft Guild, and members will share their crafts of bladesmithing, glassblowing, wheel thrown and hand built ceramics, woodturning, metalsmithing, leatherwork, and furniture making. Info: www.southernhighlandguild.org

For Lots and Pans. May 13 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marshall Meeting Room at 1335 N. Main St. in Marshall, N.C. There is a cookbook chosen monthly. Folks can check out the cookbook, choose a recipe, cook it, and then bring it to the library to share. Registration is required. https://bit.ly/plots-and-pans

Murphy Art Center events.

Visit: https://www.facebook.com/ OurMurphyArtCenter/events

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: www.AAwnc8o. com

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

MARA (Medication-Assisted Recovery Anonymous) meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the Rivercane Room at Analenisgi. Info: Analenisgi (828) 497-9163 or visit: https://cherokeehospital.org/locations/analenisgi

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 23-011 In the Matter of the Estate of

EDWARD CHARLES BERNHISEL

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 Ned Stamper

32 Stamper Road Cherokee, NC 28719 4/26

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 23-027 **Notice to Creditors and**

Debtors of: Mary Etta Welch Powell

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(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 fudicary(s) listed below.

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

James Matthew Powell

P.O. Box 793

Cherokee, NC 28719

4/26

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 23-014 Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Sandra Darlene Taylor Reagan

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(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 fudicary(s) listed below.

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

Anthony "Tony" Taylor

P.O. Box 1728

Cherokee, NC 28719

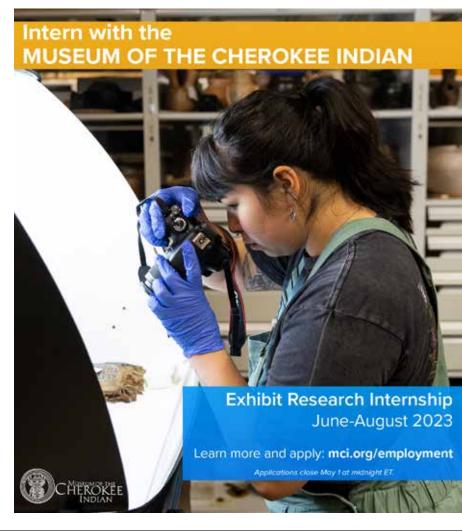
RFPs, BIDs, etc.

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Seeking Quotes

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino in Murphy, NC is seeking quotes from TERO certified vendors for the following goods: Bulk PREMIUM LANDSCAPER MIX – 36 yards – Delivered to Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Ca-





sino & Hotel, 777 Casino Parkway, Murphy, NC 28906

Composition 60% topsoil, 30% earth food 10% sand. Top Soil cannot contain foreign matter, weeds or grass. Quote must include product composition specs, product cost, delivery cost and delivery date. Top Soil must be delivered by May 11, 2023.

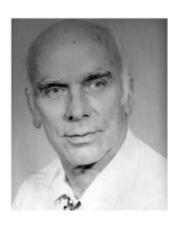
BID/RFP DUE DATE: May 4, 2023 at 5:00 PM – Bids must be sealed and delivered to Purchasing Dept., Harrah's Cherokee Resort & Casino, 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee NC 28719. Bids may be dropped at Security Dispatch on level 1 of the casino parking deck.

For questions or additional information, please contact Charlie Myers at 828-497-8315. **4/26**

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Court is now

Celebration of Life



We invite the community to join us for a Celebration of Life service for

Dr. Will Light Nash on Saturday, May 20 at 2 PM.

The service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Sylva, NC. taking resumes for one (1) parttime Magistrate. This position will substitute for the full-time magistrates at the Cherokee Court while the magistrate is on leave status. Familiarity with the Cherokee community and with a court system (state, federal, or tribal) is preferred. Ability to work with the public and handle conflicts is required. Following training, this position will have full authority to make all magistrate related decisions, including issuing warrants and subpoenas, and other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.

Education and experience:
Requires any combination of at
least four (4) years practical work
experience or education in a legal
or law enforcement related field.
Position will require both in-office
and on-call performance of duties.
Interested individuals should
submit the following: • Name and
Contact Information • Relevant

Work Experience • Copies of Certificates Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before May 12, 2023, will receive priority over later submissions. Please email, mail or fax to: Amber Shuler, Court Administrator ambeshul@ebci-nsn.gov PO Box 1629 Cherokee, NC 28719 (828)359-0012 (fax)

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract.

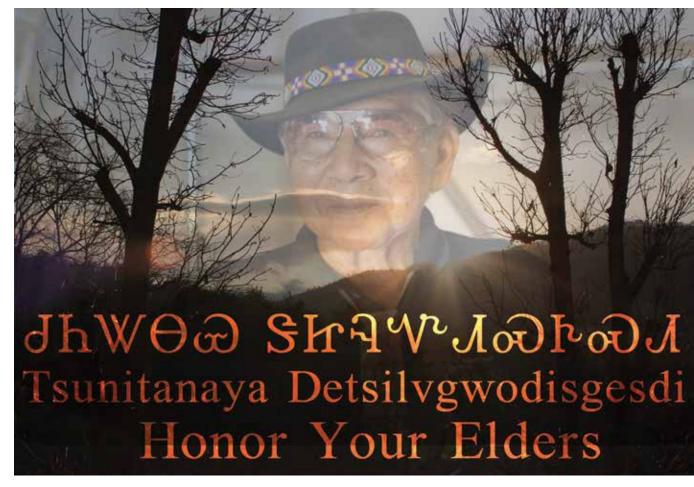
The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. 5/10

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6530
On Call Paving
The Eastern Band of Cherokee

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting

Sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: Reconstruction of Tooni Branch Road. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be May 11, 2023, at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Robert Willcox, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/(828)-736-3921 (cell). 5/3





FINANCE:

Billing Analyst II \$19.66 -\$22.25 Senior Accountant \$67,082 - \$83,852 Patient Access Specialist - *Part Time Intermittent \$17.12 - \$19.26

Finance / HR Administrative Assistant \$19.66 - \$22.25 PRC Manager - \$77,144 - \$96,430

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 - Kanvwotiyi \$17.12 - \$19.26 Residential Technician – Men's Home \$17.12 - \$19.26 Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor - Kanvwotiyi \$44,107 - \$55,134 Juvenile Services Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852

ENGINEERING

Maintenance Mechanic \$21.13 - \$23.98

OPERATIONS

Clinical Pharmacist - \$102,023 - \$127,528 PGY2 Pharmacy Resident \$102,023 - \$127,528 Dentist - Pediatrics \$131,405 - \$164,256 Dental Assistant II \$18.32 - \$20.67 Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist I \$22.76 - \$25.89 Emergency Hire - Physical Therapist II \$77,144 -\$96,430

MEDICAL

Clinical Dietitian - \$50,723 - \$63,404 Physician - Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108 Hospitalist - Inpatient - Full Time / Part Time Regular -

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

\$157,686 - \$197,108 Family Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant – Primary Care \$91,254 - \$114,067

NURSING Analenisgi Inpatient Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent \$33.68 - \$38.72 Case Management Support – Cherokee County Clinic * Emergency Hire \$18.32 - \$20.67 Certified Medical Assistant – Immediate Care Center -\$21.13 - \$23.98 Manager of Professional Nursing Development - \$77,144 -\$96,430 Massage Therapist - \$50,723 - \$63,404 RN Supervisor - Satellite Clinics \$36.56 - \$42.11 Registered Nurse – Emergency Room \$33.68 \$38.72**\$5,000 Hiring Bonus Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (Night shift) Registered Nurse - Immediate Care Center \$31.06 -\$35.64**\$5,000 Hiring Bonus Registered Nurse - Kanywotivi \$33.68 - \$38.72**\$5,000 **Hiring Bonus** RN Care Manager - Primary Care \$31.06 - \$35.64

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 (Nightshift) - \$31.06 - \$35.64 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus** 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.



Now Available - TERO's Job Listing



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

TERO Job Bank

If you are seeking employment and you are:

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

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.gov

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



Hillary Norville -TERO Job Bank Coordinator

MISSING PERSON

Derrick Chavez male

Affiliated with Pueblo of San Felipe

Missing age: 38 Current age: 44

Height: 5'3" Weight: 155 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: December 17, 2017

Last Location: Bernalillo, New Mexico

Circumstances of Disappearance: Derrick Chavez was dropped off at the Sandoval

County Detention Center to visit an incarcerated individual on December 17, 2017 at 0900 hours. He was never seen or heard from again. He has a tattoo on his neck that says 'Priscilla". Derrick had the right side of his skull removed leaving an indention on his head. He was last seen wearing a black Nike jacket with a red swoosh, tan pants, and was carrying a red

laptop case.

If you have seen Derrick Chavez, contact the Bernalillo Police Department at (505) 891-7226.

Source: namus.gov/bia.gov

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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: Administration - Finance Coordinator

Bus Department - (5) PT Bus Drivers

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

Agelink/ Snowbird Childcare – Multiple Teachers

Lawn Mowing Crew - Multiple Positions

Construction & Facilities - Skilled carpenter/ mason, and experienced shee rock finisher

Shop/ Garage - Service Writer

Cherokee Boys Club

Boy 507 Cherokee NC 28719 828-497-9103







YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT —

- Governor Roy Cooper has developed a comprehensive strategy to build digital equity across North Carolina, and the NCDIT Division of Broadband and Digital Equity is executing that strategy to ensure that all North Carolinians have access to an affordable, high-speed internet connection and have the devices and skills necessary to participate in the modern digital economy.
- NCDIT is seeking input from stakeholders across the state to ensure that we create effective
 and comprehensive state plans that address the high-speed internet access and digital equity
 and literacy needs of all N.C. communities and populations.
- Who should attend? Individuals, community leaders, businesses, employers, internet service providers, tribal representatives, local, regional and statewide organizations, and anyone else interested in providing input are welcome to attend.

REGIONAL SESSIONS

Each session will be held 2 - 4:30 p.m

April 25: Fayettevilla April 26: Rocky Mount April 27: Jacksonville May 4: Morganton May 8: Cherokee

May 11: Elizabeth City May 16: Wingate

May 2: Kernersville May 16

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High School Assistant Principal

Cherokee Language Teacher Assistant

Cultural Department Coordinator

Elementary Special Education Teacher

Elementary Teacher

Elementary Guidance Support Specialist

Elementary PE Teacher

6-8 Middle School Science Teacher

6-8 Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher

6-8 Life Skills Special Education Teacher

6-8 Special Education Pathseekers Alternative Teacher

6-8 Special Education Teacher

9-12 Math Teacher

9-12 Science Teacher

Creative Learning Center Math/Sciences 9-12 Teacher Special Education Transition specialist





Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians **HUMAN RESOURCES**

NO Box 553 Cherokey: Nr. 28719. 828 359 6388

All applications and job descriptions are available at www.ebci.com/jobs

Closing Sunday, April 30, 2023

1. Legislative Legal Counsel - Tribal Council - Legislative Branch (L19 \$97,792 - \$130,389)

2 Director of Destination Marketing and Sales - Destination Marketing -Commerce (L17 \$72,342 - \$90,428)

3. Cook - Cherokee County Senior Citizens - Snowbird and Cherokee County (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)

4. Firefighter - Fire Department - Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

5 Office Administrator - Snowbird & Cherokee County (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98

6. Recreation Aide - Snowbird and Cherokee County Recreation - Snowbird and Cherokee County (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour)

7. Hatchery Technician (Seasonal) - Fisheries and Wildlife Management -Agriculture and Natural Resources (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

Open Until Filled

1. Detention Officer (Multiple) - Detention Services - Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

2.Patrol Officer (Multiple) - Cherokee Indian Police Department - EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSI-

3.Bailiff - Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) - EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 4. Probation Officer (Multiple) - Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) - EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$39,806 - \$49,758) SAFETY SENSI-TIVE POSITION

5. Community Response Officer - Cherokee Indian Police Department -EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)

6.FT Paramedic - Emergency Medical Services - Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) 7.PT Paramedic (Multiple) - Emergency Medical Services - Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

8. Teacher (Multiple) - Qualla Boundary Early Head Start - Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)

9 Teacher (Multiple) - Qualla Boundary Head Start - Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)

10. Real Estate Associate Attorney - Realty Services - Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$72,342 - \$90,428)

11. Social Worker (Multiple) - Family Safety - Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour)

12. Legal Services Attorney - Legal Assistance Office - Office of the Attorney General (L16 \$64,389 - \$85,852)

13. Financial Analyst (Multiple) - Budget and Finance - Treasury (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478)

 WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment Plant – Operations (L10) \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)

15. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator - Waste Water Treatment - Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSI-TIVE POSITION

16 Supervisor - Biological/Waste Water Operator - Waste Water Treatment - Operations (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSI-

17. Tribal Prosecutor II - Criminal Law - Office of the Attorney General (L17. \$72,127 - \$96,169)

 Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications – Operations (L12) \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

19. Family Safety Grants Coordinator - Family Safety - Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)

20. Certified Nursing Assistant - Tribal In Home Care Services - Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)

21. Hatchery Technician (SEASONAL) - Fisheries and Wildlife Management - Agriculture and Natural Resources (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

Manager – Project Management – Operations (L17 \$72,342 - \$90,428)

