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measuring its
next steps

By JONAH LOSSIAH
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Very few industries took a bigger hit from the pandemic than entertainment, and the Cherokee Historical Association (CHA) was no exception. While much of the social anxiety involving COVID-19 has passed, many issues from the pandemic are still lingering. CHA is currently

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A fight scene in the outdoor drama, "Unto These Hills" (Photos by Cherokee Historical Association)

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HISTORICAL: Cherokee Historical Assoc.
making plans for future, *from front page*

preparing a refreshed plan that will lay out new goals and projects for the next few years.

The Cherokee One Feather recently sat down with CHA Executive Director John Tissue and Communications and Development Director Chelsey Moore to discuss aspects of this plan. That discussion will be broken into two articles, with this piece focusing on recovery and immediate steps. There will be a follow-up focusing on the long-term projects that CHA is hoping to implement.

"We are down from 2019, pre-COVID. But we are still sustainable and making it work. We're trying to adjust really to a labor issue. Which has been easier at the Drama for whatever reason. We have a great team at both places, but we've been able to retain more people from the Drama to do stuff than we have at the village," said Tissue.

He said that staffing has been the worst lingering symptom from the pandemic. Tissue said that the Village would normally staff 55 people, but they have been operating with 28. Because of this, the Village had to downsize its offerings considerably.

"We had to kind of curtail our programming up there. We no longer had the time of war mini reenactments. We didn't have the dance a couple of times a day, just because we didn't have the staff to do it. We're planning on bringing all of that back this year. In addition, we have Foundation money to start redoing the stockade and improving the exhibits in there, the trails, and that kind of thing."

He said that while it's hurt the Village the most, staffing one of the main problems they face for the entirety of CHA. Tissue said that he understands why they're having trouble hiring, but there's not much they can do in the immediate future.

"I think the fight that we have there

is that people need full-time work, benefits, those kinds of things. Seasonal work is hard. It doesn't come with the benefits. We could be more competitive on pay range, but we are where we are. We ended up getting through the pandemic because we had a PPP loan and shutter vendor operator grants and those kinds of things. That helped maintain our core product and get it back open," said Tissue.

Tissue and Moore said that they have been doing a lot of analysis the last few years, but now CHA is focused on growth.

"We are working on a new strategic plan. The Board is engaged in doing some planning for the next three to five years," said Tissue. "We'd like to be through the strategic plan within the first third of the year. I wanted to be done by the first quarter, by the end of March, but I don't think that's realistic. But I think we can get it done in the first third of the year before the drama opens," said Tissue.

The immediate crux of that plan will be a new grant that has been approved by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Tissue said that grant is for just over \$400,000 and will be an immense help with doing the refurbishment work at the Mountainside Theatre.

"To redo our main set piece there on the stage. Which is the mountain set. One is to update it. Two, that it's designed in a way that it can go away if we were to have a concert there. To get it to go away, we're also talking about putting in a large roll-up door. Like a large garage door in the back of the set so that we can roll stuff on and off the stage much easier," said Tissue.

"You won't see that during the show, it would be behind the mountain. But if we were to do concerts in the Fall or those kinds of things, we would have the ability to get smaller trucks in there and then roll their equipment onto the stage. As part of the new mountain set piece, we want to keep the sand, but I think



Dancers perform at the Oconaluftee Indian Village

about six or eight inches below the sand we're going to pour a concrete pad. Maybe not for the whole stage, but enough to be able to get a band set up there. Or at least a hard stage on top of the sand that has a solid foundation on it."

Tissue said that they are hopeful that a string of concerts will bring variety and freshness to the Theatre. Further additions to the Mountainside Theatre will be reviewed in the follow-up article. Moore said she is excited for the additions but is just as happy to have the current facilities updated and improved.

"Eagle Rock, the mountain, is definitely due for an upgrade. It's been in for about 10 years. Our

pit area, which is where a lot of our electronics that operate our sound system and light system are housed, is due for an upgrade. And, unfortunately, it is not water tight. Being in the outdoors, keeping those things dry is important. So, yeah. Definitely could use some infrastructure facelifts," said Moore.

Tissue added to this, stating that some of these improvements were in the plans 15 years ago.

"In 2008/09, the Tribe and the Foundation helped us do a major upgrade for the public spaces at the Theatre. So, we got the new seats and the steps and that kind of stuff. At the time, we were working towards doing the same type of

upgrades for the stage backward towards the backstage. When the recession in '08/'09 hit, that just wasn't feasible," said Tissue.

CHA is still confirming plans for construction and refurbishment, but Tissue and Moore said they are excited for the upcoming season. The canceling of Alice in Wonderland for the spring gives the company time to make necessary changes in the short-term.

"Unto These Hills" and the Village will be back, of course. They said that Dracula is scheduled to return for the Fall. Tissue said they are hoping to implement concerts, but nothing is booked. Moore said that they are also picking up steam with The Gathering.

"We launched that in Fall of 2022. They're back in rehearsal now for this school semester, Spring 2023. They've already got a couple of weeklong shows booked. They're going out to Stokes County for a week, they're going out to Charlotte for a week. We're going to be bringing the Gathering back for the 2023-2024 school year as well. We're really excited about that," said Moore.

Tissue said they have weathered a storm and now are looking to get back to full strength. Once this new strategic plan is solidified, improvements will begin to come online. According to the team, the next few years are going to be very important for CHA.

Order of Long Leaf Pine awarded posthumously to Lambert Wilson

SYLVA, N.C. – On Friday, March 10, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine was presented posthumously in honor of Lambert Wilson to his longtime partner, Jenny Holland. This award is North Carolina’s highest civilian award, given to those who have made notable contributions to their community.

Wilson worked as an educator in Swain County for 31 years, serving as a teacher and principal, and eventually holding a seat on that county’s Board of Education for over a decade.

He also served for 13 years on the SCC Board of Trustees, the last three as Chair, and served as

co-chair for the SCC Foundation’s annual gala, which is instrumental in securing scholarship funding that will benefit generations of future students.

“So many people, myself included, describe Mr. Wilson as being one of the most generous men they’ve ever known,” said Dr. Don Tomas, SCC’s president. “Every decision he made while on our board was done in an effort to support our students, our college and our community.”

Along with education, Wilson had a passion for Native American art, and owned a gallery in Cherokee called The Queen House Gallery. He also served as a board member for the Asheville Art Museum.

- *Southwestern Community College release*



Jenny Holland, right, and Dr. Don Tomas, SCC president, hold the Order of the Long Leaf Pine that was awarded posthumously to Lambert Wilson, former chair of the Southwestern Community College Board of Trustees, on Friday, March 10, in Cherokee. (SCC photo)


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Bigmeat, John Allen – age 49
Arrested: March 20
Released: March 24
Charges: Breaking and Entering, Larceny, Public Nuisance

Green, Georgia – age 26
Arrested: March 20
Released: March 20
Charges: Temporary Hold

Littlejohn, Michael – age 62
Arrested: March 20
Released: March 21
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive, Disorderly Conduct

Toineeta, Victoria Eden – age 32
Arrested: March 20
Released: Not released as of report date (March 27)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Arch, Micala – age 28
Arrested: March 21
Released: March 23
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Climbingbear, Isaac – age 33
Arrested: March 21
Released: Not released as of report date (March 27)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Garcia, Estellita – age 21
Arrested: March 21
Released: March 22
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Sexton, Walika Ward – age 18
Arrested: March 21
Released: March 22
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons Under 21-years-old; Resisting Public Officer; Disorderly Conduct

Taylor, Leslie Lee – age 25
Arrested: March 21
Released: March 23
Charges: Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault on a Female

Cucumber, Eric – age 43
Arrested: March 22
Released: Not released as of report date (March 27)
Charges: Sex Offender Crimes

Griffin, Kandace Rhean – age 34
Arrested: March 22
Released: March 23
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Plummer, Wendy Lynn – age 53
Arrested: March 22
Released: March 22
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Reed, Carolyn Rachel – age 25
Arrested: March 22
Released: March 23
Charges: Aggravated Weapons Offense, Aggravated Reckless Endangerment

Tramper, Jason – age 42
Arrested: March 22
Released: March 25
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Armachain, Larissa Renee – age 37
Arrested: March 23
Released: Not released as of report date (March 27)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Interference with a Criminal Process

Bradley, Kyren Jade – age 19
Arrested: March 23
Released: March 24
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons Under 21-years-old; Criminal Mischief to Property

Cagle, Sherry Lee-Ann – age 36
Arrested: March 23
Released: March 23
Charges: Abuse Disable or Elder Serious Injury, Larceny

Foster, Casey Tyler – age 23
Arrested: March 23
Released: March 23
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance; Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance; Transporting an Open Container of Alcoholic Beverage

Maxey, Mark – age 54
Arrested: March 23
Released: Not released as of report date (March 27)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Smith II, Greg Lillis – age 32
Arrested: March 23
Released: March 23
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Flippo, Robert – age 26
Arrested: March 24
Released: Not released as of report

date (March 27)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Lineberry, Jeffery Wayne – age 36
Arrested: March 24
Released: March 24
Charges: Drug Trafficking; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

Mahan, Christopher Allen – age 33
Arrested: March 24
Released: Not released as of report date (March 27)
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Sneed, Samuel Paul – age 31
Arrested: March 24
Released: Not released as of report date (March 27)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Lequire, Charles Dewight – age 48
Arrested: March 25
Released: March 25
Charges: Simple Assault

Bird, Jailyn Khadejiah-Ethelyn – age 18
Arrested: March 26
Released: Not released as of report date (March 27)
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons Under 21-years-old



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I get to find pretty eggs.

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And I get to spend time with
my family.

University of North Carolina Asheville hosting hip hop festival

The University of North Carolina Asheville is hosting the “Activating Indigenous Beats: Hip Hop Nativo” Festival and Residency on April 11-14. The week-long event will welcome Indigenous hip-hop artists, mural artists and a DJ from North and South America to campus to celebrate hip-hop culture and highlight the power of music and literature as tools for promoting awareness about Indigenous and African American realities in Abiyala (the Americas). The event, in partnership with the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and Asheville hip-hop artists and community leaders, is free and open to the public.

Originally scheduled as part of the 2019-20 Cultural Events Series, “Activating Indigenous Beats: Hip Hop Nativo” was canceled due to COVID-19. However, the festival is now back and will bring together leaders of social movements such as the Mapuche struggle for their



land in Chile and Indigenous Feminism in Mexico.

Indigenous artists from the U.S. as well as Chile, Mexico, Ecuador and Guatemala will share their music, art, language and culture, through performances, workshops, and community engagements. The festival includes master classes and workshops that are open to UNC Asheville students, staff, and faculty, as

well as the Asheville community.

“This trans-Indigenous gathering will be historical in the sense that distant Indigenous languages will meet in Cherokee territory, and UNC Asheville will be the host of this groundbreaking festival,” said Dr. Juan Sánchez Martínez, associate professor of Spanish and American Indian and Indigenous Studies, and the festival’s co-founder.

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Sánchez Martínez teaches classes such as LA 378 Race, Identity, Belonging and Cultures in the Americas, which delves into the themes of the festival and promotes awareness and understanding about Indigenous and African American realities.

On Friday, April 14, the festival culminates on the UNC Asheville Quad with headlining performances by Indigenous hip-hop artists Luanko Minuto Soler, a member of the Mapuche of south-central Chile; Mare Advertencia Lirika, a member of the Zapotecs, the Indigenous people of Oaxaca, Mexico; and Tall Paul, an Anishinaabe and Oneida artist from Minnesota. Additional performances, demonstrations and master classes will be led by artists such as Roderico Diaz, Kaqchikel photojournalist and documentary videographer; Cherokee hip-hop artists; kichwa visual artist Byron Tenesaca; Aztec dancers; members of Asheville's Hip Hop community; and more.

"After years of involvement in a variety of trans-Indigenous projects among artists and writers from various native nations of Abiyala (the Americas), we have realized the importance of Indigenous hip-hop in dismantling stereotypes about indigeneity," said Sánchez Martínez. "In bridging popular culture, political agendas, and spirituality, Indigenous youth have embraced rap, punk, and heavy metal since the early 1990s."

Over the weeklong event, UNC Asheville students, staff, and faculty, and the Asheville community will engage in masterclasses, community workshops, and cross-cultural engagements. The residency aligns with UNC Asheville's mission to support its campus community as they develop awareness, skills, and opportunities for collaboration and education that

will better our engagement with community and global partners, bridging cultural awareness and understanding.

"Activating Indigenous Beats: Hip Hop Nativo" is sponsored by The Asheville Friends Meeting, The Center for Native Health, Key Center, NEH Professor, Humanities Program, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Office of Institutional Equity and Global Studies Program. For more information, including schedules and offerings, please visit <https://indigenous.unca.edu/nativo-festival/>

- *University of North Carolina Asheville release*

"Behind the Mask: Cherokee Mask Makers and their Legacy" exhibition on display through May

Special to the One Feather

The exhibition "Behind the Mask: Cherokee Mask Makers and their Legacy" aims to reinforce the significance of Cherokee masks, their history and use, as well as their meaning and significance. The exhibition takes a historical approach to focus on early 20th century mask makers, with particular emphasis on Will West Long and three other Big Cove mask makers: Long's friend and fellow student, Deliskie Climbingbear; Long's older brother Lawyer Calhoun; and Allen Long, Will West Long's son.

Without a doubt, Will West Long is one of the most significant figures in Cherokee history. Curator Anna Fariello claims, "Much of what we know about traditional culture, including what we know about masks, we know from Long."

An authority on language, ceremony, and medicine, he dedicated his life to preserving and sharing his culture. Ethnologist William Fenton, writing about his meeting with Long wrote, "His name is associated with the work of every field ethnologist who ventured into Big Cove from 1887 until 1947, when he passed away."

The exhibition is made up of thirteen text panels with photographs of Big Cove mask makers and their masks. One panel identifies the oldest known existing Cherokee masks and a lost mask by Charley Lossie, Long's older cousin who taught him mask making. Three audio recordings—songs sung by Long and Climbingbear—run on a loop throughout the exhibit. Also on view is a short film made in 1927, no doubt the earliest film of Cherokee dance ever produced. The silent film includes demonstrations of dances that took place in front of the Will West Long's home in Big Cove. Four masked dancers arrive draped in blankets and sheets and are joined by women wearing terrapin shell rattles and holding feather wands. Long is seen with the dancers.

Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, one goal of the project is to identify masks in public collections so that they may be shared with the Cherokee community. Masks were located at the Denver Museum, Gilcrease Museum, National Museum of Natural History, National Museum of the American Indian, and Pennsylvania Museum. Many of these masks are reproduced on the exhibit panels. In addition to local sources, photographs, documents, and recordings were found at the American Folklife Center, American Philosophical Society, Great Smoky Mountains

National Park Archives, and National Anthropological Archives. All in all, the project acquired 20 photographs of masks by Will West Long and almost 50 of other Cherokee masks located in various parts of the country, as well as 25 previously unknown photographs of Big Cove artisans. At the close of this project, these will be added to the archives of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Central Schools Community Affairs Division and EBCI Destination Marketing were primary partners in the project.

The mask exhibit and accompanying events will be held at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center, located on the campus of the Cherokee Central Schools. The project funded a number of in-school projects, including a two-week workshop in which carving teacher and mask maker Josh Adams taught mask making in the style of Will West Long to students and former students. These masks are included in the exhibition. Students in Lori Reed's Cultural Arts class participated in a clay mask workshop led by Laura Walkingstick. The workshops aimed to inspire future generations to pursue the traditional arts of their past. Later in the semester, students will have an opportunity to participate in two "Days of Culture," where they will learn about a variety of traditional crafts from eight EBCI craft makers.

A reception for the exhibition will be held on Thursday, April 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. To view the exhibition during school hours—Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. —visitors enter through the Middle School and must show a current ID. The exhibit remains open until June 1.

TRACK & FIELD

Cherokee teams come out on top as they host four-school meet

One Feather Staff Report

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee High School (CHS) track and field team hosted a four-school meet on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 29, and both the CHS Braves and Lady Braves teams took first place. Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top three finishers in each event and all CHS finishers:

Men's Events

Team Scores

- 1 – Cherokee 85
- 2 – Robbinsville 81
- 3 – Murphy

100M Dash

- 1 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 11.59

- 2 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 11.82

- 3 – Chandler Nernes, Murphy, 11.92

- 9 – Eli Bird, Cherokee, 12.41

- 11 – Jonathan Saylor, Cherokee, 12.70

200M Dash

- 1 – Cameron Grooms, Murphy, 23.58

- 2 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 24.73

- 3 – Brady Grant, Murphy, 25.07

- 4 – Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 25.19

- 5 – Jonathan Saylor, Cherokee, 25.45

- 11 – Luke Climbingbear, Cherokee, 30.40

400M Dash

- 1 – Anthony Lossiah, Cherokee, 54.28

- 2 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 56.91

- 3 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 57.32

800M Run

- 1 – Jaylan McCoy-Bark, Cherokee, 2:04.78

- 2 – William Cable, Robbinsville, 2:15.64

- 3 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 2:17.60

- 4 – Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 2:20.36

- 7 – Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 2:40.71

- 12 – Gideon Freeman, Cherokee, 3:28.90

1600M Run

- 1 – Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 4:59.89

- 2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5:04.82

- 3 – William Cable, Robbinsville, 5:07.51

- 4 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 5:15.58

- 5 – Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 5:24.46

110M Hurdles

- 1 – Brock Adams, Robbinsville, 15.42

- 2 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 17.60

- 3 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 20.25

300M Hurdles

- 1 – Brock Adams, Robbinsville, 45.04

- 2 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 47.80

- 3 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 48.19

- 4 – Eli Bird, Cherokee, 52.24

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Murphy, 47.24

- 2 – Robbinsville, 47.41

- 3 – Cherokee, 48.97

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Murphy, 1:36.05

- 2 – Robbinsville, 1:36.94

- 3 – Cherokee, 1:39.01

4x400M Relay

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1 – Cherokee, 3:53.02

4x800M Relay

1 – Cherokee, 9:02.46

2 – Murphy, 10:01.68

High Jump

1 – Brock Adams, Robbinsville, 6-02

2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5-08

3 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 5-02

Long Jump

1 – Caleb Draper, Robbinsville, 18-08

2 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 18-02.50

3 – Shiloh Woodson, Cherokee, 17-01.50

6 – Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 15-08

7 – Xavier Otter, Cherokee, 14-07.00

8 – Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 14-04.50

Triple Jump

1 – Caleb Draper, Robbinsville, 37-00.50

2 – Kasen Buchanan, Robbinsville, 33-01.00

Pole Vault

1 – Oisin Ledford, Unattached, 9-00

2 – Tillman Adams, Robbinsville, 9-00

Discus Throw

1 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 118-06

2 – Tytan Teesateskie, Robbinsville, 102-06

3 – Nathaniel Littlejohn, Cherokee, 90-03

4 – Luke Climbingbear, Cherokee, 90-01

Shot Put

1 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 38-07.75

2 – Donovin Hall, Robbinsville, 37-03

3 – Brody Ortin, Murphy, 34-00

6 – Jayden Tramper, Cherokee, 32-08

7 – Owen Bird, Cherokee, 31-02

Women's Events

Team Scores

1 – Cherokee 71

2 – Robbinsville 69

3 – Murphy 68

4 – Nantahala 4

100M Dash

1 – Kensley Phillips, Robbinsville, 13.85

2 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 13.91

3 – Cayla Geer, Murphy, 13.99

4 – Niya Mora, Cherokee, 14.68

6 – Ella Sokol, Cherokee, 15.14

7 – Awee Walkingstick, Cherokee, 15.56

200M Dash

1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 26.73

2 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 27.34

3 – Sasha Ledford, Unattached, 29.09

4 – Lexi Davis, Cherokee, 30.82

6 – Ella Sokol, Cherokee, 31.19

9 – Aaliyah Ben, Cherokee, 35.55

400M Dash

1 – Katie-Lyn Gross, Robbinsville, 1:12.15

2 – Ella Sokol, Cherokee, 1:13.62

3 – Anna Leatherwood, Murphy, 1:15.07

800M Run

1 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:27.86

2 – Corinne Cotton, Murphy, 2:47.42

3 – Katelyn Decker, Murphy, 2:57.73

4 – Izzy Raby, Cherokee, 3:04.73

100M Hurdles

1 – Shelby Solis, Cherokee, 47.50

4x100M Relay

1 – Cherokee, 56.97

2 – Murphy, 59.29

3 – Nantahala, 1:05.36

4x200M Relay

1 – Robbinsville, 1:54.08

2 – Murphy, 1:58.80

3 – Cherokee, 2:04.02

4x400M Relay

1 – Cherokee, 4:48.32

2 – Murphy, 4:56.39

4x800M relay

1 – Cherokee, 11:25.78

2 – Murphy, 12:14.02

High Jump

1 – Calista Rumfelt, Murphy, 4-10

2 – Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 4-06

3 – Breeze Hinton, Murphy, 4-06

4 – Niya Mora, Cherokee, 4-04

Long Jump

1 – Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 24-07.25

2 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 16-11.50

3 – Sasha Ledford, Unattached, 16-04

7 – Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 13-02

8 – AJ Hill, Cherokee, 11-10.50

9 – Lilly Ramos, Cherokee, 10-01

Triple Jump

1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 37-06

2 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 31-04.50

3 – Kensley Phillips, Robbinsville, 30-03.50

4 – Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 29-09.50

7 – Selu Swayney, Cherokee, 27-01

8 – AJ Hill, Cherokee, 26-09.50

Pole Vault

1 – Sasha Ledford, Unattached, 10-00

2 – Caydin Long, Unattached, 5-06

Discus Throw

1 – Alexis Smith, Cherokee, 92-11

2 – Saige Kent, Murphy, 82-04

3 – Aubrie Wachacha, Robbinsville, 77-06

9 – Jaelyn Lossiah, Cherokee, 64-01

Shot Put

1 – Jaelyn Lossiah, Cherokee, 38-04.75

2 – Alexis Smith, Cherokee, 29-09.75

3 – Aubrie Wachacha, Robbinsville, 29-08.50

Adaptive Women's Wheelchair Discus Throw

1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 13-07

Adaptive Women's Wheelchair Shot Put

1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 7-07

Adaptive Women's 100M Wheelchair Race

1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 38.91



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MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

Cherokee hosts five-school meet

One Feather Staff Report

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Middle School (CMS) track and field team hosted a five-school meet on the afternoon of Monday, March 27. Following are the results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top three finishers in each event plus all CMS finishers:

Boy's Events

Team Scores

- 1 – Murphy Middle 113.5
- 2 – Robbinsville Middle 94
- 3 – Cherokee Middle 86.5
- 4 – Martins Creek Middle 1

100M Dash

- 1 – Cameron Clem, Murphy, 12.13
- 2 – Austin Bohn, Robbinsville, 12.32
- 3 – Mason Ray, Murphy, 12.97
- 5 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 13.47

- 12 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 15.19
- 13 – Brayon Tucker, Cherokee, 15.21
- 14 – William Welch, Cherokee, 15.50

200M Dash

- 1 – Cameron Clem, Murphy, 24.99
- 2 – Colton McCoy, Robbinsville, 25.78
- 3 – David Rochester, Murphy, 26.59

400M Dash

- 1 – Austin Bohn, Robbinsville, 55.78
- 2 – Braydon Lane, Robbinsville, 59.45
- 3 – Jason Solles, Robbinsville, 1:00.41
- 10 – Aiden Larch, Cherokee, 1:10.61
- 12 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 1:19.60

800M Run

- 1 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:18.01
- 2 – Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 2:24.18
- 3 – Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 2:35.02
- 10 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 2:58.22
- 11 – Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 3:00.95

1600M Run

- 1 – Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 5:11.50
- 2 – Grayson Hall, Murphy, 5:59.46
- 3 – Braden Edwards, Murphy, 6:06.42
- 4 – Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 6:32.57

100M Hurdles

- 1 – Elijah Lambert, Robbinsville, 18.99
- 2 – Luke Green, Robbinsville, 20.16
- 3 – Connor Arrowood, Murphy, 20.35
- 5 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 21.20

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Murphy A, 52.66
- 2 – Murphy B, 56.87
- 3 – Cherokee A, 57.39
- 4 – Cherokee B, 59.43

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Murphy A, 1:45.37
- 2 – Robbinsville 1:49.84
- 3 – Cherokee, 1:58.97

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Robbinsville A, 4:12.21
- 2 – Murphy A, 4:33.80
- 3 – Robbinsville B, 4:44.49

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee A, 10:23.41
- 2 – Murphy A, 10:37.47
- 3 – Murphy B, 12:05.44

High Jump

- 1 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 5-0

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- 2 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 4-8
 3 – Grayson Hall, Murphy, 4-8
 4 (tie) – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 4-4

Long Jump

- 1 – Cameron Clem, Murphy, 16-6
 2 – Aayden Williams, Murphy, 15-6.50
 3 – Lakota Breazeale, Murphy, 13-1
 6 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 11-10.7
 8 – Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 11-7
 9 – William Welch, Cherokee, 9-1.25

Triple Jump

- 1 – Colton McCoy, Robbinsville, 65-5.25
 2 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 34-8.50
 3 – Braydon Lane, Robbinsville, 29-9.50

Shot Put

- 1 – Christian Grant, Cherokee, 39-9
 2 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 38-8.75
 3 – Johnny Long, Cherokee, 36-5.75
 5 – Reginold Hyatt, Cherokee, 31-10

Discus Throw

- 1 – Christian Grant, Cherokee, 110-0
 2 – Trenton Cook, Murphy, 81-3
 3 – Johnny Long, Cherokee, 79-5
 7 – Reginold Hyatt, Cherokee, 72-9

Girl's Events

Team Scores

- 1 – Murphy Middle 112
 2 – Robbinsville Middle 98
 3 – Cherokee Middle 81
 4 – Nantahala 1

100M Dash

- 1 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 13.14
 2 – Cassidy Sudderth, Robbinsville, 13.43
 3 – Halie Hill, Murphy, 13.97
 4 – Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14.47
 6 – Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 14.91
 7 – Nazari Bell, Cherokee, 15.06
 8 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 15.12

200M Dash

- 1 – Cassidy Sudderth, Robbinsville, 28.26
 2 – Halie Hill, Murphy, 28.75
 3 – Sydney Adams, Robbinsville, 29.91
 6 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 33.18
 8 – Keysa Ann Collins, Cherokee, 35.93
 9 – Khloe Cucumber, Cherokee, 38.05

400M Dash

- 1 – Halie Hill, Murphy, 1:03.22
 2 – Rylee Tabor, Murphy, 1:11.02
 3 – Ella McGuire, Robbinsville, 1:12.39
 4 – Nazari Bell, Cherokee, 1:14.01
 5 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 1:14.49
 8 – Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 1:23.12

800M Run

- 1 – Kennedy White, Murphy, 2:54.96
 2 – Kenzly White, Murphy, 3:00.95
 3 – Keirstyn Westmoreland, Murphy, 3:01.37
 4 – Jamee McMillan, Cherokee, 3:04.78
 8 – Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 3:17.79
 16 – Viola Williams, Cherokee, 3:45.69

1600M Run

- 1 – Kennedy White, Murphy, 6:03.75
 2 – Livia Crowe, Cherokee, 6:30.17
 3 – Keirstyn Westmoreland, Murphy, 6:41.23
 7 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 8:50.65

100M Hurdles

- 1 – Saddle Wornwell, Murphy, 19.59
 2 – Chasity Jones, Robbinsville, 19.91
 3 – Novie Dutcher, Robbinsville, 20.57
 6 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 23.21
 7 – Deanna Long, Cherokee, 23.26

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Robbinsville A, 55.35
 2 – Murphy A, 1:00.11
 3 – Cherokee A, 1:02.57
 4 – Cherokee B, 1:04.74

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee A, 2:01.43
 2 – Robbinsville A, 2:01.70
 3 – Murphy A, 2:04.89

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee A, 4:46.08
 2 – Robbinsville A, 4:50.52
 3 – Murphy A, 4:51.77

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Cheorkee A, 11:02.71
 2 – Murphy A, 11:27.93
 3 – Murphy B, 13.42.44

High Jump

- 1 – Jamee McMillan, Cherokee, 4-0
 2 – Novie Dutcher, Robbinsville, 4-0

Long Jump

- 1 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 14-9.75
 2 – Halie Hill, Murphy, 13-4
 3 – Mykayla McGuire, Robbinsville, 13-3.25
 5 – Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 10-11
 6 – Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 10-8.50
 7 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 10-6
 9 – Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 9-2.50

Triple Jump

- 1 – Mykayla McGuire, Robbinsville, 26-8.50
 2 – Nazari Bell, Cherokee, 26-3.50
 3 – Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 25-4
 4 – Deanna Long, Cherokee, 25-3

Shot Put

- 1 – Joselyn Stamper, Cherokee, 29-10
 2 – Abree Teesateskie, Robbinsville, 27-4
 3 – Piper Dalton, Murphy, 26-7
 4 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 25-0.50
 6 – Brianne Teesateskie, Cherokee, 23-8
 7 – Laylah Thompson, Cherokee, 23-6
 9 – Hailey Winchester, Cherokee, 18-10

Discus Throw

- 1 – Joselyn Stamper, Cherokee, 85-3
 2 – Amelia Joyner, Murphy, 67-5
 3 – Abree Teesateskie, Robbinsville, 65-4
 7 – Brianne Teesateskie, Cherokee, 58-7
 8 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 55-5

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Egg-cellent!!

The Easter Egg-cellent Event was held at the old Cherokee High School site on the evening of Thursday, March 30 and was attended by hundreds of children. Egg hunts were held in four age groups ranging from 0-13.

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Celebrating 35 years of service of Deb West

Special to the One Feather

On Thursday, March 30, it was business as usual at the Cherokee Senior Citizens program. Clients began arriving as early as 10 a.m. for activities and lunch. On that day, like every day, announcements began around 11:15 a.m. But Thursday was a little different. Unbeknownst to the staff who were asked to gather in the dining room, a special announcement was being made.

“We reach milestones in our lives and today I am announcing my retirement”, began Deb West, manager of the Senior Citizens Program. “I thank you guys for everything. You’ve made my life wonderful. It has been such an honor to serve you. Many, many times I have thanked you (all) for coming to our programs and participating in everything that we do. I hope I did you justice. I did my very best and you were always my priority. You were always the staff’s priority.”

West, who was emotional during her announcement acknowledged the hard work of her staff, thanked her supervisor, Director Renissa McLaughlin, and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley who were both present for the announcement. West spoke to the origins of the program, being organizationally located in the



Deb West, right, Cherokee Senior Citizens Program manager, announced her retirement on Thursday, March 30. Her last day will be Friday, April 21. She is shown with Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley. (Photo courtesy of Gabriella Thompson, New Kituwah Academy electronic media coordinator)

Education Division. “My heart is broken, yet I’m happy because it’s my time,” West added with a smile and some tears.

Vice Chief Ensley served on the interview panel that selected West for her position 27 years ago. He added, “It’s been a joy to work with Deb over the years. As seniors, you have seen the benefit

of having Deb here. There’s not a more passionate employee than Deb. Thank you so much.”

Director McLaughlin addressed the congregation, ensuring them and the staff that their interests and needs would be met with a suitable replacement, although West’s shoes would be hard to fill. West and Director McLaughlin

have worked together in different capacities for 27 years. West has worked for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for a total of 35 years.

A celebration will be announced for the latter part of April. West’s last day is scheduled for Friday, April 21.



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Anglers came out in droves on the weekend of March 25-26 for the annual \$20,000 Cherokee Opening Day Tagged Fish Tournament in Cherokee, N.C. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Jakob Absher, of Cedar Bluff, Va., took home the top prize of \$5,000. (EBCI Natural Resources photo)

2023 Cherokee Opening Day Fish Tournament attracts almost 1,600 anglers

Anglers came out in droves on the weekend of March 25-26 for the annual \$20,000 Cherokee Opening Day Tagged Fish Tournament in Cherokee, N.C. Over the course of two days, the EBCI Fisheries & Wildlife Department distributed at total of \$12,125 in cash prizes to 114 anglers who turned in fish tags. Registration for this year's tournament topped 1,590, just shy of the 2019 record of 1,666.

EBCI Fisheries & Wildlife Dept. officials noted, "We would like to congratulate all our winners and thank everyone who joined us at this year's event. A special thank you to

the Tribal Hatchery staff for their arduous work and dedication in stocking our rivers and streams. A warm thank you to all the fish permit vendors - outstanding job! And, a great big thank you to the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement officers who worked our rivers and streams. We certainly could not provide this service to our anglers without you."

In all, 271 tagged fish were stocked, and 114 anglers turned in a total of 152 tags for a total cash payout of \$12,125. Jakob Absher, of Cedar Bluff, Va., took home the top prize of \$5,000. Other anglers winning big prizes

included: Justin Gannt, of Kings Mountain, N.C., won \$1,000; Kyle Dubois, of Reidsville, N.C., won \$1,000; David Shelton, of Greenville, Tenn., won \$500; Richard Hoffart, of Fairview, N.C., won \$500; Anthony Hopper, of Newton, N.C., won \$100; and Thomas Brown, of Old Fort, N.C., won \$100. 12 anglers won \$50 prizes and 133 anglers won \$25 prizes.

The next \$10,000 tagged fish tournament is scheduled for the weekend of May 27-28 with prizes ranging from \$25 to \$1,000.

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Cherokee Elementary School 3rd Nine Weeks Honor Roll

3rd Grade

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A Honor Roll: Aleena Ledford, Aubree Reed, Daaed Blankenship, Dayla Martinez

B Honor Roll: Alex Rodriguez-Davis, Altlia Calhoun, Ami Bradley, Angelina Ortiz,

Anthony Blankenship, Ariyanna Hornbuckle, Bailey Swimmer, Braylon Squirrel, Dennis Littlejohn, Dine Lopez, Elias Teesateskie, Gia Crowe-Taylor, Hayleigh Bowman, Huxley Blythe, Isabela Crowe, Jacoby Taylor, Jonah Bid-dix, Kolin Griffin, Kyle Wahnetah, Kylex Pheasant, Lula Ramirez-Se-quoyah, Makayla Lien, Mali Smith, Miri Larch, Nevaeh Rhinehart, Nylah Teesateskie, Quincey Watty, Syler Ledford, Tegan "Kiowa" Johnson, Theodore Squirrel

Merit Honor Roll: Alavia Owle, Aliceiah Wolfe, Alyssa "Rayne" Queen, Branson Ledford, Evard "Chum" Bradley, Holden McCormick, Jacelyn Velazquez-Lossiah, Jaden Lambert, Kaliyah Wolfe, Levi Winstead, Mac-Kinley Roach, Mosiah Brady, Niyah Taylor, Tso-I Armachain, Zoey Sutton

4th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Ama-ya Rodriguez, Bristol Armachain, Bryson Beach, Caitlyn Bone, Connor Thompson, Daryan Smith, Drake Donlin, Ehko Lossiah, Ella Cline, Kaeson Reed, Kai Peone, Keniethea Wildcat, Leiland Rhinehart, Marley Murphy, Marlie Price, Oakley Wolfe, Peyton Arch, William Howell, Xander Miles, Xavier Shelton

A Honor Roll: Mya Wahnetah

B Honor Roll: Arian Queen, Ariel Crowe, Colton Owl-Wiggins, Eli Simpson, Elli Thompson, Evelyn Taylor, Izabela Crowe-Lossiah, Jayce West, Kaylahni Williams, Keagan Taylor, Kenton Welch, Khloe Sequoyah, Liam Cripps, Lindsey Reed, Loki Raya, Marian Read, Mato Wi Raines, Mika Bradley, Mitchell Johnson, Richard Williams, Rylan Ledford,

Savannah Driver, William Connor, Wyatt Moore

Merit Honor Roll: Channin Maye, Darren "Tye" West, Jalen Taylor, Kaden Bennett, Kinley Crowe, Lula Ensley, Meeka Taylor, Michael Reed

5th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Adalynn Taylor, Adrian Santos, Amelia Holiday, Aryahnie Pheasant, Azurea Miles, Hunter McMillan, Kealan Jumper, Kenleigh Hornbuckle, Kirsten Anderson, Kody May Gloyne, Kynleigh Taylor, Laila George, Laylauna Allison, Lily Robertson, Lucas Myers, Makai Hernandez, Nakisha Saunooke, Nickyle Teesatuskie, Odie Owle, Piper Owen, Serenity Willis, Sophia Tremko, Uriah Ben

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Merit Honor Roll: Aaliyah Queen, Boyd "Bishop" Taylor, Brannon Arch, Hayden Rhinehart, James Ledford, Nathan Taylor, Rihanna Calhoun

Cherokee Middle School 3rd Quarter Honor Rolls


6th Grade


Principal's Honor Roll: Kellin Blankenship, Georgia Girty, Peter Lopez, Jeron Martens, Kennedy

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Flying Squirrel

For centuries, Cherokee people had a Headman in each village who was considered the leader and would speak on behalf of everyone in the village. Their decisions would be made after consulting Beloved Women and Elders with input from everyone else. Should the need arise, where one person would speak for all villages usually at one event, or in time of war, it was agreed upon by everyone. Yonagaska was such a representative. Upon his death, all agreed his son, Will Thomas, would be the next overall representative. People outside began calling him the Cherokee Chief.

This system was frustrating to US governing officials and US military officers who wanted to make decisions with one Cherokee leader. They could not understand a system where everyone had input, especially women, and the head representative was that some of the time, but not always. Pressure was placed on Cherokees to "elect" one leader they could deal with. After Will Thomas's inability to be that spokesperson, Flying Squirrel was agreed upon to be the Headman for all.

Flying Squirrel's village, NvNvyi (Potato Place) was largely where Acquoni road is today, on both sides of the river. For this reason, the Speaker's Council named the apartment complex "Flying Squirrel" in his honor.

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7th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Khloe Cucumber, Ledaina French-Bird, Weston Fuson, Jean Layno, Wakinyan Raines

Alpha Honor Roll: Jessica Arsana, Lillian Bradley, Kimberly Crowe, Kahya Cucumber, Zoe De Los Reyes, Audree Edwards, Gabrielle George, John Gloyne, Morgan Hernandez, Olivia Huskey-Morales, Jay-Jay Ledford, Felix Lossiah, Derick Owle, David Reed, Makenzie Sequoyah, James Smith Jr, Roxy Solis, Alana Squirrel, Laylah Thompson, Aliyah Watty, Armani Watty, William Welch

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8th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Sage Bark, Dillon Beam, Johnny Long, Jamee McMillian, Dawson Panther, O-ga-na Swimmer, Timpson Wildcat

Alpha Honor Roll: Nayaa Addo, Emilee Brady, Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Chaz Martens, Madigan Welch, Dalton Yates

Beta Honor Roll: Tymius Allison, Brandon Blankenship, Jarvis Brady, Chloe Cooper, Cindy Crowe, Livia Crowe, Jezakiah Driver, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Kiowa George, Christian Grant, Kayla Guillien, Zakya Hogner, Carlito Huerta-Perez, Reginald Hyatt, Kyitan Johnson, Chloe Locust, Deanna Long, Christian Luna-Martinez, Elizabeth Myers, Arden Palmer, Denver Porterfield, Utsela Saunooke, Kylen Sneed, Joscelyn Stamper, Kaden Stephens, Addison Stewart, Zaynon Taylor, Annie Trampler, Journey Watty, Kingston Welch



Cherokee CTE students attend Construction Career Day

On Wednesday, March 29, students in Cherokee High School's Automotive and Wood Shop classes, such as Preston Davis pictured above running an excavator simulator, attended the first Construction Career Day since the COVID-19 pandemic began. This Career Day was held at the former Haywood County Fairgrounds. The purpose of Construction Career Day is to provide students in various CTE courses the opportunity to get hands-on experience working with many different tools and equipment used in various trades. Students had the opportunity to operate skid steers, excavators, simulators for other equipment, and many more. This is an annual event put on by Haywood County Schools CTE Department and they invite schools from all over western North Carolina. Cherokee High School's Automotive program is taught by Mr. Stephen Blankenship and the Wood Shop program is taught by Coach Matt Maney. The CCS CTE Department related it would like to thank the students, teachers, and the Community Affairs team (Ms. Jae Winchester and Coach Chase Sneed) for attending the Career Day and helping to make it a successful opportunity for our students. (Photo submitted by Dr. Heath R. Robertson, CTE/STEAM Director)

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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.

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.

NATIONAL PARK NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS Whiteoak Sink group size limited for wildflower viewing

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced group size limits for the popular wildflower season at Whiteoak Sink. Individuals and small groups of eight or fewer people may access the Whiteoak Sink area during the wildflower season now through Sunday, May 7.

Whiteoak Sink is a unique, sensitive area that hosts many rare plants. Park managers limit group size to protect sensitive wildflower species from trampling. Overuse of the area causes impacts like damage to plants and soil compaction when large groups crowd around plants off-trail to take photos or closely view flowers. Parking is limited, so visitors should plan ahead and come prepared with alternative destinations in case they do not find parking available at Whiteoak Sink. Parking is not allowed on road shoulders.

A team of volunteers on site will provide wildflower viewing information and collect monitoring data. Park managers have monitored sensitive wildflower species in the Whiteoak Sink area since 2016.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is world famous for its wildflower diversity and has more kinds of flowering plants than any other North American national park.

- National Park Service release

MISSING PERSON

Jacqueline "Jackie" Davis

Enrolled with Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Age: 67 years Female

Height: 5'0"-5'5"

Weight: 0-120 lbs

Hair: unknown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: January 1, 1969

Location: Cherokee, North Carolina

Circumstances of Disappearance: Jacqueline (Jackie) was last seen walking home from a restaurant in Cherokee, NC. Jackie was 14 years old at the time of her disappearance.

If you have seen Jackie Davis contact William Horton, Special Agent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, District VI, Nashville, TN (615) 564-6600.

Source: Namus.gov



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West visits Belize for global intensive experience course

Jones-Bowman Leadership Award fellow Levi West recently traveled to Belize utilizing the program to study abroad. A graduate student at Arizona State University, he was offered a global intensive experience course and jumped at the opportunity. This specific course focused on sustainability in the Caribbean.

For his leadership goal this year, West is exploring ways to sustain the community and culture while simultaneously building economic outlets. This trip offered him a unique look at how a small developing country with strong cultural ties is facing these same

issues and more.

He said, "We are extremely blessed to be in control of our town and what happens here. We have a unique opportunity in Cherokee where we control how we develop economically and environmentally with minimal opposition from laws or regulations from outside agencies. This is the dream location for someone studying sustainability and I hope to be a part of Cherokee's growth whether that be culturally, economically, or both."

West added that he would like to thank the Jones-Bowman Program and the Cherokee Preservation Foundation for making this opportunity possible.

- Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program release



Jones-Bowman Leadership Award fellow Levi West, shown swimming with sharks, recently traveled to Belize utilizing the program to study abroad. (Jones-Bowman photo)

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Presents The WNC Fly Fishing Trail Weekly Fishing Report April 3-9, 2023

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	Delayed Harvest is OPEN with stockings March 3 & 7	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout.	Squirmy Wormy, Gold Ribbed Hares Ear, Coffey Girdle Bug, Frenchie, Chartreuse Cherochyl Ant, Yellow Stimulator
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Delayed Harvest is OPEN with stockings March 3 & 7	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Peacock Caddis, Yellow Stimulator, Quill Gordons, Blue winged Olive, Prince
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Delayed Harvest is OPEN with stockings March 3 & 7	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Peacock Caddis, BWO, Hendricksons, Dark Stone, Girdle Bugs, Frenchie, Hares Ear Soft Hackle, March Brown Soft Hackle, Prince

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GOOD N/A	BETTER++ N/A	BEST N/A	SEASON'S BEST	BETTER++	GOOD	AVERAGE
10:56 AM-12:56 PM	11:37 AM-1:37 PM	12:19 PM-2:19 PM	12:40 AM-2:40 AM 1:02 PM-3:02 PM	1:24 AM-3:24 AM 1:47 PM-3:47 PM	2:11 AM-4:11 AM 2:36 PM-4:36 PM	3:02 AM-5:02 AM 3:29 PM-5:29 PM

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Millie Emryn Adkins

Infant Millie Emryn Adkins, passed away, Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva N.C. Millie enjoyed her snuggles with mommy and daddy and loved her bubba's kisses.

She was the Infant daughter of Bryan and Britnee Adkins and the granddaughter of James and Stephanie Gibson of Bryson City and Keterri and Dean Bradley of Cherokee, Sherry Sawyer of Florida, David Adkins of Florida, and Terry and Diane Bailey of Bryson City. She was the great-granddaughter of Shirde and Joyce Adkins, Clarence and Libby Wiggins, Leonard and Susan Winchester, the late Barbara Ammons, the late Mildred Calhoun, the late Hershel Scott, and the great great-granddaughter of the late Erma Chekelelee Ammons. She is also survived by her sister Abigail Adkins, and brothers Wyatt Caley and Benniah Adkins.

Services were held at Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home on Sunday, April 2 with the Rev. Ernie Stiles officiating. Burial followed in the Galbraith Creek Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

Adrian A. Arch

Adrian A. Arch, age 67, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, after an extended illness.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Amy Arch; father, Johnson "Sonny" Arch; sister, Rosalyn A. Welch; brothers, Edward and Johny Arch; paternal grandparents, Johnson and Ella Long Arch; maternal grandmother, Cindy Reed Taylor; and several aunts and uncles.

He is survived by his mother, Helen E. Arch; sister, Patricia A. Owle; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Frances Elizabeth Sequoyah

Frances Elizabeth Sequoyah, age 64, passed away on Monday, March 27, 2023 at Tsali Care Center, after an extended illness.

She is survived by her daughters, Candice Driver (Lopper) and Lisa Ledford (Allen), both of Cherokee, N.C.; seven grandchildren, Kieran Sequoyah, Dorian Martens (Kaniah Jackson), Mya Sequoyah, Drallen "Boon" Ledford, Wilbur Sequoyah, Lula Sequoyah, and Julyssa "Juicy" Sequoyah; one great-grandchild, Onyx Martens; sisters, Cindi Ayers (Paul), Reva Sequoyah, and Sammi Sequoyah; brother-in-law, Randy Lossiah; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Also surviving are her Grandpups, Clipper, Dot, and Jackson.

Frances is preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Mathis; parents, Wilbur and Lula Sequoyah; brothers, Lewis "Beaver" Sequoyah and Charlie Sequoyah; sisters, Sharon Moore and Carol Standingdeer; niece, Kori Penland. Josie Matis, Letha Troup, Lucie Mathis, and

Lafayette Troup.

Frances was a loving Mother and Grandmother. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, watching Braves Athletics, going to church, and watching the Golden State Warriors and Pittsburg Steelers. She enjoyed spending time on her porch. She was always willing to help out anyone any way she could. She had a great sense of humor. She enjoyed laughing and joking around. To know her was a blessing. Frances cared for everyone and had the biggest heart. She was loved very much and will be missed.

A visitation was held on Thursday, March 30 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Frances remained at the church until the hour of service on Friday, March 31 with Harley Maney Jr. officiating. Burial was in the Sequoyah Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Melinna Pearl Bennett (Owle)

Melinna Pearl Bennett (Owle), of Lumberton Township, N.J., passed away Thursday, Nov. 24, 2022 at Virtua Hospital in Mt. Holly, N.J. at the age of 50. She was born in Trenton, N.J. and had been a longtime resident of Mt. Holly before moving to Lumberton.

Melinna was a 1990 graduate of BCIT in Westampton, N.J. She enjoyed cooking, being at the beach, taking her nieces fishing, running in her earlier years and spending time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frederick and Diane Owle. Melinna is survived by her husband of 10 years, Glenn Bennett Sr; her children, Chauncey and Chauna Brown; her step-children, Glenn, Gary, Geoffrey, Giane Bennett; and her siblings, Melissa Owle, Frederick Owle, Nino Lebron

(Jenise) and Taniesha Lebron. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Diane, Isabella, Jasmin, Justina, Jayla, Joscelyn, David, Aja, Jazzy, and Jamir.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Lee Funeral Home in Mt. Holly, N.J.

Arrangements were made with Ed Kaelin III at the Lee Funeral Home, Mt. Holly.

Walter Lawrence Rattler

Walter Lawrence Rattler, age 89, of the Wolfetown/Big Y Community, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Cherokee, North Carolina to the late Woodie Cornsilk Rattler and John West Rattler on Sept. 25, 1933.

He entered Cherokee Boarding School at the age of 9 and graduated in 1947. Immediately after graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served his country until his retirement as a Staff Sergeant in 1970. He was stationed in Washington, D.C.; Georgia; Texas; and New York, before heading overseas to serve in the Vietnam War and Korean War. While overseas, he had tours in Korea, Greenland, Germany, Vietnam, and Japan.

Being so far from home and family, Walter found ways to pass the time. He became a black belt in Karate and Judo, and a renowned fast-pitch softball pitcher. After his time in the service, Walter graduated from Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, as a Registered Nurse. His love and compassion for the healing of people guided his career to care for patients at Asheville Kidney Center, Craggy Correctional Center, and Cherokee Indian Hospital, where he retired.

As a fluent Cherokee speaker,

Walter was passionate about his Cherokee Heritage. He embraced his Cherokee Culture by teaching the language, becoming an artisan of Cherokee crafts, and traveling on the pow-wow circuit where he was known for his pork skins. Walter was a loving husband to Theresa Arch Ratter for 35 years, where they built a family who supported his kids and grandkids in all their endeavors. He loved to watch them at their sporting events but was most proud of all of them when he would find them demonstrating their Cherokee Culture.

In addition to his parents, Walter is preceded in death by the love of his life, Theresa Arch Rattler; daughter, Loretta Rattler Adams (Doug); and brother, Norman Rattler.

He is survived by children, Dawn "Squirrellie" Jumper, Special

Son Dave Jumper, Debra Thomas (Roy); grandchildren, Clareece Rattler (Evan), Karina "Botch" Jumper, Brionna "Bri" Jumper, Brianna Lambert, Vanessa John (Frank); great grandchildren, Zaynon Taylor, Gogi Jumper, Andre Williams, Liam John, Benny John, Orie John, Arthur John; brother, Diamond Rattler of Fayetteville, N.C.; special friends and family, Sarah Teesateskie and family, Dewitt Chekelelee, Cruz Galaviz, Bo Crowe, Daniel Carroll, Joyce Dugan, Joe Lee (Joann), and BINGO family.

A visitation was held on Saturday, April 1 at Cherokee Baptist Church. Walter remained at the church until the hour of service on Sunday, April 2. Burial was in the Rattler Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Zaynon Taylor, Dave Jumper, Evan Watty, Michael Lossiah, Dewitt Chekelelee, Ryne

"Slaw" Sampson, Timber Sampson, Cameron Sampson, Logan Teesateskie, Jack Jack Teesateskie, Jeremy Saunooke, Daniel Carroll, Micah Swimmer, Ogana Swimmer, Aniyah Younce, Zahay Grant, Bo Crowe, and Andrew Oocumma.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Damian Bryce-Xavier Catolster

Damian Bryce-Xavier Catolster, age 21, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Wednesday, March 29, 2023.


He is survived by his mother, Sandra "Curly" Smith; sisters, Miranda Smith, Caedance Smith, and Haley Catolster; brothers, Christian Smith, Makenzie Rattler, Gizmo, Dominick Catolster, and Lucas Catolster; niece, Clarice Smith; nephew, Abbott Owle;

family, Angela Hernandez, Jessie Hernandez, Eeyannah Catolster, Marsha Fowler, Francis Smith, Deborah Smith, Janice Wilnoty, Ashford Smith, Brianna Smith, Haley Cooper, Thomas Wilnoty, and Ashley Smith; grandmothers, Malinda Mahan and Martha Catolster; Nicholas Worden, Jessica Warden, Grayson Currie; friends, Marcus Owle, Paulo Sadongi, and Danny Sharp.

Damian is preceded in death by his father, Bryson "Junebug" Eugene Catolster; sister, Alissa Smith; grandpa, Vaughn Smith; and uncle, Frank Fowler.

With respect, the family has requested a Private Family Service.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



Important dates for 2023 EBCI Election

- **April 3 - May 15:** Period to request an absentee ballot for the Primary Election
- **April 28:** Voter registration closes for Primary Election
- **May 1-22** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday: Early Voting dates for the Primary Election, held in the EBCI Board of Elections office. The only weekend voting will be on Saturday, May 20.
- **June 1 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.:** Primary Election
- **July 3 – Aug. 15:** Period to request an absentee ballot for General Election
- **Aug. 4:** Voter registration closes for General Election
- **Aug. 7-28** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday: Early Voting dates for the General Election, held in the EBCI Board of Elections office. The only weekend voting will be on Saturday, Aug. 26.
- **Sept. 7 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.:** General Election

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COMMENTARY

Is exclusion serious?

By ROBERT JUMPER
One Feather Editor

The ability to banish or exclude people from our lands “is an inherent and essential part of Tribal sovereignty. It is indispensable to the Tribe’s autonomy and self-governance.” Sounds serious to our government.

According to Code, people who are banished have threatened the “integrity and law and order on Tribal lands or the welfare of its members.” It is portrayed as so serious that it can be executed on, not just individuals, but business-

es that “threaten the health, safety or welfare of tribal members or Tribal natural resources due to spills, accidents, illegal dumping, or other unauthorized releases of hazardous materials into the environment.”

With every proposed banishment, a resolution is put forward to Tribal Council. In those resolutions, there is boilerplate or standard language that is inserted into each, supposedly reflecting the language that is in the Cherokee Code. The resolutions most recently submitted to Tribal Council contained, “Tribal Council has good reason to believe that he is a threat to the integrity, law, and order of EBCI lands and the welfare of the members of the Tribe.”

To be considered for exclusion by the Tribal Council, one does not

have to be convicted of a crime. Exclusion is a political act, not a judicial act. In the case of persons who are not enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, who for the most part, cannot be prosecuted in our courts and may escape the scrutiny of other jurisdictions because the law enforcement and courts in the other jurisdictions may either not think the infraction is important enough or look upon the infraction as “an Indian matter”, exclusion may be the only tool available to our government to deal with egregious and repeated threats to our community. And while the Tribal Council listens to evidence to decide the fate of a person up for banishment, it is purely in their purview to decide a person’s status based on their interpretation of the evidence presented to them. The Code only binds the Council to determine if, in their opinion, the person is a threat based on the definition provided by the Code. “Threat” doesn’t sound like a serious word until you attach some of the criteria the Code puts forth as banishment-level behavior; topics like “crimes against children”, violence against women, “drug trafficking”, and violence against elders.

So, nothing personal, but I think we should, as a community, take banishment a little bit more seriously. And when something is serious, it is serious regardless of race or gender. Before October 2022, banishment for enrolled members also meant that they lost their membership in the Tribe. There was a reluctance to banish any enrolled member if it meant that they lost their membership in the Tribe (possibly because people get citizenship and race confused). But that language was revised in

2022. Instead of saying “shall be removed from the membership roll”, it now says “may be removed from the membership roll”; so that now a tribal member may be excluded without being disenrolled. I mean, does it really matter, when a child on our Qualla Boundary is being coerced into getting hooked on deadly, debilitating drugs, whether the drug dealer, trafficker, is a tribal member or a non-Indian? I can tell you quickly that if it were my loved one who was dealt death by addiction, I would not care what the race or gender of the person who sold it was. And if someone physically or sexually abused a son, daughter, niece, nephew, etc., I would want that person to be punished, including banishment, even if they were kin of mine.

Slavery still exists in practice. It now manifests itself in the form of human trafficking. Kidnapping or coercing people, many times young people, into a life of servitude, including prostitution. Should a tribal member who is trafficking people, possibly other tribal members, into modern slavery be treated less severely than someone who is not?

In October 2022, a piece of Section 2 of the Cherokee Code, the section that deals with exclusion powers, was removed. Prior to removal, there was a provision in the law that required the Court to report to the Tribal Council every six months with a list of individuals and their crimes who were convicted through Cherokee Court who committed acts that would be of a level to be considered for exclusion. This provision had been in law since 2007. I spoke to officials who stated that they were not sure when this practice had ever been followed. One may



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only conjecture that the reason this report didn't come to Tribal Council is that the Cherokee Court only processes tribal members. It is also important to note that the Court is not one of the six persons who, per the Code, may request an exclusion action (Principal Chief, Vice Chief, Tribal Council member, Chief of Police, Tribal Prosecutor, Attorney General). Now that the Tribal Council may have more of a comfort level in addressing tribal members who chose to commit banishment or exclusion level crimes, it may be time to reintroduce and adhere to the old provision of delivering the Court list of those people and crimes to the Tribal Council for their consideration.

In all the resolutions for banishment that I have reviewed, each one includes the same language; "Whereas (insert name here) is not a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians". It is obvious that the implication is, from that language, the person would not be facing banishment, regardless of their crime or threat to the community, if they were a tribal member. Other phrases like "22-year-old white female" and "a Black male" point to emphasizing a distinction based on race as to whether a person should be considered for exclusion. I understand that some of that language may be an effort to include a physical description in the resolution to help with identification once the person is banished or excluded, but it appears to be and may be perceived as being there for another purpose. It looks like a picture or description could be included as an addendum to a resolution. The community desperately needs photos to be included with the exclusion ruling so that a face can be put with the name. At a work

session prior to the Tribal Council vote on the October 2022 legislation, I asked that the language saying, "The Exclusion Registry should contain a photograph and identifying information" be amended to say, "shall contain", but the amendment wasn't made.

I was discussing the reluctance heard in Tribal Council to banish enrolled members with a colleague when he told me to look up the Cheyenne River Sioux's stance on tribal member banishments. I did. Here is an excerpt from an article by Ross DuBray in the West River Eagle (2017).

"It has been almost two years since the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (CRST) Tribal Council passed banning tribal members and other individuals who have been convicted of dealing methamphetamine (meth) from the reservation in an effort to crack down on the meth epidemic rampant on Cheyenne River. Although the action was applauded, many were skeptical that it would actually happen. Fast forward 21 months, and so far 10 banishment orders have been signed and delivered to convicted offenders. According to CRST Law Enforcement officials, the banishment orders are hand delivered to the individuals at their sentencing hearing. The banishments won't go into effect until offenders are released from prison. CRST Attorney General explained that banishments are for life but after five years offenders can appeal to the tribal council for reconsideration if they can show that they have been rehabilitated and are being productive citizens." Our law has stated for a long time (at least 2007) that tribal members who demonstrate their lack of love for their community by selling poison to our people and abusing women, children, and elders, and

who participate in human trafficking and modern slavery should be considered under the law with any other person who would do those things to our loved ones. And now that disenrollment can be off the table if the Tribal Council chooses it to be so, I hope our leaders will step up to protect us from those who would not only threaten the welfare of the community but also have no regard for the lives of children, women, and elders, even if those perpetrators happen to be tribal members. A law that our government will not enforce is no law at all.

I understand the reluctance to exclude those who share our blood and relationship. Who enjoys separating from family? But family is more than just flesh and blood. It is caring and concern for your family members. It is making decisions that are in the best interest of all and not for self-gratification. We must know that our individual actions impact more than just ourselves. A drug dealer's goal is not the health and well-being of the Cherokee family or community. It is a personal desire for personal gain to the detriment of the family, even to the point of not caring about the destruction and death of our family members in the Tribe. And when one of our members demonstrates through committing offenses like child or elder abuse, or drug and human trafficking, it is time to consider all the remedies that will mitigate that threat to our

family. And the possibility of banishment will hopefully cause our members to consider their actions before they do something that might separate them from Tribal life and land.

The Cherokee Indian Police Department is reviewing its policies and one of those includes the Code change that took effect in October 2022. The CIPD is considering how they might implement Section 2-13 which authorizes the CIPD to "establish a system of monetary rewards to be distributed to members of the public to encourage the sharing of information by the public which leads to the arrest and conviction of excluded persons who are found to be on Tribal trust lands in violation of a valid exclusion resolution or writ or those who harbor excluded persons." Hopefully, this will be a new tool in combating the incidences of crime against our members and community.

Everything depends on what we think is serious and not having qualified answers to the question. To me, elder and child abuse are serious regardless of the race, age, or gender of the offender. Drug trafficking is serious to me, regardless of the race, age, or gender of the offender. Human trafficking is serious to me, regardless of the race, age, or gender of the offender. We should expect, and demand equal justice for all, whether in the tribal courts or in the tribal council chambers. It is that serious.



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Read. Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:35-52

Do we realize how scared those twelve men had to have been to have screamed out as they began to think they were seeing a ghost near them walking on the water? Those who were fishermen knew they'd never seen a man walking on the water like they saw one out in the middle of the water, in the rough sea, or at least thought they were seeing one. All of them had cried out in fear.

So, they found themselves in the middle of the Sea of Galilee, in the middle of the night, in the boat. Surrounded by a bunch of doubters in the middle of a storm, they knew they had a problem.

Jesus, in verse 27 says to the men, "Be of good cheer. It is I. Be not afraid."

I want to show you what I find so amazing right now, because the moment Jesus began to speak, Peter's heart began to settle down. In the middle of the boat, in the middle of the sea, in the middle of a storm, Peter heard a small Voice say, "I am here."

When he heard that Voice, Peter did the unthinkable. He said, "Look here. Let me get out of this boat (crazy) and what's going on right now, and let me walk with You."

What I've come to realize is sometimes one just has to get out of one's crazy life or situation, crazy mess, or one needs to get out of what may be driving them nuts. Get out and walk on top of it for a minute or two. One can even ask how can I do that?

The answer is one has to put out their hand and place it in the Hand of Jesus, and just get out. I wish I had some folks who'd just get out of their boat.

Jesus said, "Come." Verse 29. Peter got out and began to (supernaturally) walk on the water. The Bible says, he got out and he began to walk on the water. "Listen to me this morning," emphasized Pastor Melton. "The best time to make a move is when it seems it's at the wrong time! Sometimes it seems it's the

wrong time. Sometimes a person just needs to sit back and watch the Glory of the Lord when everybody else is saying one ought to get up and do something. Sometimes one just needs to speak "Peace" in the middle of an argument. Sometimes we just need to just fall to our knees and say, I know I should be over here, and I know I'm supposed to be over there, but I haven't spent time praying with the Lord today.

"See, God is doing things all around the world and we're watching as the world is getting crazier and crazier. I don't know what the government is doing right now, what the World Forum is going to do. I don't know what the IMF is thinking, they are taking over the banks now, they don't know, just trust me what I'm seeing, it's all falling apart. The storm may be raging but here's what I do know. I know it's going to be A-Okay cause I heard a small Voice say, "Be Not Afraid. It is I." I need You, Lord Jesus. "Let me step out of this craziness, the mess this world in in right now.

All we have to do is to begin to declare, Lord Jesus, I need You! Peter got out of the

boat and walked on water. The Hebrew word "to walk" actually means "to take advantage of an opportunity." Walking out onto the water in the middle, he took advantage of an opportunity. Glory to God!


How many opportunities have we missed? We must each ask ourselves, How many opportunities have I missed to get out of this mess? My trouble? How many times did I pray yesterday? When did I just say, I'm just going to fast for a week or so until I get myself realigned with the Will of God again? Or, so I can hear His Voice again? How many times has it been that the doors have opened but we've been too afraid to walk on through? How many times has the Altar been opened up and nobody came? How many times does it take for God to come walking up to us for us to say I'm going to get out of this mess? This craziness? We should each highlight Mark 6:50 where the winds "immediately ceased" when Jesus stepped into the boat with Peter. They were all so amazed!

To be continued...



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*And why do you worry about clothes?
See how the flowers of the field
grow. They do not labor or spin.
Yet I tell you that not even
Solomon in all his splendor
was dressed like one of these.*

MATTHEW 6: 28, 29 

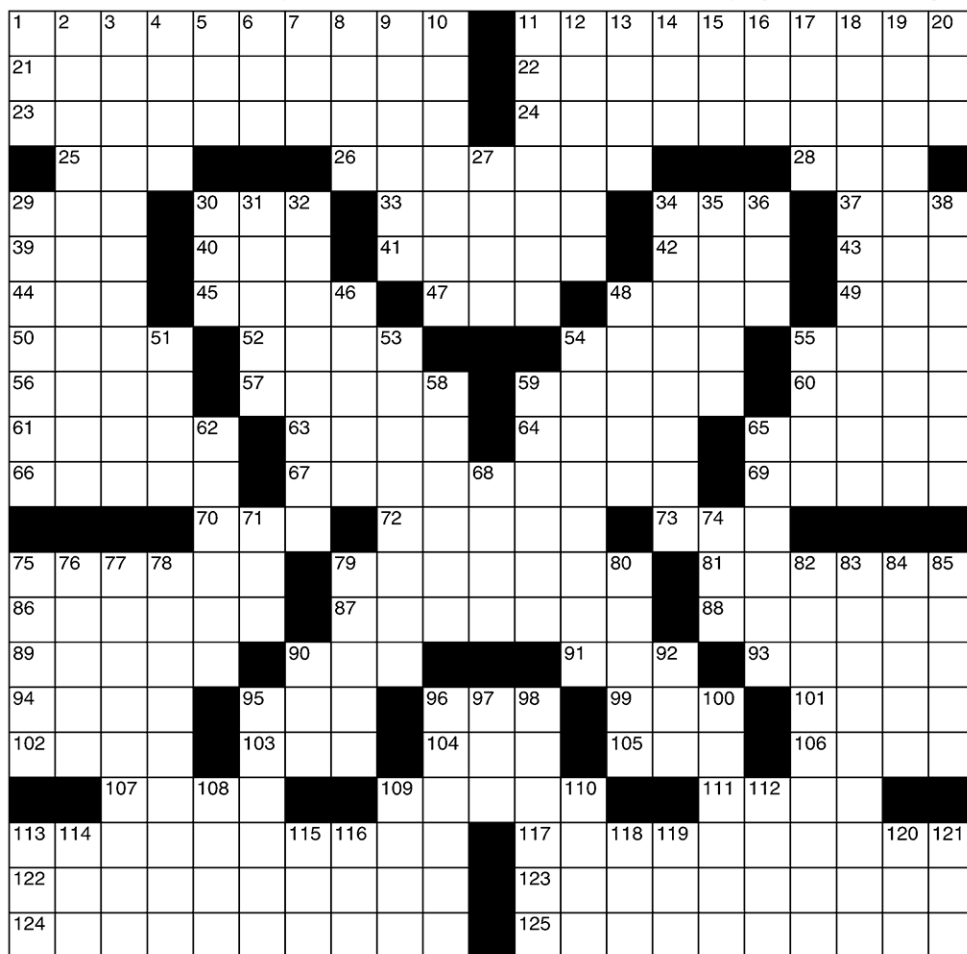


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Super Crossword

HAVING FLIPPING
THOUGHTS

- ACROSS**
- 1 One of Chrysler's K-cars
11 Imaginary
21 Lack of refinement
22 Open to discussion
23 * Golf format not based on the number of holes won
24 * Part of an internal-combustion engine
25 Take an ax to
26 Ornate wardrobe
28 Nice 'n Easy product
29 Shin locale
30 Stumblebum
33 Austrian cake
34 Up on the latest
37 "Binary" singer
39 S. Amer. country
40 Much like
41 Calculus pioneer
42 Leonhard
43 Hot temper
44 Scanned ID in a market
45 Cartoon pic
46 Twist, as in a hose
- 47 Dark deli loaf
48 City haze
49 The Browns, on sports tickers
50 Volunteer's response
52 Star pitchers
54 Getz of jazz
55 List-curtailing abbr.
56 Brief letter
57 Roofing material
59 Like an old apple's consistency
60 Bit of a script
61 Fear greatly
63 Longtime operating system
64 Spanish pot
65 Blackthorn fruits
66 Supplement
67 Word that can precede the starts of the answers to the five starred clues
69 Trousers
70 Car navig. aid
72 Owner of WordPerfect
73 Cato's "I love"
75 Braitheaser
79 Sacred spots
- 81 Soviet spacecraft series
86 "Lord Jim" novelist
87 * Buyer's final figure
88 Membrane covering a lung
89 Creole cooking pods
90 Temporarily stylish thing
91 Take to court
93 Leash, e.g.
94 Tony winner
95 Roofing material
96 "It's so-so"
99 Winter illness
101 Director
102 Roof part
103 Mine car load
104 Yoko of art
105 Shark part
106 Sped
107 Genesis twin
109 Small stream
111 "Smooth Operator" singer
113 * Vessel for crustacean fishing
117 * Removes tenderly, as a lover's tears
- DOWN**
- 1 Talk smack to
2 Like official public statements
3 Freed from federal restrictions
4 Give off light
5 "Look, mice!"
6 Ripen
7 Lil Jon's genre
8 Around
9 French card game
10 Actress Jane
11 One asked to attend a party
12 Less remote
13 Eye creepily
14 Thanksgiving mo.
15 Summer, to Jeanne
16 Form a lap
17 Tough
18 Many a virtual bidding event
19 Ork, Krypton or Melmac
20 Lion's home
27 Paris airport
29 "Righteously" singer
30 Super-corny Williams
31 Desk wood
32 Pseudonym
33 Groups for devotees
34 Vast Asian mountain system
35 Satirical device
36 Tent securer
38 Straight up, in a bar
46 Reeves of "The Matrix"
48 Fair booth
51 Straight up, in a bar
53 Sutured
54 Like altruists
55 Singer
58 Obtain by threatening
59 Singer Rita
62 Church teachings
65 Film holders
68 Rock's Clapton
71 Launching platform
74 Star athlete, for short
75 Place to learn, in Lyon
76 Smartphone company
77 The opposite way
78 Cemetery plot
79 Animal trap
80 Pack full
82 Information group for analysis
83 Big name in car cleaning products
84 Speechify
85 "Thwack!"
90 Remote
92 Moniker for a Yale student
95 Coverer of a bald spot
96 Unlike gods
97 Brian of Roxy Music
98 Pipe with a flexible tube
100 Open, as a Ziploc bag
108 Band blasters
109 Renege (on)
110 Drug bust unit
112 Mgr.'s helper
113 "Wait a —!"
114 "In your face!"
115 Actor Saget
116 Singer Rita
118 Topping sort
119 That girl
120 Supped
121 "Definitely!"



See answers on page 30

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

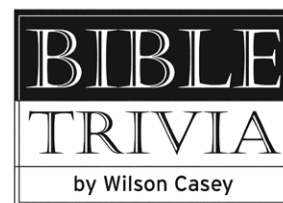
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Gethsemane (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What's the only book of the Bible that mentions Christ's tomb being sealed? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
3. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? *Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples*
4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? *Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers*
5. From John 20, which disciple doubted that Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? *Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus*
6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? *Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days*

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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1. AD SLOGANS: Which company was advertised with the slogan, "Think Outside the Bun"?
2. TELEVISION: Which TV show spawned the spinoff sitcom "Mama's Family"?
3. U.S. CITIES: In which city would you find the USS Arizona Memorial?
4. ANATOMY: What are the bones that make up the spine known as?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the lowest point in the United States?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional material in a 40th anniversary gift?
7. MOVIES: What is the name of the tow truck in the animated movie "Cars"?
8. CURRENCY: Which former president is depicted on the U.S. \$50 bill?
9. LANGUAGE: What does the texting acronym SMH mean?
10. LITERATURE: Where do Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends live?



EVENTS

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

EBCI Community Garden Kit

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

Start By Believing Event.

April 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Water Beetle Stage at 498 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, N.C. Join the EBCI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program to raise awareness about sexual assault by telling your story, connecting with others, and learning appropriate responses when someone discloses a sexual assault. There will be an open mic at this event to share your story. If you are interested in open mic time at the event, please contact Kayla Bigmeat 359-6867.

Easter Egg Market.

April 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Lots of local vendors and crafts. Lunch by Melitia. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

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>)

• Ramps. April 14 at 5 p.m. – YouTube premiere. Virtually tag along with a Cherokee forager on the hunt for ramps—wild onions that thrive on the Qualla Boundary and surrounding areas during the springtime. Learn how to identify and sustainably harvest this favorite allium so generations to come can continue to enjoy its bounty.

• Sochan. April 28 at 5 p.m. – YouTube premiere. Join the search for the flowering stalk sochan (also known as the green-headed cone-flower 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 premiere. The final Forager Friday of the season calls for branch lettuce—sometimes called “wild lettuce”—a versatile late spring green.

Yellowhill Community Club

Gadugi Flea Market. April 15 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Lunch: Burgers, chips, and a drink for \$15. Rent a table for \$15 or rent two tables for \$15. Info: Stephanie 735-9001 or

Virginia 788-8659

Yellowhill Community Club's Be a Light Painting event.

April 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. \$35 adults, \$25 for 16 and under (cash only). Snacks and drinks will be provided. Info: Stephanie 735-9001

Virtual class, How to Plant and Grow Corn Beads.

April 19 at 5 p.m. – YouTube premiere. Learn the step-by-step process behind planting, growing, and harvesting your very own corn beads to adorn clothing or jewelry. View via the Museum of the Cherokee Indian's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@cherokeemuseum>)

Week of the Young Child

Children's Fair. April 20 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the old Cherokee High School site. Free swag, bouncy houses, free food, door prizes, games, and more.

7th Annual Spring Garden

Fair. April 21-22 at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seeds, plants, yard art, education, and a RePurpose It contest for youth ages 5-17. Info: Lucille 736-5285, Hope 736-5453, or email Carmaleta at carmaleta@msn.com

Virtual Cooking Demonstration: Blackberry and Grape

Dumplings with Nakota Chiltoskie (EBCI). May 8 at 5 p.m. – YouTube premiere. Blackberry and grape dumplings have been

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Matthew (27:65-66), 3) An angel, 4) Disciples, 5) Thomas (called Didymus), 6) 40 days (Acts 1:3)

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

1. Taco Bell.
2. “The Carol Burnett Show”
3. Honolulu, Hawaii (Pearl Harbor).
4. Vertebrae.
5. Death Valley, California.
6. Ruby.
7. Mater.
8. Ulysses Grant.
9. Shaking my head.
10. Hundred Acre Wood.

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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

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. Info: Tammy Jackson 788-0878 or Scott Hill 508-7836

See **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Change is still dominant for Rams and Ewes, both in the workplace and in their private lives. This is also a good time to look at a possible relocation if that has been one of your goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Doing things for others is what you do well. But don't forget that Bovines thrive on the arts, so make some time for yourself to indulge your passion for music and artistic expression.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While the Romantic Twin considers where to go for an upcoming vacation, the Practical Twin will start making travel plans now to take advantage of some great bargains.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your sensitive nature helps you deal with a difficult emotional situation. Be patient and continue to show your sincere support wherever (and for whom-ever) it is needed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're making progress as you move through some unfamiliar territory. And while there might be a misstep or two along the way, you're heading in the right direction overall. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some good news arrives — and just in time to remind you that you're making progress. Perhaps things aren't moving as quickly as you'd prefer, but they're progressing nevertheless.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to step back and assess the facts that have recently emerged, to see where they can be used to your advantage. Also, don't hesitate to make changes where necessary.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You should begin to experience some support from those who now agree with your point of view. This should help counter the remaining objections from die-hard skeptics.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't let your aim be deflected by trivial matters as you try to resolve a confusing situation. Take time to find and thoroughly assess the facts before making any decisions.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The possibility of moving to another location has come up. But, before you dismiss it as unworkable, it's worth checking out just in case it does have some merit after all.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) New relationships, personal or work-related, show mixed signals. Best to assume nothing. Let things play themselves out until you have something substantive to work with.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your ability to make needed changes without causing too much, if any, negative ripple effect comes in handy when dealing with a sensitive matter either on the job or in the family.

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you like things to go smoothly, you're not shy about making waves when you believe the situation calls for it.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Employees Banned From Working at VA

After all the instances of fraud unearthed by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General over the years, I was not surprised to see this special report of something else they uncovered: "Stronger Controls Help Ensure People Barred from Paid Federal Healthcare Jobs Do Not Work for VHA."

Those who are excluded from getting a VA health-care job are those who previously committed "healthcare fraud, patient abuse, controlled substance violations, or acts subject to license revocation," among other things such as Medicare fraud. The Health and Human Services OIG keeps a list of those excluded people, but the VA OIG recently ran a test sample of a single pay period, and yes, they found people on that list employed by the VA.

What apparently happened was that the human resources (hiring) staff didn't correctly do as they were required by federal law, which is run the names of potential new hires through the list to make sure they hadn't been excluded from employment. In instances of surname changes, the previous last names weren't checked even though they were noted on the hiring documents.

But that wasn't the only error. The VA's Office of Integrity and Compliance was also required to do a monthly computer check of all Social Security numbers of people being paid to make sure excluded people hadn't slipped through the employment cracks. They pointed to a computer coding error as the reason they weren't.

Enter the OIG, who made recommendations so it doesn't happen in the future. One of those recommendations is to do a comprehensive audit of the Social Security numbers of all VA employees to see if any additional names show up.

There will be new training, of course, of the people who didn't follow policy, plus written guidelines, plus redundancies with multiple eyes looking at data and processes.

You have to love the VA OIG and the people who work there. Surely they have the highest satisfaction level of any who work in government.

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Finding the Right Food Bowl for an Older Cat Takes Trial and Error

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I hope this advice helps other cat owners. My cat, Ferris, is 13 years old, and while he's generally healthy, he does have arthritis and is not as energetic as he once was. I noticed a few months ago that he was not finishing his dry food in the evenings, so I took him to the vet to get him checked out. Everything was fine, but the vet said that he might have some discomfort crouching down to reach his food and water.

I went online to find a raised platform that would hold food and water dishes. The trouble was that many of the platforms were too high for Ferris to reach comfortably, and he didn't seem very happy with the platform design. Instead, I found a dish that he loves. It sits about three inches above the floor and is angled higher in the back so that he doesn't push the food out of the bowl while eating. It's weighted so that it doesn't shift while he eats. This is a lot more comfortable for Ferris, and he's eating all of his food again. — Terry L., Bloomington, Indiana

DEAR TERRY: Thank you for sharing your story! I'm glad that Ferris found the perfect food dish.

Sometimes we have to try a few different items before discovering the perfect one for our pets. Whether it's a food dish, a toy or a bed, we have to be prepared to spend a little more money than expected to get just the right item. Trial and error is part of the process, and part of the joy of owning a pet.

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

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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.

- 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 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

UPCOMING POW WOWS

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

Kiowa Tribe Liaison Office for Veterans Affairs Art Festival and Pow Wow.

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

Relations & Resilience Pow

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

San Diego State Pow Wow.

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

Duke Pow Wow. April 8 at the Duke West Campus Pavilion in Durham, N.C. MC: Keith Colston. Host Northern Drum: Warpaint.

Host Southern Drum: Tobacco Road. Info: dukenasa21@gmail.com

Southern Plains Tribal Health Board Pow Wow.

April 12 at the Choctaw Casino & Resort in Durant, Okla. MC: Juquin Hamilton-Youngbird. Host Drum: Rain Maker. Info: Nicholas Wahpepah (405) 213-4232, nwahpepah@spthb.org or Amanda Moore (405) 869-6361, amoore@spthb.org

Keweenaw Bay Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe Spring Contest Pow Wow.

April 14-16 at the Ojibwa Casino Harvey Event Center in Marquette, Mich. Emcees: Joey Awonohopay and Vince Beyl. Host Drum: The Boyz. Co-Host Drum: Woodland Singers. Info: Christine Awonohopay (906) 353-2626 or Tina Murray (906) 353-4193

Ross State College Annual

Pow Wow. April 15 outside of the Student Union at Ross State College in Midwest City, Okla. MC: Lester Eagle. Host Northern Drum: Blackbird. Head Southern Singer: Cornel Pewewardy. Info: Mechelle Aitson-Roessler (405) 736-0202 or Maitson-Roessler@rose.edu

32nd Annual Woodlands &

High Plains Pow Wow. April 15 at the Nemzek Fieldhouse at Minnesota State University Moorhead in Moorhead, Minn. MC: Mickey Hodges. Host Drum: Little Bear. Youth Drum: Warriors. Info: Jody Steile (218) 477-2652, steilejo@mnstate.edu

54th Annual Kyiyo Celebration.

April 21-23 at the Adams Center in Missoula, Mont. MC: Tommy Christian. Host Drum: Dry Lake. Kyiyo Native American Student Association (4060) 243-5946,



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Alcoholics Anonymous is an international mutual aid fellowship dedicated to abstinence based recovery from alcoholism through its spiritually inclined Twelve Step program. AA is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

kyiyo@umontana.edu

NCIPA 29th Annual Pow Wow and Art Market. April 21-23 at the Northside Aztlan Community Center in Fort Collins, Colo. MC: Corky Oldhorn. Host Drums: Bad Company, Meskwaki Nation. Info: Jan Iron (970) 498-0290, ncipa.pw@gmail.com

11th Annual Columbia University Pow Wow. April 22 at Columbia University's South Butler Lawn in New York, N.Y. MC: Louis Mofsie. Info: Columbia University Native American Council (505) 215-6147, nac.columbia@gmail.com

32nd Annual Washington University Pow Wow. April 22 at the Washington University Field House in St. Louis, Mo. MC:

Manny King. Host Northern Drum: Young Buffalo Horse. Host Southern Drum: Otter Trail. Info: Buder Center (314) 935-4611, bcais@wustl.edu
California State University Dominguez Hills 10th Annual Pow Wow. April 22-23 at California State University Dominguez Hill at 100 East Victoria Street in Carson, Calif. MC: Phillip Hale. Host Northern Drum: Phoenix Boyz. Host Southern Drum: Sooner Nation. Info: (310) 243-2433

Penn State 17th Annual Traditional Pow Wow. April 22-23 at the C3 Sports Complex at Penn State University in State College, Pa. MC: Guy Jones. Host Drum: Highway Men. Co-Host Drums: Thunder Nation, Medicine Horse, Red Blanket. Maza Napin. Info: John Sanchez at apache@psu.edu

2nd Annual Pow Wow for the Planet. April 22 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Chem Lawn in Las Vegas, Nev. MC: Tyson "Eagle Voice" Shay. Host Northern Drum: Indian Hill. Host Southern Drum: Southern Soul. Info: Natalie O'Neil at Nat.Oneil@gmail.com

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS
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

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. April 6 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. Roy Burnette will be presenting "A Lost Mountain Tradition: Foxhunting". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

Easter Hat Parade. April 15 at 2 p.m. in Dillsboro, N.C. Judges select the best hats in more than 20 categories including: biggest, smallest, funniest, best-smelling, "poofy-est", most creatives, most spring-like, and most outrageous. Easter egg hunt starts at 10:30 a.m.

Women's Health Awareness Wellness Conference. April 15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Long's Chapel United Methodist Church in Waynesville, N.C. Free health screenings, health education sessions, healthy living sessions, and health resources. Registration is

free. Register at: <https://niehs.nih.gov/womenshealthawareness>. Info: (919) 541-3852, WHA@niehs.nih.gov

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

Murphy Art Center events. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/OurMurphyArtCenter/events>


SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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359-2380

CHEROKEE ANIMAL CONTROL
All adoptions must be spay/neutered
Fees paid by adopter.



EBCI POLLING LOCATIONS

Big Cove Community Center, 8715 Big Cove Road; Big Cove
EB Rep: Consie Girty

Birdtown Community Building, 1146 Birdtown Rod, Hwy 19S; Birdtown EB Rep: Denise L. Ballard

Big Y Recreation Center, 2641 Wrights Creek Road; Big Y
EB Rep: Cindy Chandler, Chairperson

Cherokee County Health Clinic, 328 Airport Road, Marble, NC; Cherokee Co. EB Rep: Roger Smoker

Painttown TBD; Painttown EB Rep: Joan Bradley

Jacob Cornsilk Complex, 60 Snowbird School Road, Robbinsville, NC; Snowbird EB Rep: Roger Smoker

Wolftown Recreation Center, 27 Long Branch Road; Wolf-town EB Rep: Cindy Chandler, Chairperson

Yellowhill Activity Center, Acquoni Road; Yellowhill EB Rep: Lloyd Arneach, Co-Chairperson

EBCI Board of Elections
Mailing Address: PO Box 1837, Cherokee, NC 28719
Physical Address: 808 Acquoni Road (Ginger Lynn Welch Complex), Cherokee, NC 28719
Phone: 828-359-6361 or 6362

EMPLOYMENT

Positions Available

Bearmeat's Indian Den, has 2 full time positions available. Come in and we will show you what it is like to work at a wonderful place 4210 Wolfetown Rd, Cherokee. Or call 828-497-4052. **4/26**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21 - EST - 001
**In the Matter of the Estate of
MATTHEW ARMACHAIN**

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Phillip Armachain
PO Box 1091
Cherokee, NC 28719
4/12

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

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

asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Collette Coggins
PO Box 1914
Cherokee, NC 28719
4/5

Legal Notice

Notice of Service of process by publication
Cherokee Tribal Courts,
Cherokee, NC
CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING
DIVISION
VS.
Rita Lequire (CV-22-111)
Raven Ramos (CV- 250)
Deborah Murphy (CV 22-511)

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Complaint for Money Owed
You are required to make defence of such pleading no later than the 8th day of May, 2023 and upon your failure to do so, the Party (Cherokee Indian Housing Division) seeking service against you, will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This 27th day of March, 2023
Agent for the Plaintiff: Julius Taylor
PO Box 1749
Cherokee, NC 28719
(828) 359-6321
4/19

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 corpo-

rations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
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 fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
James Matthew Powell
P.O. Box 793
Cherokee, NC 28719
4/26

RFPs, BIDs, etc.

Requests for Qualifications
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6530
On Call Geotechnical Services and
Materials Testing



Tribal Employment Rights Office

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

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

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

TERO Job Bank

If you are seeking employment and you are:

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

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

Hillary Norville -TERO Job Bank Coordinator
828.359.6422
hillnorv@ebci-nsn.gov

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

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: “On Call” Geotechnical Services and materials testing for projects on Tribal Lands. The deadline for submitting Proposals will be April 17, 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 Qualifications (RFQ) 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). **4/5**

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 Indians CDOT Office is requesting Sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: “On Call” paving for pavement repairs on Tribal Lands. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be April 17, 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). **4/5**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Water and Sewer O&M Program
1840 Painttown Road
P.O. Box 547
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
Ph. (828) 359-6106

Project Title: Off-Site Water and Sewer Facilities in Whittier NC
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Water and Sewer O&M Program is requesting separate sealed bids from licensed general contractors for the purpose of installing an extension to the Whittier (TWASA) Sanitary Sewer District consisting of approximately 5,270’ of 8” pvc sewer and manholes and an extension to the Cherokee Community Water System consisting of approximately 2,300’ of 10” ductile iron waterline with appurtenances.

Prospective bidders must be familiar with the terrain and construction practices of western North Carolina. Digital plans, contract specifications, and bidding documents will be provided to any licensed contractor upon request. Contact Mr. Ken Green at (828)359-6120 or by email at kengree@ebci-nsn.gov to request a bid package.

Bid packages should be addressed to Mr. Ethan Arch at the address above and must be received by 2:00 p.m., 05/04/2023 at which time they will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Bids submitted by email may be sent to Mr. Arch at ethaarch@ebci-nsn.gov. Any bid received after the time and date

specified shall not be considered.

Indian Preference (TERO) applies for award of this contract.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Arch or Mr. Green at the numbers above. **4/5**

ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, 2023, office of the Macon County Manager, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, North Carolina, 28734 for Highlands Middle School Renovations.

The time and place for opening the proposals shall be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2023, in the Commissioner’s Board Room located on the 3rd Floor of the Macon County Courthouse, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734. Bidders who mail their proposals SHALL address them to Mr. Derek Roland, Macon County Manager, Macon County Government, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

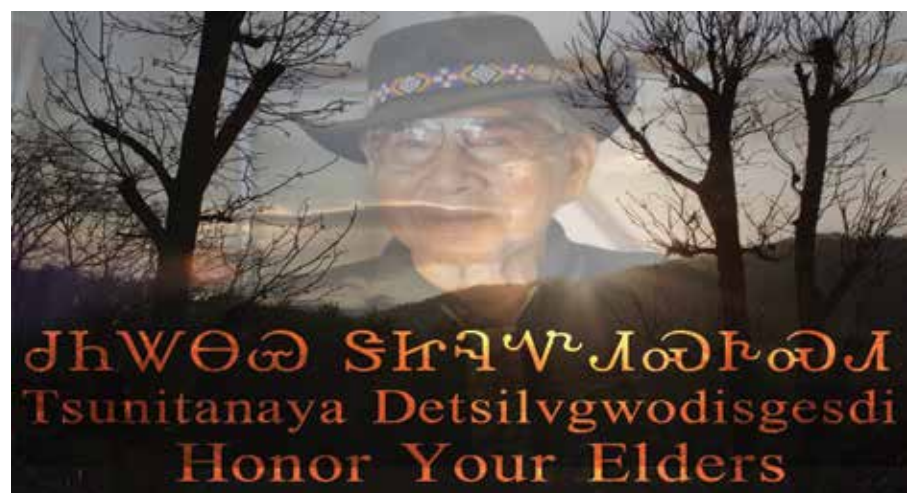
To prevent accidental opening, ALL Proposal shall be enclosed in a mailer and be clearly marked on the mailer “BID FOR HIGHLANDS MIDDLE SCHOOL RENOVATION. DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023.” A Pre-bid meeting will be held on site, 545 Pierson Drive, Highlands, 28741, at 10:00 a.m. April 18,

2023.

It is strongly suggested that interested bidders attend. Requirements adopted by Macon County Government for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) will be part of this project. All minority businesses and historically underutilized businesses are hereby encouraged to submit proposals for this project. Printed Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain after April 4, 2023 by contacting Henco Reprographics, 828-253-0449, www.hencopro.com, 54 Broadway Street, Asheville, N.C. 28801. Documents will be provided to prime bidders only; only complete sets of documents will be issued. All printing costs, including shipping, for contract documents will be paid for by requesting bidders. Electronic contract documents are available for download, free of charge, upon request.

Online Procurement and Contracting Documents: Obtain access after April 4, 2023 by contacting Architect – Emily Kite, emilykite@ls3p.com, 828-545-0198 or Jonathan Capp, jonathancapp@ls3p.com.

Online access will be provided to all registered bidders and suppliers. Macon County Government reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals. **4/5**



EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Assignment of a Name for a New Road

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Emergency Management Office at its 9-1-1 Committee meeting held on February 2, 2023 resolved pursuant to EBCI Code of Ordinances Chapter 136A ARTICLE II – UNIFORM STREET ADDRESS AND ROAD NAMING SYSTEM (Ord. No. 332-A, 10-26-1998) that a certain new road in the Yellowhill Community be assigned the street name as detailed below:

- Due to construction of the new Tsali Care Center. The new access road shall be assigned the name **Tsali Care Way** along with its eventual continuation.

Inquiries or appeals to this action can be made to the Emergency Management Office located at 282 Seven Clans Lane, Cherokee, NC 2819 during normal business hours.

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Assignment of a Name for a New Road

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Emergency Management Office at its 9-1-1 Committee meeting held on March 23, 2023 resolved pursuant to EBCI Code of Ordinances Chapter 136A ARTICLE II – UNIFORM STREET ADDRESS AND ROAD NAMING SYSTEM (Ord. No. 332-A, 10-26-1998) that a certain existing driveway in the Yellowhill Community be assigned the street name as detailed below:

- Due to new construction on the driveway shared by 357 and 359 Lambert Branch Road. This shared driveway shall be assigned the name **Koga Cove** along with its eventual continuation.

Inquiries or appeals to this action can be made to the Emergency Management Office located at 282 Seven Clans Lane, Cherokee, NC 2819 during normal business hours.

INDIGENOUS CONSERVATION
CORPS CREW



EBCI YOUNG ADULTS 18-30
SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Benefits

- \$600 weekly living stipend
- Food, Transportation, Outdoor Gear, Tools, and Supplies included.
- \$1,374 AmeriCorps Education Award-Upon completion of service
- Certifications in s212 chainsaw and wilderness first aid
- United States Forest Service Preferred hiring status
- On the job training with US Forest Service employees and CCNC staff.

WorkForce Development

The Indigenous Conservation Corps Program is designed to give members skills, experience, and knowledge for careers with the US Forest Service and careers in the outdoor industry. Members will get training and professional development to help them enter a variety of agency career pathways.

Learn more and Apply at:
<https://corpsnc.org/crew-positions>

The Conservation Corps North Carolina Indigenous Conservation Crew is funded through the generous support from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the United States Forest Service.

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

Current Vacancies

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.

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, experienced sheet rock finisher and PT Office Assistant

Shop/ Garage - Service Writer

Cherokee Boys Club

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



Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or
visit: www.ces-ne.org for more information.

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

Cherokee Language Teacher Assistant
Cultural Department Coordinator
Part Time Substitute Teachers
K-5 Lifeskills Teacher
6-8 Special Education Alternative Teacher
Transition specialist
Elementary special education teacher
Elementary Special Education Teacher Assistant
Elementary Life Skills Teacher Assistant
Elementary Teacher
Middle School ISS Teacher Assistant
Middle School Special Education Pathseekers Teacher
Middle School Science Teacher
Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher
Middle school lifeskills special education teacher
Middle school special education alternative teacher
Middle school special education teacher
High school special education teacher
Math Teacher (High School)



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Closing Sunday, April 09, 2023

1. Natural Resources Enforcement Officer (Multiple) – Natural Resources Enforcement – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
2. Sergeant – Natural Resources Enforcement – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$27.87 - \$34.84 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Sergeant - Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Sergeant – Patrol (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Youth Development Professional (Multiple) – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
6. Environmental Compliance Specialist – Environmental and Natural Resources – Agriculture and Natural Resources (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. 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 SENSITIVE 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)
14. 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 SENSITIVE POSITION
16. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
17. Tribal Prosecutor II – Criminal Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$72,127 - \$96,169)
18. 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
22. Manager – Project Management – Operations (L17 \$72,342 - \$90,428)

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

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



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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
AP Processor \$19.66 - \$22.25
Customer Service Representative \$19.66 - \$22.25

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child positions
available **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety \$44,107 -
\$55,134
Targeted Case Manager – Cherokee Central Schools
\$44,107 - \$55,134
Registered Nurse *Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 -
\$38.72
Behavioral Health Consultant I - \$50,723 -
\$63,404 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Cultural Coordinator – Kanvwtiyi \$21.13 - \$23.98
Integrated Classroom Skill Builder \$17.12 - \$19.26
Residential Technician – Kanvwtiyi \$17.12 - \$19.26
Residential Technician – Men's Home \$17.12 - \$19.26
Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Kanvwtiyi
\$44,107 - \$55,134
Juvenile Services Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852

ENGINEERING

EVS Technician \$15.00 - \$16.77

OPERATIONS

Clinical Pharmacist - \$102,023 - \$127,528
PGY2 Pharmacy Resident \$102,023 - \$127,528
Dentist – Pediatrics \$131,405 - \$164,256
Dental Assistant II \$18.32 - \$20.67
PT II - \$77,144 - \$96,430
Phlebotomist PTR - \$17.12 - \$23.98
Medical Laboratory Technician - \$22.76 - \$25.89

MEDICAL

Clinical Dietitian - \$50,723 - \$63,404
Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108

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

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 Nursing Assistant – Emergency Room \$17.12 -
\$19.26
Certified Medical Assistant – Pediatrics - \$21.13 - \$23.98
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 – Kanvwtiyi \$33.68 - \$38.72**\$5,000
Hiring Bonus
Social Worker – Inpatient - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Telemetry Nursing Assistant – Inpatient \$19.66 - \$22.25

TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Nursing Assistant \$17.12 - \$19.26 **\$3,000 Hiring
Bonus**
CNA/PCA – PTR - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Registered Nurse (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.



Employment Opportunities

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

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

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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

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

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

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BEHIND THE MASK

CHEROKEE MASK MAKERS AND THEIR LEGACY

An exhibition at the
CHIEF JOYCE DUGAN CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
March 1 - June 1, 2023; Mon - Thurs, 10 - 4pm

Reception
April 6, 5 - 7pm



Absentee Application/ Ballot Request for EBCI Primary Election



April 3-May 15, 2023, for requests made by phone, electronic mail, or US mail. Requests made in person at the Board of Elections office should be made by 4 p.m. the Friday before the said election. If approved for an absentee ballot, ballots shall be given or mailed to the prospective voter by the Board of Elections beginning on May 1, 2023. All absentee ballots must be witnessed and received by the Board of Elections on or before 4 pm before the primary election.

Eligibility for Absentee Voting Section 161-15 Absentee Voting

- (1) Tribal members serving on active military duty, including immediate family members who reside in the household, who are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes;
- (2) Tribal members who are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes;
- (3) Tribal members enrolled in institutions of higher education and enrolled members of their household that are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes;
- (4) Tribal members who are employees of the Tribe and are required to be away from Cherokee for training or for reasons required by their employment on the date of election who are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes;
- (5) Tribal members who: because of illness are in a hospital, nursing home, or other treatment facility, and/or, who because of their physical condition and course of treatment are unable to go to the polling place to cast their votes; or
- (6) Tribal members who physically reside on Cherokee trust lands but who will be absent from Cherokee on Election Day for business or personal reasons, and are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes.

All absentee applicants must provide proof of criteria that they present and meet.

EBCI Nurse Family Partnership- 10 Year Anniversary Party- May 1st
Drop in 2-6pm @ Cherokee Choices Community Room, 806 Acquoni Road
Snacks, raffle prizes, and info on a healthy pregnancy, childbirth & reading to your child (FREE book)

Contact for more info: candmart@ebci-nsn.gov or 828-359-6865

Cherokee Yoga

Gentle Yoga Fusion with Yo Mondays 12-12:50 :April 17- May 22
Gentle Yoga Flow & Meditation with Robin Tuesdays 12:00-12:50: April 11- May 30
Restorative Tuesdays with Yo Tuesdays at 3:40pm : April 18 -May 23
Beginners Yoga with Robin Thursday 12:00-12:50: April 13- June 1 *This class is on Monday @ 12 through April 3rd Attend 5 classes and earn a free yoga t-shirt. Classes are free and open to all with preference given to EBCI enrolled members.

Gloves on Fire – Danowasgi – Contact Keahana

Boxing classes for women offer a total-body workout including cardiovascular conditioning by incorporating boxing movements that focus on speed, intensity and agility. Protein Smoothie after each class FREE Smoothie Cup if you attend 6 consecutive classes FREE T-shirt if you attend 12 consecutive classes

Tai Chi – Contact Yolanda or Keahana

Tai Chi will be in-person on Mondays, Wednesday's, and Fridays in the Cherokee Choices yoga room 10am-11am located at Cherokee Choices.

Resources for Resiliency – Contact Shelby

2-day in person training that helps people learn to cope with everyday stressors and trauma. Next 2-day training will be April 19 and 20th.

Peaceful Warriors (Afterschool) – Contact Yolanda

Emphasizes on Yoga and Tai Chi April 17 – May 15, 2023 at Cherokee Choices. Time: 3:30pm-4:45pm Ages: 8-11yrs.

Healthy Without the Hard – Contact Keahana

Life Coaching with a focus on goal setting and behavior modification 45 minute, 5 week individual sessions Women's Strength Training – Contact Shelby Classes are ongoing. Classes are Thursdays at noon. Workouts for all levels.

Pound

Get your cardio and strength training all in one! For all fitness levels. Use a set of rip sticks (drumsticks) to workout to each song.

For more info contact April at apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6201

Summer Camp

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

Cultural Outdoor Leadership Camp (Ages 11-12): A three-week summer camp beginning at 7:45 am and ending at 4:30 pm daily. Camp focuses on nutrition, physical activity, and Cherokee culture. Activities in the camp include Cherokee language, traditional crafts, rafting, horseback riding, swimming, yoga, etc. July 10th – July 27th, Monday-Thursday only

Applications due April 28th by 4pm Contact Tori for an application Tori: victtram@ebci-nsn.gov Cherokee Choices: 806 Acquoni Road Cherokee NC 28719



Mother's Day 5k – Contact Yolanda

The race will be on **May 13, 2023** at Kituwah Mound. Registration begins at 8am and the race Begins at 9am. Proceeds from this 5k will be donated to the Cherokee High School HOSA program.

Healing Touch – Contact Nancy

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

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