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# Making a good obstacle

Cherokee JROTC
Obstacle Course
dedicated in honor
of Cherokee hero

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

HEROKEE, N.C. – JROTC students at Cherokee High School (CHS) for years to come will go on an obstacle course, dubbed "Reuben's Run", that has been dedicated to a hero of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The PFC Reuben Taylor JROTC Obstacle Course was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony on the morning of Tuesday, May 2 at the school.

PFC Taylor served in the U.S.

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Army from 1942-47 in the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. At the age of 16, he entered basic training at Fort Bragg, N.C. on Aug. 13, 1942. He then attended Paratrooper Training at Fort Benning, Ga. after which he was assigned to the then-newly formed 82nd Airborne Division.

In 1943, PFC Taylor was deployed to Casablanca, North Africa after which they went back to Europe. He was a part of Operation Market-Garden, also known as the Invasion of Holland, on Sept. 17, 1944. Several months later, he and his fellow soldiers took part in the Battle of the Bulge.

Dr. Heath Robertson, Cherokee Central Schools CTE/STEAM director, opened the program in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. "When deciding who to honor with the dedication



PFC Reuben Taylor, left, cuts the ribbon to officially open the JROTC Obstacle Course at Cherokee High School named in his honor on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 2. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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PFC Taylor sits on stage during the honoring in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. A photo of him from his Army days is shown on the left.

**PFC TAYLOR:** Obstacle Course dedicated to Cherokee hero, *from front page* 

of this course, to me there was no better choice. I knew from day one who I wanted to honor with the dedication. Collectively, we felt that this needed to be dedicated to an Army veteran as our ROTC is an Army ROTC. But, we also wanted someone who exemplifies what it means not only to be a soldier, but a good example of what a good citizen and person should be."

"It was stressed that we need to honor a hero that our students can not only see but can actually talk to...someone that they can ask advice from, hear their words, and shake their hand...In my mind, there isn't any other person that is more deserving of this honor than PFC Reuben E. Taylor."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a Marine Corps veteran, commented, "The Cherokees have always had a reputation for being fierce warriors... These were warriors that were strong in mind, strong in body. Many of you, whether you realize it or not, descend from a long line of warriors. I'm very proud of the fact that I come from a family of veterans."

Chief Sneed said he was a member of the first JROTC class at CHS, and he addressed the cadets present during Tuesday's event. "It falls to your generation to take up the challenge. Will you be the warriors of tomorrow? You must prepare today. That is what this obstacle course represents - preparation, challenging yourself, pushing yourself in order to become stronger so that you can be the best version of yourself that you can possibly be."

He praised PFC Taylor noting, "These men and women that we know as the greatest generation are the children of the Great Depression. They literally came from nothing."

"The values that I speak of are exemplified and personified by the heroes of our past and present, which is why it was stated that it is fitting and appropriate that we take time to acknowledge their accomplishments while they are still with us. So, today we honor Mr. Reuben Taylor. We also need to memorialize the accomplishments of those who have

completed their journey."

The obstacle course itself was built by students in Matt Maney's woodworking class at CHS. "I teach wood shop at Cherokee High School and they (SFC Tremko, LTC Carter, and Dr. Robertson) came to us and asked us if we would be interested in helping do this project, the obstacle course. I thought, 'man, that would be a great opportunity for my students to get out of the classroom, get out and see some real stuff and start from the ground up, get to do a little bit of construction '. It's enjoyable to be outside with these guys."

He thanked everyone for their hard work on the project. "I want to thank all of our students that worked with us. I want to thank the JROTC students who got out there and dug holes...I appreciate them. I appreciate my classes... they did a good job helping us do what needed to be done."

"I appreciate all of our students for being willing to put in the time and the effort. I felt like they learned a lot. It was a great experience as far as my class goes."

Maney added, "When I realized what this obstacle course was going to do for the JROTC program, how vital it could be and how important it was to the JROTC program to do this, I was excited to be a part of it even more. I realized the importance of that and how it was going to benefit them. I was just glad to get to be a part of it and our students got to be a part of that because it's always about helping each other out...I hope it serves everybody well for generations to come. We built it so it would last."

Sgt. First Class (Ret.) Jason Tremko, CHS JROTC instructor, commented, "We put our minds together to get this obstacle course done. It happened within two months and that really started with Mr. Heath Robertson. He's a doer. He gets things done...It was a lot of hard work, but it was well worth it."

In speaking of PFC Taylor, he noted, "It's really an honor to be in his presence today as we honor him. He was, and still is, a hero and a soldier to this day. Only an Airborne soldier knows what it truly means to be called a paratrooper and to live by the term Airborne each and every day. It is our effort to instill the values of Reuben Taylor and the Airborne Creed to every JROTC cadet that attempts to do the obstacle course that will now be known as 'Reuben's Run'."

Lt. Col. (Ret.) William Carter, CHS JROTC senior instructor, said, "What a great day to honor a great man from the greatest generation...PFC Reuben E. Taylor's devotion to duty and willing self-sacrifice reflect honor on himself and the calls of the highest traditions of military service."

PFC Taylor received many awards and decorations for his military service including: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, French Croix de Guerre, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

Following the program in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center, the honoring moved to the obstacle course itself for an official ribbon-cutting ceremony performed by PFC Taylor.



Annie Mora, an eighth-grade cadet in Cherokee Central Schools' Army JROTC program, navigates part of the obstacle course.



Devan Bottchenbaugh, a tenth-grade cadet in Cherokee Central School's Army JROTC program, goes over the wall on the obstacle course.

# Remembering and honoring

### EBCI walks for missing and murdered relatives

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Holding signs honoring missing and murdered relatives, members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) held a walk to remember, honor, and pledge action. Organized by the Qualla Boundary Chapter of the MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women) N.C. Coalition, the 4th Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Walk and Vigil was held on the evening of Friday, May 5 in Cherokee, N.C.

"With all of our collective talents, connections, conversations, and hard work, we were able to create this space and honor our relatives in a good way," Atsei Cooper, one of the event organizers, said at the conclusion of the walk. "There is no limit to what we can accomplish when we become organized, commit to community education, work together, and take care of each other. That is gadugi. And, through gadugi, we can restore tohi to our community. This is the way of our ancestors and they are always with us."

"This year, on the Qualla Boundary, we are honoring all of our missing and murdered Indigenous relatives. In reality, we should not be here. In reality, we should not add more names to our list every year. Since last year, our list of names for our missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls has increased from 31 to 36...



Ronda Linda Colindres, the grandmother of Lively Crue Colindres who was murdered in February 2022 at the age of eight-months-old, holds a sign honoring Lively during the 4th Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Walk and Vigil which was held on the evening of Friday, May 5 in Cherokee, N.C. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

To the surviving family members and friends in the audience, we want to be a support for you and help you get the justice you deserve. We are here to uplift your voices and your strength."

The following EBCI tribal members are on the Qualla Boundary Chapter of the MMIW N.C. Coalition's list of missing and murdered Indigenous people: Magdalene "Maggie" Calhoun-Bowman, Tamara Susan Seay, Aubry Kina-Marie Littlejohn, Marie Manurva Walkingstick Pheasant, Ora Lea Taylor-Haw-

kins, Eva Michelle Blythe-Blevins, Cheyenne Toineeta, Danielle Davina Brady-Hicks, Jessica Nicole Calhoun, Ahyoka Calhoun, Megan Leigh Hull, Lively Crue Colindres, Tina Walkingstick, Hester Ruth Reagan, Melissa Dawn Roland-Moore, Matilda Reed, Gina Raquel Younce, Martha "Joyce" Driver-Teesateskie, Dora Owl, Edna Long-Bradley, Edith Emily Saunooke-Clark, Jacqualine Davis, Melinda Catolster, Hermie Elizabeth Sequoyah, Ollie Cucumber-Hornbuckle, Bethna Sue Bradley McCov, Stacy Bigwitch,

Mary Catherine Haymond, Patricia Louise Ander-Mount, Tina Michelle Brown-Young, Benita Jumper-Gregory, Carol Deanah McCoy, Lucy Ann Wildcatt, Rita Ann Mathis, and Lucinda Ann Littlejohn.

Principal Chief Richard G.
Sneed commented, "This crisis is rooted in racism, in poverty, and historical trauma, but is also directly related to a tribe's inability to properly investigate and prosecute these crimes when they're committed by non-Indians against Indians."

"Advocates like each and every one of you here today, along with activists from around the country, have been calling for action to address this crisis including better data collection, increased resources for law enforcement, and improved support services for Indigenous women and girls. The fact that Indigenous women are disproportionately affected by violence is a serious human rights issue that needs to be addressed urgently. It is essential that we raise awareness about this epidemic and take action to address the root cause of violence against women. Only then can we work towards a safer and more just society for all."

It was announced during the event that three names would be added to the list including Ruby Montelongo and the first two men to be added to the list, Robert Clayton Calhoun and Kobe Toineeta

Lou Montelongo, Ruby's cousin, spoke during Friday's event, "My family just got back from California to honor my baby cousin, Ruby Sky Montelongo, who deserved to be here...who deserved to live a beautiful and a long life."

"This is happening in Native communities that our people are living in. Not all Cherokee people live on the (Qualla) Boundary. So, just being there and seeing it made me realize so much of the violence that we face oftentimes comes from one another because of the pain that we feel and the anger that we feel when, in reality, we're not mad at each other. We're just mad at the circumstances of our lives that led us here. It's unfair and it feels like that."

She added, "I just want everyone in our community to know that our traditional power, our traditional teachings, ensures our



Lucille Wolfe and EBCI Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith hold a banner for walk.

autonomy, ensures our place in this community, and if we're not going to be respected in that, we have to step into that and get that respect. We're on that path...This is a different type of pain when it happens to you and when it happens to your family. I don't want anyone to ever have to go through this."

Marsha Jackson, EBCI Domestic Violence program manager, said, "I hope that this date created for awareness also creates a fire for action - a call for action from our community to not rest. The healing has begun and the answers that we need to move forward are made available. That is a segway for our community to not allow any new cases to ever happen again. It starts by us participating together. It starts by us participating as individuals and us demanding a safe community. It

starts as us as a group of community members, then as a group of a tribal nation, then as a group of tribal nations across the world."

During the event, other family members of missing and murdered relatives spoke.

Myra Calhoun said tearfully, "I'm raising my three grandchildren. They lost their mother back in 2021. This was an unnecessary act. It shouldn't have ever happened. No Indian lady should be murdered like my daughter was. There should be nobody...nothing like that should ever have to happen. No children should have to grow up without a mother like my three are."

Dawneena West said, "There are multiple names on that list...just names now. They're not here to love their babies. They're not here to love their families and be loved by their families."

"This should not happen. I, as an Indigenous woman, should not be 10 times more likely than any other racial group to have violence pressed upon my life."

Ronda Linda Colindres is the grandmother of Lively Crue Colindres, who was murdered in February 2022 at the age of eightmonths-old. "I never dreamed this would happen to me, so I know how you feel who have lost somebody. We're not looking for sympathy, but we are seeking justice. Until she gets justice, that's when she can rest in peace."

Shennelle Feather, one of the event organizers, challenged everyone to "stop hurting each other".

"We don't have to resolve anything through violence. I want to challenge our men. This is for you. You don't have to hit. You don't have to abuse. We don't have to solve those things that way anymore. It's not masculine to do those things. So, the next time you feel like raising your hand or your fist or whatever, think about that. Think about that challenge...and really take that into consideration. Let's not harm our relatives anymore. Let's not harm each other anymore. That's the challenge."

Following words by the various community members, John Grant Jr. sang an honor song for all of the missing and murdered relatives of the EBCI and Indian Country as a whole.

The event concluded with Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke doing a war call used at the beginning of stickball games. "It's a call to unify our community," he said prior to giving the call, "a call to unify our Cherokee people, our Indigenous nations, and the nation as a whole."

### Tribal Council approves \$3.2 million budget for hotel remodeling

**By JONAH LOSSIAH**One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - During the May session held on the morning of Thursday, May 4, Tribal Council approved to cover costs to remodel and rebrand the Chestnut Tree and Hampton Inn hotels located on the Qualla Boundary.

Both of these businesses are owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Following a second resolution that was passed on Thursday morning, both hotels will now be managed on behalf of the Tribe by Kituwah, LLC. The total allotted for the efforts will be \$3,270,784. \$545,131 of that is contingency money in case remodeling costs are higher than expected.



During the May session held on the morning of Thursday, May 4, Tribal Council approved to cover costs to remodel and rebrand the Chestnut Tree, shown in photo, and Hampton Inn hotels located on the Qualla Boundary. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos)





Res. No. 565 (2023) approved the funding for this project and Res. No. 599 (2023) approved the transition of management to Kituwah, LLC.

Mark Hubble, chief executive officer of Kituwah, LLC, was in the Council Chambers to speak on the resolutions. He wanted to lay out what the expected returns were with the current management contract.

"We basically just manage this on the Tribe's behalf. It's not our building. We believe that, even with this, it will cash flow positive overtime. 80 percent of the profits are specially dividend back to the Tribe immediately. Well, quarterly. As we do that, the other 20 percent goes into the normal dividend pile, which is the escalating schedule over time. So, all of the profits, essentially, function back to the Tribe after the expenses are paid," said Hubble.

"This had significant infrastructure damage when it was turned over to the Tribe. But even with all of that, it was still cash flow positive. Probably fairly significantly positive. We talked yesterday. We think between this and the Hampton, the outlay to the Tribe is about a million. Probably a little over a million dollars per year."

Jeremiah Wiggins, president of Kituwah Builders, was also in attendance to explain how they came up with the figures they provided to Tribal Council.

"At a proposed rate of \$500, revenue is right around \$800,000 a year. Expenses are estimated at around \$200,000 dollars, including repairs and maintenance. And we've got a couple of employees we've brought on board. Potential profit around \$600,000. That's only utilizing a little over 50 percent of the inventory. That's



servicing the H-2B work force housing requirements. There are some long-term J1 work force housing needs, which could roughly amount to another 10 units each from TCGE and service company. So, up to 100 rooms. Which, using the same metrics, would equate to about a million dollars in revenue, and about 800,000 dollars a year profit, and special dividends at around 600,000 dollars a year once the remodel is complete."

Wiggins continued by saying that there were an additional 50 to 55 rooms on the property that will be held for potential workforce housing. He said that this will help alleviate housing concerns with projects that are in need of temporary housing for employees.

Hubble and Wiggins both discussed the search for a new franchise partner for the Hampton Inn, which will be losing its Hampton affiliation. After sorting through offers, they said that Choice Hotels gave the best offer. The hotel will specifically be a Clarion, which is a Choice Hotels brand.

"Right now, we've just done some preliminary investigative work, talking to some other brands. Hampton, Marriot, Choice, and trying to find a brand that would fit with the current structure that would not require any structural changes that would amount to a great deal of expense to the property. We kind of got that down to two. One was a Hilton property, but we don't think that's going to exactly fit that. And Clarion Pointe was offering 250,000 dollars in key money to convert the property," said Wiggins.

Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke had questions about the large contingency for the project.

"Why is the contingency at 20 percent? Typical is anywhere from 5-10 percent. Why are you at 20 percent for this project?" asked Rep. Saunooke.

Wiggins said that they are simply doing whatever they can to cover their bases.

"It's a good question. It's just the age of the building. We definitely raised the contingency amount. We've actually already incurred some dips into that contingency. We think we might have it covered in some of the other line items. Just an example: the roof on the main building, we planned on a simple roof repair and that's what this estimate is based on.

When they peeled back the old roof, over 50 percent of the old roof was rusted out. It's a metal deck so they're going in and having to replace the metal deck on the roof now. Again, it's just a security blanket for the aging facility," said Wiggins.

Rep. Saunooke suggested that the Council add an amendment to the resolution that would require the contingency money to return to the Tribe in the event it goes unused. A second amendment was made to the legislation that stated the funding for this project was coming from the fund balances of both the Building Rental Fund and the Business and Economic Fund for the Tribe.

The EBCI Tribal Council passed the resolution with only one vote against, that being Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke. Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy was absent from the vote.

After both resolutions passed, Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe wanted to make a statement about how Kituwah, LLC seeks approval moving forward.

"The process they used last time was they went to Business Committee and sort of got approval there. But, according to the Charter, approval has to be done by resolution. Even the agreement needs to be done by resolution instead of going to Business Committee and getting approval. Because I know you've done a ton of work down there on the roofs already. If this resolution hadn't of passed today, what would you have done? I think you need to follow the process that we have in place that we use with all our programs."

There was no further discussion after Rep. Wolfe finished his comments.

# Chief Sneed vetoes cannabis legislation; Council upholds vetoes

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

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CHEROKEE, N.C. – A month after Tribal Council approved \$64 million for the Qualla Enterprises, LLC medical cannabis business, the legislation approving the monies has been vetoed. Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed sent a letter to Tribal Council Chairman Richard French on Wednesday, May 3 issuing a veto on Res. No. 496 (2023) which was approved by Council on Thursday, April 6.

The money was to come from the Tribe's Investment Accounts and General Fund and was to be used for operational costs including staffing, increased infrastructure at its grow site, and to finish a retail facility.

During its regular session on Thursday, May 4, Council heard and upheld Chief Sneed's veto by a vote of 67-26 (7 absent). Chairman French, Tribal Council Vice Chairman Albert Rose, and Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke voted against upholding the veto. Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy was absent.

Res. No. 496 passed in April by a vote of 63-31 (6 absent). The four dissenting votes (totaling 31 in weighted vote) were from Wolftown Rep. Michael Parker, Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed, Painttown Rep. Michael Stamper, and Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe. Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha was absent.

In this veto letter, Chief Sneed wrote, "As I have stated many times before, I support the medical cannabis program and the Tribe's efforts to build a cultivation facility and medical cannabis dispensary. I was one of the people who helped to get the needed legislation passed to launch the operation, and I have ratified previous resolutions that resulted in the cannabis program receiving \$31 million in funding from the Tribe."

He then outlined his reasoning for the veto in three points. First, he noted, "The National Indian Gaming Commission, the federal regulatory body tasked with oversight of all Indian Gaming in the United States has released a memo stating, 'IGRA (Indian Gaming Regulatory Act) restricts the use of net gaming revenues to five categories and may not be used to fund an illegal enterprise. The cultivation, sale, and possession of cannabis is illegal under federal law and, therefore, net gaming revenue should not be used to finance such an operation."

Chief Sneed added, "While it remains to be seen what action the NIGC might take in response to a tribe using net gaming revenue for such an enterprise, I, for one, am not willing to risk hefty fines or the possibility of our casinos being shut down for violating NIGC regulations."

Secondly, he stated, "To date, there has been no accounting for the millions of dollars expended thus far...as I have stated repeatedly in both open and closed sessions of Council, each elected official at the Tribe has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the assets of the Tribe are being properly accounted for and that waste, fraud, and abuse

are not occurring."

Lastly, Chief Sneed wrote, "The fact that his project's original cost for an outdoor grow, an indoor grow, and a dispensary was \$50 million, and we are now being told it is \$95 million, demonstrates that there is an immediate need for a full accounting of the money that has been expended to date."

"While I fully support cannabis, both medical and adult use, and I am encouraged and inspired by the work I see happening at Cooper's Creek by our employees, I am very troubled by the lack of accountability for the managing side of the business side of the operation."

In other tribal cannabis news, Chief Sneed also issued a veto letter to Chairman French for Ord. No. 531 (2023). This legislation was also passed during the April 6 session and would have amended the Tribe's Medial Marijuana Code found in Cherokee Code Chapter 17 to allow for quality control sampling by employees of EBCI Enterprises. The ordinance states, "...there are not better qualified experts to sample products than the employees who produce them and whom are responsible for understanding the quality standards of their outputs, and can identify substances/contaminants that are not detected by laboratory quality assurance tests."

In his veto letter, Chief Sneed writes, "I am informed that on-site sampling by employees for quality control is an accepted practice in the cannabis industry. I have vetoed Ordinance No. 531 not because of its subject matter but because it

is not in accord with the regulatory system the Tribe has established to regulate cannabis consumption. In Cherokee Code Chapter 17 and in the administrative rules adopted under Cherokee Code Chapter 150, medical marijuana may only be consumed by persons who have received a medical cannabis card from the Cannabis Control Board. Employee sampling for quality control purposes should not be made into an exception to this requirement."

He added, "While there is a way to allow for effective and responsible employee quality control sampling, it is not prudent to allow this issue to fall outside the already existing regulatory framework of the Tribe's medical cannabis system."

Council upheld Chief Sneed's veto on Ord. No. 531 by a vote of 61-32 (7 absent). Chairman French, Vice Chairman Rose, Rep. Saunooke, and Rep. Sneed were the dissenting votes totaling 32 in weighted vote. Rep. McCoy was absent.

Qualla Enterprises, LLC released the following statement to the One Feather, "Qualla Enterprise Board of Managers, its staff, and its partners are extremely proud of this project's success thus far. We greatly appreciate the overwhelming support throughout the communities and continued partnership from our Tribe. We look forward to connecting at a higher level within the community and continue moving forward in the best interest of all tribal members."



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

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

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

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



#### Protecting Our Tribal Assets: Sustainable Growth for a Secure Future

As a responsible and forward-thinking Tribal government, it is important to evaluate the current resources and finances of the Tribe to ensure stable operations and cash flow. The following plan outlines key initiatives that will enable the Tribe to better manage our resources, our current debt, make informed business decisions, and establish a sustainable financial future.

#### Evaluate the current resources of the Tribe to ensure Tribal operations and cash flow is stable.

- The first step is to take a comprehensive look at the current resources and financial status of the Tribe. This includes an assessment of revenue streams, current expenses, and short-term and long-term cash flow. By understanding the current financial position, the Tribe can identify areas for improvement and develop a plan for sustainable growth.

### Evaluate current debt structure for the Tribe as a whole and develop a plan to manage the current and minimize the future debt.

- Tribal debt can be a significant burden on any organization, and our Tribe is no exception. Therefore, it is important to evaluate the Tribe's current debt structure and develop a plan to manage both current and future debt. This may involve refinancing existing debt, renegotiating payment terms, or exploring new funding sources. This will also include measures to protect Tribal resources and not allow

Tribal assets to be leveraged or collateralized by Tribal Entities.

### Create an analytical process to evaluate critical business decisions to make informed business decisions, the Tribe must establish a rigorous diligence and analytical process.

- This may involve conducting market research, analyzing financial statements and developing an internal analytical staff to carry out these functions. By making informed decisions, the Tribe can minimize risk and maximize returns.

#### Develop a 7 year Sustainability Plan including proposed revenue and service costs that will include Tribal entities.

- A 7-year sustainability plan is critical to ensure the long-term financial health of the Tribe. This plan should include proposed revenue streams, service costs, and budget projections for all Tribal entities. By developing a comprehensive plan, the Tribe can ensure that all entities are working towards a common goal.

### Develop a collaborative and comprehensive fund management process for all entities that outlines resource management and future commitments to Tribal entities including timing and amounts for all commitments of the Tribal government.

Effective fund management is essential to ensure that Tribal resources are used wisely and efficiently. This includes establishing clear guidelines for
resource management and making specific commitments to Tribal entities. The plan will also include details on timing and amounts for all commitments made by the Tribal government.

### Create minimum investment standards that include a minimum rate of return on each type of investment including all Tribal funds investment standards are critical to ensure that Tribal funds are invested wisely and generate an established minimum rate of return.

- This involves setting clear guidelines for different types of investments and establishing performance benchmarks. By setting clear standards, the Tribe can ensure that all investments meet a minimum threshold for returns.

#### Develop a revenue distribution plan for all external investments including Kituwah, LLC, EBCI Holdings and Qualla, LLC

- The Tribe needs to develop a revenue distribution plan for all external investments, including Kituwah, LLC, EBCI Holdings and Qualla, LLC. This involves setting clear guidelines for revenue sharing and establishing procedures for distributing funds. By developing a comprehensive plan, the Tribe can ensure that all external investments are managed effectively and generate the maximum possible returns.

In summary, implementing these seven essential initiatives can bolster the Tribe's financial standing and pave the way for a prosperous and sustainable future. Adopting a proactive approach to financial management will enable our Tribe to flourish for generations to come.

I respectfully ask your vote for Principal Chief.

Thank you, Michell Hicks

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#### Meeting with the San Carlos Apache

On the afternoon of Wednesday, April 26, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) hosted a meeting at the Eastern Band of Cherokee House in Washington, DC. This meeting was an opportunity for the San Carlos Apache Tribe to voice their concerns to the White House Committee on Indian Affairs. White House staff heard testimony from the San Carlos Apache Tribal Chairman Terry Rambler, as well as tribal leaders from several other large tribes. According to a statement from the EBCI Tribal Council, "The controversial issue at hand is regarding a large mine/drilling site located at Oak Flats in Arizona. This land is the spiritual and religious nerve center for the San Carlos Apache. A Chinese Mining company has plans to extract copper from this site which will destroy the environmental integrity of the land, with complete disregard for the San Carlos Apache religious and historical interests. It was an honor for the EBCI Tribal Council to host the San Carlos Apache Tribe, as well as the leadership from other Indian Nations in attendance. As well, EBCI Tribal Council was honored to host White House staff for this event, held at our table, at our house. EBCI Tribal Council will continue to help other federally recognized tribal nations move forward with their issues in Indian Country. (Photo by Tosh Welch, EBCI Tribal Council legislative public relations special-



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# No criminal charges to be filed in shooting death of Lambert Wilson

No criminal charges will be brought against a South Carolina resident who shot and killed Lambert Wilson last fall, according to District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch.

Law enforcement officers arrived in the evening hours of Oct. 20, 2022, to find the 68-year-old Swain County native dead on the sidewalk of El Camino Hotel in Cherokee, N.C.

Welch said the investigation showed that Leo Pruess, 60, acted in self-defense after Wilson brandished a handgun.

The shooting occurred after an argument in the motel involving Lambert and the couple.

"Although we will never know exactly what occurred that night, after meeting numerous times with the district attorney and Cherokee Indian Police, we understand why the decision not to charge was reached," Lambert's family members said in a prepared statement.

"We have suffered a tremendous loss that the family and this community will never recover from," the family stated.

Welch praised Cherokee Police officers for conducting a thorough and complete investigation, singling out the efforts of lead Detective Jesse Aiken.

"The District Attorney's Office and Cherokee Indian Police must follow the law and evidence as dictated under North Carolina's stand-your-ground law," Welch said. "Based on the evidence and witness accounts, we determined Mr. Preuss was legally justified in using deadly force."

Preuss and his wife cooperated with officers, including SBI agents who arrived to process the crime scene, the district attorney said.

The couple agreed to interviews, provided blood samples and fingerprints, and consented to both personal searches and a search of their car.

The couple's blood samples showed no evidence of either alcohol or narcotics. Lambert had a 0.17 blood alcohol content, according to a toxocology report.

"This tragic event has resulted in the community losing a beloved and well-respected person in Mr. Wilson," Welch said. "Our sincere condolences go out to his family."

- Office of 43rd Prosecutorial District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch release

#### CIPD Arrest Report for April 24-30, 2023

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

Lyda, Randy Clyde – age 59 Arrested: April 24 Released: April 24 Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Wahnetah, Carla Maria Ann – age 35

Arrested: April 24 Released: April 25

Charges: Public Intoxication

Sneed, Samuel Otter – age 21 Arrested: April 25 Released: April 27

Charges: Domestic and Dating

Violence

Welch, Anthony Dirk – age 53

Arrested: April 26

Released: Not released as of report

date (May 1)

**Charges: Probation Violation** 

Bradley, Crystal - age 46

Arrested: April 27

Released: Not released as of report

date (May 1)

**Charges: Probation Violation** 

Gibson, Christopher William – age

40

Arrested: April 27 Released: April 27

Charges: Temporary Hold for

Swain Co.

Gibson, Kaitlin - age 34

Arrested: April 27 Released: April 27

Charges: Temporary Hold for

Swain Co.

Queen, Johnnie Sue – age 45

Arrested: April 27

Released: Not released as of report

date (May 1)

Charges: Drug Trafficking (two counts), Possession of a Controlled

Substance Schedules I-V

Martinez, Maggie Ann – age 25

Arrested: April 28 Released: April 28

Charges: Tampering with Witness-

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Saunooke, Tivan Dean - age 19

Arrested: April 29 Released: April 30

Charges: Assault on a Female; Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons

Under 21-years-old

Wildcatt, Wesley Jordan – age 22

Arrested: April 29

Released: Not released as of report

date (May 1)

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public; Criminal Mischief to Property; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Youngdeer, Anna Lee – age 62

Arrested: April 29 Released: April 30

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts)

Wright, Joseph Clifford – age 30

Arrested: April 30 Released: April 30

Charges: Resisting Public Officer

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#### **TRACK & FIELD**

### Cherokee hosts SMC Championships

#### PHOTOS By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Cherokee High School (CHS) hosted the 2023 Smoky Mountain Conference track and field championships on the windy afternoon of Wednesday, May 3. Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top three finishers in each event plus all CHS finishers:

#### **Boys Events**

#### **Team Scores**

- 1 Swain County 205
- 2 Cherokee 121
- 3 Hayesville 104
- 4 Robbinsville 100
- 5 Andrews 79
- 6 Murphy 62
- 7 Hiwassee Dam 14
- 8 Tri-County Early College 9

#### 100M Dash

- 1 Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 11.33
- 2 Josiah Glaspie, Swain, 11.45
- 3 Taylor McClure, Hayesville, 11.79
- 10 Levi Winter, Cherokee, 12.37
- 12 Shiloh Woodson, Cherokee, 12.52

#### 200M Dash

- 1 Josiah Glaspie, Swain, 23.30
- 2 Keyanthae Graham, Swain, 24.09
- 3 Ryan Payne, Murphy, 24.66
- 4 Dalmon King, Cherokee, 24.93
- 9 Jonathan Saylor, Cherokee, 25.72
- 14 Shiloh Woodson, Cherokee, 26.93

#### 400M Dash

- 1 Josiah Glaspie, Swain, 50.18
- 2 Tanis Esquivel, Cherokee, 54.33
- 3 Hunter Stalcup, Murphy, 55.02
- 8 Anthony Lossiah, Cherokee, 57.29
- 12 Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 1:00.65

#### 800M Run

- 1 Connor Brown, Swain, 2:05.20
- 2 Jaylan McCoy-Bark, Cherokee, 2:06.04
- 3 Kane Jones, Swain, 2:07.21
- 6 Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 2:13.47
- 10 Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 2:21.09

**1600M Run** 



Cherokee's Jaylan McCoy-Bark runs in the 4x8ooM Relay in which the Braves took second place with a time of 8:29.39. He also took second place in the following: 800M (2:06.04), 1600M 4:46.18), and 3200M (10:23.60).

- 1 Connor Brown, Swain, 4:45.21
- 2 Jaylan McCoy-Bark, Cherokee, 4:46.18
- 3 Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 4:54.40
- 6 Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 5:00.54 **3200M Run**

#### 1 – O'Malley Salinas, Andrews, 10:20.66

- 2 Jaylan McCoy-Bark, Cherokee, 10:23.60
- 3 Carl Baird, Swain, 10:29.91
- 10 Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 15:30.20

#### 110M Hurdles

1 – Brock Adams, Robbinsville, 15.48

- 2 Austin Jenkins, Swain, 16.30
- 3 Levi Winter, Cherokee, 17.10
- 8 Eli Bird, Cherokee, 21.48

#### 300M Hurdles

- 1 Brock Adams, Robbinsville, 41.57
- 2 Austin Jenkins, Swain, 44.35
- 3 Jacob Jones, Hayesville, 44.87
- 4 Eli Bird, Cherokee, 55.27

#### 4x100M Relay

- 1 Hayesville, 45.29
- 2 Murphy, 45.43

- 3 Robbinsville, 46.08
- 5 Cherokee, 48.29

#### 4x200M Relay

- 1 Murphy, 1:34.70
- 2 Robbinsvlile, 1:35.24
- 2 Robbinsvinc, 1.35.24
- 3 Hayesville, 1:35.86 5 – Cherokee, 1:37.93
- 5 Cherokee, 1.5/.5

#### 4x400M Relay

- 1 Swain, 3:34.54
- 2 Hayesville, 3:37.34
- 3 Cherokee, 3:48.33

#### 4x800M Relay

- 1 Swain, 8:26.73
- 2 Cherokee, 8:29.39
- 3 Andrews, 9:06.52

#### High Jump

- 1 Isaac Chandler, Hayesville, 6-0
- 2 Logan Shuler, Andrews, 6-0
- 3 Brock Adams, Robbinsville, 5-10
- 5 Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5-08

#### **Long Jump**

- 1 Kegan Ellis, Andrews, 20-03
- 2 Matthew Gray, Swain, 19-01
- 3 Cale Harger, Murphy, 18-06
- 9 Xavier Otter, Cherokee, 16-02
- 11 Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 14-07.50

#### Triple Jump

- 1 Matthew Gray, Swain, 40-04
- 2 Samuel Preston, Andrews, 38-11.50
- 3 Kegan Ellis, Andrews, 38-06
- 5 Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 37-02.50

#### **Pole Vault**

- 1 Matthew Gray, Swain, 16-0
- 2 Owen Craig, Swain, 11-0
- 3 Caden Lail, Robbinsville, 10-06

#### **Discus Throw**

- 1 Nse Uffort, Swain, 150-09
- 2 Luke Smith, Cherokee, 148-00
- 3 Kensen Davis, Cherokee, 138-03
- 13 Nathaniel Littlejohn, Cherokee, 82-01

#### Shot Put

- 1 Taylor McClure, Hayesville, 50-04
- 2 Nse Uffort, Swain, 50-00
- 3 Kensen Davis, Cherokee, 48-07
- 5 Luke Smith, Cherokee, 39-07
- 15 Jayden Tramper, Cherokee, 33-00

#### Girls Events

#### Team Scores

- 1 Swain County 231
- 2 Hayesville 125
- 3 Robbinsville 93

- 4 Murphy 90.5
- 5 Cherokee 70.5
- 6 Andrews 59
- 7 Tri-County Early College 22
- 8 Hiwassee Dam 5

#### 100M Dash

- 1 Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 13.15
- 2 Naomi Feagin, Swain, 13.97
- 3 Kensley Phillips, Robbinsville, 14.16
- 9 Aaliyah Ben, Cherokee, 14.76
- 11 Ella Sokol, Cherokee, 14.97
- 13 Niya Mora, Cherokee, 15.06

#### 200M Dash

- 1 Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 26.76
- 2 Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 27.73
- 3 Marlee Hicks, Swain, 29.85
- 8 Lexi Davis, Cherokee, 31.05
- 11 Ella Sokol, Cherokee, 32.31

#### 400M Dash

- 1 Corinne Cotton, Murphy, 1:02.55
- 2 Ava Shook, Hayesville, 1:04.89
- 3 Cora Watkins, Swain, 1:05.00
- 10 Ella Sokol, Cherokee, 1:14.24

#### 800M Run

- 1 Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 2:25.94
- 2 Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:27.39
- 3 Annie Lewis, Swain, 2:29.00
- 5 Izzy Raby, Cherokee, 2:48.52

#### **1600M Run**

- 1 Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 5:10.26
- 2 Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 5:26.34
- 3 Annie Lewis, Swain, 5:37.18

#### **3200M Run**

- 1 Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 11:23.69
- 2 Annie Lewis, Swain, 12:10.05
- 3 Fern Crayton, Tri-County, 12:26.93

#### 100M Hurdles

- 1 Emma Shook, Hayesville, 16.67
- 2 Amelia Rogers, Swain, 18.95
- 3 Hannah Talkington, Andrews, 19.31
- 7 Shelby Solis, Cherokee, 21.00

#### 300M Hurdles

- 1 Emma Shook, Hayesville, 49.12
- 2 Melani Linton, Swain, 49.84
- 3 Mya Burrows-Kurr, Swain, 50.79

#### 4x100M Relay

- 1 Hayesville, 52.63
- 2 Swain, 54.15
- 3 Cherokee, 56.04

#### 4x200M Relay

- 1 Hayesville, 1:51.72
- 2 Swain, 1:54.18

3 - Cherokee, 1:58.47

#### 4x400M Relay

- 1 Swain, 4:24.42
- 2 Hayesville, 4:24.67
- 3 Cherokee, 4:38.19

#### 4x800M Relay

- 1 Swain, 10:13.34
- 2 Hayesville, 11:23.02
- 3 Murphy, 12:11.17

#### **High Jump**

- 1 Gracie Sutton, Swain, 5-02
- 2 Amelia Rogers, Swain, 5-00
- 3 Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 5-00
- 6 Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 4-06
- 8 Niya Mora, Cherokee, 4-06

#### **Long Jump**

- 1 Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 16-10
- 2 Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 15-04.25
- 3 Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 14-05.25
- 10 AJ Hill, Cherokee, 11-04
- 11 Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 9-07.50

#### **Triple Jump**

- 1 Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 39-07.75
- 2 Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 33-09.00
- 3 Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 32-08.75
- 5 Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 29-02
- 9 Selu Swayney, Cherokee, 26-06.75

#### **Pole Vault**

- 1 Amelia Rogers, Swain, 10-06
- 2 Alden Thomas, Swain, 8-06
- 3 Hannah Wingate, Swain, 8-06

#### **Discus Throw**

- 1 Lily Trout, Hayesville, 105-02
- 2 Alexis Smith, Cherokee, 102-05
- 3 Jersey Schwalm, Murphy, 95-08
- 14 Jaelyn Lossiah, Cherokee, 62-03

#### Shot Put

- 1 Alexis Beasley, Andrews, 32-05
- 2 Aubrie Wachacha, Robbinsville, 32-04.50
- 3 Jersey Schwalm, Murphy, 30-08.25
- 10 Kamia Wiggins, Cherokee, 26-08
- 11 Alexis Smith, Cherokee, 26-00

#### 19 – Jaelyn Lossiah, Cherokee, 22-01.50 **Adaptive Wheelchair Discus Throw**

1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 13-10

#### **Adaptive Wheelchair Shot Put**

#### 1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 7-01.50

**Adaptive 100M Wheelchair** 1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 46.74

See more photos from this event on next page.



Swain County's Arizona Blankenship, left, and Cherokee's Dvdaya Swimmer pace each other in the 1600M run. Blankenship took first place in the 800M (2:25.94), 1600M (5:10.26), and 3200M (11:23.69), and Swimmer took second place in the 800M (2:27.39) and 1600M (5:26.34).



Cherokee's Kensen Davis puts his all into the shot put. He placed third in the shot with a throw of 48-07 and third in the discus throw with a distance of 138-03.



Cherokee's Loshi Ward is all smiles as she soars into the long jump pit. She placed third in the long jump with a distance of 14-05.25, fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 29-02, and sixth in the high jump with 4-06.



Cherokee's Alexis Smith shows good form in the discus throw in which she placed second with a distance of 102-05.

### NCHSAA: High school athletes can now get paid from NIL deals

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – The North Carolina High School Athletic Association Board of Directors completed its Spring Meeting on Wednesday, May 3 at the NCHSAA office and voted to approve several items that will positively impact student athletes across the state.

Upon a recommendation from the Policy Committee and the Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) Committee, the Board of Directors approved the adoption of NIL procedures for student athletes. Effective July 1, 2023, student athletes may engage in certain commercial activities to receive tangible benefits. Under the new guidelines, student athletes may publicize their name, image and likeness through appearances, athlete-owned brands, autographs, camps and clinics, group licensing, in-kind deals, instruction, Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs), product endorsements, promotional activities, and social media.

School personnel cannot use NIL as a means for recruitment or enrollment and cannot facilitate deals or act as an agent or marketing representative. Student athletes, parents/legal guardians, coaches, athletic directors and principals must complete the NFHS Name, Image and Likeness Course annually prior to the first contest to participate in NIL practices. Student athletes are also prohibited from affiliating their NIL with certain products including adult entertainment, alcohol, cannabis products, controlled substances, firearms and ammunition, gambling, prescription pharmaceuticals and tobacco, vaping or other nicotine related products. Athletes are also prohibited from affiliating with member schools, conferences, PSU, NCHSAA or NFHS.

Subsequently, the Board of Directors voted to amend the language in the Amateur Rule to reflect monies that may now be accepted by student athletes through NIL.

"There were two words that were talked about often by our board as we considered the NIL policy and even prior to that as we had a committee working to bring a policy forward for consideration; those two words were opportunity and training," NCHSAA President Rob Jackson said. "Certainly, we had a conversation around wanting to ensure our students have the opportunity to utilize their name, image and likeness because it is theirs and we don't want to deny students opportunities before them. In fact, we want to give them every opportunity as we possibly can. That second piece, training, is extremely important. We have to train superintendents, we have to train principals, we have to train athletic directors and coaches but we also have to train parents because this is a new frontier for all of us."

The NCHSAA will continue to provide information on this new rule through its website and will publish an FAQ.

The Board of Directors also voted on Wednesday to move forward with the creation of a Foundation for the purpose of further enhancing transparency between association annual operating revenues/expenses and endowment funds and to provide a perpetual resource for initiatives and membership programs.

Upon recommendation form the Endowment Advisory Committee the Board of Directors voted to approve a five percent distribution from the General Endowment fund and up to a five percent distribution from the Education, Health, Safety & Wellness Endowment Fund, or the actual amount needed to cover partial reimbursements fir member schools to achieve Honor Roll status and for administrators to receive CAA or CMAA certifications. These monies will add to the \$19,249,538 that has been distributed to members schools over the last 10 years.

Effective July 1, 2023 for the 2023-24 Academic Year, the Board of Directors voted to change the men's and women's basketball playoff format so that the Regional Finals and the Championship games will be contested at a single site in a Final Four format. Also regarding basketball, the Board of Directors approved the Review and Officiating Committee's recommendation to form an ad hoc committee to investigate the financial and operational costs of adopting a 35-second shot clock.

Other rule changes include the decision to approve mandatory bat testing for softball. The Sports Committee recommended instituting the bat testing procedures and the Finance and Personnel Committee recommended allocating \$16,000 to purchase two testing machines for each region.

The Board of Directors also

- handled several other items of interest to member schools and stakeholders during the meeting. Board of Directors action included:
- Approval of interview committee recommendations for swimming and diving regional supervisors and a basketball regional supervisor.
- Approval of a pay increase for swimming and diving referees and stroke and turn judges, starters and diving judges.
- Approval of the formation of an Officials Advisory Committee, under the auspices of the NCHSAA, to make recommendations to the Board of Directors
- Approval of a game-ending rule for softball that would terminate a game when one team has a 15-run lead at the conclusion of three innings.
- Approval of the requirement to utilize a conversion chart to determine qualification times and lane assignments for the Indoor State Track Championships.
- Approval of the elimination of "tournament" language in the NCHSAA Handbook in baseball, basketball, lacrosse, soccer and softball to revert the season to a 24-game limit.
- Approval of registration increase for participating in the Cheerleading Invitational from \$25 to \$35 per participant.
  - North Carolina High School Athletic Association release



# N COMMUNITY ФSSУ

# Cherokee Senior Citizens Center named in honor of Deb West

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – A longtime employee of the Cherokee Senior Citizens Program has been honored by having a building named after her. During its regular session on the morning of Thursday, May 4, Tribal Council passed Res. No. 597 (2023) which states, "...Tribal Council does hereby rename the Cherokee Senior Citizens building, also known as Tsali Manor, to the Deb West Senior Citizens Center.

Res. No. 597 further states, "Ms. West has been a constant advocate for our senior citizens, dedicating her time on and off the clock for many years; and, Ms. West's level of dedication to the program's special clients is unparalleled."

West commented, "I'm so humbled. I've dedicated my life to those senior citizens. First and foremost, I thank my God for giving me the knowledge, the education, and secondly, for giving me the strength to carry it out. But, it wasn't just me. It was that staff. I give them all the praise."

"I never woke up and dreaded coming to work. I never did...it's been a wonderful experience. I always have said it is the best place to work."

The legislation was submitted by Renissa McLaughlin, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) director of youth and adult education, and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley.

Prior to passage, McLaughlin



Deb West, front row right, was honored by Tribal Council on the morning of Thursday, May 4 with the naming of the Deb West Senior Citizens Center. Shown, left to right, front row – Tribal Council Chairman Richard French, West; second row – Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown, Tribal Council Vice Chairman Albert Rose; third row – Painttown Rep. Michael Stamper, Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe, Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha; back row – Wolftown Rep. Andrew Oocumma, Wolftown Rep. Michael Parker, Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke, and Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

told Council, "Ms. West has dedicated 35 years to the Tribe – 27 of those at the Senior Citizens Center. That's half a life. And, it's not half a life that was mediocre; it's exemplary work that was done every single day for the most valuable population that we have."

Vice Chief Ensley commented, "I've been a part of the naming of tribal buildings after many exemplary employees, and this is a good example of someone who has dedicated their entire life and continues to work for the entire Tribe...I think it's a great honor that we name this Center after Ms. Deb West."

Res. No. 597 also states, "Ms. West has exhibited service leadership for over 30 years, as the pageant coordinator for Miss Cherokee, Sunday School teacher, church treasurer, and currently as the chairperson of her beloved Big Cove Community."

"Ms. West has dedicated 35 years to the Tribe — 27 of those at the Senior Citizens Center."

> - Renissa McLaughlin, EBCI director of youth and adult education

Q ualla Enterprises, LLC, is bringing medical cannabis to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) in 2023. Under Cherokee Code Chapter 17 – Medical Marijuana, "The medical cannabis industry has the potential to be beneficial to the public health of the Tribe and the general welfare of enrolled members." Here at Qualla Enterprises, LLC, we know that all use is medical use. And as a community-integrated project, we need your support to maximize our collective potential. We are more than a brand or a business; we are a piece of

the Tribe. Our victories are your victories. Connect with us-work with us-succeed with us.

Our mission stewards of the EBCI cannabis industry is to create a complete-ly vertical corporation—an independent business practice that is socially, financially, and environmentally sus-

tainable—to benefit the Tribe at the highest capacity. With this end in mind, we will provide the community with a wide range of employment opportunities that both diversify the Tribal economy and ground our operations to our community. Ultimately, we hope to enlighten Qualla about the positive effects of cannabis and how we can responsibly utilize this medicinal plant to improve our

collective quality of life.

Our corporation is made

by-and for-the Qualla community. Our expansive cultivation/ production facility,located on Cooper's Creek, N.C., is currently the fastest developing part of our operation. Eighty percent of our cultivation employees are members enrolled of EBCI. Additional employment opportu-nities in processing, product de-velopment and retail will become available as we approach the ope-ning of our dispensary. Previous experience in the cannabis indus-try is not required; we offer com-petitive pay with a hiring prefe-rence for enrolled members.



Trip Bernal, a culitvation employee and member of the EBCI.



Qualla Enterprises employees pose for a group photo.

#### Core Values at Qualla Enterprises, LLC

- Integrity: Striving to grow the most vigorous, healthy, and vibrant plants to our ability while reducing our carbon footprint and agricultural waste. Giving back to our community through education on all things growing—so that we can all grow together.
- Inclusivity: Building a culture focused on trust, as a community founded on collaboration and mutual respect.
- Transparency: Extending communication about our business practices and methods. Educating the public about cannabis; correcting misconceptions about the plant and its uses.
- Alternative Natural Healthcare: Providing community access to safe, lab-tested medicinal cannabis. Sharing information about best practices and its ability to enhance quality of health and life.

#### Job Testimonial

Trip Bernal, a cultivation employee and member
of the EBCI, expressed his
appreciation for an opportunity to participate in the local
cannabis industry: "As an enrolled member my heart is determined to see our future generations flourish and prosper
in every aspect of life; Qualla
LLC has the capability of impacting our community in so
many more ways than comforting our financial concerns.

I see potential to influence and motivate individuals to continue higher education adventures while establishing careers that motivate them daily." James Soap, fellow cultivation employee and enrolled member, added that, "Working in the cannabis industry has impacted me in a learning aspect. Really being able to gain a true knowledge about cannabis growth from day one gives me a better insight on how it really benefits society."

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

#### Where will the dispensary be located? When will it open?

The new dispensary will be located in the old Tribal Bingo building, located at 91 Bingo Loop Road, Cherokee, NC, Renovations to the building are currently in progress. A dispensary open date will be released when we are confident that we have adequate infrastructure to supply enough product to sustain operations.

#### How can I apply for a medical card?

Qualla Enterprises, LLC, is regulated by the Tribally-funded Cannabis Control Board (CCB). Interested applicants can apply for medical cards at the Cannabis Control Board office located at 620 Casino Trail, Cherokee, NC 28719.

#### Do you have open employment opportunities? How can I apply?

Qualla Enterprises LLC will be hiring at least 400-500 employees when phase 1 fully stands up. Hiring is currently based on the progression of infrastructure. For all current openings or to submit an application, please scan the barcode or visit ebcicannabis.com



#### Museum of the Cherokee Indian to hold Children's Week in June

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Museum of the Cherokee Indian (MCI) has announced Children's Week, a week of cultural activities for children and their caregivers, from June 12-17, 2023. Open to children from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) community, the western North Carolina area, and beyond, the week will feature a robust schedule with hands-on experiences and demonstrations from Museum staff and EBCI craftspeople, cultural leaders, and community members from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

With diverse offerings each day, attendees can drop in for a few hours or attend the entire week to make their own crafts, learn about traditional foods, and enjoy dance demonstrations by the Museum's Atsila Anotasgi Cultural Specialists. Daily, visitors can listen to stories that Cherokees have passed down for generations and hear contemporary books by Native authors and illustrators read aloud. Activities will be held both inside the Museum and outdoors in the summer sunshine. Local food trucks will be on-site with lunch and snacks available for purchase.

"We are so excited for the first Children's Week and truly hope that this becomes an annual event," says Jennifer Wilson (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), Aniyvwiyahi Community Program coordinator at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. "As a parent, I understand the absence of kid-focused events and programming within our community. Children are our future, and I believe that by having events like this we can instill in them a love for

Cherokee history, culture, and art."

Children's Week will also include opportunities for teenagers to learn more about careers in the museum and cultural heritage fields and see how paths in history, science, business, cultural knowledge, art, customer service, and language arts can all lead to a life in museums.

"Shifting the perspective about museums from boring, old things to exciting, lively—and dare I say fun—activities is exactly the environment we choose to create here at MCI," says Shennelle Feather (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Diné, Lakota), Education Program manager at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. "The people who work here at MCI each have unique paths and stories that uplift, preserve, and perpetuate who we are as Cherokee and who we've always been. Our employ-

ees will share their experiences with the hope that our future generations might one day want to continue that mission for the next seven generations."

All activities are free of charge, and registration is not required. Craft activities will operate on a first-come, first-served basis. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. A full schedule will be announced later.

"This event is part of the expansion of programming initiatives at the Museum, and we are looking forward to Children's Week and all future events we will be hosting for the benefit of our EBCI and western North Carolina community," Wilson says.

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian release

### **MISSING PERSON**

#### Carrie Marie Jones

American Indian/Alaska Native

Nickname: Lil Bit

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Height: 5' 4" Weight: 120 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Current age: 29 Female

Date of last contact: February 13, 2023

Last Known Location: Marietta, Georgia

Circumstances of Disappearance: Carrie

Jones was supposed to meet with a friend

for Valentine's Day but he hasn't heard

from her since. Her family reported that they haven't spoken to Carrie

since February.

If you have seen Carrie Marie Jones, contact Philip Stoddard, Detective, Cobb County Police Department, (770) 499-3958.

Source: Namus.gov

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## EBCI HIGHER EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR STEP AHEAD MEETINGS FOR MAY 2023:



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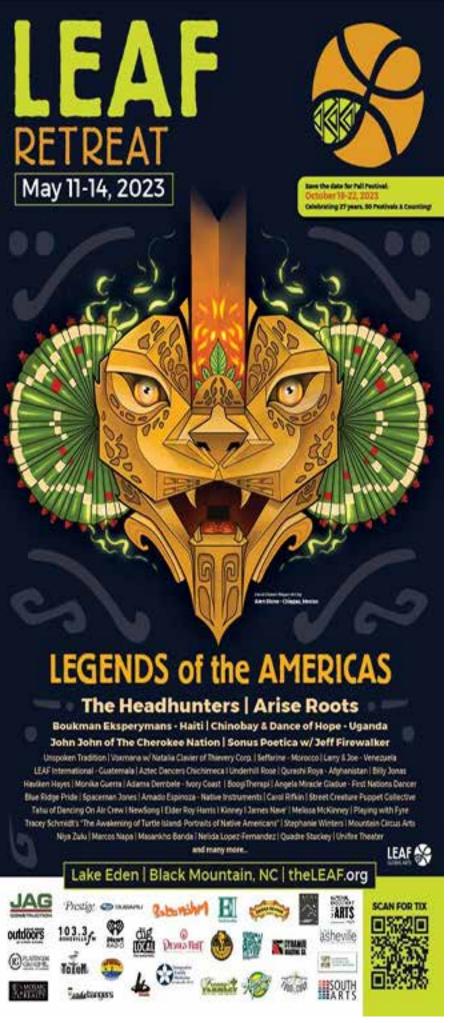
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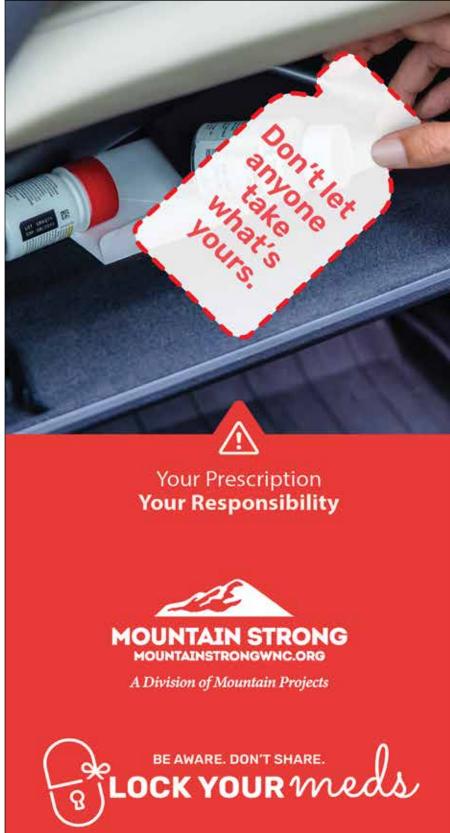
\*Sessions are only available in hour blocks. (i.e., 5:30-6:30, 6:30-7:30)

Each student that attends will be entered into a drawing for a mini fridge and/or gift basket and may also have the chance to have their scholarship requirement waived for the 2023 Fall deadline.

Only 5 students per session.

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### CHEROKEE GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Community-Wide Landscape Beautification Contest

The EBCI Cooperative Extension Center is hosting the Community-Wide Landscape Beautification Contest for homeowners of the Qualla Boundary. Judging will be the week of May 22-25, and the deadline to enter is Thursday, May 18 at 4 p.m. Judging criteria include: cleanliness; overall appearance; landscaping (lawn, shrubs, trees, flowers, and yard); use of stone, retaining walls, fending, and other manmade features to create a visually-pleasing landscape is a plus; no awards will be given to yards with fake, plastic, or artificial flowers. Prizes: 1st -\$300, 2nd - \$200, and 3rd - \$100. To enter, call the Extension Center (828) 359-6939 or 359-6934.

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

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

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

#### Call for artists

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

- Cherokee Indian Hospital

### Reward offered in Cherokee elk-poaching case

The EBCI Natural Resources
Department is offering a \$1,000
reward for information leading
to the arrest and filing of charges
against the person, or persons,
responsible for shooting an elk calf
on the Qualla Boundary. On the
morning of Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022,
EBCI Natural Resources Enforce-

ment staff responded to a citizen report of an elk calf at Tsali Manor (55 Echota Church Rd.) that had been shot with an arrow. If anyone has information about the case, please contact EBCI Dispatch (828) 497-4131. Caller information will remain anonymous.

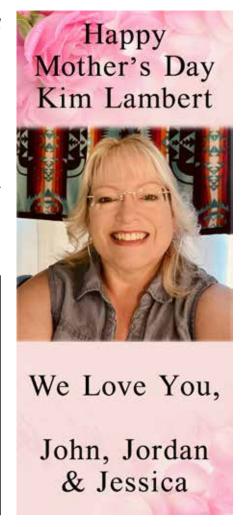
- EBCI Natural Resources Dept.

#### **NATIONAL PARK NEWS**

#### Great Smoky Mountains Association publishes interactive 'Junior Ranger Activity Guide'

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — Great Smoky Mountains Association has announced the publication of its "Junior Ranger Activity Guide," an interactive guidebook packed full of fun activities designed to introduce kids of all ages to the Smokies.

The 38-page booklet encour-



ages kids to look, listen, map, seek, observe, dance, play and share during their visit and serves as the official guide to the Junior Ranger program at Great Smoky Mountains National Park. After completing at least five activities and five experiences outlined in the guide (with help from a parent or guardian), kids can be officially sworn in as Junior Rangers at any park visitor center.

Featuring colorful illustrations by Jesse White and a tear-out postcard to send to friends back home, the activity guide was developed by National Park Service staff at Great Smoky Mountains National Park with support from Great Smoky Mountains Association and assistance from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee Speakers Council.

"Junior Ranger books are a great way for visitors of all ages to learn about a park," said Jeanine Ferrence, Great Smoky Mountains National Park Cades Cove Resource Education Ranger. "We wanted this book to be a little different and tried to develop it to encourage visitors to not only explore the park but have fun learning with and from each other at the same time. We hope it not only helps them discover something new about the Smokies, but also helps them create wonderful memories during their trip."

Activities and experiences outlined in the book include stargazing, making s'mores, taking a closer look at insects along the trail and finding a checklist of patterns in nature — from tree rings to moss-covered rocks. One page prompts children to listen to their surroundings and map out the forest's soundscape, and another offers a scavenger hunt-style list of items to find while visiting the park's historic structures. Each ac-



tivity offers a different educational, hands-on opportunity to engage with the many scientific, historical or cultural lessons to be learned in the park.

"We decided early on that we wanted our book to immerse visitors in exploring the park," Ferrence said. "We didn't want them to read about the Smokies: we wanted them to get busy looking and thinking and playing in the Smokies — and we wanted them to enjoy doing that with their family and friends. We were imagining intergenerational groups working on the book together and learning as much from each other as they did from the book. We don't want this book to be just for kids. If a visitor wants to learn about the park, we want them to have fun participating in the program. We want to swear them in as Junior Rangers when they're done. There's no age limit on learning."

The 9-by-12-inch "Junior Ranger Activity Guide," which includes 38 illustrated pages of activities and a tear-out postcard, is available for \$4.50 in the park's visitor center bookstores and at GSMA's online store at smokiesinformation.org.

> - Great Smoky Mountains Association release

#### Park invites public review of Laurel Falls Trail Management Plan Environmental Assessment

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Great Smoky Mountains National Park seeks public review of the Laurel Falls Trail Environmental Assessment (EA) through Friday, June 2. The plan addresses visitor experience and safety, parking, and trail infrastructure rehabilitation for one of the most visited trails in the park. Public input received during civic engagement in summer of 2021 and public scoping in winter of 2022-23 helped shape the plan. The park is conducting public scoping for the proposed plan in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act. The EA evaluates a no action alternative and a proposed action. Under a no action alternative, there would be no change to the existing Laurel Falls Trail or parking areas. The proposed action includes trail and parking improvements, rest areas along the trail, and viewing platforms at the falls.

The EA and additional information are available online for public review at the link below.

The public is invited to review the

EA and submit comments online or by mail:

- On the web (preferred method) at https://parkplanning.nps.gov/ LaurelFalls
- By mail:

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

ATTN: Laurel Falls Trail Management Plan/EA 107 Park Headquarters Road Gatlinburg, TN 37738

The short hike to the falls and proximity to the park's busiest entrance makes Laurel Falls Trail one of the most popular destinations in the park. Parking is limited at the trailhead, so visitors should plan ahead and come prepared with alternative destinations in case they do not find available parking. Parking on road shoulders is not allowed.

- National Park Service release



#### **OBITUARIES** JhfifR

#### Roy Adams Lambert

Roy Adams Lambert, 88, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Friday, April 28, 2023. He was born in Cherokee on June 7, 1934 to the late Hugh and Ava Lambert and was proud of his Cherokee heritage.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Jackie Ann (Cabe) Lambert from Franklin, N.C. He never forgot his anniversary as he would tell everyone that he was "married for the first [and only] time on the 23rd of the 4th month at 5 o'clock in '67".

Roy is survived by his daughter, Laura (Robert) Burton, of Havre de Grace, Md. He was most proud to be "Papaw" to his cherished grandkids, Natalie, Nathan

and Nadia.

Roy was a 1952 graduate of Brevard High School and Western Carolina University (BA'57, MA '77). After college, he proudly served in the US Army. Following military service, Roy was an instructor at many levels before he returned to Cherokee to work in his most-loved roles as teacher supervisor and later acting principal at Cherokee Elementary School. He loved every student and handed out many dollar bills on birthdays. Many students came to him afterwards and thanked him for being a tough but fair role model. After a short retirement, he started a local business from which he retired years later.

He was a recipient of the Frell Owl Award (2010). Per the "One Feather, 15 Dec, 2010 by S. McKie", Roy was described as an "educator, gardener or simply the man with the best mustache in all of Cherokee". He received the honor in part for donating all his prize monies for every award of many awards won each year for several decades from the Cherokee Indian Fair to the Cherokee Children's Home. His love for farming and his enthusiasm for others to participate, pushed him to give out seeds to keep the lines going and to plow many gardens in exchange for more donations to the Children's Home.

Roy was a member of Acquoni Baptist Chapel. He loved to sing in the choir and supported many church projects. He can now rest in the arms of his Savior and is deeply missed by all. Special thanks to those who cared for him: His Acquoni Chapel Family, Cherokee Indian Hospital, Tribal and Swain Co. EMS, the Hicks Family, "Little Hugh" Lambert, and Robert Standingdeer among many, many others.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 6 at Acquoni Baptist Chapel with Revs. Jim Park and Merritt Youngdeer officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cherokee Children's Home, Cherokee Boys Club, P.O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719 or Acquoni Baptist Chapel Building Fund, P.O. Box 1149, Cherokee, NC 28719. Online condolences may be left at www.longhousefuneralhome.com

Long House Funeral Home is caring for the family.

#### **Emily Jane Arkansas**

Our beautiful Emily Jane Arkansas, age 23, passed away unexpectedly at home on Friday, April 21, 2023. She was born Feb. 21, 2000 in Sylva, N.C.

Behind those big blue eyes and sweet smile was a fierce competi-

tor who loved playing Wii with her family, youth soccer, and then volleyball in middle school and high school. She overcame her physical challenges with grit and determination. She loved to cheer for her family and friends and never missed an opportunity to brag on the people she loved.

A truly talented singer and songwriter, she played piano, ukulele and guitar. Emily often shared her videos on social media.

Emily graduated from Swain County High School in May 2018. She studied at Western Carolina University. She made friends easily and was loved by many friends as well has her family. She will live on in our hearts.

Emily is survived by her mother and stepfather, Laura and Todd Bair Sr. of Athens, Ga.; father and stepmother Martin and Galilee Arkansas of Bryson City, N.C.; siblings, Eli Arkansas, Audrey Arkansas, Harper Arkansas, and Hudson Arkansas; stepsiblings, Todd Bair, Jr. (Liz), Tyler Bair (Kelly), Tatum Williams (Alex), and Molly Bentley (Rhett); grandparents, Steve and Jane Tillitski and Marjorie Arkansas; and by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Her father and Arkansas family held a Memorial Service for her on Monday, May 8. A formal service was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Whittier, N.C







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### EBCI students receive Tribal Council Awards

The following students, all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, received a Tribal Council Award for academic excellence during a ceremony at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Convention Center on the morning of Monday, May 1.

#### New Kituwah Academy

Kaylin Dusdu Arch, Jex Hiquali Panther, Jaxtyn Wadulisi Bark, Camreigh Goyinegi Sequoyah, Rhett Alasgisgi Yona Lambert, Alessandra Gitaya Ramirez, Tobia Anatili Pheasant, Sangelina Alitama Hernandez, Trinnity Tsoiyani Arch, Colin Tawodi Winchester, Charles Tsali Bigwitch, Taya Lossiah-Jackson, Jamden Ganolegi Driver, Carter Wayasdi Stephens, Nakai Tsuwa Pheasant, Malchiah, Ayvdagwalosgi Littlejohn

#### Swain East Elementary

Lyric Ludwig, Cannon Jackson, Levii Littlejohn, Isaiah Toineeta, Walela Williams, Parker Phillips, Phinehas Washington, Kaylee Smith, Jozie Smith, JJ Phillips, Jaylee Alexander, Gage Ward. Best All-Around: Ernest Locust.

#### Swain West Elementary

Emerson Kaden Finch, Ava Jaymes Sneed, Paislee Grace Stanberry, Chantel Anai Skidmore, Jace Wohali Manning, Allie Lynn Teesateskie, Aiyanah Nichole Santiago, Becky Jennifer Annie Calhoun, Lenora Anne Warner, London Kierce Taylor. Best All-Around: Christopher Isaiah Skidmore

#### Swain Co. Middle School

Wyatt Caley, Hynasha Ledford, Tristan Huff, Seaborn Bradley, Aria Toineeta, Aurora Lambert, Abigail Cochran, Kaylea Murray, Lily Frizzell, Alia Lambert, Mackenzee Bird, DJ Guerrero, Khloe French, Eva Climbingbear, Kaden Cucumber. Best All-Around: Cecila Solano-Jumper

#### Swain Co. High School

Marlee Hicks, Sylas Stanberry, Melanie Linton, Nse Uffort, Kane Jones, Riley Cabe, Eva Bottchenbaugh, Mary Copper, Lauryn Linton, Tsini McCoy, Blake Sain. Best All-Around: Amaya Hicks

#### Smokey Mountain K-6th Grade

Aubrey Haynie, Donavan Wilson, Chase

Brady, Venus Diaz, Aubrey Arch, Allana Kemp, Zayden Lambert, Evalynn George, Konner Cucumber, Vance Caulikins. Best All-Around: Channing Toineeta

#### **Smokey Mountain 7th-8th Grade**

Jessa Efird, Ava Efird, Milla Lambert, Cecilia Davis, Hayden Littlejohn, Zaliyah Sharpless, Axxle Isreal, Carlisle Williams, Neveah Hughes. Best All-Around: Silas Efird

#### **Smoky Mountain High School**

Josyyah Ward, Rebecca Welch, Cody Maney, Esiah Bird, Vanessa Corona-Smith, Felix Espinoza, Mathias Saunooke, Zoe Walkingstick, Shelby Maney, Sean Martinez. Best All-Around: Chloe Ledford

#### Fairview School

Maddux Beck, Isabelle Pepion, Bristol Brown. Best All-Around: Hypatia Long

#### **Cullowhee Valley School**

William Watson, Charlie Junaluska, Liam Bradley. Best All-Around: Kiana Gomez

#### **Scotts Creek School**

No merit awards. Best All-Around: Damian Grey Ward

#### **Murphy Elementary School**

Harmony Rattler, Karianah Johnson. Best All-Around: Olivia Martin

#### **Murphy High School**

Camden Breazeale, Karson Chastain. Best All-Around: Kiera Toineeta

#### **Andrews Middle School**

Kayleigh Cochran, Lauren Cochran

#### **Andrews High School**

Kurtis Cochran, Chanteah Rattler. Best All-Around: Jevonte Lane

#### **Robbinsville Elementary School**

Liam Phillips, Taygon Pilkinton, Amara Wachacha, Woodleigh Welch, Finnley Swimmer, Wyatt Phillips, Emily Jones, Natalie Swimmer, Zed Wolfe, Kazlynn Queen. Best All-Around: Zayvian Wachacha

#### **Robbinsville Middle School**

Mathew Woodard, Myah Winfrey, Isabella Jones, Zachalan Chekelelee, Elijah Lambert, Jackson Lane, Xamuel Wachacha, Abree Teesateskie, Michael Owle, Tucker Jones. Best All-Around: Avery Brown

#### **Robbinsville High School**

Katie-Lyn Gross, Kyla Jenkins, Isaiah Brown, Logan Calloway, Quinn Jumper, Naomi Taylor, Talon Weeks, Jonah Teesateskie, Skylar Jerkins, Bailie Conley. Best All-Around: Zoie Shuler

#### Cherokee Elementary and Middle School Dreamcatchers

Jarvis Brady, Jayden Bradley, Sage Bark. Best All-Around: Beau Wildcatt

### **Cherokee Elementary and Middle School Starrs**

Ida Bagus Arjuna Wahyu Ezra Pratama, Felixx Rickman, Samuel Panther

### **Cherokee High School Occupation Course of Study**

Tsali Dvdisdi, Chayton Ledford, Adrian Armachain, Acacia Reed. Best All-Around: Addi Taylor

#### **Cherokee High School Life Skills**

Jayvin George, Keith Smith, Keeifer Taylor, Kendra Arch. Best All-Around: Mason Long

#### **Cherokee Elementary School Pre-K**

Sloane Hampton, Helena Martin, Colton
Toineeta, Veah Rodriguez, Whaylin Junaluska,
Blossom Hicks, Alex Mata-Lopez, Nori Taylor.
Best All-Around: Nathaniel Robertson
Cherokee Elementary School Kindergarten
Jayven Crowe, Naomi Reed, Samuel McMillan,
Aliceanah Carroll, Addisyn Teesateskie, Salem
Hornbuckle, Amelia Arsana, Lavenia Hyatt,
Athena Crowe, Eldon Crowe, Tristan Long
Jr., Zoey Reed. Best All-Around: Margo Mahan-Flores

#### **Cherokee Elementary School 1st Grade**

Declan Junaluska, Blair Owle, Raylyn Crowe, Carter Smith, Julian Santos, Aeson Lomas, Jarren Johnson, Tucker George, Kiona French, Vaelyn Owl, Aaron Beach, Cassia Crowe. Best All-Around: Analee Garcia Hernandez

#### **Cherokee Elementary School 2nd Grade**

Bradley Allison, Isreal Solis, Chloe Rivera, Cooper Stamper, Tehya Lincoln, Olivia Sampson, Tinley Ross, Reichen Mahan, Jaiva Brown, Cheydon Calhoun, Anna Jackson, Alex Holiday, Aubrey Blankenship, Charles Roman Goingback Thompson. Best All-Around: Alaina Kathryn Smith

#### Cherokee Elementary School 3rd Grade

Orion Skulski, Samuel Lomas, Tyran Parker, Hinlee Taylor, Sylas Waldroup, Camden Standingdeer, Xander Long, Bailey Swimmer, Joselina Crowe-Wilnoty, Tokahey Grant. Best All-Around: Elijah "Axe" Milholen

#### **Cherokee Elementary School 4th Grade**

Marlie Price, Colton Owl-Wiggins, Amaya Rodriguez, William Howell, Ehko Lossiah, Bryson Beach, Conner Thompson, Peyton Arch, Kaeson Reed, Bristol Armachain, Evelyn Taylor, Khloe Sequoyah. Best All-Around: Oakley Wolfe

Cherokee Elementary School 5th Grade Odie Owle, Aryahnie Pheasant, Amelia Holiday, Adrian Santos, Jeshua Lossiah, Chotky Davis, David Kalonaheskie, Jallen Calhoun, Kenleigh Hornbuckle, Makai Hernandez. Best

Cherokee Middle School 6th Grade Kennedy Moore, Kalia Reed, Kellen Blankenship, Julius Walkingstick, Blaze Crowe, Ava Murphy Walkingstick, Boomer Pheasant, Taytem Saunooke, Sammy Cucumber, Kayden Dial. Best All-Around: Maya Lossiah

Cherokee Middle School 7th Grade

All-Around: Adalynn Taylor

Zailiana Blythe, Makenzie Sequoyah, James Smith, Derick Owle, Lilly Bradley, Gabby George, Alana Squirrell, Aliyah Watty, Morgan Hernandez, Kiara Sneed. Best All-Around: Zoe Des Los Reyes

Cherokee Middle School 8th Grade
Johnny Long, Nicholas Ensley, Drallen Ledford, Dillon Beam, Landon Seay, Ava Walkingstick, Chloe Cooper, Cynthia Saunooke, Annie
Tramper, Deanna Long. Best All-Around:
Dawson Panther

Cherokee High School 9th Grade
Audrina Cooper, Chaske Raines, Cecily Swimmer, Javan Garcia, Jadence Saunooke, Johnathan Thompson, Samantha Toineeta, Sara Toineeta, Gabriel Dial, Leilah Lossie. Best All-Around: Marleigh Aguilera

**Cherokee High School 10th Grade** 

Tyruss Thompson, Kiri Hill, Amila Lossie, Marilyn Swayney, Kyla Moore, Lillian Blythe-Ramos, Alexis Davis, Cameron Jackson, Joseph Porter, Tyce Hogner. Best All-Around: Nevayah Panther

**Cherokee High School 11th Grade** 

Dalaina Mills, Coco Wells, Ann Toineeta, Madison Ledford, Laura Martinez, Jenna Cruz, Gabriel Terrell, Bayley Wright, George Saunooke, Jimya Driver. Best All-Around: Roxi Bark

Cherokee High School 12th Grade

Alexis Smith, Idalis Crowe, Emma Taylor, Milli Bryson, Mahala Allison, Destiny Siweumptewa, Katherine Armachain, Alessandra Oocumma, Hayden McCoy, Dominyk Arch. Best All-Around: AJ Hill-Maney



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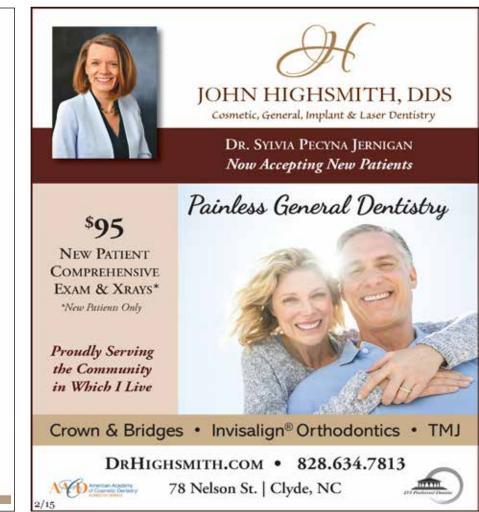


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Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Delayed Harvest is OPEN with stockings March 3 & 7	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Peacock Caddis, Yellow Stimulator, Quill Gordons, Blue winged Olive, Prince
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small 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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Indigenous Boutique & Spa owners honored as Native Woman Business Owners of the Year

Special to the One Feather

LAS VEGAS, Nev. - Tribal business leaders from across the country gathered in early April for the annual Reservation Economic Summit (RES 2023) hosted by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED). For over 50 years, NCAIED has been helping Indian Tribes and businesses gain access to economic opportunity and growth. The organization also recognizes outstanding American Indian enterprises at this annual conference. Indigenous Boutique & Spa owners were honored as Native Woman Business Owners of the Year.

In 2020, sisters Jensen Peone and Jade Blankenship founded Indigenous Boutique & Spa in Cherokee, N.C., home of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation in Washington State, the pair grew up on the Spokane Indian Reservation and regularly visited family on the Cherokee



Jade Blankenship, Jensen Peone, and Joan Timeche at the presentation of the NCAIED 2023 Native Woman Business Owner of the Year award. (Photo courtesy of Indigenous Boutique Spa)

Reservation. Blankenship made her home in Cherokee starting in 2012 and Peone in 2015.

"I started working in the spa

industry over 10 years ago, serving clients in several high-end spas and eventually offering services out of my home," said Peone. "Servicing clients in a home business is very challenging, and I was on the brink of giving up and going a different direction," Peone added, "but my sister approached me with a collaborative business plan for a day spa and boutique and that's how Indigenous Boutique & Spa came to be."

Indigenous Boutique & Spa is about helping clients look and feel their very best, and giving community members access to exceptional services. Most importantly, the business serves as an example to others about pursuing their dreams.

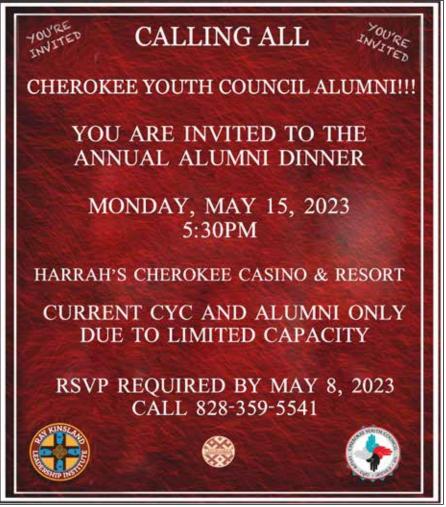
"This has been an amazing experience and journey. We get to make an impact on our community. We get to help people look and feel beautiful. We get to encourage other young women and men to follow their passions and their dreams. We get to encourage them to be entrepreneurs and to take risks." said Blankenship about the honor.

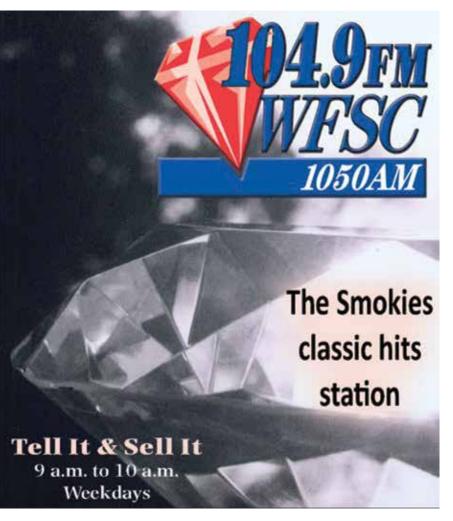
Indigenous Boutique & Spa is located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation at 1655 Acquoni Road, Suite 4. You can learn more about the business at www.indigenousboutiquespa.com.

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

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









#### To My Painttown Family and Friend Voters

It's hard to believe it has been 4 years since I was sworn in as your school board representative.

I know deep in my heart I have done my best for your children and the staff. For those of you that have known me all my life and through my career investigating and helping prosecute child abuse. You know that I am not afraid to speak up when it comes to your babies and them being mistreated. I have gone in front of Tribal Council on issues such as ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act), Family Safety, juveniles being sent 6 hours away to the coast for mental health, the protection and safety of students and staff, ensuring teachers are doing their jobs-teaching, ensuring enrolled members are being hired in positions, exit interviews for teachers that leave and staff evaluations of principals and assistant principals. I've stood before Tribal Council with grandmas for grandparents' rights.

I've had grandma's coming to my house crying because they raise their grandbabies and family safety comes and takes them out of their home. These are only some of the issues that I've spoken about but no matter what, I will continue to stand with all of you when it comes to our children being mistreated. I am humbly asking for your vote as your representative for Painttown school board.

I will do my best to come and speak with you personally. God bless my tribe.

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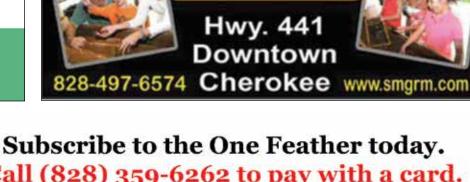
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### Mother's Day 5k

The race will be on May 13, 2023, at Kituwah Mound.

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Proceeds from this 5k will be donated to the Cherokee High
School HOSA program.

For more info or questions contact Yolanda Saunooke at yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov or (828)-359-6784.

### **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

Attend 5 classes and earn a free yoga t-shirt. Classes are free and open to all with preference given to EBCI enrolled members.

#### Pound

Get your cardio and strength training all in one! For all fitness levels. Use a set of rip sticks (drumsticks) to work out to each song. Classes are held Thursdays and Fridays @ 12 in the Cherokee Choices Community room. For more info contact April at apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6201 or Tori at victtram@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6778

#### Nurse Family Partnership - Childbirth Classes

Childbirth Classes are FREE & Open to everyone. Receive a \$25 gift card for attending each session. Open to all. Learn about labor and birth, coping skills for labor, postpartum, breastfeeding, and newborn care. Classes will be May 2, 9,16 & 23 5-7pm and held at 806 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee NC 28719. Contact Tricia Carver for more information or to sign -up tric-carv@ebci-nsn.gov or 828-359-6250.



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### OPINIONS ZPODET

#### SPEAKING OF FAITH

### **Resurrection Day, 2023**

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

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

Continuation...

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

"I know there has already been a long night ahead of someone, but I also know that in the morning, all of a sudden, God has begun to open up the doors of Heaven, and to pour out an oil that would heal, pour out a balm that would set one free. I've come to tell someone today, Jesus lives. He is alive and well. Because He lives, they can say, "I live", Because He's well, somebody's life shall be well. Glory to God!" Pastor Tim prophesied.

"If I can get someone to remember when He called them. If I could get someone to remember what He said, what He prophesied over them, this could help get that person to remember what they have dreamed. If I could just get that someone to remember, then God is able to carry that someone today. Remember what He said?"

"The problem is we don't always remember His Words."

"Now I personally remember that several years ago we were in a position where we had just taken a church. We were fresh out of college and were financially in a rough period of time for us. I remember the day when it had all just fallen apart.

"I'd sunk down on the floor and had begun to cry out and declare, "If I could just think of one verse of Scripture that would tell me 'this would be alright', then I could go through... whatever."

"Come on, that's a place where one can know they've hit rockbottom. I suddenly couldn't recall even one verse. I had lived my life reading the Bible, just finished school, and been in the Word all my life. When I had come to my own situation, I suddenly couldn't think of anything.

"Lord, Holy Spirit, You've told us, Holy Spirit, You'd help us remember."

I sat down on the floor and as I cried out,

I heard Him say, "Go to Matthew 6," and then He asked me, "If I'm going to take care of the sparrows, am I going to take care of you? The lilies of the field are clothed more beautifully than Solomon was. How much more will I take care of you?" Then He added, "Quit worrying when you are sleeping or eating, 'What you're going to eat or wear.' He said "I know you have need of all these things," but I remembered at that moment, I got up and I said, that He had said, "I say it in red," He said that He knows what He's doing. He said it! He knows how to keep us. He walks with a person, talks with them, "He said, "Let's remember what He said. "He said on the Third Day, I'm getting up again."

"I remember several years ago, I was asked to pray for 'some impossible things,' I like the fact that we serve a God of 'impossible things. What man cannot do, God can! I like the fact that when a doctor can't, that Jesus can. When a banker can't get it done, Jesus can. When the IRS comes against a person, one's lawyer can be Jesus! (We just found that out.)

"I want that someone to hear this. When one comes to a place where we find ourselves in a world of trouble, we can just say, 'I don't care what he said or she said, all I care about is what Jesus said. If I can find it, I know that it all is going to be all right."

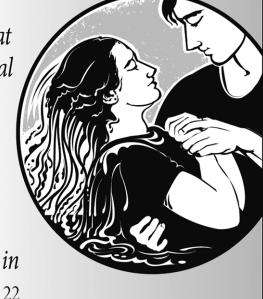
"When a man called me this week in the middle of the night, he said, 'I just need you to understand that last Sunday, ya'll prayed for an impossible situation and I'm giving a testimony about a situation in my brother's life. Medication hadn't fixed his problem. The doctor could not fix it. However, from the night you prayed, and that the church got together and prayed that something would change in his life. He's gone all week long without needing any medication."

"Now I knew that if we all got together and prayed that when He says it in His Word, we know that it's all about the one who is needing it now. It's all about the one who believes that.

"We don't realize when we look at others and say, "Well, He's 'holier' than I am. God will do it for him, but He may not do it for me." That is expressing a doubt instead of faith. What a person may not be realizing is that my socks smell like yours do, (socks are socks) at the end of the day, and it's alright.

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...This water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also – not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand – with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. 1 PETER 3: 21, 22



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### **Super** Crossword

#### **BOOK OPENINGS**

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## Weekly SUDOKU

#### by Linda Thistle

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

#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆



◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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- 1. Is the book of 2 Revelation (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or nei-
- 2. From John 20, which person's last recorded words in scripture were, "My Lord and my God"? Samson, Matthew, Thomas, David
- 3. Paul was shipwrecked on what island while on his way to Rome to face charges? Arvard, Cos, Melita,
- 4. Which Psalm begins, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"? 1, 11, 23, 50
- 5. Who wrote the first five books of the Old Testament? Peter, Abraham, Luke, Moses
- 6. What's the longest book of the New Testament? Luke, John, Acts, Romans

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- 1. MOVIES: Which animated movie includes the line, "Fish are friends, not food"?
- 2. TELEVISION: What is the name of the "Sesame Street" Muppet who lives in a trashcan?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest country geographically in Africa?
- 4. ANATOMY: What is complete heterochromia?
- 5. U.S. STATES: Which two states don't recognize Daylight Savings
- 6. LITERATURE: Which bestselling novel (1989) is set in Clanton, Mississippi?
- 7. FOOD & DRINK: What is the national dish of Spain?
- 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of leopards called?
- 9. HISTORY: Which two Greek citystates fought the Peloponnesian War?
- 10. AD SLOGANS: Which company once urged customers to "reach out and touch someone" by telephone?

See answers on page 36

### **APPENINGS**

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

#### **BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS**

Bingo Fundraiser for Sophia. **May 12 at the Yellowhill Ac**tivity Center. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., games start at 5:30 p.m. Sophia, the 2-year-old daughter of Amanda Cagle, has been diagnosed with RP, a non-curable eye disease. All money raised will go towards travel expenses for doctor appointments. Game costs: Adult \$20, Kids \$10, Specials \$2. Concessions will be available.

#### **Benefit for Darlene Shook**

**Crisp.** May 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. at the Deep Creek Baptist Church. This will be followed by Gospel Singing at 7 p.m. Funds will be used to help Darlene with expenses for a heart transplant. Dinner choices are spaghetti with salad, bread, dessert, and a drink; or hotdogs with chili, chips, and a drink. There will also be a cake auction, gift basket auction, and cakes that you can buy a raffle ticket. To pre-order your dinner, offer a donation, or to help, call Holly Taylor (828) 341-5283 or Barbara Shook (828) 488-1870

Bake Sale Fundraiser. May 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Island Park. This is for a pancreas transplant for Termell Jackson. Cookies, brownies, and chocolate-covered pretzels. Donations are accepted as well: Venmo to @JuicyFruit or Cashapp to \$TermellJackson

Benefit Dinner for Ezekiel Littlejohn. May 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Building. \$10 dinners with fried chicken, fried potatoes, cabbage, fatback, bean bread or lye dumpling, drink/water. Proceeds will go towards Ezekiel's medical and

travel expenses. Info: Moose and Spirit (828) 736-9626

#### **EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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

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

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

Elders Walk. May 12 at 10:45 a.m. at the old Cherokee High School site. A balloon release will follow. This event is held in conjunction with May being Older Americans Month.

**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

#### Mother's Day Celebration.

May 13 at 5 p.m. at the Wolftown Community Building. Free gift and snacks. All mothers invited

Town Hall Meeting. May 16 at 6 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex. Topics of

discussion: Cherokee Master Plan, EBCI Investment Plan, and Commerce (Cultural Tourism, Downtown Clean-up and Revitalization). EBCI elected officials will make up the panel with assistance from the EBCI Planning Board, EBCI Investment Committee, and the EBCI Commerce Dept.

#### **Principal Chief Candidate**

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

**Christian Veterinary Mission** Animal Clinics. Services and

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

- Snowbird Clinic. May 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Snowbird Baptist Church. Info: Dan Teasdale 735-1876
- Cherokee Clinic. June 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. This is for residents of the Qualla Boundary. Info: Tammy Jackson 788-0878 or Scott Hill 508-7836

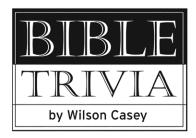
#### **Puzzle Answers**

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#### Weekly SUDOKU

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ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Thomas, 3) Melita (Malta), 4) 23, 5) Moses, 6) Luke



- 1. "Finding Nemo" (Bruce the
- 2. Oscar the Grouch.
- 3. Algeria.
- 4. When someone's eyes are two different colors.
- 5. Hawaii and Arizona.
- 6. "A Time to Kill," by John Grish-
- 8. A leap of leopards.
- 9. Sparta and Athens.
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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.

# **NAIWA Strawberry Festival.**

May 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Featuring strawberry pancakes and strawberry shortcake. Contests and activities for children and adults. Vendor space is available for \$10/table. To reserve tables or for more information, call Lucille Wolfe 736-5285 or email to carmaleta@msn. com

# 37th Annual Fading Voices.

May 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Little Snowbird Church playground, Snowbird Community,

See **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects indicate a potential for confusion or misunderstanding. Keep those lines of communication open between you and your mate or significant other.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Romantic aspects are strong, but confusing. Be alert. Use your good Bovine sense to avoid charging into something that isn't quite what it seems to be.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Working out problems with family members or others close to you should be your priority. Travel aspects are strong, especially in job-related situations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Cancerian Crab likes to take charge of things. But be careful you don't pinch off more than you can hold, or you might find it all slipping out of your grasp.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new opportunity beckons Leos and Leonas who are ready to take on some tough challenges. Family matters continue to improve, but still need close attention

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) What seems to be a disappointment could be a blessing in disguise. Use that good Virgin mind to analyze the situation and learn some valuable lessons.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There are some conflicting considerations that will need careful sorting out. Remember: You do best when you're able to balance sense and sentiment.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Aspects show conflicting signs around friendships. Be careful about taking advice from someone who might have an agenda that is not in your best interests.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Relationships are supposed to be about give-and-take, but you might find that you've been doing all the giving while getting little in return.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Sometimes indecision can be a positive factor in helping to resolve doubts about a potential commitment. Don't be rushed into acting before you feel ready to do so.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Take off those rose-colored glasses and see this new situation for what it is — and for what it isn't. Remember: You haven't been told the whole truth yet.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Watch that you don't drain your energy reserves as you dive into a new and increasingly demanding project. Take time out for rest and relaxation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You live your life on a finely tuned balance between the perception of a Taurus and the curiositiy of a Gemini. You excel in the arts.

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by Freddy Groves

# Veterans Needed for Gulf War Illness Study

The Department of Veterans Affairs has just hooked up with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to do a five-year study of Gulf War Illness (GWI). The war (Operation Desert Storm/Operation Desert Shield) was from August 1990 to June 1991, and there are nearly 200,000 veterans still suffering the effects. Perhaps you can help.

The symptoms of GWI include headaches, rashes, gastro problems, muscle and joint pain and more. The IN-DEPTH project will be split, with the VA recruiting veterans to participate in the study (veterans who do and don't have GWI) and the NIH doing the research. To be noted, in bold type on the NIH's description page for the study reads: "Participants in the study will not receive treatment." It's all testing that will hopefully lead to treatments

If you're interested in participating, you must be between the ages of 48 and 70. You'll be admitted to the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, for 14 days, during which time you'll be tested from one end to the other. Some tests might be performed as outpatient.

To join the program, you'll first do a phone interview and your existing medical records will be checked. They'll do an at-home visit to check your vitals and review your medical questionnaires. If selected, you'll check into the clinic, where you'll undergo tests that include physical exam and strength testing, questions about food preferences, memory tests, wearing a heart monitor, stress tests on a stationary bike and much more. Once back at home, you might be asked to wear a monitor for a little while and to keep a health diary.

It doesn't cost anything to be in the study, but you'll be compensated and your travel may be paid for.

And, since the question will come up, if you've had COVID, you can't be in the study. They'll test you for antibodies during the screening.

If you have questions about the study, send an email to the NIH at gwiindepth@ninds.nih.gov. For the VA, send email to vhawas.indepth@va.gov.

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# Readers Sound Off on Dogs' Front Yard "Gifts"

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I have so many thoughts after reading the letter from the woman with the shared driveway whose neighbor leaves her dog's poop on her side.

I'm of the opinion that life would be more enjoyable if people learned to meet others where they are. The dog owner clearly doesn't want to pick up her dog's poop, and I don't think checking with an HOA or municipal ordinance will change that. Maybe she has mobility issues. The writer says she and her neighbor "get along fine," and there's a LOT to be said for that. If I were her, I would simply buy poop bags and clean up after the dog. If the neighbor sees her and says something, I would say: "I've asked that you pick up after your dog, but I don't want that to become a big issue between us because we get along so well. Your friendship means more to me than my taking a few minutes to clean up the driveway." - Susan W., via email

# ANOTHER READER SHARES THEIR ADVICE:

I have had this issue several times in the past. I have successfully resolved this issue every time it has come up.

I used a new tool to solve it — the power of social media. My solution was simple: When I observed an individual allowing their canine to defecate on my property, I announced loudly from my front door that if they did not clean it up, I would locate their property and defecate on theirs as well. I made the same announcement on the neighborhood's Facebook page.

Aside from the occasional beer can thrown out of a vehicle full of teenagers, we have been at peace. — Zack in Murieta North

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

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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.

# NAIWA Blueberry Festival.

July 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Featuring blueberry pancakes. Vendor space is available for \$10/table. To reserve tables or for more information, call Lucille Wolfe 736-5285 or email to carmaleta@msn.com

#### **HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS**

#### Childbirth Education Class.

May 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Cherokee Choices office. Free classes, open to all. Learn about labor and birth, coping skills for labor, postpartum, breastfeeding, and newborn care. Receive a \$25 gift card for attending each session. Info: Tricia Carver (828) 359-6250 or triccarv@ebci-nsn.gov

**Blood Drive.** May 11 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-REDCROSS, visit www.redcrossblood.org, or call Virginia Johnson at (828) 497-2043

Mother's Day 5K. May 13 at Kituwah. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the walk/run begins at 9 a.m. \$15 early registration until May 1, and then it increases to \$20.

\$10 for 1-12 year-olds and 59-99 year-olds. Hosted by Cherokee Choices. Register at: https://runsignup.com/mothersday5k. Info: Yolanda Saunooke (828) 359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

Makennah Craft Wrestling Camp, Champions Training Champions. June 10-11 at The Barn at 20 Ensley Road in Bryson City, N.C. Info: Coach DeHart (937) 418-4964

#### **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.

Missing you and your pound cake

Love, from your kids and Grandkids

# **52nd Annual Stanford Pow**

**Wow.** May 12-14 at Eucaplyptus Grove on the campus of Stanford University in Stanford, Calif. Info: (650) 723-4078, email to stanford-powwow@stanford.edu, or visit: https://www.stanfordpowwow.com

University of Oregon NASU 55th Mother's Day Pow Wow. May 12-14 at MacArthur Court on the campus of University of Oregon

in Eugene, Ore. MC: Nick Sixkiller. Host Drum: Bad Soul. Info: asuonasu@uoregon.edu

Comanche Little Ponies 53rd Annual Celebration. May 12-13 at Comanche Co. Fairgrounds Expo Center in Lawton, Okla. MC: Gene Sovo. Head Southern Singer: Hah-Tee Delgado. Host Northern Drum: Young Buffalo Horse. Info: Lowell Nibbs, (580) 583-5279, lowell-nibbs@yahoo.com

# 35th Balboa Park Pow Wow.

May 13-14 at corner of Park Blvd. and President's Way in San Diego, Calif. MC: Randy Edmonds. Host Northern Drum: Bear Springs. Host Southern Drum: Red Warrior. Info: Paula Brim (858) 442-5033, email paula.brim@sdaihc.org, or visit: https://sdaihc.org/powwow/

**39th Annual Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow.** May 13 at Clarke Stadium (Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre) in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Emcees: Hal Eagletail and Elmer Rattlesnake. Host Drum: Cree Confederation. Info: Rhonda Metallic (780) 471-2360 or email Rhonda. metallic.ta@ecsd.net

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

**Native Market.** Third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 46 Aston Street in Asheville.



N.C. To be a vendor, visit www. indigenous walls projects.com and fill out the application.

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

**For Lots and Pans.** May 13 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marshall Meeting Room at 1335 N. Main St. in Marshall, N.C. There is a cookbook chosen monthly. Folks can

check out the cookbook, choose a recipe, cook it, and then bring it to the library to share. Registration is required. https://bit.ly/plots-and-pans

**Jackson County Republic Party meeting.** May 15 at 6 p.m. at 1601 Main St. in Sylva, N.C. Info: Keith Blaine (828) 331-7625

Vaya Seminar: Helping in Crisis. May 18 at 1 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. This is a free seminar facilitated by Vaya Health. Registration is required. Info: (828) 586-2016 or email JCPL-Adults@fontanalib.org

5th Annual Blue Ridge Heritage Weekend at the Shelton House. June 16-17 at the Shelton House in Waynesville, N.C. This

event is open to the public with artists, food vendors, and Appalachian music on the front porch of the 1875 home. The event is free, but donations are welcome and go to the preservation of this historic site. Info: info@sheltonhouse.org

# **Murphy Art Center events.**

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

#### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

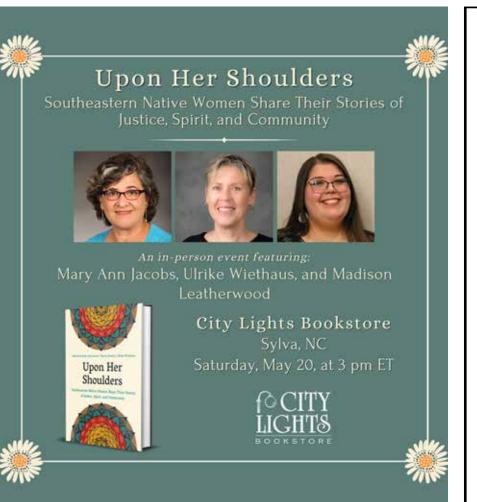
Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: www.AAwnc8o. com

Cherokee Cancer Support
Group meets the first Thursday of
each month at Betty's Place at 40
Goose Creek Road in the Birdtown
Community. A potluck is held at
5:30 p.m. and the meeting is open

to all. Betty's Place is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

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

Event listings are free of charge. Send your flyers and/ or event information to Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov or to Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com.

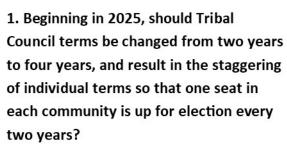


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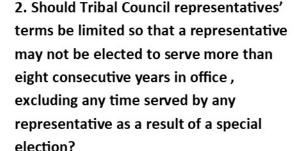
Tribal members, on the September 2023 election ballot, you will be asked two referendum questions that could change the course of tribal government forever. Here are the questions, exactly as they are to appear on the ballot:











You choose.

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#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

# Estate Sale of Suzanne Hornbuckle

Friday thru Monday May 26th-29th 11:00am - 8:00pm. 151 Magnolia Lane, Look for sign between Fairfield and Days Inn. **5/24** 

# Research Study

We invite you to participate in a research study about services for victims of crime and co-victims of homicide in NC. Go to: https://bit.ly/crimestudy Or contact us: crimestudy@unc.edu (919) 525-1148. 5/31

# Land for Sale

47 acres fronting on Vengeance Creek in Marble, with two houses and a paved drive to the middle of the property. Price negotiable. 828360-3585 Serious Inquiries please. **5/1**7

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

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

# Sandra Darlene Taylor Reagan

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

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

Anthony "Tony" Taylor P.O. Box 1728 Cherokee, NC 28719 **5/17** 

# NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

HAYWOOD COUNTY, NC COURT IN THE MATTER OF AMARANTH J'NAE WHITE, minor child FILE NO. 23 SP 57

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-referenced actions. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

PETITION FOR LEGITIMATION OF MINOR CHILD, ABANDON-MENT, AND NAME CHANGE PROCEEDING.

Filed: March 16, 2023 in the Haywood County Court, Waynesville,

submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and

sexual offender screens.

North Carolina. TO: HEATHER MICHELLE WHITE

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than June 12, 2023 and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner, Simon Santoyo Martinez, seeking service against you, will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This, the 24th day of April, 2023.

Danya Ledford Vanhook

Attorney for Petitioner

Simon Santoyo Martinez

854 N. Main St.

Waynesville, NC 28786

(828) 452-5522

5/17

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

CHEROKEE TRIBAL COURT CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA



# **Elementary Teacher**

6-8 Middle School Science Teacher

6-8 Life Skills Special Education Teacher

6-8 Special Education Pathseekers Alternative Teacher

6-8 Special Education Teacher

9-12 Math Teacher

9-12 Science Teacher

9-12 Lifeskills Teacher



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

Agelink/ Snowbird Childcare – Multiple Teachers

Construction & Facilities - (2)Skilled carpenter/ mason, and (2)experienced sheet rock finisher

Cherokee Boys Club

20. Box 507, Cherokee, NC. 28719 828-497-9101

FILE NO: CV 21-915 NOTICE OF SALE TAKE NOTICE THAT: William Richard Boyd, Jr., Substitute Trustee, and the Eastern Bank of Cherokee Indians, as successor to the interest of United Community Bank, Mortgagee ("Mortgagee") have begun proceedings to FORE-CLOSE under the Deed of Trust described below, and under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in such Deed of Trust, and an Order entered by the Judge of the Cherokee Tribal Court, will sell the below described leasehold interest at public auction as follows: 1. The instrument pursuant to which such sale will be held is that certain Deed of Trust executed by Mary Ann Crowe Rich and husband, Franklin Lee Rich, original mortgagor, for the benefit of United Community Bank and recorded in Book XLII, at Page 1 in Miscellaneous Documents of the Cherokee Agency and in the Office of the Swain County Register of Deeds in Deed of Trust Book 365, at Page 711, subject to that Assignment of Deed of Trust recorded in Book 127, at Page 292 of the Cherokee Agency and in Book 514, at Page 685 of the Swain County Public Registry. The record lessee of such property, as reflected on the records of the Cherokee Agency not more than ten (10) days prior to posting this Notice of Sale, if not the original mortgagors, is: N/A 2. The leasehold interest will be sold by the Substitute Trustee at 11:00 a.m. on the 16th day of May, 2023 at the Cherokee Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs door located at 257 Tsali Boulevard, Cherokee,

3. The leasehold interest to be sold is generally described as 54 Sanford Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719 and is more particularly described as follows (the "Property"):

NC 28719.

BIRDTOWN COMMUNITY PAR-CEL NO. 638, (Part of Parcel No. 464-J) Goose Creek Housing Project. BEGINNING on a point set in Birdtown Community on the S W edge of Stanford Drive 4.00\* from the edge of the pavement and is a comer to Parcel No. 637. Thence leaving Parcel No. 637 and running 4.00' from Stanford Drive, S 16 degrees oo minutes East 106.31 feet to a point. Thence leaving Stanford Drive and running South 71 degrees 18 minutes West 130.51 feet to a point set on the Northeast property boundary of Parcel No. 625 and on the edge of Fisher Branch. Thence running up the branch with Parcel No. 625, North 27 degrees 25 minutes East 12.40 feet to a point, a comer to Parcel No. 626. Thence leaving Parcel No. 625 and running with Parcel No. 626 and continuing North 27 degrees 25 minutes West 76.09 feet to a point. Thence leaving Parcel No. 626 and the branch and running with Parcel No. 637, North 64 degrees oo minutes East 150.13 feet to The Point of Beginning, containing 0.311 acre, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon. Any leasehold interest described in the Deed of Trust which is not being offered for sale is described

Any leasehold interest described in the Deed of Trust which is not being offered for sale is described as follows: Subject to any and all Release Deeds of Record in the Cherokee Agency and Swain County, North Carolina Registry.

- 4. Any buildings located on the above-described property are also included in the sale.
- 5. The property will be sold by the Substitute Trustee to the highest bidder for CASH. The highest bidder will be required to deposit IN CASH with the Substitute Trustee at the date and time of the sale the greater of five percent (5.0%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars

(\$750.00).

6. The Property is being sold "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Substitute Trustee, Mortgagee, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, or authorized agents or representatives of either Substitute Trustee or Mortgagee make any warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment, or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the Property and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way related to such conditions are expressly disclaimed. The Mortgagee has reserved the right to withdraw the sale up to and until the deed is delivered by the Substitute Trustee. 7. The Property will be sold subject to levy, special assessments, and all unpaid taxes, if any. The Substitute Trustee and Mortgagee are not aware of any subordinate rights or interests included in the sale of the Property hereunder.

- 8. The Property will be sold subject to limitations regarding possession and transfer under federal and Tribal law.
- 9. An order for possession of the Property may be issued pursuant to Cherokee Code Section 45-24 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Superior Court Clerk of the Cherokee Tribal Court.
- 10. Additional Notice Where the Property is Residential with Less Than 15 Rental Units, including single-family residential real property: Any person who occupies the Property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the Notice of Sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but

no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

11. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statues Section 45-21.8, the sale of the Property may be made by whole or by tract in the discretion of the Substitute Trustee. Further, the Substitute Trustee may offer for sale any and all personal property as permitted by the Deed of Trust in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes Sections 25-9-604, 25-9-610, and 25-9-611, in whole, as individual items, or together with the Property as the Substitute Trustee determines is appropriate in the Substitute Trustee's sole discretion. This notice is intended to comply with the requirements of North Carolina General Statutes Sections 25-9-607 and 25-9-613 providing for the disposition of personal property in connection with a foreclosure of real property and Cherokee Code Section 25-9. Mortgagor is entitled to and may request an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust.

12. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the remaining balance of the successful bid amount in cash or certified funds at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to such bidder, or attempts to deliver to such bidder, a deed for the Property. Should such successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the successful bid at that time, that bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided by Cherokee Code Section 45-25.

13. The Property is being sold subject to all prior and superior:

(i) deeds of trust, (ii) liens, (iii) unpaid taxes, (iv) restrictions, (v) easements, (vi) assessments, (vii) leases, and (viii) other matters, if any, which, as a matter of law, survive the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust, provided that the inclusion of this clause in this Notice of Substitute Trustee's Sale of Real Estate shall not be deemed to validate or otherwise effect to any such matter or other right which, as a matter of law, does not survive the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

sure of the Deed of Trust.

14. Any person who occupies the Property pursuant to a bona fide lease or tenancy may have additional rights pursuant to the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act. THIS the 12th day of April, 2023. William Richard Boyd, Jr. Substitute Trustee

474 Mountain Cove Road

Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

VAN WINKLE, BUCK, WALL, STARNES AND DAVIS, P.A. MARK A. PINKSTON
N.C. State Bar No. 16789
Attorney for Mortgagee
PO Box 7376
Asheville, NC 28802-7376
(828) 258-2991 (Telephone)
(828) 255-2767 (Facsimile)
Dates: May 4, 2023 and May 11, 2023
12472-1634
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 23-022

# In the Matter of the Estate of David Welch

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

from their recovery.

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Jamie Welch PO Box 140 Cherokee, NC 28719 5/24

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 23-041

# In the Matter of the Estate of Phillip Owle, JR

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
Frances Lucille Librado

Frances Lucille Librado PO Box 1464 Cherokee, NC 28719 **5/24** 

RFPs, BIDs, etc.

# **Request for Proposals**

The Cherokee Court is now taking resumes for one (1) part-time Magistrate. This position will substitute for the full-time magistrates at the Cherokee Court while the magistrate is on leave status. Familiarity with the Cherokee community and with a court system (state, federal, or tribal)





is preferred. Ability to work with the public and handle conflicts is required. Following training, this position will have full authority to make all magistrate related decisions, including issuing warrants and subpoenas, and other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.

Education and experience: Requires any combination of at least four (4) years practical work experience or education in a legal or law enforcement related field. Position will require both in-office and on-call performance of duties. Interested individuals should submit the following: • Name and Contact Information • Relevant Work Experience • Copies of Certificates Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before May 12, 2023, will receive priority over later submissions. Please email, mail or fax to: Amber Shuler, Court Administrator ambeshul@ebci-nsn.gov PO Box 1629 Cherokee, NC 28719 (828)359-0012 (fax)

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract.
The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. 5/10

# **Request for Proposals**

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for a Guardian ad Litem Attorney Advocate. The GAL Attorney Advocate will assure the protection of a child's legal rights by taking all action necessary to zealously represent the child's best interest. This service will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court. Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following: 1. Name and Contact Information 2. Copies of Certificates and Licenses 3. Relevant Work Experience Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before May 31, 2023, will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or email proposals to: Amber Shuler, Court Administrator Cherokee Tribal Court PO Box 1629 Cherokee, NC 28719 ambeshul@ ebci-nsn.gov This is a solicitation of

# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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Downtown Fountains Management and Repairs/ Maintenance for Building Rental Program

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) invites companies with certifications in pool and spa maintenance to submit qualifications for completing repairs and performing maintenance services with the downtown fountains for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, North Carolina.

The complete scope of work to be provided by the firm to be hired as Contractor is part of a complete RFQ document which may be obtained by contacting Albert Cruz, Commercial Building Specialist, at the EBCI Commerce Office, at 828-359-6706. acruz@ebci-nsn.gov. Completed proposals are due in the offices of the EBCI Enterprise Development Office by the close of business on Friday, May 19, 2023. They should be sent to Albert Cruz, Commercial Building Specialist – Commerce Office, 810 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719, or via email acruz@ebci-nsn.gov. Proposals must be submitted as required in the proposal package. First preference will be given to

Bid Proposals

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

qualified TERO contractors. 5/10

Dunkin Donuts & Food Court Renovations at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Cherokee, NC.

The following scopes of work are available to bid:
Demolition, Concrete, Millwork,
Firestopping and Joint Sealants,
Framing and Drywall, Tile, ACT
Ceilings, Wall Coverings and Painting, Signage, Wall Protection, Food
Service Equipment, Fire Suppression, Plumbing, HVAC, Electrical,
Communication, Fire Alarm.

Proposal due date is: June 01, 2023 at 5:00 PM CST.

Please contact Bob Legler at bob.legler@robinsmorton.com or 205-803-0178 for further information regarding this request for proposal.

Every bidder is responsible for reviewing all contract documents and including all costs associated with the contractor's scope of work. Any questions regarding discrepancies, conflicts or insufficient information are to be directed to Bob Legler bob.legler@robinsmorton. com. The project is to be bid per plans and specifications. Voluntary alternates, methods and/or substitutions are encouraged, but must be identified and quoted separately from your base bid. 5/17

# **Request for Proposals**

Internal Audit Services (OIA-23-001)

The Office of Internal Audit and Ethics of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is requesting proposals from experienced individuals or firms to provide Internal Audit Services. Must demonstrate relevant experience and qualifications. For details a complete RFP package may be requested by contacting Sharon Blankenship, Chief Audit and Ethics Executive at 828-359-7071 or sharblan@ebci-nsn.gov. Proposals are due June 16, 2023. 5/17



# Search thousands of One Feather photos:

# LEGAL NOTICE

# IF YOU, A CHILD IN YOUR CARE, OR ANOTHER LOVED ONE WERE HARMED BY ENDO OR A RELATED COMPANY, INCLUDING PAR OR AMS, OR THEIR PRODUCTS INCLUDING OPIOIDS, RANITIDINE, OR TRANSVAGINAL MESH, YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY DEADLINES IN THE ENDO BANKRUPTCY.

The deadline to file a claim in the bankruptcy is July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). The deadline to object to Endo's sale is July 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

# WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On August 16, 2022, Endo International plc and certain of its affiliates filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Certain Endo affiliates manufactured and/or sold, among other things, branded opioid medications (including but not limited to OPANA® (oxymorphone hydrochloride), OPANA® ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride extended release), and PERCOCET® (oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets)), generic opioid medications, generic ranitidine medications, and transvaginal mesh. This notice is intended to inform you of your rights in this bankruptcy regarding the bar date and proof of claim process and Endo's proposed sale of substantially all of its assets.

## WHAT IS A CLAIM?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. If you, a child in your care, or another loved one were harmed by Endo or a related company, including Par or American Medical Systems (AMS), or their products, including opioids, ranitidine, or transvaginal mesh, you may have a claim against one or more of these entities. To make a claim, you will need to submit a proof of claim in the bankruptcy case. You may file a claim on behalf of yourself, a child in your care (including a child exposed to opioids in the womb), or a deceased or disabled relative. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Endo bankruptcy include but are not limited to:

- Opioid Claims: Claims for death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of consortium, or neonatal abstinence syndrome (sometimes referred to as "NAS"), among others.
- > Ranitidine claims: Claims for cancer, including bladder, esophageal, pancreatic, stomach, and liver cancer, among others.
- > Transvaginal mesh claims: Claims for pelvic pain, infection, bleeding, among others.

# WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BAR DATE AND PROOF OF CLAIM PROCESS?

The deadline to submit your proof of claim is called a bar date. The bar date, or the deadline to submit your proof of claim, is July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). If you do not submit a proof of claim by the deadline, you will lose any rights you may have had to seek payment or compensation. You must file a proof of claim form so that it is <u>actually received</u> by the bar date. A proof of claim form can be filed by you, a legal guardian, survivors, or relatives of people who have died or are disabled. You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

For a more complete list of relevant companies and products manufactured and/or sold by Endo and its related companies, including full prescribing information and BOXED WARNINGS for OPANA® (oxymorphone hydrochloride), OPANA® ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride extended release), and PERCOCET® (oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets), and for more complete details about the bar date and instructions on how to file a confidential personal injury claim, visit EndoClaims.com or call 877.542.1878 (Toll-Free) or 929.284.1688 (International).

# WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SALE?

Endo intends to sell substantially all of its assets in an auction and sale process in the bankruptcy case and subject to approval by the bankruptcy court. **Endo is seeking relief** that the sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens, and encumbrances.

If you disagree with the proposed sale, you must object to the sale in writing, so that your objection is received on or before July 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). Any party in interest who fails to properly file and serve its objection by the objection deadline may lose its claim against Endo's assets if the sale is approved. Objections not filed and served properly may not be considered by the bankruptcy court.

Complete details about the proposed sale, including any auction for Endo's assets, the date of the hearing to consider the sale, and instructions on how to file an objection, are available at EndoClaims.com or by calling 877.542.1878 (Toll-Free) or 929.284.1688 (International).

## IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

CALL: 877.542.1878 (Toll-Free)

929.284.1688 (International)

VISIT: EndoClaims.com

EMAIL: EndoInquiries@ra.kroll.com

**Endo International plc Claims Processing Center** 

c/o Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC

**Grand Central Station, PO Box 4850** 

New York, NY 10163-4850

WRITE:





# Now Available - TERO's Job Listing



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

#### **TERO Job Bank**

If you are seeking employment and you are:

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

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

Hillary Norville -TERO Job Bank Coordinato 828.359.6422 hillnory@ebci-nan.gov

Douglas McCoy -TERO Job Bank Coordinator 828.359.6478

douamcco@ebci-nsn.gov

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# We're Firing! We're hiring top of house staff for the 2023 season of Unto These Hills. Box office, concessions, parking, and usher positions available. Evening hours Hourly pay Training provided Company perks Apply online at CherokeeHistorical.org or in person at 564 Tsali Blvd. Applications are due by May 13th.



On the Job Training (OJT) Summer Program with the Cherokee Boys Club. The OJT Program will begin on June 12th and end on July 28th this year.

IT - 1 position

SHOP -

**AGELINK** - 3 positions

2 Shop

1 Bodyshop

ADMIN - 1 position

1 Bio-Fuel

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# FINANCE

Senior Accountant \$67,082 - \$83,852
Patient Access Specialist - \*Part Time Intermittent
\$17.12 - \$19.26

Finance / HR Administrative Assistant \$19.66 - \$22.25

# **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child positions available \*\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety \$44,107 -

\$55,134

Targeted Case Manager – Cherokee Central Schools \$44,107 - \$55,134

Registered Nurse \*Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 - \$38.72

Cultural Coordinator — Kanvwotiyi \$21.13 — \$23.98 Integrated Classroom Skill Builder \$17.12 - \$19.26 Residential Technician — Kanvwotiyi \$17.12 - \$19.26 Residential Technician — Men's Home \$17.12 - \$19.26 Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor - Kanvwotiyi \$44,107 - \$55,134

# **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
Dental Hygienist \$67,082 - \$83,852
Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist I \$22.76 - \$25.89
Emergency Hire - Physical Therapist II \$77,144 - \$96,430
Eye Clinic Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Physical Therapy/Wound Care Case Manager - \$17.12 - \$19.26

# **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 Family Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant —

# **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Primary Care \$91,254 - \$114,067

## NURSING

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

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

Case Management Support – Cherokee County Clinic \* Emergency Hire \$18.32 - \$20.67

Certified Medical Assistant – Immediate Care Center - \$21.13 - \$23.98

Licensed Clinical Social Worker - \$58,332 - \$72,915

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 - Kanvwotiyi \$33.68 - \$38.72\*\*\$5,000

**Hiring Bonus** 

Telemetry Nursing Assistant PTI – 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

CNA/PCA -- \$17.12 - \$19.26 \*\* \$3,000 Hiring Bonus\*\*

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

# **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.



# Available Jobs

**Residential Tech** - \$12.00 - \$19.00 Full Time - 1 Positions the Residential Tech will have front desk duties and patrol hotel premises in order to maintain order, enforce rules and regulations, and insure observance of applicable laws. Overnight Shift Required

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Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office (Old Chestnut Tree Inn) between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday or email Kristin Smith @ kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com

These positions are open until filled, Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application





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 Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)

#### Open Until Filled

- Detention Officer (Multiple) Detention Services Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Patrol Officer (Multiple) Cherokee Indian Police Department EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Probation Officer (Multiple) Cherokee Indian Police Department (Corrections) EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$39,806 \$49,758) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 4. Community Response Officer Cherokee Indian Police Department EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 \$26.11 per hour)
- FT Paramedic Emergency Medical Services Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
- PT Paramedic (Multiple) Emergency Medical Services Operations (L11 \$19.13 \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 7. Teacher (Multiple) Qualla Boundary Early Head Start Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 \$20.26 per hour)
- 8. Teacher (Multiple) Qualla Boundary Head Start Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 \$21.98 per hour)
- 9. Real Estate Associate Attorney Realty Services Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$72,342 \$90,428)
- 10. Social Worker (Multiple) Family Safety Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 \$31.46 per hour)
- 11. Legal Services Attorney Legal Assistance Office Office of the Attorney General (L16 \$64,389 \$85,852)
- 12. Financial Analyst (Multiple) Budget and Finance Treasury (L15 \$57,982 \$72,478)
- 13. WWT Operator Waste Water Treatment Plant Operations (L10 \$17.58 \$21.98 per hour)
- 14. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator Waste Water Treatment Operations (L11 \$19.13 \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 15. Supervisor Biological/Waste Water Operator Waste Water Treatment Operations (L14 \$25.17 \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 16. Telecommunicator Public Safety Communications Operations (L12 \$20.89 \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 17. Family Safety Grants Coordinator Family Safety Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$20.89 \$26.11 per hour)
- 18. Certified Nursing Assistant Tribal In Home Care Services Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 \$20.26 per hour)
- 19. Manager Project Management Operations (L17 \$72,342 \$90,428)
- 20. Legislative Legal Counsel Tribal Council Legislative Branch (L19 \$97,792 \$130,389)
- 21. Driver (Multiple) Transit Operations (L8 \$15.90 \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 22. Training Coordinator Tribal Employment Rights Office (L9 \$16.21 \$20.26 per hour)



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