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CHS graduates largest class in school history

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

HEROKEE, N.C. – A total of 98 Braves and Lady Braves crossed the stage in Ray Kinsland Stadium during the Cherokee High School Commencement Ceremony on the evening of Thursday, May 25 marking the largest graduating class in school history.

Craig Barker, CHS assistant principal, said in opening the night's festivities, "These are some of the finest young individuals that

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Ariyonna Hill-Maney, Cherokee High School Class of 2023 valedictorian, gives her address during the school's commencement ceremony at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Thursday, May 25. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Alexis Smith, CHS Class of 2023 salutatorian, gives her address.

**GRADUATION:** Largest class ever at CHS, *from front page* 

I've had the privilege of teaching and coaching. It's always a great day to be a Brave."

Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, said in her address, "Class of 2023, I am filled with deep admiration and immense pride for each and every one of you. Today marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance. Together, we have weathered countless challenges, overcome obstacles, and embraced opportunities for growth. And, through it all, one phrase has echoed in our hearts and our minds – your motto, 'It is what it is.'"

"This motto, seemingly simple yet profound in its essence, has guided us throughout our journey. When we were sent home for the better part of a year, we said, 'it is what it is'. When we returned and had to wear masks, do daily temperature checks, walk a particular way in the hall, eat breakfast and lunch in our classrooms, sit six feet apart, we said, 'it is what it is'...this motto reminds us to accept the realities of life, both victories, defeats, and setbacks with grace and resilience. It encourages us to confront adversity head-on, acknowledging that some circumstances may be beyond our control. The response to them defines our character."

Ariyonna Hill-Maney, CHS valedictorian, said in her address that she is one of 16 students graduating who were in the first pre-K class at the new CHS campus. "As we have grown into the shoes we are supposed to fill, we have walked our own chosen paths - sometimes with confidence, strength of will, and purpose and other times with nothing but the grace given to us by our Creator. Whether we arrived at this place in a condition you might call whole or whether we arrived here with a few scars from learning lessons, we are here today to celebrate our transformation from excited little pre-K students to thriving young men and women ready to take on new challenges."

Hill-Maney will attend the University of California – Irvine in the fall and said Cherokee Central Schools helped prepare her and others in taking the next step. "We will be better at everything we do because of the kindness of heart and the dedication to learning showered on us by the teachers here at the best school on Earth."

She added, "I am eternally grateful to the teachers and coaches who cared enough to tell me when I was not giving my all and also when I did my best."

Alexis Smith, CHS salutatorian, thanked teachers and school officials, mentors, and family members for their help along the way given to each student. "You have molded us into successful young women and men, and for that, we will forever be grateful."

She went on to say, "I reflect on the past, going back to elementary and middle school where I first met my group of friends who became like family to me. As I reflect on our favorite memories, our crazy locker room shenanigans stand out the most. Those times allowed us to build a bond among our team which carried us throughout our season (basketball) and then eventually allowed us to become regular season and tournament conference champs our senior year. I will never forget all the great times we had together. Without these friends, who are like family to me, I wouldn't be the person that I am today."

Smith said she has learned many life lessons during high school. "I've learned that to be successful and to get what you want, it takes hard work, determination, and sacrifice. These lessons, memories, and sacrifices have shaped us into who we are now. But, our willingness to continue to learn forever will make us into the people we are meant to be."

Kyra West, CHS Class of



Xavier Otter, left, and Jaelyn Lossiah, right, received the Dr. Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Award as presented by the WCU (Western Carolina University) Cherokee Center. Shown, left to right, are Otter; Jake Stephens, Dr. Wolfe's grandson; Sky Sampson, WCU Cherokee Center director; and Lossiah.

2023 president, said, "My advice to everyone here, but mainly the younger classes, is to push through it because I promise you, it is so worth it. Because, without the fear, there is no courage, and with courage, we can make impacts."

During the ceremony, several awards were given including the following:

NAIWA Award presented by Loretta Bolden to Ariyonna Hill-Maney and Alexis Smith
American Legion Award present-

ed by Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Vice Commander Sam Lambert to Connor Pheasant • JROTC Command Sword presented by Lt. Col. (Ret.) William Carter, CHS JROTC senior instructor, to Rachel Maney • Dr. Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Award presented by WCU Cherokee Center Director Sky Sampson and Jake Stephens, Dr. Wolfe's grandson, to Jaelyn Lossiah and Xavier Otter • Tsalagi A hi ya sgi Cherokee Language Award, presented by Laura Pinnix and Richard Bottchenbaugh, both of the CHS Cherokee Language Program, to Emma Taylor

The following students were in the CHS Class of 2023: Austin Michael Alderman, Mahala Renee Allison, Emma Mae Anthony, Dominyk Ean Arch, Alyxandra Nicole Armachain, Jaden Cole Armachain, Katherine Abra Armachain, Thomas Garrett Armachain, Madison Breann Backwater, Anna Elizabeth Bigwitch, Deonta Phillip Luis Bird, Elexia Kayleigh Bird, Hezekiah Elias Bird, Julius James Bolden, Johnny Lee Bradley, Darrin James Brown, Milli Tae Bryson, Ethan Daniel Cisneros-Librado, Nicholas David Cole, Idalis Mikenzi Crowe, Chayme ADeLa Cucumber, Kensen Winter Davis, Makala Jade Davis, Dalen Spencer Driver, Jaylynne Kay Esquivel, Tanin Wilson Esquivel, Tanis Charles Esquivel, Adia Frady, Amiya Jo George, Brant-

ley Driver George, Autumn Lily Greene, William Gordon Hartbarger, Dasgigidi Denili Brody Hill, Kenton Usditsisqua Hill, Ariyonna Jade Hill-Maney, Da'quan Wahkeen Jumper, Dalmon Feke Yekce King, Brystyn Brad Lee Littlejohn, Rae Lynn Littlejohn, Terrell Andrew-Lee Locust, Anthony Chanse Lossiah, Calvin Tyee Ugidahli Lossiah, Jacklin Katreece Lossiah, Mae Jaelyn Lossiah, Zacharian Elias Edward Lossiah, Allessandra Luna-Martinez, Rachel Elizabeth Maney, Zechariah James Maney, Aid Martinez, Cristofer Fidel Mazariegos Rivera, Eli Timothy McCoy, Hayden Jake McCoy, Jaylan Dean McCoy-Bark, Luther Caine Murphy, Zachary Michael Scott O'Kelley, Alessandra Esperanza Oocumma, Xavier Johnson Otter Jr., Gabriel Dean Palmer, Adam I-nad-a-na Panther, Ashlea Lynn Parker, Connor David Pheasant, Madison Cherise Pummer, Acacia McKayla Reed, Allyson Faith Reed, Brixton Kai Reed, Cavan Malaki Reed, Kaniah Nicole Reed, Lilah Alisabeth Reynolds, Rayna Nukwadeye Ricks, Vivian Layne Ross, Cameron Dahntay Sampson Lane, Keneil Gavin Saunooke, Walika Nakiyah Saunooke, Chandler Zane Wilburn Shelton, Destiny Astarria Siweumptewa, Joseph Samuel Smart, Alexis Cheyenne Smith, Kaden Michael Smith, Nessa Mae Smith, Ellise Raelyne Stamper, Liberty Anell Sutton, Oztin Malachi Swayney, Dacian Krister Amai Tafoya, Emma Lou Taylor, Ayden Dantaye Thompson, Jayden Tooni, Justin Carslyle Walk, Avlin Jace Welch, Kenneth Gage Welch, Walker Shakanoge Welch, Kyra Tyrea West, Kamia Allyn Wiggins, Adam Skyler Willett, Coby Tre' Willis, Aiden Jax Wolfe, Tyler Dreton Wolfe, Kayandra Elaine Youngdeer

# **Senior Parade**

Cherokee High School held its annual Graduation Parade through downtown Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 24.

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather







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### A Tribal Campaign for Culture, Community, and Government Transparency

In the heart of our tribe lies a rich tapestry of culture, a vibrant community, and a sacred bond between our people., It is crucial to recognize the significance of the preservation of our cultural heritage, nurturing a strong sense of community, and demanding transparency from our government. Together, these pillars lay the foundation for a prosperous future that safeguards our traditions, empowers our people, and ensures a brighter tomorrow.

Our culture is not just a collection of traditions; it is the lifeblood that flows through our veins, connecting us to our ancestors and shaping our identity. Embracing and preserving our cultural heritage is vital for maintaining a strong tribal identity. By organizing cultural events, promoting traditional art forms, and preserving our sacred sites, we can honor the legacies of our forefathers and pass them on to future generations.

Our community is the backbone of our tribe, the support system that provides strength, resilience, and unity. By investing in community programs, social initiatives, and educational opportunities, we can empower our members to thrive. It is essential to nurture a sense of belonging, encourage collaboration, and create spaces for open dialogue. Together, we can build a compassionate and inclusive community where everyone has a voice and the opportunity to grow.

Demanding transparency is the cornerstone of a healthy and accountable government. We must insist on transparency at every level, from financial matters to decision-making processes. By ensuring open access to information, encouraging public participation, and holding our leaders accountable, we can build trust and strengthen the bond between tribal government and our people. Let us advocate for policies that promote transparency, ethics, and fairness, guaranteeing that our tribal government serves the best interests of all.

As we rally behind the cause of preserving our heritage, fostering community bonds, and demanding government transparency, we have the power to shape a brighter future for our tribe. By voting in support of these values, we send a powerful message that culture matters, community matters, transparency matters and leadership matters. We must embrace our cultural roots, strengthen our collective spirit, and ensure that our tribal government remains accountable to its people. On this journey, every vote counts, and every voice matters.

## I humbly ask for your vote on June 1st.

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## **Circle of Security program looks to equip Cherokee parents**

#### **By JONAH LOSSIAH** One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Anatta Harding was desperately looking for some help while she and her son were adjusting to a move to Cherokee. More than anything she was trying to find a Circle of Security program, a guided group that focuses on improving 'the development pathway of children and their parents'. Harding had gone through the program twice before.

"I was not happy with some of the things I was doing as a mom. I was like, 'I need to do that course again'. I needed help. So, I reached out to Analenisgi. They said they didn't have any parenting programs. I said there has to be something. They said to go to Family and Children Services," said Harding.

One call led to another, and Harding soon found herself speaking with Rob Stokely, assistant manager of Child and Family Services.

"I can do that, but I haven't done it in a while," said Stokely over the phone. "I'm new here, I'm not sure if this is something that the community wants or needs. Anatta said, 'I want it. I need it. I've had it two times before, and I definitely need it again.' That started the process of gathering participants," said Stokely.

Circle of Security is a program that is used to develop and strengthen relationships between children and caregivers.

"When children are able to form healthy, secure attachments with their primary care givers, that becomes the template for their relationships throughout their



Rob Stokely, left, offers a certificate of attendance to Michael Youngdeer for completing the Circle of Security program. Anatta Harding, who also completed the program, watches her partner receive the certificate. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

entire life. Similarly, if you have an insecure attachment or an anxious attachment, if you have those, they also become a template throughout your life. Relationships interpersonally, but also how you relate with your world. Your jobs or your dreams," said Harding.

Harding and her partner, Michael Youngdeer, see Circle of Security as a huge opportunity for Cherokee parents and caregivers. They think it could assist with many of the most pertinent issues on the Qualla Boundary.

"In my graduating class, we graduated in 2009, we've lost almost 30 people. We only had a graduating class of 56, I believe. And the same thing goes for my sister," said Youngdeer.

"There are some many things that people turn to. Substance abuse and things like that. They don't have a parent to turn to. That parent has been like, 'you go off and do it on your own. You need to be grown up about it. You can't come to me'. Their self-esteem has been obliterated with their parent."

Harding said that while the program is standardized, it can help a multitude of situations.

"Some people are referred to this program because their children are having behavioral issues. It's very effective at helping the parent resolve the behavioral issues because it equips the parent to recognize what the child is actually needing. And to be able to meet those needs. It's not about catering to your child, it's about being skilled to recognize what they need developmentally," said

#### Harding.

Youngdeer also discussed the idea of Cherokee children often being raised by caregivers that aren't their parents.

"One of the things that gets tossed around, especially here on the Reservation, everybody here is helping raise children. Children see us, they see other people around here. You're growing up on a reservation where people are close-knit, in a small town. People see each other day-to-day."

Stokely said that focusing on the caregiver is an immensely important aspect of how he does his job. He came to work for the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority in 2022 but has been working in this region for some time.

"I've been providing behavioral health services for about 22 years now. One thing that I was identifying is that we are providing support services just to the individual in need. What are we doing for the caregivers? So, over the course of my career I was seeing that we were missing that piece. We're missing the caregiver support piece. I identified that at Meridian Blue Ridge and it became kind of my jam. I wanted to put my focus to mom and dad. Aunt and uncle. Grandma and grandpa. Whoever the caregiver was," said Stokely.

"When I got here, I think I felt a similar way. That we were putting all these support services to the individual. What are we doing with caregivers? Being able to work closely with Family Safety in development of the Integrated Child Welfare Team, it just made sense. We have this access, this ease of access to caregivers. It's been in my head. I credit Anatta with calling and saying hey, let's do this. Let's go for it."

Stokely said that facilitating Circle of Security is a passion of his that he genuinely enjoys. He said that applying that work on the Boundary has been a powerful experience.

"An Indigenous person in the

group, an older fella, was sharing that 'I'm conditioned to not have feelings. I'm conditioned to parent a certain way.' The group response was, is that okay? We're conditioned and this is the way it is, is that okay? The response from the individual was 'no, we need change'. For me, change is possible," said Stokely.

Stokely said that he has enjoyed facilitating this new group, and that he believes it has been successful.

"What I've seen with this past group, we've just wrapped up session eight, is that people connected. People, I think, left loving one another. There's a lot of good things happening. One, you're creating awareness of what attachment is. You're learning how to support secure attachment. But in the process, you're connecting with your community members. You're developing relationships, you're walking away and you're creating this support group."

Harding added to this, saying that simply being in the same room as other Cherokee caregivers has been impactful.

"I think one of the things that I've really loved about these last weeks is that we actually have a diversity of Cherokee parents sitting together thinking about parents. Think about their experience and thinking about their children and what they want for them. What they want for their relationship and talking. I think just to have that kind of dialogue week after week is very powerful."

Stokely said that he cares very deeply about Circle of Security, but it's unlikely that he will be able to continue offering the service regularly on his own. He doesn't want to see it go away, but he said it's going to take community buy-in.

"My hope is that individuals like Anatta and Michael, who really believe in it, are going to be willing to pick it up and support. I don't want to ever let it go because I really enjoy that connection piece. I like supporting caregivers. I want it to be a part of my role here in this community. But I think ideally the community adopts it and begins facilitating this. Not just me."

Harding said that this is something she wants to pursue. She has already talked to Stokely about taking the necessary certification courses and she wants to spread the word in whatever ways she can.

"It's a massive opportunity. I've met a lot of Cherokee parents that are already doing amazing things with their parenting and say, 'I want more'. And that doesn't necessarily look like a program type of experience, it could look like anything. But people have expressed to me as a fellow parent that they're excited and they're committed to do something different than what their parents were able to do. They're hungry for learning. To make something permanent or long-term, I think how Michael and I feel is that it's about somehow integrating into our local culture."

Harding and Youngdeer want to see their community build and grow. Stokely and the hospital want to support efforts moving forward. However, they all agree that it all comes down to what Cherokee wants. If this is a program that interests people, they will need to reach out for it to continue.

Stokely will be facilitating another group this June, and anyone interested can reach him at (828) 507-2783 to sign up. You could also email george.stokely@ cherokeehospital.org for more information.



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#### Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Gala to Benefit Endowment Fund in Honor of EBCI Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation has announced that the proceeds from the upcoming 12th Annual Gala will go towards the newly established Foundation Endowment fund.

This special initiative is in honor of EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith, who has played a pivotal role in the Hospital Foundation since its establishment in 2006. Driven by her unwavering commitment to the community, she has set an ambitious goal of raising \$1 million for the Foundation's Endowment.

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Gala is scheduled for July 15 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. By directing all proceeds from this year's Gala to the Endowment fund, the Foundation aims to generate significant financial resources to support the educational endeavors of Cherokee Indian Hospital employees.

"Not only will this year's Gala proceeds benefit the Foundation's Endowment, we would also like to announce that we are officially naming the Endowment in Carmaleta's honor," said Sheyahshe Littledave, Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation director. "It is my honor to officially introduce the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation's Carmaleta Monteith Endowment fund."

Information from the CIHA Foundation states, "Carmaleta has spent her 87 years on earth living a life of exemplary service. With dreams and ambition rooted in education and a desire to never stop learning, she has adapted and transformed her influence a dozen times over in her lifetime, always adjusting to meet the greatest needs of those around her. She is a waymaker. A creator. A visionary. And she does it all with a fervent love and passion for the Cherokee People. Carmaleta is not only a founding member of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Board, she also Chairs the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's Governing Board, a role she has held since the board's inception in 2002."

Specifically created to provide essential financial aid to hospital employees aspiring to excel in the medical profession, the Carmaleta Monteith Endowment fund will offer scholarships and funding opportunities for continuing education and professional development.

"The 12th Annual Gala marks a significant milestone in the journey of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation. We are immensely grateful to Carmaleta Monteith for her exceptional dedication to our cause and her leadership in driving our fundraising efforts," said Casey Cooper, chief executive officer of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority. "By focusing on the Endowment fund, we aim to create a lasting impact on the lives of Tribal members by supporting individuals working in healthcare within the Cherokee Indian Hospital system, empowering them to become future leaders and caregivers in our community."

The Gala will bring together community leaders, healthcare professionals, donors, and supporters for an evening of entertainment, fine dining, and philanthropy. Guests will enjoy a "Star-Filled Summer Night" and have the opportunity to learn more about the Foundation's mission, hear inspiring stories from the stars of the Cherokee health system, and make generous contributions towards the \$1 million goal set by Beloved Woman Monteith.

With the Carmaleta Monteith Endowment Fund dedicated to serving and supporting the educational endeavors of Tribal members, every contribution made will help to build a brighter future for the next seven generations of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

For more information about the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation and the 12th Annual Gala, please visit www.cihfoundation. org or contact Foundation Director Sheyahshe Littledave (828) 497-9163 ext. 6207.

> - Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation release

#### Cherokee Preservation Foundation announces Spring Grants for 2023

Cherokee, N.C. - This spring, the Cherokee Preservation Foundation awarded 11 spring grants to partners within western North Carolina and beyond. Grants totaled more than \$1.9 million and were awarded to projects advancing the Foundation's mission of improving the quality of life for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and neighboring communities.

The 2023 spring grants were awarded to:

North Carolina Arboretum – To connect Cherokee youth with nature and science through programming at the Qualla Library and the North Carolina Arboretum \$17,476.

Riverlink, Inc. – To protect river cane on the French Board River for EBCI artisan use - \$20,500. Cherokee Central Schools – To create a feasibility study that will determine if Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) will seek to expand Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) curriculum - \$70,000.

Folkmoot, Inc. – To develop

a plan of action for Folkmoot and EBCI partners to host two Native American Festivals on the Qualla Boundary - \$10,000.

Jones Bowman Leadership Award Program – To continue supporting Cherokee culturally based leadership development program with the goal of producing selfless-leaders who are grounded with Cherokee core values - \$159,500.

Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute – To house Cherokee culturally based leadership development programs with the goal of producing selfless leaders for the Cherokee community who are grounded with Cherokee Core Values - \$315,295.

The Sequoyah Fund – To support Sequoyah Fund's efforts to provide training and loans to entrepreneurs to encourage a vibrant business economy within the seven westernmost counties - \$632,330.

EBCI Kituwah Preservation and Education Program – To support Cherokee language preservation through continued learning, adult immersion, archiving, creation of new words, books, curriculum development, teacher training, and community outreach - \$362,500.

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian – To support the implementation of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian's strategic plan and generate revenue to ensure organizational sustainability - \$291,000.

Snowbird Cherokee Traditions – To support Cherokee second-language learners in the EBCI Snowbird community located in Graham County - \$78,000.

Western Carolina University – To create a plan for the conceptual layout of interpretive exhibits and interactive displays on the WCU campus to generate visitation for the Qualla Boundary - \$40,000.

> - Cherokee Preservation Foundation release



#### West appointed to EBCI Board of Elections

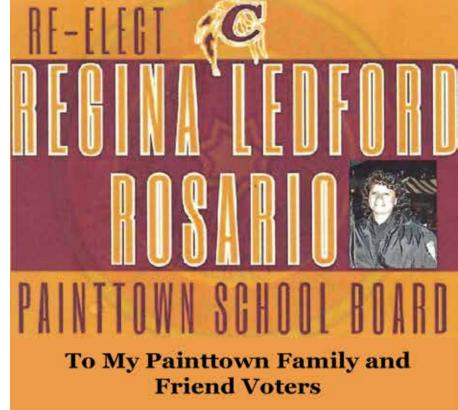
Tribal Council passed a resolution for the vacant position for the Big Cove Community on the EBCI Board of Elections on the morning of Wednesday, May 24. Deb West, front row center, was appointed to this position which was vacated recently as Consuela Girty accepted the position of superintendent of Cherokee Central Schools. Shown, left to right, front row – Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, West, Wolftown Rep. Mike Parker; second row – Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke, Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe; third row – Wolftown Rep. Andrew Oocumma, Tribal Council Vice Chairman Albert Rose, Painttown Rep. Michael Stamper; back row – Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed and Tribal Council Chairman Richard French. (Photo by Tosh Welch, Tribal Council legislative public relations specialist)

# Analenisgi Community Survey

This confidential survey seeks to collect information from community members about the opioid epidemic plaguing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Answers will help to identify priorities and strategies for a variety of funding, while also helping to better organize and arrange programming.

> Please only submit one survey per person.



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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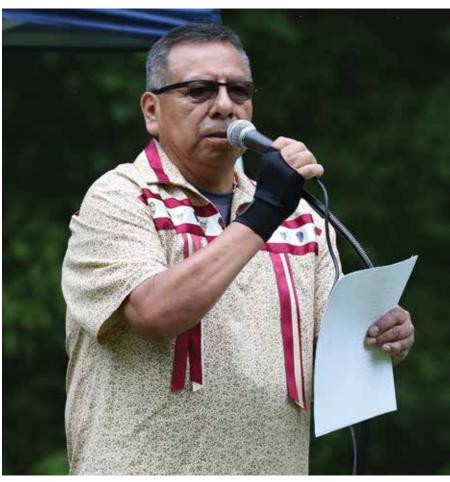
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# **Fading Voices**

The 37th Annual Fading Voices Demonstration Day was held in the Snowbird Community in Robbinsville, N.C. on Saturday, May 27. The event featured traditional lifeways of the Snowbird Cherokees.

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### Cherokee High School 2022-23 Academic Awards

#### **Top Academic Students**

9th Grade: Marleigh Aguilera, Tayvin Bark-Cruz, Chaske Raines, Jadence Saunooke, Cecily Swimmer

10th Grade: Paytyn Barker, Kiri Hill, Julia Layno, Amila Lossie, Tyruss Thompson 11th Grade: Luke Climbingbear, Jayle Creson, Jenna Cruz, Dalaina Mills, Coco Wells 12th Grade: Milli Bryson, Autumn Greene, Ariyonna Hill-Maney, Gabriel Palmer, Alexis Smith

#### **CTE Department**

Technology, Engineering, and Design: Alexis Smith Public Safety: Zackery Johnson Parenting: Lillian Blythe-Ramos Foods I: Alessandra Luna-Martinez Foods II: Waushila (I-ya) Grant Health Science I: Dalaina Mills Health Science II: Tyruss Thompson Health Occupation Leadership Award: Julia Layno Horticulture: Gabriel Palmer Animal Science I: Dacian Tafoya Business Law: Maxine Lossiah Rice Sports & Entertainment Marketing: Aubree Lossiah Rice Fashion Merchandise: Idalis Crowe Intro to Woodshop: Victoria Palmer Woodshop I: Xavier Sanchez Drone Fundamentals: Ezequiel Martinez Python: Samuel Postoak Drone I: Connor Pheasant Intro to Automotive: Elexia Bird Auto Service I: Samuel Postoak Auto Service II: Thomas Armachain

#### P.E. Department

Health & P.E. (Girls): Jaime Panther Health & P.E. (Boys): Oscar Guillien-Swayney Physical Fitness (Girls): Erin Rogers Physical Fitness (Boys): Xavier Sanchez Gardner's P.E. Award, Adaptive Class: Keith Smith

#### Fine Arts Department

Visual Arts I: Jada Cruz Visual Arts II: Treyton Queen Visual Arts III: Joseph Smart Ceramics: Anna Bigwitch Stagecraft: Sadie Rivera-Gomez Graphic Design: Julianna Smart Yearbook: Marilyn Swayney Cherokee Arts & Crafts I: Cameron Jackson Cherokee Arts & Crafts II: Alessandra Oocumma Cherokee Baskets I: Ileyeni Wolfe Cherokee Baskets II: Nevayah Panther Woodcarving I: Kensen Davis Woodcarving II: Gabriel Crowe Band, Winds: Ila Brinkmeyer Dance 101: Adia Frady Music Theater Production: Julius Bolden

#### Language Department

Spanish I: Avlin Welch Spanish II: Tazavian Byfield Cherokee I: George Saunooke Cherokee II: Roxi Bark Cherokee Language Immersion: Marleigh Aguilera Cherokee History: Emma Taylor

#### **Science Department**

Earth & Environmental Science: Oscar Guillien-Swayney Biology: Paytyn Barker Physical Science: Kiri Hill Chemistry: Bayley Wright Physics: Tazavian Byfield

#### **Social Studies Department**

American History: Noqwisi Crowe Civic Literacy: Ann Toineeta World History: Mato Nierenhausen Personal Finance: Alessandra Oocumma Civics (12): Zachary O'Kelley

#### **English and Language Arts Department**

English I: Izabella Terrell English II: Tyruss Thompson English III: Bayley Wright English IV: Gabriel Palmer Foundations of Reading: Cecily Swimmer Academic Prep.: Trinity Martinez Broadcast Journalism: Eli McCoy WCU Eng. 101: Alexis Smith Creative Writing: Christian Alfaro

#### **Math Department**

Foundations of Math I: Audrina Cooper Math I: Ismael Matamoros Math II: Kyla Moore Math III: Victoria Palmer Math IV: Alessandra Oocumma Pre-Calculus: Gabriel Palmer

#### **Online, Honors, and College Courses**

World Changers: Ariyonna Hill-Maney, Alexis Smith, Julia Layno, Roxi Bark, Bayley Wright, Gabriel Palmer

#### **General Department**

Lifeskills I: Thomas Sequoyah Lifeskills II: Evie Nations OCS: Julia Gonzalez CLC: Ethan Cisneros-Librado

#### **Teacher/Staff Awards**

Support Staff of the Year: Esther Taylor Teacher of the Year: Richard Bottchenbaugh

#### **Braves Achievement Awards**

Kieaira Ensley, Timber Sampson, Marilyn Swayney, Tazavian Byfield, Roxi Bark, Luke Climbingbear, Jaelyn Lossiah, Julius Bolden

#### **Vocational Awards**

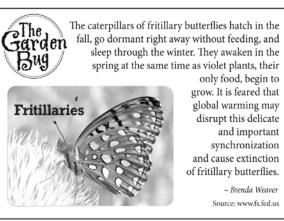
Adrian Armachain, Julis Gonzalez

#### **Appalachian State University**

Amanda Swimmer Award Katherine Armachain, Carys Holiday, Brandon Santiago, Kai Saunooke

#### MedCat Scholarship

Roxi Bark, George Saunooke



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#### Cherokee Speakers Award

Kodesgi Jackson, second from right, was awarded the first-ever Cherokee Speakers Award from the Cherokee Speakers Consortium during an awards ceremony at the New Kituwah Academy on the morning of Wednesday, May 24. Shown, left to right, are Kristin Driver, New Kituwah Academy teachers; Wiggins Blackfox, Cherokee Speakers Consortium member and a first-language Cherokee speaker; Jackson; and Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson, Cherokee Speakers Consortium member and a first-language Cherokee speaker. (DAWN ARNEACH/One Feather photo)



#### Hero Award

Ilawi Huskey, second from right, a Kindergarten student at New Kituwah Academy, was given the Hero Award during an awards ceremony at the school on the morning of Wednesday, May 24. Huskey received the award for helping his grandfather when he had fallen. Shown, left to right, are Kristin Driver, New Kituwah Academy teacher; Kelly Murphy, New Kituwah Academy teacher; Huskey; and Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson. (DAWN ARNEACH/One Feather photo)

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# The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Exclusion List

The Tribe hereby declares that the power to exclude is an inherent and essential part of Tribal sovereignty. It is indispensable to the Tribe's autonomy and self-governance. Further, it is a natural right of the members of this Tribe, through their Tribal leaders and codified Tribal law, to exercise the power of exclusion to protect the Tribe's natural, economic, and cultural resources, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of Tribal members. CC 2-1 e.

Anyone banished by the EBCI is excluded from all Tribal lands and must vacate all tribal lands. If an excluded person is found improperly on Tribal lands will be treated as a trespasser and appropriate legal action shall be taken against them.

Anthony Deshun Shivers-2023 Natasha Jade Birchfield -- 2023 Christopher Allen Mahan-2022 William Jesse Garrett - 2022 Angel Nicole Smith - 2022 Tiffany Marie Ward - 2022 Christopher Lee Johnson - 2022 James Cassidy Smith – 2022 Joshua Lawrence Bradley - 2022 Brandon Lee Gibson – 2022 Rachel Nicole Rogers - 2022 Tella Antoinette Page - 2022 Richard Allen Dickson - 2022 Lori Ann Buchanan – 2022 Johnathan Lee Newberry - 2022 Evanna Ulexis Lee - 2022 Eric Daniel Vaughn - 2022 Crystal M. Swayney - 2022 Paul Christopher Hampton Jr. - 2022 Cheryl Dion Cole - 2022 Lori Jane Cantrell - 2022 Steven Joseph Veeck - 2022 Boris Pesikan - 2022 Autumn Lynn McCoy – 2022 Ricci Weaber - 2022 Elmer McCarter III – 2022 Scott James Rossa - 2022 David Perry March-2022 Johnny Tran – 2022 Dang Tien Tran - 2022 Jonathan Malpass - 2022 Christopher Ian Cotterman – 2022 Scott James Ross - 2022 Dontavius Juan Cox - 2022 Bradford Lamar Martin Jr. - 2022 Georgia Nicole Cape – 2022 Kendra Marie Bowen-2022 Sawver Arie Edwards - 2021 April Nations - 2021 Dustin James Kirkland - 2021 Joseph Daniel Burton - 2021 Eugene Murray Oocumma - 2021 Seth Emmerson Tapp - 2021 Robert Cody Gaddis - 2021 Halev Lauren Jarvis - 2021 Jessica Gail Conway - 2021 Katrina Cook - 2021 Avery Thomas - 2021 Erik Messick - 2021 Shane Christopher Holder - 2021 Vernie Franklin Taylor - 2020 Richard Sherman - 2020

Richard Sherman-2020 Christine Roach - 2020 Thomas Lee Cook - 2020 Arnold J. Calderon Mazariegos - 2020 Tarrell Lawshawn Lee Williams - 2019 Joshua Robert Hodock - 2019 Juan Mendoza - 2018 Benjamin Tyrone Willis - 2017 Princeton Thomas - 2017 Candido Martinez - 2017 Carl Luke Harjochee - 2017 Anna-Marie Elizabeth Birchmore - 2017 James Michael Schmidt - 2017 Shedrick Lavar James - 2017 Howell Joseph Clinkscales - 2017 Felipe Lee Saturnino Villafranca - 2017 Kevin Michael Hart - 2017 Devon Dakota Collins - 2017 Marquis Gwan Ford - 2016 William Kristopher Harris - 2016 Wayne Nelson Harris – 2016 Kenneth Thomas York - 2016 Matthew Leon Dockery-2016 Ahmed Saeed Adam - 2016 Andrew Tab Kilpatrick - 2016 Chase Cecil Shafer - 2016 Chelsea Dean Robinson - 2016 Christine Marie Difabion - 2016 Darian Dre'Von Smith-2016 Dennis Larry Dockery-2016 Erin Marie Haithcock - 2016 Heather Kelly Hawkins - 2016 Heather Nicole Ramsey - 2016 Jordan Donavan Hall - 2016 Shannon Leigh Woody – 2016 Tyler Lee Gibbs – 2016 Tosha Savannah Eller – 2016 Dennis Allen McGaha - 2016 Justin Lambert - 2016 Will Parsons - 2016 Donovan Edward Coleman - 2015 Matthew Adam Freeman - 2015 Dorothy Ray Franco - 2015 Gabriel David Simcox - 2015 Koeun Chea-2015 Vasanh Jeffery Thongpane - 2015 Laquan Ellis Harding - 2014 Jon Blanton Legere - 2012 Mark Wayne Ballard - 2012 Donald Dee Gosnell - 2012 Steel Eugene Frazier - 2011

Angelica Michele Ison – 2011 Patrick Scott Carringer - 2011 Ricky Lee Gunter - 2011 Zara Ellis Saddler - 2011 Charles Kyle Doalson - 2011 Christopher McNeilly - 2010 Edward Dewayne Gregory - 2009 Justin Edward Deign - 2009 Derrick Jamison Graham - 2009 Inoel Sanchez Vizcalla - 2008 Teddy Lee Wilson - 2008 Higinion Macedo - 2008 Stephanie Nicole Ogle - 2008 Chad N. Bragg-2008 Peggy Darlene Bearden - 2008 David Dixon Owen - 2008 Michael Derek Braden - 2008 Isaac Ishmail Rivers - 2008 James Edward Ballew - 2007 Steven Anthony Melton - 2007 Connie Jean Martin - 2007 Jeffery Patrick Brooms - 2007 Reese Kevin Orr-2007 Andrew James Henry - 2007 Craig McNeilly - 2007 Steven Ray Black - 2007 David Neal - 2007 Robert Christopher Sherrill - 2007 Aaron Dayton Keel - 2007 James David Cooper - 2007 Miguel Perez - 2007 Susan Denise Owen - 2007 James Michael Hornbuckle - 2007 Daniel West - 2007 Charles Ray Edwards - 2007 Pearl Dawn Fielding - 2007 Javier Garcia - 2007 Tamela Smith - 2005 Debbie Everhart - 2005 Robert Lee Smith – 2005 Randy Blevins - 2005 Drew Burrell - 2005 Jefferson Clinton Burrell - 2005 Wesley Burgess Young Jr. - 2004 Ruth Ann Martin Taylor - 2001 Polly Katherine Renfro - 2000 Eddie Junior Robinson - 2000 Buddy Powers - 2000 Jennifer Powers - 2000 Johnny Hartness - 2000



WCU Cherokee Center presents Tommye Saunooke Gadugi Award Antonio Lorenzo, left, and Shelby Maney, right, were presented with the First Annual Virginia Lee "Tommye" Saunooke Gadugi Award by Sky Sampson, WCU Cherokee Center director, during a ceremony at the Smoky Mountain High School Academic Banquet on the evening of Monday, May 22. Students who are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are eligible and are selected based on their integrity and selflessness during the year by Smoky Mountain High School administration. (Photo courtesy of WCU Cherokee Center)

# **RE-ELECT**

David Wolfe

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# Yellowhill Tribal Council





#### Russell,

Congratulations on your 8th grade promotion!

You have grown into an amazing young man, and we can't wait to see you conquer the world.

> Love, Mom and Dad

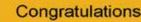


Shalana (Wachacha) Yates

Congratulations on achieving your Master of Studies in Law, Business Law & Compliance, Wake Forest University School of Law.

We look forward to your new adventure as you begin your Doctoral journey this fall in Law & Policy at Liberty University!

Congratulations!



Weston on graduating from the 5th grade and Tyrus on advancing to the first grade!

Love, Dad, Dre and Baby Oden!



#### Liam Yates

Congratulations on graduating Pre-K! We love you so, so, so much! You will do great things! Keep being you! Mom and Dad are so proud of you! Congratulations "bro!"

Love, Mom, Dad, & Brother.



#### Mahala Rose Bird Swain County High School

These past 13 years have flown by. You have grown into the most beautiful young lady inside and out. You make your family oh so proud of you! With God all things are possible. John 3:16 Keep shining as you go on to dance for the bears at the University of Pikeville.

Love, Mom, Dad, Madilyn, Makenzee nd all your extended family and friends



Congratulations, Miranda!

University of Maryland Master of Science, Acquisition & Grant Management



#### Dennis Tice Jr

Class of 2023 Patuxent High School, Calvert County, Maryland Dennis will be attending IEC trade school in the fall as an Electical Apprentice He is currently working for the family business Tice Electric Great grandson of the late Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe We are so proud of you Dennis! We love you so much! Love, Mommy, Daddy, Alyssa



Jace Wachacha

graduating Senior from Asheville School

We love you Jace. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see your next accomplishments



Kyra West Cherokee High School

Behind you, All your memories Before you, All your dreams Around you, All who loves you Within you, All you need

Love, Mim, Ty, and Syrena



#### Christopher L. McCoy

Western Carolina University Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Care-Management. Magna Cum Laude.

"It is an honor to serve my community. I am thankful for a Tribe that provides me with opportunities for education" -Chris

#### **CJ** Grant



Congratulations on your 8th Grade Advancement. And an even bigger congratulations on being accepted to Jackson County Early College. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what your future holds.

Love Mom and Dad.



#### **CJ** Yates

Congratulations on achieving your Bachelor of Science in Emergency & Disaster Relief Management, Magna Cum Laude, Western Carolina University

We look forward to your new adventure as you begin your Masters program this fall in Project Management at Wake Forest University, School of Professional Studies!

Congratulations!



Andrea Castillo

Congratulations on graduating with your Bachelor's of Science in Nursing and obtaining a minor in psychology at Lenoir-Rhyne University. We know you'll be a great NICU nurse. Words cannot express how proud of you we are. We cannot wait to see what the future holds for you as you continue to further your education.

Love Mom, Dad & Jr.



Antonio Lorenzo Smoky Mountain High School Class of 2023

Congratulations!



Congratulations on your 8th Grade Advancement. We are so proud of you! Keep working hard and reaching for those stars!

Chloe Locust

Love Uncle Drew & Aunt Beth



Where God guides, he provides. We are so proud of you Chayme Adela!

We love you so much !

From your family, Grandma, mom, Uncle Derrick, Khloe and Kahya



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Makaula Lambert graduating 8th grade from Swain Middle School.

We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments! You've made it through the toughest years and are going to do great things. We love you!

Love, Mom, Windall, Aria, Miami, Nana, Poppy Joe, Ariyanna & Mia



#### Braylon James Swain County High School

Braylon, believe in yourself. Follow your dreams and reach for the stars. Take YOUR path in life and never look back. We're are so proud of you and can't wait to see where the next chapter of your life takes you. We love you so much!

Love, Dad, Mom, Junior, Kaniah, Jacelyn, Onyx, Lavayah and the rest of our siblings and family!

#### Joseph McCoy

Graduating from Lumpkin County High School

To our son

We want you to believe deep in your heart that you're capable of achieving anything you put your mind to. You will never lose, you either win or learn. Always reach for the stars because the sky's the limit. Your success is well deserved and we couldn't be prouder of the young man you are today. We love you yesterday, today, and forever. "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Love, Mom and Greg, Dad and Regina, and Family

#### Congratulations Bree!

You've made your family proud once again and we can't wait to watch you excel in the school system. All of your hard work has paid off and we know you will have a positive impact not only with the kids but in the community as well.

Love, Chris, Jr. Javahn, and Ani.



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Brooklyn Morgan Swain County High School

Brooklyn, believe in yourself. Follow your dreams and reach for the star. Take your path in life and never look back. We're so proud of you.

Love, Granny Lillie And Papaw Dondie And the rest of the family



#### Amaya,

You have proven time and again that you have the intelligence, strength, and determi-

nation to achieve anything you set your mind to. Your family is bursting with pride as we celebrate you and all your accomplishments. You were made to do great things.

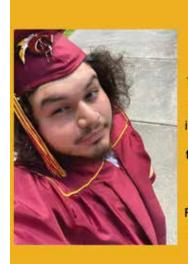
> Love, Mom, Dad and family



Calvin Tyee Ugidahli Lossiah

Congratulations on graduating high school! we're so proud of you and excited to see what the future holds for you.

Love, dad, mom, keona, tihjah, jiah, and the rest of your siblings and family.



#### Cristofer,

Take pride in how far you have come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey.

Love, Rachel, Steve and your Koa family



#### Tyler,

Go forth and set the world on fire!

Rachel, Steve and your Koa family



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#### **Income Deductions:**

- · 20% (.20 x gross income)
- Utility (\$400)
- Medical (Costs >\$35)
- Paid Child Support
- Dependent Care Expenses
- Home Care Meal-Related Deduction (\$281)

#### **Gross Income (20% Deduction)**

- Paid Weekly Gross amount of check x 4.3 = Gross monthly income before 20% deduction
- Paid Bi-Weekly Gross amount of check x 2.15 = gross monthly income before 20% deduction

### **Certification Periods**

- Zero Income (little chance of change) every 3 to 6 months
- Zero Income (frequent changes in income) every 1 to 2 months
- Stable (non-changing income) 12 months
- Elderly/Disabled (fixed income) up to 24 months
- Self-employed recertification should fall when they receive the majority of their income

### **Household Size**

(Net Monthly Income Standards)

1 - \$1326 2 - \$1719 3 - \$2113 4 - \$2506 5 - \$2931 6 - \$3358 7 - \$3751

8 - \$4144

Each additional member +394

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Our Mission: Providing nutritious food, resources, support, and guidance to eliminate hunger for eligible participants in a caring and culturally supportive environment.

#### WCU collaborates with Cherokee Preservation Foundation on campuswide Cherokee exhibit planning project

A campuswide and community driven project will soon be underway to recenter Cherokee history and culture on Western Carolina University's campus.

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation, a nonprofit organization on the Qualla Boundary focused on Cherokee cultural and historic preservation, is funding an expansive exhibit planning project to express Cherokee culture, language and voices at WCU.

WCU sits on Tali Tsisquayahi, Two Sparrows Place, which is ancestral Cherokee land. Carmen Huffman, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is collaborating with WCU faculty, staff and students, and most importantly Cherokee organizations and community members to create a master plan of exhibits across campus that recognize the living Cherokee culture in and around WCU.

"There have been lots of ideas about what

we would want to do for a long time. Now, what we've done is build in a mechanism to bring those ideas to fruition," Huffman said. "It's no longer 'I wish we had this.' Let's stop wishing; let's have."

Planning efforts have begun and will continue throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. Updates on the Cherokee Exhibits Project at WCU will be forthcoming.

For more information, contact Huffman at chuffman@email.wcu.edu

- Western Carolina University release





Following is a list of certified candidates, per the EBCI Board of Elections, for the 2023 Tribal Election:

#### **Principal Chief:**

Michell Hicks Gene Crowe Jr Robert Saunooke Richard Sneed Lori Taylor Gary Ledford

Vice Chief: Alan B Ensley Teresa McCoy

#### Birdtown Tribal Council: Cyndi Lambert Albert Rose Joi Owle Boyd Owle Jim Owle

**Big Cove Tribal Council:** Carla Pheasant Neadeau Richard French Perry Shell Venita Wolfe

#### **Painttown Tribal Council:**

Sean "Michael" Stamper Andre Brown Dike Sneed Jeff Thompson Richard Delano Huskey Carolyn West Yellowhill Tribal Council: T. W. Saunooke David Wolfe Stephanie Saunooke French Tom Wahnetah Ernest Tiger

Snowbird/Cherokee Co. Tribal Council: Janell Rattler Adam Wachacha Bucky Brown

#### Wolftown/Big Y Tribal Council:

Bo Crowe Andrew Oocumma Qiana Powell Chelsea Taylor Mike Parker Peanut Crowe

School Board Yellowhill: Jennifer Lynn Thompson

School Board Painttown: Regina Rosario Micah Swimmer Keyonna Hornbuckle

School Board Big Y: Samantha Crowe-Hernandez Tara Reed – Cooper

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#### **OBITUARIES** JhfiFR

Jessica Elaine "Happy" Bryson

Jessica Elaine "Happy" Bryson, 35 of Sylva, passed away on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. She was born in Jackson County on Oct. 3, 1987, to Tonya Franks and John Bryson. Jessica loved spending time with her children. She was "live life to the fullest" type of person always joking and kidding around. Jessica will be missed by many.

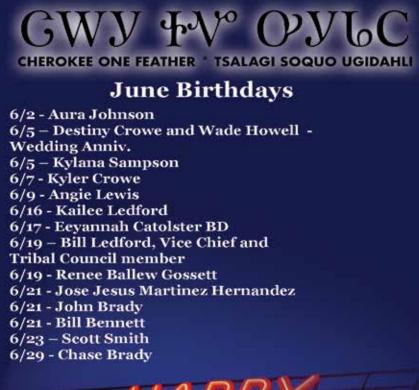
Jessica is survived by her children, Maleek Littlejohn, Kaiden Littlejohn, Ayaisha Driver; mother, Tonya Franks (Tony); father, John Bryson; sister, Jennifer Peterson (Teddy); step siblings, Travis Franks (Tabatha), Cheryl Franks; grandparents, Javan & Minnie Bryson and Elizabeth Franks; nieces, Peyton and Reagan Hooper; nephews, Tripp and Bubba Peterson; aunt, Arlene Trantham; uncles, Shane and Allen Love. Several cousins and friends also survive.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Vance Nations, Wanda McDaniel, Marion Franks; great grandparents, Margaret and Eldon Mathis.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 20 in the chapel of Appalachian Funeral Services. Rev. Roger Luker, Rev. Jason Bryson, and Rev. Dennis Burrell officiated. Burial followed at Mathis Cemetery.

An online registry is available at www.appalachianfuneralservices.com

Juanita Littlejohn Bradley Juanita Littlejohn Bradley, 85 of the Wolftown Community,





passed away peacefully on Monday, May 22, 2023, surrounded by her loving family. She was the daughter of the late Eugene and Encie George Littlejohn.

Juanita enjoyed making dreamcatchers, sewing, cooking, and spending time with her family. She especially enjoyed riding with her husband.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by a son, Alfred Eugene "Big Boy" Bradley; a sister, Waneema Driver; and two grandsons, Shannon Pheasant, and Eddie Bradley.

She is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, William "Jack" Bradley; two daughters, Jackie Ross (Donald) and Jacquelyn Bradley (Rodney); a special grandson, CJ Yates (Shalana); grandchildren, Cory Ross (Winnie), William Wright, and Krystal Pheasant; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a special sister-in-law Amy West; and many other nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral Services were held Thursday May 26 at Bigwitch Baptist Church, with Rev. Ben Reed officiating.

Inez Marie Wolfe Inez Marie Wolfe, age 88, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at Cherokee Indian Hospital.

She is survived by her children, Vicki Driver, Janet Wolfe, both of Cherokee, N.C. and Darrell Wolfe of Knoxville, Tenn.; 22 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law and very good friend, Marie Swayney, and her Fur Baby, Hulk.

Inez was preceded in death by her husband, Ned Wolfe; father, Jess Swayney; mother, Sarah Mc-Millian; sons, Leonard Wolfe and Eric Wolfe; daughters, Edie Santiago and Darlene Wolfe; brothers, Hubert Swayney, Lorenzo, David, Thurman, and Leonard Swayney; and sisters, Josie Saunooke, Edith Watty, Nettie Pheasant, and Ester Walkingstick.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 27 at Straight Fork Baptist Church with Harley Maney Jr. officiating. Burial was in the Inez Wolfe Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Richard Driver, Stan Watty, Kevin Watty, Ian Crowe, Dick Crowe, Stevie Watty, Quintin Watty, Jody Wolfe, Taylor Wolfe, Nick Wolfe, Damion Kalonaheskie, and Willie Arch. Honorary pallbearers were Daniel Reed, J.R. Mahsetky, and Eric Wolfe.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



# Vacation fraud: Predatory timeshare/vacation BBB club sales, exit businesses and related scams

Better Business Bureau® (BBB) study finds lax consumer protection laws and enforcement lead to unethical and deceptive practices.

#### 2020-2022 complaints and reports

**21,536** complaints about timeshare purchases, exits and vacation clubs

1,160 vacation-related Scam Tracker<sup>™</sup> reports

\$3,575,826 lost as result of scams Source: Better Business Bureau

Source: Better Business Bureau

#### The industry

Timeshare sales in 2021:

Average timeshare cost:

# \$8.1 billion \$24,140

Source: American Resort Development Association (ARDA)

#### Watch out for:



Robocalls about vacation offers - almost always illegal



Too good to be true offers. Slow down and read fine print



Unsolicited offers to sell your timeshares



Claims that timeshare exit companies can modify existing timeshare contracts

#### **Recommendations:**

- Create a nationwide 14-day "cooling off" period for timeshare sales
- Mandate truthful timeshare sales and exit company pitches
- Require companies disclose facts and figures, similar to Truth in Lending Act

# For the complete study, visit BBB.org/scamstudies





# Red flags for a predatory company or scam:

#### Timeshare companies & vacation club

- Use high-pressure sales tactics, like hours-long pitch meetings
- Hide maintenance fees that grow over time
- · Claim ownership is an investment

#### Timeshare exits companies

- Promise to resell timeshares quickly
- Push consumers to pay up-front fees
- Bend truth about timeshare value
- Cost thousands even if no sale is made
- Fuel owner's fear about heirs inheriting timeshare obligation

#### Scammers

- Claim timeshare owners owe unpaid fees
- Lie and say that credit will be ruined
- Tell consumers they can send a fraction of what they "owe" to cover their debt
- Disappear once money is paid

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#### CHEROKEE GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Reward offered in Cherokee elk-poaching case

The EBCI Natural Resources Department is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and filing of charges against the person, or persons, responsible for shooting an elk calf on the Qualla Boundary. On the morning of Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement staff responded to a citizen report of an elk calf at Tsali Manor (55 Echota Church Rd.) that had been shot with an arrow. If anyone has information about the case, please contact EBCI Dispatch (828) 497-4131. Caller information will remain anonymous.

- EBCI Natural Resources Dept.

#### **One Feather policy change**

Effective June 1, 2023, the Cherokee One Feather will only sell the bottom banner strip on the front page for advertising purposes. The Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board approved this new policy on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 so that the top strip of the front page will be reserved for public service announcements and content teasers.

#### **THANK YOU LETTERS**

#### **RKLI is thankful for funding**

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation (CPF) has awarded the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI), a Cherokee Boys Club department, a grant for \$315,295 to carry out its mission to create a community of life-long, selfless leaders deeply rooted in Cherokee culture.

This funding supports several programs and initiatives including: The Cherokee Youth Council for EBCI members in grades 7-12, the Youth Cultural Exchange Program for regional youth in grades 10-12, the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award program for EBCI college undergraduate students, the Duyugodv'i Right Path Adult Leadership program, the Kituwah Ways program for Right Path alumni, and a third-tier adult mentorship pilot program. We also offer programming and training to alumni of these programs annually.

Since their creation, these programs have directly served over 350+ community members by providing and facilitating leadership training, coaching, mentoring, Cherokee cultural knowledge and teachings, and support using the seven Cherokee core values: strong individual character, group harmony, educating the children, honoring the past, sense of place, spirituality, and sense of humor. With the generous support of CPF, RKLI will be able to carry out its mission and vision another year for the EBCI community and its program participants and alumni. For more information about the **Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute** and its programs please follow us on Facebook or Instagram at or visit our website www.rkli.org.

- Submitted by the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute

#### **NATIONAL PARK NEWS**

#### Park extends comment period for Laurel Falls Environmental Assessment

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - Great Smoky Mountains National Park has extended the public comment period for the Laurel Falls Trail Management Plan Environmental Assessment (EA) through Sunday, June 4. Additional time to comment on the EA is being provided because the National Park Service Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website was unexpectedly down Friday, May 19 to Monday, May 23.

The trail management plan addresses visitor experience and safety, parking, and trail infrastructure rehabilitation for one of the most visited trails in the park. 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 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

# MISSING PERSON

#### **Peter Spean Ashley**

Enrolled with Navajo Nation

Age: 72 years Male Height: 5' 8" Weight: 155 lbs Hair: Gray Eyes : Brown Date of last contact: January 16, 2021 Location: Querino, Arizona

Circumstances of Disappearance: Peter Ashley was last seen at his house in Querino, Arizona on January 16, 2021 by his brother. It is unknown when Peter Ashley left his house and unknown if he left on foot or by vehicle. Family stated



Peter usually walks or hitchhike to get to places. Right hand was fractured in an accident and remains deformed. Last seen wearing black jacket, faded jeans, and black work boots (type unknown). Prescription glasses (description unknown).

If you have seen Peter Spean Ashley contact Navajo Nation Police Department -Window Rock District (928) 871-6983.

Source: CIPD





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

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

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$14,580
2	\$19,720
3	\$24,860
4	\$30,000
5	\$35,340
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.



The Higher Education staff would like to congratulate the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 college graduates.

We wish you the best in your future endeavors. Sgi for letting us be a part of your academic journey.

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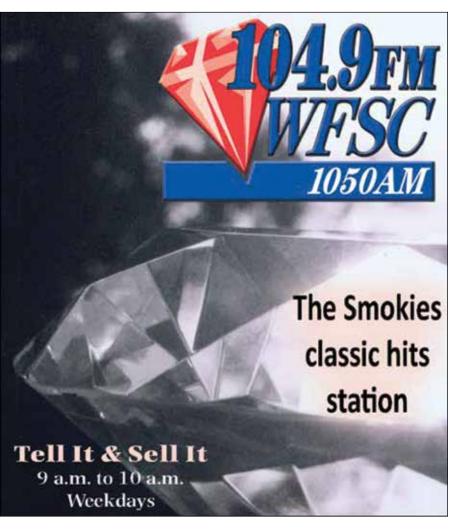
#### COMMENTARY

# Cruelty

#### By ROBERT JUMPER One Feather Editor

A friend, many years ago, lost a Yorkie that she had from a pup. She had left it at home while she worked and when she got home, the dog was gone. The "how" of its disappearance is a mystery. It may have somehow got outside (for those of you who are unfamiliar with the breed, Yorkshire Terriers are very petite dogs that you wouldn't leave outside on purpose). There was no evidence to provide clues as to what happened to the pup. One theory is, since my friend lives in a relatively remote neighborhood, that the dog wandered too far from the protection of the home and may have been killed and carried off by a predator, like a hawk or coyote. Yorkies are not much bigger than a rabbit and would certainly not be as fast as a bunny, and being a domesticated animal, the pup may not have had enough instinctual fear to flee from a predator.

Another possibility is that someone saw the Yorkie outside alone and took the opportunity to steal her. The dog was a pure bread Yorkshire. Pedigreed Yorkie pups average starting purchase prices are about \$1,050. One website estimated, "The average price for a high-quality Yorkie puppy from a reputable and responsible breeder can range between \$500 and \$4,000."



That is a pretty big temptation and easy pickings for, say, someone who might need quick cash for a drug purchase. It isn't a big stretch of the imagination to consider that a person who would abuse and steal from their own family might see a small, valuable little dog wandering alone as nothing more than a bundle of quick income waiting to be collected and cashed in. The popularity of the breed would make converting a little Yorkie into easy money a task of little to no effort.

My friend was, as you can imagine, emotionally devastated at the loss of her "fur baby". As most pet owners will attest, they feel like their pets are much more. Many even count them as family members and give them status far above most other domesticated animals. Some owners get offended at the use of the word "animal" when referencing their unique furry family member. My friend and her family did an extensive search, posted, and advertised lost pup posters with reward, but to no avail. The little dog was never recovered and the truth of what happened to it will likely never be known.

Recently, I was making my routine journey over Soco Mountain on my way to work. There in the flat straight into Cherokee on Soco road, I saw two ladies on the side of the road. As I drew closer to these ladies. I could see that they were obviously upset and crying. They kept walking out into the middle of one lane and, when traffic approached their location, they would move off to the side of the road, hold each other and cry until they could move back out onto the highway. On closer observation, I could see that these ladies had a cloth or bag in their hands,

and they appeared to be trying to gather the remains of a dead animal from the road. It was a sad scene, I am not sure what kind of animal had been killed in the road and I am not sure what relationship was between the ladies and this animal, but it was obvious that its death had caused these ladies much grief.

Cherokee Animal Control, Cherokee Dog Sanctuary Inc., and many other organizations are working to make life better and safer for domesticated animals in our community. One of the biggest threats to the animal population is overpopulation. Animal Control's message has been consistent and emphatic. We must spay and neuter our pets to help their individual health and the health of the community's pet population. There will be fewer scenes of senseless, heartbreaking roadkill when we do our part in reducing the stray population through the consistent practice of spay and neuter in our community. Most folks I know have a heart and desire to see fewer strays and fewer stays in shelters. We all must do our part. Enforcement of our animal cruelty laws is a must in the fight for a better quality of life for owners and pets. There are minimal standards that have been placed in law by our society to protect the rights of domesticated animals, including those that share our homes and yards. It has long been a puzzling thing to me that people would spend the time and effort to acquire a pet and then mistreat it to death. When I kept dogs, I felt a personal responsibility to ensure that these living things got proper treatment. And as I grew in relationship to my dogs, my desire increased to not only caring for their needs, but also to give them

their wants. Personally, I think it takes a sick mind to mistreat an animal. And psychologists seem to agree.

According to an article titled The Link Between Animal Cruelty and Domestic Violence, "Domestic violence offenses not only occur in an intimate partner setting but often occur simultaneously or are precursors to other types of violent offenses. Animal cruelty is a predicator of current and future violence, including crimes of assault, rape, murder, arson, domestic violence, and sexual abuse of children. For example, the majority of interpersonal violence victims who report co-occurring animal cruelty are also concerned the abuser eventually will kill them and should be considered at extremely high risk of suffering severe injury or death."

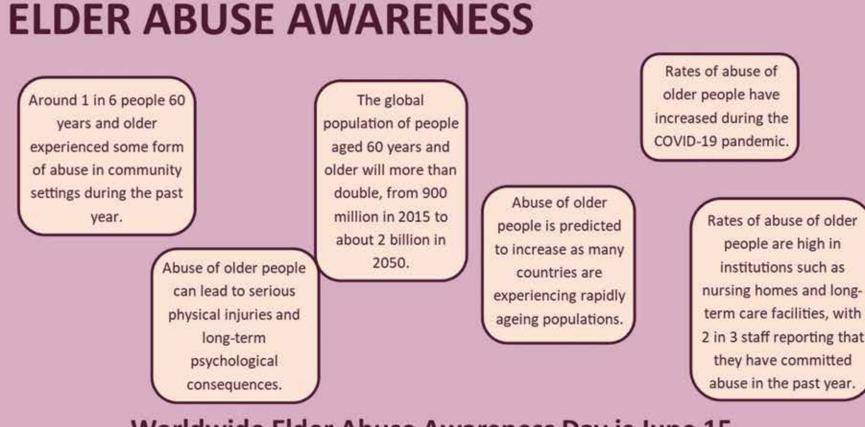
Like cruelty to humans,

animal cruelty goes far beyond direct physical beating and torture. Neglect is a major form of dog cruelty. Incidents of chaining and then leaving animals without maintenance-food, water, companionship, clean space are common in animal cruelty cases. We have all seen the video and pictures from the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) of mother dogs and puppies matted in feces and urine, having been locked in small cages or boxes and left with minimal provisions for days, weeks, and months. Scenes of dogs that have been chained for so long that their collars grow into their necks and cut off their ability to breathe. Pictures of the paw pads of animals left in concrete and asphalt lots in summer heat where the pads of their paws have been burned down to the bone. And

video of dogs and cats in lots in the winter, left to freeze to death by people who should not be allowed to ever purchase or keep pets. Dogs in particular are naturally pack animals and companionship is essential to their wellbeing. When you acquire a dog, they naturally adopt you as their "pack". You are their family. It is why you see them become defensive of you and your home. It is instinctual. It is also why dogs will continue to seek love and companionship from someone who beats and neglects them.

Being kind and loving to your own pet is not enough. I know we don't enjoy getting into someone else's personal affairs, but sometimes it is necessary to stop suffering and prevent death. When you see someone who is cruel to animals, report it. When you see strays on the side of the road, let Animal Control or the Dog Sanctuary know, or better yet, if you can capture the animal, do so and take it to either organization. You may even discover a quick affection for your rescue and decide to add it to your pack.

Most anyone who has loved and experienced the love of a pet will tell you it is a bittersweet journey. Dogs and cats, in fact most animals, are long outlived by their owners. So, as a pet owner, you are likely to experience their passing, which for most of us, is a heartbreaking experience. I have often said and believe that God gives us pets to teach us unconditional love, because once they accept you as their own, dogs, and most other pets love you whether you love them or not. I believe we have a duty, and obligation, to provide care and to prevent cruelty wherever we can.



### Worldwide Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15

### COMMENTARY Against legalization of adult-use marijuana on tribal lands

By JOSH HOLLOWAY Snowbird Community

The recent notification that tribal leadership is considering the legalization of recreational (adult) use of marijuana on tribal lands via a referendum vote is extremely troubling. Personally, I never thought in my generation I would see this as an actual possibility amongst my own people, but here we are. While we are constantly fighting a war to keep drugs from further damaging our way of life and destroying any chance our children have for a future, it makes absolutely no sense to introduce an addictive and unhealthy drug in such a widely available format as recreational use.

Like many of our people, I personally have been affected by drug addiction and drug availability. Close family members of mine who are addicts have suffered and continue to suffer from easy access to drugs and the addiction that soon follows. Some of these family members have had their families destroyed and children lost all because of addiction. As many of you know, drug addiction affects more than just the user. Oftentimes, addiction destroys in such a long-lasting and far-reaching effect that the damage to both the user and family can become irreparable.

For those of you who think

recreational use will open new avenues for tribal revenue, I strongly urge you to reconsider, especially given the trade-off that will follow with making an addictive and very unhealthy drug more readily available to our people. And is extra revenue a good substitute for controlled spending and more sound business policies anyway? Plus, how much will the tribe then have to spend on healthcare related to long-lasting marijuana use and the other adverse side effects that result in long-term drug use?

For those who think marijuana is a low-level drug that shouldn't be taken seriously as something to prohibit, I would offer numerous extensive government studies saying otherwise. Both the CDC and NIH have conducted thorough studies showing the current and potential problems associated with both short- and long-term marijuana use. In fact, 1 in 10 marijuana users become addicted and that number rises to 1 in 6 for users under 18. Marijuana users do experience withdrawal symptoms just like many other heavy drugs. Marijuana users are also susceptible to lung cancer due to the high amount of tar inhaled. Marijuana use affects cognitive ability, and verbal reasoning, and has also been linked to a certain amount of car accidents where impairment was the primary factor.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the notion of allowing recreational use for our people. The lack of benefits of recreational use should be reason enough to forgo any type of vote. And with all the destruction that drug use has caused to our tribe, the last thing our people need is easier access.

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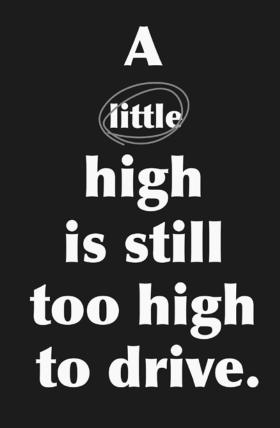
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### speaking of faith Resurrection Sunday, 2023

**By REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR** (Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate) Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Conclusion, having read: Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-20; John 20: 12, 18-23.

Pastor Tim, began adding, "I remember one time being asked to pray for a miraculous thing and I always knew it was something I could not ever have done, but I did know God could do it." I began to pray. I remember also after that Church service, someone asking me, "Do you really believe that?"

"Brother Tim?" he then asked me, "Did it happen?" I answered him, "You'd better believe it did, for God is faithful. God is Great. God is able. God can do whatever He wants to do!"

So, here's what we've found out. Peter ran to the sepulcher, probably thinking to himself, "What if He's really, God? What if He really did do what He had said He could do? What if He really did Arise?"

Here's what I want to say to this congregation, "He's the God of second chances. I serve a God who's not only of second chances, but third and fourth chances! The Bible says, "When Peter heard Jesus was no longer there, he got up and ran to find Jesus."

"We also find, Jesus met with him on the way back. Jesus had a conversation with him. The Bible says, the whole way from the sepulcher, all the way back to the house. Peter was overwhelmed, that the One walking and talking with Him, was the Lord."

Know that people's situations are never as bad as one may think. Life is not over as soon as the enemy would like to think it is. God has a plan for every one of us in this house. God has a plan for everyone's life. Even if one thinks they've had or led a terrible life, "I have good news, because the worse one has been, the better God is. There's a better way."

"Paul, who wrote over two-thirds of the New Testament, was just such a man. A man recently told me he couldn't listen to the Bible being read. He said, "It was written by murderers and liars. Jesus still set Paul free and changed his whole life. There's a better way.

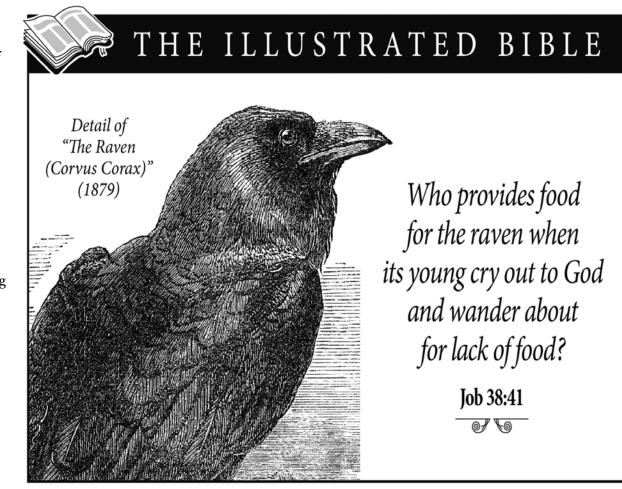
I grew up in a real pastor's home. I saw miracles at home, and I saw them repeatedly. Crippled people started walking. However, one day I woke up and I said, "I don't want any more of this. I want to see what the world is really like." And I did, but I also found it wasn't as much fun as people kept saying it was. One day, I woke up and said, "There's a better way, and found Jesus was real. I've never looked back. I knew what I did, and one also must know, I'm not the same, and neither are any of us.

One's situation may seem hopeless, even look like there's no way out, but I can say, "There's a risen Lord, Who can cause dead things in one's life to live again. Aren't we glad He can take things in one's life that need to die and settle all of it for eternity?

So, on this Resurrection Sunday, I've come to remind us, the world doesn't have the answers. It's getting worse, turn on the news. Even the worst stations are telling everyone how bad things are getting. It won't get better. I don't care who gets elected in 2024. There won't be time to get better. We are now living in the last days, and Jesus is coming for those who've prepared.

We have an amazing opportunity to run and find Jesus if one doesn't know Him. Come and see what He can do. Time is running out. I shared this a while ago and heard, "Aw-w-wthat's what my grandmother and my mother said." It may have been, but still, we're closer now than we've ever been. Jesus is the answer. He's alive and well. Whatever one deals with, or goes through, or is attacking one's life, Jesus is the right way. We can sit in our dark, concealed houses, in a dark and messed up world, in a place of brokenness and despair, or we can run this morning to the God Who can fix this.

"Pastor Tim, will it all be "sunshine and roses?" No, I'll never promise anyone that, but here's what I found, as long as He goes with me, whatever I go through, He'll go through it with me. I can handle it through Him. Amen.



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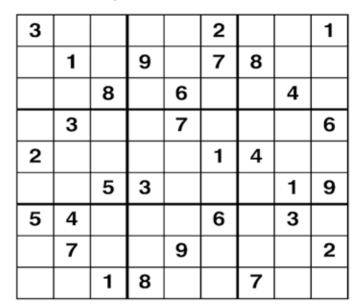
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#### by Linda Thistle



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Jesus tell the multitudes the very hairs of their heads were numbered? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

3. From 2 Samuel 14, who cut his hair once a year, as it was too heavy to carry around? Samson, Esau, Absalom, Sisera

4. Which prophet's work is quoted in the New Testament more than any other? Joshua, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel

5. In Deuteronomy 34, Moses saw the promised land from what mountain? Hermon, Zion, Ararat, Nebo 6. Artaxerxes was king of ...? Phila-

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1. U.S. STATES: Which state is the smallest in land area?

2. MEDICAL: What is a common name for the medical condition called hyperlipidemia?

3. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the abnormal fear represented by peccatophobia?

4. FOOD & DRINK: What fish is the basis of Worcestershire sauce?

5. GEOGRAPHY: Nuuk is the capital of which island constituent country?

6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which state has produced the most presidents?

7. ART: In which major city would you find the Uffizi Gallery?

8. MOVIES: What is the main setting of the "Mama Mia!" movies?

9. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Greek god of wine?

10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where is the rock formation called Giant's Causeway located?

#### See answers on page 38

#### APPENINGS contact info to scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov.

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

#### **EVENTS BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS**

Turkey Shoot. June 3 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Fundraiser for Kolanvyi Indian Ball travel expenses. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

#### **EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**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.

- 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

#### Annual Kituwah Celebration.

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

#### Flag Retirement Ceremony.

June 14 at 5 p.m. at the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 headquarters at 1526 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. If you have a flag that has become worn, torn, faded, or badly soiled and would like it to be properly retired, bring it to the Post from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Gregory Hunt (828) 342-2024 or n8tvwarrior@outlook.com

#### 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**

Snowbird Health Fair. May 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex at 60 Snowbird School Road in Robbinsville, N.C. Meet with EBCI Community Health staff. Lots of vendors will be present. Info: (828) 346-6958

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.

Alabama-Coushatta 53rd Annual Pow Wow. June 2-3 at the Alabama-Coushatta Veteran's Pavilion in Livingston, Texas. Emcees: Rob Daugherty and Bryan Williams. Host Northern Drum: Young Spirit. Host Southern Drum: Blazing Bear. Info: Davie Johnson (936) 563-1100, superdj\_126@yahoo.com

**Moving Forward Together Pow** Wow. June 2-3 at the Rafter 3C Arena at the Churchill County Fairgrounds in Fallon, Nev. MC: Tyson Shay. Host Drum: Bear Springs. Info: Kadie Zeller at fallonpowwow@gmail.com

#### **Redbird's 21st Children of**

**Many Colors Intertribal Pow** Wow. June 2-4 at the Oxnard College Gymnasium Field in Oxnard, Calif. Info: Corina Roberts (626) 644-7558, redbirds\_vision@ hotmail.com

**Taylorville Black Horse Pow** Wow. June 2-4 at the Taylorville Lake Marina in Taylorville, Ill. Info: Fred DuBay (217) 823-6878, blackhorse@ctitech.com

#### Veterans Pow Wow and Festival. June 2-4 at the Fort Hunter Fire Dept. in Fort Hunter, New York. Info: Bob Ross (607) 776-6776, metisnnaandca@gmail.com

23rd Annual Rogue Valley Veterans Pow Wow. June 3-4 at the Valley of the Rogue State Park in Gold Hill, Ore. MC: Bob Tom.



Weekly SUDOKU

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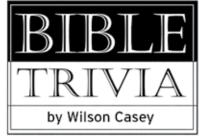
Honor Drum: Screaming Eagle. Info: Nick Hall (541) 659-0309

**Chilocco Alumni Pow Wow.** June 3 at the First Council Casino & Hotel Event Center in Newkirk, Okla. MC: Oliver Littlecook. Info: Oliver Littlecook (580) 485-8438

#### **Intermountain Championships**

Pow Wow. June 3-4 at the River's Edge Campground in Heber City, Utah. MC: Bart Powaukee. Host Drum: Blackstone. Info: Jacob Crane at culturalfireevents@gmail. com

**Spavinaw Pow Wow & Indian** Arts Festival. June 9-10 at Camp Copperhead in Spavinaw, Okla. MC Choogie Kingfisher. Head Southern Singer: Kevin Leroy. Info: (918) 864-2662, kristy@campcopper-



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Luke 12:7; 3) Absalom; 4) Isaiah; 5) Nebo; Persia



#### Answers

- 1. Rhode Island
- 2. High cholesterol
- 3. Fear of committing sins or imagi-
- narv crimes
- Fermented anchovies
- 5. Greenland
- 6. Virginia, with eight presidents
- Florence, Italy
- 8. Skopelos, Greece 9. Dionysus
- 10. Northern Ireland
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#### 26th Annual Peoria Pow Wow.

June 16-17 at the Buffalo Run Casino & Resort (inside Peoria Showplace) in Miami, Okla. MC: Juaquin Hamilton-Youngbird. Head Southern Singer: Rusty Cozad. Host Northern Drum: Young Buffalo Horse. Info: Charla Echo Hawk (918) 540-2535, cechohawk@peoriatribe.com

#### Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Pow

Wow. June 16-18 in Perkins, Okla. Emcees: R.G. Harris and John Arkeketa. Head Southern Singer: Robert Tehauno. Info: Hinglu Huber (405) 780-3869, Leslie Tanyan (405) 245-9953, Kent Tehauno (405) 788-9990, Greg "Hoagie" Miller (918) 873-7058

#### Kaw Nation Washaunga Days



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A heads-up alert to all free-spirited Ewes and Rams: Be wary of a deal that could result in compromising your independence. Check every detail before making a commitment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New facts emerge that help put an irksome workplace situation in perspective. Meanwhile, pay more attention to a family member who needs your wisdom and strength.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A slight setback in plans is nothing to worry about. Use this delay to deal with a number of matters you might have ignored for too long. Expect news from someone in your past. CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

You're entering a period of stability. Use it to straighten out any outstanding problems related to a very personal situation. Also, pay closer attention to financial matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being a social Lion, you might well benefit from staying out of the spotlight for a while. You need time to reflect on some upcoming decisions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A difficult family situation improves, thanks to your timely intervention. You can now start to focus more of your attention on preparing for a possible career change.

Pow Wow. June 16-17 at Allegawaho Park in Council Grove, Kan. MC: Shannon Leroy. Head Southern Singer: Robert Collins. Info: Jaelin Kent (580) 362-6433, jaelinkent@ hotmail.com

Four Seasons Cultural Society Pow Wow Between the Lakes. June 23-25 at the South Okanagan Events Centre in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. Emcees: Francis James and Joseph Pierre. Host Drum: Southern Express. Info: Haley Rodan at volunteer.fscs@ gmail.com

#### 22nd Annual Miami Nation

Pow Wow. June 23-24 at the Miami Nation Arena in Miami, Okla. MC: Juaquin Hamilton-Youngbird. Head Southern Singer: Rusty

#### See EVENTS next page

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An on-the-job change works to your benefit by offering new opportunities. It's up to you to check them out. Meanwhile, a stalled romantic situation starts up again.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That flare-up of Scorpian temperament cools down, leaving you more receptive to suggestions about changes that might need to be made in your personal life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unusual period of indecisiveness is a mite frustrating. But things soon clear up, allowing the sage Sagittarian to make those wise pronouncements again.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might feel that you know best, but it's not a good idea at this time to try to force your opinions on others. Best advice: Inspire change by example, not by intimidation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some setbacks could affect your plans to fortify your financial situation. But things start moving again by early next week. Meanwhile, enjoy your resurgent social life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Show that often-hidden steely spine of yours as you once again stand up to an emotional bully. You've got the strength to do it, especially as friends rally to your side.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ruling planet, Mercury, endows you with a gift for writing. Have you considered penning the world's greatest novel? © 2022 King Features Synd., Inc



#### by Freddy Groves

#### A Jumble of Wait Times for VA Medical Care

A recent audit by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General outlined what so many of us already knew - that it's difficult to understand the wait times for appointments and medical care at the VA. It seemed to some of us that the rules changed day by day, that our appointments were at the whim of whatever program was being followed at the time and that there was no transparency about how those dates were calculated. Turns out that we were right all along.

In a perfect world, wait times at the VA always begin with an accurate starting point. If, for example, a veteran wants to seek civilian care because the wait is too long at the VA, he doesn't qualify for that outside care until he's waited a certain amount of time. Precisely when that period of time begins is at the heart of the problem.

Since 2014, the OIG discovered, the VA has used various methods of calculating wait time and figuring out when the criteria is met to seek civilian care. The rules for those calculations were in writing back to 2014. But without following those rules consistently, wait times varied and wandered all over the place. It didn't help that the website gave misleading information about how dates were to be calculated, with differences between wait times for new patients and what was written in the scheduling directive.

Enter the OIG, with its excellent investigators who always leave no stone unturned. While the recent audit doesn't assign blame (which the OIG won't hesitate to do when it's called for), the VA knew about these problems. The OIG has officially asked the VA to respond and let them know what steps they're going to take to fix this.

To read the details, go to www.va.gov/ oig/pubs/VAOIG-21-02761-125.pdf. Don't miss the timeline on the cardiology patient whose provider wanted him seen pronto. There was a 66 day wait.





#### Young Puppy Just Can't 'Hold It'

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We adopted a puppy last month. "Jake" is having some problems adjusting to his new home. He has soiled his own bed three times so far (we crate him at night) and doesn't make it through the day - he starts whining by the door around lunchtime and, if we're not home, will just go anywhere in the house. How can we fix this? — Carl B., via email

DEAR CARL: How old is Jake? It sounds like, barring any unknown physical issues or illness, he is a young puppy with a small bladder. He simply can't hold it as long as a fully grown dog.

The fact that Jake makes it a point to whine by the door means that the house training is effective, but you may be waiting much too long to take him out. When he has to go, he will go. That includes soiling his crate, which is an absolute last resort for a dog.

Follow this guideline, published by the American Kennel Club, called the "month-plus-one" rule: Take your puppy's age in months, and add one. That gives you a rough estimate of the maximum number of hours Jake should wait before going outside to pee or poop.

For example, if Jake is four months old, add one to that number. The total, five, means he should be taken outside every five hours. Every puppy is different, so Jake may need to go out a little sooner. And yes, that means he may need to go out in the middle of the night, or on a pee pad.

He should always be taken out just before bedtime and first thing in the morning, regardless of his age.

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

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Cozad. Host Northern Drum: Young Buffalo Horse. Info: Julie Olds (918) 541-3131, jolds@miamination.com

**63rd Annual Eastern Shoshone Indian Days Pow Wow.** June 23-25 at the Fort Washakie Pow Wow Grounds in Fort Wasshakie, Wyo. Emcees: George Abeyta and Bart Powaukee. Info: Claw Tillman (307) 349-5913, esecommittee@ gmail.com

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

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

#### Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meet-

**ing.** June 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City, N.C. Jim Casada and Tipper Pressley will be presenting "Celebrating Southern Appalachian Food". Conversation and refreshments will follow this presentation which is free and open to the public.

Tennessee Statehood Day Celebration. June 4 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The blacksmith shop will be open with demonstrations going on throughout the day. Demonstrations of the 1833 Otis Tufts Acorn Gap Printing Press, and learn about Cherokees in the Civil War. Free admission day. Info: (423) 884-6246

**Clay Day.** June 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Folk Art Center at 382 Blue Park Parkway in Asheville, N.C. Hosted by the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Visitors to the event will experience a variety of clay processes and techniques through demonstrations and handson activities for children and adults. Guild Potters and invited guests will demonstrate wheel-throwing, hand-building, raku-firing, surface design, polymer clay design, and more. Info: www.craftguild.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

Styrofoam Recycling Event.



June 25 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Mark Watson Park in Sylva, N.C. Bring all of your clean Styrofoam to be condensed then taken to another facility for repurposing. Info: Curt Collins (828) 476-0334 or email thewheemarket@gmail.com

Washington County (Tenn.) Heritage Fair. Sept. 1-2 in Jonesborough, Tenn. This event is being hosted by the Jonesborough Genealogical Society, and organizers are looking for living historians, artisans, and heritage organizations to participate. Info: chadfredb@gmail. com

#### 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.AAwnc80.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

## What questions would you like to ask the candidates for Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and Tribal Council?

Coming in June, the Cherokee One Feather will be holding its election debates, tentatively set for June 19-23, 2023. These will be held with the General Election candidates for these seats. Please share your thoughts on what we need to know from the candidates. Send your email to cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com





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The Siquo Danvhna "They are living again" re-entry team is made up of certified peer support specialists that have lived experience with substance use and/ or mental health challenges and works collaboratively with the Eastern Band Cherokee Indians (Tribe). The team provides supportive services to individuals returning to the community from incarceration and/or involved in the EBCI court system.

Our peer supports work with these individuals by supporting their sustained recovery and health needs through provision of system navigation, engagement support, as well as providing social determinants of health resources.

## Call to speak to a Peer Support Specialist



Male staff: 828-507-0541 Female staff: 828-506-6330

We are Certified Peer Support Specialists with lived experience managing and overcoming substance use and mental health challenges and justice system involvement.

#### www.sunriseinasheville.org

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#### CLASSIFIEDS 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** 

**Looking for a place to rent**, pet friendly, small house with a small pasture for older horse. Please call Debbie Stone 352-208-1057. **5/31** 

**Available to haul small loads of gravel, dirt, etc.** Gravel road maintenance including grading, culverts, ditches, and burying pipe or wire. Track hoe and tractor for dirt work and bush hogging. Free quotes 788-4799. **6/28**  For Sale: 1996 Regal Double

wide Manufactured Home. 24 by 48 feet. Very clean, new laminate flooring, no leaks. Must be moved!!! 992 Goose Creek. Open house Sat. May 27 10-1. Text 828 734 1464. **5/31** 

#### EMPLOYMENT

## Kituwah Services, LLC has the following job(s) available:

Telecommunications Specialist Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the KG3 office building between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or email Maggie Toineeta at maggie.toineeta@kituwhag3.com This position will close to applications on May 31, 2023. Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will be accepted in conjunction of all applications. 6/7

#### **VOC Summer Youth Program**

Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee, Inc. is taking applications for their Summer Youth Program. Applicants must be 14 – 17 years of age and enrolled citizens of a federally recognized tribe residing on the Qualla Boundary. Applicants who have a documented disability or a school IEP will be given priority.

Deadline for Applications is June 2nd. The program will last 6 weeks beginning on June 12 and will end on July 21, with participants working up to 30 hours per week and earning \$7.50 per hour.

For more information, please call 828-497-9827 or come by VOC

to pick up an application. 6/7

#### Weekend Workers

VOC is looking for Weekend Only (roadside litter pickup) workers. \$12.00/Hr. Must possess a valid driver's license and be able to pass drug screen. Pick up Application/ Job Description at VOC, located behind former Tribal Bingo. For questions, call 828-497-9827. **6**/7

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 23-048 In the Matter of the Estate of William Dwight Beck

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



## nent ities Rights Office

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

#### 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 <u>ebci-tero.com</u> to receive the job list for February 2023. Our office is located at 756 Acquoni Rd in Cherokee, NC.

#### TERO Job Bank

If you are seeking employment and you are:

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

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

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

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



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

Teresa L. Williamson 775 Sam Dills Road Whittier, NC 28789 **6**/7

#### In the General Court of Justice in Macon County, District Court Division: File Number 22 JT 61

In the matter of Keel, a minor child for Termination of Parental Rights Petitioners: Bernardo Hernandez-Ramirez and Kristie Hernandez-Ramirez

Respondents: Amanda Santiago

and Aaron Keel Petitioners' attorney: Shira Hedgepeth, PO Box 514, Cullowhee, NC 28723, Phone 828-585-5044

Respondents are required to make defense to such pleading within 40 days after a date stated in the notice. If the Respondent fail to do so the Respondents will apply to the court for the relief sought. **5/31** 

#### RFPs, BIDs, etc.

#### EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Assignment of a Name for a New Road

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

• The existing shared driveway providing access to 46, 48 and 50 Upper Old Number 4 Housing Street shall be assigned the name Bill Smith Drive along with its eventual continuation.

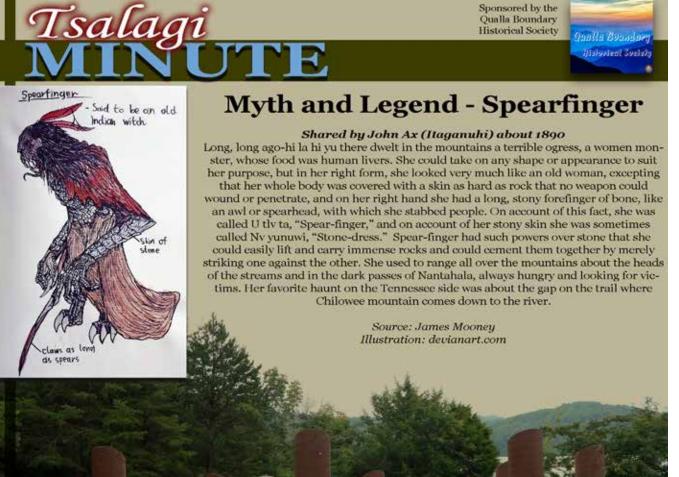
Inquiries or appeals to this action can be made to the Emergency Management Office located at 282 Seven Clans Lane, Cherokee, NC 28719 during normal business hours. **5/31** 

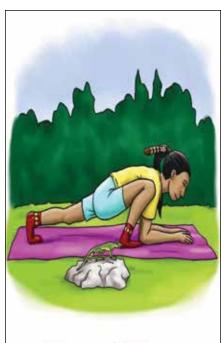
#### **Request for Proposals**

The Cherokee Court is now tak-

ing resumes for a 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 June 9, 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. 6/7

#### **Request for Proposals**

Housing Management Software Department: Cherokee Indian

Housing Division (CIHD) Start Date: 05/25/2023 8:00 AM EST Close Date: 06/9/2023 4:00 PM EST The Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is accepting proposals and qualifications for public housing software, installation, training, and technical support. • CIHD will evaluate the bids based on the sum of the "Total Bid"

for the Project. • CIHD reserves the right to reject any or all of the project bids or bidders. • There will be a required Demonstration; please email Jonathan Rattler at jonaratt@ebci-nsn.gov to schedule. Bids will be opened on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 9:00 AM EST. 5/7

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





#### **Free Rabies shots for EBCI Tribal Member** Dogs and Cats.



The rabies virus infects the central nervous system. If a dog or human does not receive appropriate medical care after a potential rabies exposure, the virus can cause disease in the brain, ultimately resulting in death. Rabies can be prevented by vaccinating pets, staying away from wildlife, and seeking medical care after potential exposures before the symptoms start.

For information on rabies shots for dogs and cats contact

**Cherokee Animal Care Clinic** 



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pply online at https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/ or visit: www.ees-ne.org for more information.

herokee Central Schools

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

- Full time athletic trainer
- Cultural Program Coordinator
- **Elementary Teacher**
- 6-8 Middle SchoolELA Teacher
- 6-8 Life Skills Special Education Teacher
- 6-8 Special Education Pathseekers Alternative Teacher
- 6-8 Special Education Teacher
- 6-8 Full time Substitute Teacher
- 9-12 Math Teacher
- 9-12 Science Teacher
- 9-12 Lifeskills Teacher

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## CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

#### FINANCE:

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#### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child - \$58,332 - \$72,915 -\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety - \$44,107 - \$55,134 Targeted Case Manager – Cherokee Central Schools - \$44,107 - \$55,134 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 Inpatient Technician – FT and PTI - Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26

#### **OPERATIONS**

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 Eye Clinic Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 Physical Therapy/Wound Care Case Manager - \$17.12 - \$19.26 Ultrasound Technologist - \$26.52 - \$30.31 Physical Therapist II – Wound Care \$77,144 - \$96,430 Medical Technologist - \$28.68 - \$32.85

#### MEDICAL

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

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### \$157,686 - \$197,108

Family Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant – Primary Care - \$91,254 - \$114,067 Family Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant – Immediate Care Center - \$91,254 - \$114,067

#### NURSING

Certified Medical Assistant – Immediate Care Center -\$21.13 - \$23.98 Manager of Professional Nursing Development - \$77,144 -\$96,430 Massage Therapist - \$50,723 - \$63,404 RN Supervisor - Satellite Clinics \$36.56 - \$42.11 RN Care Manager – Primary Care \$31.06 - \$35.64 -\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus Registered Nurse - Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72 -\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (Night shift) Registered Nurse - Immediate Care Center \$31.06 -\$35.64 - \*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus Nursing/Medical Administrative Assistant - \$19.66 -\$22.25

#### TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$3,000Hiring Bonus CNA/PCA - Part Time Regular - \$17.12 - \$19.26CNA/PCA - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$3,000 Hiring Bonus Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26Registered Nurse (Nightshift) - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000Hiring Bonus Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus Housekeeper - \$15.00 - \$16.77Tribal Option Tribal Option Business Analyst - \$67,082 - \$83,852Tribal Option Administrative Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

Engineering EVS Technician - \$15.00 - \$16.77

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

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

### 2023 Cherokee Indian Housing Division Summer Internship/ Apprenticeship Program

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

1) Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and reside in Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, or Swain County.

2) Applicant must submit to and receive favorable results of a drug screening.

3) Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA.

4)Applicant must be a rising or graduating high school senior.

Required Documentation to be submitted with the application:

1) Tribal Enrollment documentation, Social Security Card, and (Driver's License, if applicable).

2) Official Transcript or other valid documentation indicating your current GPA.

For questions or applications, please call Dama Owle at 828-359-6330, or email at damaowle@ebci-nsn.gov. The deadline to submit the complete signed application is June 9, 2023, at 4:00 PM EST.







Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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

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

#### Closing Sunday, June 04, 2023

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

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

#### **Open Until Filled**

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

2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SEN-SITIVE POSITION

3. 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)

5. 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
 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. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

# BCI NIGHT

Join the Atlanta Braves for the 3rd annual EBCI Night honoring EBCI heritage and culture with exhibitions and traditions at Truist Park.

For more information on attending, please contact your local Atlanta Braves Cultural Committee representative.

## JUNE 17

