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Completing the Circle of Fire

**Tri-Council meets
in Cherokee**

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Sovereignty, identity, and culture were just a few of the issues the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes came together to discuss in the annual Tri-Council meeting. Under the theme, “Completing the Circle of Fire”, the Councils of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians met at the Harrah’s Cherokee Convention Center on the morning of Friday, June 16.

“We are family, we are broth-

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The Councils of the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians) pose for a photo following the Tri-Council Meeting held at the Harrah’s Cherokee Convention Center on the morning of Friday, June 16. An article on this meeting is forthcoming. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Richard French, left, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Tribal Council Chairman, and Albert Rose, EBCI Tribal Council Vice Chairman, look over a resolution during Friday's meeting.

MEETING: Tri-Council held in Cherokee,
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ers and sisters," Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Council Chairman Richard French said advocating for more frequent meetings and communication between the three tribes. "We're Kituwah. This is where we come from, every one of us, and we are blessed."

Tri-Council approved four resolutions during the meeting ranging from urging Congress to re-name a U.S. Army base to more closely defining who can claim their art as "Indian-made".

Res. No. 1 was submitted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and solidifies opposition from the Tri-Council to a land exchange proposal that would authorize a copper mining project at the Apache site Chi'chil Bildagoteel (known as Oak Flat) located in the Tonto National Forest.

The site is on the National Register of Historic Places and, according to the resolution, "Oak Flat has played an essential role in Apache religion, traditions, and culture for centuries and is a sacred area and traditional cultur-

al property with deep tribal religious, cultural, archaeological, historical, and environmental significance."

Res. No. 1 calls for Congress to enact H.R. 1351, the Save Oak Flat From Foreign Mining Act, as well as repeal Section 3003 which is a "legislative rider to the FY15 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which was enacted into law in December of 2014...under 3003, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) must begin implementation of the Land Exchange, which includes preparing an environmental impact statement for the Land Exchange and conducting government-to-government consultation with impacted Indian tribes".

Res. No. 1 concludes with, "...the Tri-Council of the three federally recognized Cherokee Tribes urges the Administration to make all appropriate and necessary efforts to stop implementation of Section 3003 and ensure full transparency and information sharing to the general public of the outcomes and status of the ongoing environmental analysis and studies of impacts on tribal religion and culture prior to issuing a final environ-

mental impact statement.”

Res. No. 2 was submitted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation and seeks for Congress to amend the Indian Arts and Crafts Act (IACA).

The legislation states, “The current definitions of ‘Indian’ and ‘Indian Tribe’ within the Indian Arts and Crafts Act allow members of state-recognized groups to produce and sell arts and crafts associated with our tribes and culture.”

It goes on to state, “We three federally recognized Cherokee tribal governments hereby urge Congress to take action to narrow

the Indian Arts and Crafts Act’s definitions of ‘Indian’ and ‘Indian Tribe’ to ensure that only works made by members of federally recognized tribes may be called ‘Indian’ arts and crafts.”

Res. No. 3 was submitted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and calls for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) regarding its membership policies.

Currently, state-recognized groups can join NCAI as full voting members. Res. No. 3 encourages NCAI “to allow for inclusion of ‘organizations and groups recognized by states as tribes’ as non-voting

members of NCAI”.

Res. No. 3 calls for NCAI to replace language in Article II Section B(1) of its Constitution and Article III Section B(1) of its By-Laws with the following language regarding requirements for tribal membership with full voting rights, “All Tribal Nations with treaty and/or trust relations with the United States as demonstrated by inclusion on the lists annually published by the Department of the Interior in compliance with the Federally Recognized Tribes List Act.”

Res. No. 4 was submitted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and calls for Congress to re-


name Fort Jackson, a U.S. Army base located in Columbia, S.C. and named for President Andrew Jackson who, as the resolution states, “pressed the Congress to enact the Indian Removal Act that led to forcible removal of Cherokees from our homelands”.

The legislation states that Tri-Council does “call on the Department of Defense to conduct a naming review of Fort Jackson Army Base considering Andrew Jackson’s racist treatment of Cherokees and other Native peoples”. At the end of the meeting, it was discussed that the Cherokee Nation will host the meeting in 2024.




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A home of hope

Men's Residential Support Home opens officially

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Men of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) will now have a place to come back to on the Qualla Boundary once they leave substance abuse treatment. The Men's Residential Support Home opened in the Yellowhill Community in Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Monday, June 12.

The two-story building can support up to eight men with two of those being able to have

children up to 8-years-old. It is recommended that the men stay in the Home for six to 12 months.

Cody Brady, an EBCI tribal member and CIHA employee, spoke about her experiences in recovery and in the EBCI Women's Home which opened in 2021. "Most importantly, it saved my life. Staying there, I learned how to live life again without drugs and alcohol and how to become responsible and be a productive member of society again. I was given day passes while there to try to re-build relationships with my family, my son, things I'd destroyed along the way. I was given room to grow. I given room to make mistakes and fall back. Most of all, I was given the support and

love that I needed."

Casey Cooper, CIHA chief executive officer, thanked the EBCI tribal leadership for their continued support of the recovery continuum. "It's a really, really wonderful thing that the leadership of this Tribe has done for its people."

"This \$2 million facility is absolutely beautiful and stunning, and hopefully this is going to provide exactly the inspiring, nurturing environment that our men need to come back home to regain their self-esteem and their dignity and their strength and be warriors for their family and their communities."

The building was designed by McMillan Pazdan Smith Architec-

ture, and construction was completed by Robins & Morton.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented, "I've been in recovery. I went to rehab for the first time when I was 14-years-old, and then I went again when I was 22-years-old. I know what it is to stray from the right path. You lose yourself. You lose your identity. You lose your spirit. You lose your soul. Addiction will cause you to do things you never imagined that you could do – to hurt people that you never, ever intended nor ever dreamed that you would hurt."

"One thing you'll notice in this community is when someone is suffering, when a family is suffering, our people rally. We rally around them. We make sure that

no one gets left behind and no one gets cast aside. It's really amazing to see the continuum of care we have here at the Eastern Band."

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley said himself and other tribal leaders visited The Healing Center in Raleigh some years ago. He related that visit inspired the late Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke to vigorously pursue treatment options for EBCI tribal members. "I'm just glad to be a part of all of this and glad to be a part of a community that has the resources to hear what their community needs and act on it. The Tribal Council, Chief, and myself deal with these issues every day. People call and say, 'if I had a place to stay, I may be able to straighten my life out'. We get these calls on a daily basis. I'm proud to be here and proud to be a part of it."

Freida Saylor, CIHA director of behavioral authority, spoke about the success of the Women's Home and said she's very happy to see the Men's Home opening. "I've very honored that we work within a Tribe that can love on some of the most vulnerable members that we have and sometimes that don't always have the most desirable behaviors. But, we're willing to step up and just love on them."

Tribal Council Chairman Richard French commented, "It's an honor to be able to open this house today for the men just like it was for the women. This is another step in their lives. What we've always preached is we want you to get better. The first step is to admit that you have a problem. After that, then it's our time to start taking care of them. But, you've got to keep opening doors and doors and doors...we have to keep assuring them that we're here for them."

Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe,



Leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) gather for the ribbon-cutting for the Men's Residential Support Home, located at 197 Children's Home Loop in Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Monday, June 12. The facility is for EBCI men in recovery and is part of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Recovery Continuum. Shown, left to right, are Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe, Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke, Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Tribal Council Chairman Richard French, Tribal Council Vice Chairman Albert Rose, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, and Wolftown Rep. Andrew Oocumma. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

a long-time member of the Health Board, said, "We knew we had to do something...this was a spot that was lacking was having a spot to go after you come through treatment."

For the first time in a public setting, Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke spoke about his own experiences in recovery. "Having a facility like this, I know full-heartedly that this will make a huge, significant difference within our community – to have a safe place to come to, reunite with your kids, have a hot meal, and to just be able to start to rebuild yourself. This place will make an immense difference."



Prior to the ribbon-cutting for the Men's Residential Support Home for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) on the afternoon of Monday, June 12, the Warriors of Anikituhwa led the Cherokee Friendship Dance. Shown dancing, left to right, are Freida Saylor, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority director of behavioral health; Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed; EBCI First Lady Colene Sneed; Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, and Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe.

EBCI launches electronic census

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – An electronic census is currently being administered for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Section 19 of the EBCI Charter & Governing Document states that a tribal census must be completed every 10 years, but the last one was conducted in 2001.

EBCI tribal members 18-years-old and older can take the electronic census at the following link until Thursday, Aug. 31: Census - EBCI Census Portal (ebci-nsn.gov) Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed submitted Res. No. 470 (2022),

which was passed by Tribal Council on Dec. 8, 2022, to fix this dilemma by approving the electronic census format. At the time, he stated, "The bottom line is we want to get the census completed. We think the most efficient way to do this is going to be electronically."

Anita Lossiah, EBCI Office of the Attorney General, has been working to facilitate the electronic census. "The EBCI Census 2023 is a population-wide questionnaire that will provide additional demographic data in support of the ongoing effort to provide quality services and programs for the EBCI people and economy. Any and all data attained is helpful in this pursuit. Additionally, the data attained is to supplement and not replace data already known."

If a person doesn't have access

to a computer, the census can still be completed. Lossiah noted, "Public computers at libraries can be used to access the tribal government website which contains the link to the EBCI Census 2023 questionnaire. Cell phones can be used to access the tribal government website which contains the link."

She noted that assistance is also available at Tsali Manor and encourages those who need assistance to call (828) 359-6860 or 359-6638 to arrange a time slot. Lossiah said the following schedule is for walk-in assistance in the morning or to arrange for an evening appointment:

- Thursday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (evening time slots available by appointment)
- Tuesday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (evening time slots available by appointment)
- Tuesday, Aug. 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Each person completing the census will receive a \$100 incentive payment. Most payments will be distributed to a person's direct deposit. But if the member

doesn't have this, they'll receive a check as they do their per capita or GenWell payment.

Section 19 of the EBCI Charter & Governing Document states, "A tribal census, for the purposes of determining the weight of the votes to be cast by each Tribal Council member, shall be conducted prior to the 1981 tribal election and prior to the election each ten years thereafter to determine the number of enrolled tribal members residing in each township." Cherokee Code Section 117-12 states, "The individual voting weight shall be determined by computing the mathematical ratio, fraction, or proportion that exists between the number of enrolled tribal members residing in each township and the total number of enrolled members."

Res. No. 20 (2001), passed on Oct. 10, 2001 and ratified by the late Principal Chief Leon Jones, set the weighted vote as follows: Big Cove 7, Birdtown 12, Painttown 6, Cherokee County – Snowbird 6, Wolfstown 12, and Yellowhill 7. That same weighted vote is used today.

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To my esteemed members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Today I come to you as a proud member of our Cherokee Community, ready to embark on a transformative journey towards progress and Tribal empowerment.

Our Eastern Band has a rich history and a vibrant culture that deserves to be celebrated and preserved. It is with great honor and humility that I present to you, all of you, a sample of my campaign for the betterment of our beloved Eastern Band of Cherokee.

Our tribal nation is built upon the legacy of our ancestors, who fought tirelessly to protect our land, our traditions, and our way of life. It is our responsibility and our duty to carry forward their spirit of resilience and ensure that future generations can thrive while embracing our historical challenges and our proud heritage.

As your elected Vice Chief, I will be steadfast in my commitment to be an advocate for the pressing issues that matter most to our Tribal community. We will and must work together to face and build a prosperous future rooted in unity, justice, and cultural preservation.

Education lies at the heart of our community's growth and success. We must strive and continue to provide our children with the highest quality of education available. We can do this by seeking and strengthening our schools, supporting additional childcare across our boundary, and trade school opportunities. We must offer skilled employee opportunities like electrical, plumbing, welding, culinary, and masonry to our members by garnering the Job Corp for the training.

Our seniors could graduate with a skilled trade certification! They could go straight into the workforce here at home and help us all grow. And all this time they we will empower our young learners to excel academically while maintaining a strong connection to our unique Cherokee identity. Lets remember, "Cheap labor is not skilled, and skilled labor is not Cheap."

Healthcare is an essential pillar of our Cherokee community. We must get louder and fight harder for comprehensive, and culturally competent healthcare services that actually meet the needs of our unique Indian community. I will do just that. We must collaborate with health care providers, community and National leaders, tribal elders to make sure our members receive the health care they deserve. Mental health care services are imperative especially for our troubled youth, and for our beloved members struggling with addictions. So much more can be done, I promise.

Economic development is key to the prosperity of our communities. I will actively pursue opportunities for job creation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable economic growth. By investing in our own communities, investing in infrastructure, supporting small businesses, and promoting tourism that showcases our artists, craftsmen and rich history we can create a once again thriving economy that benefits all members of the Eastern Band. I have plans.

Preserving and protecting our ancestral lands and natural resources is paramount. It will take all of us working together to champion responsible environmental stewardship, ensuring that future generations of Cherokee people can enjoy the beauty and the bounty our Ancestors left us. There is no greater way to honor them then by protecting what we have, and by thriving in a world they would not recognize. We are still here. We have that obligation to our children and our elders. I want to, and I will collaborate with any and all available state and federal agencies, as well as other tribes, to safeguard our forests, our precious water, and our sacred sites. Together we will once again be the custodians of the Natural heritage that we each share with each heartbeat. We are Cherokee. I want to leave a lasting legacy of environmental sustainability because our children and grandchildren deserve that.

Additionally, we must strive for greater self-governance and sovereignty. We must work towards expanding our tribal jurisdiction and strengthening our legal and justice systems. The employee policies must be codified to protect the rights of our workforce, and politicians must be charged with obstruction when they politically interfere with any victims justice. Not one of us is above the law! I am a champion of justice. We must communicate daily with all governments to protect our sovereignty and ensure that the voices of our Tribal communities are heard and respected.

My fellow Cherokee, the path before us is challenging. For six years this administration has sent your money out of the state gambling on gambling. Ireviewed the resolutions that got us into Indiana and they were submitted by both chiefs. Yes, we have a serious financial situation and it will take serious elected officials to bail us out. We must work together to prevent obstacles that stand in our way to regain the success they squandered away. I have a plan. So, in closing, I ask for your trust, your support, and your active participation in shaping the future of our Eastern Band of Cherokee. Let us unite, honor our traditions, and rebuild a prosperous tribal community that uplifts EVERY member by preserving our cherished heritage. Elect me, Teresa McCoy, as your servant and Vice Chief in September.

Sgi, Osda! Teresa McCoy

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SCOTUS upholds Indian Child Welfare Act

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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In a 7-2 decision filed on Thursday, June 15, the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) upheld the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in the landmark case of *Haaland v. Brackeen*. Originally approved in 1978, ICWA's purpose is to keep Indian children within Indian families and communities.

SCOTUSblog outlines the case and how it arrived at the Supreme Court as follows, "Thursday's ruling in *Haaland v. Brackeen* and three consolidated cases began as a dispute filed in federal court in Texas by Texas and seven indi-

viduals: three couples who are not Native American who had tried to foster or adopt children with Native American ancestry, as well as the biological mother of a Native American child whom one of the couples, Chad and Jennifer Brackeen, eventually adopted... the federal district court ruled for the plaintiffs, holding that ICWA is unconstitutional, but a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit reversed. A ruling by the full 5th Circuit that partly affirmed and partly reversed the panel's decision prompted four different petitions for Supreme Court review, from the Biden administration, Texas, the individual challengers, and the tribes. The justices agreed in February 2022 to take up the case and heard arguments last November."

Secretary of the Interior Deb

Haaland, a member of the Pueblo of Laguna, said in a statement, "Today's decision is a welcome affirmation across Indian Country of what presidents and congressional majorities on both side of the aisle have recognized for the past four decades. For nearly two centuries, federal policies promoted the forced removal of Indian children from their families and communities through boarding schools, foster care, and adoption."

She continued, "Those policies were a targeted attack on the existence of tribes, and they inflicted trauma on children, families, and communities that people continue to feel today. Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act in 1978 to put an end to those policies. The Act endured that the United States' new policy would be to meet its legal and moral obligation

to protect Indian children and families, and safeguard the future of Indian tribes."

Locally, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said it is a victory for all of Indian Country. "Today, the Supreme Court upheld a key law that protects the sovereignty of tribal nations and our rights to protect our children. The Indian Child Welfare Act was a necessary response to dark periods in history where Indian children were intentionally taken from their families for the express purpose of stripping their Native identities. We are heartened that the Supreme Court has affirmed the legal and Constitutional validity of this vital legal framework to prevent those wrongs from happening again." He concluded, "Today is a good day. Protecting our children is our highest priority, and this decision

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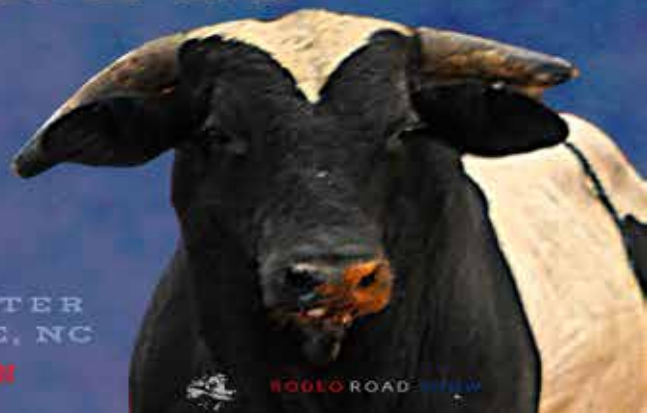
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Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett delivered the opinion of the court writing, “This case is about children who are among the most vulnerable: those in the child welfare system. In the usual course, state courts apply state law when placing children in foster or adoptive homes. But when the child is an Indian, a federal statute – the Indian Child Welfare Act – governs. Among other things, this law requires a state court to place an Indian child with an Indian caretaker, if one is available. That is so even if the child is already living with a non-Indian family and the state court thinks it in the child’s best interest to stay there.”

Concurring with Barrett were Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice Elena Kagan, Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, Associate Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh, and Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Dissenting were Associate Justice Clarence Thomas and Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr.

In his dissenting opinion, Justice Thomas wrote about ICWA, “It regulates child custody proceedings, brought in state courts, for those who need never have set foot on Indian lands. It is not about tribal lands or tribal governments, commerce, treaties, or federal property. It therefore fails equally under the Court’s precedents as it fails under the plain text and original meaning of the Constitution.”

Information from the House Natural Resources Committee states, “Prior to the bipartisan passage of ICWA in 1978, American Indian and Alaska Native children were systematically separated from their parents, extended families, and communities by state and private adoption agencies, often without evidence of harm or neglect. An overwhelming 85 percent of these children were placed in non-Native homes, isolating them from their culture and community support systems.”

Others in government voiced their pleasure at ICWA being upheld.

U.S. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland said in a statement, “The Justice Department is committed to honoring tribal sovereignty and protecting Indian children and families. For nearly 45 years, the Indian Child Welfare Act has helped protect children from being unnecessarily separated from their parents, extended family, and tribal communities.”

He added, “I am pleased that today’s Supreme Court decision in *Haaland v. Brackeen* rejected this challenge to the Indian Child Welfare Act. The Justice Department vigorously defended the statute before the Supreme Court and will continue to support the Indian Child Welfare Act and do everything in our power to protect tribal communities and affirm tribal

sovereignty.”

Rep. Raul M. Grijalva (D-Ariz), the ranking member on the House Natural Resources Committee, said in a statement, “The court made the right decision today not just for Native children and families, but for tribal sovereignty at large. ICWA is considered the gold standard for child welfare across the board and today’s decision rightfully upholds that standard for Native youth and future generations. Keeping Native children in their own communities with access to their traditional languages and cultures is critical to addressing the intergenerational trauma that this country forced upon Indian Country for far too long.”

Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-N.M.), ranking member on the House Indian and Insular Affairs Subcommittee, said in a statement, “This decision reinforces what every tribal member knows: that vulnerable Native children belong where they will grow up sharing in the rich language, culture, and heritage of their tribal and tribal families. The decision also reaffirms that tribal nations are sovereigns which enjoy a unique and special trust relationship with the federal government. Congress has the power and responsibility to preemptively legislate on Indian affairs so we can reverse the harm and historical trauma inflicted on tribal nations.”



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Cherokee Central Schools and Manna Foodbank collaborate to address food insecurity

Cherokee, N.C. - Colby Taylor, a member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, a rising senior at the Honors College at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Jones-Bowman Fellow has taken a proactive approach to address food insecurity within the Cherokee Central Schools community. Recognizing the pressing issue of food insecurity among students, he initiated efforts to establish a partnership with MANNA Foodbank alongside Jessica (Jae) Winchester, community affairs coordinator at Cherokee Central Schools, to provide essential nutritional support.

Motivated by his commitment to improving the well-being of his

fellow students, Taylor worked tirelessly to develop a collaboration between Cherokee Central Schools and MANNA Foodbank. With a deep understanding of the challenges faced by students experiencing food insecurity, Colby was determined to find a viable solution.

Together with Winchester, Taylor facilitated the distribution of 450-weekend MANNA Packs (weekend backpack program), ensuring that students facing food insecurity have access to nourishing meals on weekends. Recognizing the importance of sustainable assistance, beginning July 2023 MANNA Foodbank will increase its support by delivering nine hundred Summer Packs (MANNA's Summer feeding program) bi-weekly to Cherokee Central

Schools, reaching individuals who have self-identified as experiencing food insecurity.

Both Taylor and Winchester expressed their enthusiasm for the collaboration and its potential to make a lasting impact. He remarked, "I am driven to address the issue of food insecurity among EBCI students. Through our partnership with MANNA Foodbank, we are taking concrete steps to ensure no student goes hungry, empowering them to succeed academically and beyond."

CCS officials noted, "This partnership between Cherokee Central Schools and MANNA Foodbank highlights their collective dedication to addressing food insecurity in the Cherokee community. By providing consistent and reliable support, they strive to create an inclusive environment where every student can thrive without the burden of food insecurity."

- Cherokee Central Schools release

Cherokee Cancer Support Group to celebrate 25 years
The Cherokee Cancer Sup-

port group was formed in 1998 by several individuals who shared a common concern for the wellbeing of local cancer patients and their families. This year, the Cherokee Cancer Support Group will celebrate 25 years with an Anniversary/Memorial Walk on Oct. 21. The walk will take place at Kituwah with festivities beginning at 5 p.m., and the walk will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The group is inviting all cancer survivors to come out and enjoy an evening of fellowship, food, door prizes, and of course a "good Walk". They will also be giving cancer survivors a free commemorative anniversary t-shirt and swag bag.

Survivors may call Betty's Place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at (828) 497-0788 and speak to the volunteer on duty to leave your name, shirt size and contact information. In order to guarantee a shirt by walk day, they need this information by Aug. 31. (subject to change)

- Cherokee Cancer Support Group



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2023 Annual EBCI Garden Contest

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erative Extension Center (828) 359-6939

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.

Deadline for Yogi Crowe Scholarships approaching

The Board of Directors of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund reminds graduate and post-graduate students that Saturday, July 1 is the deadline for requesting financial assistance from the Fund for fall semester. Applications and eligibility guidelines are available from any of the board members, from Tribal Education or from the Website www.yogicrowescholarship.org.

Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date and mailed on or before the deadline. Applications not postmarked or received electronically by the deadline will not be considered.

For more information, contact any of the Scholarship Fund board members: Dr. Jennifer Thompson, president, 507-5997; Dr. Reva Ballew, vice president, 631-1350; Mary Herr, secretary, 497-9498; Tamitha Fourkiller, treasurer, 497-7034; Dr. Carmaleta Monteith, 497-2717; Sunshine Parker, 506-1952; Jan Smith, 507-1519; or Shannon Swimmer, 736-3191.

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Joseph A. Garcia (Joe)

Joseph A. Garcia (Joe), 70, of Ohkay Owingeh, N.M. passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at the UNM Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M. He was the son of the late Peter Sr and Reycita Garcia. He was preceded in death by his son, Nate Garcia and two brothers, Elmer and Gordon.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Oneva West Garcia, of the Big Cove Community; two daughters, Melissa Garcia, of

Cherokee, and MorningStar Garcia, of New Mexico; six grandchildren, Kaelynn, Marcela, I-Rey, Imperia, Emiliano, and Lake Van Garcia; and two-great grandchildren, Zephie and Xavier. He is also survived by one brother and five sisters of New Mexico.

Joe enjoyed spending time with his family – Taking his grandchildren swimming and watching them play sports. He also enjoyed listening to and playing music. He was loved very much and will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

Garcia attended Haskell

Indian Junior College where he met his wife, Oneva, then served on term in the U.S. Air Force. Later, he attended the University of New Mexico where he earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He was also an instructor at Northern New Mexico Community College. Joe then worked at the Los Alamos National Laboratory for 25 years, retiring in 2003. He then started his own consulting company, Misty Lake Consulting.

He was also a recipient of various service awards.

Joe was an inspiration and

a prominent leader in Native American local and national history. He leaves behind a legacy of two terms as President of the National Congress of American Indians, three terms governor of Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, Chairman of the All-Indian Pueblo Council and Vice President of the Santa Fe Indian School Board.

A traditional burial was held at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo on Friday, May 12. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Cherokee, N.C.

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COMMENTARY

Who has the skills?

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

When I look for someone to work on my home or my person, I want to know that they are skillful at what they do. My doctor and I have built a relationship and respect so that I am familiar with his credentials and have seen over time his ability to give good guidance to me regarding my health concerns. I know he has a calling, duty, and heart to heal. I have seen a level of accountability from him. He has built trust so that even when he

has to say difficult things to me, I know he has my best health as his goal.

I know many men who stay away from doctors until they are in pretty rough shape. Health conditions that could have been avoided or at least softened go unchecked. Solutions become more difficult to find and concerns more grave appear. It isn't a great visit when the doctor says, "if only you had come to me five years ago..." We don't want to have or find any weak spots in our health. We prefer to think we can power through any weakness.

But you reach a time in your life when you can't "wear out" sicknesses like you used to. A three-day-cold stretches into weeks and eventually a month's long battle; skin bruises easier, bones are more

brittle, and both take longer to heal. I used to have blood drawn and only have a pinpoint place on my arm where the phlebotomist inserted the needle. Now I get to wear a quarter-sized bruise at the injection sight for a few weeks when they take blood. And even though I trust the technician, I try to make sure of what kind of mood she is in before I let her at my vein with a sharp object.

When you must put your health and life in someone's hands, you want that person to be as competent as they can be. You want them to have a good education (the best education) and as much experience as possible. It's important to get the best care because the consequences of poor care when it comes to our health are too dire to not pay attention to

who and how that is carried out.

The reality of things is that, in our personal lives, we expect that we will receive good care for most of our wants and needs. And we will do the research before making a big decision or investment of money or time. When we search for higher education, we look for the best fit for our needs, or our children's needs. We make sure we are getting the best "bang for our buck", from the food we eat to the toilet paper we...you get the point. We are not prone to settling when it comes to our stuff and services. When we determine we are not getting what we expect or desire, we search for better, and we drop what we find unacceptable.

Shouldn't we expect, when it comes to tribal services and Indian-owned businesses, the

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same level, or better services as in other municipalities? The current standard for hiring in our Tribe when programs are looking to hire is that minimally qualified tribal members are considered before any other qualified candidate for a position. It is called Indian preference. I personally, am a big fan of Indian preference and have benefitted from it. But our current structure causes us to have to select minimally qualified candidates over potentially highly qualified candidates. To go back to the previous example, hypothetically, if we were hiring a surgeon, the current hiring policies would require the Human Resources Department to choose the least qualified surgeon over a highly skilled, experienced surgeon if the minimally qualified surgeon is a tribal member. The hiring manag-

er or director doesn't even see the qualifications of other non-Indian candidates if there is one minimally qualified candidate.

As I stated earlier, I think it is good and proper for us to hire our own people, our Cherokee people, in front of those who are not. If two applicants, one tribal and one not, of equal qualifications are in the running for a position, I firmly believe the position should be awarded to the tribal applicant. I am not sure about the minimally qualified rule though. It would seem to ask the community to accept a quality of service that they would not otherwise accept. How many of us would want to be the first patient of the minimally qualified surgeon versus a highly qualified doctor? Apply the logic to any other goods and services you like. Would you opt for the least or

most qualified chef to cook your meal? Would you want the least or best qualified mechanic to do your major car repair? Build your house? Care for your elder? Your child? Your pets?

We here, at the Tribe, are in an election cycle. We are making vital decisions regarding the governance of our tribe. There is so much at stake. We are building infrastructure to support our way of life, on-Boundary and off. We are investing, on-Boundary and off, to secure the future of our tribe. We are negotiating with state and federal governments to define and enforce tribal sovereignty and tribal identity, and all that implies. We are managing a quarter-billion dollar plus budget and a hundred plus programs. We are trying to put our "aces in their places" when it comes to leadership on tribal

boards and high-ranking governmental positions.

And all these things have the potential to affect your life and mine, personally. Very personally. So, you must ask yourself, "Who is the best qualified to sit in the seats of power for our tribe?". Who has the skills needed to navigate the complex matrix of government, finance, and community? Whether they are competing for an executive office, Tribal Council seat, or school board seat, are they the best qualified, or just minimally qualified? With as much as is at stake in the next two to four years, we can't vote for someone because they are a "good ol' boy or girl". Take the election of your leaders as seriously as picking your heart or brain surgeon. Because it could be that serious. For your future. For your kids' future.

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COMMENTARY

Expressing gratitude to The Warriors of AniKituhwa

By CASEY COOPER

Cherokee Indian Hospital

On behalf of the entire team at Cherokee Indian Hospital, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to The Warriors of AniKituhwa for their presence and participation in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for our new men's home on June 12.

As always, the presence and active involvement of the Warriors left an indelible mark on our community. By joining us in celebrating this momentous occasion, the Warriors have not only honored us with their esteemed talents, but they also played an essential role in grounding our community in its rich cultural heritage and time-honored traditions.

The inclusion of The Warriors in the ribbon-cutting ceremony was a deliberate choice, driven by our commitment to recognizing and embracing the significance of Cherokee culture and tradition. Their participation not only added a touch of grandeur to the event but also reminded us of the resilience, strength, and unity that has sustained our community for generations.

As custodians of Cherokee culture and tradition, the Warriors serve as a powerful reminder of the deep-rooted values and customs that have guided our people throughout history. The ceremonial dance and intentional regalia transported us back to our ancestral roots, evoking a sense of pride, connection, and reverence for our shared heritage. The opportunity for the Warriors to lead all those who attended the ribbon cutting in the Friendship Dance elevated the cultural importance of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to partners, many of whom might otherwise have no personal knowledge or connection to our community.

Furthermore, the participation of the Warriors exemplified the close-knit relation-



Bo Taylor, foreground right, a member of the Warriors of AniKituhwa, leads the Cherokee Friendship Dance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Men's Residential Support Home in Cherokee, N.C. on Monday, June 12. Shown, left to right, are – Wolfstown Rep. Andrew Oocumma; Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke; Sheyahshe Littledave, Cherokee Indian Hospital director of public relations; and Taylor. Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital chief executive officer and author of this commentary, can be seen in the background left. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

ship between Cherokee Indian Hospital and the broader Cherokee community. By standing alongside us during this momentous occasion, the Warriors demonstrated their shared support and commitment to the well-being and progress of our people. The Warriors have long been revered as symbols of strength, bravery, and cultural preservation, and their presence at the ribbon-cutting ceremony reaffirmed the importance of our shared goals and commitment to ensuring the prosperity of the next seven generations of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

To the Warriors, we are incredibly grateful for your unwavering dedication to preserving and promoting Cherokee culture. Your participation in the ribbon-cutting ceremony not only added a touch of authenticity but also allowed us to create a meaningful and memorable event that will be etched in the hearts and minds of our community members for years to come. As custodians of Cherokee culture and tradition, you serve as a bridge between generations, ensuring that the invaluable wisdom, customs, and values of our ancestors are not forgotten while simultaneously embracing the future and promoting progress.

Once again, please accept my sincere appreci-

ation for your invaluable contribution to our men's home ribbon-cutting ceremony. The kind words you shared and your remarkable talents offered inspiration for us to continue our efforts in fostering a strong and vibrant community deeply rooted in its heritage and to preserve our cultural identity while also encouraging us to adapt, innovate, and grow in the face of an ever-changing world.

The Warriors' commitment to cultural preservation and promotion and their willingness to participate in community events such as the ribbon cutting allows the Cherokee people to move forward with confidence, knowing that we carry the torch of our ancestors while charting a path towards a brighter future. The Warriors of AniKituhwa exemplify the harmonious balance between honoring our past and embracing the challenges and opportunities of tomorrow.

We look forward to future collaborations and remain grateful for your ongoing support. May the legacy of The Warriors of AniKituhwa continue to shine brightly and guide our community toward a prosperous future.

Cooper is the chief executive officer of the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

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Don't Be Fooled

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

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Ephesians 5:1-20 is one of Paul's instructions on living as a Christian, holy, set apart, as kingdom living as best we can on earth.

He begins with we need to try to live in God's image because we are children of God. We are to be like Christ, loving and giving our lives in service as Jesus did.

Paul continues with what we shouldn't be or do because we are Christians. The list is long and undistinguished as immoral and decadent. Instead, we should always be thankful to God for we are assured that if we live a deceitful and evil life, we will receive no share in God's kingdom.

We are to guard ourselves against those who would confuse us or deceive us with foolish talk. But instead, we should focus on the light of Jesus and remove ourselves from the darkness of the world around us. We are to shine separated from the dark because of the world around us. We are to shine separated from the dark because we have the light of God within us.

Paul admonishes us to be careful how we live. To be wise and not ignorant, making good use of our opportunities to shine, for these are evil days.

When I read these words of Paul, I sometimes become amazed at how well the things he says fit our conditions today. So, all of this is relevant, not only for then and the Ephesians, but to us. That is why it is so important to listen and understand what he is saying in the context of then and now.

For me, the kicker verse of all that Paul wrote climaxes with the seventeenth verse.

Ephesians 5:17- "Wherefore be ye not foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is."

I remember old cartoons where the character had a little devil on his left shoulder and an angel on his right. Satan would whisper

something evil in one ear and the angel something righteous in the other. Way back then, as now, it speaks to the issue in this (lesson) and how close to real how close to reality that battle rages on in our head.

Proverbs 12:15- "The way of a fool is right in his own eye, but he that is wise (listens) unto counsel."

We often rationalize our sin by fooling ourselves instead of listening to God's Word. As Christians with the Spirit within us, we know what is wrong, but we tend to talk ourselves out of it.

Ephesians 5:17 is Paul's wake-up verse. These words are commanding as he uses the foulest thing to call someone who might be acting like a fool.

I could write a thousand ways we try to fool ourselves when faced with issues we either know are undesirable or might hurt ourselves or loved ones for a season. Health and humility are two that you might be able to identify. Have you ever put off a decision regarding doing something about your health because you wanted to avoid the pain, discomfort, or forced humility to do what you know must be done? Use those stories to invoke the jest of this (lesson). Funny (or not), we often put off choices until it is the only choice we have left.

Then we knock ourselves in the head for doing what we should have done much earlier. That's being a fool.

It is painful and can even become worse when we think we didn't make a decision that we should have made. But, the truth is, we did make a decision; we decided not to decide, which is always the wrong decision.

Proverbs 19:20- "Hear counsel and receive instruction. That thou mayest be wise in thy latter end."

Think of this wrong decision. Think of that decision you talk yourself out of when the Spirit of God is tugging on your heart to accept Jesus. The decision you talk yourself out of when called to come forward and give your life to Him. The words you say to yourself, that you will put this off until later and that you don't have to do it now; you have plenty of time. Maybe you think you're too bad to be saved, and you need to clean up before you accept Jesus; what will your wife think, your friends, your family, your kids? These are all that little devil whispering in your ear.

Proverbs 3:5-6- "Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart; And lean not upon thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and He will direct thy paths."



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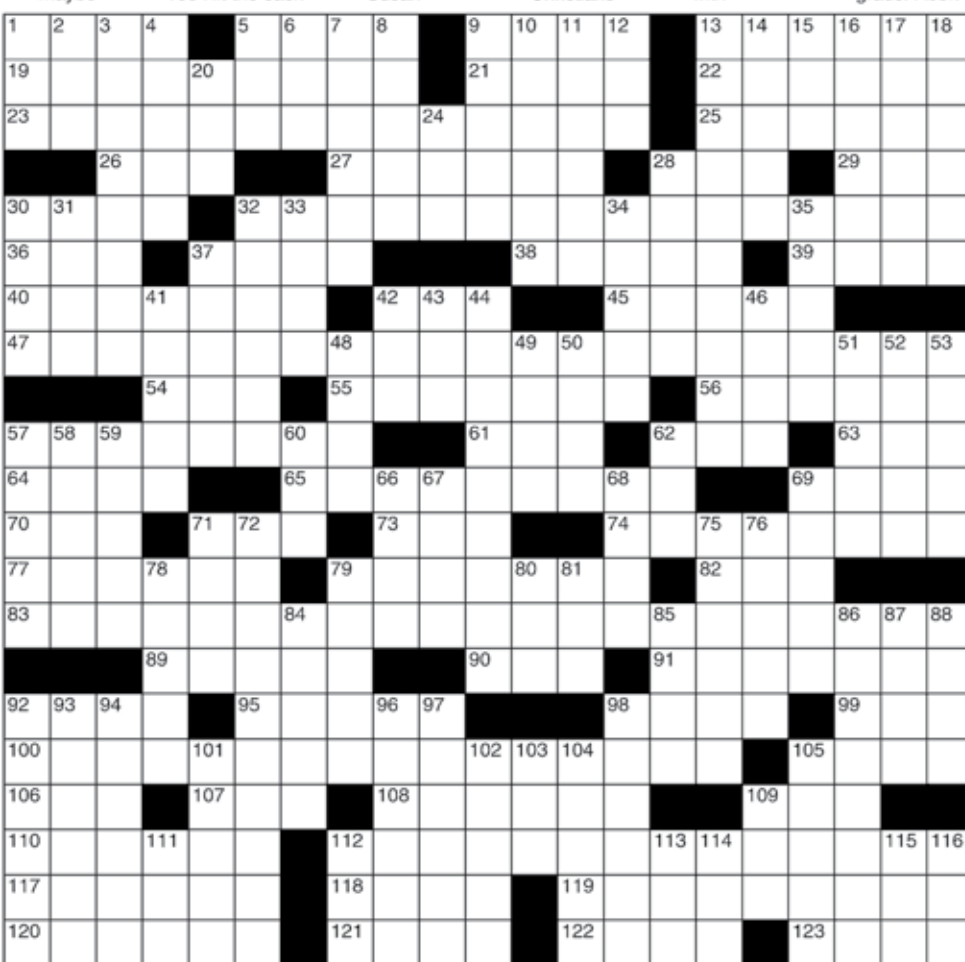
*Do not wear yourself out to get rich;
do not trust your own cleverness.
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Proverbs 23: 4, 5

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

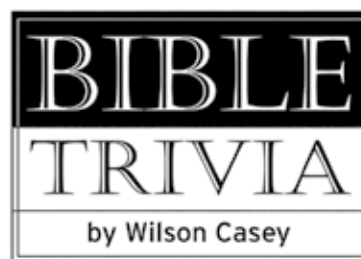
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 2. Which Psalm sets man's normal lifespan of threescore and ten? 1, 17, 23, 90
 3. From Genesis 7, how many years did Noah live after the flood? 1, 50, 100, 350
 4. How many books of the Bible (KJV) begin with the letter "H"? 0, 2, 4, 6
 5. What does the shield represent in the "armor of God"? *Courage, Faith, Gallows, Doves*
 6. In John 6:35, Jesus said, "I am the ... of life."? *Light, Wine, Giver, Bread*
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1. TELEVISION: Which TV show is set at UC-Sunnydale?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is an affogato?
3. MOVIES: Which famous movie features a character named Almira Gulch?
4. HISTORY: Which U.S. state was the first to legalize marijuana for medicinal use?
5. ENTERTAINERS: What rapper/songwriter's real name is Calvin Cordozar Broadus Jr.?
6. SCIENCE: What part of the brain controls hunger?
7. GEOGRAPHY: The Gulf of Cadiz lies off the coasts of which two countries?
8. LITERATURE: Who are the best friends of Nancy Drew in the mystery series?
9. LANGUAGE: The archaic term "grippe" was used to describe what common ailment?
10. ASTRONOMY: What kind of star is the sun in our solar system?

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HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Mental Health Town Hall.

June 22 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Refreshments from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. A community discussion about improving behavioral health and resilience. Panelists to include: Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, EBCI PHHS Secretary Vickie Bradley, NC DHHS Secretary Kody Kinsley, CIHA CEO Casey Cooper, N.C. District 50 Sen. Kevin Corbin, N.C. District 12 Sen. Jim Burgin, and Rep. Karl Gillespie.

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.

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: Juakin Hamilton-Youngbird. Head Southern Singer: Rusty 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 Washakie, Wyo. Emcees: George Abeyta and Bart Powauke. Info: Claw Tillman (307) 349-5913, esecommittee@gmail.com

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Pow Wow.

June 30 – July 2 at the old Cherokee High School site in Cherokee, N.C. Emcees: Rob Daugherty, Tyler “Tyski” Grey-mountain. Info: Daniel Tramper (828) 399-0835, dtramper@gmail.com

41st Annual Baaweting Homecoming Pow Wow.

June 30 – July 2 at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe’s pow wow grounds in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. MC: Beedahsiga Elliott. Info: No contacts available

Standing Horse Route 66 Pow Wow.

July 1-2 at the Multi-Purpose Field at 613 N. Taylor Ave. in Winslow, Ariz. MC: Erny Zah. Info: standinghorsepowwow@gmail.com

151st Quapaw Pow Wow.

July 1-4 at Beaver Springs Park in Quapaw, Okla. MC: Marty Thurman. Head Southern Singer: JR Ross. Host Northern Drum: Young Bear. Info: Melany Shawnee at Melany. Shawnee@quapawnation.com

Rosebud Casino 4th of July

Pow Wow.

July 4-6 at the Rosebud Casino in Valentine, Neb. Emcees: Terry Fiddler, Butch Felix. Info: Buck Spotted Tail at bspottedtail1@gmail.com

National Pow Wow XVIII.

July 6-9 at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville, Ind. MC: Chris Bryant. Head Southern Singer: George Valliere. Host Northern Drum: Blue Star. Invited Drums: Kingfisher, MacKenzie River. Info: www.nationalpowwow.com, www.facebook.com/nationalpowwow

Taos Pueblo Pow Wow.

July 7-9 at the Taos Pueblo Pow Wow Grounds in Taos, N.M. Emcees: Bart Powauke, Otis Half Moon. Info: Debbie Luzan (575) 741-0974, djlujan@gmail.com

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

DUAL	ETAS	SNOW	ORAJEL
OGDEN	NASH	WORE	NEGATE
WHAT	ISTHET	TITLE	EPOCHS
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MEN	ENIGMAS	ENTIRE	
SPLURGES	LOP	DDE	XER
ERAS	WHOLIKETO	LOAF	
LEI	LIE	ROC	WETLANDS
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ODOM	REHAB	BODE	LIL
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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4	3	9	2	1	6	8	7	5

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 90; 10; 3) 350; 4) 4 (Hosea, Habakkuk, Haggai, Hebrews); 5) Faith; 6) Bread

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

1. “Buffy the Vampire Slayer”
2. Italian dessert of coffee and ice cream
3. “The Wizard of Oz”
4. California, 1996
5. Snoop Dogg
6. Hypothalamus
7. Portugal and Spain
8. Bess and George
9. Influenza
10. Yellow dwarf

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North Platte Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow. July 7-9 at 2921 Scouts Rest Ranch Road in North Platte, Neb. MC: Reggie Little Killer. Info: Char Swalberg (308) 520-9516, northplattepowwow@gmail.com

12th Annual Sacred Visions Pow Wow. July 7-9 at Big Bend Ranch in Wadsworth, Nev. MC: James Phoenix. Host Drum: Sage Point. Info: Joyce McCauley (775) 815-7588 or Anita Dunn (775) 771-2683

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.

Come Read with a Dog. Mondays at 4 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. To practice accuracy and fluency, and improve confidence in reading, learners can read to Bailey, a certified therapy dog. Bailey and his handler will be available by appointment only each week this summer. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library. Call Library Youth Services (828) 586-2016 to make an appointment.

Summer Teen Programming at JCPL. Mondays at 3 p.m. from June 12 – July 24 at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Join this summer to learn tie dye, some easy recipes, run through town to complete The Amazing

See **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be prepared to face some challenges stirred up by an envious colleague. Your best defense is the Arian's innate honesty. Stick with the truth, and you'll come out ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your sensitivity to the needs of others is admirable. But be careful to avoid those who would take unfair advantage of your good nature, especially where money is involved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Having an optimistic attitude is fine, as far as it goes. But don't be lulled into a false sense of confidence. There still are problems to deal with before you can totally relax.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel somewhat "crabby," as you fuss over plans that don't seem to work out. Maybe you're trying too hard. Ease up and let things happen without forcing them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Heed that keen Leonine instinct. It's trying to tell you to delay making a decision until you're sure there are no hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to reach out to those who might be nursing hurt feelings over recent events. Best advice: Ignore any pettiness that could delay the healing process.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your understanding helps a colleague get through a difficult period. Although you didn't do it for a reward, be assured that your actions will be repaid down the line.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You score some high marks in the workplace, which will count in your favor when you face the possibility of changing direction on your current career path.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your goal lies straight ahead. Stay focused on it and avoid distractions that could throw off your aim and cause potentially detrimental delays.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Keep that burst of exuberance in check and resist pushing through your new project before it's ready. In your personal life, a family member again needs help.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Paying attention to your work is important this week. But so are your relationships with those special people in your life. Make time for them as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Good news. Someone is about to repay a long-standing debt. But be warned. That same someone could try to charm you into lending it back unless you say no and mean it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are sensitive to matters that involve your home and family. You would make a fine family-court judge or social worker.

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by Freddy Groves

Step Up to Help Your Fellow Vets

What are you doing this summer? If you have spare hours or days, consider stepping up to help your fellow veterans. Stand Downs are a good place to start.

Stand Downs were started in California in 1988 by two veterans who saw the great need for services to homeless veterans. Over the years, the number of events and the veterans served has grown to include help from government agencies, veteran service organizations, groups and individual volunteers all across the county. The need is so great that many locations see hundreds of veterans lined up outside the door before they even open on the first day.

The list of help provided at each Stand Down can depend on the location and the length of the event (usually one to three days), but typically includes health screenings, clothing, showers and haircuts, food, legal advice, dental and eye-care services, mental health counseling, substance treatment referral, employment help, benefits counseling (both Department of Veterans Affairs and others, such as Social Security), housing referral and more.

The schedule of Stand Downs in 2022, whether you need services or want to help, can be seen at www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp. Keep an eye on that page because new events can be added at any time. Another page to watch is the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (nchv.org/current-stand-downs).

Or you can call your local VA medical facility and ask what's scheduled for your area. Best bet is to call them anyway and ask if the event is still planned due to COVID playing havoc with scheduling.

Ask about transportation, if you need it or can offer it. Sometimes an event will send a vehicle around to pick up veterans who have no other way to get to their local Stand Down.

If you're a veteran in crisis (either homeless or about to be) and can't wait for a Stand Down, call the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans: 1-877-424-3838.

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Fourth of July Fireworks Can Traumatize Pets

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Please remind your readers that the noise and flash of fireworks can traumatize pets! Last year, my son and his partner took their dog "Bliss" to a Fourth of July festival. Someone set off a string of firecrackers a few feet from the booth they were visiting. Bliss bolted and pulled her leash out of my son's hand. She ran straight out into the road. Luckily, the cars all stopped, and one of the drivers caught her. Afterward she remained very anxious. Bliss now takes medication to stay calm, and it's difficult to take her to unfamiliar places. Please urge people not to set off fireworks; go to a professional display and leave the pets at home. — *Judith in Lake City, Florida*

DEAR JUDITH: You told them, and I thank you! I'm very sorry to hear that Bliss was traumatized, and I hope your son is able, through medication and training, to improve her confidence.

Bliss' parents didn't do anything wrong in taking her to the festival, but their experience shows how others' irresponsibility can have consequences for pets, and that owners have to be alert and ready to handle potential problems.

The Fourth of July can be a trying day for pets. Crowded parties and loud fireworks can really stress them out. Large fireworks displays are no different than big thunderstorms to most pets, and should be treated as such.

If fireworks will be within earshot of your home this holiday, prepare a safe area for your pet to shelter where the noise will not bother it as badly. If a ThunderShirt works for your dog (or cat), use it. Don't bring pets to fireworks displays, and if you're setting off backyard fireworks, put your pets inside.

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

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Race, and more. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library. Info: Jackson County Public Library (828) 586-2016.

Professor Whizzpop at JCPL.

June 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. This program, part of the Summer Learning Program, is limited to 150 people, and tickets will be distributed when the Library opens the morning of the event. Professor Whizzpop describes this summer's program as follows: "We'll fill your library with laughter, wonder and friendship as we do amazing magic with our best buddies, perform tricks together and giggle as a group! It's guaranteed to amaze, amuse, engage and enthuse your

library audience!" These programs are free and open to the public. Info: Jackson County Public Library (828) 586-2016 or email jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org

The Boundless Bounty of Bees.

June 24 at 3 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Dr. Michael Wall, Balsam Mountain Trust executive director and an entomologist, will discuss bees and how you can be bee-friendly. Info: Jackson County Public Library (828) 586-2016 or email jcpl-adults@fontanalib.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

Indivisible Swain County meeting.

June 26 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda will focus on member updates related to Fall Community Forum in Swain County. All are welcome to join and participate. Email indivisibleswain@gmail.com for a Zoom link.

"Stonewall Uprising" Screening.

June 28 at 6 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. The documentary being screened is "Stonewall Uprising". The Stonewall riots, as they came to be known, marked a major turning point in the modern gay civil rights movement in the United States and around the world. Info: Jackson County Public Library (828) 586-2016 or email jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org

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>



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

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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER - TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

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

ADOPT A PET!

359-2380

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



Tribal leaders

Principal Chief is today the title of the chief executives of the Cherokee Nation, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, the three federally recognized tribes of Cherokee. In the eighteenth century, when the people were primarily organized by clans and towns, they would appoint a leader for negotiations with the Europeans. They called him Uku, or "First Beloved Man". The title of "Principal Chief" was created in 1794, when the Cherokee began to formalize a more centralized political structure. They founded the original Cherokee Nation. In 1868, the Eastern Band of Cherokee, made up of those who had managed to remain primarily in the homelands of North Carolina, created a separate and distinct constitution and formalized the position of Principal Chief. The position had existed in the east since the time of Yonagaska. Their descendants make up the members of the federally recognized Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians today, referred to as the EBCI.

Source: Wikipedia
Image: Smithsonian Institution



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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER - TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

MISSING PERSON

Jody T Bert

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 220 lbs

Hair: Black Eyes: Black

Current age: 44 Male

Date of last contact: March 22, 2023

Last Known Location: Baton Rouge,
Louisiana

Circumstances of Disappearance: Last
seen in the 30000 block of Josie Billie
Hwy. Jody Bert last seen with a
mustache and beard, wearing blue jeans, dark-colored hoodie, blue
flannel shirt, and silver wire-rimmed glasses. He has a tribal-patterned
tattoo on left shoulder that travels halfway down the left arm.

If you have seen Jody Bert, contact Detective Chad Montgomery,
Baton Rouge Police Department (225) 239-7832.

Source: Namus.gov



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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER - TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Lucy is a 15-year-old Maltese/Yorkie mix

Human is John Taylor who
writes, "Little Lucy has
strong opinions about her
movie preferences."



Is your pet your best friend?
If you'd like to have your pet (whatever that may
be) featured as the
Cherokee Pet of the Week,
send a clear, high resolution photo
(include name, breed, age of pet, and a
short message about your pet):

Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com

CLASSIFIEDS

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**

EMPLOYMENT

The Tribal TANF Program is currently seeking a qualified candidate for a TANF Caseworker position. The TANF Caseworker would be a full-time position with office hours being Monday-Friday, 7:45am-4:30pm.

If interested, job descriptions and applications can be picked up at our office located at 1526 Acquoni Road Cherokee, NC 28719. All completed applications can be turned in to our office at the reception window. **6/21**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-125

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: Katie Johnson

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

from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Allen Robin Hill
218 Charlie Johnson Rd.
Cherokee, NC 28719
7/5

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 23-059 In the Matter of the Estate of BECKY BUTLER

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Meisha Nash
2499 Wrights Creek Rd.
Cherokee, NC 28719
7/5

RFPs, BIDs, etc.

Request for Qualifications

Preventive and emergency maintenance of HVAC systems for the Building Rental Program.
At: EBCI Commerce Division
ATTN: Albert Cruz 810 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719
acruz@ebci-nsn.gov
828-359-6706
Until: June 28th, 2022 at 3:00 PM local time

The Building Rental office for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) oversees all buildings owned by the EBCI being leased for business use. Our office is requesting qualifications from interested parties for HVAC installation and maintenance. The Building Rental Office currently has multiple buildings under our management. These buildings are controlled by 60+ active HVAC units and will require service based on issue as well as preventive maintenance. **6/21**

Requests for Proposals


Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of

Transportation 680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

Phone: (828) 359-6530

Wil Scott Church Road

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting Sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: Drainage improvements, minor grading, paving of Wil Scott Ch Road. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be July 10, 2023, at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Robert Willcox, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/(828)-736-3921 (cell). **6/21**



Request for Proposals: Housing Management Software

Department: Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD)

Start Date: 05/25/2023 8:00 AM EST

Close Date: 06/23/2023 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 26, 2023, at 9:00 AM EST.



DROP THE F*BOMB



TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT FENTANYL

Fentanyl is being used to make counterfeit pills and is being laced into other illicit drugs. Make sure your teens know the facts.

Learn the facts on fentanyl and start a life-saving conversation with your teen.

DropTheFBomb.com






Employment Opportunities

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

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

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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

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

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



Tribal Employment Rights Office

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:45am-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 ebci-tero.com to receive the job list for February 2023. Our office is located at 756 Acquoni Rd in Cherokee, NC.

TERO Job Bank

If you are seeking employment and you are:

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

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

Hillary Norville -TERO Job Bank Coordinator

828.359.6422

hillnory@ebci-nsn.gov

Douglas McCoy -TERO Job Bank Coordinator

828.359.6478

dougmcco@ebci-nsn.gov



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On behalf of Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed and the Cherokee Indians Housing Division (CIHD), congratulations to our new homeowners!!

CIDH was happy to assist with Down Payment Assistance and Rate Buy Down Funds for their On-Boundary Construction.



CIHD wishes to congratulate the Keffer Family on their new home in the Yellowhill Community. We would like to thank the Keffers for allowing CIDH to assist in making their homeownership dream a reality. Congratulations!!!



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EXECUTIVE

Utilization Review Specialist - \$67,082 - \$83,852

FINANCE

Patient Access Specialist - Emergency Hire - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Patient Access Specialist - Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

Payroll Officer - \$24.55 - \$27.99

Purchase and Referred Care Processor - \$19.66 - \$22.25

Purchase and Referred Care Manager - \$77,144 - \$96,430

Senior Accountant - \$67,082 - \$83,852

Billing Analyst - \$19.66 - \$22.25

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 - Kanvwtlyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Residential Technician - Men's Home - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor - Kanvwtlyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134

Inpatient Technician - FT and PTI - Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Adult Services Manager-Analenisgi - \$77,144 - \$94,430

OPERATIONS

Dentist - Pediatrics - \$131,405 - \$164,256

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67

Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Dental Hygienist - \$67,082 - \$83,852

Eye Clinic Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Ultrasound Technologist - PTI - \$26.52 - \$30.31

Physical Therapist II - Wound Care \$77,144 - \$96,430

Medical Technologist - \$28.68 - \$32.85

Medical Laboratory Technician - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Phlebotomist- PTR - \$17.12 - \$19.26

MEDICAL

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

Physician - Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108

Hospitalist - Inpatient - Full Time & Part Time - \$227,068 - \$283,835

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

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

Physician - Emergency Room - \$227,068 - \$283,835

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

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 - *\$3,000 Hiring Bonus

Certified Nursing Assistant - Part-time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26

CNA/PCA - Part Time Regular - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Housekeeper - \$15.00 - \$16.77

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

Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - *\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11

TRIBAL OPTION

Tribal Option Business Analyst - \$67,082 - \$83,852

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.

July Birthdays

7/1 - Andreas Ramirez
7/3 - Brenda K Jumper
7/3 - Jayvian Swayney
7/4 - Paislee Ammons
7/5 - Lennox Lambert
7/5 - Jordan Bennett
7/6 - Elyza Jones
7/6 - Holden Straughan
7/6 - Daniel Smith
7/7 - Leona Ramirez
7/8 - Alice R. Lambert
7/9 - Kim Crowe
7/10 - Sonny Hill
7/10 - Alessandra Ramirez
7/12 - Brooklynn Ledford
7/12 - Michale Welch
7/12 - Korbin Sampson
7/14 - Jesse Ramirez
7/22 - Branson Ledford
7/22 - Kim Lossie
7/23 - John G. Sneed, Jr.
7/23 - Rachel B. Sneed
7/25 - Tawania Ensley
7/27 - Lexi Lambert
7/28 - Kathy McMahan
7/30 - Joshua Ammons



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Vacation fraud: Predatory timeshare/vacation 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 TrackerSM reports

\$3,575,826 lost as result of scams

Source: Better Business Bureau



The industry

Timeshare sales in 2021:

\$8.1 billion

Average timeshare cost:

\$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

Report scams on





EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

Tribal Dispatch
497-4131

**Cherokee Indian Police
Dept.**
359-6600

Tribal Fire and Rescue
359-6584

Tribal EMS
359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line
Dispatch**
359-6300

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

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Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line
497-9163

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

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

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

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

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

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

EBCI Domestic Violence
359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance
507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic
554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center
497-6866

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

Tsali Manor main line
359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line
835-9741

**Cherokee Boy's Club Elder Fuel
Delivery and Elder Mowing** -
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