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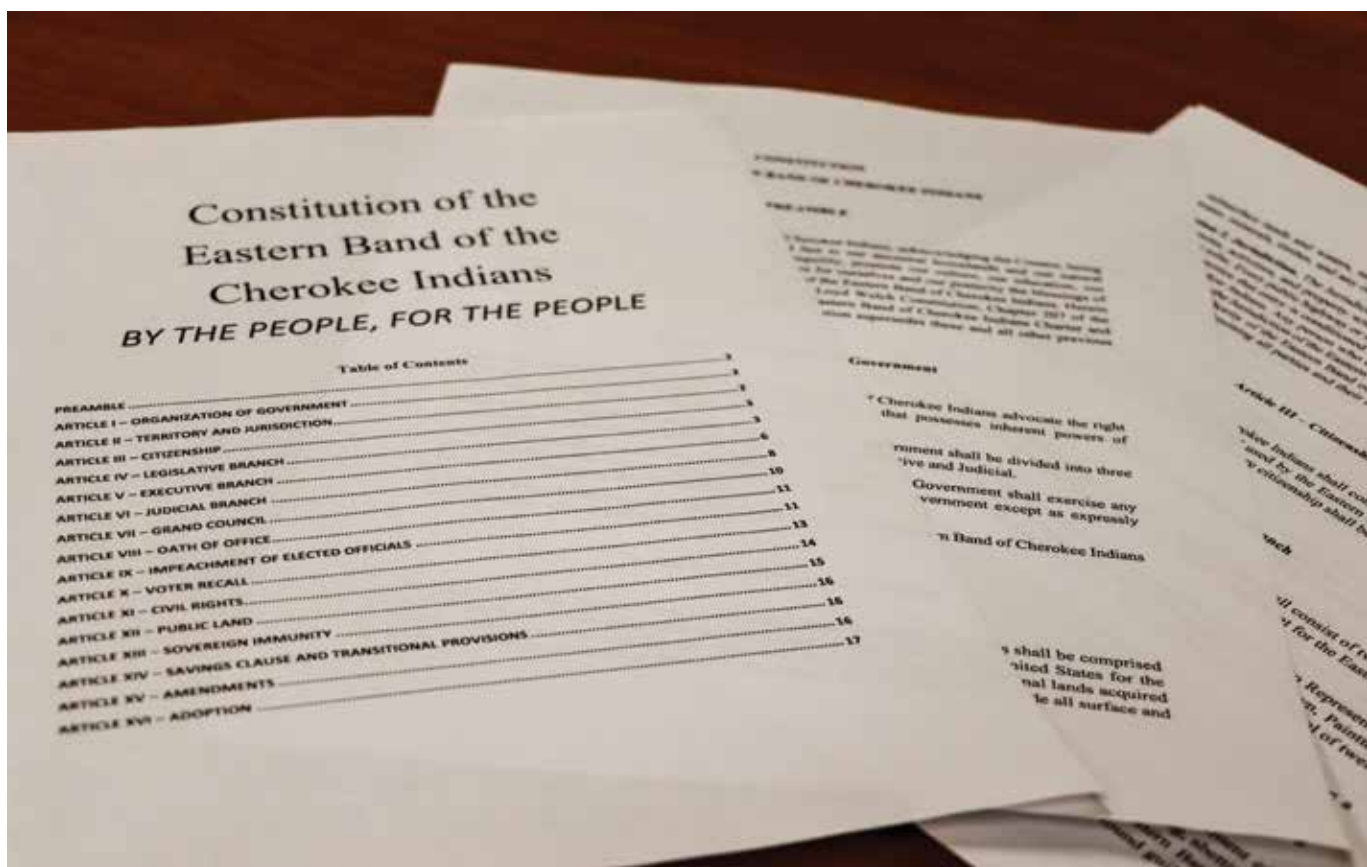
Lengthy work session held on constitution referendum issues

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Tribal Council held a work session, lasting nearly three hours, on legislation seeking new referendum questions regarding the proposed constitution for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The session was held on the morning of Wednesday, June 21 on Res. No. 627 (2023).

The legislation, submitted by the EBCI Office of the Attorney General, was tabled during

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**DOCUMENT:** Constitution referendum issues discussed, *from front page*

the June 2 session of Tribal Council following a lengthy discussion. The legislation seeks to rescind Res. No. 150 (2022) and Res. No. 559 (2023), both of which include approved referendum questions that will appear on the September General Election ballot, and include four questions crafted by the Attorney General's Office in their place.

Res. No. 559 was passed during the April 6 session and approved a referendum question simply asking voters whether they approve the proposed constitution.

The four questions posed in Res. No. 627 include:

- Should the EBCI Charter and Governing Document be renamed to be the 'Constitution of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians'?
- Should the following amendment be made to the EBCI Charter and Governing Document: Section 25. There shall be a separate and co-equal branch of the government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians called the Judicial Branch. The judicial power of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall be vested in the Cherokee Supreme Court and in such inferior courts as Tribal Council may from time to time ordain and establish.
- Should the following amendment be made to the EBCI Charter and Governing Document: All provisions of the Indian Civil Rights Act shall apply in all judicial proceedings.
- Should the following amendment be made to the EBCI Charter and Governing Document: Persons elected to Tribal Council or to the position of Principal Chief or Vice Chief are subject to the following term limits: Tribal Council representatives shall be elected to no more than four consecutive two-year terms, for a total of eight consecutive years in office, excluding time served if elected in a special election to finish a

term of office; the Principal Chief and Vice Chief shall be elected to no more than two consecutive four-year terms, for a total of eight consecutive years in office, excluding time served if appointed to the office. Persons who have been elected to serve eight consecutive years in their respective office shall not be allowed to serve in that same office for a period of two years immediately following the eighth consecutive year; however, after two years, eligibility to serve is restored. Years of elected service prior to 2025 shall not be applied to this section.

During Wednesday's session, Hannah Smith, EBCI Office of the Attorney General, commented, "There are rights of tribal members, some rights that are taken away by this constitution. There are powers from the Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch that are rescinded from this constitution. And, this constitution will absolutely not allow this Tribe to continue its economic investments and bringing in revenue for tribal members and the Tribe."

Later in the session, she said, "This (constitution) does harm to the Tribe. It doesn't make sense to me to risk and gamble with an outcome that is detrimental. I can see risking and gambling on an outcome that uplifts and maybe adds to and is positive, but I can't see gambling on an outcome that would be negative to this Tribe and the future of this Tribe."

Lloyd Arneach Jr., EBCI Constitution Committee, said, "The constitution does not take away Tribal Council's ability to legislate. It does not take away their ability to confirm offices. It does not take away sovereign immunity. I appreciate what the AG's Office has brought forth, but a lot of it is mischaracterization, misrepresentation, and just wrong."

He added, "You voted unanimously to put this resolution (No. 559, constitution) on the ballot. Let the people choose...in a nutshell, the Constitution



group and the Community Club Council would like you to kill this resolution (No. 627)."

Painttown Rep. Michael Stamper said there were several points in the constitution he didn't personally agree with but noted, "We put it out for referendum because that's what it is – you let the people vote for it. I do take offense to Hannah's position that it's a gamble to do that. The people that I have spoken to are educated enough to read the document, see what they like and what they don't."

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy said, "I took the time to read the constitutions of other tribes, and they're oriented toward the people."

Later, she spoke of the rights for tribal members included in the proposed constitution,

"There's nothing wrong with this document. I, too, have some issues with it but nowhere near enough to prevent our people from enjoying those rights I just listed. Every one of your rights was stricken through by the Legal Department...constitutions are working documents."

Mary "Missy" Crowe, an EBCI elder from the Yellowhill Community, said, "I love all of you guys. I just don't love the situation that we've gotten ourselves into. I care about everyone."

She then asked Tribal Council to kill Res. No. 627, "Council, it's up to you. You either stand with the community like you said in your first decision to put this on the ballot and trust our people to vote, just like you're wanting us to trust you to vote for you."

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# Achieving Food Sovereignty in Our Tribal Community



As we prepare for our Tribe's future, it is essential to address the critical issue of food sovereignty within our community. It is important to shed light on the importance of reclaiming control over our food system and building a sustainable and culturally relevant approach to food production, distribution, and consumption. By prioritizing food sovereignty, we can strengthen our connection to our ancestral lands, promote health and well-being, and ensure a future of self-sufficiency and resilience for our tribal community.

**Reconnecting with Ancestral Knowledge** - Food sovereignty begins by rekindling our relationship with the land and reclaiming ancestral knowledge of traditional food systems. By honoring the wisdom passed down by our ancestors, we can rediscover sustainable farming practices, reintegrate traditional seeds, and indigenous food preservation methods. This connection to our roots enhances our cultural identity and fosters a deep appreciation for the land that sustains us.

**Promoting Health and Well-being** - Achieving food sovereignty allows us to prioritize the health and well-being of our community. By cultivating and consuming locally grown, organic produce, we can reduce our reliance on processed and imported foods. Embracing traditional foods that are rich in nutrients and free from harmful chemicals contributes to better physical health, while promoting mental and emotional well-being.

**Empowering Local Food Systems** - Food sovereignty empowers us to take control of our local food systems. By supporting and revitalizing local agriculture, small-scale farming, and community gardens, we strengthen our self-sufficiency and reduce dependence on external food sources. This autonomy not only provides access to fresh, nutritious foods but also boosts our local economy and creates opportunities for entrepreneurship and job creation.

**Growing Agriculture and Livestock Land Bases** - A key focus area to create sustainability is to identify additional farm and grazing lands that enable us to consider a herd of cattle or maybe buffalo. This is very common in Indian Country today and many tribes have seen great successes and are able to help their membership with access to meat. In the future, our Tribe should consider a percentage of future land purchases that should be designated for agriculture related interests to support sustainability. Assessing the need for a Multi-use Agriculture Center could provide many opportunities for farmers, gardeners and promote agriculture. Additionally, the center would promote various events that benefit tribal tourism. As an example, a facility for rodeo's, horse shows, car shows, monster trucks, or other related events.

**Consideration of a Meat Processing Facility** - The facility's location, on or near the Boundary, holds immense significance as it ensures the utmost benefit for Tribal members. Equally crucial is the inclusion of cold storage, a retail store front, and a processing area within the facility. This comprehensive setup enables the incorporation of diverse protein sources such as cattle, poultry, pork, and fish as primary options.

**Fostering Community Resilience** - Food sovereignty builds resilience within our community. By developing local food networks, seed banks, and food preservation methods, we become less vulnerable to external disruptions and crises. In times of uncertainty, our community can rely on its own resources, ensuring that no member goes hungry and strengthening the bond of solidarity that holds us together.

As we embark on this process, let us prioritize the pursuit of food sovereignty as a fundamental aspect of our community's well-being. By reconnecting with our ancestral knowledge, promoting health and well-being, empowering local food systems, preserving our cultural heritage, ensuring environmental sustainability, and fostering community resilience, we pave the way for a future where our tribe thrives in harmony with the land and nourishes its members with pride and dignity. Together, let us reclaim our food sovereignty and create a sustainable legacy for generations to come.

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# CCS School Board reviews coaching contracts

By JONAH LOSSIAH  
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Much of the School Board's open discussion at the meeting on Monday, June 19 revolved around contract renewals for coaches at Cherokee Central Schools (CCS). There were several other personnel items passed as well, but none of those prompted open discussion.

With its attorney in attendance at the meeting, the CCS Board of Education spent most of its time in a closed session discussing per-

sonnel issues. This included the Board's lone guest to the meeting, who did not enter the room until the closed session had begun.

The Board unanimously passed an amended consent agenda, putting forth the following:

- Jason McMillan approved as the Women's Golf Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Ahli-sha Stephens approved as the Varsity Cross Country Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Jim Oocumma approved as the Assistant Cross Country Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Ty Andrews approved as the Assistant Cross Country Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Taran Swimmer approved as the Middle School Volleyball Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Pam Bryant approved as the Varsity Volleyball Head Coach for the

2023-24 season.

- Stephanie Maney approved as the Varsity Assistant volleyball coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Kevin Primo approved as the Men's Varsity Soccer Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Betty Lossiah approved as the Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Taylor Brooks approved as the Varsity Middle School Track & Field Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Matt Maney approved as a Varsity Football Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Langston Woods approved as a Varsity Football Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Curtis Cagle approved as a Varsity Football Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Clarence Roberts approved as a JV Football Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Kayla Smith approved as the Varsity Head Cheer Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Brianna McMillan approved as the JV Head Cheer Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Jason McMillan approved as the Middle School Boys Head Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Logan Teesateskie approved as a Middle School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Ahli-sha Stephens approved as the Middle School Girls Head Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Miranda approved as the Middle School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Jack Gloyne approved as the JV Boys Head Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Jason Littlejohn approved as the JV Boys Assistant Basketball Coach for the 2023-24 season.

- Ann Gardner approved as the Varsity Women's Basketball Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Paige Stamper approved as the Varsity Women's Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Dwayne Lossiah approved as the Varsity Men's Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Jason McMillan approved as the Varsity Men's Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Tsalidi Sequoyah approved as the Varsity Men's Basketball volunteer for the 2023-24 season.
- Seth Ledford approved as the Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Taylor Brooks approved as the Indoor Track Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Ty Andrews approved as the Indoor Track Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Carr Crowe approved as the Men's Golf Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Charmin Welch approved as the Middle School Softball Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Chumper Walker approved as the Middle School Baseball Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Skylar Bottchenbaugh approved as the Middle School Baseball Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Hannah Youngdeer approved as the Varsity Women's Softball Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Craig Barker approved as Varsity Women's Softball volunteer for the 2023-24 season.
- Matt Maney approved as the Varsity Men's Baseball Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Tim Hawkins approved as the Varsity Men's Baseball Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Clarence Roberts approved as the Pitch Count Coach for the 2023-24 season.



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- Kevin Primo approved as the Varsity Women's Soccer Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Betty Lossiah approved as the Varsity Women's Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Taran Swimmer approved as the JV Soccer Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Ahli-sha Stephens approved as the High School Track & Field Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Mike Winchester approved as the High School Track & Field Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Langston Wood approved as the High School Track & Field Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Ty Andrews approved as the High School Track & Field Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Carrah Swimmer approved as the Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Rachel Bruneel approved as a High School Teacher for Cherokee High School.
- Tommy Westbrook approved as a Substitute Teacher for Cherokee High School.
- Eli Flower approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Jaime Lossiah approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Alla Johnson approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Deborah Kennedy approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Karen Stockton approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Christopher Barnes approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Sarah Crowe-Sampson approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.

- Shae Deck approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Christopher Grant approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
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- Lori Reed approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Taran Swimmer approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Pamela Hyatt
- Virginia Ann Gardner approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Mindy Ledford approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Mike Winchester approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Kari Read approved to receive a

continuing contract for SY 2023-24.

- Robbi Pounds approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Ameka Cole approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Kayla Smith approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Joshua Adams approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Seth Barnes approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Mariah Crow approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Amy West approved to receive a continuing contract for SY 2023-24.
- Shannon Reece approved as an Elementary Teacher for Cherokee Elementary School.
- Candy Crowe approved as a Middle School Full Time Substitute Teacher for Cherokee Middle School.
- Shannon Reece approved as a High School Math Teacher for Cherokee High School.

The following resolutions were pulled from the consent agenda but were still passed:

- David Anderson approved as a JV Football Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season (typo fixed before being passed unanimously).
- Caroline Hyatt approved as a Varsity Women's Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season (Passed 4-0, Thompson abstained).

The following resolutions were pulled from the consent agenda, were discussed in closed session, and then held without action:

- Res. 23-330 Jama Anders be approved as the Summer Workouts Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.

- Res. 23-352 Mike Winchester be approved as the Varsity Wrestling Head Coach for the 2023-24 season.
- Res. 23-326 Amy West be approved as the Middle School Soccer Head Coach for the 2023-24 season (administratively pulled).
- Res. 23-327 Rachel Hanes be approved as the Middle School Soccer Assistant Coach for the 2023-24 season (administratively pulled).
- Res. 23-335 Chase Sneed approved as the JV Head Football Coach for the 2023-24 season (administratively pulled).

The School Board finished their meeting in closed session with their attorney John Henning of Campbell Shatley, PLLC. They welcomed a guest to the closed session and discussed the pulled resolutions. According to Chairperson Thompson no further actions were taken following the closed session.

The Monday, June 19 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 5:13 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Co-Vice Chairs Tara Reed-Cooper and Melanie Lambert; Secretary Kristina Hyatt; Board members Berdie Toineeta; Superintendent Consuela Girty; Assistant Superintendent Beverley Payne; HR Director Jo Ray; CCS Attorney John Henning of Campbell Shatley, PLLC; and Administrative Assistant Diane Driver all in attendance. Tribal Council Rep. T.W. Saunooke and Board member Regina Ledford Rosario were absent.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education is set for Monday, July 17 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings are being held in the Administrative Offices at Cherokee Central Schools. These meetings are open to the public unless there is a call for an executive session.



# Mature American Chestnut trees found in Tribal Reserve

By JAIME VAN LEUVEN,  
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EBCI Natural Resources

During the summer of 2021, Tribal Reserve was surveyed for reproductively mature American chestnut ('Tilí', *Castanea dentata*) trees. The survey supports a larger collaborative effort between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Natural Resources Department and The American Chestnut Foundation to restore this culturally significant tree to the Qualla Boundary (see the Cherokee One Feather Oct. 12, 2020 edition for more information about this collaboration). The Cherokee people have had a relationship with Tilí for thousands of years—a relationship that con-



A flowering American chestnut tree in Tribal Reserve. (Photos by Jaime Van Leuven/EBCI Natural Resources)

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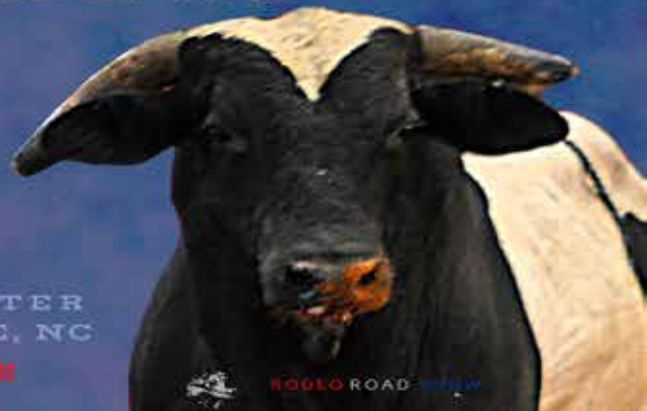
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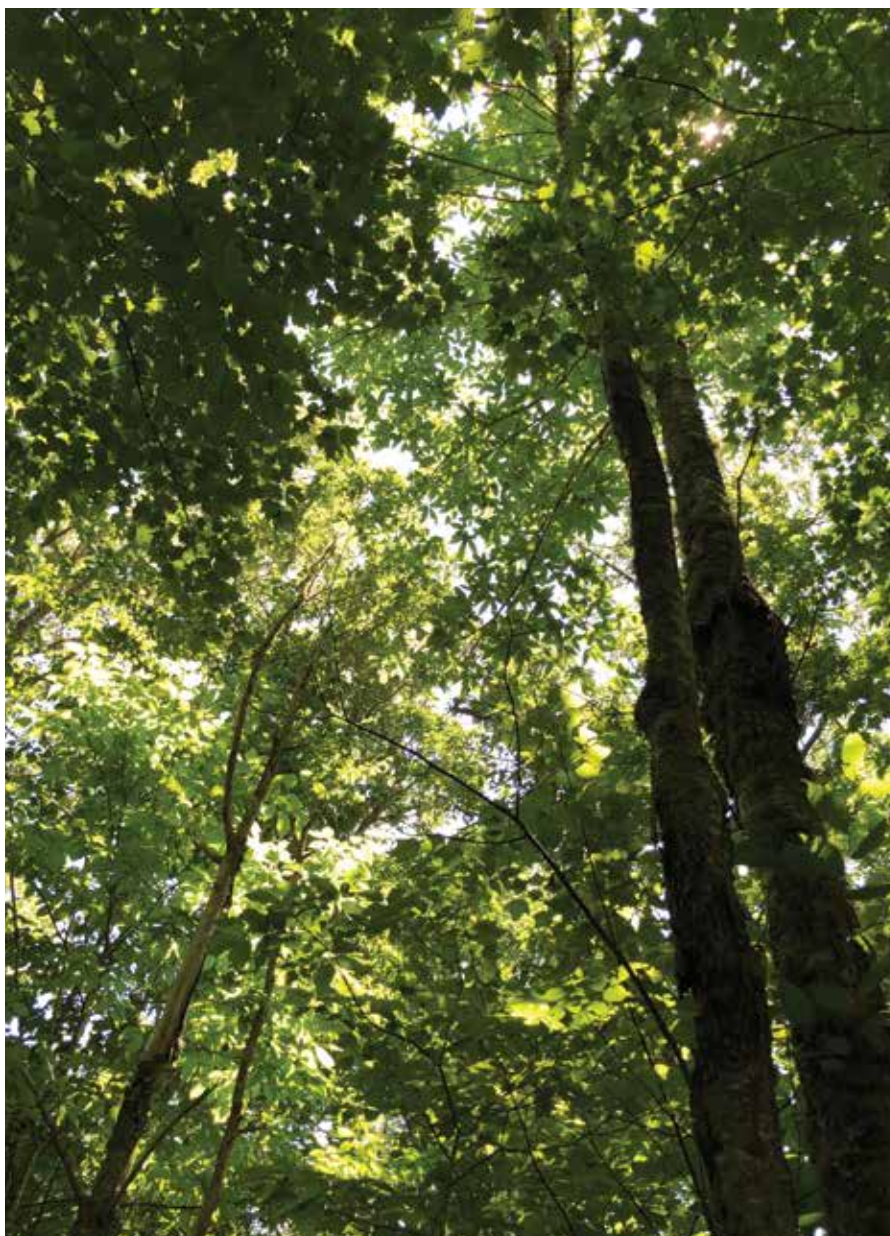




continues today with the making of chestnut bread every fall (though, Chinese chestnuts, *Castanea mollissima*, have mostly replaced American chestnuts in the recipe).

For a tree to be considered reproductively mature, it needs to be able to produce flowers and/or fruit. It is rare to find a reproductively mature American chestnut tree today due to the chestnut blight—a fungus (*Cryphonectria parasitica*) that enters through cracks in the bark and can kill the tree's above ground stems. The chestnut blight eliminated most mature American chestnut trees from eastern forests, and though American chestnuts are known to sprout from the surviving stump, the new shoots rarely grow to maturity before the fungus brings them down. This is why chestnuts from the Chinese chestnut tree have mostly replaced American chestnuts in Cherokee chestnut bread. Chinese chestnut trees have a high tolerance to blight because they evolved with the fungus over millions of years.

Jaime Van Leuven, field naturalist and then graduate research assistant at the University of Vermont (UVM), was hired by the EBCI Natural Resources Department to conduct the survey due to her background in plant biology and her experience with field surveys. Josh Istvan, EBCI GIS specialist, helped create a map of Tribal Reserve to facilitate Van Leuven's search. Members of the EBCI Fisheries & Wildlife Management Program - specifically Dallas Bradley, Micah Walker, Caleb Hickman, Nicholas Reed, and Jessica Nagel - oriented Van Leuven to the roads and trails.



The tallest, mature American chestnut found in Tribal Reserve towers into the forest canopy.

Van Leuven consulted the literature, the EBCI Natural Resources Department, community members, her committee at UVM, and ecology professionals in the area about likely places to find American chestnut within the reserve. In the 20 days spent surveying the reserve, Jaime found eleven reproductively mature American chestnut trees. Consequently, these trees could play

a role in the American chestnut restoration effort in the Qualla Boundary.

Finding mature American chestnut trees can help restore this culturally significant tree to Tribal land in a number of ways. First, finding mature trees indicates places within Tribal Reserve with beneficial growing conditions for American chestnut; these places may represent ideal locations for

restoration plantings. Second, previous research has found that trees surviving into maturity may have some low-level resistance to the blight; pollen from these trees could be collected and preserved so that the trees' genetics could one day be part of a breeding program—such as that conducted by The American Chestnut Foundation. Nuts from surviving trees could also be collected for propagation in the EBCI's chestnut orchard which is another way to preserve desirable traits such as potential low-level resistance to the blight (see the Cherokee One Feather Oct 27, 2021 edition for more information about the chestnut orchard).

The next phase of the EBCI American chestnut restoration project will be highlighted in an upcoming Cherokee One Feather article. This next phase will include community outreach about how the EBCI would like to restore this culturally significant tree to the Qualla Boundary.

This survey was conducted with help from the EBCI Natural Resources Department, the EBCI Fisheries & Wildlife Management Program, the EBCI Division of Operations, Joe Pye Ecological Consulting, the USDA Forest Service, and the University of Vermont. To hear more about the survey and its results, tune-in to Timber Committee on Aug. 21 for Van Heusen's presentation. For other Cherokee One Feather articles featuring the EBCI's American chestnut project, see Oct. 12, 2020; July 15, 2021; and Oct. 27, 2021 editions.



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**CIPD makes drug bust during probation check**

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Officers with the Cherokee Indian Police Department conducted a probation check off of Long Branch Road on Friday, June 16.

During the check, the following was seized:  
54.9 grams of Methamphetamine  
11.2 grams of Fentanyl  
32 grams of an unknown substance (suspected fentanyl)  
18 Suboxone strips

Lawrence Edward Hill was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession schedule IV controlled substance, and possession schedule IV controlled substance.

Kerry Hawk Otter was charged with probation violation, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver schedule IV controlled substance, and drug trafficking.

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**CIPD Arrest Report for June 12-18, 2023**

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

Price, Paul Adam – age 52  
Arrested: June 12  
Released: June 12  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Reese, Robert – age 51

Arrested: June 12  
Released: June 12  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Rogers Jr., Hollis Ray – age 29  
Arrested: June 12  
Released: June 15  
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Bradley, John Edward – age 49  
Arrested: June 13  
Released: Not released as of report date (June 19)  
Charges: Drug Trafficking, Possession of a Controlled Substance II

Toineeta, Victoria Eden – age 32  
Arrested: June 13  
Released: Not released as of report date (June 19)  
Charges: Using, Possessing with Intent to Use Drug Paraphernalia; Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Sell or Deliver a Controlled Substance; Possession of Controlled Substance II; Failure to Obey Lawful Order of the Court

Locust III, William Russell – age 32  
Arrested: June 14  
Released: June 16  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Sneed, Samuel Otter – age 21  
Arrested: June 14  
Released: June 15  
Charges: Reckless Endangerment

Standingdeer, Kenneth Lee – age 31  
Arrested: June 14  
Released: Not released as of report date (June 19)  
Charges: Drug Trafficking

Queen Jr., Hugh Nolan – age 32  
Arrested: June 15  
Released: Not released as of report

date (June 19)  
Charges: Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell or Deliver a Controlled Substance

Hall, Detra Mashea – age 32  
Arrested: June 16  
Released: June 16  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Hernandez, Trista Cassandra – age 31  
Arrested: June 16  
Released: June 17  
Charges: Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked after Notification or While Disqualified; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Tampering with Evidence; Possession of a Controlled Substance (three counts); Providing or Possessing Contraband

Hill, Lawrence Edward – age 63  
Arrested: June 16  
Released: June 17  
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance (two counts)

Huskey, Savannah Kay – age 22  
Arrested: June 16  
Released: June 16  
Charges: Larceny

Oocumma, Michael Thomas – age 44  
Arrested: June 16  
Released: Not released as of report

date (June 19)  
Charges: Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Maiming, Assault with Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill and Inflicting Serious Injury (two counts), Communicating Threats (two counts)

Otter, Kerry Hawk – age 37  
Arrested: June 16  
Released: Not released as of report date (June 19)  
Charges: Probation Violation; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell or Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substance; Drug Trafficking; Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Smith, James David – age 33  
Arrested: June 16  
Released: June 16  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Rivera, Octavio Dominic – age 28  
Arrested: June 17  
Released: Not released as of report date (June 19)  
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Rattler, Austin Moody Terrill – age 28  
Arrested: June 18  
Released: Not released as of report date (June 19)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance





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### JULY 4 WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

**EBCI Cherokee, NC** July 4<sup>th</sup> Powwow/Fireworks Old High School Lot June 30-July 2. Fireworks July 1 at 10 pm.

**Waynesville, NC** will hold a Stars and Stripes July 4 Celebration on Tuesday, July 4 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Patriotic Kids Parade will be held at 11 a.m. July 4 in downtown Waynesville.

**Lake Junaluska NC Independence Day Celebration** is four days of activities including a performance by Balsam Range. Fireworks display will be held on Monday, July 3, beginning at 9:30 p.m. Many events of the weekend are free, but some are ticketed.

**Canton NC** will hold its July 4th Plus One celebration on Wednesday, July 5, in Sorrells Street Park. The event starts at 6 p.m. and the fireworks display begins at dusk.

**Maggie Valley NC** "Backyard 4<sup>th</sup>" will be held on Tuesday, July 4, from 8:30-10:30 p.m. at the Maggie Valley Festival Grounds. Gates open at 6 p.m. Fireworks are after dark.

**Sylva, NC** Annual July 4 celebration will begin at 6 p.m. in Bridge Park. Crocodile Smile Band will perform with fireworks planned about 9:30 pm.

**Bryson City, NC** Freedom Fest on Tuesday, July 4 opening at 10 a.m. Arts, crafts, food, and music festival, followed by a fireworks show at 10 p.m.

**Franklin, NC** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade at 11 am and fireworks downtown at 9:30 pm.

**Highlands NC**-Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park July 4<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks begin after dark, around 9 pm.

**Cashiers, NC** at the Village Green. July 1 Festival from 6:30 pm to 10 pm, fireworks begin after dark.

**Robbinsville, NC** Courthouse Square Graham County 2023 Heritage Festival July 3 and 4. Fireworks at 10 pm on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Andrews NC** Andrews Hometown Celebration Andrews Recreation Park July 4. Fireworks after dark.

**Check with Chamber of Commerce or Tourism Office of each location for details.**

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Hi, my name is Copper and I am an Australian Mini Shepard.

I belong to Elle Garcia of the Birdtown Community. Elle is on the autism spectrum so I am a very important part of Elle's life. I am her best friend and she is mine.



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](mailto:Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com)

## Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

The One Feather is developing a list of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists and craftspeople to help get your name out there for potential buyers. If you would like to be included, please send your name, contact information (phone, email, etc.), and what mediums you are selling to: Scott at [scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov) or message us on our Facebook page.





## CHEROKEE GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Drinking Water Reports available

The Cherokee Water Treatment Plant has released the 2022 Annual Drinking Water Reports to the One Feather. They can be viewed online at:

<https://theonefeather.com/annual-drinking-water-reports/>

If you would like a hard copy of these reports, contact Lori Blankenship (828) 359-6750

### 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.

### Onsite visitation to begin again at Justice Center

Onsite visitation to begin again at the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center on Monday, July 10. Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. as follows: (excluding holidays and administrative leave days for on-

site visitation).

Inmates with last names beginning with:

A-F (Monday)

G-K (Tuesday)

L-P (Wednesday)

Q-U (Thursday)

V-Z (Friday)

- All visits will be conducted as non-contact video visits.

- Applicants must provide a valid photo ID.

- Visits will last 20 minutes.

- Must fill out an application for visitation prior to visitation. Once the application is approved, the person may visit at scheduled visit per the above conditions.

Rules of conduct for visitors at the facility are as follows:

- o Visitors must provide ID and submit to an appropriate search as prior to entering.

- o Only two people per visit, except for children who may accompany a parent.

- o Visitors under the age of 18 not accompanied by a parent may not be a visitor and visitors who leave children unattended and without supervision on facility property shall be denied visitation. Children must be supervised by adult parents or caretakers always while on facility property.

- o Must arrive at scheduled visitation hours, unless otherwise approved

- o Any disruptive behavior will require the visit to be terminated and appropriate action taken to review the approval for visitation.

- o No food or drinks are to be present at any visitation.

- o Visits are to be conducted in a quiet, orderly manner. In the event

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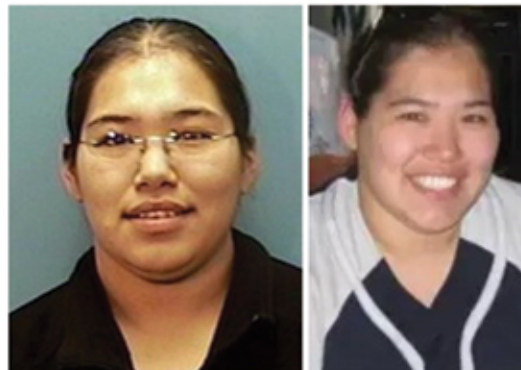
**Kimberly Diane Odomin**

American Indian/Alaska Native

Age: 40 years Female

Height: 5' 4"

Weight: 250 lbs



Hair: Brown Eyes : Brown Date of last contact: June 16, 2023

Location: Marshall, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance: Kimberly was last seen in Marshall between 06-15-2023 at 0000 hours and 6-16-2023 at 0130 hours.

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#### Offsite visitation

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  - Enter inmates name/ID number
  - Select your relationship to inmate
  - Fill in all required fields
  - Click register
- Cherokee Indian Police 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](http://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.

- Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund release

#### THANK YOU LETTERS

##### Dear Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship,

Thank you for your continued support, as it has made my journey enjoyable. I am currently on the downward slope to finishing my MBA. After the summer semester, I will have three remaining courses. That statement sounds manageable, but words are easier said than done. This task has been challenging with a full-time job and a family at home. However, with your help, I have blazed a trail through my journey. I am proud to announce that I was invited by the Western Carolina

University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi honor society to join their membership this past semester. It was an incredible experience obtaining this honor and showing my children what a strong, focused work ethic can produce.

If I were not afforded the assistance you provided, I would not be as successful as I have been thus far. My journey has served two goals for me from the beginning. One is to prove that I can achieve my MBA and utilize what I learned in my career. And two is to show my children and others that you can accomplish great things if you plan, set some goals and stay focused. Thank you to the Yogi Crowe organization for helping me achieve my goals. And as always, thank you to my lovely wife Brandi and my children Anasette and Mechelen, who have made many sacrifices on this journey.

Sincerely,  
**Cameron Cooper**

#### NATIONAL PARK NEWS

##### Walker Sisters Cabin renovations complete

GATLINBURG, Tenn.— Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials have announced that the Walker Sisters Cabin is once again open to the public. The park closed the two-story cabin in late 2021

while the park's Forever Places crew addressed safety concerns and completed renovations. The crew, a team of skilled carpenters and masons, replaced the roof and portions of the wall timbers, stabilized the foundation, added new floorboards, and restored the fireplace.

"We are proud of the expert work our dedicated Forever Places team did to restore the cabin," said Deputy Superintendent Alan Sumeriski. "And we are grateful to the Friends of the Smokies for their generous support to help us preserve such an iconic piece of Smokies history."

The Friends of the Smokies, the park's philanthropic partner, provided funding for this critical work as part of the Forever Places campaign. Forever Places protects and preserves the historical resources in the park by hiring skilled preservation crew members and supplying materials and tools.

Visitors may reach the Walker Sisters Cabin by hiking about 1.5 miles along the Little Brier Gap Trail located near the Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area. The cabin dates to the 1800s and the Walker sisters lived there until 1964.

- National Park Service release



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## OBITUARIES JH6FR

### Corrie Jean Andrews

Corrie Jean Andrews went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, the 20th of June at 10:30 a.m. She was 79-years-old. She was born in Marianna, Fla., to the late Charles Nichols and Grace Nichols Nata. She was the oldest of 10 children. She married the love of her life, Thurman Andrews, on June 17, 1962.

She worked in Florida in the packing house for many years before she became a full-time homemaker, raising her daughter, Corrie Leisha Andrews and son Charles (Chuck) William Nichols. She loved sewing and making clothes for her children as well as teaching the piano. She also loved to cook and read her

cookbooks. She played the piano in many churches over her lifetime, she and her husband served as youth directors, she was a deacon's wife for many years, where she helped run VBS, women's prayer groups, and Bible studies.

After the passing of her husband, she worked in clothing stores and at Hancock's, where she was the head seamstress. After retiring from working, she helped raise her grandchildren. She was known by many simply as Nana. She played the piano at many local churches throughout her later life. She played at High Tower Baptist Church, where she was a member. Up until last year she was still very involved with the church, where she would perform for the Christmas play, and still helped with VBS. She

was a huge part in starting Operation Christmas Child Shoebox in her church. Jean (Nana) was also very involved with her great-grandchildren's lives. They were her pride and joy in this world. She was loved by all who met her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Nichols and Grace Nichols Nata; lifelong companion, Thurman Andrews; brothers and sister, Bob and Micky Nichols, Ethell Nichols; and great-grandchild, Gracie Nichols.

She is survived by her daughter and caretaker, Leisha Andrews of Bryson City; son, Charles (Chuck) Nichols and wife, Allison of Tennessee; grandchildren, Caitlan Bennett and husband, Zane of Franklin,

Cierra Mashburn and husband, Cameron of Bryson City, Chace Andrews of Bryson City; brothers, Walter Nata of Louisiana, Bill Nichols Louisiana, Glen Nichols of Florida, Allen Nichols and wife, Debbie of Florida, Jody Nichols of Florida; sister, Cindy Black of Colorado; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth & Izabella Bennett, Finlee & Maya Mashburn;; nephews, Jeff & Andy; nieces, Teresa & Elena; and lifelong friend, Melissa Banks.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 12 p.m., on July 1 at Cold Springs Baptist Church, 500 Cold Springs Rd, Bryson City, NC 28713. Sam McMahan will be speaking, and the King Family will be singing.

# The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Presents The WNC Fly Fishing Trail Weekly Fishing Report

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WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckasegee River</b>	Delayed Harvest ended June 3. Hatchery Supported.	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout.	Griffin Nat, Coffey Girdle Bug, Elk Hair Caddis, Yellow Stimulator, Yellow Sallie, Soft Hackle Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	See posted signs	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Yellow Stimulator, Quill Gordons, Blue winged Olive, Elk Hare Caddis, Lite Cahill, Yallar Hammer
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	See posted signs	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	BWO, Hendrickses, Dark Stone, Girdle Bugs, Frenchie, Hares Ear Soft Hackle, March Brown Soft Hackle, Elk Hare Caddis, Lite Cahill, Yallar Hammer

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6:43 AM-8:43 AM 7:04 PM-9:04 PM	7:24 AM-9:24 AM 7:46 PM-9:46 PM	8:08 AM-10:08 AM 8:31 PM-10:31 PM	8:56 AM-10:56 AM 9:21 PM-11:21 PM	9:48 AM-11:48 AM 10:17 PM-12:17 AM	N/A 10:47 AM-12:47 PM	N/A 11:50 AM-1:50 PM

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# Cherokee Elementary School 2022-23 End-of- Year Awards

Submitted by  
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## Warrior Awards

This award is given to the top five students in each class for their academic excellence.

**PreK:** Jayxen Swayney, Blossom Darnell, Bronson Hall, Paxton Monell, Obie Blankenship, Anagalisgi Dvdisdi, Kyle Lossiah, Mischa McCoy, Braison McMillan, Piper Taylor, Landyn George, Blossom Hicks, Whaylin Junaluska, Whitley Junaluska, Emmaline McCoy, Alex Mata-Lopez, Nori Taylor, Nygel James, Jeriah Williams, L'ree Lossie-Cline

**Kindergarten:** Jayven Crowe, Naomi Reed, Bentley Arch, Delilah Townsend, Oakland Woodward, Samuel Mcmillan, Aliceanah Carroll, Kirstalenna Archer, Haven Johnson, Konchance Morris-Jenkins, Addisyn Teesateskie, Salem Hornbuckle, Mataya Sampson, Rogue Jones, Tristan Barnes, Amelia Arsana, Lavenia Hyatt, Colton Cloer, Holland Hampton, Derick Saunooke, Athena Crowe, Eldon Crowe, Daxton Littlejohn, Nixon Davis, Nizhoni Lopez, Tristen Long Jr., Margo Mahan-Flores, Zoey Reed, Aydin Welch, Ani Bradley

**1st Grade:** Declan Junaluska, Blair Owle, Jamison Lambert, Remington George, Kamryn Saunooke, Raylyn Crowe, Carter Smith, Theseus West, Damiyn Squirrel, Lyla McCormick, Julian Santos, Analee Garcia-Hernandez, Avaleena Teesateskie, Chanton

Reynolds, Aeson Lomas, Jarren Johnson, Tucker George, Ian Lopez, Javan Keel, Wayne Church, Kiona French, Vaelyn Owl, Nevaeh Teesateskie, Jessilyn Lambert, Addie Martens, Aaron Beach, Cassia Crowe, Otis George, Harlee Kirkland, Auley Taylor

**2nd Grade:** Bradley Allison, Israel Solis, Isaiah Read, Uweluga Swimmer, Penelope Stampfer, Lawson Martinez, Julyssa Ramirez-Sequoyah, Kyra Reed, Chloe Rivera, Cooper Stamper, Tehya Lincoln, Olivia Sampson, Kaia Crowe, Roxanna Rattler, Ahnewake Streets, Tinley Ross, Reichen Mahan, Kimee Crowe, Nikola Thomas, Andre Williams, Jaiva Brown, Cheydon Calhoun, Isabella Conseen, Linus Freeman, Ross Reed, Charles Roman Thompson, Aubrey Blankenship, Alaina Smith, Faith Torres-Medford, Galix Arch, Anna Jackson, Alex Holiday, Parker Kirkland, Krezdon West, Aurora Garcia-Hernandez

**3rd Grade:** Samuel Lomas, Orion Skulski, Anthony Blankenship, Liam Maney, Dayla Luna Martinez, Tyran Parker, Hinlee Taylor, Elijah Milholen, Leighton Bryson, Taylah Ingram, Camden Standingdeer, Sylas Waldroup, Hayleigh Bowman, Miri Larch, Syler Ledford, Gia Crowe-Taylor, Xander Long, Theodore Squirrel, Bailey Swimmer, Nylah Teesatuskie, Joselina Crowe-Wilnoty, Tokahey Grant, Lula Ramirez-Sequoyah, Clarice Smith, Leah Walkingstick

**4th Grade:** Marlie Price, Colton Owl-Wiggins, Liam Cripps, Daryan Smith, Jayce West, William Howell, Amaya Rodriguez, Marley Murphy, Mya Wahnetah, Wyatt Moore, Ehko Lossiah, Bryson Beach, Kai Peone, Christopher Xander Miles, Leiland Rhinehart, Conner Thompson, Peyton Arch, Amaya Eaglestar, Keniethea Wild-

cat, Oakley Wolfe, Bristol Armachain, Kaeson Reed, Mika Bradley, Ella Cline, Kaylahni Williams, Evelyn Taylor, Khloe Sequoyah, Caitlyn Bone, Drake Donlin, Kenton Welch

**5th Grade:** Curren McCoy, Kaelyn Montelongo, Aryahnie Pheasant, Tai Foalima, Odie Owle, Amelia Holiday, Kealan Jumper, Lily Robertson, Adrian Santos, Sophia Tremko, Rhema Anders, Chotky Davis, Jeshua Lossiah, Abelia Mahan-Flores, Sean Schultz, Jallen Calhoun, David Kalonaheskie, Hunter McMillan, Gabriel Read, Adalynn Taylor, Uriah Ben, Kenleigh Hornbuckle, Lucas Myers, Piper Owen, Jayce Toineeta

## Braves Achievement Award

The Braves Achievement Award is sponsored by the Cherokee Boys Club. This award is given to students who have shown resilience and determination throughout the school year. One boy and one girl is chosen by the grade level teachers.

**PreK:** Dominic Cruz, Everleigh Thompson

**Kindergarten:** Bentley Arch, Mataya Sampson

**1st Grade:** Javan Keel, Journie Armchain

**2nd Grade:** Ryan Lambert, Kaia Crowe

**3rd Grade:** Kedron Hyatt, Hailey Lambert

**4th Grade:** Christian Saylor, Olivia Ricon-Wahnetah

**5th Grade:** Hayden Rhinehart, Kynleigh Taylor

## Aniyah's Award

This year marks the first of an annual award in honor of Miss Aniyah Sampson. This award is in honor of Aniyah's legacy of positivity, love, and strength. Aniyah's life was nothing short of amazing and anyone that knew her was

touched by her faith. The award recipients were chosen by our principal Ms. Amanda Moore.

**PreK:** Nygel James, Naomi Effler Kindergarten: Derick Saunooke, Amelia Arsana

**1st Grade:** Ellis George, Malliyah Bueno

**2nd Grade:** Israel Solis, Briana Locust

**3rd Grade:** Quincy Watty, Leah Walkingstick

**4th Grade:** Xaldin Bird, Jayla Owl

**5th Grade:** Nathan Taylor, Sara Reed

## Bugger Arch Sportsmanship Award

We also wanted to honor Mr. Bugger Arch by creating the first annual Bugger Arch Sportsmanship Award. Bugger began working for Cherokee Central Schools in August 1982 as a Special Education teacher's aide and then accepted the position of Supply Clerk where he remained until his retirement in December 2020. His presence at Cherokee Central Schools has made a huge impact on many people, especially the students that have gone through the school system. This award was chosen by the PE coaches to recognize students for their outstanding sportsmanship.

**PreK:** Alex Mato Lopez, Loshi Dvdisdi

**Kindergarten:** Eldon Crowe, Mataya Sampson

**1st Grade:** Aaron Beach, Addie Martens

**2nd Grade:** Uweluga Swimmer, Maylynn Walkingstick

**3rd Grade:** Elijah Milholen, Kyrin Whitecotton

**4th Grade:** Tristan Armachain, Ehko Lossiah

**5th Grade:** Odie Owle, J-Leoni Walkingstick



## COMMENTARY

### Those who watch over us

By **ROBERT JUMPER**  
One Feather Editor

Every weekday, I try to do a little walking. I try to do some exercise, if for no other reason than I don't want to have to lie when the doctor asks me during routine checkups (which, as I get older, come more frequently). I should get a discount on the next one, since this is the second commentary that I have given him a mention. Free advertising. It is rare on my daily walks to have a quiet, peaceful stroll with only the sounds of nature. From my

office to the end of the Oconaluftee Island Park near the intersection of US Hwy 19 and Hwy 441, there are few noise-free areas. Sounds of traffic, construction (the replacement of the water and sewer mains are in full swing on Acquoni Road), and playful screams and laughter coming from the Island Park are common sounds on the walk. Also common are the sounds of sirens and the sights of blue and red flashing lights.

Without fail, at least one time during the walk I will see a fire truck rolling to some unknown emergency. It could be a house, business, or brush fire. After all, when you see the "big red truck" speeding by, the first thing one assumes is that something is on fire. And that is one important role the fire department plays. But

that is not all they do. Fire vehicles roll on most types of emergencies. They are called out when a traffic accident threatens the public by starting a fire or spilling a substance, like gasoline. They get called when someone is trapped in some way. They get called out when someone is having a medical emergency. They get called out for me and you. And it can happen at any time of day or night. So, they must be prepared for us day or night. That includes when all of us have gone to bed or during the day during our walking exercise breaks. They are always watching over us.

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Emergency Room, Emergency First Responders, Emergency Medical Services are all in a similar boat. They never know when

there will be an overdose, a heart failure, a gunshot, a tumble down the stairs, or a car crash will sound the alarm for them to get their gear and make their way to whatever hurt may be ahead of them. I have spoken to several of these men and women, who are typically some of the first professional caregivers during an emergency. If there is any doubt in anyone's mind that being an emergency responder is a stressful job, you should ask one of the folks in the business yourself. Many times, these men and women are working on people who are barely hanging on to life. Some of those that I have spoken to said that the things they have seen at some horrific traffic accidents haunt them long after the accidents are over. It is the profession they have chosen, to



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traffic accidents, drug raids, and a bunch of other situations where police are needed to intercede on our behalf. Day in and day out, a police officer is patrolling and engaging folks, sometimes in a fun, positive way, others in a not-so-fun confrontation. And many of these officers may end a work shift, only to be called back for an emergency.

The "on-call" officers include the Tribal Prosecutor and Medical Examiner, even though neither office is in the workforce of the police department. In many situations, the prosecutor and "M.E." will be called in when certain crimes are committed and when that is necessary, it doesn't matter what time of day it is. Both may be required to examine, document,

and direct at the scene of a crime, many times violent crime. Both might attend post-mortem "on-scene" examinations and autopsies and be needed for suspect interrogations and investigations. The Tribal Prosecutor assists in drafting search warrants, charging decisions, jurisdictional guidance, preparing victims for court in jobs that routinely go well beyond a "9 to 5" schedule. These officers and offices also stand watch over us.

Years ago, I went with a few friends to one of the restaurants downtown (Cherokee) for lunch. While we were eating, we began to hear the sirens. As each car or truck went screaming by-police cars, ambulances, fire trucks-each with blue or red lights flashing, one of my friend's peered out the

window of the eatery and said in amazement, "Something must have happened". We all laughed at the understatement, and, to this day, it is a standing joke when we hear sirens to look at each other and say, "Something must have happened."

But it is no joke what happens when the sirens are blaring, and the lights are flashing. It typically means someone is in trouble and in need of help. And it means that those watchers are now on their way to meet that need. I always try to remember to say a little prayer when I hear the siren and see those flashing lights. Pray for those who may be in trouble and those who rush to their aid. I am grateful for those who watch over us.



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## COMMENTARY

# The proposed Constitution does harm to the Tribe.

By HANNAH SMITH

EBCI Office of the Attorney General

The bottom line is that the proposed Constitution does harm to the Tribe (unintentionally, no doubt) by extinguishing some existing rights of tribal members and some existing governmental functions and legal standards for all three branches of tribal government. The Attorney General has no choice but to seek to rescind the resolution authorizing a referendum for the “all or nothing” proposed constitution and offer a resolution that will still allow the years of work the Committee did in putting together the various ideas contained in the document for the people to vote for at a referendum. The AG’s office has been pitted against the proposed constitution by the media, which is unfortunate, but the AG’s office is trying to avoid very real dangers contained in that document while simultaneously making progress towards a few concepts that are overdue for our progressive tribal government.

There is no actual emergency for a “new constitution”. The EBCI’s (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) governmental framework is sound and has been functioning for 155 years. But there is a heightened sense of frustration, to be sure.

### **Background:**

The current Constitution Committee worked for several years to produce a new constitution for the EBCI to vote for or against. The last time a referendum vote for a new constitution occurred was under the Joyce Dugan administration in (the 1990s) when Tribal members voted NOT to adopt the proposed Constitution then offered by that constitution

committee. Before that, from 1868 to 1986 EBCI’s Tribal Council formed as a tribal government and has acted since then as a tribal government based on the legal framework it adopted for itself, styled as a constitution. The US authorized a lawsuit on behalf of the Tribe in federal court to reclaim lands purchased by tribal members for the Tribe and when that suit settled in 1880 and the Tribe was awarded most of the lands it claimed the Tribe used the NC corporation law to hold the title to the lands and its “constitution” was incorporated into the law as corporate “by-laws”. The State of North Carolina acquiesced to this in 1889 through the passage of a private law for the EBCI granting the EBCI a corporate charter to hold title to the land and to operate as a government under the Tribe’s own constitution (or bylaws under corporate law). This didn’t mean the Tribe lost its sovereign tribal status under the US Constitution or lost the protection of the federal government’s plenary authority over Tribes under the US Constitution. That legal point was made in 1892 by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, well after EBCI used NC law to sure up the NC land title held in common by and for the EBCI. So, the EBCI’s first constitution was adopted in 1868, by officials authorized to represent the tribal members, then a newer version was adopted in 1870 as the 1868 framework had been executed and successfully got the EBCI to the next level with a system of elected officials for the legislative and executive “branches of government”, then amended again in 1875, and then again in 1889 the same year the EBCI’s governmental framework (constitution) was incorporated into the NC Charter issued to the EBCI (calling the constitution by-laws, as it was corporate law’s legal language to do so) and then amendments in 1897, 1931, and 1933. The next act of

the Tribal Council changing the legal framework was in 1986 (after a failed Constitution referendum) and after decades of tribal sovereignty taking shape in the federal court system and federal statutes. The Council’s resolution re-styled the legal framework “Charter and Governing Document”. The 1986 tribal law did not make it into the NC General Assembly as was the custom from 1889-1933. Then the Tribe held a referendum vote also in 1986 to give tribal members a chance to amend the bare bones of the 1986 Charter and Governing Document. Some referendum measures succeeded, and some did not.

Having the EBCI membership vote in a referendum for another proposed Constitution isn’t wrong per se, it is however much more complicated than perhaps the Constitution Committee and the Community Clubs gave credit to. A lot has happened since 1986 and the last successful tribal referendum vote on the EBCI’s governing legal framework (Charter and Governing Document). The proposed constitution is not “red-lined” to show the reader (lawmaker, by referendum) what the changes are from the existing law to the proposed law. It is an “all or nothing” legal document to be voted on in totality.

The proposed constitution retracts existing rights of tribal members aged 18-24 from running for a seat on the Council, retracts rights of tribal members to leave life estates to non-member spouses and non-member first-generation children upon their death, retracts rights of tribal members to petition the tribal membership for future referendum voting, and retracts the right of Tribal Council to allow waivers of its inherent legal defenses of sovereign immunity which is essential for the financial business of any Tribe, the consequence for which would devastate EBCI’s financial future.

The proposed constitution would derail the existing Judicial Branch of the EBCI making it impossible to keep necessary standards for judicial qualifications intact in order to exercise certain expanded criminal jurisdiction under the Indian Civil Rights Act, while also simultaneously restraining the Judicial Branch from making rulings consistent with Cherokee values, customs and traditions forcing certain federal rulings to take precedent when not even Congress did this when it passed the Indian Civil Rights Act. These are but a few (there are several more equally as dangerous) legal issues and tribal governmental dysfunctions that the tribe’s AG’s office has a duty to bring to the attention of the Tribal Council. It is not the goal of the AG’s office to interfere with drafting a constitution, such a political act is not within its purview and would be counter to the “by the people” aspect of the initiative. It is within the purview to give feedback and expert advice to the Tribal Government and that is what the AG is doing.

The Attorney General’s Office is not against progress, or a referendum voting for a newly stylized legal framework for EBCI government, a constitution, but it does and must protect the tribal government and the existing tribal membership from unintended consequences during the process. The unintended consequences of the document and the “all or nothing” approach in favor of a more measured approach (offered by the AG in the form of another resolution recently filed) is indeed warranted. The process has been messy, unfortunately, but I’m not sure a total rewrite of foundational law for a 155-year-old formal tribal government would be anything but messy.

I hope this explains another perspective on this issue.



# LETTER TO THE EDITOR Wants decorum enforced in Council Chambers

Submitted by Slick Saunooke  
Birdtown Community

Editor's Note: Mr. Saunooke brought the following letter to the One Feather and requested that it be published.

Open letter to Richard French, Tribal Council Chairman. Dated June 22, 2023.

Dear Richard:  
I am writing to say I am dis-

couraged and disappointed by the behavior of some Tribal Council members when Tribal Council is in session. I'm asking you to address this when the bad behavior is shown, especially when Council is on-air.

Some Tribal Council members are disrespectful when others, especially (the) Chief and Vice Chief, talk to Tribal Council. This behavior is childish and insulting, and we see it all the time. The world sees it all the time when the cameras are rolling. When certain people are at the podium, some Tribal Council members will roll their eyes, make hand gestures, shake their heads, smirk, mutter under

their breath, and put on a show of disrespect. This is communication and is just as loud as talking. Tribal Council members might not like or agree with the Chief or Vice Chief, but they should respect their positions.

Section 117-16.1 of the Cherokee (Code) says, "All comment and debate shall reflect the highest and traditional standards of decorum and respectfulness expected of and modeled to our future generations of Cherokee leaders." The law also says, "Any person providing comment or debate to Tribal Council must conduct himself or herself in such a manner as to bring honor and dignity to the Council cham-

bers."

Please enforce these rules of decorum in the Chambers.

The second issue I want to bring up is the discussion in Tribal Council about doing a forensic audit of Qualla Enterprises. Some Council members don't want to do it. Until a forensic audit is performed, the people won't be satisfied. If Tribal Council members want to fund this project with gaming money, it could cause our gaming license to be pulled. This would (affect) 16,000 (plus) enrolled members' per capita and the Tribe as a whole.

Sincerely yours.




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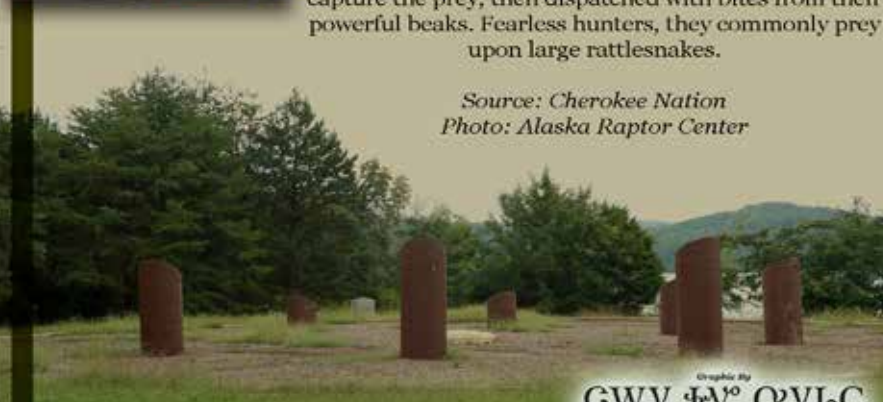




### Protector Spirit

The Red-tailed Hawk is said to be a protector spirit of the Cherokees and is therefore considered sacred. Tail feathers were and are used ceremonially. However, the bird would never be killed during collection of feathers. Skilled "hunters" would bait the hawks in, catch them with their hands, and then release them after collecting a few feathers. Red-tailed Hawks are a large raptor, or bird of prey. They are large birds with wingspans that reach nearly 5 feet, heights of 26 inches, and weights up to 4.5 pounds. Their excellent eyesight is used to spot prey from great distances. Sharp talons capture the prey, then dispatched with bites from their powerful beaks. Fearless hunters, they commonly prey upon large rattlesnakes.

Source: Cherokee Nation  
Photo: Alaska Raptor Center



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## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# A survival guide...

By REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON,  
PASTOR

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

Read 1 Kings, Chapter 17 Ephe-  
sians 6:10-13 (Ref. Genesis 9 & 11)

Pastor Tim continues, "We have seen Elijah come up against the wicked King Ahab and he knows there are also demons and devils that are part of this scheme as well. The Bible tells me there's nothing new under the sun so things that can be planned have been done before. Although framed in a different picture frame, and called by a different name, realize it's all the same old things. God's Blessing is needed upon every plan, first.

"From the day that the very first king came upon the earth, Nimrod was his name, he'd decided to build a tower up into the Heavens. Calling it the Tower of Babel, we understand God had a plan against its success because they'd not asked God's permission first, nor for His plan. There's a God in Heaven Who is watching and waiting for the right moment and will once again when the time is right, confound any unsought plan from being concluded.

King Ahab of Israel, married to an equally wicked woman named Jezebel, whom God would deal with shortly, decided and told Ahab, through Elijah, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, and before Whom I stand, there shall not be dew, nor rain these years, but according to my word."

Pastor Tim explained, "I like what the prophet said because he understood something. He said,

'It will not rain until I say so.'" He added, "Do we realize, Church, we still have a 'say so?' A voice? We can speak into the spiritual realm and deal with all nasty spirits, and with those who are behind these others. They all must understand and know if the Church gets fed up with what's going on in the world, then it's really all over for them. Notice this, their plans come to an end, and when He's fed up with it, He will suddenly split the Eastern sky, and as the Trumpet is blown, He calls us out of here. We'll leave this world to them, and it will be left, and left without us here, yes, Glory to God! How many are excited for that Day?"

"I watched as God began to put together a Plan, calling it, 'A Survival Guide'. This is what I want to show you. God told Elijah to "Get up, go eastward, hide thyself by the Brook Cherith that's before Jordan."

"When I see the things, God was doing here in the Word, for the prophet, I'm looking around and beginning to see amazing things. Do we realize that about half our Church drives an hour and a half to come here every single week? I'm going to show you, God is putting us together. What's going on? He's putting a group of people together who are about to shake the Earth because God is already shaking the Heavens. I'm here to tell you, God has a plan, He's working and moving and shaking. "I'm excited to say, We're going to be just fine. When I read my Bible, the Word says they're now calling what's 'up', as 'down', what's 'down' as 'up.' What's 'left' is 'right' and the 'right' is now 'left.' The Bible says they will call the 'winter' suddenly 'summer' and the 'summer' is now 'winter'. They're already opening doors with their lies which only

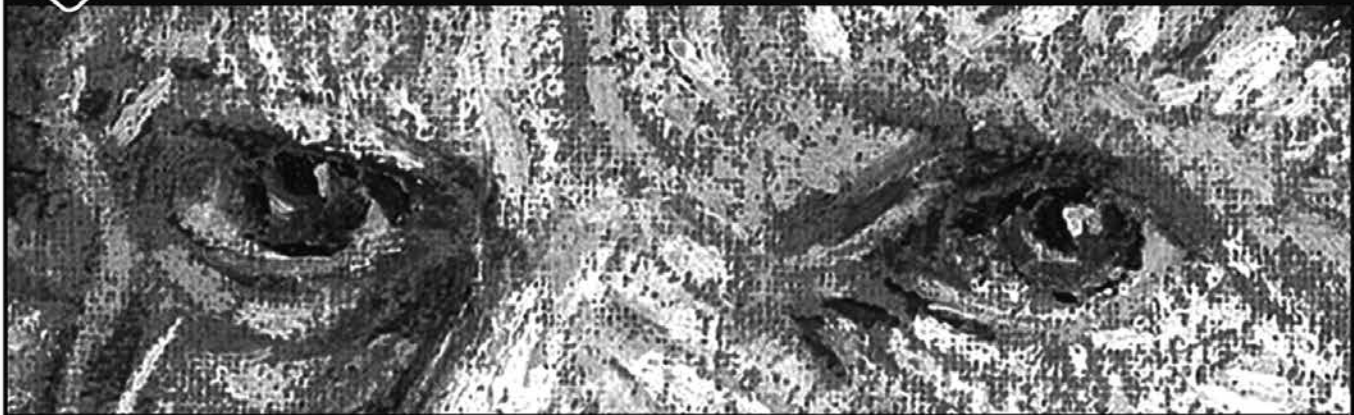
lead them into falling deeper into a pit of their own making. Right now, God is in control. I say this again because I want to get it deep down on the inside of us. God is in control."

"There's only so much news I watch or listen to on the radio before it angers me. Then, I'm reminded, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers and principalities." Ephesians 6:12.

"We can stack up all the food under our beds we want to, or we can go get all the rice and beans and pile it up in our closets, getting all the stuff we can carry, but there's one thing I implore each of us do and to get a hold of and that's our own relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ because He's got a real plan for us, to carry us through in all of this."



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*"Self-Portrait with Straw Hat" by Vincent van Gogh (1887-88)*

*The eyes of the Lord are everywhere,  
keeping watch on the wicked and the good.*

**Proverbs 15:3**

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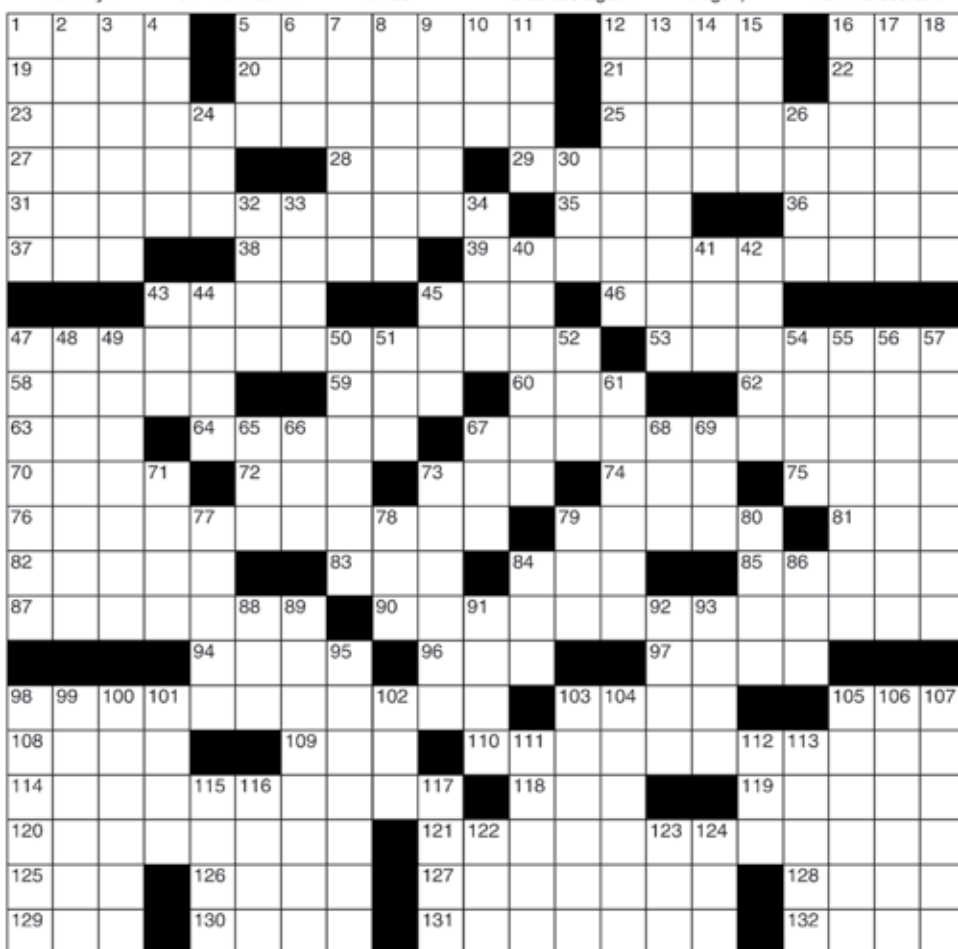
# Super Crossword

THREE-TO-FIVE  
FIRST NAMES

**ACROSS**

1 Jason's ship  
5 Categorized  
12 Schoolboys  
16 Actor Ayres  
19 Coffee bit  
20 Sea cow  
21 "Orinoco Flow" singer  
22 Yes, to Yvette  
23 Pigeonhole the 16th president?  
25 Toy-package span  
27 1950s politico Stevenson  
28 — -CIO  
29 Cut all ties with the star of "Our Miss Brooks"?  
31 Sniff the singer of "Coca Cola Cowboy"?  
35 Barber's stuff  
36 Color shade  
37 Senator Cruz  
38 — -bitsy  
39 Investigate the director of "Stand by Me"?  
43 Barber's stuff  
45 Positive vote  
46 Writer Blyton  
47 Bathe the star of "Caroline in the City"?  
53 Didn't include  
58 Gate joint  
59 Light hit  
60 Berg material  
62 Bride in "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"  
63 Hank in the Basketball Hall of Fame  
64 Floats in the breeze  
67 Make a genetic replica of the star of "The Wolf Man"?  
70 Jules Verne captain  
72 According to  
73 Dawn goddess  
74 Boxer Frazier  
75 Muscle jerks  
76 Mistreat the director of "Splash"?  
79 In districts  
81 Holy Fr. woman  
82 Broadcaster  
83 Rumpus  
84 Stable feed  
85 Pungent pizza topping  
87 Quaint street lighter  
90 Trample the playwright of "Travesties"?  
94 "Me neither"  
96 "— so sorry!"  
97 "— so sorry!"  
98 Extort money from the star of "The Europeans"?  
103 Rational  
105 Prefix related to birds  
108 Helps out  
109 Whirlpool site  
110 Spill hot coffee on baseball's "Iron Man"?  
114 Kidnap the star of "Madam Secretary"?  
118 Mil. jets' site  
119 Indistinct  
120 Candy — (hospital helpers)  
121 Contradict the inventor of the cotton gin?  
125 Certain pipe shape  
126 Provided  
127 Retired academics  
128 Ladder rung  
129 Certain pipe shape  
130 Mimicked  
131 Halter's cousin  
132 Former times  
DOWN

1 Something super-fun  
2 Software instruction file, often  
3 Like houses with pitched roofs  
4 Hoops' Shaq  
5 Roman 950  
6 Chou En- —  
7 Yearly records  
8 Hit resulting in an out and an RBI  
9 Absolut rival, for short  
10 Sushi roll fish  
11 Forest lairs  
12 Do not disturb  
13 Resident of "la-la land"  
14 Batik worker  
15 Gilbert of "The Conners"  
16 Soho setting  
17 Actor Levy  
18 Hot dog  
24 Mae West's "Diamond —"  
26 Intro painting course, say  
30 Self-love  
32 Be inclined  
33 Tingly feeling  
34 1974 CIA spoof flick  
40 Lubes again  
41 Glass edge  
42 Piaf of song  
43 Phone game, maybe  
44 Another time  
45 Phone game, maybe  
47 Gab, informally  
48 African land  
49 Infatuates  
50 Capital of Canada  
51 Moms  
52 Sgt., say  
54 Flawlessly  
55 African land  
56 Ballot caster  
57 Bedtime hour  
61 Delights in  
65 Relief sound  
66 "Alice" waitress  
67 Cape —  
68 Era upon era  
69 Capital of Canada?  
71 Law school beginner  
73 Like amatory literature  
77 Marvelous  
78 Radio spots  
79 Electric jolt  
80 Dimwit  
84 "Let's see ..."  
86 "Says You!" broadcaster  
88 "Eat — Chikin" (Chick-Fil-A slogan)  
89 Pickle or cure  
91 Acorn sources  
92 Be inclined  
93 Finished  
95 Levied, as a tax  
98 Droopy-eared hound  
99 Diminutive  
100 Channel swimmer Gertrude  
101 Morales of film and TV  
102 McKellen of movies  
103 "On Language" columnist William  
104 Even though  
105 A lot like  
106 Wood overlay  
107 Composed and ready for printing  
111 "The Alienist" novelist Carr  
112 "As — care!"  
113 Crooner Cline  
115 Women's Open org.  
116 Hurdle  
117 "Yeah, right"  
122 Tall bird  
123 164-nation commerce gp.  
124 Au courant



See answers on page 22

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

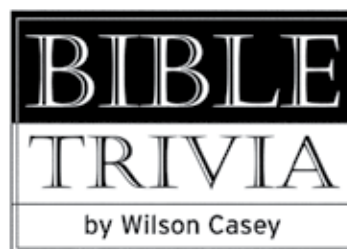
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Amos in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
  2. What does the shortest verse in the Bible (KJV) say Jesus did? *Walked, Prayed, Preached, Wept*
  3. Which false prophet wore a yoke which Jeremiah broke? *Bar-Jesus, Jezebel, Hananiah, Zedekiah*
  4. What was Bartimaeus healed of in Mark 10? *Demons, Leprosy, Blindness, Deafness*
  5. From Psalms 135, who was king of Bashan? *Ur, Og, Tu, Za*
  6. Who was exiled to the land of Nod? *Cain, Abel, Abraham, Aaron*
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1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Sweden?
2. HISTORY: What was the whole name of the nation once called U.S.S.R.?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did July 4 become a federal holiday?
4. FOOD & DRINK: Which fruit is used to make the cocktail mixer grenadine?
5. U.S. STATES: In which state is Niagara Falls located?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only mammal that can fly?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which two presidents died within hours of each other on July 4 — the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence?
8. TELEVISION: What was Beaver's real first name on the "Leave It to Beaver" sitcom?
9. LITERATURE: Which 1977 horror novel features a hotel called The Overlook?
10. MOVIES: Which 1967 movie tagline is, "They're young ... they're in love ... and they kill people"?



## EVENTS

### BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**Bingo Fundraiser.** July 8 at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Doors open at 3 p.m., games start at 4 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Rayne, the 9-year-old daughter of Sharri Panther and Stanley Queen, and all money raised will go towards travel expenses for doctor appointments at Duke Children's Hospital. Adults: \$20, Kids: \$10, three specials. Concessions will be available

### EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Summer of Disruption: An Artist Panel.** June 30 at 5 p.m. in the TJ Holland Education Room at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Hear directly from the artists about their experience being involved in the "Disruption" exhibition at the Museum. This event is free and open to the public. Featured artists: Atsei Cooper (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), Jakeli Swimmer (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), Rhiannon Skye Tafoya ((Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Santa Clara Pueblo), Tyra Maney (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Dine'), and Lori Reed (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians).

### Memorial Service for Joe

**Garcia.** July 8 at 2 p.m. at Straight Fork Baptist Church in the Big Cove

Community. A potluck meal will be held afterwards at the Big Cove Community Center. All family and friends are invited to attend.

**Poetry Reading with Mary Leauna Christensen.** July 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian Store. Christensen, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will read her original poetry. A Ph.D. candidate at the University of Southern Mississippi, she is the managing editor of The Swamp literary magazine and was named a 2022 Indigenous Nations Poets fellow. This event is free and open to the public.

**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](mailto:carmaleta@msn.com)

**Reading and Book Signing with Traci Sorell.** July 19 from 3 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian Store. Sorell, a Cherokee Nation citizen, will read and sign her books including her latest entitled "Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World

Series". This event is free and open to the public.

**Cherokee Fire & Rescue Fire Academy.** Oct. 9 to Feb. 15 (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cherokee Fire Station 1. Participants will graduate with the following certifications: NC Firefighter II, Haz-Mat Operations. Info: Interim Fire Chief Thomas Simmons (828) 788-1272 or [thomsimm@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:thomsimm@ebci-nsn.gov)

### 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.*

**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](mailto:dtramper@gmail.com)

**41st Annual Baaweteng 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](mailto:standinghorsepowwow@gmail.com)

## Puzzle Answers

### Super Crossword

Answers														
ARGO	CLASSED	LADS	LEW											
BEAN	MANATEE	ENYA	OUI											
LABELL	LINCOLN	AGER	RANGE											
ADLAI	AFL	SEVER	ARDEN											
SMELL	TILLIS	GEL	STONE											
TED	ITSY	PROBER	EINER											
TALC	AYE	ENID												
CLEAN	THOMPSON	OMITTED												
HINGE	TAP	ICE	TOULA											
IBA	WAFTS	CLONE	CHANEY											
NEMO	ALA	EOS	JOE	TICS										
WRONG	HOWARD	ZONED	STE											
AIRER	ADO	HAY	ONION											
GAS	LAMP	STOMP	STOPPARD											
NORI	IAM	EVER												
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AIDS	SPA	SCALD	RIPKEN											
STEAL	LEONI	AFB	FAINT											
STRIPERS	BELIE	WHITNEY												
ELL	GAVE	EMERITI	STEP											
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### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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4	9	6	3	5	1	8	7	2
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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Wept (John 11:35); 3) Hananiah; 4) Blindness; 5) Og (135:11); 6) Cain

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriquez

Answers

1. Stockholm
2. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
3. 1870
4. Pomegranate
5. New York
6. Bats
7. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams
8. Theodore
9. "The Shining"
10. "Bonnie and Clyde"

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*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

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hvgā iyuwanihv?  
What time is it?

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usquala idalsdayvhvsga  
It is time for all of us to eat

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usquala envsdi  
It is time to go



**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 bspotted-tail1@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/national-powwow

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

**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-

See **EVENTS** next page



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You clever Ewes and Rams love nothing more than to rise to a challenge. So, by all means, if you feel sure about your facts, step right up and defend your side of the issue.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You've done some great work recently. Now it's time to reward yourself with something wonderful, perhaps a day at a spa or a night out with someone very special.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, but don't forget to make time to do a little more listening, otherwise you could miss out on an important message someone might be trying to send you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect indicates some uncertainty about one of your goals. Use this period of shifting attitudes to reassess what you really want and what you're ready to do to get it.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your social life is picking up, and you'll soon be mingling with old friends and making new ones. But 'twixt the fun times, stay on top of changing workplace conditions.

**VIRGO** (August 23 September 22) A trusted friend offers understanding as you vent some long-pent-up feelings. Now, move on from there and start making the changes you've put off all this time.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might well feel uneasy as you face a difficult situation involving someone close to you. But you know you're doing the right thing, so stick with your decision.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You're a good friend to others. Now is the time to allow them to be good friends to you. Rely on their trusted advice to help you get through an uncertain period.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Family and friends are always important, but especially so at this time. Despite your hectic workplace schedule, make a real effort to include them in your life.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) That project you've been working on is almost ready for presentation. But you still need some information from a colleague before you can consider it done.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Don't let those negative attitudes that have sprung up around you drain your energies. Shrug them off, and move ahead with the confidence that you can get the job done.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Aspects favor some dedicated fun time for the hardworking Piscean. A nice, refreshing plunge into the social swim can recharge your physical and emotional batteries.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love to travel and be with people. You probably would be happy as a social director on a cruise ship.

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## VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

### OIG Finds Lax Security at VA Mail Pharmacies

The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General performed IT security inspections at two outpatient VA mail-order pharmacies to see if they were meeting federal security guidance. Being mail pharmacies (preparing and dispensing outpatient refills of drugs), they rely heavily on IT.

The Texas facility computers were past their "sell by" dates, meaning they were no longer getting vendor updates and support. When it came to IT security, there were 22 critical vulnerabilities on 62 computers and 34 high-risk vulnerabilities on 328 computers.

Access controls were an eye-opener. The system was deficient in device lock (which prevents access to systems when users are away from their workstations), ID and authentication of users (knowing who is typing in what), multiple users sharing one high-level account, open computers with no one around in a warehouse, access logs that were overwritten (erased) in 20 minutes and not saved anywhere ... and more. Inspectors even found 98 more computers onsite than the facility thought it had.

That Texas facility alone processed over 19 million prescriptions in one year, servicing VA medical sites in six states.

It didn't even get parking security right. VA rules say there can't be parking right next to a facility in case of a vehicle attack. The VA medical center police department had even issued a report about there being no physical barriers. When asked, facility managers told the OIG that parking wasn't an IT issue.

At an Arizona facility, the OIG found a similar set of deficiencies: an inaccurate inventory list of computers, multiple vulnerabilities on hundreds of computers, missing software update patches, use of default (fresh out of the package) passwords for security camera systems, with half of the systems not generating audit logs.

The facility filled 24 million prescriptions in one year, servicing VA facilities in 12 states.

At least the Arizona facility didn't have vehicle barrier problems, with a hefty metal fence all around it — although a check of the facility on Google maps showed the gates swinging wide open.

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### Did Hiccups Lead to Guinea Pig's Death?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** Our beloved guinea pig died suddenly this morning. I'm not sure what happened, and because there is no veterinarian near us who can treat guinea pigs, I'm searching for an answer. He developed an ear problem recently that was causing him to tilt his head, and to treat this, we were giving him Nurokind and 5 ml of water through a syringe. This morning, he started to hiccup, and an hour later he passed away. Is there any clue that you can provide as to why? — N. Dwarakanath

**DEAR N.:** My sincere condolences on the loss of your guinea pig. They're such wonderful pets.

When guinea pigs get sick, it can be difficult to figure out the exact treatment. Head tilt is one of those illnesses that could be an ear infection but could also be something more serious like pneumonia or another infection.

I'm a little curious about using Nurokind (Mecobalamin) to treat the illness, as it is a treatment for vitamin B-12 deficiency in humans. Perhaps a guinea pig owner out there can respond with the answer. Keeping your guinea pig hydrated was good, as this helps them when they're stressed out or sick.

When an illness is prolonged in guinea pigs, the stress and pain make them weaker, and they begin to experience other problems. The hiccupping is usually a sign of indigestion in healthy guinea pigs, but even for them, it's very uncomfortable and stressful. That may have been the last straw for his system.

I wish I could give you a definitive answer. Because there is no qualified vet near you, I encourage you to search online for guinea pig owner forums, as they are a very supportive and informative community.

Send your questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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## 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](http://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 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](mailto:jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org)

**"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](mailto:jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org)

**Tech Time.** July 3 at 11:30 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Digital navigators will host a drop-in program with the goal of assisting attendees with basic smartphone, laptop, iPad and tablet skills. They offer one-on-one help where residents of all ages are invited to bring their devices and ask questions. Participants will also learn how to set up an email account, mute their cell phones, back up and store files and much more. Tech Time is an open and free program with no library card required and no appointments necessary. Info: Jackson County Public Library (828) 586-2016

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting.** July 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City, N.C. Nancy Pheasant, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will present "The Native Tradition of Shell Carving". This event is free and open to the public. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation.

**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](mailto: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.AAwno80.com](http://www.AAwno80.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

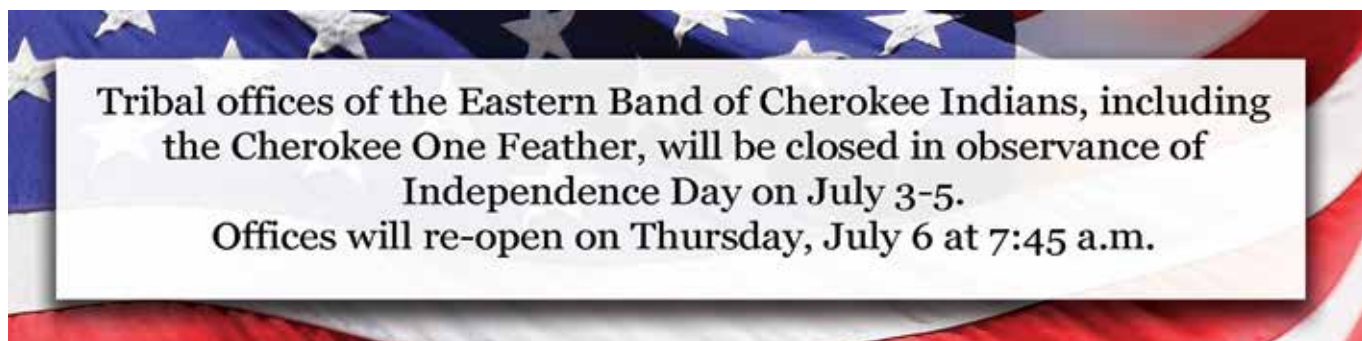
**MARA (Medication-Assisted Recovery Anonymous)** meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the Rivercane Room at Analenisgi. Info: Analenisgi (828) 497-9163 or visit: <https://cherokeehospital.org/locations/analenisgi>



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**Tribal offices of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, including the Cherokee One Feather, will be closed in observance of Independence Day on July 3-5. Offices will re-open on Thursday, July 6 at 7:45 a.m.**





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**WHAT WE OFFER**

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Tribal Housing Services can assist with Down Payment Assistance (DPA) and Rate Buy Down (RBD) funds for borrowers approved with a bank. DPA is computed at 20% of sales contract price, up to a maximum of \$50,000.00. Rate Buy Down offers \$5,000 to purchase discount points to lower interest rate. RBD is non-payable.

**RENOVATION AND FOSTER PARENT  
LOANS**

Renovation loans up to \$30,000.00. Foster Parent loans are available for renovations to living space for those fostering a child or have kinship placement. Documentation required and loans for one child start at \$30,000.00; maximum of \$50,000.00 for more than one child. May be converted to grant if criteria is satisfied.

**PORTFOLIO LOANS**

CHD offers Portfolio loans for those who have some blunders on their credit. Applicants must have a minimum credit score of 550, among other criteria in order to be eligible. Lending Officers will credit counsel to make applicants eligible.

**FORECLOSURE PREVENTION & LOAN  
MODIFICATION LOANS**

For homeowners who have suffered a loss of income or significant life change, CHD offers these loans to enable enrolled members to keep their homes for their families. Certain criteria and eligibility exist.

**APPROVED LENDERS**

While CHD works with First Citizens Bank and for Tribal Lending for in-boundary lending; we also work with numerous lenders for purchases or construction off the boundary.

**COUNTIES SERVED**

Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties. Barcombe County is eligible for DPA, RBD and Foster Parent this fiscal year only (grant funded).

**FINANCIAL LITERACY**

Lending Officers welcome any interested enrolled member credit counseling to introduce them to financial literacy. We also work with the school and summer youth programs to teach fundamentals of budgeting and credit.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Tina: 828-359-6912; [tinalarc@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:tinalarc@ebci-nsn.gov)  
Misty: 828-359-6919; [mistmill@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:mistmill@ebci-nsn.gov)





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## EMPLOYMENT

## 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**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Resolution No. 609  
Cherokee Council House Cherokee,  
North Carolina

Date: May 30, 2023  
Termination of HIP Assignment for  
Birdtown Community Parcel No.  
806-V formerly serving Jody Davis:

All persons, firms, and corporations, having claims against this property are notified to exhibit them to the HIP Committee on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

If no claims are submitted the

property will return to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HIP Committee to be used as or continue use as a tribal asset.

Resolution No. 609 was enacted by Tribal Council on May 30, 2023 and was ratified by Principal Chief Sneed on June 2, 2023, with no protests or objections.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: HIP Committee Attn: Cindi Squirrel PO Box 507 Cherokee NC 28719. **7/5**

## RFPs, BIDs, etc.

### Requests for Proposals

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

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting Sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: "On Call" paving for pavement repairs on Tribal Lands. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be July 12, 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). **7/5**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

UPPER Old #4 Road Unit 1302

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals for the rehab and renovation of 1302 Upper Birdtown Housing, located at 1302 Old No. 4 Road Cherokee, NC 28719. This project is demo and restore to new condition. To obtain a scope of work and standardized material list contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7097 or peancrow@nsn-ebci.gov. For the bid to be responsive all bidders must submit the following:

1. Bid for labor only
2. Material list with item numbers.
3. List of all tribal and non-tribal jobs with percentage complete.
4. Number of days to complete scope of work
5. How many days to mobilize after receiving fully executed contract

Housing has determined that this job will take six (5) of weeks to complete and will impose a performance deadline for the number of weeks indicated. Housing will also inspect the progress of the job once a week. Failure to meet the established deadline will result in \$100.00 in mitigating damages per day.

All bids are due by Close of Business June 30, 2023. Bids are to be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North Carolina, 28719. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Peanut Crowe. Project name, "1302 Upper Birdtown", should be noted in the upper left hand corner of the envelope. Cherokee Indian Housing Division reserves the right to not award this contract to the lowest bidder. Bids will be evaluated on price and the ability to mobilize on the job within a reasonable amount of time after



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being awarded the contract. The Cherokee Indian Housing Division considers one (1) week from receipt of the fully executed contract as a reasonable time frame. **6/28**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

### Big Cove HIP 30-C

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals for the rehab and renovation of Big Cove HIP 30-C, located at 30-C Potato Patch Drive Big Cove, Cherokee, NC 28719. This project is demo and restore to new condition. To obtain a scope of work and standardized material list contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7097 or [peancrow@nsn-ebci.gov](mailto:peancrow@nsn-ebci.gov). For the bid to be responsive all bidders must submit the following:

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3. List of all tribal and non-tribal

jobs with percentage complete.

4. Number of days to complete scope of work

5. How many days to mobilize after receiving fully executed contract

Housing has determined that this job will take six (6) of weeks to complete and will impose a performance deadline for the number of weeks indicated. Housing will also inspect the progress of the job once a week. Failure to meet the established deadline will result in \$100.00 in mitigating damages per day.

All bids are due by Close of Business June 30, 2023. Bids are to be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North Carolina, 28719. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Peanut Crowe. Project name, "Big Cove HIP 30-

C", should be noted in the upper left hand corner of the envelope. Cherokee Indian Housing Division reserves the right to not award this contract to the lowest bidder. Bids will be evaluated on price and the ability to mobilize on the job within a reasonable amount of time after being awarded the contract. The Cherokee Indian Housing Division considers one (1) week from receipt of the fully executed contract as a reasonable time frame. **6/28**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

### PINEY GROVE APARTMENT 11


Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals for the rehab and renovation of Piney Grove Apartment 11, located at 85 Big Cove Road Cherokee, NC 28719. This project is rehab and return to new condition. To obtain a scope of work and standardized

material list contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7097 or [peancrow@nsn-ebci.gov](mailto:peancrow@nsn-ebci.gov). For the bid to be responsive all bidders must submit the following:

1. Bid for labor only
2. Material list with item numbers
3. List of all tribal and non-tribal jobs with percentage complete.
4. Number of days to complete scope of work
5. How many days to mobilize after receiving fully executed contract

Housing has determined that this job will take weeks (4) of weeks to complete and will impose a performance deadline for the number of weeks indicated. Housing will also inspect the progress of the job once a week. Failure to meet the established deadline will result in \$100.00 in mitigating damages per day.


All bids are due by Close of



## 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](http://ebci-tero.com) to receive the job list for February 2023. Our office is located at 756 Acquoni Rd in Cherokee, NC.

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**TERO Job Bank**


If you are seeking employment and you are:


- An enrolled member of the EBCI
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- An enrolled member of another federally recognized tribe
- Spouse of an enrolled member of another federally recognized tribe

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

**Hillary Norville -TERO Job Bank Coordinator**  
828.359.6422  
[hillnorv@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:hillnorv@ebci-nsn.gov)

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## MUSEUM OF THE CHEROKEE INDIAN

Now Hiring

### Aniyuwiya Community Program Coordinator, Fundraising Assistant (Contract)

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian is currently accepting applications for two roles.

The Aniyuwiya Community Program Coordinator will plan and coordinate meaningful community-based programming. Full-time; comprehensive benefits and retirement package. Hiring Range: \$30,000—\$42,000; Salary Range: \$30,000—\$50,000.

The Fundraising Assistant will assist the MCI Executive Team and the MCI Board of Directors with fundraising goals as well as other relevant developmental goals. Contract; 10-20 hours per week. Flat contract rate between \$50/hour for a term not to exceed one (1) calendar year OR 600 hours.

Submit resume and cover letter prior to Friday, July 21 at midnight via [mci.org/employment](http://mci.org/employment).



Business June 30, 2023. Bids are to be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North Caroline, 28719. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Peanut Crowe. Project name, "Piney Grove Apartment 11", should be noted in the upper left hand corner of the envelope. Cherokee Indian Housing Division reserves the right to not award this contract to the lowest bidder. Bids will be evaluated on price and the ability to mobilize on the job within a reasonable amount of time after being awarded the contract. The Cherokee Indian Housing Division considers one (1) week from receipt of the fully executed contract as a reasonable time frame. **6/28**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**PINEY GROVE APARTMENT G**  
Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals for the rehab and renovation of Piney Grove Apartment G, located at 868 Big Cove Road Cherokee, NC 28719. This project is demo and restore to new condition. To obtain a scope of work and standardized material list contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7097 or peancrow@nsn-ebci.gov. For the bid to be responsive all bidders must submit the following:

1. Bid for labor only
2. Material list with item numbers.
3. List of all tribal and non-tribal jobs with percentage complete.
4. Number of days to complete scope of work
5. How many days to mobilize after receiving fully executed contract

Housing has determined that this job will take six (5) of weeks to complete and will impose a performance deadline for the number of weeks indicated. Housing will also inspect the progress of the job once a week. Failure to meet the

established deadline will result in \$100.00 in mitigating damagers per day.

All bids are due by Close of Business June 30, 2023. Bids are to be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North Caroline, 28719. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Peanut Crowe. Project name, "Piney Grove Apt G", should be noted in the upper left hand corner of the envelope. Cherokee Indian Housing Division reserves the right to not award this contract to the lowest bidder. Bids will be evaluated on price and the ability to mobilize on the job within a reasonable amount of time after being awarded the contract. The Cherokee Indian Housing Division considers one (1) week from receipt of the fully executed contract as a reasonable time frame. **6/28**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
**PINEY GROVE APARTMENT I**  
Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals for the rehab and renovation of Piney Grove Apartment I, located at 868 Big Cove Road Cherokee, NC 28719. This project is demo and restore to new condition. To obtain a scope of work and standardized material list contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7097 or peancrow@nsn-ebci.gov. For the bid to be responsive all bidders must submit the following:

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All bids are due by Close of Business June 30, 2023. Bids are to be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North Caroline, 28719. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Peanut Crowe. Project name, "Piney Grove Apt I", should be noted in the upper left hand corner of the envelop. Cherokee Indian Housing Division reserves the right to not award this contract to the lowest bidder. Bids will be evaluated on price and the ability to mobilize on the job within a reasonable amount of time after being awarded the contract. The Cherokee Indian Housing Division considers one (1) week from receipt of the fully executed contract as a reasonable time frame. **6/28**

**Request for Proposals**  
**General Notice**  
Qualla Housing Services (QHS) of the Cherokee Indian Housing Division is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for services and labor to be performed within the area of Swain and Jackson counties. The following scopes are:

- Paint three rental houses at the Wrights Creek Housing property and five rental houses at the Big Cove Housing property.
- Install metal roofing on three rental houses at the Wrights Creek Housing property and five rental houses at the Big Cove Housing property.

QHS reserves the right to reject all submissions. QHS reserves the right to not award any contract

to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under this RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Bid packages can be picked up at the warehouse or e-mailed to interested parties. Deliver sealed proposals to the QHS warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is July 14,2023 at 4:00 P.M. Please email Robert Welch at robewelc@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6344. **7/12**

## Good Housekeeping

### Make Ahead BBQ Chicken

It wouldn't be an American summer get-together without grilled chicken brushed with barbecue sauce. To help you enjoy more time with your guests and not worry about under cooking, we completely precook the chicken in the oven and keep it refrigerated up to 1 day. Then, when you're ready to dine, just warm up the chicken on the grill and brush on your favorite sauce.

#### OVEN-STEAMED CHICKEN

*Serves 12*

- 3 chickens
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- 2 lemons
- 1 large onion

1. Prepare oven-steamed chicken: preheat oven to 425 F. Arrange chicken quarters in large roasting pan (17 by 11 1/2 inches), overlapping pieces if necessary. Sprinkle chicken with salt; top with lemon wedges and onion. Cover roasting pan tightly with heavy-duty foil.

2. Oven-steam chicken 1 hour and 15 minutes or until juices run clear when thickest part of chicken is pierced with tip of knife, turning chicken over halfway through baking time to ensure even cooking. Discard lemon and onion. Refrigerate broth for use another day. Transfer chicken to large platter; cover and refrigerate until ready to grill.

3. Prepare covered grill. Place chicken on hot grill rack over medium heat; cover grill and cook 10 minutes, turning chicken over once. Cook chicken 5 to 10 minutes longer, turning chicken over occasionally and frequently brushing with barbecue sauce until chicken is heated through and sauce is browned. Heat additional barbecue sauce to serve with chicken.

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# Employment Opportunities

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

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- **Senior Concierge for Front Desk and operations support** – hospitality experience preferred
- **Concierge for Front Desk** – hospitality experience preferred
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**\*\*\*contingent on FT/PT and availability status**

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## Closing Sunday, July 02, 2023

1. Family Safety Case Aide – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
2. Family Safety Supervisor (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478)
3. Tribal Planner – Project Management – Operations (L14 \$52,349 - \$65,437)
4. Maintenance Utility Worker – Facility Management – Operations (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour)
5. Housekeeper I – Snowbird and Cherokee County Housekeeping – Snowbird and Cherokee County (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
6. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
7. Paralegal – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
8. Lead Maintenance Technician – Housing Property Management – Housing (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

## Open Until Filled

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





## CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

### EXECUTIVE:

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

### FINANCE:

Billing Analyst II \$19.66 - \$22.25

Patient Access Specialist – Emergency Hire - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

### 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 – Kanvwtotyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

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

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

Peer Support Specialist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Transportation Technician - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Residential Support Assistant Manager \$67,082 - \$83,852

Residential Clinical Manager - \$77,144 - \$96,430

Engineering

EVS - \$15.00 - \$16.77

### OPERATIONS

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

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67

Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Eye Clinic Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

Medical Technologist - \$28.68 - \$32.85

Medical Laboratory Technician - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Information Security Specialist - \$77,144 - \$96,430

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### MEDICAL

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

Physician – ER \$227,068 - \$283,835

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

### NURSING

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

Massage Therapist - \$50,723 - \$63,404

RN Care Manager – Primary Care \$31.06 - \$35.64

Registered Nurse – Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \*\$5,000  
Hiring Bonus

Registered Nurse – Emergency Room – Part Time Intermittent  
\$33.68 - \$38.72

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

Cook - \$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

**To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](https://careers.cherokeehospital.org)**

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





# Cherokee Central Schools

## Job Openings

Apply online at  
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or  
 visit: [www.ces-nc.org](http://www.ces-nc.org) for more information.

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

**Athletic Trainer**  
**K-5 Cherokee Language Teacher Assistant**  
**Cultural Coordinator**  
**Elementary Teacher**  
**Elementary Teacher Assistant**  
**9-12 Online Education and Career Development Facilitator**  
**9-12 Science Teacher**  
**9-12 Math Teacher**  
**9-12 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher**  
**6-8 Assistant Principal**  
**6-8 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher**  
**6-8 Special Education Pathseekers Teacher**  
**6-8 Math Teacher (Multiple)**  
**6-Hour Full Time Food Service Workers**  
**Part Time Substitute Food Service Workers**



## Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

**OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

Application and job description can be picked up from the receptionist at the Boys Club information window between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens.

Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian preference does apply in the filling of this position.

If claiming Indian preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

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Cherokee Boys Club  
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