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Remembering the fallen

Cherokee holds Memorial Day Ceremony

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – A gentle breeze blew over the Cherokee Veterans Park as over 100 people gathered to honor the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice. The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 held a Memorial Day Ceremony on the morning of Monday, May 29.

Post 143 Commander Lew Harding said in his opening remarks, "Today is Memorial Day, a day to honor all those who



During the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Cherokee Veterans Park on the morning of Monday, May 29, the Ringing of the Bell of Honor & Remembrance Ceremony, dedicated to the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who were killed in action, was held. Col. Bob Blankenship, right, U.S. Army (Ret.), read the list while Perry Shell, U.S. Army (Ret.), rang the bell in their honor and memory. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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Maj. Vaughn Benner, U.S. Army; Wendy Nevarez, U.S. Navy; Col. Bob Blankenship, U.S. Army; and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, U.S. Marine Corps, salute after placing a wreath during the ceremony.

MEMORIAL: Post 143 hosts Memorial Day event in Cherokee, *from front page*

have fought and those who have fallen to guarantee our freedom in this, our blessed country. The American Legion honors the commitment, dedication, sacrifice, and service of all the men and women who have served their country and, particularly on this day, we render honors and appreciation and gratitude to those who have lost their lives and paid the ultimate price. We pray for the Gold Star Families, those who are alive and remain, and who have relatives, friends, and loved ones lost in combat.”

“Today, we remember those fallen. They fought for all of us, and they fought more than most of us tend to remember. Through our tears, let us honor and cherish the ideals for which they fought and they died, and resolve, by word and deed, to be appreciative of the values that they demonstrated and the privileges of living in freedom in this wonderful country that is ours in America today.”

Commander Harding added, “There are no suckers and losers lying beneath the earth in Yellowhill or in the North

Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, or in Arlington, or in our community cemeteries around the (Qualla) Boundary. They are veterans and American heroes. Thank you for recognizing that and being here today.”

The Ringing of the Bell of Honor & Remembrance Ceremony, dedicated to the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who were killed in action, was performed by Col. Bob Blankenship, U.S. Army (Ret.), who read the list while Perry Shell, U.S. Army (Ret.), rang the bell in their honor and memory.

The list includes:

World War I: Steve Youngdeer (U.S. Army), Joe Kalonaheskie (U.S. Army)

World War II: Boyd Catt (U.S. Army), Jacob Cornsilk (U.S. Army), Adam West Driver (U.S. Marine Corps), James R. Lambert (U.S. Army), Samuel William Otter (U.S. Navy), Blaine Queen (U.S. Army), Mark Rattler (U.S. Marine Corps), Isaac Ross (U.S. Army), Joshua Shell (U.S. Army), Sheridan Smith (U.S. Marine Corps), Vernon George Sneed (U.S. Army), William Taylor (U.S. Navy), Enos Thompson (U.S. Army), Jeremiah Toineeta (U.S. Army), Robert Austin



The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Color Guard stands at attention during Monday's event.

Wahneeta (U.S. Marine Corps), Clarence Albert Murphy (U.S. Army)

Korea: Charles Arch (U.S. Marine Corps), Charles George (U.S. Army, Medal of Honor recipient)

Vietnam: John Burgess (U.S. Army), John Edward Oocumma (U.S. Army)

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, gave the keynote address, "I want to thank each and every one of you today for coming out here today to honor our fallen. Today, we stand upon hallowed and sacred ground, the Cherokee Veterans Park. This land was set apart as a permanent reminder, not only for our people, but for the thousands of people who drive by it every day that there is a cost to liberty, that freedom is not free."

"Upon these pillars of granite are enshrined the names of Cher-

okee men and women who have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States of America alongside the names of those Cherokees who made the ultimate sacrifice. Men like Medal of Honor recipient Charles George; men like Steve Youngdeer, Vernon Sneed, and Samuel Otter - men who died upon the seas and the fields of battle in lands far away."

He went on to say, "When I think about the bravery of this generation, how so many young men willingly placed their life in danger to defend this nation against all enemies foreign and domestic, I am inspired by their sense of duty and honor. The generations of the past understood how precious and fragile the gift of freedom is and that it must be defended at all costs."

Chief Sneed said it is important for the country to return to an "ethos of service, sacrifice,

duty, honor, and self-control" and noted, "We must know what our values as Americans are, and we must adhere to them."

"In short, we must live a life worthy of the sacrifices made by the men and women that we stand to honor today. For, if we do not, America, too, will go the way of so many nation states before us and the sacrifice of those we stand to honor today will have been in vain. While we have breath in our lungs, may it never be said of us, or this generation, that it happened on our watch."

During the ceremony, Commander Harding announced six new inductees into the Post 143 Veterans Memorial Museum Roll of Honor including: EBCI Beloved Man and former Principal Chief Robert S. Youngdeer, U.S. Marine Corps; Col. Bob Blankenship, U.S. Army, Vietnam combat aviator; Ray Kinsland, retired

general manager of the Cherokee Boys Club; Ken Blankenship, U.S. Army, Vietnam combat veteran and retired director of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian; Clyde Harrison, U.S. Marine Corps, recipient of the Silver Star and three Purple Hearts; and Reuben Taylor, U.S. Army, World War II veteran who fought at the Battle of the Bulge.

A ceremonial wreath laying was done during the event by Chief Sneed; Col. Blankenship; Maj. Vaughn Benner, U.S. Army; and Wendy Nevarez, U.S. Navy.

Phyllis Shell, U.S. Army veteran, sang two patriotic songs and Warren Dupree and Col. Blankenship read the poems "A Soldier" and "In Flanders Field" respectively. The Post 143 Color Guard posted the colors and rendered honors to the fallen. Maj. Benner provided both the opening prayer and the benediction.

Never forget

Here are a few more photos from the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Cherokee Veterans Park in Cherokee, N.C. on Monday, May 29.

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather



Council considers various referendum items

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Tribal Council considered several pieces of legislation involving potential referendum items during its regular session on Thursday, June 1. One of those was passed, and the other two were tabled for further discussion.

Res. No. 632 (2023), submitted jointly by Tribal Council Vice Chairman Albert Rose, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, and Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke, passed unanimously and approves a referendum question involving mixed alcoholic drinks.

The question reads as follows, “Do you support allowing the Trib-

al ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) Commission to issue mixed beverage permits for the sale of mixed beverages on tribal lands to qualified establishments including, but not limited to, restaurants, hotels, convention centers, and nonprofit organizations.”

Rep. Saunooke commented prior to its passage, “Currently, the restaurants and establishments around town are able to sell beer in their establishments once they get a license. This would just allow them to apply for a mixed-beverage license as well.”

Rep. Owle stated, “It gives another avenue of revenue coming in...it may bring in more restaurants as well.”

Res. No. 633 (2023), submit-

ted by Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy, sought a referendum involving the full legalization of cannabis on tribal lands, was tabled.

At the start of the discussion, Painttown Rep. Michael Stamper said the question itself needed clarification, “My question for this referendum is the question itself because I always ask is what kind of answer are you trying to get out of all of this? If we pass it with this question placed, what’s the end goal here? Are you trying to get recreational approved here, or are we trying to move in a different direction?”

As submitted, the question read, “Do you support legalizing the possession and use of cannabis for persons who are at least

twenty-one (21) years old, and require the EBCI Tribal Council to develop legislation to regulate the market?”

After some discussion, it was decided to amend the question replacing ‘EBCI Tribal Council’ with ‘EBCI Cannabis Control Board’. Council then approved to amend the question to read, “Do you support legalizing the possession and use of cannabis for persons who are at least twenty-one (21) years old?”

Following approval of that amendment, the legislation was tabled for further discussion.

Res. No. 627 (2023), submitted by the EBCI Office of the Attorney General, was tabled following a lengthy discussion. The legisla-



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tion sought to rescind Res. No. 150 (2022) and Res. No. 559 (2023), both of which approved questions that will appear on the September General Election ballot, and also add four questions in their place.

First off, Res. No. 559 was passed during the April 6 session and approved a referendum question simply asking voters whether or not they approve the proposed constitution.

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

- (1) Should the EBCI Charter and Governing Document be renamed to be the 'Constitution of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians'?
- (2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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, ex-

cluding 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.

Michael McConnell, EBCI attorney general, said at the beginning of the discussion, "The constitution, as written, there are substantive provisions in there that the AG's (attorney general) Office disagrees with that would be a very abrupt, dramatic change to tribal government and not only to tribal government, but I don't think the citizens of the Tribe are aware of the extent of those changes."

"The Constitution Committee is very strongly in favor of what they have presented. I respect that. I understand that. I disagree

with the substance. And, it's not just me. It's the AG's office."

EBCI Beloved Woman Car-maleta Monteith has worked with the Constitution Committee for years and is also a member of the Cherokee Community Club Council which submitted the constitution referendum question (Res. No. 559). She said, "The Cherokee Community Club Council had already rejected the idea of just changing the name (Charter to Constitution) and those three actions that he (McConnell) has proposed in here..."

She added, "It's my understanding that a Charter really is a license to do business. Schools have charters. Cities have charters. Corporations have charters. And, they're not intended to govern people; whereas, a constitution is. So, we rejected this because the Charter is not the voice of the people. It's the voice of the government."

After much discussion, the legislation was tabled for a work session. Four opposed tabling Res. No. 627 including: Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke, Wolfstown Rep. Mike Parker, Wolfstown Rep. Andrew Oocumma, and Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe.

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Principal Chief

Michell Hicks – 1,075

Richard Sneed – 548

Robert Saunooke - 441

Gary Ledford - 254

Gene Crowe Jr. - 141

Lori Taylor - 117

Vice Chief (no primary held, both candidates advance)

Alan B Ensley

Teresa McCoy

Birdtown

Jim Owle - 362

Boyd Owle – 358

Albert Rose - 253

Cyndi Lambert - 244

Joi Owle - 109

Big Cove (no primary held, all candidates advance)

Carla Pheasant Neadeau

Richard French

Perry Shell

Venita Wolfe

Painttown

Sean “Michael” Stamper - 239

Dike Sneed - 134

Jeff Thompson - 129

Carolyn West - 64

Andre Brown - 51

Richard Delano Huskey - 20

Yellowhill

David Wolfe - 191

Tom Wahnetah - 121

Stephanie Saunooke French - 107

T. W. Saunooke - 101

Ernest Tiger - 81

Snowbird/Cherokee Co. (no primary held, all candidates advance)

Janell Rattler

Adam Wachacha

Bucky Brown

Wolfstown/Big Y

Bo Crowe - 400

Mike Parker - 307

Andrew Oocumma – 305

Peanut Crowe - 156

Chelsea Taylor - 70

Qiana Powell – 22

School Board Yellowhill (no primary held, candidate advances)

Jennifer Lynn Thompson

School Board Painttown

Micah Swimmer - 162

Regina Rosario - 97

Keyonna Hornbuckle - 76

School Board Big Y (no primary held, both candidates advance)

Samantha Crowe-Hernandez

Tara Reed – Cooper

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Tuckaseigee River	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
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	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
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	See posted signs	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	BWO, Hendricksons, Dark Stone, Girdle Bugs, Frenchie, Hares Ear Soft Hackle, March Brown Soft Hackle, Elk Hare Caddis, Lite Cahill, Yallar Hammer

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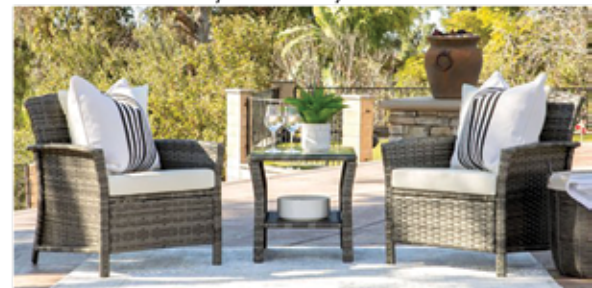


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A send-off event was held for the 2023 Remember the Removal Ride (RTR) at Kituwah on the evening of Friday, June 2. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians contingent is shown, left to right, Destiny Mills, Venita Wolfe, Nelson Lambert, Rae Queen, and Sunshine Parker. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

A journey of reflection

Cherokee cyclists retracing Trail of Tears on Remember the Removal Ride

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

KITUWAH – Ten Cherokee cyclists stood on the mound at Kituwah on a sunny, late spring evening preparing themselves for a journey through history and emotion. A send-off event was held for the 2023 Remember the Removal Ride (RTR) at Kituwah on the evening of Friday, June 2. Five cyclists from the Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians (EBCI) - Destiny Mills, Sunshine Parker, Venita Wolfe, Rae Queen, and Nelson Lambert - will join six cyclists and from the Cherokee Nation - Amaiya Bearpaw, Mattie Berry, Samantha Cavin, Kenzie Shell, Faith Springwater, and mentor Libby Neugin - in retracing the northern route of the Trail of Tears over the next several weeks.

The ride was first held in 1984, and this year is the 15th ride and the 11th ride in which EBCI tribal members have participated.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a 2014 RTR alumni, spoke during the event and gave a message to the riders, “I want to ask you to think, for just a moment, that while you’re on this journey that it is really all about reflection.

You’re going to have a lot of time to reflect. I know everyone likes to have their music. Turn that off from time-to-time and listen to the silence. Listen to just your voice. Listen to just your breath as you’re peddling and straining to climb hills in the heat.”

“Reflect on what an honor and privilege it is to be selected for this ride. You represent your family. You represent your tribe. And, most of all, you represent yourself because you are going to be forever changed at the end of this journey. Reflect on your own life. Reflect on how you’ve already changed through the training – how your heart has been opened with the knowledge that you need to know your own history, that we all need to know our own



The full 2023 Remember the Removal Ride team poses for a group photo with dignitaries. Shown, left to right, are Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, EBCI First Lady Colleen Sneed, Nelson Lambert, Rae Queen, Sunshine Parker, Venita Wolfe, EBCI Junior Miss Cherokee Ava Walkingstick, Destiny Mills, Amaiya Bearpaw, Libby Neugin, Cherokee Nation Junior Miss Cherokee Maysi Fields, Cherokee Nation Little Miss Cherokee Olivia Daugherty, Faith Springwater, Samantha Cav-in, Mattie Berry, and Kenzie Snell.

history and that that changes us. Reflect on our ancestors. Reflect on their strength, their tenacity, their perseverance.”

Will Chavez, a Cherokee Nation citizen and participant in the first RTR event in 1984, told the crowd, “It’s a memorial ride really. We honor our ancestors. Next year, we will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the first ride.”

Chavez said he recently spent time with RTR co-creator Michael Morris. “He told me the main reason for starting the ride was to get our trails marked by the federal government. All the way from here to Oklahoma, there were no markers for the trails our people took.”

“Three years later, in 1987,

Congress did finally allocate some funding to start marking the Cherokee trails. I like to think we had a part in that just because we were out there trying to bring attention to what happened to our people and the fact that those trails weren’t marked. So, nowadays, once we start in Georgia, you’ll see those brown and blue markers all the new from New Echota (Ga.) to Tahlequah (Okla.).”

Amy West, an EBCI tribal member, who went on the RTR ride last year, told the crowd about her experiences with the ride and said she came home a changed person. “As long as you’ve kept up with your training, physically, you

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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a 2014 RTR alumni, spoke during the event and encouraged the riders to reflect on themselves and the entire experience as they ride.



The riders are shown coming from the Kituwah Mound following a ceremony.

TRIDE: Send-off event held for 2023
Remember the Removal riders,
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are ready, trust me. You might feel like you're not the strongest rider, but you have a team and your ancestors to help carry you. I felt my strongest on my bike."

She said everyone has asked her what the hardest part of the ride was. "To me, it wasn't the riding. That was really easy. It was feeling how my ancestors struggled and knowing they traveled where you are riding. You will feel them every step of the way. Take it all in. Riding your bike is truly a luxury compared to what they endured. Remember that whenever you cannot pedal anymore."

The One Feather asked the EBCI riders their thoughts as they're about to embark on this journey. Here's what they had to say:

Destiny Mills, of the Wolftown Community, said, "I'm just really excited to get on the Trail and see what our ancestors went through. After learning all of the history and learning our genealogy, it just reminds me that this was real. This happened to our ancestors, and I think it is important that we remember it, remember them, and I'm super-excited to do that."

Rae Queen, of the Big Cove Community, said, "I'm just ready to make new friendships with the Cherokee Nation team and gain the knowledge and history that we didn't learn in school and just enjoy this journey and learn more about myself."

Venita Wolfe, of the Big Cove Community, said, "I am just thinking about getting on the road and doing the best ride we can each day and supporting each other throughout the entire ride. It's going to be a journey. I'm really

happy that Cherokee Nation is here and that we're all one team. Go Cherokees!"

Sunshine Parker, of the Yellowhill Community, said, "I think the biggest thought that we've been talking about is that it just came really fast – six months seemed like a long time out. Suddenly, we're two days out from leaving and just thinking about seeing all of the spots that we've learned about on the Trail and knowing where our ancestors were at...I'm excited to see Rattlesnake Springs because that's where Standing Wolf turned around and came back home, and that's my ancestor. So, I'm excited to see that and what that looks like...I think a chance to finally put a location to all of the things we've learned about. I'm excited. I'm ready to go."

Nelson Lambert, of the Birdtown Community, said, "There are

a lot of emotions and excitement. I know we're ready physically. We did a team-building earlier today, and we let some stuff out about why we are doing the ride." Lambert said one of his fears early on was not feeling the connection. "I was actually nervous about getting there and not feeling anything."

Prior to Friday's event, the riders had a private ceremony on the Kituwah Mound, and Lambert said that helped to squelch his fear. "Something touched me, and I wanted to share something with the group that I haven't shared with anyone...we haven't even started biking yet, and I already know that I'm going to get everything out of it that I wanted to get out of it and even more. When they talk it being life-changing, it already has been."

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New Staff



My name is Eric Mullen, and I am your local Agricultural Extension Agent working out of the Cooperative Extension office right here in Cherokee. I am originally from the Raleigh-Durham area and am a proud graduate of NC State, where I received a degree in Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems. Prior to coming to work with Extension, I interned

with the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle which is a non-profit organization that distributes food and provides community agricultural education in the triangle area. I am passionate about sustainable agriculture and excited to work with all the communities throughout the Qualla Boundary! I can be reached by telephone at the Cooperative Extension Office at 828-359-6928, or by email at demulle2@ncsu.edu



My name is Chris Textor. Recently, I had the great privilege and blessing to be hired as the North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension Office 4-H Extension Agent. I wanted to inform everyone a little bit about me and my background as well as and most importantly, the new and exciting things going on and coming up soon in the world of 4-H. I obtained my Bachelor of Science from Western Carolina University in 2018 and my Master of Arts from Carolina University on May 5th of this year.

There are a few exciting things going on with 4-H already. We have hit the ground running and are not slowing down. 4-H is hoping to host one South Korean and one Japanese student that will be living with a family on the Qualla boundary this summer. The goal of the program, which was started by NC State, is to give students across the world, an opportunity to experience American culture. I think the opportunity for two students to experience Cherokee culture and American culture through Cherokee eyes is a rare, once and a lifetime experience that I am so excited to get to be a part of and wish more students Across the world could be a part of. Another exciting thing starting soon will be archery club and the sewing club options. If you or your children, or children that you know are interested in being a part of 4-H, please contact me at cmtextor@ncsu.edu with any questions.



Roger Morton, of Dalton, Ga., was one of three anglers who won a \$500 prize for catching a tagged fish in the 2023 Memorial Day Fishing Tournament in Cherokee, N.C. over Memorial Day weekend. (EBCI Natural Resources photo)

FISHING

Nearly 600 anglers compete in Memorial Day Tournament

CHEROKEE, N.C. – A total of 583 anglers registered for the 2023 Memorial Day Fishing Tournament in Cherokee, N.C. over Memorial Day weekend. In all, 63 anglers turned in 104 tags for a total cash payout of \$4,650.

While no one caught the \$1,000 fish, three anglers turned in yellow tags worth \$500 each including: Roger Morton, Dalton, Ga.; Josh Sutton, Sevierville, Tenn.; and Louis Fracassi, of Wilkesboro, N.C. Four pink tags worth \$100 each were turned in by the following: Charles Crawford, Mathias, W.V.; Larry Hanes, Roxboro, N.C.; Louis Fracassi, Wilkesboro, N.C.; and Justin Jones, Bostic, N.C. 84 blue tags (\$25/each) and 13 orange tags (\$50/each) were also turned in during the tournament.

EBCI Natural Resources officials noted, "Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you to all the anglers who came out to fish with us this Memorial Day weekend. Join us again for our July 8-9 Tim Hill Memorial Tournament. Happy fishing everyone."

- EBCI Natural Resources release

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Cherokee Middle School 4th Quarter Honor Rolls

8th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Nayaa Addo, Sage Bark, Dillon Beam, Emilee Brady, Kymani Foalima, Christian Grant, Johnny Long, Jamee McMillan, Dawson Panther, Utsela Saunooke, O-ga-na Swimmer, Timpson Wildcat

Alpha Honor Roll: Tymius Allison, Jayden Bradley, Jarvis Brady, Livia Crowe, Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Chaz Martens, Cynthia Saunooke, Kingston Welch, Madigan Welch

Beta Honor Roll: Tori Ashford, Martin Arteaga, Brandon Blankenship, Elias Blankenship, Chloe Cooper, Ayaisha Driver, Jezakiah Driver, Nicholas Ensley, Kiowa George, Kayla Guillien, Zakya Hogner, Reggie Hyatt, Kyitan Johnson, Drallen Ledford, Chloe Locust, Christian Luna-Martinez, Emily Maney, Brandy Martinez, Russell McKay, Elizabeth Myers, Arden Palmer, Jade Palomo, Aaliyah Rogers, Kylen Sneed, Nicholai Solis, Joscelyn Stamper, Kaden Stephens, Addison Stewart, Zaynon Taylor, Journey Watty, Kaden Wolfe, Dalton Yates

7th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Khloe Cucumber, Zoe De Los Reyes,

Weston Fuson, John Gloyne, Jean Layno, Wakinyan Raines, James Smith Jr, Kimo Sokol, Alana Squirrel,

Alpha Honor Roll: Jessica Arsana, Zai Blythe, Lilly Bradley, Kahya Cucumber, Audree Edwards, Eloise Frady, Ledaina French-Bird, Gabrielle George, Olivia Huskey-Morales, Felix Lossiah, Lilly Lossiah, Jae McMillan, Karmelita Montelongo-Huerta, Derick Owle, Makenzie Sequoyah, Roxy Solis, Briann Teesteskie, Levi Trampler, Armani Watty

Beta Honor Roll: Ander Antone, Kyam Arch, Brody Armitage, Tsalagi Brady, Dana Bryant, Mack Burgess, Kiarra Caley, Kimberly Crowe, Mason Crowe, Colton French, Jose Garcia, Lydon Gloyne, Morgan Hernandez, Eva Hill, William Hoyle, Nanette Hull, Trenten Larch, Jay-Jay Ledford, Walela Ledford, Haley Locust, Keaton Locust, Rayden Locust, Elvia McCoy, Maddalen Mendia, John Morgan, Camaron Oocumma, Nicolas Paramo, Ernest Pheasant, Kahmera Pheasant, Meikka Pheasant, David Reed, Preston Roach, Aydn Sampson, Ivan Santos, Jovane Saunooke, Ashton Saylor, Kiara Sneed, Tomas Soap, Kylea Swayney, Marcelita Swayney, Caidyn Teesateskie, Jayanna Thompson, Laylah Thompson, Kaidyn Walkingstick,

Aliyah Watty, Cainyan Welch, Ezekiel Welch, William Welch

6th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Kellin Blankenship, Georgia Girty, Jeron Martens, Kalia Reed, Walker Sutton

Alpha Honor Roll: Jaylee Arch, Kayden Dial, Savannah Hornbuckle, Kennedy Moore, Theron Parker, Kirk Reed, Nyra Reed, Josue Rivera, Hailey Winchester

Beta Honor Roll: Jaymsey Armachain, Gabriel Arneach, Lauren Arsana, Nazari Bell, Tia Buchanan, Blaze Crowe, Cher, Samantha Cucumber, Genesis Ensley, Alaina Hull, Josiah Hull, Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Pheobe Littlejohn, Maya Lossiah, Colin Lossiah, Riley McCoy, Nina Montelongo, Ava Murphy Walkingstick, Janessa Owl, Mathias Palomo, Mckyan Panther, Andyn Pheasant, Boomer Pheasant, Janiyah Rattler, Simon Rincon-Wahnetah, Taytem Saunooke, Blake Sequoyah, Cambry Stamper, Elliott Wildcat, Marissa Wilson, Devyn Wittman, Ko'dee Wolfe, Trigger Young

New Kituwah Academy End-of-Year Awards

Kindergarten

Dᑖᑖᑖᑖ - Science most improved
Kᑭᑭ - Oginallii good friend award, syllabary award
ᑭᑭᑭᑭ - math most improve
ᑭᑭ - Cherokee language arts best overall, Art best overall, syllabary award, ELA highest
ᑭᑭᑭᑭ - top reader award, PE best overall, syllabary award, ELA best overall
DKT4 - Duyukdvi (Right Path award), syllabary award, ELA Most Improved
ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ - Math best overall, PE best overall, syllabary award
Aᑭᑭᑭ - Duyukdvi (Right Path

award), art most improved, syllabary award

Jᑭᑭ - overall most improved, best attendance

Dᑭᑭᑭ - Cherokee language arts most improved

TWᑭ - Science best overall, Agatliyi (Superhero award, Syllabary award).

First Grade

Diyelegi- Best overall art, best overall CLA, best overall ELA
Amagasga- most improved reader in Tsalagi, best overall art and music, Duyukdvi
Alsgisgi Yona- Most improved science, Duyukdvi
Yansa- most improved reader in Tsalagi, most improved art and music, duyukdvi
Alitami- best overall math, best Cherokee speaker
Gitaya- best attendance, best overall PE, fastest mile, ELA highest average
Inola- best overall reading in Tsalagi, most improved PE, most improved ELA
Elohi- best overall social studies. Duyukdvi
Saligugi- best overall science- best overall PE
Galvlodi- most improved math, most improved social studies, most improved CLA

Second Grade

ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ - CLA best speaker, best attendance, ELA best overall
4Wh - CLA best speaker, math most improved, responsibility character award
ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ - Social studies most improved, Science most improved
Dᑭᑭ - Top reader award Cherokee language arts, Compassionate character award, PE best overall, ELA most improved
Dᑭᑭᑭ - Math best overall, Cherokee language arts best overall, Social studies best overall, PE best



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overall, ELA highest average
 ᎠᎵᎠᎵ - Science best overall, Duyugvdi Right Path Award, Music and art best overall
 ᎠᎵᎠᎵ - CLA most improved, Perseverance character award, art and music most improved

Third Grade

ᎠᎵᎠᎵ - CLA best overall, 4H participation, social studies best overall
 ᎠᎵᎠᎵ - Activity best overall, 4H participation
 ᎠᎵᎠᎵ - 4H participation
 ᎠᎵᎠᎵ - CLA most improved, 4H participation, social studies most improved
 ᎠᎵᎠᎵ - Math most improved, PE under 10 min mile, 4H participation, science most improved, ELA most improved
 ᎠᎵᎠᎵ - CLA best speaker, 4H participation
 ᎠᎵᎠᎵ - Math best overall, best attendance, Dukdvi, activity best overall, PE best overall, 4H participation, science best overall, ELA best overall

Fourth Grade

Tsali – CLA best speaker, ELA top reader, 4H participation
 Katsi – Math best overall, CLA best overall, science best, 4H participation
 Walela – Math most improved, social studies most improved, 4H participation
 Wadaduga – CLA most improved, 4H participation
 Losi – ELA best overall, 4H participation
 Taya – Social studies best overall, ELA most improved, 4H participation
 Quanunasdi – Science most improved, 4H participation

Fifth Grade

Tsisdetsi – Duyukadvi, Honor roll, STEM club participant

Ganolegi – Math most improved, CLA most improved, Honor roll, STEM club participant, PE under 10 minute mile, Tribal council award
 Kvli – Fine arts most improved, PE best overall, STEM club participant, PE under 10 minute mile
 Diltadegi – ELA most improved
 Wanei – STEM club participant, PE under 10 minute mile
 Waya – ELA best overall, Honor roll best attendance, STEM club participant
 Wayasdi – Top reader, math best overall, science best overall, social studies best overall, Honor roll, fine arts best overall, PE best overall, STEM club participant, PE under 10 minute mile, Tribal council award.

Sixth Grade

Deluge – PE under 10-minute mile, CLA best overall, top reader award, ELA best overall, A-B Honor roll, fine arts best overall, science best overall, STEM club participant
 Kodesgi – PE best overall, ELA most improved, A-B Honor roll
 Ayvdagwalosgi – PE best overall, CLA most improved
 Tsuwa – PE under 10-minute mile, social studies best overall, A-B Honor roll, fine arts most improved, math most improved.

Museum requests community input for exhibit update

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Museum of the Cherokee Indian (MCI) is actively seeking input from the community for the update of its main exhibition. In the early phases of reimagining the exhibit, last renovated in 1998, Museum leadership will hold listening sessions at Cherokee's community clubs throughout the summer, encouraging members of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to share

their visions for a community-centered, community-voiced exhibit. The update is part of the Museum's ambitious plans to prioritize self-representation in its exhibits and offerings, create an accessible space for all Cherokee people, and increase the safety of the objects in its care using museum best practices and Cherokee cultural protocols.

"As Cherokee people, we have a history of coming to decision by consensus, which has not been the standard in mainstream museums," says Executive Director Shana Bushyhead Condill (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians). "In terms of exhibition research and design, it is definitely more time consuming of a process, but the result is more impactful. We are forging new paths in museums, and we want MCI to lead the way, with our community's help. We have the power and responsibility in our tribal museum to tell our own story, and the only way we can do that is with our community."

Director of Operations Michael Slee (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) and Director of Education Dakota Brown (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) presented the Museum's plans to solicit community feedback to EBCI Tribal Council on May 3. Listening sessions began at the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 on May 15, where staff engaged with veterans and chronicled the Cherokee tradition of service. Museum staff presented at Birdtown on June 5 and in Yellowhill on June 6. They will be present at community club meetings on the following dates and locations, with more locations and times to be announced:

* Tuesday, June 13, 6:30 p.m.: Big Y Community Gym

* Tuesday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m.: Big Cove

Community Building

* Tuesday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m.: Jacob Cornsilk Complex, Robbinsville

MCI leadership encourages all EBCI citizens to share the stories they hope to see represented in the exhibition, how the museum can better serve them, and what, in their eyes, would make the museum a welcoming space and source of community pride. Feedback can also be submitted electronically by visiting mci.org/feedback.

"It is our obligation to tell stories that reflect our community, and we can't do that without your input," says Director of Operations Michael Slee (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians). "MCI belongs to our community, and we are committed to ensuring that our people are reflected in the updated exhibit as well the forthcoming construction projects that MCI is working on."

As the exhibition renovation progresses, the Museum is simultaneously moving forward with the construction of an off-site collections facility near Kituwah. The EBCI issued a land use permit for the project in August 2022. The facility's construction answers an urgent need to provide safe housing for collections currently in MCI's care, create needed space for EBCI holdings currently housed off the Qualla Boundary, and increase access for tribal citizens. The Museum has entered into a preliminary contract with Cumming Group for the purpose of developing the cost and schedule for the collections facility and to provide substantive feedback for MCI's Board of Directors to help with a decision to renovate or replace the existing public Museum facility. Future listening session dates will be listed at mci.org/feedback.

- *Museum of the Cherokee Indian release*

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Exclusion List

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

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

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 Johnny Hartness – 2000



Perfect attendance

The following had perfect attendance for the New Kituwah Academy Early Childhood program for the month of May 2023. They are shown, left to right, front row - ᐆᐃᐃ-Christiano Ramirez, ᐃᐃᐃᐃ-Oakley Crowe, ᐃᐃᐃᐃ-Cameron Hemphill, ᐃᐃᐃᐃ-Carrson Crowe, ᐃᐃᐃᐃ-Daryn Lambert; back row - ᐃᐃᐃᐃ-Carolina Oocumma. (New Kituwah Academy photo)



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CHEROKEE GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 Annual EBCI Garden Contest

Registration now through Friday, June 23 at 4:30 p.m. Categories are organic and conventional gardens and are open to all age groups. Bonus points given for using the Garden Kit seeds. Categories: Youth gardens (17 and younger), Individual Garden, Senior Gardens (60-69, 70-79, 80-89, and 90+), Family Garden, Community Club Garden, Raised Beds and Other Recyclable Garden Beds. Cash prizes awarded for each category. Info: EBCI Cooperative Extension Center (828) 359-6939

Reward offered in Cherokee elk-poaching case

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

(55 Echota Church Rd.) that had been shot with an arrow. If anyone has information about the case, please contact EBCI Dispatch (828) 497-4131. Caller information will remain anonymous.

- *EBCI Natural Resources Dept.*

One Feather policy change

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

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Volunteers needed for Ramsey Cascades and Little Cataloochee trail rehabilitation

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Great Smoky Mountains National Park managers are recruiting volunteers to help the park's trail crews with rehabilitation projects on the Ramsey Cascades and Little Cataloochee trails. Volunteers

are needed every Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. anytime through September 2023. Volunteers must register in advance by contacting Trails and Facilities Volunteer Coordinator, Adam Monroe, by email or phone.

The two-year trail rehabilitation project on Ramsey Cascades Trail continues this year as part of the Trails Forever program supported by Friends of the Smokies. The four-mile Ramsey Cascades Trail is one of the most popular trails in the park and lies in the Greenbrier area. It is the only way visitors can access the 100-foot Ramsey Cascades, the tallest waterfall in the park. Rehabilitation will improve overall trail safety and protect the park's natural resources.

The Trails Forever program provides opportunities for both skilled and non-skilled volunteers to work alongside park crews in Tennessee and North Carolina to make lasting improvements to park trails. Volunteers will perform a wide range of trail maintenance and trail rehabilitation work depending on volunteer experience level, like installing drainage features, rehabilitating trail surfaces, constructing raised trail seg-

ments, and removing brush. While these jobs may vary in complexity, all Trails Forever volunteers must be able to hike at least four miles and safely perform strenuous and often difficult manual labor. Volunteers should be comfortable lifting heavy objects and using hand tools such as shovels, rakes, axes, and loppers. The park will supply all safety gear, tools, and equipment needed for the projects. Volunteers will need to wear long pants and sturdy, close-toed footwear and bring a day pack with food, water, rainwear and personal gear for the day.

The Trails Forever program is a partnership between Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Friends of the Smokies. To sign up for a workday or for more information, contact Adam Monroe (828) 497-1949 or Adam_Monroe@nps.gov. Prior notice of your attendance is mandatory for project planning. More information and Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <https://friendsofthesmokies.org/trailsforever/volunteer/>.

- *National Park Service release*

**Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143
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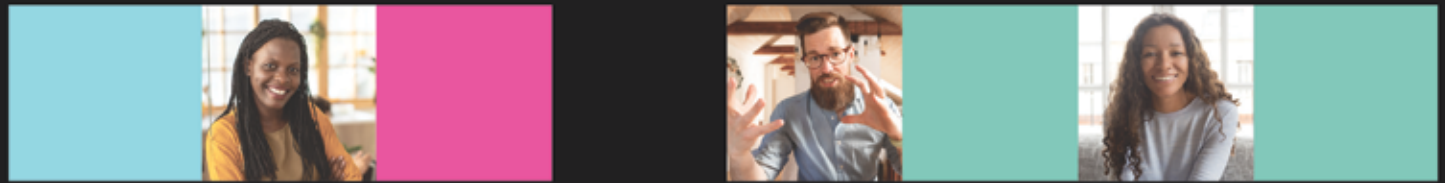
Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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 or message us on our Facebook page.





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



1. Beginning in 2025, should Tribal Council terms be changed from two years to four years, and result in the staggering of individual terms so that one seat in each community is up for election every two years?



2. Should Tribal Council representatives' terms be limited so that a representative may not be elected to serve more than eight consecutive years in office , excluding any time served by any representative as a result of a special election?

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Bethabara Baptist Church 1088 Birdtown Road Cherokee
Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church 6183 Big Cove Road. Cherokee
Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church 7710 Big Cove Road. Cherokee
Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church 960 Old Bryson City Road 3200 Acre Tract
Cherokee Baptist Church 812 Tsalagi Road Cherokee
Cherokee Bible Church Olivet Church Road Cherokee
Cherokee Church of Christ 2350 Old Mission Road and Hwy Cherokee
Cherokee Church of God 21 Church of God Drive Cherokee
Cherokee Church of the Nazarene 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road Cherokee
Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church Behind the Wolfetown Gym Cherokee
Cherokee United Methodist Church Hwy 19 - Soco Road Cherokee
Cherokee Wesleyan Church Hwy 19 across from Happy Holiday Campground Cherokee
Christ Fellowship Church Great Smokies Center Cherokee
Ela Baptist Church 4450 Ela Road Bryson City
Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ 87 Vinewood Circle Whittier
Goose Creek Baptist Church Goose Creek Baptist Church Rd Cherokee
Grace Community Church of Cherokee 84 Recreation Park Road Cherokee
Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries 1921 US 441 N Cherokee
Living Waters Lutheran Church 30 Locust Road Cherokee
Macedonia Baptist Church 1181 Wolfetown Rd Cherokee
Olivet United Methodist Church 811 Olivet Church Road Cherokee
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church 82 Lambert Branch Road Cherokee
Piney Grove Baptist Church Grassy Branch Road Cherokee
Rock Springs Baptist Church 129 Old Gap Road Cherokee
Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church 3755 Big Cove Road Cherokee
St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee 82 Old River Road Cherokee
Straight Fork Baptist Church Big Cove Loop Cherokee
Waterfalls Baptist Church Wrights Creek Road Cherokee
Whittier United Methodist Church 150 Church Street Whittier.
Wilmot Baptist Church Thomas Valley Road. Whittier
Wright's Creek Baptist Church Wrights Creek Rd. Cherokee
Yellowhill Baptist Church 28 Yellowhill (Peavine) Road Cherokee



COMMENTARY

The significance of signs

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

We live in interesting and, in some ways, frightening times. More and more, we find our way of life challenged, sometimes by individuals, sometimes by groups, sometimes even by the government. We don't go very long without some announcement in the news that something has gone wrong. We look for places of peace and times of security, and those have become more valuable than an extra dollar in the per cap or more free goods and services. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happi-

ness-words spoken of as unalienable rights given by the Creator, our Creator. Not privileges bestowed by a group or government in the form of charters or codes, but actual rights that each person enjoys regardless of the consternation of powers and principalities. Our leaders are telling us that our adult gaming monopoly in North Carolina has come to an end. Other tribes, state-recognized native entities, and even the state of North Carolina itself are moving to cash in on domain that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has enjoyed alone in western North Carolina for two decades.

In a recent public debate, Principal Chief Sneed mentioned that we, as a Tribe, knew these threats were coming long ago, but we were slow to react, for whatever reason,

and now we, too, are rushing to diversify and branch out in other industries and states (and countries) to offset anticipated losses from the competitive gaming launching in our market. Adult gaming has a profit margin so high that it is challenging to identify businesses that will ramp up quickly enough and generate the kind of revenue needed to maintain the way of life we are used to enjoying. So far, while the earning potential is there for these new projects of the Tribe, the initial impact is minute compared to the return currently being enjoyed by our on-Boundary casino operations. As this situation unfolds, more important than money may be time.

Attention to detail is a critical element in the planning and execution of anything, and it is

difficult to sustain, especially in an environment where there is routine leadership and employee turnover. Transition is the enemy of consistency, and consistency is necessary to produce good products and services for the community. It is important to have a good organizational chart and that the positions on the chart be filled with experienced and committed team members. The process starts and restarts every time there is a leadership change or change in personnel essential to the planning and execution.

The tribal government is juggling several balls, projects of both commerce and community service that keep staffing at the forefront of the Tribe's critical need list. Signs of the need for additional focus are obvious. Our Cherokee



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Fairgrounds went from an unsafe state of repair to hayfield in less than a year. Plans were developed to raze and then raise a new and improved layout for the property, but changing leadership, negative public sentiment, and an election year collided to kill the proposed design and sent the planning office and Commerce Division scrambling for a new plan. Now, varying estimates of time needed to complete the Fairgrounds have been shared, some as long as five years, particularly since partial plans are being shared with the community, indicating that the process is stalled in concept development. In the meantime, decades long third-party events, like the annual Gourd Gathering, are being lost to neighboring communities like Waynesville. On the event promoter's Facebook page, it now says, "The Gourd Gathering-formerly known as the Gourd Gathering at Cherokee".

I was attending an event at that Smoky Mountain Event Center, the new home of the Gourd Gathering, at a separate event and ran into one of the organizers of the gourd event. She said that they were getting some very negative feedback from having to move out of Cherokee, but they had no choice as no suitable venue

was offered to them after the Tribe shut down the Fairgrounds. Destination Marketing attempted to find a space that would work, but it was too little, too late. And so, we lost an important event to another municipality, one that is unlikely to return, even after the Fairgrounds is rebuilt - a two-decade-long relationship severed in less than a year. And these are the kinds of relationships the Tribe needs - vendors and promoters who rent the grounds and create a tourist draw with no or minimal cost to the tribe. The Tribe should be less in the business of creating and paying for events, and more in the business of hosting third-party event promoters and managers who create tourism draws at minimal cost to us. I hope Haywood County sends us a thank you note.

Years ago, the tourism office of the Tribe partnered with local businesses to create and maintain wayfinding signage. Businesses paid a small fee for having their brand names on directional signage. Many of you will recall the arrowhead signs that featured local businesses with arrows pointing out the way to get to them. Those days and signs are gone. Wayfinding signage is one of the detail items that seems inconsequential but has big time economic

impact.

For example, our casino gaming operation is, by far, the biggest attraction on the Qualla Boundary. It is critical that those who are potential patrons of that establishment get to where they are going. But signage in the town pointing folks to the casino is all but non-existent. I've had tourists stop me on the bridge at the Museum intersection, asking for directions to the casino. What few wayfinding signs we have are faded, worn, moss and mold covered, in some cases outdated, and in many cases hidden by kudzu. And while Cherokee still has a Chamber of Commerce, it has no funding, authority, nor manpower to address the wayfinding signage issues. Hopefully, there is a way that some partnership may be made between business and government to reconstitute the Chamber of Commerce because the Tribe's tourism strategy, particularly the signage plan, is too important to allow to flounder.

Staffing and adequate resources are key needs for first analysis and then provision. Filling key positions and ensuring that those positions' descriptions are specific and detailed to perform tasks in support of a detailed strategy will provide a much-needed boost

to the tourism effort and overall economy of our tribe. And if we may apply resources needed to market our event venues (and yes, we must move forward with fast-tracking the Fairgrounds rebuild) and wean ourselves from spending significant budget dollars on creating and executing events, then we will see true return on investment in our communal economic development projects. And any fully tribally-funded events should be fully staffed and have enough budget to provide the target audience with the experience they come for. Cost cutting and austerity measures should not include negatively impacting the visitor experience. From marketing to execution, guests should receive a premium experience at our events and attractions. Just ask Harrah's if they skimp on the customer experience.

"Sign, sign. Everywhere a sign. Blockin' out the scenery, breakin' my mind. Do this, don't to that. Can't you read the sign?" We, as a Tribe, must stop being reactive and focus on being proactive. The economic war of our tribe won't be won with poor work ethic and lack of attention to detail. We absolutely must focus, plan, then execute. Here's your sign.



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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Faith is what is always needed...

By TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Corinthians 1:26; 1 Corinthians 14:33; Jonah 1.

“Father, we thank you for this time together, today. We pray You’d allow the Word of God to come to life on the inside of every hearer around the world this day. I pray, Father, that the Power of the Gospel would indeed reach all the way into the hearts of the men, women, and children, to move and to shake them, O God, from their very core. I pray, God, that as we preach today, it wouldn’t be by the voice of a man, but I pray, Holy Spirit, the Real Preacher, and Teacher, would show up and speak a powerful Word into this House today. We give You Glory, Honor, and Praise, and everybody says. Amen.”

Added, Pastor Tim, “I want to spend some time here today because the Truth is there are so many voices that each hears day in and day out, we must ask, is this True? I realize one is saying this, and another is saying that, and so many times, the voices that we hear don’t even make sense. It doesn’t always add up. So today I want to focus on three of the voices we hear, even this day.

“First, I want to focus on the Voice of God. I want to share with you five things from the Scripture that teaches us how to discern the Voice of God.

“Then I want to talk about the voice of the devil. I’m going to show you five things that I’ve

discovered out of the Word of God, that’ll help each of us know when it’s the voice of the devil.

“And, then there’s the third one, which is perhaps even tougher to discern than the first or the second. It’s your own voice in your own head. How many of you have trouble with that one?

“I do have to admit it’s the one that can cause me the most trouble, when I look at Hebrews, Chapter 5, and I get to Verse 14, He tells me that we must “exercise our senses” to discern the good and the evil.”

In other words, there are voices that are coming in and out, day in and day out, and one has to be able to decide, “Was that the Voice of God, was that Tim, or was that the devil?

These are real voices that we need to learn to discern. Now

we’re going to do some real traveling in the Bible, back and forth and we’re going to see what He has said.

If you’re taking notes today, then here is #1. The Voice of God always brings Peace. The Bible will teach us through Peace. He will rule by Peace as in all churches of the saints. Sometimes we need more teaching and clarification, to really know what God is saying to us.

When God said here, through the writing of Corinthians, He told us, “I did not come to bring confusion into your life, but He did not say, that one would not be confused.

If one doesn’t understand what God is saying, He knows every language on this planet and even some that we don’t even know. If He’s trying to say something to a

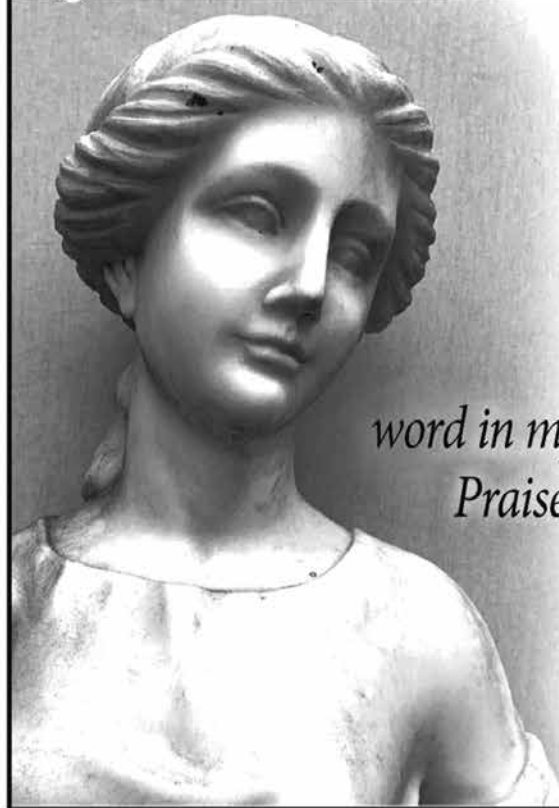
person, He knows how to say it to them. If it’s taken one’s whole life to figure it out, then it’s probably not from God. Our God is not the God of confusion.

One can go through a storm and still stay in the center of God’s Will. In other words, one can go through a mess and still be in God’s Will where one is still supposed to be, and they will still know it by the Peace that’s inside of them.

All that went on in our lives this year was a real storm, but we could look up each day and see God there. He still holds us in His Peace. Even in that rough patch, we came through, we also saw our God standing there, directing that storm, and we realized that the God of our Peace still holds us, with our hands in His.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees.

Psalm 119: 9-12



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Super Crossword

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"... the
Chamber
of Secrets,"
etc.
26 Carpentry file
27 Mr. Chips
player Peter
28 Desert of the
Southwest
29 Harm's way
30 Fashion line?
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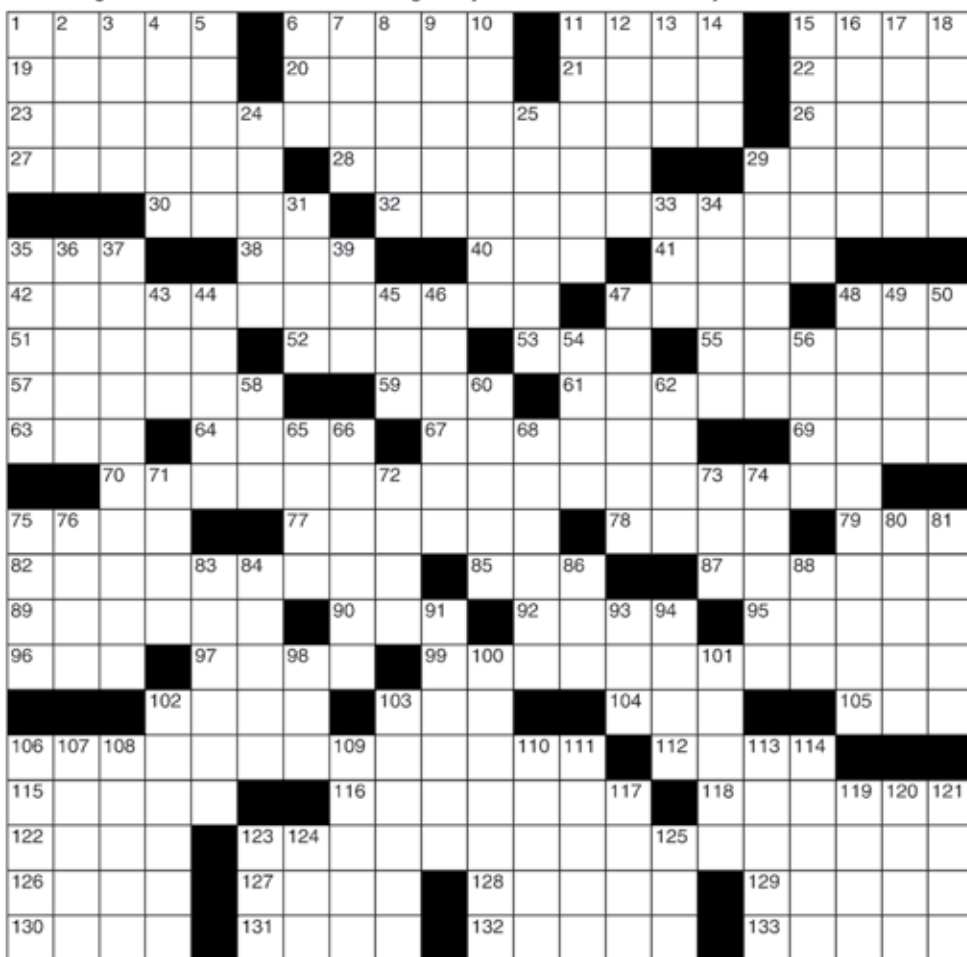
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Cibola, etc.
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48 Lilt syllable
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52 Stole third,
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55 Adorable
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57 Like tornado
winds
59 WWII prez
61 C1, C2, etc.
63 Mao — -tung
64 "Beetle
Bailey" dog
67 Hope that
one may
69 Uber rival
70 Great
Pyramid
of Giza,
Colossus of
Rhodes, etc.
75 "Very funny!"
77 Heavenly
78 Gin fruit
79 Paranormal
skill, in brief
82 "Infant,"
"whining
school-boy,"
etc.
85 Albeit, for
short
87 Boxer's
combo

89 Singer
Franklin
90 Photo
badges, e.g.
92 Rockies
ruminants
95 Distant Nin
96 "My Gal —"
97 — Mawr,
Pennsylvania
99 Envy,
gluttony, etc.
102 Trilogy, often
sorts
103 Furious
104 Little peeve
105 See 25-Down
106 Red, orange,
etc.
112 Barber's
sprinkle-on
115 Jetson tyke
116 Criticize
petulantly
118 "Eh Cumpani"
singer Julius
122 Petri dish
stuff
123 100-meter
hurdles, high
jump, etc.
126 Romantic
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127 Provo's state
128 "... his wife
could —
lean"
129 Justice Dept.
employees
130 Plum pit,
e.g.
131 Makes illegal
132 Acting Buddy

133 Number of
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3 Bullring bull
4 Italian coins
5 Shag or bob
6 Siouan
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7 Witty sayings
8 These, in
Acapulco
9 Actress Davis
10 Extremely
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clinking
glasses
12 45 player
13 "A mouse!"
14 Marks, as a
ballot
15 Consents
(to)
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17 Elementary
18 Abundant
24 Anjou and
Bosc
25 With
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printing, for
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31 Bovine
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35 Brilliant
success
36 Looks at
37 Driving a car
39 Browns' org.
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company
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46 Rated most
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47 Sharp range
ridges
48 Minutia
49 Moray milieu
50 The "A" of
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54 Sacred
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cross
56 Cost to cross
58 Brit's "Inc."
60 Size again
62 Hood for a
monk
65 Be rife (with)
66 Consecrate
68 Acid artisan
71 Hops kiln
72 FedEx, say
73 Hugs, in a
billet-doux
74 Of kidneys
75 Actor Lukas
76 Indian tourist
city

80 Sty dwellers
81 Sheriff's band
83 "Wow!"
84 Partner of
Wells
86 Outmoded
88 USN jr.
officer
91 Justice
Antonin
93 Family
94 Sulky mood
98 Veer, as a
ship
100 Many an
orphan, in
time
101 "Therein
lies —"
102 Sawed logs
103 12 in a year
106 Digests a
digest, say
107 Pool film
108 Furious
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110 Detox place
111 Epsom —
113 Molten flows
114 Minos' island
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119 "As seen —"
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

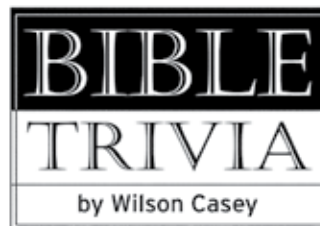
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Esther in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. From the first chapter of James, what kind of man is like the waves of the sea? *Righteous, Doubting, Jealous, Sleeping*
3. Which apostle was a tax collector from Capernaum? *Andrew, John, James, Matthew*
4. From Acts 16, Lydia was a seller of ...? *Perfumes, Water, Sandals, Purple*
5. Oholah, Oholibah and Rahab were all ...? *Queens, Prostitutes, Priests, Vineyards*
6. From what church was Silas? *Unity, Bethany, Antioch, Trinity*

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1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country owns the Canary Islands?
2. MOVIES: Which movie features the song "Moon River"?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "non ducor, duco" mean in English?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of ducks called?
5. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features a character called Sethe?
6. TELEVISION: What drive-in diner is featured in the 1970s TV sitcom "Happy Days"?
7. MUSIC: When did Lynyrd Skynyrd's anthem "Sweet Home Alabama" chart in the Top 10?
8. U.S. STATES: Which state's motto is "Eureka"?
9. HISTORY: When did Wyoming give women the right to vote, hold public office and own property?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had an estate called The Hermitage?

See answers on page 28

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

Christian Veterinary Mission

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

- Cherokee Clinic. June 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. This is for residents of the Qualla Boundary. Info: Tammy Jackson 788-0878 or Scott Hill 508-7836

Annual Kituwah Celebration.

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

Flag Retirement Ceremony.

June 14 at 5 p.m. at the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 headquarters at 1526 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. If you have a flag that has become worn, torn,

faded, or badly soiled and would like it to be properly retired, bring it to the Post from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Gregory Hunt (828) 342-2024 or n8tvwarrior@outlook.com

Trail of Tears Walk. June 17 starting at 301 Sweetwater Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. Registration is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The 4-mile walk will start at 10 a.m. This event is dedicated to the memory and work of EBCI Beloved Woman Shirley Jackson Oswalt. All donations will go to Snowbird Cherokee Traditions Corporation that supports the Cherokee Language Summer Camp and also funds the Shirley Oswalt Scholarship annually. Donation to walk is \$30/adult and \$20/children (three or more children \$15/each) and includes a t-shirt, food, education, and fun. For donations or questions, call Erik Oswalt (828) 735-4563 or Leslie Oswalt McEntire (828) 735-2063

NAIWA Blueberry Festival.

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

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Makannah Craft Wrestling Camp, Champions Training

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

UPCOMING POW WOWS

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

Spavinaw Pow Wow & Indian

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

headspavinaw.com

26th Annual Peoria Pow Wow.

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

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Pow

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

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

ESTES	OMEGA	APEX	ABBA
CLOUT	TOSEE	THEE	GLAM
HARRY	POTTER	BOOKS	RASP
OTOOLE	SONORAN	PERIL	
SEAM	SAGES	FGREECE	
EVA	RON	ENT	OLE
CITIES	OF	GOLD	APUP
LETIN	SLID	AAR	CUTIES
AWHIRL	FDR	NECK	BONES
TSE	OTTO	SEEKTO	LYFT
WONDERS	OF	THE	WORLD
HAHA	EDENIC	SLOE	ESP
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SAGA	MAD	NIT	LEE
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Doubting; 3) Matthew; 4) Purple; 5) Prostitutes; 6) Antioch

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

- Spain
- "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
- "I am not led, I lead"
- A raft
- "Beloved"
- Arnold's
- 1974
- California
- 1869
- Andrew Jackson

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

SC: gatsv? Where?

SC: PS gatsv hega? Where are you going?

SC: DAS gatsv anega? Where are they going?

"Words from Garfield Axe Long, Jr 2008 online class"

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

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

22nd Annual Miami Nation Pow Wow. June 23-24 at the Miami Nation Arena in Miami, Okla. MC: Juaquin Hamilton-Youngbird. Head Southern Singer: Rusty Cozad. Host Northern Drum: Young

Buffalo Horse. Info: Julie Olds (918) 541-3131, jolds@miamination.com

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

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

Come Read with a Dog. Mondays at 4 p.m. at the Jackson

See **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Recently obtained information could open a new opportunity for a career change. But temper that Arian impatience and act on it only when all the facts are made available.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're moving into a more active cycle. So put your ideas back on the table, where they'll be given the attention they deserve. Expect a favorable change in your love life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A friend might ask for a favor that you feel would compromise your values. Best advice: Confront him or her and explain why you must say no. A true friend will understand.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A relationship continues to develop along positive lines. Meanwhile, a job situation is brewing that could create complications for one of your pet projects. Look into it right away.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your interest in a co-worker's project could lead to a profitable experience for you both. But before you agree to anything, be sure to get all your legal I's dotted and T's crossed.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful whose counsel you take about a possible long-distance move. Some advice might not necessarily be in your best interest. Stay focused on your goals.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone might try to complicate efforts in an attempt to work out that confusing job situation. But don't let that keep you from sticking with your decision to push for a resolution.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A disagreement on how to handle a family problem could create more trouble for all concerned. Look for ways to cool things down before they boil over.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected change in long-standing workplace procedure and policy could provide a new career target for the Archer to aim at. Start making inquiries.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're finally able to get back into the swing of things, as those temporary doldrums begin to lift. Expect some surprising disclosures from a new colleague.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your innate sense of justice to see you through a dilemma involving a family member. Other relatives who've stood back soon will come forward as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new friend seems to be pushing you to take risks — financial or otherwise. Best advice: Don't do it. They might have a hidden agenda that hasn't surfaced yet.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to see new places and meet new people. Have you considered working for an airline or cruise-ship company?

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Most VA, DoD Health Records Aren't Accurate

It can be a big problem when you need medical care and the electronic health records sent from one provider to another contain inaccuracies. Unfortunately, a Department of Defense Inspector General audit showed this is happening in far too many active-duty and veterans records.

After sending surveys to 7,387 health care providers in late 2020 asking about their ability to access health care information for both DoD and Department of Veterans Affairs patients and whether that information was accurate, the DoD recently reported that:

— 91.2% of DoD patient records were inaccurate or incomplete.

— 67.5% of VA patient records were inaccurate or incomplete.

— 93.9% said that it impacted patient care, including giving an inaccurate or incomplete diagnosis.

The inaccurate or missing information included problems and conditions, lab results, medications and much more.

Over at the VA, they've known for a long time that they needed to upgrade their 40-year-old computer system and proposed to merge with the DoD's system. That got started in 2018. They would begin with one facility as a test.

In 2020, the VA Office of the Inspector General was tasked with finding out one overriding answer: Is it all going well at the test site before they open the system at the 174 VA medical centers, as well as the 1,577 other sites?

The answer, in a word, no.

The ill-timed pandemic no doubt kept most workers at home, especially in the beginning. But they've made progress. Just recently, the VA brought online its third site with the new system to track and store patient data.

Thoughts: Keep track of your records ... and whether they're accurate. Carry a 3x5 card in your wallet listing your drugs and dosages, conditions and surgeries. When you go to a medical appointment at a VA facility, ask for verification that their records are correct. The last thing you need in an emergency is for your medical records to be inaccurate.

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Look Into Crowdfunding to Rehome Inherited Pets

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm writing in regard to the person who "inherited" her relative's pets but is unable to keep them. While directly posting the pets for adoption on social media may not be a good option for all of the reasons you previously listed, I do think there's an opportunity for Sherrie to harness the reach of those platforms to raise the money she needs to get them rehomed properly and to cover their medical care. I'm continually amazed (and encouraged) by the kindness of strangers on GoFundMe pages for pets. — *Lauren P.*

DEAR LAUREN: That's certainly an option to cover the cost of their care. Crowdfunding is an increasingly popular way to quickly raise cash to cover pets' medical needs and care needs. GoFundMe has dedicated a page with several ideas for pet fundraising: <https://www.gofundme.com/c/fundraising-ideas/pets>, and there is even a pet-specific crowdfunding organization, Waggle: <https://www.waggle.org>, which helps owners raise money for pets' medical procedures.

To crowdfund a pet's care and treatment, do plenty of research first. Look at active fundraisers to see what messages are effective and double-check the rules about pet fundraising at each crowdfunding site.

To rehome a pet, there is at least one online resource that may be helpful. Adopt-A-Pet and Petco's rehome service (<https://rehome.adoptapet.com/>) is a go-between service that helps owners connect with people who are looking to adopt.

I still recommend that Sherrie contacts the local shelter to get information about rehoming or, if all else fails, surrendering the pets safely to the shelter. But the above options may be a great help as she hunts for new owners for her relative's pets.

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

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EVENTS: From page 29

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.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Gourd Gathering at Cherokee is moving to the Smoky Mountain Event Center (aka Haywood County Fairgrounds) in Waynesville, N.C. June 7-11. Consider teaching, vending, and/or attending. Follow the event on Facebook at The Gourd Gathering. For updates, sign up for the newsletter at gourdgathering.org.

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

Swain County Democratic Party meeting. June 12 at 7 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope Street in Bryson City, N.C. Items include discussion community events and planning future activities. All are welcome. Info or to request a link to join the meeting virtually, call 488-1234 or email

SwainCountyDems@gmail.com

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.

Jazz Cats to play at Library. June 16 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. The Jazz Cats, area jazz quarter, will perform classic jazz music, featuring songs from the swing and bossa nova eras. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library and the Jackson County Arts Council. Info: Jackson County Public Library (828) 586-2016 or email jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org

5th Annual Blue Ridge Heritage Weekend at the Shelton House. June 16-17 at the Shelton House in Waynesville, N.C. This event is open to the public with artists, food vendors, and Appalachian music on the front porch of the 1875 home. The event is free, but donations are welcome and go to the preservation of this historic site. Info: info@sheltonhouse.org

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

Washington County (Tenn.) Heritage Fair. Sept. 1-2 in Jones-

borough, Tenn. This event is being hosted by the Jonesborough Genealogical Society, and organizers are looking for living historians, artisans, and heritage organizations to participate. Info: chadfredb@gmail.com

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

SUPPORT GROUPS
Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: www.AAwnc80.com

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

through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

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

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Don't forget to enter your garden in the 2023 Annual EBCI Garden Contest!

Categories are Organic and Conventional Gardens and open to all age groups. (Bonus points given for using the Garden Kit Seeds.)

- YOUTH GARDENS (17 AND YOUNGER)
- INDIVIDUAL GARDEN
- SENIOR GARDENS (60-69, 70-79, 80-89, AND 90+)
- FAMILY GARDEN
- COMMUNITY CLUB GARDEN
- RAISED BEDS AND OTHER RECYCLABLE GARDEN BEDS

Cash prizes awarded for each category

Registration will begin on June 1, 2023 and end on June 23, 2023 @ 4:30pm

For more information, contact the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center at 828-359-6939



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EMPLOYMENT

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

Telecommunications Specialist
Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the KG3 office building between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or email Maggie Toineeta at maggie.toineeta@kituwahag3.com This position will close to applications on May 31, 2023. Indian prefer-



Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities: **Open until filled.**

Floor Staff - \$10.00hr - Part Time

Cleaning Staff - \$12.00 - Full Time

Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 37 Tsalagi Road, Old Chestnut Tree Motel

If you have any questions, please call Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553.

ence does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will be accepted in conjunction of all applications. **6/7**

VOC Summer Youth Program

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

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

For more information, please call 828-497-9827 or come by VOC to pick up an application. **6/7**

Weekend Workers

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

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 23-048

In the Matter of the Estate of William Dwight Beck

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

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

RFPs, BIDs, etc.

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Court is now taking resumes for a part-time Magistrate. This position will substitute for the full-time magistrates at the Cherokee Court while the magistrate is on leave status. Familiarity with the Cherokee community and with a court system (state, federal, or tribal) is preferred. Ability to work with the public and handle conflicts is required. Following training, this position will have full authority to make all magistrate related decisions, including issuing warrants and subpoenas, and other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice. Education and experience: Requires any combination of at least four (4) years practical work experience or education in a legal or law enforcement related field. Position will require both in-office and on-call performance of duties.

Interested individuals should submit the following:

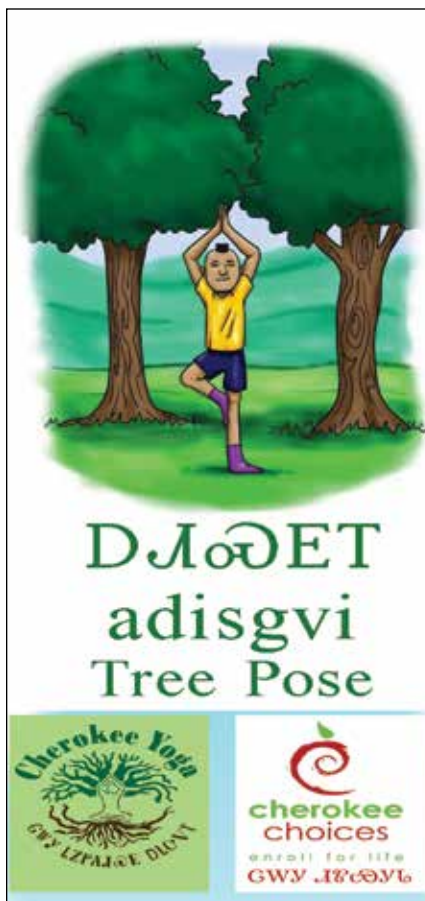
- Name and Contact Information
- Relevant Work Experience
- Copies of Certificates

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before June 9, 2023, will receive priority over later submissions. Please email, mail or fax to: Amber Shuler, Court Administrator ameshul@ebci-nsn.gov
PO Box 1629 Cherokee, NC 28719
(828)359-0012 (fax) This is a solicitation of proposals and not an of-

fer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **6/7**

Request for Proposals

Housing Management Software
Department: Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) Start Date: 05/25/2023 8:00 AM EST Close Date: 06/9/2023 4:00 PM EST The Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is accepting proposals and qualifications for public housing software, installation, training, and technical support. • CIHD will evaluate the bids based on the sum of the "Total Bid" for the Project. • CIHD reserves the right to reject any or all of the project bids or bidders. • There will be a required Demonstration; please email Jonathan Rattler at jonaratt@ebci-nsn.gov to schedule. Bids will be opened on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 9:00 AM EST. **6/7**





Employment Opportunities

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

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

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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

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

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



Tribal Employment Rights Office

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

Now Available - TERO's Job Listing



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

TERO Job Bank

If you are seeking employment and you are:

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

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

Hillary Norville -TERO Job Bank Coordinator

828.359.6422

hillnory@ebci-nsn.gov

Douglas McCoy -TERO Job Bank Coordinator

828.359.6478

dougmcco@ebci-nsn.gov



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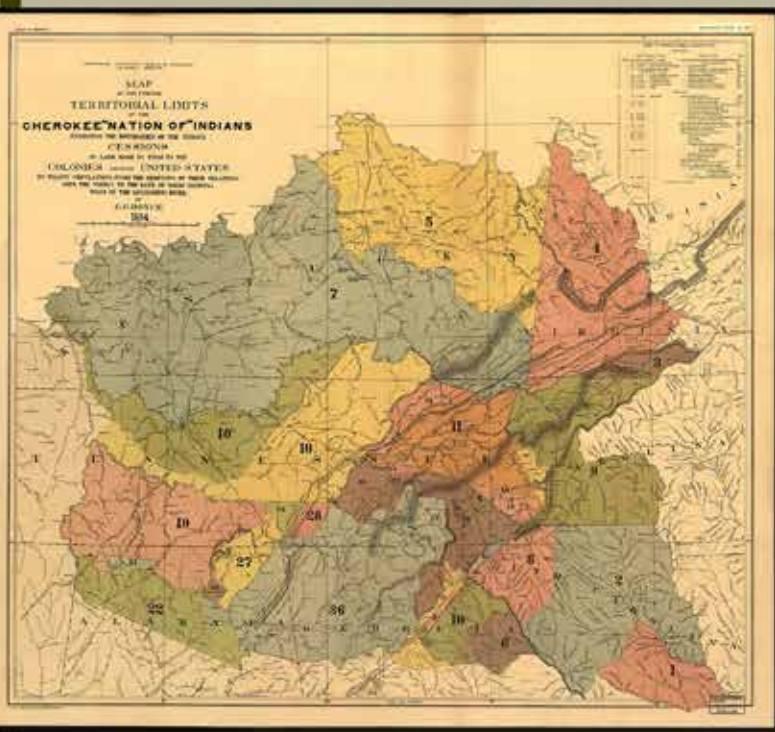
Cherokee Ancestry

About 200 years ago the Cherokee Indians were one tribe, or "Indian Nation" that lived in the southeast part of what is now the United States. During the 1830's and 1840's, the period covered by the Indian Removal Act, many Cherokees were moved west to a territory that is now the State of Oklahoma. A number remained in the southeast and gathered in North Carolina where they purchased land and continued to live. Others went into the Appalachian Mountains to escape being moved west and many of their descendants may still live there now.

Today, individuals of Cherokee ancestry fall into the following categories:

1. Living persons who were listed on the final rolls of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (Dawes Commission Rolls) that were approved and descendants of these persons. These final rolls were closed in 1907.
2. Individuals enrolled as members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina and their descendants who are eligible for enrollment with the Band.
3. Persons on the list of members identified by a resolution dated April 19, 1949, and certified by the Superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes Agency and their descendants who are eligible for enrollment with the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indian of Oklahoma.
4. All other persons of Cherokee Indian ancestry.

Source: US Department of the Interior
Map: CC Royce, circa 1884





CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EXECUTIVE:

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

FINANCE:

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25

Patient Access Specialist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

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

Payroll Officer - \$24.55 - \$27.99

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 – Kanvwtiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

Inpatient Technician – FT and PTI - Analenisgi

Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26

OPERATIONS

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

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67

Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

Eye Clinic Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Physical Therapy/Wound Care Case Manager – \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

Medical Technologist - \$28.68 - \$32.85

Medical Laboratory Technician - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Phlebotomist – PTR - \$17.12 - \$19.26

MEDICAL

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

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

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

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

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

NURSING

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

Manager of Professional Nursing Development - \$77,144 - \$96,430

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

RN Supervisor – Satellite Clinics \$36.56 - \$42.11

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

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

Registered Nurse - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - *\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (Night shift)

Registered Nurse – Immediate Care Center \$31.06 - \$35.64 - *\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

Nursing/Medical Administrative Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - *\$3,000 Hiring Bonus

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

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

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

Housekeeper - \$15.00 - \$16.77

Tribal Option

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

Tribal Option Administrative Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

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KITUWAH LLC

Kituwah, LLC. has the following jobs

Housekeeper – Ela Campground – Responsible for cleaning cabins up to standard within a timely manner, ensuring the campground and common areas are clean and attractive and light groundskeeping. You must be well-organized, have a keen eye for detail, good physical stamina and be able to complete tasks with little to no supervision. Open Till Filled

Store/Reservation Clerk – Ela Campground Responsible for providing courteous and helpful customer service, stocking store, maintaining cleanliness of store. Help guests to reserve & register for their camping experience both in person and via the telephone. Responsible for providing courteous and helpful customer service, stocking, maintaining cleanliness of store and stockroom. Open Till Filled

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

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



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Male-Deceased Ethnicity: unknown Estimated Age Group: Adult-Pre 50
Age Range: 25-50 Height: Cannot Estimate Weight: Cannot Estimate
Condition: Not recognizable

Hair: Brown (dark mustache and goatee) Eyes : Unknown

Body Found: May 29, 2023

Location Found: Corona, New York

Circumstances of Recovery: Unknown male recovered from the water near La Guardia Airport in Queens. There are no leads to his identity. Multiple tattoos on the neck, chest, back shoulders including: skull with wings and a rose on front of neck, possible wolf from Norse mythology on right shoulder, "Jane" on back of the right shoulder. Clothing: dark blue t-shirt with "Lincoln Handball" written on the front; white metal thick loop earring in the right ear.

If you any information on this person, contact the Office of the Medical Examiner New York City (212) 447-2030.

Source: Namus.gov



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

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

2020-2022 complaints and reports

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

1,160 vacation-related Scam TrackerSM reports

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

Source: Better Business Bureau



The industry

Timeshare sales in 2021:

\$8.1 billion

Average timeshare cost:

\$24,140

Source: American Resort Development Association (ARDA)

Watch out for:



Robocalls about vacation offers - almost always illegal



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



Unsolicited offers to sell your timeshares



Claims that timeshare exit companies can modify existing timeshare contracts

Recommendations:

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

**For the complete study, visit
[BBB.org/scamstudies](https://www.bbb.org/scamstudies)**



Red flags for a predatory company or scam:

Timeshare companies & vacation club

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

Timeshare exits companies

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

Scammers

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

Report scams on



2023 Cherokee Indian Housing Division Summer Internship/ Apprenticeship Program Eligibility Requirements

- 1) Applicant must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and reside in Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, or Swain County.
- 2) Applicant must submit to and receive favorable results of a drug screening.
- 3) Applicant must have at least a 2.5 GPA.
- 4) Applicant must be a rising or graduating high school senior.

Required Documentation to be submitted with the application:

- 1) Tribal Enrollment documentation, Social Security Card, and (Driver's License, if applicable).
- 2) Official Transcript or other valid documentation indicating your current GPA.

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Closing Sunday, June 11, 2023

1. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant (Part-Time) – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
2. Recreation Aide – Cherokee Life: Recreation – Education (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour)
3. Recreation Supervisor – Cherokee Life: Recreation – Education (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
4. Truck Driver/Crew Leader – Solid Waste – Operations (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Crew Leader – Housekeeping – Operations (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Director – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$72,342 - \$90,428)
7. One Feather Reporter – One Feather – Executive (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)

Open Until Filled

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



The price is \$40 for the year.



CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Ozzy, 3-year-old Pudelpointer

Ben Stewart, a fourth-grade student at East Elementary and the son of Richard Mark Stewart, writes about Ozzy:

He is a sporting dog which means he likes to hunt. Ozzy is like a big clown around the house he gets tangled up in his own legs sometimes. He is a good dog and he sleeps with me but he sometimes takes up most of the bed especially when he sleeps upside down. He is a very brave dog and doesn't let any dog come in our yard and protects me always. He is a great dog.



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

Sunrise Community
for Recovery & Wellness



Siquo Danvhnna



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

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

**Call to speak to a
Peer Support Specialist**



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