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# They're back at rest

A special marker has recently been placed on the gravesite of over 50 Native American ancestors who were reburied in 2021 at the German POW Cemetery at Fort Campbell, Ky. The headstone is inscribed with the word 'Anigiduwagi' in the Cherokee syllabary. (U.S. Army photo by Kayla Cosby)







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Fort Campbell Garrison Commander Col. Andrew Q. Jordan and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Chad Stackpole receive a briefing about Fort Campbell's German POW cemetery from Ron Grayson, the Cultural Resources Management Program manager, July 28. As part of his final tour as the garrison commander, Jordan, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, visited the cemetery. (U.S. Army photo by Kayla Cosby)

**ANCESTORS:** Reburials in Kentucky , *from front page*

tors reburied at Fort Campbell and Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area was 57 with 516 associated funerary objects," said Miranda Panther, NAG-PRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) officer with the EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office. "According to the background information of the project, the human remains and funerary objects were previously housed at multiple repositories throughout the U.S., but were later consolidated at the Pratt Museum to facilitate compliance."

Ron Grayson, cultural resources program manager with Fort Campbell Directorate of Public Works, said in a press release, "We had to try and identify the remains that we had in our collection or whoever the closest living descendants were. This process can sometimes be easy if the remains are more modern and have similar clothes or artifacts as

neighboring tribes."

According to a release from the Fort Campbell Public Affairs Office, "All the remains, as well as AFOs (associated funerary objects), were stored at the University of Kentucky until 2017, when they were transferred to the Cultural Resource Office at Fort Campbell. Four of these remains were repatriated at the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area with coordination through the United States Forest Service."

That release also states, "A cemetery created by the Army in the 1940s that housed German Prisoners of War (POW) who died in WWII was selected for the reburial site. It is one of 22 post cemeteries administered by the OAC (Office of Army Cemeteries). After the EBCI THPO approval of the location, the remains were reinterred in the German POW Cemetery July 21, 2021."

Panther noted it was truly a joint effort, "There were 12 federally recognized tribes who were a part of the consultation process. All of the consulting tribes



have an interest in the state of Kentucky or are aboriginal to the state. The EBCI took the lead, but it was a joint effort with the other two Cherokee tribes.”

On the process, she related, “Consultation on this project started pre-COVID, but it took almost six years to get to the installation of the headstone. This was one of the first reburials we completed once the pandemic was easing up. We also worked with the U.S. Forest Service as they graciously provided reburial assistance for some of the ancestors.”

The headstone is inscribed with the word ‘Anigiduwagi’ in the Cherokee syllabary. Panther said, “This means ‘any person from Kituwah’, but due to translating it to English in a plural form, ‘People from Kituwah’ was used on the headstone.”

Panther added, “The NAGPRA process with Fort Campbell

went smoothly. This process can inherently be lengthy, but Ron made every effort to be transparent and to keep our office updated. Locating a secure and protected reburial spot as close as possible to the original burial is often the most difficult part of a NAGPRA project. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office (EBCI THPO) was appreciative that we would be able to rebury the ancestors and their belongings back on the Fort Campbell property. Despite the extra paperwork this required, it is meaningful to have a headstone with Cherokee syllabary present in the cemetery. We are also thankful to the USFS and Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area for allowing us to rebury part of the Fort Campbell collection on their property.”

In speaking of the magnitude of the NAGPRA law for the EBCI,

Panther said, “It is of utmost importance to have a comprehensive and dedicated team devoted to NAGPRA work as it is a mission that all of us at the THPO are united behind. We all recognize how meaningful it is to advocate on behalf of Cherokee ancestors whose graves have been disturbed without permission or consent. Beau Carroll and Johi Griffin are bearing the physical and spiritual burden of every reburial we conduct. I’m beyond grateful to have their guidance and support, as well as my other coworkers at the THPO who have assisted in archaeological, historical, and ethnographical research needed for some of the NAGPRA projects we’re involved in.

Col. Andrew Jordan, a Cherokee Nation citizen and former Fort Campbell Garrison Commander, said in a press release, “The historic marker placed on the remains

at the German POW cemetery is a significant effort to honor and remember our ancestors. Fort Campbell’s commitment to being good stewards of the land and culture is commendable. Understanding the history of how this land was provided to the United States government to create Fort Campbell reminds us to appreciate and preserve what we have inherited.”

Panther summed up the importance of work such as this, “I do believe in a spiritual sense, that we are righting a wrong that was committed against these ancestors when their graves were disturbed or excavated. They have also been languishing on shelves for decades despite NAGPRA being in place for over 30 years. Our goal is to respectfully rebury as many ancestors and their belongings as possible so that they can be put back to rest.”



# Multiple ethics violations found against former EBCI govt. liaison

*NOTE: Following is the full text of the report issued by the EBCI Office of Internal Audit and Ethics on Jeremy Wilson, former EBCI government liaison and former Qualla, LLC Board member. The report is dated Aug. 3 and was provided to the One Feather and published online on Aug. 15. The report was signed by Lori Lambert, Audit and Ethics Committee chair, on Aug. 11.*

## I. ALLEGATION

The above-named respondent, Jeremy Wilson formally appointed as Governmental Affairs Liaison and as a member of the Cherokee Medical LLC Board, violated Cherokee Code Section 117-45 Standards of Ethical Conduct when he attempted to solicit gratuities and favors from a potential contractor of the EBCI. The allegation is based on the following:

- Sovereign Solutions Carolina submitted a proposal in response to Kituwah LLC's RFQ seeking to qualify and contract with a firm to manage and consult with Kituwah LLC on its cannabis initiative. (November 8, 2021)
- Respondent sent the following text message to an associate of Sovereign Solutions Carolina "Hey brother. Just wrapping up donations for my thanksgiving box to feed families project. I'll be ending donations today. Anything is appreciated. Hi I'd appreciate it if you would share or donate to my GoFundMe. <https://gofund.me/6550c8e3>" (November 19, 2021)
- The respondent was appointed to the Cherokee Medical LLC Board. (March 3, 2022, resolution 200 (2022))
- A formal term sheet between Qualla LLC and Sovereign Solutions Carolina was completed and executed. (April 1, 2022)
- Respondent sent the following text message to the Principal of Sovereign Solutions Carolina "Safe travels home bro. Thanks again for the help. Got some debt paid down. Much appreciated." "Means a lot man. Been pretty tough lately. Just know you'll get your money's worth out of me. See you in Vegas." (May 12, 2022)
- Respondent sent the following text message to an associate of Sovereign Solutions Carolina "Just letting you know Victoria and I are in Vegas now. Just landed. Looking forward to catching up again. On a

side note, do you know anyone who has the hookup to Bruno Mars concert this weekend? If not that's fine." (May 20, 2022)

- Respondent sent the following text message to the Principal of Sovereign Solutions Carolina "Hey bro. Hate to ask again, but just need to know if the financial assistance is still in play?" "Also, I really don't mind paying you back through profits made from working with your team down the road. I don't use people. Just in need of help. It's now effecting my relationship." (June 4, 2022)
- Respondent sent the following text message to the Principal of Sovereign Solutions Carolina "Will we get a chance to discuss this financial thing and Victoria's opportunity at some point?" "That's good, sorry I keep asking on the financial stuff. I really am in a tough spot, and just wanting some peace of mind." (June 15, 2022)
- A formal management agreement between Qualla LLC and Sovereign Solutions Carolina was executed. (June 16, 2022)
- The respondent resigns from the Qualla LLC Board with the intention of becoming the General Manager for Qualla LLC. (June 24, 2022)
- The respondent sent a text message to the Principal of Sovereign Solutions Carolina with his banking information. (July 15, 2022)
- Sovereign Solutions Carolina requested a meeting with the Chief, T.W Saunooke and Albert Rose, to discuss their concerns about the respondent's conduct. (August 2, 2022)
- The Chief terminated the respondent's appointment as Governmental Affairs Liaison. (August 3, 2022)

## II. RELEVANT CHEROKEE CODE SECTIONS

### Section 117-45.1(a) Definitions

"(1) Tribal officials. Any person who is:

- a. A Tribal officer as defined in Section 1 of the Charter and Governing Document;"
- b. A member of Cherokee School Board as defined in C.C Section 115-8;"
- c. Serving as a member of an authority, board, committee, or commission, appointed by Tribal Council, the Executive Committee or Principal Chief, and who is subject to removal by the appointing authority;"
- d. Appointed by Tribal Council or the Executive Committee or Principal Chief, and who is subject to removal by the appointing authority, to carry out actions, provide guidance, or assistance to the Tribal Council, the Executive Committee or to a member of the Executive Committee."

## Section 117-45.3

"(b) No Tribal Official or any member of their immediate family shall solicit or accept gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors or subcontractors who are contracting to perform services or sell goods or property to the Tribe or a Tribal program."

## Section 117-45.3(d)

### Code of Ethics

"(1) Tribal officials of the EBCI shall treat service to the EBCI as a sacred public trust with fiduciary responsibility to the EBCI, which requires upholding and acting in accordance with the laws of the EBCI and engaging in the proper governance of the EBCI in a manner, which is placed above personal and private gain."

"(2) Tribal officials of the EBCI shall not allow financial interests to conflict with the conscientious performance of obligations inherent in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities associated with their respective offices."

"(3) Tribal officials of the EBCI shall protect and conserve Tribal resources and ensure the appropriate use of Tribal resources falling under the scope of the office of the Tribal official."

"(5) Tribal officials of the EBCI shall not use prestige of the office to advance personal interests of others or themselves."

"(15) Tribal officials shall maintain or enhance the honesty and integrity of their respective offices; and safeguard the reputation of the EBCI as a whole."

## III. INVESTIGATION PROCESS

An initial complaint was received on January 25, 2023. The complaint was deferred due to other administrative and investigative processes. After the conclusion of those processes, the complaint was assigned to the ethics staff on April 26, 2023. The complainant provided a detailed account of the events that transpired from November 2021 to August 2022.

The complaint was determined to be complete and within the jurisdiction of the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics. A copy of the complaint was sent to the respondent Mr. Wilson on April 27, 2023. On May 16, 2023, Mr. Wilson requested an extension to submit his written response. An extension was granted until May 25, 2023. Mr. Wilson failed to submit a response to the complaint.

The Ethics Review Committee reviewed the complaint in a special-called meeting, on June 2,

2023. The Committee approved for ethics staff to proceed with an investigation. (See Resolution ERC 23-01)

Interviews were conducted on June 14, 2023, and June 26, 2023, with Mr. Wilson and witness 1, respectively. These interviews were conducted to obtain more information in understanding the events as stated in the complaint. Relevant documents and text messages received were also reviewed.

#### IV. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The respondent was a Tribal Official at the time of the incident as defined in Cherokee Code Section 117-45.1(c) and 117-45.1(d).
2. The respondent is an enrolled member of the EBCI.
3. The complainant is an enrolled member of the EBCI.
4. The respondent served as the Governmental Affairs Liaison.
5. The respondent served on the Cherokee Medical LLC Board (now known as Qualla Enterprises LLC).
6. Sovereign Solutions Carolina was a contractor or potential contractor of the EBCI.
7. The respondent confirmed the text messages provided were his.

#### V. ANALYSIS

The complaint alleges the respondent violated 6 sections of Cherokee Code Section 117-45.3. An analysis is outlined below.

***It is alleged that the respondent or a member of their immediate family solicited or accepted gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors or subcontractors who are contracting to perform services or sell goods or property to the Tribe or a Tribal program. (Section 117-45.3(b))***

**Violation.** There is sufficient evidence to substantiate that Mr. Wilson while serving as the Governmental Affairs Liaison and as a member of the Cherokee Medical LLC Board solicited or accepted gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors or subcontractors who were contracting to perform services or sell goods or property to the Tribe or a Tribal program.

Mr. Wilson's text messages with potential contractors or contractors of the EBCI indicate he was attempting to solicit favors and possibly receive money from them. On June 4, 2022, Mr. Wilson messaged an associate of Sovereign Solutions Carolina and stated, "Hey bro. Hate to ask again, but

just need to know if the financial assistance is still in play?" Fourteen minutes later Mr. Wilson sends another text message and states "Also, I really don't mind paying you back through any profits made from working with your team down the road. I don't use people. Just in need of help. It's now effecting my relationship." Mr. Wilson provided his banking information in a text message to the Principal of Sovereign Solutions Carolina on July 15, 2022. The Principal of Sovereign Solutions Carolina stated he gave Mr. Wilson \$4,000 in cash. Mr. Wilson did not deny receiving any gratuities, favors or anything of monetary value from Sovereign Solutions Carolina.

***It is alleged that the respondent failed to treat service to the EBCI as a sacred public trust with fiduciary responsibility to the EBCI, which requires upholding and acting in accordance with the laws of the EBCI and engaging in the proper governance of the EBCI in a manner, which is placed above personal and private gain. (Section 117-45.3(d)(1))***

**Violation.** There is sufficient evidence to substantiate that Mr. Wilson's actions between November 2021 and August 2022, failed to treat service to the EBCI as a sacred public trust with fiduciary responsibility to the EBCI, which requires upholding and acting in accordance with the laws of the EBCI and engaging in the proper governance of the EBCI in a manner, which is placed above personal and private gain.

Mr. Wilson appears to indicate he will give the vendors favorable treatment and work for their interest when he is soliciting money and favors from them. Clearly stating in one text exchange "Just know you'll get your moneys worth out of me." In another text exchange he states "Also, I really don't mind paying you back through any profits made from working with your team down the road, I don't use people. Just in need of help. It's now effecting my relationship."

***It is alleged that the respondent allowed financial interests to conflict with the conscientious performance of obligations inherent in fulfilling the duties and responsibilities associated with their respective office. (Section 117-45.3(d)(2))***

**Dismissed.** There is not sufficient evidence to support this allegation.

***It is alleged that the respondent failed to protect, conserve, and/or ensure the appropriate use of Tribal Resources. (Section***

#### ***117-45.3(d)(3))***

**Dismissed.** There is not sufficient evidence to support this allegation.

***It is alleged that the respondent used the prestige of the office to advance personal interests of others or themselves. (Section 117-45.3(d)(5))***

**Violation.** There is sufficient evidence to substantiate that Mr. Wilson's actions used the prestige of the office to advance his own personal interests.

Mr. Wilson's text message to a contractor that they would "get their money's worth out of me" and the promise to pay back money from future profits from working together show that Mr. Wilson's relationship with these contractors went far beyond the boundaries set forward in the Standards of Ethical Conduct given his position on the Cherokee Medical LLC board and appointment as Governmental Affairs Liaison.

***It is alleged that the respondent failed to maintain or enhance the honesty and integrity of his respective office; and safeguard the reputation of the EBCI as a whole. (Section 117-45.3(d)(15))***

**Violation.** There is sufficient evidence to substantiate that Mr. Wilson's actions did not safeguard the reputation of the Governmental Affairs Liaison, the Cherokee Medical LLC Board, or the EBCI as a whole.

Mr. Wilson's actions were detrimental to the integrity and reputation of the EBCI. Vendors indicated it became very uncomfortable coming to Cherokee, often resorting to "dressing down" in order to avoid Mr. Wilson's solicitation for funds and favors. Furthermore, they reported Mr. Wilson would regularly inquire about someone's "net worth."

#### VI. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee finds that there are Ethics Code Violations of Sections 117-45.3(b), 117-45.3(d)(1), 117-45.3(d)(5), 117-45.3(d)(15), for the reasons set forth in the report. The Audit and Ethics Committee will assess a fine and further action if needed. This report will also be forwarded to the Executive Office, Attorney General, and Tribal Council.

#### FINAL DECISION BY AUDIT AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Affirm the decision of the Ethics Review Committee on Code of Ethics violations and issue a fine in the amount of \$4,000.

Amend the recommendation for appointment to state "Jeremy Wilson will not be appointed to any position for a period five years."



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**Trial expected in 2024 for Crowe assault case**

By Holly Kays with Kyle Perrotti contributing  
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Former Wofltown Representative Bo Crowe pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault in federal court Friday, Aug. 11, but plans to fight tribal charges stemming from the same incident at trial.

“He would like to clear his name as soon as possible,” Crowe’s attorney Caleb Decker told Temporary Associate Judge Tracy Barrett during an Aug. 9 hearing in the tribal case.

In Cherokee Tribal Court Crowe faces three charges, two of which are felonies, in connection with an incident that occurred the evening of Jan. 6 at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino. Crowe is accused of striking Knoxville resident Jason Matthew Burleson, placing his arm around his neck, and squeezing, rendering him unconscious. The factual basis that Crowe agreed to via his attorney in a June court filing for the federal case outlines a similar sequence of events, saying that Crowe landed several punches before maneuvering to the victim’s back and rendering him momentarily unconscious.

However, Crowe’s family members have stated publicly that this outline doesn’t tell the whole story. Crowe acted to protect his daughter and niece, who are both teenagers, they said. Crowe’s community in Cherokee has stood by him as well. Though he resigned his seat representing Wofltown on Tribal Council after the charges were filed, he is a candidate for that same office in the September election. During the June primary, he was far-and-away the top

vote-getter in a field of six.

In a June interview, Decker told The Smoky Mountain News that Crowe’s decision to plead guilty in the federal case was influenced by financial considerations — fighting federal charges is expensive — and by the potential sentence should he be convicted. The sentencing guidelines for the charge to which he pleaded guilty recommend zero to six months for a person with limited or no criminal history.

During the Aug. 9 tribal court hearing, Decker told Barrett that he wanted to go to trial as soon as possible, but Tribal Prosecutor Shelli Buckner said the court calendar for the remainder of 2023 is already “very full” and that other defendants are awaiting trial in cases “much older” than Crowe’s. These cases should take priority, she said, especially since Crowe is not awaiting trial in jail, like some other defendants are.

Decker said he understood the court’s constraints but that the allegations are hindering Crowe’s participation in the political process.

“2024 seems like a long, long way away,” he told Barrett.

But it will have to wait until then, Barrett decided. She said she wants input on court availability before scheduling the jury trial and asked the parties to come back for a hearing at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, to set a trial date. The court will need to set the date well in advance of the trial to ensure selection of an appropriately sized jury, she said. Given the Jan. 10 hearing date, March is the earliest possible timeframe for the trial.

The tribal charges carry a maximum combined prison sentence of seven years, and a felony conviction could end Crowe’s political career. Under tribal law, a person

who has been convicted of a felony offense is ineligible to run for or hold elected office. Tribal court may grant a petition to reinstate this right following completion of the sentence.

**CIPD Arrest Report for Aug. 6-13, 2023**

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

Aguilera, Adrian Emanuel – age 34  
Arrested: Aug. 7  
Released: Aug. 7  
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Arkansas, Crystal Beth – age 41  
Arrested: Aug. 7  
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 14)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Second Degree Trespass, Public Intoxication

Kirkland, Jami Leigh – age 40  
Arrested: Aug. 7  
Released: Aug. 14  
Charges: Probation Violation

McCoy, Jonathan Matthew – age 18  
Arrested: Aug. 7  
Released: Aug. 7  
Charges: Impaired Driving; Driving by Person Under 21-years-old after Consuming Alcohol or Drugs; Duty to Stop in Event of a Crash Furnishing Information or Assistance to Injured Person,

etc., Persons Assisting Exempt from Civil Liability; Drive on Right Side of Highway; No Operator’s License; Violation of Registration Provisions; Speed Restrictions

Sequoyah, Tashina Pepion – age 40  
Arrested: Aug. 7  
Released: Aug. 10  
Charges: Larceny, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Bradley, Connie Lynn – age 39  
Arrested: Aug. 8  
Released: Aug. 10  
Charges: Probation Violation

Hollifield, Tiffany Michelle – age 23  
Arrested: Aug. 8  
Released: Aug. 10  
Charges: Public Intoxication

Junaluska, Kody Francine – age 40  
Arrested: Aug. 8  
Released: Aug. 10  
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

West, Jet Twin – age 22  
Arrested: Aug. 8  
Released: Aug. 10  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Brady Sr., Billy Joe – age 55  
Arrested: Aug. 9  
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 14)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Figueroa, Francisco Kalvloi – age 21  
Arrested: Aug. 9  
Released: Aug. 9  
Charges: Hold Until Sober



Grimes Jr., Anthony Lewis – age 34  
Arrested: Aug. 9  
Released: Aug. 11  
Charges: Probation Violation

Roberts, Tony Durk – age 60  
Arrested: Aug. 9  
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 14)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Franklin Terry – age 62  
Arrested: Aug. 10  
Released: Aug. 11  
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive

Jackson, Mark Anthony – age 52  
Arrested: Aug. 11  
Released: Aug. 11  
Charges: Resisting Public Officer,

Second Degree Trespass  
McConico, Jonathan Matthew – age 38  
Arrested: Aug. 11  
Released: Aug. 11  
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Caruso, Nicholas Joseph – age 29  
Arrested: Aug. 12  
Released: Aug. 13  
Charges: Resisting Public Officer  
McGaha, Timothy Jung – age 36  
Arrested: Aug. 12  
Released: Aug. 12  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Smith, Deborah Louise – age 40  
Arrested: Aug. 12  
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 14)  
Charges: Elder Abuse, Assault by Strangulation, Assault Inflicting

Serious Injury (two counts)  
Wiggins, Jake Tanner – age 22  
Arrested: Aug. 12  
Released: Aug. 12  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Arkansa-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 45  
Arrested: Aug. 13  
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 14)  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Locust Jr., Luke Kerry -age 35

Arrested: Aug. 13  
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 14)  
Charges: WFA

Mullins, Mackenzie – age 19  
Arrested: Aug. 13  
Released: Aug. 13  
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Tomas, Kelby Weldon – age 22  
Arrested: Aug. 13  
Released: Aug. 13  
Charges: Hold Until Sober



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FROM LEFT: Lottie Queen Stamper (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), *Woven Rivercane Mat with Chief's Daughter Design* (detail), 1965. John Julius Wilnoty (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), *Eagle Dancer* (small version), n.d. Tammy Garcia (Santa Clara Pueblo), *Harvest Time*, 2019. Photographs by Tim Burleson.



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## JV FOOTBALL

# Braves top Avery Co. on opening night

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

*Note: Official statistics are not taken for junior varsity games. All times and yardages are re-recorded by One Feather staff at the game to the best of our ability.*

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee JV Braves (1-0) started their 2023 campaign out on a high note with a 26-8 victory over the visiting Avery Co. Vikings (0-1) at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 17.

The first quarter was scoreless with Cherokee turning the ball over on downs twice and Avery Co. once. The Braves started their third drive of the game at the Avery 45-yard-line. Five plays later, Dawson Panther, Braves quarterback, hit Kimo Sokol on a 29-yard touchdown pass. Kingston Welch ran in for the two-point conversion, and Cherokee led 8-0 at the 7:08 mark.

Avery had a three-and-out on their next possession. Cherokee took over following the punt at its own 20-yard-line. Two plays later, Noah Watty found a seam in the Vikings defense and took off on a 61-yard touchdown run. Welch again ran for the two-point play, and Cherokee led 16-0 with four minutes left in the first half.

The Vikings next possession was cut short by a fumble that was recovered by Cherokee's Johnny Long at the Braves 42-yard-line. Cherokee was unable to capitalize on the turnover and had a three-and-out. Avery turned the ball over on downs on the following



Cherokee's Levi Tramper (#52) sacks Blaine Kirkpatrick, Avery Co. quarterback, in the end zone for a safety in the third quarter of a game held at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 17. Tramper also had two fumble recoveries as the Braves won the season opener 26-8. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

possession, and the half ended two plays into Cherokee's next possession.

The third quarter started out with fumbles by both teams. Avery fumbled six plays into the first possession of the half. It was recovered by Cherokee's Levi Tramper at the Braves 47-yard-line. Cherokee drove down into Vikings territory and fumbled inside the 10-yard-line. Avery's Colt Austin recovered the fumble at their own 7-yard-line.

Following a false start penalty on the Vikings, Tramper sacked Blaine Kirkpatrick, Avery quarter-

back, in the end zone for a safety to make it 18-0 with 1:46 left in the quarter.

Cherokee got the ball back following the safety. On the second play of the drive, Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee running back, ran 18 yards right up the gut for a touchdown. Landon Seay ran for the two-point conversion, and Cherokee led 26-0 with just under 10 minutes left in the game.

Avery started its next possession at the Cherokee 49-yard-line and put together a 12-play drive that culminated in a 3-yard touchdown run by Nick Daniels.

Kirkpatrick ran for the two-point conversion to make it Cherokee 26 Avery Co. 8 with just over three minutes left in the game.

The next two possessions each ended in fumble turnovers. First, Cherokee fumbled the ball which was recovered by Avery's Tanner Lindecamp. Then, Avery fumbled it back which was recovered by Tramper with his second recovery of the game.

Cherokee ran the clock out and took the 26-8 victory.

The JV Braves are in action next at Rosman on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 6 p.m.





Cherokee's Noah Watty directs traffic as he takes off on a 61-yard touchdown run.



# Three-score second half lifts Mustangs over Braves

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

*Note: The One Feather only received defensive stats for this game. All times and yardages are recorded by One Feather staff at the game to the best of our ability.*

CHEROKEE, N.C. – A big second half lifted the Smoky Mountain Mustangs (1-0) over Cherokee (0-1) in the season opener for the Braves at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Friday, Aug. 18. The Braves only trailed by one point (14-13) at halftime, but three scores for the Mustangs in the second half was the difference as Smoky Mountain won 34-13.

On the fifth play of the game, Brandon Santiago sacked Kavan Wilson, Smoky Mountain quarterback, causing a fumble which was recovered by Luke Smith. The Braves took over in good field position at the Smoky Mountain 40-yard-line. Six plays later, Driver hit Mato Grant on a 5-yard touchdown pass. Nathaniel Littlejohn added the extra-point, and the Braves led 7-0 at the 6:55 mark of the first quarter.

The Mustangs started their second possessions of the game at their own 49-yard-line and answered Cherokee's score three minutes later as Da'Mare Williams ran for a 5-yard touchdown. Sawyer Snider hit the point-after kick, and the game was tied at 7-7 with 3:31 left in the first.

The Braves' next possession was almost a three-and-out, but a Mustangs penalty kept the drive going. Several plays later, Driver ran in from the 1-yard-line on



Michael Driver, Braves quarterback, runs into the end zone from the 1-yard line for a score in the second quarter of a game against Smoky Mountain at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Friday, Aug. 18. The Mustangs topped the Braves 34-13 in the season opener for both teams. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

third and goal. The point-after kick failed, and Cherokee led 13-7 at the 9:00 mark in the second quarter.

Five plays later, Smoky Mountain answered as Jarek Jones ran for a 28-yard touchdown. Snider added the point-after, and the Mustangs led 14-13 which is the lead they'd take into the locker room.

Cherokee had to punt on their first possession of the second half. The Mustangs started on their own 29-yard-line. Five plays later, Jones ran 40 yards for his second rushing touchdown of the game. The point-after kick failed, and

Smoky Mountain led 20-13 with 6:41 left in the third.

Cherokee's next three possessions ended on an interception, punt, and a fumble.

Smoky Mountain added two scores in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard run by Isaiah McNeely at the 10:20 mark and a 29-yard run by Jones with four minutes left in the game. Snider hit both point-after attempts, and the Mustangs took the win by a final of 34-13

Full defensive stats for the Braves are as follows: Elijah Lineberry, 2 assist tackles, 3 solo; Luke Smith, 3 assist, 3 solo, 1 fumble

recovery; Jonathan Saylor, 1 solo, 1 pass break-up; Josh Phillips, 1 assist, 1 solo; Shiloh Woodson, 1 assist, 1 solo; Josiah Teesateskie, 5 assist, 2 solo, 1 fumble recovery; Tayvin Bark, 4 assist; Brandon Santiago, 3 assist, 1 fumble caused; Luke Climbingbear, 12 assist, 3 solo, 1 fumble caused; Trevor Hill-Ledford, 1 assist; Mato Grant, 7 assist, 1 solo; Emiliano Garcia, 1 assist; Julius Pepion, 1 assist; Chaske Raines, 3 assist; Jayden Tramper, 3 assist, 1 solo; Carl McCoy, 1 solo; Chantin Tramper, 1 solo; and Emery Driver, 2 assist.





Cherokee's Luke Smith (#6) recovered a Smoky Mountain fumble caused by teammate Brandon Santiago (#22) on the first possession of the game.



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# Fun with insects

The EBCI Natural Resources Division and the ecoExplorer program hosted an Aquatic Insect Night at the Oconaluftee Island Park on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

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Molly Larmie, right, ecoExplorer specialist with the North Carolina Arboretum, shows Nygel James, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), an insect during an Aquatic Insects Night event at the Oconaluftee Island Park on Tuesday, Aug. 15. The event was a joint venture of the EBCI Natural Resources Division and ecoExplorer.



Dax Davis, an EBCI tribal member, examines a rock for insects.



Elli Thompson, an EBCI tribal member, looks at aquatic insects.



Rainee Tetreault, EBCI Natural Resources lead environmental lab tech, holds a rock that has a water penny beetle on it.



Larmie, right, shows Violet Tetreault what they found on a rock.





Rainee Tetreault, left, EBCI Natural Resources lead environmental lab tach, inspects insects under a rock with Hezekiah Davis, an EBCI tribal member.



Davis hefts a rock out of the river to inspect for insects. All of the rocks were returned to the river carefully following the event.



# 111th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair celebrates “They Made The Way” Theme

EBCI Commerce Division release

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The excitement is building as the 111th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair approaches, scheduled to take place from Oct. 3-7. This year’s theme, “They Made The Way,” honors the profound contributions of Cherokee individuals, both historical and contemporary, who have played pivotal roles in shaping the vibrant culture of the community.

The fair will be held at the historic Cherokee Expo Center, the old Cherokee High School Site, located at 1501 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. This cherished venue holds deep cultural and nostalgic significance, serving as an ideal backdrop for an event that pays homage to the rich heritage and traditions of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

**\*\*Fairgrounds Reference Note:**

*Throughout this press release, the term “Fairgrounds” will refer to the Old High School site.\*\**

**Fair Week Schedule (Full event detail schedule forthcoming):**

**Monday - Fair Week Stick Off**

- Time: 4 p.m.
- Event: Immerse yourself in the excitement of traditional stickball games at Unity Field, as skilled teams compete, showcasing athleticism and strategy. No carnival rides, just stickball.

**Tuesday - Parade Day**

- Parade Start: 4 p.m.
- Parade Route: Join the spectacle of the Annual Cherokee Indian Fair Parade, featuring



The Birdtown and Big Cove stickball teams are shown squaring off at last year’s Cherokee Indian Fair. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

vibrant floats, marching bands, and beautiful smiling faces. The parade lineup will take place in the Harrah’s Cherokee Casino lower parking area. The parade will start from the Casino Trail/ intersection, taking a right onto 19

South through downtown Cherokee, crossing the bridge turning right onto 441 North and ending at the traffic light by the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. The parade will then turn right across the bridge, taking the roundabout up

toward the Ginger Lynn Complex to disband. Vehicles will disband to the left in GLW parking, and all floats will disband taking the route behind the Ginger Welch Complex. For more information, reach out to Josie Long at the Cherokee Wel-



come Center.

- Gates Open: 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Event: Fairgrounds are open from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., offering attractions, food vendors, and entertainment. Main Stage events begin at 7 p.m.

### Wednesday - Children's Day

- Gates Open: 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Event: A day brimming with joy for children, youth, and adults, featuring stickball games, games, and activities catering to all ages. Wristbands for minors beginning at 10:00am.

### Thursday - Elder's Day

- Gates: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Events: Commence the day with a captivating fashion show, spotlighting both traditional and contemporary Cherokee fashion at 2 p.m. Witness the experience

and wisdom of elders and adults as they compete in stickball games, celebrating their rich journey.

### Friday - Veterans Day

- Gates: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Event: Express heartfelt gratitude to our veterans. The fairgrounds stand as a platform to honor their sacrifices, offering a day of appreciation and fostering community unity.

### Saturday - Community Day

- Gates: 8 a.m. to 12 a.m.
- Event: Embrace the spirit of togetherness through community-led games, spirited stickball matches, and shared festivities. This celebration of unity will continue until midnight, forging lasting bonds.

### Highlighting the Fair: The

111th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair promises five days of excitement and engaging activities that will create lasting memories for visitors of all ages. From traditional stickball games and captivating competitions to authentic crafts, delectable food vendors, exhilarating rides, and games. The fair offers a diverse range of experiences for everyone.

**Entertainment:** The entertainment lineup for Saturday, Oct. 7 features two iconic performances:

- The Romantics: Rock out to the legendary American rock band with hits like "What I Like About You" and "Talking in Your Sleep." Their electrifying performance starts at 8 p.m.

- Starship: Enjoy the melodic sounds of this renowned American rock band, known for chart-toppers like "We Built This City" and "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now." They take the stage at 9 p.m.

### Admission and Tickets:

- Tuesday through Friday: General Admission is \$10 per day.
- Saturday: General Admission is \$20.
- Free Admission: Enrolled members of federally recognized tribes can show their enrollment card at the gate for complimentary entry.

### Exhibit Hall Information:

- Exhibit Entry Date: Friday, Sept. 29 at the Yellowhill Activity Center from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Community Fair Booth Set Up: Saturday, Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Judging: Monday, Oct. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Exhibit Hall opens to the public on Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Exhibit Hall is open to the public Wednesday, Oct. 4 through Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Exhibit Pick-Up: Sunday, Oct. 8

from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. .

Baked Goods and Livestock judging will not be held at the Yellowhill Activity Center but at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center. Baked Goods will be judged on Monday, Oct. 2 at the Extension Center. Baked items will be received at the Extension Center from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be no items accepted after 12 p.m. Pick up Baked Goods and/or containers from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Extension Center on the same day. Judging Dates: Livestock will be judged on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center. Entries must be at the Center at 9 a.m. Judging is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Please reach out for further details:

Contacts for Exhibit Hall:

- Extension Center: Tammy Jackson, (828) 788-0878; Chumper Walker, (828) 788-2356
- Qualla Arts & Crafts: Vicki Cruz, (828) 226-4275

Info:

### Cherokee Welcome Center

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josilong@ebci-nsn.gov  
**Lisa Frady** (828) 788-1708,  
lisafraud@ebci-nsn.gov  
**Frieda Huskey** (828) 269-7095,  
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## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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**Belle Crowe, age 3, is an American Pit Bull. Her humans are Travis and Netanya Crowe.**

Belle, described as 'the big baby of the Big Y Community', loves to play outside with her brother, Rico, and all her pet ducks.





## Local nonprofit helps students and teachers get ready for school

ASHEVILLE, N.C. - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina has been supporting teachers and revving up its school-bound Littles in many of the 18 mountain counties that it serves.

From Murphy to Morganton, BBBSWNC has been organizing “Go Back Big” activities to help “Bigs” get their “Littles” ready for and excited about the beginning of classes. At “Milkshakes for Matches,” Littles and their Bigs in Henderson County made bracelets and set goals for the school year. Throughout 18 mountain counties, Bigs have been voicing, texting, and emailing their Littles encouragements to do their best this school year.

Through program coordina-

tors and advisory councils in each county, BBBSWNC has been – and still is - recruiting school-based mentors to help children with their work and self-confidence. A school-based Big, vetted by the organization, spends an hour a week at school with their Little, helping them with reading (or whatever) while also having fun and catching up. Teachers appreciate the one-on-one help these Bigs give their Littles.

High school students can be school-based Bigs too. BBBSWNC matches them with an elementary-age child and facilitates their meeting at the child’s school at a time and place the child’s teacher designates for help with schoolwork. With school principals’ enthusiastic support, program coordinators have been recruiting Bigs in high schools, touting the

mentorship and leadership opportunities being a teen-aged Big creates.

During the last few weeks, program coordinators have been meeting with teachers and staff to make them aware of the BBBS programs that can help their students improve in self-esteem and school performance. BBBSWNC recently brought dozens of pizzas to Cherokee Central School staff to discuss the High School Bigs program on the Qualla Boundary. Other staff have attended back-to-school bashes in their counties.

As always, BBBSWNC is recruiting Bigs for its community-based mentorship program. Once background checks are completed, Bigs are matched with local Littles who have similar interests. At least twice a month, they do something in the community that

helps the child explore an interest that may lead to bigger things, such as a career path or lifelong activity.

Another way to be involved is to join the advisory council for your local program. The council plans and coordinates mentor recruitment events, match activities for Bigs and Littles, and fundraising events. The group meets once a month or every other month, depending on the county. Some meet virtually while others meet in person.

For more, visit [bbbswnc.org](http://bbbswnc.org) and view the Branch Offices page to contact the local program coordinator in your area.

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### 111th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair vendor information

The Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds is now taking applications for food trucks, stand-alone, and Craft Vendor Spaces for the 111th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair until all spaces are full. Food vendors must be at least 18 years old to qualify for a space. Please submit your application and payment with your menu attached to it to Lisa Frady (lisafrad@ebci-nsn.gov) or Frieda Huskey (friehusk@ebci-nsn.gov). No exceptions will be made.

The fee for the food truck and stand-alone spaces (25'x25') is \$300.00. The Craft Vendor spaces are a 10' X 10' space for \$200 for Oct. 3-7. The food truck, stand-alone, and craft vendor spaces are on a first-come, first-pay basis for enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18. If

there are any spaces left, non-enrolled members can get a food vendor space that will be on a first-come, first-pay basis on Monday, Aug. 21 until 4:30 pm on Aug. 28 or until all food vendor spots are taken. They will not accept any application without the full payment for the space. You can pick up and turn in your application at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex building from Lisa Frady or Frieda Huskey.

The prices for the spaces are as follows:

Food Truck/Stand Alone Space (25' x 25') = \$300

Craft Vendor Space (10' X 10') = \$200

Info: Lisa Frady (828) 788-1708 or Frieda Huskey (828) 269-7095

- Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds release

### Fuel assistance for EBCI seniors

The fuel assistance program helps to maintain safe temperatures, typically, through heating sources. Applications will be taken at Tsali Manor from Sept. 12, 2023 to Jan. 31, 2024. You can enter the building this year to receive your packet. Info: Sherry Welch (828) 359-6290

1. Individual must be 59½ years of age.
2. Must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
3. Must live in the five (5) county service area that includes Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, Graham, and Haywood.
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12. All applicants must have no past due amounts before any new funding will be applied for the new heating season.

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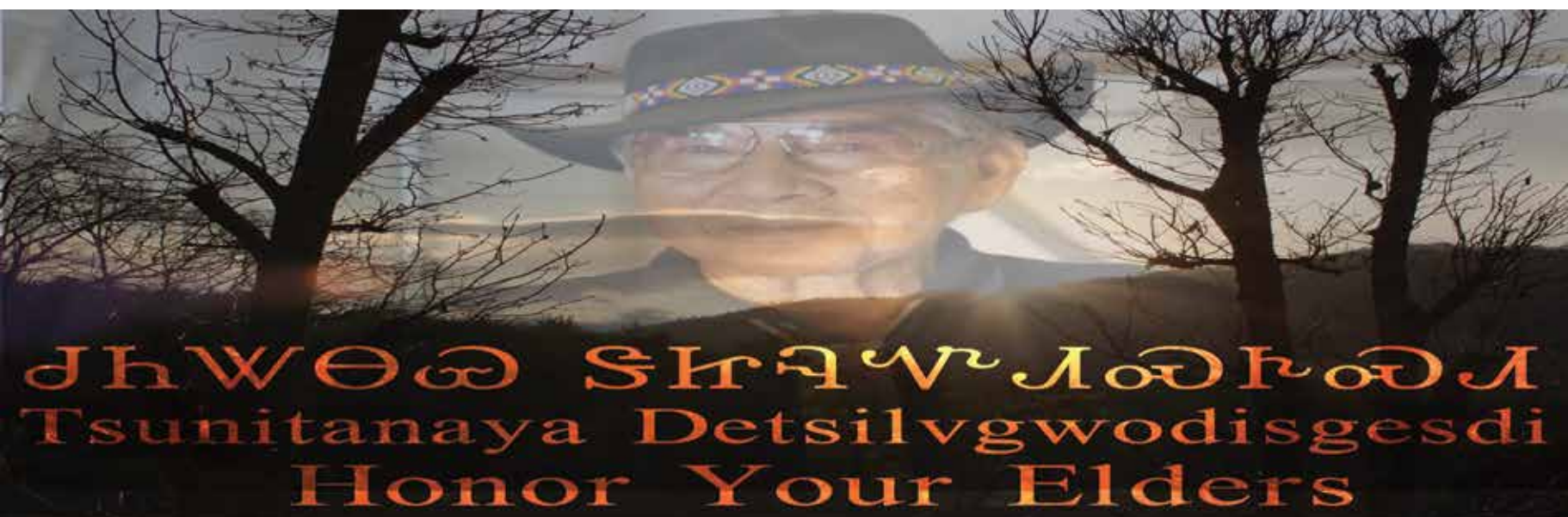
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## THANK YOU LETTERS

### Appreciation letter to the Fire Department and those who put up the fence

The Lossiah family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to those who put up the fence for Leonard Lossiah. Thank you for all that you have done for us. Thank you to those who donated their money and to those who donated their time and labor to put the fence up. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Driver Blythe for organizing the donations and building of the fence. Our home is a safer place with the fence now up and we will be forever grateful for this and for everyone's kindness. We're truly appreciative.

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Lossiah Family





## OBITUARIES ԺԻՃԻՐ

### Martin Willard Pepion

Martin Willard Pepion, age 47, Native to Cherokee, was called to his Heavenly home on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023. He is the son of Julia and Kirk Lossiah.

Also surviving are his children, Tyler Dean Pepion and Teanna Celine McCoy; grandsons, Tyler Pepion, Jesse Pepion, Simon Pepion; special granddaughter, Taleeah Murphy; brother, Kirk

Wilson Lossiah Jr.; sisters, Kassie Lossiah, Kelly (Troy) Arch, Kaycee Lossiah (Taylor); aunts, Matilda Calhoun (Pat), Linda Swimmer (Virgil), Nancy Lossiah, and Vanessa (Horace) Arch; uncles, Bruce, Reed (Krista), and Maury Lossiah.

Martin is preceded in death by his brother, James David Pepion; maternal grandparents, Samuel Reed and Lucinda Bird Reed; paternal grandparents, Woodrow and Velma Lossiah; aunts, Bes-

sie Welch, Mary Grauman, Ollie Reed, Iva Gentry, and Sharon Faye Reed; uncles, William D. Reed and Anthony Lossiah.

Martin was an avid North Carolina Tar Heels fan. He loved any sport. He loved to play volleyball and spike on everyone's head. Martin had multiple associate degrees and certificates from Computer Information/Mapping, HVAC, upholstery. He recently received his apprenticeship in cabinet making.

Funeral services were held at Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church on Long Branch on Saturday, Aug. 19 with Tim Melton officiating. Burial was in the Reed/Lossiah Cemetery. Pallbearers were the Woltown Stickball Team. Honorary Pallbearers were Woody Lossiah, Bitistel Julius Pepion, Star Pheasant, and Rhett Lambert.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

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American Indian/Alaska Native

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Current age: 20 Male

Date of last contact:

January 31, 2023

Last Known Location:

Seward, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Thomas was last seen in Seward.

He departed on foot without shoes  
in a blizzard.

If you have seen Thomas Ooka, contact the Seward Police Department  
(907) 224-3338 or the Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511.

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## COMMENTARY

### Which public is the public?

By **ROBERT JUMPER**  
One Feather Editor

We need to figure out, as a tribe, how we want to disseminate information to our community. As you know, there is an incredible amount of information that is relevant to our community discussed in the Tribal Council sessions. And Tribal Council sessions include but are not limited

to Budget Council (first Tuesday of each month), Reports to Council (first Wednesday of each month), Tribal Council (first Thursday of each month), committee meetings, work sessions, and more. The tribe has a lot going on.

Our government is unique. It is unique in part because of the population it serves. Our membership is hovering around 16,500 people. Comparatively, Clay County has a population of 11,614. Graham County has 7,980 folks. Cherokee County has 29,512. Swain County has 13,967. Jackson County 42,955, and Macon Coun-

ty has 38,065. There are many differences in these populations compared to the tribe, not the least of which is that Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is a sovereign nation versus dependent municipalities like counties.

Last year, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians budget was \$732.5 million, give or take. Compare that with Clay County, whose budget is typically around \$24 million. Graham County \$23.7 million. Cherokee County's budget is about \$54.6 million. Swain County is working with \$23.5 million. Jackson County has roughly \$88.1

million. Macon County's budget is approximately \$64.5 million. In every area of community service and business development, our tribe should easily be outpacing the surrounding municipalities. Recently, the Executive Office released an annual report to the membership outlining government spending over the past four years. While the report speaks in aggregate, as most reports of this nature do, it provides quite a bit of detail as to the expenditures, investments, and accomplishments of our government. By comparison, the tribal report has similar char-

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<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	N/A	Morning & Evening	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	BWO, Mop Flies, Stoneflies, Pheasant Tails, Girdle Bugs, Wooly Buggers, Zebra Midge, Yellow Sallie, Whit's Bright Spot Inchworm
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Follow posted regulations- Wild Trout	Morning & Evening	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Pheasant Tails, Blood Midge, Elk Hair Caddis, Yellow/Orange Stimulator, Dark Midge, Wooly Bugger, Girdle Bugs, Whit's Bright Spot Inchworm, Yellow Humpy, Chubby Chernobyl

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acteristics to the reports released by the counties to inform their constituents. The Tribal Council also sees a series of annual reports from each program every year, which also aggregates the program budget and provides some deeper detail into program spending, achievements, and goals. Those, per the Cherokee Code, are available to the public at the Qualla Library in the Ginger Lynn Welch Building. These are not housed on a common website for viewing. As you can tell by the numbers, we are different. While we have a population of a town or county, our economy is 10 times the size of a larger county in western North Carolina. Per capita, EBCI has a budget equal to \$44,393 per person, compared to \$2,051 per person. It means that the tribe has much more to work with than most municipalities. It also means that there is more for the government to be accountable for.

Our government is continually working to innovate and expand its ability to sustain the incredible economic model that has evolved over the past twenty or so years. That means negotiating land deals, business-to-business partnerships, service agreements, and the list of high-level discussions go on and on.

And while most of our sitting government and candidates for office agree that, at some level, the membership of the tribe are stockholders or stakeholders in all of the economic efforts of the tribe, and they think that every member should have access to those high level reports, they can't seem to figure out how that information could be accessed by the tribal members but not made public for all the world, including those who might want to pirate our success by harvesting our records and

sifting through it for information for their own gain. In a business world where the margins are tight and the difference in bankruptcy and financial success could be one information leak away, it is a necessary evil that we shield our proprietary information.

But there has been much talk about the need for transparency in our tribal government. As a tribal member and a member of the press, I believe in providing the public with as much information as possible. But the public has different meanings to different people, particularly in Indian Country. The One Feather is a public-facing entity. To inform our most remotely connected tribal members, the One Feather uses media platforms with as much reach as possible. Disseminating information this way also means that many non-Indian, unenrolled people also see our information. Which seems to be the heartburn issue for our government. The tribal government continuously works on the economic strategies of its financial arsenal to enhance the prosperity of the membership. And that arsenal includes brick-and-mortar development, investments in business opportunities, and lobbying other governments for opportunities at the state and federal levels. And discussions about all the development, opportunities, and lobbying require some amount of confidential discussion. Because competitors have big ears (if they are smart competitors) and will leverage any information provided to them for their betterment, regardless of the harm they may do to the tribe. So, the ongoing dilemma is how to inform the shareholders, the enrolled members of the tribe, about negotiations and information they have a right to know, without

providing that same confidential information to a world that includes real and prospective competitors. And how do you inform a membership of 16,500 and educate all of them on the finer points of confidentiality?

Closed-circuit (I apologize for the old-timer reference) cable and encrypted web portals have been suggested as solutions for dropping data to the membership without letting the world know. And that may end up being a fine solution in the long run, but the information vacuum exists now and until that remedy is provided by the government, there will be times when most tribal members will be in the dark.

The Cherokee Code refers to this issue in its definition of executive sessions of the Tribal Council. The Code says that anything not necessarily deemed confidential that is said during a closed session should be shared with the membership, all the membership. But the way that is usually chosen to provide information to the community is through Tribal Council representatives' visits to community club meetings. And even the most well attended community club meetings are visited by a small fraction of the overall community. So, it is a good guess that most tribal members are not informed about many of the things that transpire during a closed session.

Then there is the government's ability to "turn off the cameras" during open sessions. The rationale for doing it is allegedly so that sensitive issues may be discussed and even voted on without non-Indians, or outsiders, getting the information, yet still allow select tribal members—those in the Tribal Council chambers—to see and hear the discussion. But the impact is

not just that. It also shuts off all those tribal members who either chose not to attend in person or are possibly physically unable to be there. This "tool" can be used at will by our government. Most of the time, all you will hear is the command to "turn off the cameras." The only members who will hear the discussion are those who came to the Tribal Council chambers, and typically the only people who attend are those with items on the agenda. And there have been instances when these off-camera open sessions transitioned to executive sessions when members of the press were in Chambers (the media is asked to clear the Chambers when that happens). After all, having a reporter in the open session with the cameras off would defeat the objective of keeping those discussions out of the public eye.

The tribe truly needs to come to terms with the dissemination of information. In the EBCI Annual Report 2022, in the Vision Statement, one of the bullet points states, "By 2025, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will be the most informed membership in Indian Country." If the tribe is going to achieve that vision for itself, things must change. If technology is the answer, providing secure portals on the Internet for tribal members to review proprietary information, then the tribal government should prioritize and fast-track that technology. If the answer is changing tribal law to provide more open access of information to the membership, then they have the power to quickly do so.

Knowledge is power and the power belongs to the tribal members, all of us.



## COMMENTARY

# The Cherokee people should say no to pot

By U.S. Rep. CHUCK EDWARDS  
(R-N.C.)

Since 1996, Congress has shirked its responsibility to uphold the very laws it has passed regarding marijuana.

More and more states are thumbing their proverbial noses at federal laws that declare pot as a Schedule 1 substance under the Controlled Substances Act. And Congress has sat idly by and watched it happen.

In 2014, Congress took its gutless approach even further by enacting legislation that prevents the Department of Justice from using funds to interfere with state medical marijuana laws, which have been passed every year since then.

This issue is about to hit very close to home in western North Carolina: On Sept. 7, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will vote on whether to legalize recreational marijuana for sale and use on its tribal lands.

Here in our beloved mountains, we are already facing unprecedented crime, drug addiction and mental illness. I can't stand by and condone even greater access to drugs to poison more folks in



U.S. Rep. CHUCK EDWARDS  
(R-N.C.)

(Photo courtesy of Rep. Edwards)

western North Carolina, not to mention having even more impaired drivers on our roads.

To allow our citizens to travel only a few miles to buy and use this common gateway drug - which the CDC and the New England Journal of Medicine have said can result in short- and long-term danger of addiction, altered brain development, chronic psychosis disorders and others - would be irresponsible, and I intend to stop it.

I have been particularly proud of my strong working relationship with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), including with Chief Richard Sneed and the Tribal Council.

The cultural, economic, and community contributions the EBCI make to our area are significant and cannot be understated.

I proudly consider the tribe my friends, and I respect their tribal sovereignty. But there are times when friends disagree, and I must do so regarding this question of legalizing recreational marijuana. The tribe's rights should not infringe on the overall laws of our nation.

Congress cannot prevent the EBCI from proceeding with this harmful referendum. But I am appealing to tribal members to vote against it.

During my time in the North Carolina Senate, I fought against legalizing marijuana in our state. As your congressman, I am taking this fight to Washington, DC. That's why I'll soon be introducing the Stop Pot Act.

It is important that the tribe understands they will be voting on a measure that, if enacted, could soon be very costly, as the Stop Pot Act will defund governments that ignore federal law. I plan to move forward with this legislation regardless of the results of the tribal vote.

If the tribal referendum passes, the Cherokee area will be the only place in North Carolina to buy legal recreational marijuana. People from all over the state and the surrounding areas will be driving to Cherokee and likely the EBCI's other non-contiguous tribal lands to buy it, light up and party.

It also means many would be leaving the reservation and hitting the road high.

There is also the very real possibility of "drug tourism," where bad actors will capitalize on the influx of partying travelers to western North Carolina and offer other types of illicit, hard drugs for sale, and the criminal activity that would inevitably follow.

This could strain our resources to a breaking point, as local law enforcement would stop enforcing marijuana laws, which is what we've observed in several U.S. cities.

The EBCI has land holdings all over western North Carolina, not just in the Cherokee area. Given the shoot-first-ask-questions-later wording of the tribe's question in the ballot, what would prevent enacting legislation that would allow marijuana dispensaries to open on tribal lands in Graham, Swain, and other western North Carolina counties?

I look forward to a continued, fruitful relationship with the EBCI, but in instances like this, I will always speak out and represent the whole of our communities and our safety in western North Carolina.

It is my hope that cooler heads will prevail and this referendum will be defeated. The safety of our communities and our mountain way of life may depend on it.

*Edwards represents North Carolina's 11th District in the U.S. House of Representatives.*



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## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

**Tribal Dispatch**  
497-4131

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

**Tribal Fire and Rescue**  
359-6584

**Tribal EMS**  
359-6450 or 497-6402

**Cherokee Indian Hospital**  
497-9163

## EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line  
Dispatch**  
359-6300

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

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## Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

**Cherokee Indian Hospital main line**  
497-9163

**Tsali Manor -**  
359-6291 or 736-3950

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

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

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

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

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

**EBCI Domestic Violence**  
359-6830

**EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance**  
507-7825

**Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic**  
554-5555

**DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center**  
497-6866

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

**Tsali Manor main line**  
359-6860

**John Welch Senior Center main line**  
835-9741

**Cherokee Boy's Club Elder Fuel  
Delivery and Elder Mowing -**  
contact is Donnie Owle 736-7612





# Sanctification

**By TIMOTHY L. MELTON**

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Read 1 Peter 3:15

Opening my bible, I flip it and it just goes right where it's supposed to. I don't know how many times it opens to the right chapter and the right verse and just falls open in my hand.

One may ask, "How does that happen?"

I'll tell you how. We, when we have a need, when the instrument of God, specifically, the Sword of the Spirit, gets comfortable in your hand. How many know one begins to wield it in a different kind of way? Now, somebody says, "Well, that's wonderful, Pastor Tim, but what's left?"

I'll tell you what's left. It ought to be getting down into one's heart, one's spirit man, so that, whenever the enemy shows his head, one can just whack it in a hurry. I used to like to play a game that one could get at Chuck E. Cheese's called Whack-a-Mole, and when it popped its head up, I'd pop it back down for him. Come o, sometimes it feels like you're playing a game of "whack-a-ball". It's "whack, whack, whack"!

But, let me tell you, you're not the one eventually, he's smart enough to realized I'm not going down like that, and smart enough to realize and say, "I'd better leave him alone because he knows how to whack me." Amen. Yep, look at your neighbor and say, "You need to learn how to whack him!"

I'm going to have to offend some of you. I don't really mean to, but I'm going to have to be-

cause I've got to use a word that's akin to a swear word in the Church. Now, I know you're so holy, you're going to just tell me you love me, but I'm just going to get it out of the way and go ahead and say it.

Look at your neighbor and tell him to "plug your ears if you can't handle it" because I'm about to say it. "Sanctified" is the word. Whoa, ya'll don't hear a whole lot about that word because it means that one must make some changes. It means we are not okay in the way we are, that we're not okay. The world wants us to believe we're okay the way we are. That if one stays just like one is, one is going to be just fine, but I came here to tell you, one can come as they are, but one is not going to be allowed to stay as they are. I tried to preach it this morning, but ya'll shouted so loud and took

so long, I didn't get a chance. So, you're going to have to put up with it tonight. Here's what He said in 1 Peter 3:15. Read it for yourself now.

Father, I just pray that you'd show up in this house in a mighty way. Holy Ghost, you turn us upside down and right side up and inside-out and outside-in today. And I pray, God, that you'd do it again tonight, but I pray, God, that as I preach over the radio over the internet, O God, that you would just send your Spirit to do the same thing literally around the world. That those, O God, would encounter this Word, that the Spirit of the Lord would use it mightily to change their lives. I pray, God, that sanctity, Lord, will not be a dirty word in the House of God. It won't be a dirty word, O God, anywhere. When we hear the word "sanctify", Lord, we will

rise up and declare, "Make it to me, O God, I want to walk through the sanctification process. Father, we love you and praise you. Holy Ghost, you're the real preacher and teacher. Now come and speak a powerful word. Let revelation flow. For that, I give you the praise, the glory, and the honor, and we all say, in Jesus' name, Amen.

When I was a boy, my grandmother and her friends and the old preacher, they used to get up and they would want to testify. How many of you remember the testifying services and they would go long, and they would go hard, and people would be all excited. They'd begin by saying these words right here, "I thank the Lord that I'm saved. Yeah, sanctified, and full of the Holy Ghost."

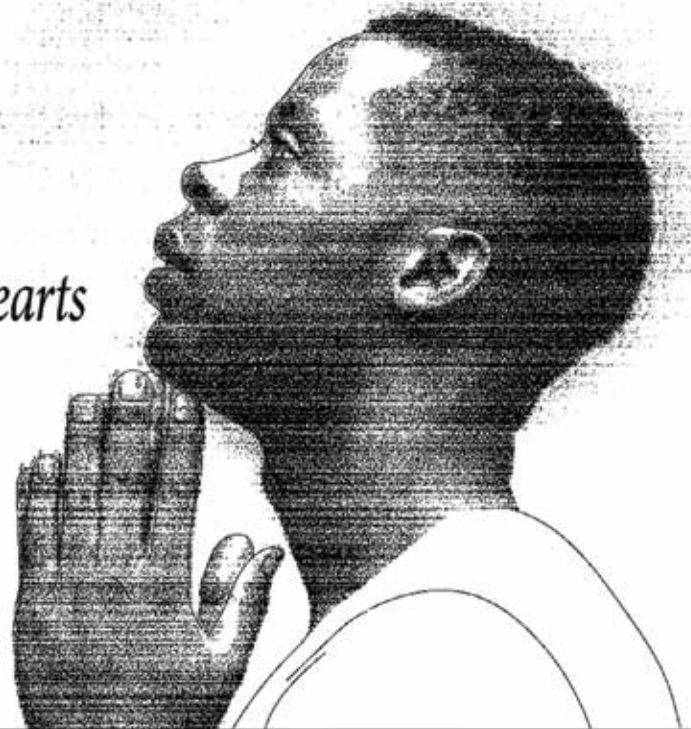
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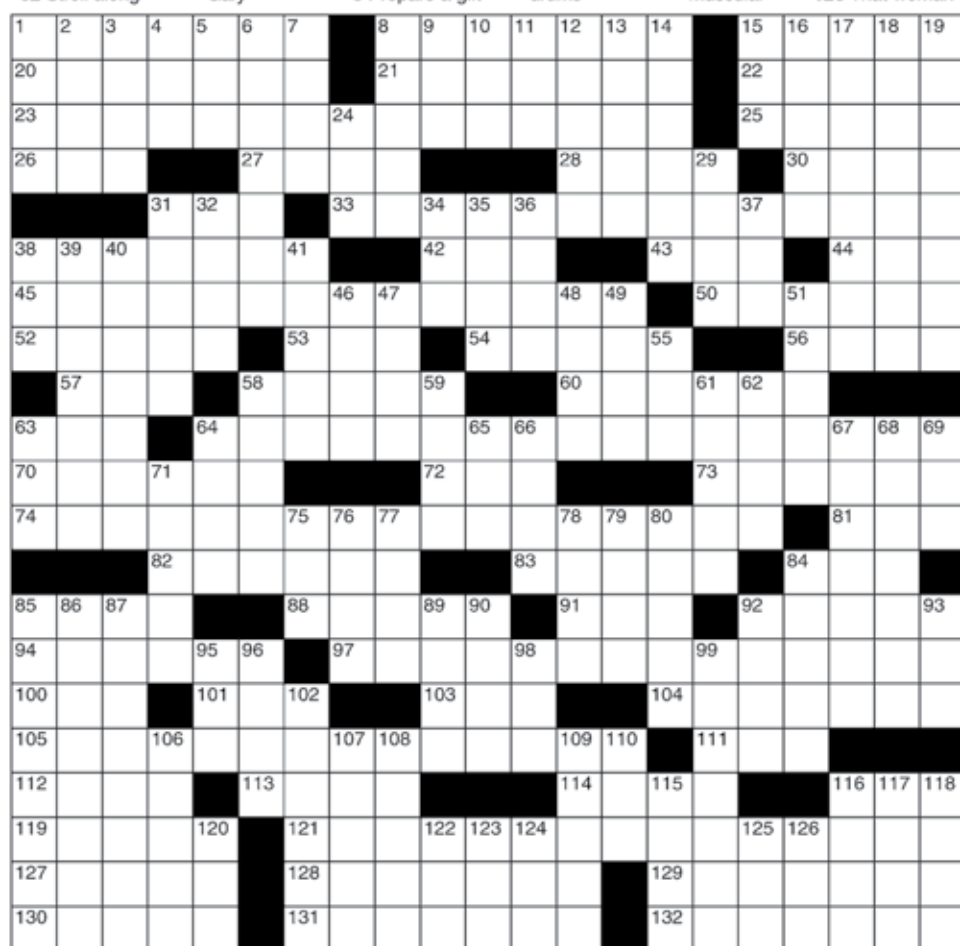
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54 "Shrek!" writer William  
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94 "The Far Side" cartoonist Gary
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103 Singer Yoko  
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 13, where was the tower that killed 18 people when it collapsed? *Babel, Shechem, Hananeel, Siloam*
3. Which biblical Philistine city is often heard today with the word "strip"? *Sunset, Corinth, Gaza, Derbe*
4. From 1 Samuel 16, how many boys did Jesse have? *4, 8, 11, 14*
5. Which apostle did Satan enter into? *Judas, Thomas, James, Peter*
6. Uriah had what occupation? *Servant, Carpenter, Shepherd, Soldier*

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1. GEOGRAPHY: How many independent countries are in Africa today?
2. TELEVISION: What was the name of the hospital in the sitcom "Scrubs"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The secret government site called Area 51 is located in which U.S. state?
4. ANATOMY: What is the rarest human blood type?
5. HISTORY: Demolition of the Berlin Wall started in which year?
6. LANGUAGE: What is a polyglot?
7. MOVIES: In which Disney animated movie does the character Maleficent appear?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What kind of crop did Jimmy Carter raise as a farmer?
9. MUSIC: Which instrument is Bartolomeo Cristofori credited with inventing?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do you call a group of horses or ponies that is used or owned by one person?





# HAPPENINGS

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

## EVENTS

### EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### EBCI Chicken Distribution.

**Aug. 31.** Three locations including: Qualla Boundary – 10 a.m. at the old Cherokee High School. Info: Kristina Queen (828) 359-6444. Snowbird Community – Church of the Lamb at 12:30 p.m.. Info: Zena Rattler (828) 735-4594. Cherokee County – John Welch Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. Info: Zena Rattler. Must show EBCI enrollment card. One box per family.

#### Cherokee Fire & Rescue Fire

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

### HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS

#### Fireside Sobriety Circle.

Sept. 7-10 at the Yogi in the Smokies Campground in Cherokee, N.C. Bring your chairs, camping gear, warm clothes and blankets, and your Pow Wow regalia. AA/Al-anon speakers, talking circles, meetings, t-shirts and sweatshirts, Sobriety Pow Wow. No pets in food serving/ eating, Pow Wow, under big tent, or Sacred Fire Areas. Registration begins Thursday

at noon. Info: Herb W. (828) 506-8563 or [firesidesobriety@gmail.com](mailto:firesidesobriety@gmail.com).

#### Childbirth Education Class.

Sept. 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Cherokee Choices located at 806 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. These classes are free and open to all. Learn about labor and birth, coping skills for labor, postpartum, breastfeeding, and newborn care. Participants must register prior to class. Sign up with Tricia Carver at [tricarv@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:tricarv@ebci-nsn.gov) or (828) 359-6250

#### Cherokee High School Fall Sports Schedules

##### Varsity Football

(all games start at 7:30 p.m.)

- Aug. 25, at Cosby (Tenn.)
- Sept. 1, at Choctaw Central (Miss.)
- Sept. 8, vs Rosman
- Sept. 15, at Mount Zion Christian Academy (Durham, N.C.)
- Sept. 29, vs Robbinsville

- Oct. 6, at Andrews
- Oct. 13, at Hayesville
- Oct. 20, at Swain Co.
- Oct. 27, vs Murphy

##### JV Football

(all games start at 6 p.m.)

- Aug. 24, vs Avery Co.
- Aug. 31, at Robbinsville
- Sept. 7, vs Andrews
- Sept. 14, vs Hayesville
- Sept. 21, vs Swain Co.

- Sept. 28, at Murphy

##### Cross Country

- Aug. 23, at Hayesville, 4 p.m.
- Aug. 30, at Tri-County Early College, 3:30 p.m.
- Sept. 6, home meet (Cherokee), 4 p.m.
- Sept. 16, at Swain Co., 4 p.m.
- Sept. 23, at Murphy, 4 p.m.
- Sept. 27, at Hiwassee Dam, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 4, at Robbinsville, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 14, Smoky Mountain Conference Championship, hosted by Swain Co.

##### Varsity and JV Volleyball

JV games at 5 p.m., Varsity games at 6 p.m., home games at Charles George Memorial Arena

Aug. 22 vs Pisgah

Aug. 24 vs Blue Ridge

Aug. 26 Tri-Match at home (varsity only)

Aug. 28 at Hiwassee Dam

Aug. 29 at Andrews

Aug. 31 at Hayesville

Sept. 5 at Swain Co.

Sept. 7 vs Highlands

Sept. 11 at West Henderson

Sept. 12 at Nantahala (varsity only)

Sept. 18 at Highlands

Sept. 19 vs Hiwassee Dam

Sept. 21 at Murphy

Sept. 26 at Robbinsville

Sept. 28 vs Andrews

Oct. 3 vs Hayesville

Oct. 5 vs Swain Co.

Oct. 10 vs Murphy

Oct. 12 vs Robbinsville (Senior Night)

##### Middle School Volleyball

Games start at 4 p.m., home games at Charles George Memorial Arena

Aug. 22 vs Martins Creek

Aug. 24 vs Highlands

Aug. 28 at Hiwassee Dam/Ranger

Aug. 29 at Andrews

## Puzzles Answers

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

LOWCOST		GALILEE		PASTA
PAROLEE		REAREND		ALTOS
GRANDPRAIRIE		DOGS		SLOTS
ASP		HIRE		OLEO
		ANO		BROKEN
				ARROWKEY
ETAGERE		XED		SAW
SIMIVALLEY		GIRL		LEHRER
AMBLE		SEA		STEIG
				ODDS
PIE		TIERS		ATRAIN
MAE		OVERLAND		PARKBENCH
ANNALS		CIO		EEYORE
LITTLEROCK		CONCERT		COY
		LATINA		ROADS
				TAU
ALDA		GERMY		ORD
LARSON		GREENBAY		WINDOW
AKA		HES		ONO
				SOMEONE
NEWPORT		NEWSVAN		RED
KENO		DOOM		LEND
IRISE		POMPANO		BEACHBUM
NIGEL		INAI		DOF
GEHRY		TESTOUT		REORDER

### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

2	4	3	5	9	1	6	8	7
9	1	7	6	4	8	3	2	5
6	5	8	3	2	7	4	9	1
5	7	1	4	8	2	9	6	3
8	3	2	9	1	6	7	5	4
4	6	9	7	3	5	2	1	8
3	2	5	1	6	4	8	7	9
7	8	4	2	5	9	1	3	6
1	9	6	8	7	3	5	4	2

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Siloam, 3) Gaza, 4) 8, 5) Judas, 6) Soldier

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

#### Answers

- 54.
- Sacred Heart.
- Nevada.
- AB negative.
- 1989.
- A person who can speak multiple languages.
- "Sleeping Beauty."
- Peanuts.
- The piano.
- A string.

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*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

ᏈᏃᏃ  
hiyegi  
wake up

ᏃᏃᏃᏃᏃᏃ ᏃᏃᏃᏃᏃᏃ  
hadvnvisda tsadehlogwasdih  
get ready for school

ᏃᏃᏃᏃ ᏃᏃᏃᏃ ᏃᏃᏃᏃ  
tsadandi gehesdi higohi  
be good today

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Sept. 5 at Swain Co.  
 Sept. 12 at Martins Creek  
 Sept. 19 vs Hiwassee Dam/Ranger  
 Sept. 21 at Murphy  
 Sept. 26 at Robbinsville  
 Sept. 28 vs Andrews  
 Oct. 2 at Highlands  
 Oct. 3 vs Hayesville  
 Oct. 5 vs Swain Co.  
 Oct. 10 vs Murphy  
 Oct. 12 vs Robbinsville

## 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.*

**Siksikaitsitapi Pow Wow.** Aug. 23-24 at Agri-Food Hub & Trade Center in Lethbridge, Alberta, Can-

ada. Emcees: Travis Plaited Hair, Tony Delaney. Info: Claire Heavy Head (403) 328-4491, [claire.heavyhead@agrifoodhub.ca](mailto:claire.heavyhead@agrifoodhub.ca)

**147th Annual Rosebud Fair & Wacipi.** Aug. 25-27 at Adam Bordeaux Memorial Arena in Rosebud, S.D. Info: [www.rosebudfair.com](http://www.rosebudfair.com)

**Jingtamok Pow Wow.** Aug. 25-27 near Bridge View Park in St. Ignace, Mich. Info: Darryl Brown (906) 984-2033, [Turtlesback@charter.net](mailto:Turtlesback@charter.net)

**Zhiibaahaasing 27th Annual Pow Wow.** Aug. 26-27 at Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, Ontario, Canada. Info: Crystal Sagon (705) 283-3963, [crystals@zhiibaahaasing.org](mailto:crystals@zhiibaahaasing.org)

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# VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

## Veterans Service Organizations

If you're a veteran, are you in a veterans service organization? There are four groups, and while they differ in their origins, they all have the same goal: to help veterans.

The largest organization is the American Legion. Across the country are more than 12,000 posts and approximately 2 million members. The Legion is to be thanked for the GI Bill of Rights, which has helped many veterans get a college or trade education and a home with a low mortgage rate. But the Legion has done much more: The organization has also donated \$1 million to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and sponsored a study on the effects of Agent Orange. If you want to explore the Legion, read more online at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

Like the name says, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) steps up to help disabled veterans with nearly anything they need. Just last year, for example, they provided 163,000 rides for veterans to reach their medical appointments and helped file over 150,000 claims. They have 26 transition service offices, helping veterans make the change to civilian life by providing benefits counseling. For more information on the DAV, start with [www.dav.org](http://www.dav.org).

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) changes lives. They push for better access to air travel, help veterans find employment and pay for adaptive housing and vehicles. So far they've invested over a half million dollars into spinal cord research. In one year alone, they helped veterans receive over \$78 million in benefits. Learn more at [pva.org](http://pva.org).

Started in 1899 by a few veterans during the Spanish-American War, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has worked since then to get the rights and benefits that veterans deserve. They've assisted veterans with collecting \$10 billion in disability compensation and pension benefits with the help of over 2,000 accredited VFW reps. Today membership stands at 1.5 million. To learn more about the VFW, check [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

To be considered: Many of the veterans groups are losing membership due to the age of their members. Your interest will be most welcomed.

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## How to Litter Train a New Kitten

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I'm getting a new kitten from my neighbor. His name is Striper, and he's 10 weeks old. But I'm worried that he won't know how to use the litter box. Once he moves in, how can I train him to use the litter box? — Kaley in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

**DEAR KALEY:** Once kittens are able to move around and explore, their moms teach them right away where and how to go. This is a survival skill: Cats hide their waste so that it's harder for predators to find them and so their prey doesn't know they're around.

However, you'll need to make sure Striper knows where it's appropriate for him to go. So, before he comes home with you, prepare for his arrival.

— Have the litter box ready to go, filled with litter, and a scoop and bag nearby.

— As soon as Striper arrives, bring him to the litter box first before anything else. Let him sniff around and get familiar with the box.

What if Striper doesn't use the litter box? Here's what to do:

— If you catch him in the act, don't scold him; pick him up and place him in the litter box. Let him sniff around again and allow him to leave even if he doesn't go again.

— Get to know his behaviors. Once you recognize Striper is about to go, you can pick him up and get him to the litter box.

— Give him lots of praise when he uses the box and a little treat when he's done.

— If Striper still won't use the box, try shifting it to a new location and show him where it is.

Send your tips, comments or questions to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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**Tribute to the Elders Pow Wow.** Aug. 26-27 at Bromley Farm in Brighton, Colo. Info: Mary Martinez (720) 322-3685

**Mountain Spirit Pow Wow.** Aug. 26-27 at Mason-Dixon Historical Park in Core, W.V. Info: Phyllis Bruce (304) 662-6220, [immarketing-real@gmail.com](mailto:immarketing-real@gmail.com)

**21st Annual Santa Rose Days Pow Wow & Gathering.** Aug. 26-27 at Tachi Palace Casino in Lemoore, Calif. MC: Carlos Calica. Host Northern Drum: Wild Rose. Host Southern Drum: White Tail Boyz. No contact information was provided.

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

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

**Poetry Reading.** Aug. 26 at 3 p.m.

at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. North Carolina poets Sam Barbee and Michael Hettich will share selections from their respective works. To reserve copies or for more information, call City Lights Bookstore (828) 586-9499

**Piano Concert at the Library.** Aug. 26 at 3 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Dr. Leonidas Lagrimas (piano), WCU School of Music faculty member, will perform along with three guest classical pianists from western North Carolina. Info: Jackson County Public Library (828) 586-2016 or email [jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org](mailto:jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org)

**Indivisible Swain County meeting.** Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda will focus on finalizing plans for the Oct. 12 community forum, “A

Shared Vision for Health in Swain County”, and the Oct. 13 free health screening. All are welcome. To request a Zoom link, email [indivisible-swain@gmail.com](mailto:indivisible-swain@gmail.com)

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

**47th Annual Fall Festival.** Oct. 7-8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, N.C. Info: (800) 365-5724 or [www.folkschool.org/fallfestival](http://www.folkschool.org/fallfestival)

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## John Ross

John Ross (1790-1866) was the most important Cherokee political leader of the nineteenth century. He helped establish the Cherokee national government and served as the Cherokee Nation's principal chief for almost 40 years. He led the Cherokees' resistance against removal and their struggle to rebuild in the Indian Territory. In 1818, Ross became the president of the Cherokee National Council's National Committee, and later he helped to draft the 1827 Cherokee Constitution, which provided for a bicameral legislature, a national court system, and a principal chief. In 1828, Ross was elected principal chief, an office he would hold for the rest of his life.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

**Buying Fresh Wild Ginseng**, starting September 1st, buying at the Old Caney Fork General Store every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm – 6pm. Also, buying at my home every day 1pm – 9pm. Call Rickey Teem 828.371.1802 or 828.524.7748.  
**10/25**

## EMPLOYMENT



**KG3 and Kituwah Technologies have the following job(s) available:**

**Business Development Specialist**

Anyone interested should pick up an application and complete position description at the KG3 office building, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, across the street from Waffle House and First Citizens Bank between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or email Maggie Toineeta at [maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com](mailto:maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com). These positions will be opened until filled. Native American preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will be accepted in conjunction of all applications.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY:

**Business Development Specialist**  
Kituwah Services, LLC is looking for a Business Development Specialist to assist in the development and growth of Kituwah Services' pursuit of Federal services con-

tracts with multiple agencies within the US Government. The Business Development Specialist will report directly to the Kituwah Services, LLC president. The successful candidate must have:

Minimum of 10 years' experience and proven success in business development, proposal development, and capture of Federal service contracts.

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Compensation: Kituwah Services offers a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package. Kituwah Services, LLC is proudly owned and operated by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

Job Type: Full-time  
Salary: Commensurate with Experience

Benefits:

- 401(k) matching
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- Bachelor's (Required)
  - Experience:
  - Federal Procurement Business Development: 1 year (Preferred)
  - Work Location:
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## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
The Cherokee Court  
Civil File No. CV 23-026

### **Cherokee Indian Housing Division v. Dwaine George**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-titled action. The nature of the relief being sought is residential eviction and reimbursement of court costs. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than the October 9, 2023 session of Small Claims Court, 9:00AM at the Cherokee Justice Center, 91 Seven Clans Lane, Cherokee NC 28719, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against

you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You may contact CIHD at 828-359-6328 or at P.O. Box 1749, Cherokee NC 28719.  
**8/30**

**RFPs, BIDs, etc.**

## RFQ Plumbing Repairs

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino is seeking quotes from qualified TERO certified companies for plumbing repairs in their domestic water room. Two 4 inch Victaulic potable valves and one 6 inch Victaulic potable valve need to be replaced. A site visit is required prior to quoting, and the timing of the work must be coordinated with the property. The company awarded the project must be licensed by the Cherokee Tribal Gaming Commission, prior to performing the work.

Interested companies should contact Sidney Moss, Engineering Supervisor, before Friday September 15th, 2023 at 828-226-0489, 828-422-5100, or at [smoss@harrahs.com](mailto:smoss@harrahs.com). **8/30**

**theonefeather.com is a great resource for all EBCI-related links**

See the "LINKS" button at [theonefeather.com](http://theonefeather.com) and see a listing of website links to various tribal entities and Cherokee-related businesses.

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## 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

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Apply in person or contact Angie Hill at [angieh@mandaraspa.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:hillnory@ebci-nsn.gov)

**Douglas McCoy -TERO Job Bank Coordinator**

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## Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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

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

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

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

**BUS DEPARTMENT:** Multiple Pt Bus Drivers; Multiple Ft Bus Drivers

**CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME:** Multiple FT Resident Counselors and Multiple PT Resident Counselors – 2nd Shift – 3:30pm-11:30pm; 3rd Shift – 11:30pm – 7:30 Am, Assistant Manager

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT:** (6) Teachers (Agelink); Assistant Manager – Child Development

**CONSTRUCTION/FACILITIES:** (2) Skilled Carpenter/Mason, Experienced Sheet Rock Finisher; (4) Carpenter/Mason Helpers

Cherokee Boys Club

P.O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC. 28719 828-497-9101

## Museum of the Cherokee Indian - Now Hiring

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

The **Atsila Anotasgi Cultural Specialist** will enhance visitors' experience at the Museum and through the cultural district of Cherokee by presenting Cherokee history and culture through cultural programs, leading group tours, and more. Compensation begins at \$12/hour.

The **Front Line Associate** will serve Museum visitors in the Store and box office. Flexible hours and season work welcome. Compensation begins at \$12/hour.

The **Lead Front Line Associate** will be responsible for supervision of all Front Line Associates, fulfillment of Webstore orders and ensuring a positive guest experience. Hiring Range: \$14—17/hour. Salary Range: \$14—21/hour.

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

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# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### FINANCE:

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

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### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child - \$58,332 - \$72,915 - \*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

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

Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety - \$44,107 - \$55,134

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

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

Peer Support Specialist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

Adult Outpatient Services Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852

Program Coordinator - \$50,723 - \$63,404

### OPERATIONS

Dentist – Dentures & Partial Dentures - \$131,405 - \$164,256

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

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 – \$20.67

Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

Medical Technologist - \$28.68 - \$32.85 - \*\$5,000

Hiring Bonus

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

DME Specialist - \$18.32 - \$20.67

### MEDICAL

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

Physician – ER \$227,068 - \$283,835

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

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

\$283,835

### NURSING

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

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

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

Registered Nurse Part Time Intermittent - Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72 (Nights)

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

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

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

### TSALI CARE CENTER

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

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

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Cook Aide - \$15.00 - \$16.77

Driver/Med Aide - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Housekeeping Assistant Supervisor - \$18.32 - \$20.67

LPN—Part-Time Intermittent - \$22.76 - \$25.89

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

Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11

Registered Nurse—Part-Time Intermittent - \$31.06 - \$35.64

### Tribal Option

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### Closing Sunday, August 27, 2023

1. Language Specialist – Snowbird Language and Culture – Snowbird and Cherokee County (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
2. Grounds Maintenance – Public Works – Operations (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Durable Medical Equipment Eligibility Coordinator – Family Support Services – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
4. Advocate – Domestic Violence – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
5. Intake Technician – Domestic Violence – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
6. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
7. Receptionist – Enrollment – Office of the Attorney General (L5 \$15.00 - \$18.75 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. Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
4. Natural Resources Enforcement Officer (Multiple) – Natural Resources Enforcement – 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. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour)
10. Financial Analyst – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478)
11. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment Plant – Operations (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
12. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
13. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
14. Family Safety Grants Coordinator – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
15. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
16. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$97,792 - \$130,389)
17. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
18. 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
19. Senior Utilities Engineer – Water and Sewer – Operations (L19 \$98,083 - \$122,604)
20. Deputy Court Clerk - Tribal Court - Judicial Branch (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)

## Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

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

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

K-12 Mental Health	6-8 Alternative Program Special Education Teacher (Pathseekers)
Behavioral Support Specialist	6-8 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant
Elementary Teacher	6-8 Behavior Modification Teacher
Elementary Teacher Assistant	6-8 Science Teacher
Elementary Lifeskills Special Education Teacher	6-8 Math Teacher
9-12 Science Teacher	6-8 Student Support Specialist
9-12 Math Teacher	CMS Softball head Coach
9-12 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher	Custodian Supervisor
9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant	Substitute Teachers
	Substitute Security





# 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 Tracker<sup>SM</sup> reports

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

*Source: Better Business Bureau*



## The industry

Timeshare sales in 2021:

**\$8.1 billion**

Average timeshare cost:

**\$24,140**

*Source: American Resort Development Association (ARDA)*

## Watch out for:



Robocalls about vacation offers - almost always illegal



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



Unsolicited offers to sell your timeshares



Claims that timeshare exit companies can modify existing timeshare contracts

## Recommendations:

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

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



## Red flags for a predatory company or scam:

### Timeshare companies & vacation club

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

### Timeshare exits companies

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

### Scammers

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

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# THE GOOD STUFF



Along with her team, Carolina Elite, Ele Smith, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Woltown Community, won the Top Gun 10U softball tournament in Hendersonville on the weekend of Aug. 19-20. The team went undefeated in the Gold Bracket, and Smith, who had a home run, was chosen as the MVP for the tournament. (Photo contributed)

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