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Pageants returning to Cherokee Indian Fair

Submitted by
EBCI Division of Commerce

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Change is in the air, and it's bringing a fresh wave of excitement to the 111th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair. This year, we're thrilled to announce several dynamic updates to the schedule, all in response to the desires of a passionate community. From Oct. 3-7, the Fair will be held at the historic old Cherokee High School / Acquoni Expo Center site, 1501 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. for a cultural celebration like no other under the theme, "They Made The Way."

One of the most significant

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The EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Royalty pageants will now be held the week of the Cherokee Indian Fair as opposed to the week before as previously scheduled. The 2022-23 EBCI Royalty is shown at this year's Annual Eastern Band Cherokee Pow Wow including Little Miss Cherokee Zarah Dawkins, Junior Miss Ava Walkingstick, Teen Miss Cherokee Cameron Jackson, and Miss Cherokee Raylen Bark. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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PAGEANTS: from front page

changes this year is the highly anticipated return of the beloved pageants, including the Teen Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss, and the crowning jewel, the Miss Cherokee Pageant.

EBCI Division of Commerce officials noted, "We've worked in close collaboration with the Cherokee Pageant Board to make this dream come true. We can't wait to celebrate the talents and beauty of our remarkable contestants."

In addition to the pageant comeback, the Commerce team has also been working closely with the stickball teams to fine-tune their playtimes. Moving some games up an hour ensures that the teams and fairgoer save more daylight hours to witness the thrilling action on the field. We're committed to providing the best viewing experience while honoring this cherished tradition.

The parade, a beloved highlight of the Cherokee Indian Fair, has a time adjustment this year. It will now commence at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3 kicking off the festivities in grand style.

A detailed event schedule is forthcoming reflecting the following changes:

Monday, Oct. 2 - Fair Week Stick Off:

- 5 p.m. – Stickball games at Unity Field

Tuesday, Oct. 3 - Parade Day:

- 3 p.m. – Parade begins
- 6:30 p.m. – Teen Miss Cherokee Pageant, Fair main stage

Wednesday, Oct. 4 -Children's Day:

- 9 p.m. gates open – no changes

Thursday, Oct. 5 -Elder's Day:

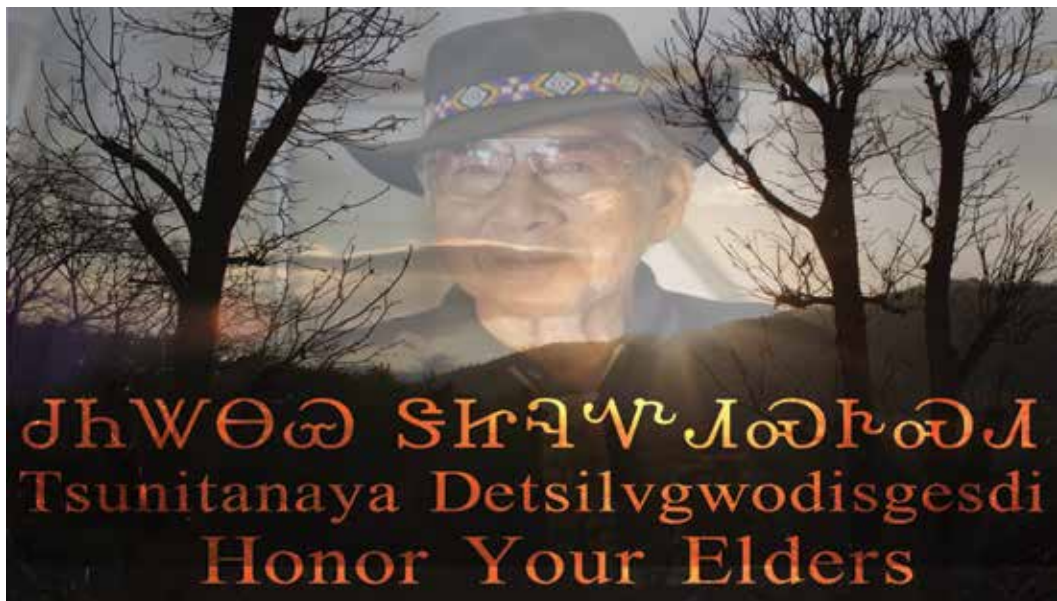
- 11 a.m. – Fashion Show, Fair main stage
- 2 p.m. – Youth Stickball
- 3 p.m. – Elders Stickball
- 4 p.m. – Men's Stickball
- 5 p.m. – Men's Stickball
- 6:30 p.m. – Little Miss Cherokee and Junio Miss Cherokee Pageants – Fair main stage

Friday, Oct. 6 -Veterans Day:

- 8 a.m. – Gates open
- 2 p.m. – Veteran's Games
- 2:30 p.m. – Veteran's Games
- 2:30 p.m. – Youth Stickball
- 4:30 p.m. – Men's Stickball
- 5:30 p.m. – Men's Stickball
- 6:30 p.m. – Miss Cherokee Pageant – Fair main stage

Saturday, Oct. 7 -Community Day:

- 8 a.m. – Gates open
- 8 p.m. – The Romantics – Fair Main Stage
- 9 p.m. – Starship – Fair main stage



MISS CHEROKEE

2023 CONTESTANTS



TEEN MISS CHEROKEE

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JUNIOR MISS CHEROKEE

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LITTLE MISS CHEROKEE

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Contestant photos courtesy of A&M Photography

A "haiku" for the Cherokee One Feather Strange Brew Challenge...

7 will be chosen. 3 cups await.

Who has the best tastebuds?

Do you smell what Qualla Java is roasting?

The big event is October 30 at Qualla Java in Cherokee, NC. Qualla Java's expert roasters and baristas will come up with 3 unique flavor profiles. The selected contestants' jobs, should they choose to accept it, will be to correctly identify the main ingredient(s) in each strange brew. Any and all who get all three correct will be eligible to win quasi-valuable prizes and, of course, bragging rights. Watch the One Feather Facebook page for your opportunity. When we do the Strange Brew post, comment on it, and be entered in the random draw for the seven.

EBCI voters approve mixed beverage sales

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Voters of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have approved a referendum authorizing mixed beverage permits to be issued on tribal lands by the TABCC (Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission). During the General Election on Thursday, Sept. 7, voters approved the referendum by a margin of 2,389 to 1,113.

The question offered was, “Do you support allowing the Tribal ABC Commission to issue mixed beverages permits for the sale of

mixed beverages on tribal lands to qualified establishments including, but not limited to, restaurants, hotels, convention centers, and nonprofit organizations.”

Mara Nelson, TABCCC chair, said, “As our Qualla Boundary’s economy relies on tourism, we have to keep up with surrounding communities to be competitive. It’s evident from most tribal members that supported this referendum that tribal members appreciate this and support the growth of Cherokee by giving tourists what they want.”

Mitch Littlejohn, TABCC vice chair, noted, “This will help recruit popular restaurants and provide other businesses that will keep people in town for longer than just one day?”

Shannon Ross, TABCC commissioner, agrees, “It opens the

door for economic growth on the Qualla Boundary. It will help our ABC store grow and allow it to be open for longer hours.”

Voter turnout for the election was good with 53.93 percent of the 6,716 registered EBCI voters casting a ballot. This meets the criteria for the referendum question to be deemed official under Cherokee Code Sec. 161-9(c)(8) which states that at least 30 percent of the registered voters must cast a ballot for a referendum changing ordinances and/or resolutions.

Mikael R. Gross, TABCC attorney, spoke to the business end of retail sales of mixed beverages on EBCI tribal lands. “The availability of mixed beverage permits for these retail establishments will help generate revenue for both the business and the tribe. The businesses will be able to offer a wide variety of beverages that previously were not available for patrons and the tribe will benefit from the additional levy on the sale of the beverages as well as any economic development which may occur in the future to include the building of new restaurants, hotels, or other venues.”

“In addition to the revenues

generated by the sale of the beverages, the tribe also will benefit from the revenues generated from the sale of the alcohol to the retailer, which has an additional mandated tax since the beverages are being sold as mixed beverages.”

Gross said it also creates a fairer environment for businesses. “Within the scope of economic development, the availability of all of the ABC permits on tribal land which are available to those business owners off of tribal land will create parity and help tribal businesses grow their customer base since they can now offer comparable food and beverage services.”

He added, “It is also important to note that mixed beverages have been available on tribal lands for quite some time, but we’re limited to those business establishments located downtown and at the casino. With a passage of the referendum, alcoholic beverages will now be available on all tribal lands to business owners who wish to participate in the alcoholic beverage industry.”

Referendum results still have to be certified by Tribal Council later this month before they become official.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Molly Taylor
is a tabby cat.

Her human is
Kyla Taylor
from the
Birdtown
Community.



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

See the “LINKS” button at theonefeather.com and see a listing of website links to various tribal entities and Cherokee-related businesses.

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U.S. Congressman introduces bill to withhold federal funding from state, tribal governments legalizing cannabis

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

Congressman Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.) said in a commentary to the Cherokee One Feather last month that he planned to propose a bill that would withhold federal funding from governments that violate federal cannabis law. He introduced the Stop Pot Act on Friday, Sept. 1.

In a press release, Edwards said, "The laws of any government should not infringe on the overall

laws of our nation, and federal funds should not be awarded to jurisdictions that willfully ignore federal law. During a time when our communities are seeing unprecedented crime, drug addiction, and mental illness, the Stop Pot Act will help prevent even greater access to drugs and ease the strain placed on our local law enforcement and mental health professionals who are already stretched thin."

H.R. 5323 (Stop Pot Act of 2023) would withhold 10 percent of federal highway funding from a federally recognized tribe or state permitting recreational cannabis use and sales.

Voters of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians approved a referendum during the General Election on Thursday, Sept. 7 giving a thumbs up for adult-use marijuana usage on tribal lands.

The question read, "Do you support legalizing the possession and use of cannabis for persons who are at least twenty-one (21) years old, and require the EBCI Tribal Council to develop legislation to regulate the market?"

In the unofficial results of the referendum vote, 70 percent of participating tribal members voted "yes" on the question (2,464 voted "yes" and 1,057 voted "no"). The EBCI Election Board must present the result to Tribal Council to make the result official.

The approval of the referendum doesn't automatically make "adult-use" legal on EBCI lands, but it does give direction to tribal leaders to amend tribal law to do so. Adult-use includes the recreational, non-medical, ingestion and absorption of cannabis. Congressman Edwards submitted a commentary to the One Feather, entitled "The Cherokee people should say no to pot", which was published on theonefeather.com website on Aug. 17 and in the Aug. 23 print issue.

In that commentary, he announced that he would be introducing the Stop Pot Act and encouraged EBCI tribal members to vote against the cannabis referendum. "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."

Following publication of Congressman Edwards' commentary, the One Feather received several responses to the commentary including a joint letter signed by

Garrett Lagan, Swain Co. Democratic Party chair; Diane Snyder, Cherokee Co. Democratic Party chair; Cody Lewis, Jackson Co. Democratic Party chair; and Sam Edney, Transylvania Co. Democratic Party chair. They wrote, "Representative Edwards threatens to eliminate federal funds to tribal governments that choose to legalize any form of marijuana use. Rep. Edwards' strategy reeks of the same paternalism we have seen throughout the history of federal dealings with tribal governments. This is not the action of a friend with a disagreement, it is patronizing and coercive."

In a letter to the One Feather, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, praised the words of the four Democratic chairs and wrote, "In my estimation, Rep. Edwards has overstepped his authority and has made a major political blunder as a federal representative; a non-Indian, elected official telling a sovereign tribal nation how they ought to handle their business."

Mary Jane Oatman, Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association (ICIA) executive director, was quoted in Native News Online on the issue. "The Eastern Band of Cherokee have the right to determine what works best for their community, including for Cannabis Policy reform. Tribal sovereignty encompasses a broad range when it comes to cannabis from serving as an economic driver to a health equalizer."

Congressman Edwards said the bill is endorsed by the Christian Action League and the Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action organization.

The Stop Pot Act has one co-sponsor, Re. Gregory Murphy (R-N.C.), and has been referred to the House Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

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Traditional Bean Bread

The traditional way to make Cherokee Bean Bread is a simple list of ingredients; dried corn which has been cooked with wood ash to remove the hulls and ground into a dough, beans, and their hot cooking liquid. This mixture is formed into patties, wrapped in corn blades, and boiled. Bean Bread has more of a dumpling texture than what we associate with "bread" these days, and no salt is added as salt would cause the dough to crumble while cooking.

Source: PBS, Chef Nico Albert
(Cherokee Nation)



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Technology and cannabis were discussed at the monthly Cherokee Police Commission meeting

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Police Commission of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) met on Thursday, Sept. 14 in the Ginger Lynn Welch Large Conference Room for their monthly meeting.

Chairman Crowe called the meeting to order, and Secretary Lossiah acknowledged that their quorum requirement of five commissioners had been met. Board members attending were Chairman Gene Tunney Crowe (Birdtown), Secretary Anita Lossiah (At-Large), Hillary Norville (Snowbird/Cherokee County), Frank Dunn (Wolfstown), Lisa Taylor (Painttown), Kym Parker (Yellowhill). Vice Chairman Joseph Buddy Johnson (Big Cove) had an excused absence. There is one vacant “At-Large” seat. The Commission unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting and the minutes from last month’s meeting. There were sign-ups for no public comment or community dialogue.

Shelli Buckner, EBCI senior tribal prosecutor; Cody White, EBCI associate attorney general assigned to the Cherokee Indian Police Dept. (CIPD); Chris Siewers, EBCI Attorney General’s Office; Holly Kays, Smoky Mountain News; and Robert Jumper, Cherokee One Feather; were guests in attendance.

Secretary Lossiah reported that a scheduled presentation from Bonnie Claxton regarding a Tribal Health Improvement Plan (THIP) team update on addressing community violence and abuse was postponed due to Claxton being unavailable. An Executive Dashboard presentation was given with established data points. Sheena Meader, who works

for Beraten Software as a project manager and in-house counsel, shared an application that included access to the “Tribal-X” database that will allow the Police Commission to review data and provide a discussion facilitator for the commission. The app allows for a portal for in-person or remote meeting attendance and discussion. Reports can be loaded in from all the tribal police organizations. The dashboard could display historical and comparative data.

Beraten Software’s website states that they are “experts in delivering user-friendly, web-based solutions tailored to the needs of Indian tribes.” Meader previously worked as an associate attorney general at EBCI from July 2014 to November 2016, according to her online resume.

Cherokee Animal Control stats had been requested by Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley at a previous meeting. Commission Secretary Lossiah asked White to follow up on getting the statistics. He said would work with the CIPD to ensure that the statistics were made available to the Vice Chief.

The Commission had a brief discussion on the merits and challenges of creating an “animal clinic” on the Qualla Boundary. Comments on the extra workforce that would be required to impact on existing agreements with outside agencies to provide rabies vaccines were delivered. No votes or decisions were made as additional information was needed by the Commission to proceed.

Chairman Crowe read highlights from a Natural Resources Enforcement (NRE) report in which 68 citations were issued. Commission Secretary Lossiah was asked by Chairman Crowe to email NRE the

full report later. Additional information from the report included 71 charges, including 61 fishing/hunting violations, eight traffic violations, and two other violations. Their report covered two months, July 1 to Aug. 31, 2023. In addition to routine patrols of streams and backwoods areas, NRE also provided assistance to the CIPD, Cherokee Animal Control, Cherokee Fire Department, and EBCI Emergency Medical Services as needed.

White stated that the government would be issuing an official statement concerning the cannabis referendum vote. Chairman Crowe expressed concerns about an increase in the crime rate due to the influx of people who might be coming for cannabis. White said that the federal stance seems to be that tribes will be treated like a state regarding the regulation of cannabis and could be somewhat tolerant if tribes contain cannabis to their respective boundaries. The state of North Carolina is still weighing the pros and cons of cannabis and has yet to enact legalization legislation. Commissioner Parker concurred with Chairman Crowe on the concern of an increased homeless population with the potential expansion of cannabis on the Boundary. Siewers concurred with White’s statement that the referendum vote on cannabis was more of a survey question. Siewers offered to help the Commission create a position statement on the cannabis issue.

There was no report from ALE or CIPD at this meeting.

Buckner shared a “September Report to Police Commission”. She commented that “five convictions were made possible based on the Tribe’s exercise of jurisdiction of the Violence Against Women Act

(VAWA). Office of the Tribal Prosecutor obtained convictions in connection with fifty incidents of crime and three probation violations.” The period reported was from Aug. 1-31. In her report, Buckner acknowledged 28 CIPD and ALE officers and two private citizens who “were responsible for the charges resulting in the convictions and probation violations.”

It was noted that a presentation for discussion on elder abuse legislation is scheduled for the next meeting. Siewers and Buckner are discussing the legislation and plan to make a presentation to the Commission next session.

In the Commission’s unfinished business was a discussion of the current operational status of the Commissioners’ tablets continued from last month’s meeting. They are working with the Tribal Office of Information Technology to get all tablets in working order.

In the “open discussion” portion of the meeting, the Commission reviewed “human trafficking – mandated awareness signs w/examples.” It was a status discussion and the Commission expressed support for the signage with submitting legislation being one possible route suggested for getting funding and language for the signage. Another discussion item was the Commission’s request for a “calendar” of CIPD events so that they might be able to better participate. White was asked to follow up on this calendar.

The Commission then voted to adjourn and held a working session. The nature of the working session was unspecified and not open to the public. Dates for the next Police Commission meetings are Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14.

Cash in on your spooky tail tale!

2023 Spooky Writing Contest

Fall is a great time to share stories that spook us. We would like to read yours. Three categories this year-short story, poetry, and for the little ones a drawing contest. So, dust off your word processor, pen, or Crayolas and get to writing (or drawing for the 4-7 age group).

Deadline is

October 6, 2023

\$125 best adult (ages 15 and up) story

\$125 best youth (ages 7 to 14) story
(1000 word limit)

\$100 for best adult (ages 15 and up)
poem

\$100 for best youth (ages 7 to 14) poem
(150 word limit)

\$50 for best child (ages 4 to 7) sketch or
drawing

Cherokee One Feather Spooky Writing Contest 2023

Check one: ☐ STORY ☐ POEM ☐ SKETCH OR DRAWING

Author's Name: _____ Age: _____

Entry Title: _____ Date Entered: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

If under 18, Name of parent or guardian: _____ Phone: _____

The Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board will judge the entries for each category and determine the winners. The decision of the Editorial Board will be final. Disqualification may occur for poor grammar, misspelling, inappropriateness, or plagiarism. Winners or their guardians must provide a completed W-9 form as prize checks will be awarded via tribal check. To submit your entry, email it along with this entry form to cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com or mail to Editor at Cherokee One Feather, PO Box 501, Cherokee, NC 28719. USPS submission must be postmarked no later than the deadline date. Deadline for entries is midnight, October 6, 2023.

Ethics Investigation Report on Edwin Taylor

OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT
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Ethics Investigations Report

August 30, 2023

Complaint Number: 2023-7-93

Date Filed: July 27, 2023

Complainant: Confidential

Respondent: Edwin Taylor

I. ALLEGATION

The above-named respondent Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Housing, violated Cherokee Code Section 117-45 Standards of Ethical Conduct when he disclosed confidential information to a member of the general public.

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(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.”

“(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.”

“(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

The initial complaint was received on July 28, 2023. The complainant provided a statement of the events that occurred at the homeowner’s residence on July 26, 2023.

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 Edwin Taylor on July 28, 2023. A response was received from Mr. Taylor on August 2, 2023.

The Ethics Review Committee reviewed the complaint and response in a special-called meeting on August 4, 2023. The Committee approved for the ethics staff to proceed with an investigation. (See Resolution ERC 23-03)

Witness 1 did not arrive for a scheduled interview on August 17, 2023. Ethics staff contacted the witness by phone. The witness gave a statement about a conversation with a Qualla Housing Authority employee. An Interview was conducted with the complainant on August 25, 2023. An interview was conducted with Mr. Taylor on August 29, 2023. These interviews were conducted

to obtain more information in understanding the events as stated in the complaint.

IV. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The respondent is a Tribal Official as defined in Cherokee Code Section 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 serves as the Secretary of Housing.

5. The complainant had a conversation with Witness 1 on July 26, 2023.

V. ANALYSIS

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

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))

Dismissed. While a conversation did occur between the complainant and witness, there is not enough evidence to substantiate an ethical violation.

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 substantiate this allegation.

It is alleged that the respon-

dent 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))

Dismissed. There is not sufficient evidence to substantiate this allegation.

VI. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The committee finds there are no ethical violations for the reasons set forth in the report, and the complaint is dismissed in its entirety.

EBCI Office of Internal Audit & Ethics Investigation on Recreation program

September 14, 2023

Re: Investigation – Recreation
(2022-11-56)

Our office investigated the potential misappropriation or misuse of resources within the Recreation programs regarding travel for employees and non-employees. This investigation, predicated by discrepancies in travel documents submitted by an employee, commenced on January 30, 2023, upon approval by the Audit and Ethics Committee. Dyer CPA, PLLC (Dyer) was engaged to conduct the investigation limited to Recreation travel transactions and relevant policies.

Overview

The Recreation programs including Cherokee Life and Snowbird/Cherokee County participate in various local, regional, and national sports associations and events which require travel for employees as well as non-employees. Non-employees are citizens who participate in the events with

expenses paid by Recreation. Staff from Cherokee Life and Snowbird/Cherokee County often accompany the non-employees to the events to assist and support.

Dyer reviewed transactions for travel that occurred in fiscal year 2022 and 2023 paid from the Recreation travel and non-employee travel line items. Dyer selected and reviewed 68 transactions for employee and non-employee travel. Conclusion

Aside from the one instance previously identified by management, Dyer did not identify other instances of alleged misappropriation or misuse of travel monies in the transactions reviewed. Nonetheless, management must improve the review of travel for employees and non-employees, from travel authorization to reconciliation. The following weakness-

es were identified.

1. Employees are creating or altering documents - The one instance identified by management involved an employee allegedly altering an invoice from a hotel to avoid repaying travel monies to the Tribe. Management addressed that instance through the corrective action process. While there were no other instances of alleged misappropriation or misuse identified in the transactions reviewed, there were other documents that appeared to have been created and submitted with travel requests. Those documents were "quotes" bearing hotel logos and labeled as an invoice. Management must thoroughly review each travel authorization and reconciliation to ensure proper and official documents are submitted to support the travel and associated expenses.

es. Employees must cease from creating documents using company logos and other information or altering original documents. Weaknesses in internal controls over the travel process increases the opportunity for misuse, theft, or loss of tribal resources. For program accountability, management must ensure that internal controls are documented, communicated, understood, and monitored. Our office is available to discuss the content of the report if necessary.

CIPD Arrest Report for Sept. 3-11, 2023

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

Davis, Jeremiah Israel-Dementric – age 25
Arrested: Sept. 5
Released: Sept. 5
Charges: Probation Violation

Pete, Cal Joseph – age 47
Arrested: Sept. 6
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 11)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Abusing a Corpse

Taylor, Brandon Craig – age 38
Arrested: Sept. 6
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 11)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Catolster, Dominick Alfred – age 33
Arrested: Sept. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 11)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule 1-5 (three counts)

Driver, Darrell Lee – age 38
Arrested: Sept. 8
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 11)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule 1-5 (two counts)

Littlejohn, Emery Lee – age 38
Arrested: Sept. 8
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 11)
Charges: Public Intoxication, Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Donaldson, Rohem Lionel Kakey-po – age 39
Arrested:
Released:
Charges:

Reed, Addie Pauline – age 52
Arrested: Sept. 9
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 11)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Taylor, Robert Paul – age 31
Arrested: Sept. 9
Released: Sept. 9
Charges: Public Intoxication

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JV FOOTBALL

Cherokee wins big over Hayesville on rainy Homecoming Night

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.

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Even with a lightning delay at the start and rain scattered throughout, the Cherokee JV Braves put on an offensive show for their Homecoming Night. Cherokee (4-1) topped Hayesville (1-3) by a score of 62-22 in a rainy game at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 14.

Hayesville actually got on the board first in this game. Following a 57-yard return on the opening kickoff by Silas Lovingood, Hayesville set up shop for their first possession at the Braves 13-yard line. Three plays later, Lance Coker ran 4 yards for the first score of the game. Coker ran for the two-point conversion, and Hayesville led 8-0 at the 8:28 mark of the first quarter.

And, then, Cherokee took over the game.

The Braves started their first possession at their own 49-yard line. Eight plays later, Drallen Ledford caught a 23-yard touchdown pass from Dawson Panther to put Cherokee on the board. Kytitan Johnson ran for the two-point play to tie the game with 4:51 left in the first.

Hayesville fumbled the ensuing kickoff which was recovered



Cherokee's Drallen Ledford (#33) caught a 23-yard touchdown pass from Dawson Panther in the first quarter of a game against the Hayesville Yellow Jackets at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the rainy evening of Thursday, Sept. 14. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

by Cherokee's Noah Watty. The Braves started at the Hayesville 25-yard line. Five plays later, Zaynon Taylor blasted 7 yards for a touchdown. Johnson ran for the two-point conversion, and Cherokee took a 16-8 lead with 2:32 left in the quarter.

Hayesville fumbled the ensuing kickoff which was recovered by Cherokee's Johnathan Rivera at the Hayesville 36-yard line.

Six plays later, Landon Seay ran 5 yards for a score. He then ran for the two-point play to give the Braves a 24-6 lead at the 9:56 mark of the second quarter.

Hayesville turned the ball over on downs on their next possession, and Cherokee took over on their own 46-yard line. On second down, Panther hit Cain Welch on a 39-yard pass that took them deep into Hayesville territory. Two

plays later, Johnson ran for an 8-yard touchdown. The two-point pass failed, and Cherokee led 30-8 with 5:44 left in the half.

The Yellow Jackets were forced to punt on their next possession, and the Braves took over on their own 16-yard line. Cherokee put together a 9-play drive that culminated in a 26-yard touchdown run by Kingston Welch. He also ran for the two-point conversion, and

Cherokee led 38-8 which is how the half would end.

Cherokee started the second half on their own 49-yard line. The Braves drove down into the Hayesville red zone but couldn't score and turned it over on downs at the Yellow Jackets 14-yard line. Four plays later, Cherokee's Wakinyan Raines recovered a fumble at the Hayesville 26-yard line.

The Braves were unable to capitalize and turned the ball over on downs at the Hayesville 27-yard line. On the first play of their drive, the Yellow Jackets were back in the end zone as Johan Webb galloped 73 yards for a touchdown. The two-point play failed, and Cherokee led 38-14 with 36.6 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Braves wasted no time in answering. After starting on their own 48-yard line, Cherokee got into the end zone five plays later as Johnson ran 8 yards for a score. Tsuwa Pheasant ran for the two-point conversion, and Cherokee led 46-14 with 9:27 left in the game.

On the third play of their next possession, Hayesville fumbled again – this time it was recovered by Kingston Welch at the Yellow Jackets 3-yard line. On the next play, Seay ran 1 yard on a quarterback keeper. He ran for the two-point conversion, and Cherokee extended its lead to 54-14 with 8:12 left.

The NCHSAA mercy rule went into effect at this point, and the clock ran continuously for the remainder of the game.

Almost the exact same scenario occurred on Hayesville's next possession. On their fifth play, the Yellow Jackets fumbled the ball which was recovered by James Martinez at the Cherokee 47-yard line. Five plays later, Cherokee's Vladamir Owle ran 8 yards for a score. Nicholai Solis ran for the two-point conversion to make it 62-14 with just over two minutes left.

Hayesville started the last drive of the game at midfield. On the last play of the game and with time expired, Coker hit Webb on a 50-yard touchdown pass. Coker ran for the two-point play, and the game ended with Cherokee on top 62-22.

The Cherokee JV Braves host the Swain County JV Maroon Devils at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m.



Cherokee's Ogana Swimmer (#3) tackles Hayesville's Lance Coker.



Cherokee's Zaynon Taylor (#34) runs into the end zone on a 7-yard run in the first quarter.

Lady Braves continue winning ways at Swain-hosted meet

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KITUWAH – The Cherokee Middle School (CMS) Lady Braves cross country team has won the team title at every meet they've competed in this season. They continued that streak at a meet hosted by Swain Co. High School at Kituwah on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 16.

The CMS Lady Braves had four runners in the top seven including: Austin Fourkiller-Raby, first place, 13:23.97; Lilly Lossiah, third place, 14:27.93; Lolo Bell, sixth place, 14:53.96; and Cambry Stamper, seventh place, 15:05.04.

Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee High School (CHS) Lady Braves runner and defending 1A state champion, has also won every race she's run this season. With a time of 18:56.43, she won Saturday's race by a margin of 36 seconds. Swimmer was joined in the top seven by teammates Livia Crowe, sixth place, 21:06.73; and Letsi Burgos, seventh place, 21:09.85.

Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top seven finishers and all CMS and CHS finishers:

Middle School Girls

- 1 - Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 13:23.97
- 2 - Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 13:59.02
- 3 - Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14:27.93
- 4 - Rebecca Carver, Carolina Mountain XC, 14:33.45
- 5 - Kenzly Yarbrow, Murphy, 14:46.26
- 6 - Lolo Bell, Cherokee, 14:53.96
- 7 - Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 15:05.04
- 11 - Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 15:25.00
- 15 - Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 15:28.10
- 25 - Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 16:42.38
- 55 - Yang Reed, Cherokee, 20:04.14

Team Scores

- 1 - Cherokee Middle 25
- 2 - Swain County Middle 62
- 3 - Murphy Middle 69
- 4 - Hayesville Middle 74
- 5 - Mountain Discovery Charter 142
- 6 - Robbinsville Middle 175



Dvdaya Swimmer, left, Cherokee High School Lady Braves runner and defending 1A state champion, runs at a meet hosted by Swain Co. High School at Kituwah on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 16. She has won every race she's run this season. With a time of 18:56.43, she won Saturday's race by a margin of 36 seconds. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Middle School Boys

- 1 - James Loftus, Swain Co., 11:14.96
- 2 - Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 11:15.10
- 3 - Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 11:30.08
- 4 - Elliott Salinas, Andrews, 11:39.91
- 5 - Maverick Hawley, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 11:58.84
- 6 - Micah Moss, Hayesville, 12:26.30
- 7 - Tag Carson, Swain Co., 12:27.00
- 12 - Odie Owle, Cherokee, 13:03.10

- 13 - Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 13:03.50
- 21 - Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 13:29.13
- 45 - Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 16:04.80
- 53 - William Welch, Cherokee, 16:51.70
- 55 - Gabriel Arneach, Cherokee, 17:16.21
- 60 - Makai Hernandez, Cherokee, 17:49.40
- 66 - Kaiser Hernandez, Cherokee, 18:38.40
- 67 - Kody Smith, Cherokee, 18:46.60

Team Scores

- 1 - Hayesville Middle 45
- 2 - Hiwassee Dam/Ranger 61
- 3 - Swain County Middle 71

- 4 - Cherokee Middle 112
- 5 - Murphy Middle 113
- 6 - Mountain Discovery Charter 152
- 7 - Robbinsville Middle 166

High School Girls

- 1 - Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 18:56.43
- 2 - Annie Lewis, Swain Co., 19:32.69
- 3 - Amy Mendoza Lopez, Franklin, 20:24.40
- 4 - Angelina Lomelli, Swain Co., 20:36.66
- 5 - Fern Crayton, Tri-County Early College, 20:55.45
- 6 - Livia Crowe, Cherokee, 21:06.73
- 7 - Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 21:09.85
- 56 - Deanna Long, Cherokee, 30:45.90

Team Scores

- 1 - Swain County 29
- 2 - Franklin 46
- 3 - Hayesville 77
- 4 - Tri-County Early College 90

High School Boys

- 1 - Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 16:18.50
- 2 - Logan Russo, Franklin, 16:20.22
- 3 - Carl Baird, Swain Co., 16:43.01
- 4 - Kane Jones, Swain Co., 16:55.24
- 5 - Matheson Post, Franklin, 16:57.44
- 6 - Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 17:00.23
- 7 - Connor Brown, Swain Co., 17:01.56
- 9 - Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 17:13.00
- 27 - Kaden Stephens, Cherokee 20:25.28
- 42 - Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 21:40.03

- 49 - Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 22:22.41
- 61 - Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 24:10.81

Team Scores

- 1 - Swain County 35
- 2 - Franklin 49
- 3 - Hayesville 77
- 4 - Cherokee 106
- 5 - Hiwassee Dam 140
- 6 - Murphy 153
- 7 - Tri-County Early College 163

Cherokee's next three scheduled meets include: Saturday, Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. Murphy; Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m. at Hiwassee Dam; and Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 4 p.m. at Robbinsville.



Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee Middle School Lady Braves runner, won the middle school girls race with a time of 13:23.97.



Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee Middle School Lady Braves runner, came in third place in the middle school girls race with a time of 14:27.93.



Aizen Bell, Cherokee High School Braves runner, came in sixth place in the high school boys race with a time of 17:00.23

Cherokee High School Homecoming Court

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather



Roxi Bark, senior, Painttown Community, and escort James Owle, junior, Birdtown Community



Laura Martinez, senior, Big Cove Community, and escort Breydan Ensley, senior, Wolfstown Community



Dalaina Mills, senior, Wolfstown Community, and escort George Saunooke, senior, Yellowhill Community



Evonne Stamper, senior, Birdtown Community, and escort Zachary Seay, sophomore, Wolfstown Community



Waushila "Iya" Grant, junior, Birdtown Community, and escort Savian Davis, junior, Painttown Community



Nevayah Panther, junior, Big Cove/Birdtown Communities, and escort Dawson Panther, freshman, Wolfstown/Birdtown Communities



Erin Whitney Rogers, junior, Big Cove Community, and escort Traelin Carey, sophomore, Wolfstown Community



Yvonne Saunooke, sophomore, Birdtown/Wolfstown Communities, and escort Brandon Blankenship, freshman, Wolfstown Community



Cecily "Dvdya" Swimmer, sophomore, Painttown Community, and escort Javan Garcia, sophomore, Birdtown Community



Ayaisha Driver, freshman, Stecoah, and escort Reggie Hyatt, Painttown Community



First Grade Attendants: Lavenia Eve Hyatt, Painttown Community, and Connor Wiggins, Painttown Community



Cherokee High School Homecoming festivities are planned for Friday, Sept. 29 at Ray Kinsland Stadium during halftime of the Cherokee vs Robbinsville football game.



Cherokee Middle Homecoming

Loshi Frady, right, was named Cherokee Middle School Homecoming Queen during festivities at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 14. She was escorted by her grandfather, Harley Maney Sr., second from right. Nellie Lambert, second from left, was named CMS Homecoming Princess. She was escorted by her father, Justin Lambert, left. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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Cherokee Boys Club Employee of the Month September 2023

Richard Williams

Richard Williams has been employed with Cherokee Boys Club since April 2018. He started as a technician helper in the Body Shop. In November 2021 he advanced to Heavy Duty Technician, working on charter and school buses.

Richard graduated from Cherokee High School and is certified in Auto Body Repair by Haywood Community College



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Saturday, September 23

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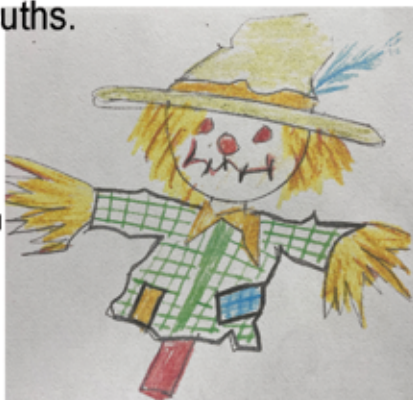


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Friday, November 10 at 7:30pm
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Cullowhee, NC

A collaborative project about the whakapapa between the Hōkioi (Haast Eagle (NZ) ext. 1400) and the Vwōhali (Golden Eagle, Cherokee). This work connects two peoples, two nations, two countries and two dance companies from either sides of the world, to celebrate the lives of these two illustrious birds. The Hōkioi and the Vwōhali are revered by both their native cultures as the 'Messengers to the Heavens', and therefore it is with pride that this project honours them.

The performance was choreographed by Taiaroa Royal, Missy Hubbard and Andrew Hubbard.

For tickets go online to

<https://wcuarts.universiticket.com>

**Look under rental events and
Performances**

EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Reunion planning.

Direct heirs/descendants of Henry and Aggie Ross Lossiah, contact Cheryl (828) 736-3623 to help with the planning of the reunion.

Early U.S. – Cherokee history being brought to life at Tellico Blockhouse

Fort Loudoun State Park is hosting the first living history weekend event at the Tellico Blockhouse State Historic Site on Oct. 7-8. Located in Vonore, Tenn. along the old Little Tennessee River, the Tellico Blockhouse played an important role in the story of early relations between the United States and the Cherokee Nation.

After nearly two decades of bloody war, a peace treaty was

signed on the site in Autumn 1794, declaring peace forever more between the Cherokee and the U.S. The Blockhouse, a U.S. Army fort, was built around the same time and meant to serve as a border station on the river. It housed a small garrison of soldiers to keep the peace between intrusive white settlers and the Cherokee just across the river and was home to an office of the Indian Agency from 1794-1817. Lastly, it was the site of the Tellico Factory where Sequoyah would learn to blacksmith.

This event will see the partially reconstructed Blockhouse brought back to life through living history demonstrations of U.S. Soldiers of the 3rd Sub-Legion, Cherokee demonstrators, and historic trades programs.

The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

and Sunday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Info: Fort Loudoun State Park office (423) 420-2331

- *Fort Loudoun State Park*

Fuel assistance for EBCI seniors

Fuel assistance applications will be available at the Cherokee Senior Center beginning Sept. 12 during normal business hours. These funds will not be available until the fiscal year for 2024 which begins in October.

Things to remember:

1. Bring your power bill showing a zero balance or no past due balances. Services will not begin until one of these occur.
2. If you are a new applicant, bring your enrollment card.
3. You will have the option to sign up on site electronically or take an

application with you to bring back.
4. Homebound applications will be sent with the daily meals and can be returned to the driver after it is completed.

If you have questions, please call 359-6860.

- *Cherokee Senior Citizens Program*

No stocking during audit

Stocking will not take place by the Cherokee Tribal Hatchery during audit week (Sept. 18-22).

- *EBCI Natural Resources*

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

I am wrapping up my last semester at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in pursuit of a Master of Business Adminis-



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Q: What does it mean to you to be a Cherokee Boys Club Bus Driver?

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tration. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at UT, thanks to the staff and my cohort, whom I considered my close friends. I also have had a sense of pride and excitement knowing the project I have worked on for 13 months will help our tribal members.

As previously stated, my project has been bringing an estate department to Tribal Realty. This department would hold clinics and presentations to help educate the tribe on estate planning and make the estate process more efficient and effective. From my studies, I have found this new process could shorten the time to process an estate by up to two years if a Last Will and Testament is in place. I am ecstatic to see this idea come to life because it would greatly benefit the tribe and our members. To all those who help with the

Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship, thank you. The scholarship I received helped me have peace of mind in any financial situation that has come up in the 13 months I have been at UT. I have two and a half months left until I graduate, and I am excited to use what I have learned to make a difference for our tribe. I truly appreciate all the help I have gotten from the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship.

Sgi,
Cruz Galaviz

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

Dear Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board Members,

I would like to sincerely thank you for supporting the first semester of my PhD studies at George Mason University. As I shared with you all, it has been a little

more than twenty years since I was a student in the classroom, and it has been so impactful to see the many changes that have come in academia since I last graduated.

I know balancing my work at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian with my graduate work will not always be easy, but I do believe it will have a lasting impact on the type of scholarship we, as our tribal museum, will be able to encourage and cultivate. The fields of history, art history, public history, and Native history are changing: we are building the scholarship around self-representation. We are committed to telling our own story.

For me, being home has been incredibly empowering. I am so grateful for all the support I have received from my family, my community, and specifically, the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund.

With gratitude; sgi,
Shana Bushyhead Condill

what life was like by interacting with living historians and cultural demonstrators. Share in traditional autumnal pursuits that were an important part of rural life in the mountains, such as blacksmithing, sorghum milling, apple cider pressing, soap making, live music, and more! All activities are free and open to the public.

The Mountain Farm Museum is next to the Oconaluftee Visitor Center in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, two miles north of Cherokee, NC. For more information about the Mountain Life Festival call the visitor center (828) 497-1904.

Saturday, Sept. 23, is also a fee-free day across the National Park Service in celebration of National Public Lands Day, so a parking tag is not required for the event or other activities in the park that day. Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11 will be the last fee-free day of the year.

Visitors who wish to buy a weekly or annual tag on fee-free days may continue to do so online, in the park, and at various locations in park communities. Park rangers will continue their parking enforcement efforts on fee-free days, such as issuing warnings and citations for vehicles parked in marked no-parking areas.

- National Park Service release

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

Mountain Life Festival returns to Great Smoky Mountains National Park

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, N.C. —Following a three-year absence, Great Smoky Mountains National Park will again host its popular Mountain Life Festival at the Mountain Farm Museum on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event preserves the legacy of the diverse Appalachian customs practiced for generations by the many families who lived on lands that later became Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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OBITUARIES ᏍᏏᏁᏰ

Alyson L. Penland

Alyson L. Penland, age 31, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023 at her residence in South Carolina. She is the daughter of the late William Penland Jr. and Sharon Sequoyah.

Alyson is survived by her children, Wilbur Sequoyah, Lula Sequoyah, and Julyssa "Juicy"

Sequoyah; sister, Kerry Penland; long-time partner, "Cowboy" Ramirez; aunts, Sammi Sequoyah, Reva Sequoyah, Cindy Ayers, "Ike" Lossiah; and many cousins.

She is preceded in death by her sister, Kori Penland; grandfather, Charles "Wilbur" Sequoyah; grandmother, Lula Sequoyah; uncles, Lewis "Beaver" Sequoyah, Charles "Charlie" Sequoyah; and aunts, Frances Sequoyah and Carol Standingdeer.

A friend to many, Alyson was always laughing and joking. She always had something to say. She was charismatic and would talk to anyone, very open-minded. She will be missed by many.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, Sept. 16 for both, Alyson and her father, William, at Long House Funeral Home.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

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2023 Qualla Country Fish Tournament results

Submitted by
EBCI Natural Resources

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Qualla Country Fish Tournament was held in Cherokee, N.C. on Aug. 26-27. A total of 72 anglers turned in tags winning money prizes including Billy Hunnicutt, of Clover, S.C., who turned in a green tag and won the grand prize of \$5,000.

Jacob Harmon, of Greenville, Tenn., and Louis Fracassi, of N. Wilkesboro, N.C., turned in blue tags worth \$1,000 each. Yeng Yang, of Valdese, N.C., turned in a yellow tag worth \$500. Four anglers turned in red tags worth



\$5,000 winner – Billy Hunnicutt

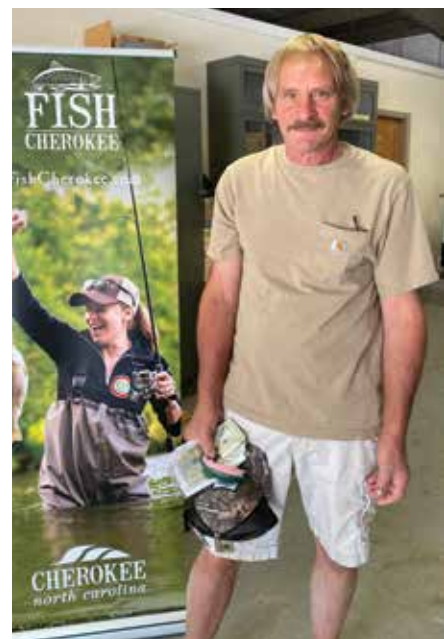
\$100/each including: Dustin Smith, of Alexander, Ariz.; Andrew Herron, of Easley, S.C.; Landon Cochran, of Bryson City, N.C.; and Milan Monger, of Duluth, Ga.

In all, 271 tagged fish were stocked and \$11,350 in cash prizes were distributed.



\$1,000 winner – Jacob Harmon

EBCI Natural Resources officials noted, "This completes our 2023 fishing tournament season, and we would like to thank everyone who joined us. Your participation contributed to another successful tournament season, and we hope to see you again next year.



\$1,000 winner - Louis Fracassi

Now it's time to start planning next year's schedule. Keep checking back to find out the latest news and updates on our fishcherokee.com website and Facebook page. Until then, happy fishing everyone!"



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COMMENTARY

Don't get in that van.

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

It is amazing how time flies these days. Actually, time moving faster is a mental illusion. For the most part, time is constant, never going faster or slower. They say time flies when you are having fun, but you really just lose track

of time and only seemingly run out of it more quickly. But I surely understand the feeling because the old saying about time moving faster as you grow older is a thought to which I can relate. In many ways, it seems like only yesterday we were kicking off the summer and now the temperatures are edging their way into the cool of fall. The night is creeping in sooner and the tops of trees are having their wardrobe changed into leaves of their death clothes. Before we know it, the end of 2023 will be a reality.

It is also approaching that one time of year when we actually encourage our kids to be beggars and extortionists. The whole idea

behind trick-or-treating is that a kid goes to a door with a bag in their hands, knocks on it, and when someone appears, provides the ultimatum. The choices are clear in the traditional Halloween greeting; provide my sugar fix or suffer the defacing of your home with rotten eggs and/or toilet paper strategically strown about your domicile. I could probably research and come up with a history and a “why” for this practice, but I prefer to leave that research to you.

Losing track of time and absent-mindedness are mindsets that can be very costly, especially this time of year. As the weather cools, we tend to enjoy the outdoors more, going to




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WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseigee River	Hatchery supported waters are open. Delayed harvest stocking begins on Oct. 9	Morning & Evening	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout	Griffiths gnat, zebra midge, waltz worm, prince nymph, PTs, soft hackles, rubbers legs, greenie weenie, adams, royal wulff, chubby Chernobyl, beetles & ants
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Hatchery supported waters are open	Morning & Evening	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Griffiths gnat, zebra midge, waltz worm, prince nymph, PTs, soft hackles, rubbers legs, greenie weenie, adams, royal wulff, chubby Chernobyl, beetles & ants
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Hatchery supported waters are open	Morning & Evening	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Griffiths gnat, zebra midge, waltz worm, prince nymph, PTs, soft hackles, rubbers legs, greenie weenie, adams, royal wulff, chubby Chernobyl, beetles & ants

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

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supporting events and gatherings like picnics and concerts. And with all that distraction, critical focus is often lost, especially when it comes to children. We get preoccupied with interesting conversations at an outdoor camping retreat, and a child wanders into the woods. Or we are in a crowd of hundreds at a football game and while we are watching an exciting scoring run, our little one decides to find the restrooms alone and by the time we notice, the child has disappeared.

Lack of attentiveness during a holiday when we encourage our children to take candy from strangers (which is a very strange practice since we preach “stranger-danger” the other 364 days of the year) could be disastrous. Back in the day, fearmongering prevailed in that while some actual incidents of “treat” tampering (razor blades in apples, cyanide in Pixie-Stix, needles in candy bars), these incidents were isolated, and the vast majority of children did not have problems with what folks were putting in their bags. And while the candy-colored “rainbow fentanyl” caused a scare in 2022 during Halloween, there weren’t reports of anyone packaging and distributing the deadly drug to children in trick-or-treat bags. Still, the Journal of the American Medical Association reported in a paper issued in May 2023 that more than 5,000 children and teens have died from overdoses involving fentanyl in the past two decades. “More than half of those deaths occurred in the first two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. There were about 1,550 pediatric deaths from fentanyl in 2021—over 30 times more than in 2013, when the wave of overdose deaths involving synthetic opioids started in the U.S. A surge that began in

2018 led to a nearly 3-fold increase in deaths among older adolescents and a nearly 6-fold increase among children younger than 5. In 2021, 40 infants and 93 children ages 1 to 4 died from a fentanyl overdose.”

So, maybe it is just good common sense to not wait for a rash of deaths to prompt us to take some simple precautions to protect our children. Tell them to wait to eat anything they get from a stranger until you have examined it. Better yet stay with them and ensure that they wait. Chances are that they are more endangered by all that processed sugar than a potential poisoning, but better safe than sorry.

Another good reason to hang out with your kids when they are not in the confines of your home is that sometimes you must be the common sense for your kids. Common sense would say don’t wander off into an unknown area or don’t get into a vehicle with a person offering candy or a puppy. But it happens.

According to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, “The FBI’s National Crime Information tallied 359,094 entries for missing children in 2022, nearly 22,000 more than in 2021. Those figures are undercounts—many missing children cases go unreported.”

Those numbers boggle the mind. It is like casualty reports during a war, the numbers are so large as to numb the mind to the real pain and suffering that takes place for families when a child goes missing, not to mention what a child might face in the wilderness or from an abductor.

To bring it closer to home, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reports, “Native American children com-

prised 415 of the 27,733 children reported missing to the National Center in 2021. From 2012-2021 of the Native American children who were endangered runaways, 65 percent had two or more missing incidents, 45 percent reportedly suffered from mental illness, and 26 percent expressed suicidal behavior.”

Again, statistics tell a story of the immensity of the problem. Couple those statistics with the recent reminder and awareness of the level of human trafficking that occurs in our neighborhood and in Indian Country. One website recounted the experience of a 15-year-old Navajo girl, one “among the thousands of human trafficking victims targeted and exploited in the U.S. every year, of whom only 10 percent are ever identified. In New Mexico, a mere 160 cases have been opened since 2016. But, while Native Americans make up about 11 percent of New Mexico’s population, they account for nearly a quarter of the trafficking victims. When it comes to human trafficking, indigenous women and girls are the least recognized and least protected population. An almost total lack of protocols, mandated training, and coordination among law enforcement systems and medical institutions has ensnared victims in ongoing cycles of exploitation.” (Searchlight NM).

In Cherokee and on the Qualla Boundary, a community education event named “How you can help stop Human Trafficking” was held during the summer. The event was organized by the Tribal Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program (Marsha Jackson, Manager), the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor (Shelli Buckner, Senior Tribal Prosecutor), and Extension Office Community Development

Coordinator Tammy Jackson. The session ran from noon to 7 p.m. featuring presenters from law enforcement and help agencies. Several community members came to the Yellowhill Activity Center to get educated on what is going on in our community about this issue and what measures to take to protect the community. The prevalence of human trafficking on the Qualla Boundary became a topic of interest in the tribal elections as well.

Not to put a scare into you during the upcoming season, but please ensure that you are attentive and aware of your surroundings and the whereabouts of your children, especially when you are in areas of potential danger. Report suspicious activity, vehicles, and anything that looks like tampering with anything your child is going to eat. Keeping our kids safe is how we have a happy fall and the best way to wrap up 2023.



On behalf of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Governing Board and hospital staff, I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to Chief-Elect Michell Hicks for being elected Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Chief-Elect Hicks has shown exemplary leadership, unwavering dedication, and a deep commitment to the betterment of our community throughout his career. We have every confidence that during his fourth term as Prin-

As the governing board and staff of the Cherokee Indian Hospital, we are excited to reaffirm our commitment to serving the health-care needs of our people. We recognize that our mission goes hand in hand with Chief-Elect Hicks's vision for a healthier, stronger, and more vibrant Cherokee community.

We are committed to working closely with Chief-Elect Hicks and his administration to further advance healthcare initiatives, improve access to medical services, and address the unique health challenges facing our community. We look forward to collaborating with Chief-Elect Hicks and the entire EBCI leadership

Once again, congratulations to Chief-Elect Hicks on his election victory.

Carmaleta L. Monteith
Chairperson
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Authority Governing Board



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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Sanctification brings changes in speech and behaviors.

By **TIMOTHY MELTON**

Pastor of Cherokee Pentecostal

Holiness Church

Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate

Read first Peter 3:15, Zephaniah 3:17, Psalm 23

When is sanctification going to happen for me? It will begin to happen when that person gets overthinking only of their own selves in this all the time.

If they will begin by praising God for who He is and all that He has done for them already in their life. As they begin to realize and seek His love for them, His goodness, and His strength and power; if they will do this, it will be the beginning of sanctifying their own self and also sanctifying some of their time for Him by singing to Him, through hymns and praises and by beginning to thank Him. Even by a person, as David has stated, “by making a joyful noise unto the Lord”, we are actually blessing Him.

Read some of the Psalms, like Psalm 23, which David wrote. Think how David would sing and praise God while he lifted his voice in song and also in praising and thanking him. Like David was, when alone outside, and watching over his father’s sheep, we could also be alone thinking of our families and close friends who have been God’s blessing “unto us” over the years period. We owe Him that at the very least.

If I wish to, I start singing to the Lord on Monday and then on Tuesday, as I set up singing of and to Him. I like to think about Him singing “of and to” me during the night. Amen.

If I do this at night, I actually begin to sanctify the Lord to give him a special place there in my heart to set him apart in my heart. My, my, I feel the power of the Holy Ghost because the Lord is doing something powerful. Yes, and I need to get to the best part of this.

He has set me apart! We all have some joy in life because of this. Having some understanding of this process of sanctification, we can even become a “hilarious giver” unto the Lord!

Do we understand yet the world doesn’t understand how a person, although through tears, can also, while walking through the greatest tragedy of one’s life, be lifting their hands and giving glory to the Lord anyway?

The world cannot understand how it is when one has lost their job, and yet, they come to Prayer Meeting on Wednesday night, lift up their hands, and declare, “The Lord is good! The Lord is faithful! The Lord is amazing!”

Better, it is, that we understand the need for sanctification (making a place for God in their life) when what happens is, 2 weeks later, that person gets a good job offer, and two weeks later, they even get a better job offer! It happens because that person has given all the glory to the Lord, and that has only happened because one has taken the time to be sanctified and dedicated to the Lord.

Look, I’m not saying we don’t have bad days, or we don’t have problems. If one thinks that, they have lost their minds, for I’ve had more trouble in the last couple of years than I’ve had in the last two decades, but no one has heard me whine or complain. I’ve kept a

smile on my face because the lord knows how to bring me out of the world’s way of thinking, how to pick me up, turn me around, and set my feet on solid ground. Why? It’s because He’s still God. He’s still God through the night that’s long. He’s still God when the moon’s not shining. He’s still God when the sun burns hot. He’s God on this platform. Should I just tell us all? He is still God!

This is why when one is sanctified, they really shouldn’t look only at their own situation. One should look at our God. Don’t look at the “stuff” but look at the One who provides the stuff. If it went away, He knows how to provide it for a person again. If He did it once, He can do it again! If He’s not done it yet, just hold on. He’s coming along! I’m not waiting. I’ll shout with that person this day and they will be able to shout with me. We’re not looking at the stuff or the situation. We’re looking at the One who provided the stuff that went away and He knows how to provide it again. If He did it once, He can do it again. Hold on we’re going to shout together as it happens!



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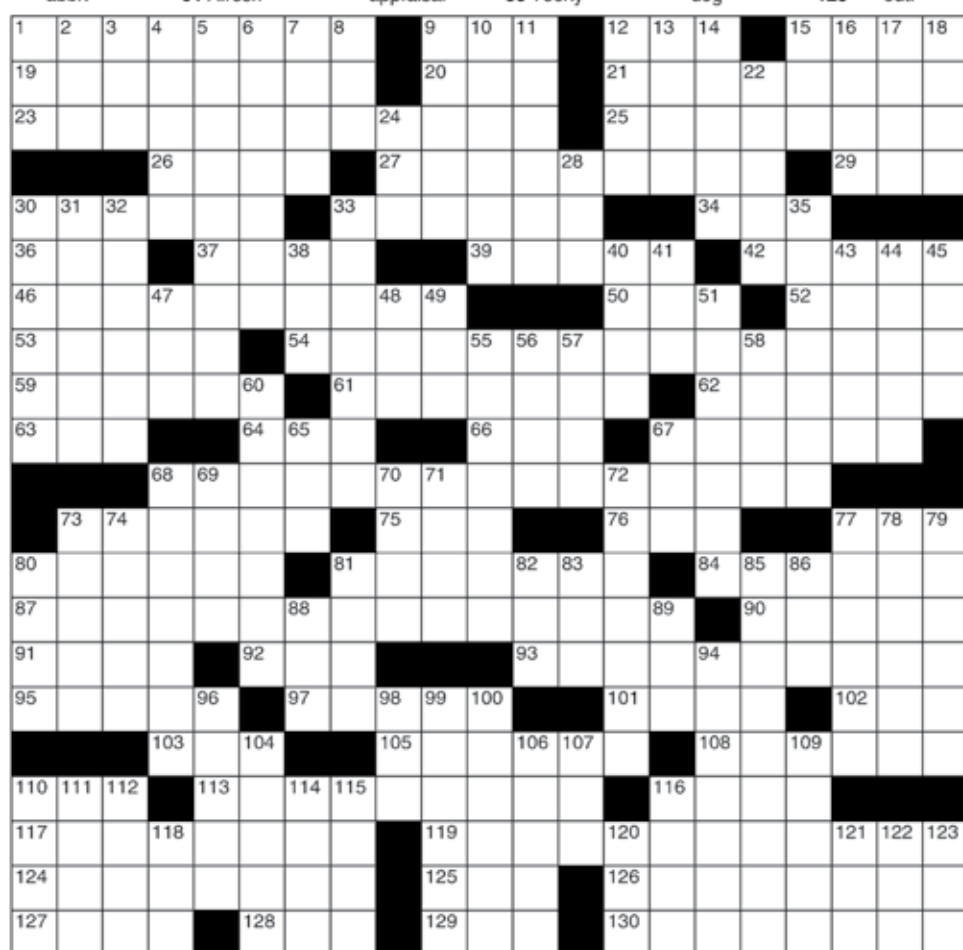


*He who sins is of the devil,
for the devil has sinned
from the beginning. For this
purpose the Son of God was
manifested, that He might
destroy the works of the devil.*

1 JOHN 3:8

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- 1 Like ludicrous comedies
9 Ballpark stat
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15 Dad
19 For all time to come
20 One, in Bonn
21 "Jumbo shrimp," e.g.
23 Classic morning combo
25 Trial software phase
26 Donned
27 1969 film featuring two hippies
29 Downed
30 — mignons (beef tidbits)
33 "Fighting" NCAA team
34 Beatle buddy Sutcliffe
36 "If you ask me," in texts
37 Rough- (unrefined)
39 Group of 20
42 Irritated states
46 Things often dyed and hidden
50 Word often ending in "-ly": Abbr.
52 Food carton abbr.
- 53 Mascara mistake
54 "I don't find it that simple!"
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61 Southern Wyoming city
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63 Charade
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66 Summer Games gp.
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75 Main character in "Despicable Me"
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77 — jongg
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90 Zesty flavors
91 Afresh
- 92 That, in 84-Across
93 Sitting duck
95 Parks and Ponselle
97 Patrol for prey
101 Army division
102 Jai alai cheer
103 Genetic inits.
105 Henchman of Daddy Warbucks
108 Goes aboard
110 Large antelope
113 Dish topped with hollandaise sauce, informally
116 Funny Johnson
117 Be worry-free
119 Food that's literally represented five times in this puzzle
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81 Growl like a dog
82 "— -haw!"
83 Grocery chain inits.
85 Douglas fir, for Oregon
86 Birdie + 1
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89 Wd. in a thesaurus
94 Striped female stalker
96 Smile evilly
98 Gambling parlor, for short
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100 Duration
104 Slack-jawed
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114 E.U. body comprising half a dozen nations
115 "Auld Lang —"
116 Birds' class
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

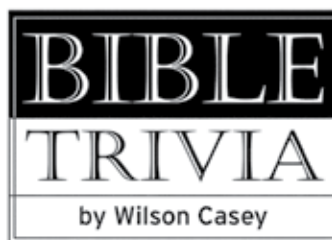
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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1. Is the book of II Samuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. "Holy One of Israel" is most often used in which book to describe the Lord? *Hosea, Revelation, Judges, Isaiah*
 3. King Solomon had his carriage's seat upholstered in what color? *Gold, White, Red, Purple*
 4. What insect does Proverbs 6 tell lazy people to learn from? *Ants, Flies, Gnats, Locusts*
 5. Mahlon, a son of Elimelech, was whose first husband? *Ruth, Hannah, Esther, Deborah*
 6. In Revelation 1:3, "Blessed is he that ..."? *Thinks, Sleeps, Saveth, Readeth*
- "Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby hedgehog called?
2. MOVIES: Which 1960s movie features a character named Holly Golightly?
3. HISTORY: In which country did the Easter Rising of 1916 take place?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. state is bordered by the states of Washington, Oregon, Montana, Utah, Wyoming and Nevada?
5. LITERATURE: What do the initials in J.D. Salinger's name stand for?
6. GEOMETRY: How many sides does a heptagon have?
7. TELEVISION: Richard Dawson was the original host of which TV game show?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which gymnast was the first to score a perfect 10 in Olympic competition?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's official animal is a red fox?
10. MEDICAL: What is the common name of a condition called tussis?



HAPPENINGS

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

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community.

- Sept. 23 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Jesse Welch Jr.

- Sept. 30 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Marilyn and Melvena Swimmer

- Oct. 14 at 5 p.m., Jesse Welch Memorial Turkey Shoot

- Oct. 21 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Cherokee Lady Braves softball

- Oct. 28 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for John Chastain travel expenses

Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

Scarecrow Festival. Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Field at 1526 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Come vote for your favorite scarecrow made by local youth. Food, crafts, scarecrows, and more. This event is sponsored by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143 as a fundraiser for veterans in need of support dogs.

Bingo Night Fundraiser for Amanda Tortalita Ramirez.

Sept. 30 in the Dora Reed Center multi-purpose room in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 4 p.m., games start at 5 p.m. Adults: \$20, children: \$10. Includes 15 pack games. Special games will be \$2/each. Concessions will be available. 50/50 tickets will also be available. Proceeds will go to Amanda who was recently diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma.

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

EBCI Pageants. Sept. 27, 28, and 30 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Center. Starts at 6 p.m. Little Miss and Junior Miss Cherokee on Wednesday, Sept. 27; Teen Miss

Cherokee on Thursday, Sept. 28; and Miss Cherokee on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Junior NAIWA meeting. Sept. 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the TJ Holland Education Room at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Info: Jasmine Panther (828) 788-7183, jazziep156@gmail.com

Living History Weekend on Early U.S.-Cherokee history. Oct. 7-8 at Tellico Blockhouse State Historic Site in Vonore, Tenn. Located in Vonore, Tenn. along the old Little Tennessee River, the Tellico Blockhouse played an important role in the story of early relations between the United States and the Cherokee Nation. This event will see the partially reconstructed Blockhouse brought back to life through living history demonstrations of U.S. Soldiers of the 3rd Sub-Legion, Cherokee demonstrators, and historic trades programs. The event will be held Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: Fort Loudoun State Park office (423) 420-2331

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

Calhoun Family Reunion. Oct. 14 in the bonfire area at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. This is a reunion of family and descendants of the Calhouns from the Big Cove Community. The organizers will provide the meat

and request that everyone bring their favorite covered dish to share. Family members are encouraged to bring photos. If they available to share electronically, please send to wanda.mccoy@yahoo.com. Info: Wanda McCoy (828) 736-5813 or Gerri Grady 788-5662

Church Homecoming Celebration. Oct. 15 at the Cherokee Church of God located in Cherokee, N.C. across from Littlejohn Campground. Everyone is invited. Info: Pastor Aaron Bridges (828) 488-9241

HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS

Cherokee Choices Living Well with Diabetes Series. Sept. 21 to Nov. 2 on Thursdays at 12 p.m. in the Cherokee Choices room in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex

in Cherokee, N.C. This six-week course will help you live your best life while managing your diabetes. Learn how to make healthy meals and the basics of diabetes care. Lunch is provided. Info: April 359-6201 or apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov

Community Baby Shower.

Sept. 27 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Complex. First 50 people receive a t-shirt. Food and raffle prizes such as diapers, gift cards, and more. Info: Tricia Carver 359-6250, tricarv@ebci-nsn.gov, or Candy Martin 359-6865, candmart@ebci-nsn.gov

Run for Recovery 5K.

Sept. 30 at 10 a.m. at Kituwah. Proceeds from the race will go to the non-profit RezHOPE. Register:

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Isaiah, 3) Purple, 4) Ants, 5) Ruth, 6) Readeth

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

1. Hoglet.
2. "Breakfast at Tiffany's."
3. Ireland.
4. Idaho.
5. Jerome David.
6. Seven.
7. "Family Feud."
8. Nadia Comaneci.
9. Mississippi.
10. Cough.

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Cherokee Cancer Support Group Memorial Walk. Oct. 21 at Kituwah. Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m. A short program will be held at 4 p.m., and the walk will start at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate. All cancer survivors will receive a commemorative walk shirt. A limited number of regular walk shirts will be available while supplies last. Memorial and Honor signs will line the walk route and can be taken home after the walk. Fun, foods, fellowship, and door prizes. This event celebrates 25 years of service to the community by the Cherokee Cancer Support Group. Contact Betty's Place (open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) at (828) 497-0788 for information regarding the walk of the services they provide.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) change that you'd hoped for is down the line. But, you still need to be patient until more explanations are forthcoming. Continue to keep your enthusiasm in check.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your social life expands as new friends come into your life. But, while you're having fun, your practical side can also see some positive business potential within your new circle.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your workplace situation continues to improve. Look for advantages you might have missed while all the changes were going on around you. A trusted colleague can help.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Resist the urge to hunker down in your bunker until things ease up. Instead, get rid of that woe-is-me attitude by getting up and getting out to meet old friends or make new ones.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Now that you're back enjoying the spotlight again, you should feel reenergized and ready to take on the challenge of bringing those big, bold plans of yours to completion.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A former friend would like to repair a relationship you two once enjoyed. Your positive response could have an equally positive impact on your life. Think about it.

Cherokee High School Fall Sports Schedules

Varsity Football

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

- 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.)

- Sept. 21, vs Swain Co.
- Sept. 28, at Murphy

Cross Country

- 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

See **EVENTS** next page

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Resist making impulsive decisions. Stay on that steady course, as you continue to work out workplace problems. Be patient. All will soon be back in balance.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel confident about taking a promising offer, but stay alert for what you're not being told about it. Don't fret. Time is on your side.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) People dear to you might be planning a way to show appreciation for all you've done for them. Accept the honor graciously. Remember, you deserve it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations! Your self-confidence is on the rise. This could be a good time to tackle those bothersome situations you've avoided both at home and at work.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You feel obligated to return a favor. (Of course, you do.) But, heed advice from those close to you and do nothing until you know for sure what's being asked of you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your loving reassurance helped revive a once-moribund relationship. But, be wary of someone who might try to do something negative to reverse this positive turn of events.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a wonderful matchmaker who can bring people together to form long-lasting relationships.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Homeless Veterans Still Need Help

Right about now the weather is cooling off. Or, if it hasn't, it soon will. Before we know it, hard winter will be upon us. As of this year, there are 38,000 homeless veterans who will be living outside in that weather.

Homeless people make up 7% of the population, but 13% of the homeless population are veterans. Over half have a disability. Nearly three-quarters have substance abuse problems. Fully half are over the age of 50. Kind of makes you think, doesn't it?

Despite all the programs the Department of Veterans Affairs has come up with to reduce veteran homelessness, our comrades are still out there by the thousands. Large dollars are budgeted for this, grants handed out to community homeless advocacy groups, studies done, numbers arranged in neat columns on printouts, meetings held — and the numbers just don't go down an appreciable amount. In fact, the point-in-time (PIT) count numbers (every homeless veteran counted in a single day) for the past several years have been inching upward, despite all the efforts to manage the problem.

We, on either an individual or group basis, need to step up.

Start by making calls. Call Voluntary Services at the closest VA hospital and ask what they need. Hook up with the CEC (community employment coordinator) at the hospital and offer your help. Work at a Stand Down. Sign up to drive veterans to medical appointments and job interviews.

On a smaller level, band with others and prepare to open your wallets just a little bit. Remember: While what we do might seem negligible in the whole range of efforts, it won't be a small thing for the veteran who gets a thick winter coat, some dry socks, a ride to the VA clinic or your skills in drafting up a resume.

Keep this number handy: National Call Center for Homeless Veterans 877-424-3838. They answer 24/7 and have help for homeless veterans or those who are in danger of becoming homeless.

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Building a Pet First-Aid Kit

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I read in a guide about cutting dogs' toenails that styptic will stop bleeding if you cut their paws. What is that, and where do I get it? — Perry in Dallas

DEAR PERRY: Styptic powder can be used on small nicks and tiny cuts to stop bleeding and reduce pain. That's helpful when trimming pets' toenails, which can be a traumatic experience for them, especially if you should trim a little too far up the nail and accidentally cut the quick. The powder is applied with a cotton ball or soft cloth. Most owners keep it right next to them as they trim their pets' nails, so it can be applied immediately.

In fact, styptic powder should be an essential part of something every pet owner has: an easy-to-access first-aid kit for their pets. You don't have to buy a complete kit; you can assemble a few key items and store them in a tightly sealed plastic container.

In addition to the powder, a pet first-aid kit should have gauze and tape, a small bar of soap, a disinfectant like hydrogen peroxide or alcohol wipes, Benadryl (plain, with no ibuprofen or acetaminophen), cotton balls and disinfecting hand wash (for you). Its main purpose is to treat small cuts and scrapes, but you can add other items that you think are essential, including the veterinarian's phone number, extra identification tags, copies of your pet's shot records and a spare leash. More ideas can be found at the Humane Society of the United States' website.

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

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EVENTS: From page 29

JV games at 5 p.m., Varsity games at 6 p.m., home games at Charles George Memorial Arena
Sept. 21 at Murphy
Sept. 25 vs Blue Ridge
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
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.

American Indian Cancer Foundation's 12th Annual Pow

Wow for Hope: Dancing for Life, Love, and Hope. Sept. 23 at the Base Camp Facility in St. Paul, Minn. MC: Deanna Standing Cloud. Info: Shoshanna Johnson at sjohnson@aicaf.org

Council of the Three Rivers American Indian Center Pow Wow. Sept. 23-24 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Host Drum: Eagle Flight. Co-Host Drum: War Paint. Info: Michael Simms (412) 782-4457

Medicine Lodge Pow Wow. Sept. 23-24 at the Memorial Peace Park Pow Wow Grounds in Medicine Lodge, Kan. Emcees: Jesse Hamilton, JR Ross. Head Southern Singer: Vernon Cozad. Info: David Colborn (620) 213-0506

Wilco Pow Wow. Sept. 23-24 at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon, Tenn. MC: Rob Daugherty. Host Drum: Crazy Nation. Info: Cindy Yahoa (615) 443-1537, wilcopowwow@gmail.com

South Sound Pow Wow. Sept. 23 at the Bethel High School Gym in Spanaway, Wash. MC: Arlie Neskahi. Info: Rachael Barger (253) 800-2394, rbarger@bethelsd.org

Last Chance Community Pow Wow. Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at the Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds in

Helena, Mont. MC: Vince Short. Host Drum: Eagle Whistle. Info: Last Chance Community Pow Wow (406) 439-5631, lccpw@hotmail.com

Winona-Dakota Gathering, Homecoming, and Wacipi. Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at Unity Park in Winona, Minn. MC: Butch Felix. Info: Katie Englemann (507) 470-4411, admin@winonadakotaunityalliance.org

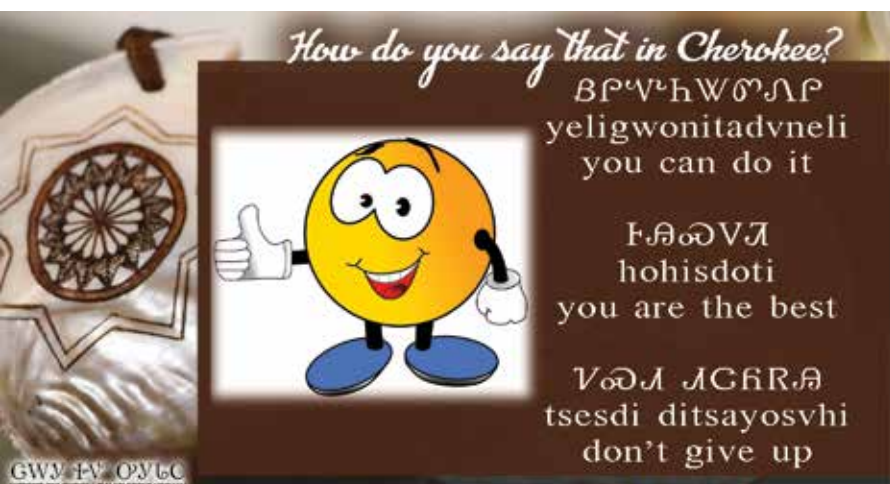
12th Annual Rocking the REZ Pow Wow. Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at Pakitu Community Park in El Paso, Texas. MC: Kenneth Cozad. Host Northern Drum: Black Eagle. Host Southern Drum: Bear Scout. Info: Rafael Gomez (915) 491-6259, rgomez@speakingrock.com

Hart of the West Native Amer-

ican Pow Wow. Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at the Hart Park & Museum in Newhall, Calif. MC: Glen Begay. Host Northern Drum: Blue Star. Host Southern Drum: Hale & Co. Info: No contact information provided

Santa Ynez Chumash Inter-tribal Pow Wow. Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Santa Ynez, Calif. MC: Terry Fiddler. Host Northern Drum: Iron Swing. Host Southern Drum: Blazing Bear. Info: Heather Armenta at sypowwow@chumash.gov

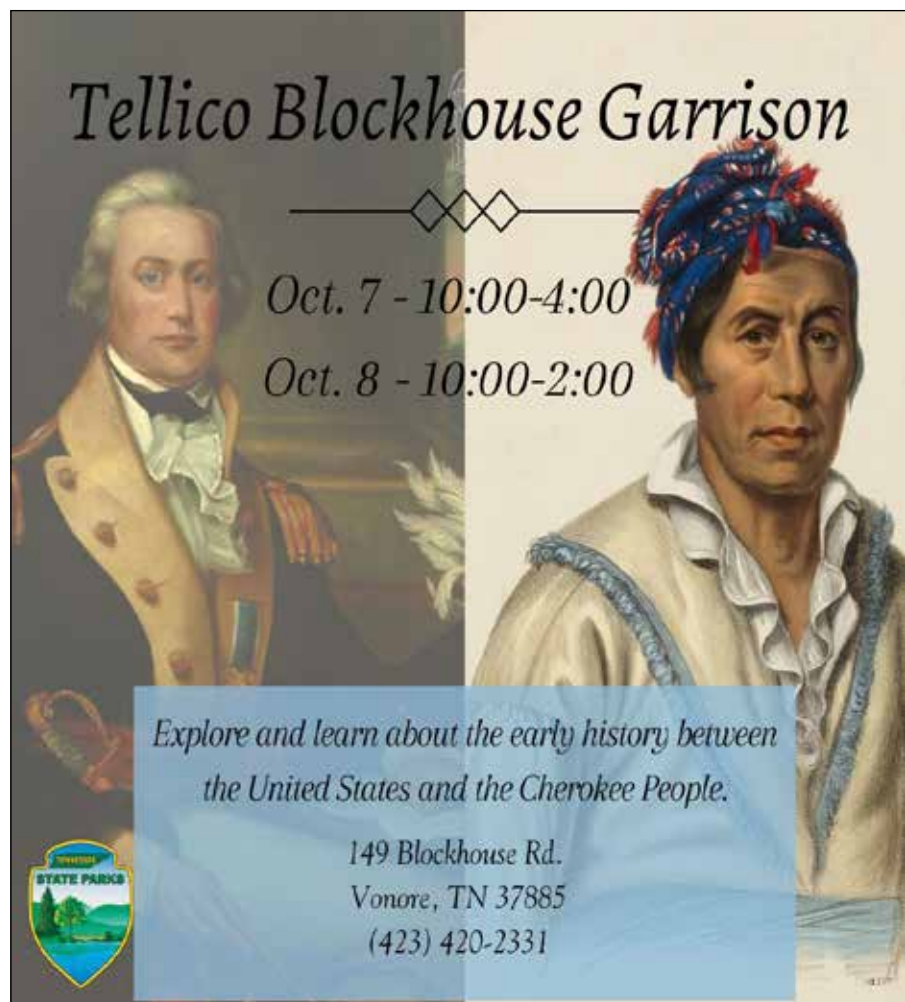
18th Annual Totah Drums of Fall Social Pow Wow. Sept. 30 at the Lions Wilderness Amphitheatre in Farmington, N.M. MC: Leonard Anthony. Host Drums: Smoke Stack, Dzitdahizitt. Info: Ariana Goldtooth (505) 564-4804, ariana.goldtooth@pmsnm.org



How do you say that in Cherokee?
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tsesdi ditsayosvhi
don't give up



Tellico Blockhouse Garrison

Oct. 7 - 10:00-4:00
Oct. 8 - 10:00-2:00

Explore and learn about the early history between the United States and the Cherokee People.

149 Blockhouse Rd.
Vonore, TN 37885
(423) 420-2331

29th Annual Suscol Intertribal Pow Wow. Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at the Skyline Wilderness Park in Napa, Calif. Info: (707) 256-3561

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Western Carolina University Indigenous Heritage Events

- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Appreciation Football Game at WCU. Sept. 23 at E.J. Whitmire Stadium. Free tailgating at Gate 6. Discount tickets at each gate with tribal ID
- 13th Annual Rooted in the Mountains Symposium. Sept. 28-29 at the Bardo Arts Center on campus. Register at: www.wcu.edu
- Indigenous Peoples Day Festival. Oct. 9 at WCU Fountain. Tribal foods, exhibitions, crafts, traditional retail, and more. Interested vendors and volunteers, call (828) 497-7920 to sign up

- "My Culture is Not a Costume" Campaign. Oct. 16 on the second floor of the University Center in the Intercultural Affairs Gallery. Exhibition of costumes not to wear for Halloween will be on display

- A Century of Cherokee Maskmaking. Oct. 18 at the WCU Mountain Heritage Center. What role have masks played in wider efforts to keep cultural identity Cherokee-determined?

- Cherokee Gourd Workshops. Nov. 7 in Cherokee and Nov. 14 at WCU. Learn to make traditional Cherokee masks, bowls, and more with EBCI tribal member Jimmy Harlan. Register: 497-7920

- Rock Your Mocs Walk. Nov. 15 at WCU Fountain. Reception to follow.

Info: WCU Cherokee Center (828) 497-7920

Author presents new book entitled "Making Music: The Banjo in a Southern Appalachian County". Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. Author William C. Allsbrook Jr., MD, will present his book which looks at the role of the banjo in the long-standing, joyful musical tradition of the Appalachian region. Info: City Lights Bookstore (828) 586-9499

Indivisible Swain County meeting. Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda includes final details for Oct. 12 Community Health Forum/Discussion (from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room in Bryson City, N.C.) and Oct. 13 Health Fair (from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Bryson City). All are welcome to at-

tend. For a Zoom link or questions, email indivisibleswain@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

Dedication of America250 Marker for Nancy 'Nanyehi' Ward. Oct. 21 at 11 a.m. on old Highway 411 near Benton, Tenn. This event is being presented by the Nancy Ward Descendants and Cherokee District Chapters, Daughters of the American Revolution in honor of the 250th Anniversary of the United States.



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Corn for sale

Bi-color sweet corn \$20 per bag (70 ears to a bag). Text 828-508-2064 or 828-507-7276. Freshly picked to order. Pick up on Acquoni Rd or delivery to surrounding counties of Qualla Boundary, will need address to deliver. **9/20**

EMPLOYMENT

Project Coordinator Job Opening

This position coordinates Vision Maker Media (VMM) activities including, but not limited to: public programming, film screenings, materials and assets, workshops, media archiving, database entry and tracking, and other activities as assigned. The primary role of the Project Coordinator is to coordinate the tracking of VMM's activities, input and maintain digital media and metadata for new and archived media, public programming events, and media and material assets. Follow this link to apply <https://employment.unl.edu/postings/87484>. **9/20**

LEGAL NOTICES

RFPs, BIDs, etc.

Bid Proposals

Robins & Morton will be accepting bid proposals from Subcontractors and Vendors for the projects noted below:

The Canopy Bar at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Cherokee, NC.

The following scopes of work are available to bid: Demolition, Concrete, Drywall & ACT, Flooring, Painting, Specialties, Millwork, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Doors & Frames, Specialties, Kitchen Equipment, Fire Protection, Fire Alarm, Testings & Inspections, Commissioning, Signage, Solid Surface Materials, Audio Visual, Security.

Proposal due date for The Canopy Bar is : September 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM CST.

Please contact Bob Legler at bob.legler@robinsmorton.com or 205-803-0178 office or cell 808-349-2209 for further information regarding this request for proposal.

Every bidder is responsible for reviewing all contract documents

and including all costs associated with the contractor's scope of work. Any questions regarding discrepancies, conflicts or insufficient information are to be directed to Bob Legler bob.legler@robinsmorton.com. The project is to be bid per plans and specifications. Voluntary alternates, methods and/or substitutions are encouraged, but must be identified and quoted separately from your base bid. **9/20**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the project entitled GRANDVIEW AT CHEROKEE will be received by CHEROKEE INDIAN DIVISION OF HOUSING at 10:00 AM local time October 12, 2023 at their office located at 678 ACQUONI RD. CHEROKEE, NC 28719 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

THE PROJECT GENERALLY CONSISTS OF Erosion control, fine grading, gravel and paving roadways, installing water line and appurtenances.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Civil Design Concepts (CDC)
168 Patton Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, Civil Design Concepts, P.A. located at 168 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC 28801.

Bidders and other interested parties should note that prequalification of equipment manufacturers by the Engineer prior to the bid opening may be required for this project. Equipment prequalification requirements, if any, are described in the Contract Documents.

A certified check or cashier's check payable to the Owner, or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the

laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds in the amount equal to five percent of the total of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

CHEROKEE INDIAN DIVISION OF HOUSING (Owner) reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals and to waive any informalities.

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish separate, 100 percent Performance and Payment Bonds in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-129 and of Article 3 of Chapter 44A. The Performance Bond shall be in full force and effect for one (1) year after the date of final acceptance of the project by the Owner.

The bid deposit shall be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract or fails to provide the required bonds, as stated above, within ten (10) days after award of the contract.

Each bidder must be appropriately licensed as a Contractor in the State of North Carolina as provided in General Statutes Chapter 87. Each bidder must have a North Carolina Contractor's License. Each bidder shall make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business enterprises on this project.

Owner reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

The OWNER may make such investigations as he deems necessary to determine the ability of the BIDDER to perform the WORK, and the BIDDER shall furnish to the OWNER all such information

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and data for this purpose as the OWNER may request. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any BID if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such BIDDER fails to satisfy the OWNER that such BIDDER is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the WORK contemplated therein.

A conditional or qualified BID will not be accepted.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout.

Each BIDDER is responsible for inspecting the site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The failure or omission of any BIDDER to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve

any BIDDER from any obligation in respect to his BID.

A Pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM local time on September 28, 2023, at the Project Site at 33 Owl Branch Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719.

The ENGINEER is Civil Design Concepts, P.A. His address is 168 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC 28801. **9/20**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Comprehensive Demographic Study & Geofencing Study

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) invites qualified firms and consultants with expertise in demographic and geofencing studies to submit proposals for completing a study of Cherokee, NC.

The complete scope of work to be provided by the firm or consul-

ants to be hired is part of a complete RFP document which may be obtained by contacting Pam Sneed, Economic Analyst, at the EBCI Commerce Office, at 828-359-6710 or pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov

Completed proposals are due in the office of the EBCI Destination Marketing Department by the close of business on Wednesday, October 04, 2023. They should be sent to Pam Sneed, Economic Analyst – Commerce Department, 810 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, or via email at pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov. Proposals must be submitted as required in the proposal package.

First preference will be given to qualified TERO firms and/or consultants. **9/27**

Notice to Qualified

Professionals

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Handicapped & Elderly Living Program (H.E.L.P.)

145 Tsali Manor St. Cherokee N.C. 28719 Phone 828-359-6638

The Handicapped and Elderly Living Program (H.E.L.P.) is seeking qualified contractors and professionals who specialize in general residential rehabilitation and repair for residential properties. Work to be performed may include:

Removal and installation of metal or shingled roofs

Removal and installation of storm doors, doors and windows

Service, removal, and installation of HVAC

Service and installation of electrical generators



Employment Opportunities

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the following positions:
***Signing Bonus up to \$2500.00

- Cosmetologist- must have a current NC Cosmetology License
- Senior Concierge for Front Desk and operations support – hospitality experience preferred
- Male Spa Host and Female Spa Host. – no experience required

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Lawn maintenance
Garden Plowing
Pest control
Crawl Space Cleaning and Encapsulation

Qualified contractors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Selections will be based on qualifications. The H.E.L.P. Program reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

The work to be performed under this RFQ is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Qualification packets should include a proposal letter, W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, proof of auto insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed packets to the H.E.L.P. office at Tsali Manor. Deadline for sealed packets is September 29, 2023.

Contact Jeremy Hyatt, jhyatt@ebci-nsn.gov with questions or comments at 828-359-6925. **9/27**

Request for Proposals

Project Title: Raven Fork Big Cove Stream Restoration

Resource Institute and North State Environmental (NSE), contractors with the Natural Resources Conservation Service under an agreement with EBCI Natural Resources, is requesting proposals

from all interested certified EBCI TERO companies for services and labor to perform the following tasks for the Raven Fork Big Cove Stream Restoration Project:

- Build and maintain an equipment/material staging area. o See Staging Area Improvement Plans
- Obtain and deliver rock and soil materials. o 20,000 tons of boulders- 5x4x4 o Dirt Import by Cubic Yard
- Obtain and deliver sediment and erosion control materials/devices. o 700G Coir Matting – Install Only o Silt Fence-Supply & Install
- Temporary Security Fencing

Firms wishing to receive a Request for Proposals (RFP) package should contact Brandon Spaugh of NSE at (336) 793-8997 or by email at b.spaugh@nsenv.com. Deliver sealed proposals to Nick Reed at EBCI Natural Resources located at 1840 Painttown Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. OR Electronic versions, in a pdf format, can be submitted as an attachment(s) to an email to b.spaugh@nsenv.com. If submitting an electrons version, make sure the email subject line states “Raven Fork Big Cove Stream Restoration RFP October 2023.” Proposals must be received by 2:30 PM on October 10, 2023, at which time they shall be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure delivery and receipt of their proposal. Any proposals received after this time will not be considered. Other critical dates and the project timeline are listed in the RFP. NSE reserves the right to reject all submissions and the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. Please be advised that TERO regulations apply to the bidding and award of this contract. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Brandon Spaugh at NSE. **10/4**

Request for Proposals

Landscaping Services
2024 CCBBD Landscaping
The EBCI PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM is requesting proposals for Cherokee Central Business District/ Landscaping. In an effort to provide a more appealing and beautiful appearance in Cherokee Business District to the general public, the PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM seeks proposals from qualified firms to provide landscaping services.

An Expectations Meeting will be held on September 22, 2023 at 10:00AM. The meeting location is 680 Acquoni Road, Cherokee Transportation Center, CDOT Conference Room. Attending the meeting is a requirement in the bid process.

All bids must be submitted by September 29, 2023, 12:00PM (EST). TERO certified companies will receive preference in accordance with TERO rules and regulations.

Contact Maceta Bradley at 828-359-6531 or email mbradley@ebci-nsn.gov, to request a copy of the RFP. **9/27**

Requests for Proposals (RFP)

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Public Works Program
680 Acquoni Road

Bid Proposals

Robins & Morton will be accepting bid proposals from Subcontractors and Vendors for the Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino – Parking Garage and Skybridge.

Interested subcontractors can obtain bid documents by contacting Rey Colon-Garcia by phone 724-971-4957 or email RColon-Garcia@robinsmorton.com, or Charlene Hogue by phone 828.371.8247 or email Charlene.Hogue@robinsmorton.com.

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Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

Phone: (828) 359-6531

Project: Highway Enhancement / Litter Pickup 2023-2024

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Works Program is requesting sealed proposals for litter pick up on BIA/State roads on the Qualla Boundary, in Cherokee and Graham Counties. A meeting on the project requirements will be held on September 22, 2023, at 1:30pm in the CDOT Conference Room in the Cherokee Transportation Center Building. The deadline for submitting proposals will be September 29, 2023, at 12:00p.m. to be turned in at the CDOT Office, 680 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee Transportation Center.

Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full RFP and proposal requirements through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-359-6531 Maceta Bradley or email - mbradley@ebci-nsn.gov. **9/27**

STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Housekeepers - 2nd Shift
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Clinical Coordinator

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

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Closing Sunday, September 24, 2023

1. Housekeeper I (Multiple) – Housekeeping – Operations (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Dispatcher/Substitute Driver – Transit – Operations (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

Open Until Filled

1. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
4. 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. Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
21. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant (Part-Time) – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
22. Manager – CDOT – Operations (L16 \$64,581 - \$80,727) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
23. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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 & TRUCK:
Multiple Bus Drivers

CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME:
(6) FT Resident Counselors
(4) PT Resident Counselors
(1) Resident Counselor Supervisor

AGELINK CHILDCARE:
(6) Teachers

CONSTRUCTION/FACILITIES:
(2) Skilled Carpenters
(1) Carpenter Helper

SHOP/ GARAGE:
Service Writer

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



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

FINANCE:

AP Processor Part Time Regular w/out Benefits - \$19.66
- \$22.25

Patient Access Specialist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

Residential Technician – Kanvwotiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor – Analenisgi - \$44,107
- \$55,134

Behavioral Health Consultant Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852

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

Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II - \$24.55 - \$27.99

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

Medical Laboratory Technician - \$22.76 - \$25.89 - *\$5,000
Hiring Bonus

DME Specialist - \$18.32 - \$20.67

Speech Language Pathologist - \$67,082 - \$83,852

Physical Therapy Clerk - \$17.12 - \$19.26

MEDICAL

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

Physician – ER \$227,068 - \$283,835

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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 (30 Hours per week) – Emergency Room \$33.68
- \$38.72

Paramedic – (24 Hours per week) – Emergency Room \$19.66 –
\$22.25

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

Housekeeper - \$15.00 - \$16.77

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

Skilled Nursing Facility Billing Specialist - \$50,723 - \$63,404

Tribal Option

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

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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

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Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

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visit: 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 Behavioral Support Specialist – High School	9-12 Science Teacher
CMS Softball Head Coach	9-12 Math Teacher
Varsity Wrestling Head Coach	9-12 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher
Community Affairs Coordinator	9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant
Community Affairs Administrative Assistant	9-12 Student Support Specialist
Cultural Department Coordinator	6-8 Alternative Program Special Education Teacher (Pathseekers)
Substitute Teacher	6-8 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant
Elementary Teachers - 4th grade and 5th grade	6-8 Behavior Modification Teacher Assistant
Elementary Teacher Assistant - 2nd Grade	6-8 Science Teacher
Elementary Student Support Specialist	6-8 Math Teacher
Elementary Media Coordinator (Licensed Position)	6-8 Student Support Specialist

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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER * TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

September Celebrations

9/1 - Madison Crowe Woodard and Logan Woodard wedding anniversary
9/1 - Virgil Ledford
9/2 - Michael R. Lambert
9/4 - Pat Brown
9/4 - Me-Li Jackson
9/5 - Hrair Johnson
9/8 - Radonna Crowe
9/8 - John D. Hall
9/9 - Tagan Crowe

9/10 - Christiano Ramirez
9/10 - Taylor Davis
9/11 - Keith Smith
9/12 - Priest Littlejohn
9/13 - Lyman Clayton
9/15 - Liam Robinson
9/16 - Lydia Leach
9/17 - Jessica Lewis
9/18 - Aia Johnson
9/18 - Katina Ledford
9/18 - Marsha Fowler
9/21 - Reva Ballew
9/23 - Martha Catolster
9/24 - Andrew Crowe
9/24 - Shannon Albert

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MISSING PERSON

Kassidy Lekay Kelsey

(No Photo Available)

Enrolled with The Chickasaw Nation

Height: 5' 7" Weight: 130 lbs Female

Hair: Brown Eyes: Hazel Age: 17

Date of last contact: September 4, 2023

Last Known Location: Durant, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance: Last seen on
September 4, 2023

If you have seen Kassidy Kelsey, contact the Chickasaw
Nation Lighthouse Police (580) 436-1166.

Source: Namus.gov

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Join us on WCU's campus for the 49th annual Mountain Heritage Day – a community-wide celebration of Southern Appalachian culture. Enjoy live music, craft demonstrations, family fun, Cherokee stickball, clogging, a car show, a chainsaw competition and so much more. This can't-miss event is free and open to everyone.



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023



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Contact SS and request one by mail. SHIP office is
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Hospice helps manage symptoms including chronic pain, trouble breathing, anxiety, insomnia, fatigue or depression, thereby improving quality of life. It can take time to get symptoms under control, so **calling earlier is key and may also reduce hospital stays.**

2

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4

Hospice Helps You Navigate

Our team will help you understand the sometimes confusing journey through end-of-life care, empowering you to communicate more effectively. **Calling sooner gives you more time to plan for what's next, so your moments are spent on what matters most.**

5

Hospice Supports Families & Caregivers

Families and caregivers are sometimes overwhelmed and Hospice Care provides education and resources to manage caregiving and also provide Respite Care. **Calling earlier provides key training and support to equip caregivers and families for the journey.**

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