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SI Resorts going to college

Kituwah, LLC
involved in new
Sports Illustrated
Resort in
Tuscaloosa

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

Kituwah, LLC, an entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is involved in the development of a Sports Illustrated Resort in Tuscaloosa, Ala. – home of the University of Alabama. With an opening in late 2025, the Resort will be the first of several planned for college towns.

The Resort is being developed by Travel + Leisure Co. and Sports Hospitality Ventures, LLC.

Christopher Schroeder, Sports Hospitality Ventures, LLC chief executive officer, said in a statement, “Sports Illustrated Resorts are about hospitality, lifestyle, leisure, and entertainment where we celebrate not only the legacy of Sports Illustrated, but the path it is on now, by immersing our guests in the iconic imagery and providing the best entertainment, cuisine, fitness, health, and wellness to our guests.”

“People are seeking differentiated experiences that allow them to be more active and participatory and Sports Illustrated Resorts are delivering the ultimate experiences for guests through the hospitality destinations we are creating.”

The Resort will include a mixture of hotel, residential, and vacation club offerings. Located

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Kituwah, LLC, an entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is involved in the development of a Sports Illustrated Resort in Tuscaloosa, Ala. – home of the University of Alabama. (Renderings courtesy of Travel + Leisure)



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across the Black Warrior River, it will also include a Sports Illustrated Museum.

"This will be the biggest thing for the next decade in hospitality," Chris McCoy, president of Kituwah Global Marketing & Brand Management, told the One Feather.

Mark Hubble, Kituwah, LLC, executive director, commented, "People are familiar with Travel + Leisure primarily through the magazine, but the primary company purpose is being the largest time share and vacation rental company in the world. They're publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange, and they have approximately 235 resorts worldwide."

"The Tribe owns 37.4 percent of Sports Illustrated Resorts equity," said Hubble. "It positions that company for really fast growth. By partnering with a company like Travel + Leisure, we can marry and merge the hotel operations, the resort operations, and the vacation ownership operations together."

Hubble said this will provide benefits for individual EBCI tribal members. He noted a web page will be set up, similar to that of Wyndham Rewards, whereby tribal members can go to receive dis-

counts on Sports Illustrated Resorts and Travel + Leisure properties. "It'll allow resort searching and booking directly online."

He noted there will be easy access to member benefit information and 30 percent off any North American destination for both Sports Illustrated Resorts and Travel + Leisure.

"From a monetary standpoint, this starts to grow the Sports Illustrated Resorts brand to where it will become a phenomenal brand, and with the Tribe having significant equity participation," Hubble said.

McCoy added, "Our partnerships are exploring the possibility of hospitality development at a number of college campuses nationwide. We have a lot of interest from universities. We have a lot of interest from outside parties, and continued growth of various industry partnerships."

Hubble commented, "What Travel + Leisure is doing is all with their own money. There are no tribal funds involved."

McCoy further stated, "If we don't get involved in this equity-wise, we will benefit from the brand licensing. So, every room that they rent, every condo that they sell, there is a percentage coming back to our company's Sports Hospitality



Ventures, and we're 37 percent equity owners in that."

"We're about building for our Tribe a sense of ownership and pride about this. It is a great opportunity for the Tribe to really be put on the map. We're leveraging partners who are as excited as we are. Speaking of the late Councilwoman Tommye Saunooke, she was always interested in making sure other people were putting their investment into our projects – that our partners were putting in as much as we were. This is a part of that; this is paying honor to that. I think our leadership likes to see that, and our public likes to see that other people are as interested as we are in seeing the success of these projects. It's going to bring long-time wealth to the Tribe."

While designs for the Tuscaloosa project aren't finalized, Kituwah, LLC officials assure one aspect.

"Cherokee and other tribal aspects will be represented in some form or fashion," said McCoy. "They've been very open to the concepts of introducing our native values, arts and culture into some design, some marketing materials – very similar to what other tribes do who have industries similar to this. Some things will be very



This rendering shows a mock-up aerial view of a possible layout for a SI Resort. Designs for the Tuscaloosa project are not yet finalized.

front-facing, and some things will be more subtle. You'll see Cherokee; you'll know it's us." "We are hoping that other tribes will want to get involved and that we can help them join us in this journey, whether they build their own, rebrand, or take an investment position in any of our wonderful pipeline of projects."

He went on to say, "Part of our mission is to generate that pride of ownership with our community

and let them know, this is yours. Just because Kituwah (LLC) works on behalf of the Tribe, this isn't ours; this is EBCI's. We have to operate it and do the business dealings, but when we're out there making these deals, we're working hard to make sure that the public is represented, our culture is represented, and that the benefit comes back to match the strategy of the Tribe."

Michael D. Brown, Travel +

Leisure Co. president and chief executive officer, said in a statement, "This project is a tangible demonstration of our multi-brand strategy to grow our business with new exciting partnerships. As the world's leading membership and leisure travel company, we are uniquely positioned to be able to partner with brands and hospitality companies to develop customized vacation club products for their customers."



Vending machines aim to improve access to health supplies for tribal members

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – Vending machines have been installed around tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) in an effort to improve access to health and wellness supplies. All of the products in the machines are only for EBCI tribal members and are available free of charge.

“Public Health vending machines are a new emerging public health strategy,” said Sheena Kanott Lambert, MPH, EBCI Public Health & Human Services public health director. “The goal

of the project is to expand access and reduce barriers to health and wellness supplies for all EBCI community members by providing 24/7 access to vending machines. These machines are cost effective and practical, cost \$0 for EBCI tribal members to utilize, and they support our goals in public health which are health promotion, disease prevention, and to protect the EBCI community.”

Lambert added, “Our Public Health vending machines will include a variety of toiletries and hygiene products, feminine care products, safe sex products, first aid supplies, overdose prevention



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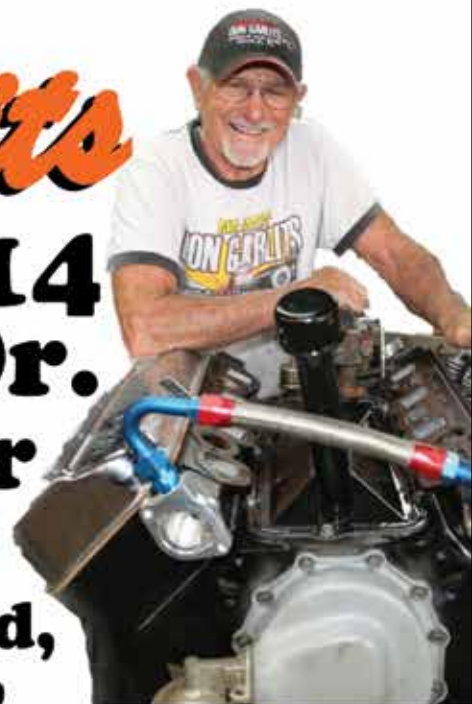


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supplies, baby products, and personal protective equipment.”

There are a total of 10 vending machines, and eight have been installed at various locations including:

- Big Cove (Kolanvyi) Community Center, 8765 Big Cove Road, Cherokee, N.C.
- Big Y Community Club & Gym, 2641 Wrights Creek, Cherokee, N.C.
- Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Complex, 1212 Birdtown Road, Cherokee, N.C.
- Qualla Boundary Head Starts & Early Head Start, 897 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, N.C.
- EBCI Public Health & Human Services administration building, 43 John Crowe Hill Road, Cherokee, N.C.
- Yellowhill Activity Center, 1416 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, N.C.

• Snowbird Cornsilk Complex, 60 Snowbird School Road, Robbinsville, N.C.

• Cherokee County Indian Community Club, 300 Airport Road, Marble, N.C.

Two others will be installed at the new Tribal Foods Distribution Center and the Cherokee Food Lion once several connectivity issues are worked out.

“This project is 100 percent funded by the N.C. State Opioid/Substance Use Grant,” said Lambert. “EBCI members are automatically enrolled in the program.” To use a machine, enter the five numeric part of your EBCI enrollment number, including all zeros, followed by the # sign. Then, just select the number of the product you wish dispensed followed by the # sign.

“We’re going to pilot these 10,



EBCI Public Health & Human Services officials are shown with one of the new vending machines containing health and wellness supplies. Shown, left to right, are Sheena Kanott Lambert, EBCI Public Health & Human Services public health director; Ellen Crowe, RN, Tsalagi Public Health nurse; Terra Walker Raxter, RN, Tsalagi Public Health nurse; and Radonna Crowe, EBCI Public Health & Human Services public relations specialist and public information officer.

and we’re going to see how they do,” said Lambert. “We don’t know. They’re doing good already. These are only for enrolled members.”

Terra Walker Raxter, RN Tsalagi Public Health nurse, noted, “There’s a software program connected with the vending machines so that we have alerts set up to let us know things are getting low and when things expire.”

Lambert said she gave a presentation to the Cherokee Community Club Council in 2022. “What was critically important for us here, at Public Health, is ‘did the community want these?’ For us, as public health professionals, we love the idea – having access, eliminating barriers to access, and expanding access to these items. But, what does the community want? I got a lot of positive feedback from that initial meeting.”

The following items are cur-

rently in each of the eight machines: Narcan Nasal Spray, Rapid Response Fentanyl Test Strips, Trojan lubricated condoms, pregnancy test, disposable face masks, hydrocortisone cream, first aid kit, Maxi pad, tampons, Benadryl, Advil, Tylenol, antacid tablets, 2-in-1 Shampoo & Conditioner, Secret Deodorant (travel size), Old Spice Swagger Deodorant (travel size), bottled water (8 oz.), Banana Boat Sunscreen (1 oz.), body wash (1 oz.), bug spray (1 oz.), Chapstick, Purell Hand Sanitizer (1 oz.), adult dental hygiene kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, brush timer), child dental hygiene kit (toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, brush timer), at-home COVID-19 test kit, Pampers Diaper Changing Kit (size 3), DiapaROO Diaper Changing Kit (size 4), and Pampers Diaper Changing Kit (size 5).

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School Board discusses policy change and appeal

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education convened on Monday, Sept. 18 for a regularly scheduled meeting. All board members were in attendance, except the two Tribal Council representatives. Chairwoman Dr. Jennifer Thompson called the meeting to order and asked Regina Rosario to lead in prayer.

Per the agenda, the Board called Howard Wahnetah, CCS

Finance Director, and Rhonica Via, Cherokee Boys Club finance director, to update the board on the school's financial status. Via was unable to attend, so Wahnetah shared both reports, which primarily indicated that the CCS is operating on schedule and according to budget.

Chase Sneed, CCS athletic director, was called to give athletic department updates. The Battle of the Nations trophy was displayed for the Board. Sneed said they are trying to negotiate to alter Fair Week games to allow for a break that week.

He also said that CCS is starting a lacrosse team. The Atlanta Braves have offered to help teach field maintenance for baseball/softball and to help with CCS sports branding. Sneed announced that Burger King is doing

a player of the game for football. Sneed said that "community shoutouts" are helping in getting donations and sponsorships like the player of the game for CCS sports. He stated that lifetime passes for school board members were in the process of being produced. Sneed also said that he is looking into trademarking their logo, "The Boundary".

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Barbara Payne announced an award of grant funds from the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act 2023-25 Stronger Connections Grant. The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) granted \$236,000 for use to assist in assuring the overall physical and mental health well-being of students.

Superintendent Consuela Girty spoke on a Harrah's grant that is helping to fund staff mental health

initiatives. She said that initiatives being implemented like teacher workday programs to improve the mental health of the staff were having positive effects. Training and seminars include Cherokee culture, history, and tradition modules, in addition to motivational presentations, and relaxation activities.

Chairwoman Jennifer Thompson stated that "we are able to do things for the mental health of our kids and staff that other school systems cannot."

The school board approved unanimously by consent the following:

Tom Hansell is approved as the Cherokee Middle School Alternative Teacher. He will need a clear Drug Test, Fingerprint and Background Check with the CCS Human Resources Department.

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Shirley Martin is approved as the Cherokee Middle School Life Skills Teacher Assistant. She will need a clear Drug Test, Fingerprint and Background Check with the CCS Human Resources Department.

Courtney Haggard is approved as an after-school Tutor. She is a current Student Teacher and has a completed background check, drug test, and fingerprint check on file with CCS Human Resources.

Jeanne Burgess is approved as a Substitute Teacher. She is a new employee and will need a completed background check, drug test, and fingerprint check on file with CCS Human Resources.

In a separate vote as a part of the board's unfinished business, Carrah Swimmer is approved as the Head JV Girls' Basketball Coach for the Cherokee Central

Schools. She is a returning worker and has a completed background check, drug test, and fingerprint check on file with CCS Human Resources.

This action was carried unanimously.

The CCS Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying policy was approved unanimously by the Board. And a change to revert to a previous requirement of 40 hours of Board training to be required for new school board members was unanimously approved.

A change was approved to the job descriptions policy regarding new descriptions. The superintendent will be able to update existing descriptions, except for upward salary increases and impactful changes of that nature. Those changes will be brought to the

Board for approval.

The Board tabled a proposed change to the alcohol and drug-free workplace policy in favor of a joint public statement being issued by Superintendent Girty on behalf of herself and the Board that current prohibitions maintaining an alcohol and drug-free campus will remain in place until such time as the Tribal Council and the government decides guidance for the community after the referendum vote on cannabis.

Assistant Superintendent Payne announced that the 2022-23 Annual Report will be posted to the School's webpage on Sept. 19.

Assistant Superintendent Payne requested the Board join Superintendent Girty in a request to appeal the school's BIE Accountability Status for 2021-22 - Standards assessment and accountability plan. The school received a status of "Needs Improvement".

The Board unanimously consented to joining the letter. The draft of the letter contends that

"the English Learner requirement shouldn't have been listed given the number of students in the subgroup is less than 10. This is the same issue with Cherokee High School as there are also less than 10 students in the English Learner subgroup. (CHS/CMS Federal Chronic Absenteeism report) indicates that the High School should receive full points as the Chronic Absenteeism rate is below 20 percent as indicated in the Accountability measures. A change in these indicators would move our schools from the "Needs Improvement" status to 'Approaching Expectations' status'."

The Board went into a closed session at the end of the open session. The only closed session item listed in the agenda mentioned Tim Smith. No other public information is available as of press time.

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JV FOOTBALL

Braves defeat previously unbeaten Swain Co.

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – On a night dialed up for football, the Cherokee JV Braves (5-1) handed rival Swain Co. (5-1) its first loss of the season. The Braves took advantage of several Maroon Devil turnovers en route to a 26-14 victory at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the cool, crisp evening of Thursday, Sept. 21.

The teams started slowly in the first quarter as they each had one possession and each turned the ball over on downs after short drives.

The second quarter started with a boom as Swain's Kaden Sawyer ran 76 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the quarter. Blake Lambert ran for the two-point conversion, and Swain led 8-0 just 14 seconds into the second.

The Braves started their second possession of the game in good field position at their own 44-yard line. This drive started out nicely as Landon Seay ran 19 yards on the first play. This started a 12-play drive that culminated in a 14-yard touchdown pass from Dawon Panther to Drallen Ledford. The two-point play failed, and Cherokee trailed 8-6 with 4:46 left in the half.

Swain started at their own 24-yard line following the kickoff.



Cherokee's Kymani Foalima runs down the sideline on a 39-yard pick six touchdown just before halftime during a game between the Cherokee JV Braves and the Swain Co. JV Maroon Devils at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 21. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

They moved the ball up to the 39-yard line when Cherokee's Kymani Foalima intercepted the ball and ran down the right sideline for a pick-six touchdown. Panther hit Ledford for the two-point pass

play, and Cherokee took a 14-8 lead into the locker room.

The third quarter looked a lot like the first.

Cherokee got the ball first in the half but fumbled on the third

play. It was recovered by Swain's Houston Hornbuckle, and Swain got the ball back in good field position at the Cherokee 46-yard line, but they turned the ball over on downs after four plays. Chero-

Cherokee took over on their own 40-yard line. The Braves had eight plays in their drive but also turned the ball over on downs.

Swain took over at their own 34-yard line on their next possession. The Maroon Devils fumbled on the first play of the drive which was recovered by Cherokee's Noah Watty at the Swain 40-yard line. Six plays later, Cherokee found the end zone again as Panther hit Dillon Beam on a 32-yard touchdown pass. The two-point try failed, and Cherokee led 20-8 with only 8.8 seconds left in the third.

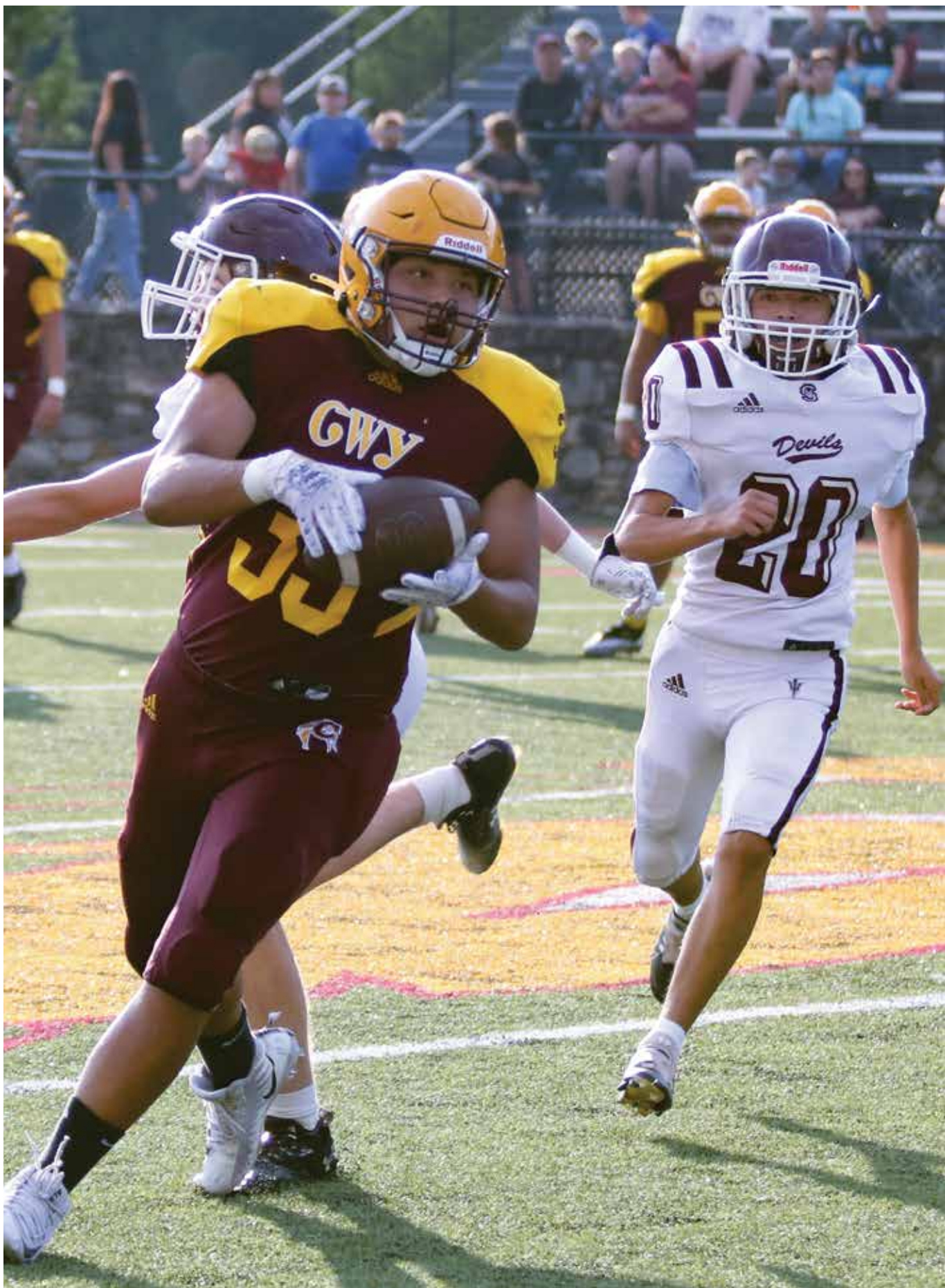
The Maroon Devils started their next possession at their own 49-yard line. On second down, Cherokee's Ogana Swimmer intercepted a Swain pass and took it all the way to the house. While a penalty negated the touchdown run, Cherokee still retained possession and took over at their own 38-yard line. The Braves were able to move the ball into Swain territory but turned it over on downs.

Swain started at its own 45-yard line for its next possession, and 12 plays later Jake Bradley caught a 3-yard touchdown pass from Blake Lambert. The two-point try failed, and Cherokee remained on top 20-14 with 3:06 left in the game.

Following a failed onside kick, Cherokee started in great field position at their own 49-yard line. Four plays later, Pheasant hit Ledford on a 37-yard touchdown pass. The two-point try failed, and Cherokee led 26-14 with 1:46 left.

Swain's last possession of the game started at their own 28-yard line and lasted one play as Swimmer got his second interception of the game. The Braves ran out the clock to take the 26-14 win.

Cherokee travels to Murphy on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. for their final game of the season.



Swain's Kaden Cucumber (#20) chases Cherokee's Drallen Ledford (#33) who just made a catch. On the night, Ledford caught two touchdown passes (14, 37 yds).

ON THE SIDELINES

Family support is crucial for youth sports

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

KITUWAH – During a cross country meet, hosted by Swain Co. High School, at Kituwah on a recent misty morning, I witnessed something I see time and time again at sporting events – family support. As I was taking photos of the high school girls race, I lined up for a shot of Cherokee’s Livia Crowe when I noticed that her grandmother, Mick Crowe, was also in the frame and was cheering her on.

I see the Crowe family at many events cheering and supporting their kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. They are one family of many within the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who does this. It’s quite common for players to have their own cheering section of extended family members.

Recently, members of the Tramper family had t-shirts made with an image I got at a JV Braves game of Levi Tramper sacking an Avery Co. player in the end zone for a safety. They proudly wear those shirts and support Levi. I could list example after example of this and fill up the One Feath-



As Cherokee’s Livia Crowe, right, runs in the high school girls cross country race at Kituwah on Saturday, Sept. 16, her grandmother, Mick Crowe, left, cheers her on. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

er, and these are just a few of the recent ones that come to mind.

An August 2021 article in the National Library of Medicine’s International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health entitled “The Role of Parental Involvement in Youth Sport Experience” speaks to this support.

It states, “Parent support has

been linked to several factors related to sports participation such as child enjoyment and enthusiasm, autonomy, and self-perception of sport skill.”

Michael J. Fox once said, “Family is not an important thing. It’s everything.”

To these young athletes, it has to mean the world to them to hear the cheers and support from their

family members. And, the keen thing about the Cherokee community is that even those who don’t have a large family or even really a family at all are taken in and cheered for all the same.

Keep cheering, keep supporting, and keep the positivity flowing. We need as much of that these days as we can get.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Middle School Lady Braves remain unbeaten on season

One Feather Staff Report

MURPHY, N.C. – The Cherokee Middle School (CMS) Lady Braves took first place at the Bulldog XC Meet, hosted by Murphy High School, on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 23, and remained unbeaten on the season. Led by Austin Fourkiller-Raby who won the race with a time of 13:12.1, the Lady Braves won with a score of 39 followed by Swain Co. Middle School with 57. Cherokee had two other runners in the top seven including Lilly Lossiah (fourth place, 14:38.9) and Cambry Stamper (seventh place, 15:17.8).

The following results, per nc.milesplit, show the top seven finishers in each race plus all CMS and Cherokee High School finishers:

Middle School Girls

- 1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 13:12.1
- 2 – Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 14:02.4
- 3 – Rebecca Carver, Carolina Mountain XC, 14:11.9
- 4 – Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14:38.9
- 5 – Kenzly, Yarbrow, Murphy, 14:56.1
- 6 – Zaelyn Phillips, Robbinsville, 15:09.9
- 7 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 15:17.8
- 16 – Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 15:52.4
- 17 – Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 16:06.0
- 30 – Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Cherokee, 16:54.4
- 31 – Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 16:57.9
- 60 – Yang Reed, Cherokee, 19:51.6
- 61 – Rhema Anders, Cherokee, 19:58.6

Team Scores

- 1 – Cherokee 39
- 2 – Swain Co. 57
- 3 – Murphy 69
- 4 – Hayesville 100
- 5 – Union Co. 139
- 6 – Robbinsville 144
- 7 – Mountain Discovery 162

Middle School Boys

- 1 – James Loftis, Swain Co., 11:42.5
- 2 – Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 11:43.2
- 3 – Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 11:45.4

- 4 – Elliot Salinas, Andrews, 11:49.9
- 5 – Maverick Hawley, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 12:04.4
- 6 – Micah Moss, Hayesville, 12:28.6
- 7 – Tag Carson, Swain Co., 12:31.1
- 15 – Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 13:11.2
- 17 – Odie Owle, Cherokee, 13:26.9
- 20 – Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 13:30.1
- 44 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 15:32.9
- 46 – William Welch, Cherokee, 15:40.6
- 59 – Greyson Panther, Cherokee, 17:28.3
- 60 – Kaiser Hernandez, Cherokee, 17:30.4
- 63 – Makai Hernandez, Cherokee, 17:51.4
- 66 – Gabriel Arneach, Cherokee, 18:32.4
- 70 – Kody Smith, Cherokee, 19:40.3
- 76 – Felix Lossiah, Cherokee, 20:50.5

Team Scores

- 1 – Hayesville 54
- 2 – Swain Co. 72
- 3 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger 82
- 4 – Murphy 117
- 5 – Union Co. 118
- 6 – Cherokee 122
- 7 – Mountain Discovery 169
- 8 – Robbinsville 173

High School Girls

- 1 – Marylynn Hulsey, Tri-County Early College, (correct time unavailable)
- 2 – Lindsey Holloway, Fannin Co., 19:52.0
- 3 – Lola Hunter, Union Co., 20:21.6
- 4 – Fern Crayton, Tri-County Early College, 20:46.6
- 5 – Karli Sams, Fannin Co., 20:50.5
- 6 – Amy Mendoza Lopez, Franklin, 21:11.9
- 7 – Mindi Holbrooks, Franklin, 21:58.5
- 8 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 22:12.8
- 9 – Livia Crowe, Cherokee, 22:17.9

Team Scores

- 1 – Franklin 52
- 2 – Fannin Co. 55
- 3 – Union Co. 61
- 4 – Tri-County Early College 88
- 5 – Hayesville 100

High School Boys

- 1 – Zechariah Prater, Fannin Co., 16:31.4
- 2 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 17:04.4
- 3 – Logan Russo, Franklin, 17:05.1
- 4 – Barrett Stork, Franklin, 17:25.3
- 5 – Koen Verner, Fannin Co., 17:39.8
- 6 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 17:49.2

- 7 – Matheson Post, Franklin, 17:53.8
- 8 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 18:31.5
- 45 – Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 21:42.5
- 56 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 22:40.9
- 58 – Brandon Blankenship, Cherokee, 23:00.5
- 59 – Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 23:01.6
- 74 – Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 25:37.9

Team Scores

No team scores were provided for the high school boys.

Smoky Mountain Conference Youth Football results

Saturday, Sept. 16

Peeweews

Andrews 32 Swain Co. 22
Cherokee 20 Hayesville 6
Robbinsville 28 Franklin 0
Copper Basin (Tenn.) 32 Murphy 0

Termites

Swain Co. 16 Andrews 0
Cherokee 32 Hayesville 0
Franklin 8 Robbinsville 0
Copper Basin (Tenn.) 18 Murphy 12

Mites

Swain Co. 32 Andrews 0
Cherokee 12 Hayesville 8
Robbinsville 6 Franklin 0
Murphy 32 Copper Basin (Tenn.) 0

Midgets

Swain Co. 6 Andrews 0
Cherokee 20 Hayesville 0
Robbinsville 32 Franklin 0
Copper Basin (Tenn.) 36 Murphy 6

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EBCI Cooperative Extension gives Annual Garden Contest awards

One Feather Staff Report

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The 2023 EBCI Cooperative Extension Office’s Annual Garden Contest awards were given on the evening of Monday, Sept. 18 at the Yellowhill Activity Center. The contest judging occurred in the second week of July.

Extension officials said, “It is an enjoyable week each year for us, as we get to see the hard work many of you put into growing your own food. We know the past year and a half has been difficult for many. Our office continues to stress the importance of food security. As we all have seen over those 18 months, the food supply chain is more fragile than many believed. Worker shortages in the areas of agriculture, processing, shipping, and retail created supply issues. Increased demand with people hoarding food and supplies created increased demand on stressed supply. We encourage all our families and community members to make efforts to supplement their food needs by growing fruits, vegetables, raising chickens for eggs, and/or small-scale meat production.”

They added, “Not all community members have land to raise a garden or the equipment to maintain it. With this in mind, our office has and will continue to teach alternative gardening such as raised bed planting.”

Awards are as follows by community:

Big Cove Community

Thomas David Bradley -1st Place-Individual Garden, Conventional
Tommy Bradley -1st Place-Senior 60-69, Conventional
Vita Nations -2nd Place-Senior 60-69, Conventional
Bernice Bottchenbaugh -1st Place-Senior 60-69, Organic
Sadie Bradley -1st Place-Senior 80-89, Conventional
Seaborn Bradley -Participant-Youth 17 & under, Conventional
Eliza Jane Bradley -Participant-Youth 17 & under, Conventional
Cindee West -1st Place-Family Garden, Organic

Birdtown Community



Tawodi Biddix, from the Birdtown Community, won first place in the youth organic garden category at the annual EBCI Cooperative Extension Garden Contest awards on the evening of Monday, Sept. 18 at the Yellowhill Activity Center. (DAWN ARNEACH/One Feather photo)

Tyler Ledford -1st Place-Individual Garden, conventional
Lloyd Owle -1st Place-Senior 60-69, Conventional
Alice Dyer -1st Place-Community Club Garden
John Haigler -1st Place-Senior 90+
Alyne Stamper -1st Place-Senior 70-79, Conventional
Tawodi Biddix -1st Place-Youth, Organic
Leighton George -1st Place-Youth, Conventional

Big Y Community

Big Y Community -1st Place-Community Garden
Trudy Crowe -1st Place-Raised beds, Organic
Candy Crowe -2nd Place-Raised Beds, Organic
Charlotte George -1st Place-Senior 80-89,

Conventional

Kimbo Crowe -Participant-Youth 17 & under, Raised beds, Conventional
Kinley Crower -Participant-Youth 17 & under, Raised beds, Conventional
Kaiser Hernandez -Participant-Youth 17 & under, Organic
Morgan Hernandez -Participant-Youth 17 & under, Organic
Samuel Hernandez -Participant-Youth 17 & under, Organic
Samantha Hernandez -1st Place-Individual Garden, Organic

Wolftown Community

Mary Long -1st Place-Senior 80-89
Barry Reed -1st Place-Senior 70-79, Conventional
Pat Oocumma -1st Place-Senior 70-79, Organic
Wilson Oocumma -2nd Place-Senior 70-79, Organic
Dean Bradley -1st Place-Senior 60-69, Conventional
Vicki Reed -2nd Place-Senior 60-69, Conventional
Martha Talala -1st Place-Senior 60-69, Raised beds, conventional
Trina Owle -1st Place-Senior 60-69, Organic
Jeanne Burgess -2nd Place-Family Garden, Organic
Amy Postoak -1st Place-Family garden, Organic
Brittany Lossiah -1st Place-Family garden, Conventional
Claudette Long -1st Place-Individual Garden, Organic
Kyndra Postoak -Participant-Youth 17 & under, Organic
Rhiannon Postoak -Participant-Youth 17 & under, Organic
Wolftown Community Club -1st Place-Community Garden

Cherokee County Community

Brenda Cook -1st Place-Senior 60-69, Organic
Hazel Nations -1st Place-Senior 60-69, Conventional
Irene Mathis -1st Place-Senior 70-79, conventional
Reba Davis -2nd Place-Senior 70-79, conven-

tional

Louise Davenport -1st Place-Senior 80-89,
conventional

Snowbird Community

Emily Jones -1st Place-Youth 17 & under, con-
ventional

Kris Teasdale--1st Place-Individual Garden,
Organic

JC Wachacha -1st Place-Senior 70-79, Organic

Lou Jackson -1st Place-Senior 70-79, conven-
tional

Yellowhill Community

Faye Junaluska -1st Place -Individual Garden,
Organic-

Anita Lossiah -1st Place -Family Garden, Or-
ganic

William Smith -1st Place -Senior 70-79, con-
ventional

Ella Lossiah -1st Place -Senior 80-89, Conven-
tional

Tribal Childcare Parent Group -1st Place

-Youth 17 & under, Organic

Noah Watty -Participant-Youth 17 & under,
Conventional

Isabella Crowe-Lossiah -Participant-Youth 17 &
under, Conventional

Penelope Watty -Participant-Youth 17 & under,
Conventional-

Yellowhill Community Club -1st Place -Com-
munity Garden

Off-Boundary

Abbie Ball -1st Place-Youth, Organic

Gerard Ball -1st Place-Family Garden, Organic

Kituwah

Marion Thompson -1st Place-Family Garden,
Organic

Landcape Awards

1st Place - Merritt and Lulie Youngdeer

2nd Place tie - Barry and Vicki Reed

2nd Place tie - Vic Haigler



Yellowhill Community Club officers hold several of the awards the community won including the Sga-
dugi Community of Distinction Award. Shown, left to right, are Virginia Johnson, secretary; Stephanie
French, vice chairperson; and EBCI Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith, chairperson. (Photo by Adam
Griffith,RTCAR)

3rd Place - Nancy Brown

Sgadugi Engaged Community Certificates

Cherokee County Indian Community Club

Painttown Community Club

Towstring Community Club

Sgadugi Community of Promise Certificates

Big Cove Community Club

Big Y Community Club

Sgadugi Community of Distinction- Honorable Mention

Wolftown Community Club

Snowbird Community Club

Sgadugi Community of Distinction Award

Yellowhill Community Club

Community Development Scrapbook Awards

1st Place - Wolftown Community Club

2nd Place - Big Y Community Club

3rd Place -
Big Cove Community Club



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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

Apply for Native Youth Projects

The Native Youth Media Project partners with Native youth programs, working with youth ages 15-24 years, in Native organizations and communities. The partnership between Vision MakerMedia and Native organizations and communities work together to strengthen Native youth's story development for short-format media. Youth may produce short-for-



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing Division

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

RENOVATION AND FOSTER PARENT LOANS

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

PORTFOLIO LOANS

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

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION & LOAN MODIFICATION LOANS

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

APPROVED LENDERS

While CHD works with First Citizens Bank and 1st Tribal Lending for on-boundary lending, we also work with numerous lenders for purchases or construction off the boundary.

COUNTIES SERVED

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

FINANCIAL LITERACY

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Tina: 828-359-6912; tinalarc@ebci-nsn.gov
Misty: 828-359-6919; mistmill@ebci-nsn.gov



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mat videos around such topics as science, health & wellness, climate & environment, education, art, culture, history, language, and empowerment. For more information go to: <https://visionmakermedia.org/native-youth-media-project>. Application period opens Oct. 1 and closes Dec. 31.

- Native Youth Media Project

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you for support of the Autism Walk/Run

The Autism Walk/Run in Fletcher, N.C. was awesome. We had awesome numbers and turnout. There were 34 teams who participated and we ranked #9.

Our team goal for Qualla Boundary/Swain/Jackson was \$500, and we exceeded that. Thank you for the support, donations and

participation.

The overall goal for the event was \$43,000, and the goal was met and donations were still being made.

Please continue to support Autism.

The meeting for the Qualla Boundary support group will be posted soon.

Signed,

Candy Ross

Thank you from the family of Sherry L. Jones

The family of Sherry L. Jones would like to thank Principal Chief, Vice Chief, for food and flowers. Bo Crowe, gravediggers and pallbearers for all of your help. Rock Springs Baptist Church and Pastor Greg Morgan for the visits and singing and prayers while she was in the hospital. Also, feeding the family and giving us support.

Special thanks to the Singers, Rock Springs Baptist Church, Melvin and Zena Wolfe, Macedonia Baptist Church, Junior Sluder and Family, Maggie Armachain, Nina West. Thanks to Rick Cabe, Zena Wolfe for the food. Also the beautiful flowers, VOC, B. Ensley, Richard Sneed, Peggy and Rhoda, Deb and Michelle. Thank you to my family and friends, Cherokee Hospital, Hospice, Evelyn Wahnetah, Pastor Greg Morgan, Long House Funeral Home. To all of you, your help, love and support was greatly appreciated.

Thank you all,

Martha French

Thank you letter to the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Committee

I want to take the opportunity to thank the Richard (Yogi) Crowe

Scholarship Committee for selecting me for Fall 2023 funding. This grant was designed to help graduate students with lifting some of the financial burdens they face. Not only that, but the committee is also extremely interested in helping EBCI students get the help they need, and it is greatly appreciated.

I am currently on the path to obtain my Juris Doctor at the University of Montana School of Law, with a certificate in Native American Law. Getting a law degree is no skip in the park but knowing that people back home are supporting me makes all the difference. My hope is that I will take what I've learned and come back to work for the EBCI, then I can give our people the same support that the Committee has shown me.

Thank you,

Raven G. Rattler

MISSING PERSON

Eugene James Sharpe

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 6' 2" Weight: 200 lbs Male

Hair: Gray Eyes: Green Age: 78

Date of last contact: October 10, 2021

Last Known Location: Happy Camp, California

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Mr. Sharpe was last seen in the early morning hours of 10/10/2021 just after midnight by his grandsons. He left his trailer with a flashlight and has not been seen since. Mr. Sharpe was last seen wearing a flannel (unknown color/pattern), white t-shirt, and blue jeans.

If you have seen Eugene Sharpe, contact Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department (530) 842-8300.

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4 PM - TEEN STICKBALL
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5 PM - MEN'S STICKBALL
BIRDTOWN VS BIG COVE

6 PM - MEN'S STICKBALL
WOLFETOWN VS HUMMINGBIRDS

EVENT LOCATION COLOR AND SYMBOL KEY

■ Unity Field

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

PARADE DAY

9 AM - COMMERCIAL FLOATS

10 AM - FLOATS ARRIVING

1:30 PM - JUDGING OF FLOATS

3 PM - PARADE BEGINS

5 PM - GATES OPEN

6 PM - EXHIBIT HALL OPENS

6 PM - WELCOMING/COLOR GUARD *

OPENING PRAYER

NATIONAL ANTHEM/CHEROKEE ANTHEM

INTRODUCTION OF CHIEF, VICE CHIEF & TRIBAL COUNCIL

ROYALTY & GRAND MARSHAL INTRODUCTIONS

6:30 PM - TEEN MISS PAGEANT *

8 PM - ELEM. DANCERS/SINGERS

8:45 PM - STORY TELLING *

10 PM - ROBERT RUNNINGWOLF BAND *

11 PM - GATES CLOSE *

EVENT LOCATION COLOR AND SYMBOL KEY

* Fair Main Stage

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

CHILDREN'S DAY

8 AM - VENDORS SET UP

8:30 AM - GATES OPEN

8:45 AM - BABY CRAWLING REGISTRATION BEGINS

9 AM - EXHIBIT HALL OPENS

10 AM - KIDS RIDE WRISTBAND GIVEAWAY *

10 AM - BABY CRAWLING CONTEST BEGINS *

10 AM - TRAIN RIDE BEGINS

10:15 AM - SIGN UPS FOR CONTESTS BEGINS *

11 AM - LUNCH BEGINS ▲

11:15 AM - ROBO CARS

11:30 AM - BOYS AX THROWING/GIRLS LID TOSS ●

11:45 AM - TURTLE RACE *

12 PM - RIDES OPEN

12:15 PM - GREASY PIG CONTEST X 3 ●

12:30 PM - LONGEST HAIR CONTEST (5-7) *

12:45 PM - LONGEST HAIR CONTEST (8-12) *

1 PM - LONGEST HAIR CONTEST (13-17) *

1 PM - YOUTH STICKBALL (6-9)
BIG COVE VS WOLFETOWN ●

2 PM - YOUTH STICKBALL (10-12)
BIG COVE VS WOLFETOWN ●

3 PM - TEEN STICKBALL (13-17)
BIRDTOWN VS WOLFETOWN ■

4 PM - CHICKEN RACE ●

5 PM - MEN'S STICKBALL
BIRDTOWN VS WU-DE-LI-GV ■

5:30 PM - WCU DRUMLINE *

6 PM - MEN'S STICKBALL
BIG COVE VS WOLFETOWN ■

6:30 PM - YOUTH DANCE CONTEST *

7 PM - TEEN DANCE CONTEST *

7:30 PM - TRIBE CALLED PRAISE *

9:30 PM - J.A.M. *

10 PM - EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES

11 PM - GATES CLOSE

EVENT LOCATION COLOR AND SYMBOL KEY

■ Unity Field

* Fair Main Stage

● Old Baseball Field

▲ Food Tent

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

ELDER'S DAY

8 AM - GATES OPEN/BREAKFAST

8:30 AM - PRE-REGISTER FOR CORNHOLE ▲

10 AM - ELDER'S CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT ▲

10:30 AM - FIELD EVENTS BEGINS ●

10:30 AM - MAYBELL & ALFRED ▲

11 AM - ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS ▲

11 AM - FASHION SHOW *

11:30 AM - LUNCH/DOOR PRIZES ▲

12:30 PM - DOOR PRIZES ▲

2 PM - FIELD EVENTS ENDS ●

2 PM - YOUTH STICKBALL (10-12)
WOLFETOWN VS BIG COVE ●

3 PM - ELDER'S STICKBALL ●

5 PM - MEN'S STICKBALL
HUMMINGBIRDS VS WU-DE-LI-GV ■

6 PM - MEN'S STICKBALL
BIRDTOWN VS WOLFETOWN ■

6:30 PM LITTLE & JUNIOR MISS PAGEANT *

9 PM - WHISKEY MOUNTAIN BAND *

10 PM - EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES

11 PM - GATES CLOSE

EVENT LOCATION COLOR AND SYMBOL KEY

■ Unity Field

* Fair Main Stage

● Old Baseball Field

▲ Food Tent

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

VETERAN'S DAY

8 AM - GATES OPEN

8:30 AM - VETERAN'S BREAKFAST ▲

9 AM - WELCOMING OF VETERANS ▲

10 AM - VETERANS WALK

FROM SAUNOOKE'S KIOSK TO FAIR

11 AM - LUNCH ▲

12 PM - OPENING CEREMONY *

PRESENTATION OF COLORS/CHEROKEE ANTHEM

NATIONAL ANTHEM/INVOCATION

POW/MIA CEREMONY

LEW HARDIN WELCOMING

PRINCIPAL CHIEF WELCOMING

GIFT PRESENTATION/SPECIAL GUEST

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

GUEST SPEAKERS

1:45 PM - CLOSING CEREMONY *

2 PM - CLOSING OUT MORNING EVENTS *

2 PM - VETERANS GAMES ◆

2:30 PM - VETERANS GAMES ◆

2:30 PM - YOUTH STICKBALL (6-9)

WOLFETOWN VS HUMMINGBIRDS ●

3:30 PM - WIREGRASS BAND *

4:30 PM - MENS STICKBALL

BIG COVE VS HUMMINGBIRDS ■

5:30 PM - MENS STICKBALL

WOLFETOWN VS WU-DE-LI-GV ■

6:30 MISS CHEROKEE PAGEANT *

8 PM - TRIAL BY FIRE *

10 PM - EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES

11 PM - GATES CLOSE

EVENT LOCATION COLOR & SYMBOL KEY

▲ Food Tent

■ Unity Field

◆ Football Field

* Fair Main Stage

● Old Baseball Field

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

COMMUNITY DAY

8 AM - GATES OPEN/ARCHERY SIGNUPS START

8:30 AM - ARCHERY & BLOW GUN BEGINS ●

9 AM - VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT BEGINS ◆

10 AM - BASKET MAKING CLASS (BIRDTOWN) ▲

11:30 AM - TRADITIONAL DANCING (BIG COVE) *

1 PM - CAST IRON THROWING (SNOWBIRD) ●

2 PM - AXE THROWING (WOLFETOWN) ●

2 PM - YOUTH STICKBALL (6-9)

HUMMINGBIRDS VS BIG COVE ●

3 PM - TEEN STICKBALL (13-17)

WOLFETOWN VS BIG COVE ■

3 PM - RYAN PERRY BAND *

4 PM - FRYBREAD EATING CONTEST *

5 PM - WOOD CHOPPING ●

5 PM - MENS STICKBALL

BIRDTOWN VS HUMMINGBIRDS ■

6 PM - MENS STICKBALL

BIG COVE VS WU-DE-LI-GV ■

8 PM - THE ROMANTICS & STARSHIP *

10 PM - EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES

10:30 PM - NEAL MORGAN *

11 PM - PRETTY LEGS *

12 PM - GATES CLOSE

EVENT LOCATION COLOR & SYMBOL KEY

▲ Food Tent

■ Unity Field

◆ Football Field

* Fair Main Stage

● Old Baseball Field

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY MOUNTAIN HERITAGE DAY™ 2023

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.

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2023



Look who is coming to the Cherokee Indian Fair (besides you)...



STARSHIP
FEATURING
MICKEY THOMAS

Starship-Mickey Thomas is the owner of the soaring voice that propelled Starship through the decade of the 80s. With his soulful and compelling vocals, Mickey has established himself as one of rock music's most recognizable stars. The group was renamed Starship in 1985 (formerly Jefferson Airplane) and recorded three #1 hit songs including "We Built This City", "Sara", and "Nothing's Gonna Stop Us Now". One can expect to hear hits from Starship and Jefferson Starship at Starship's live performances, as well as a few selections from Jefferson Airplane as a nod to both bands' beginnings.



TRIAL BY FIRE

TRIBUTE TO JOURNEY

Trial By Fire (Tribute to Journey)-In 1996, arena rock superstars Journey put the band back together to record their tenth album, Trial by Fire. Shortly after the release of this reunion album, lead singer and signature voice, Steve Perry injured himself while training for what was to be a high-energy road show. With Steve Perry unable to perform, the Trial by Fire tour became "the tour that never happened". Imagine if Steve Perry had never injured himself on that fateful day. What would the Trial by Fire tour have looked like? Trial By Fire is born out of the hearts of five seasoned North Carolina-based musicians who have decided to answer that question. It is their vision to bring that 1996 tour to Journey fans across the country to embrace the sound and visuals of the Steve Perry era of Journey.



**THE
Romantics**

The Romantics-The original members of The Romantics-Wally Palmer, Jimmy Marinos, Mike Skill, and Rich Cole-formally became a band on Valentine's Day 1977. More than 40 years later they are still known for having created some of the most influential rock and roll of all time. A few of The Romantics hits include "Talking In Your Sleep", "Rock You Up", "What I Like About You", and "When I Look In Your Eyes".



J.A.M. (Joy And Mayhem) is a Fire-endorsed Indigenous rock experience hailing from the depths of the NC hills presenting a night of music as atmospherically honest and powerfully raw as the mountains from whence it came. With years of experience and fast-paced mashups, this multi-award-winning project delivers a high-quality one-two punch of your guest-favorite hits, not overplayed in the live circuit, as well as a full catalog of their own charting originals, catering to audiences of all sizes in one of the best stage shows in the Carolinas with power, poise, intent, and many visually immersive elements. J.A.M. is a cutting-edge, high-energy, powerhouse, ultra fun, and educational premier show.



ALFRED & MAYBELLE

Alfred & Maybelle Welch-*Alfred and Maybelle Welch live in Snowbird, a Cherokee community located in Graham County. They sing hymns in the Cherokee language, a tribal tradition that dates back to the early nineteenth century.* Maybelle: Music has always been a part of our life. We always sang at home and at church. For a while Alfred played bass and sang with the Snowbird Quartet. Later we had a larger family group that sang together. Most of the time nowadays it's just me and Alfred. He plays guitar and we try to harmonize together. We'll go as long as the Lord lets us go—and as long as we're doing the Lord's work. *Excerpted from the Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina guidebook by Fred Fussell with Steve Kruger. Photo by Cedric N. Chat-*



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Acts appearing at the Cherokee Indian Fair October 3-7. Check the Cherokee Indian Fair Schedule or the Cherokee Welcome Center for showtimes. Schedule subject to change without notice.

The Center for Native Health receives \$30,000 Stewarding Native Lands Grant

Center for Native Health release

The Center for Native Health recently received a \$30,000.00 grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado. This award will support the efforts of The Center for Native Health's Tłóihya: EBCI Youth River Cane Project.

River cane is a cultural keystone species for tribes of the southeastern United States, including the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), but is threatened by development, agriculture, and a lack of understanding of the importance of the species. In addition to the cultural significance, large patches of river cane, called canebrakes, provide significant wildlife habitat and make positive contributions to water quality and stream bank stability.

"My mom, my sister and my daughter weave baskets using River cane," said Mary Thompson, an EBCI tribal member and second-generation basket weaver. "My entire family helps out with gathering and processing the cane. I have a picture of two of my grandsons carrying cane from the cane patch, the youngest was probably five years old. That's how we learn to weave baskets by being around and with my mom as she did so."

This project seeks to facilitate transfer of cultural knowledge from one generation of EBCI artisans to the next generation and teach EBCI youth about the benefits of river cane. UNC Asheville Associate Professor and Executive Director of The Center for Na-



Johnathon "Dewi" Thompson, Choji Thompson, and Mary Thompson, all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, gather river cane. (Photo courtesy of Center for Native Health)

tive Health, Trey Adcock, PhD, a Cherokee Native citizen, suggests, "This grant continues CNH's deep commitment to developing programs and partnerships that hold meaning and value to Indigenous communities as they, themselves define. Working with community members to facilitate the transfer of cultural knowledge from one generation to the next exemplifies our mission to improve health outcomes for Native people through a cultural understanding of health and wellness. We couldn't be more pleased to be a part of this proj-

ect".

Project partners include Levi West, Cherokee Youth Council leadership specialist at Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute; Adam Griffith, EBCI Cooperative Extension; and Desirae Kissell, Conservation outreach coordinator for EBCI Natural Resources.

As part of the project EBCI youth will help identify river cane patches for conservation, identify and remove invasive species threatening river cane proliferation and learn from EBCI Elders and artisans about the various

uses of river cane. The grant activities also include engaging EBCI youth in the processes of government by having them advocate for land conservation dedicated to river cane sustainability.

The Center for Native Health 501(3)c was founded in 2009 with the vision of reducing health disparities for American Indian communities through the integration of community held knowledge into all facets of Native healthcare and education.

To learn more, please visit www.centerfornativehealth.org



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COMMENTARY

Take care of our home

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

We get bent out of shape over land. I mean downright hateful. And you would too if the history of your people was that once someone else found value of any kind, precious minerals found on the property, rich soil and flat ground, or some other valuable use could be found for the land, it was stripped away from the people. This actually happened. Back in the day, it was a thing for the government

to run Cherokee and other indigenous people off from land that they had lived in, fished in, hunted on, farmed, and buried their dead in. Archives.gov states, "In the early 1800s, American demand for Indian nations' land increased, and momentum grew to force American Indians further west. The first major step to relocate American Indians came when Congress passed, and President Andrew Jackson signed, the Indian Removal Act of May 28, 1830.

"The Act authorized the President to negotiate removal treaties with Indian tribes living east of the Mississippi River, primarily in the states of Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, and others. The goal

was to remove all American Indians living in existing states and territories and send them to unsettled land in the west.

"In his message on December 6, 1830, President Jackson informed Congress on the progress of the removal, stating, 'It gives me pleasure to announce to Congress that the benevolent policy of the Government, steadily pursued for nearly thirty years, in relation to the removal of the Indians beyond the white settlements is approaching to a happy consummation.'

"Jackson declared that removal would 'incalculably strengthen the southwestern frontier.' Clearing Alabama and Mississippi of their

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Indian populations, he said, would 'enable those states to advance rapidly in population, wealth, and power.'

The removal treaty process resulted in nearly 50,000 eastern Indians being stripped of their homelands and marched to eastern Oklahoma. At the time, it wasn't Oklahoma but wilderness. It was a place to get Indians out of the way for white settlements, in fact, 25 million acres of eastern land was "appropriated" by the U.S. government for immigrant use.

The Cherokee people occupied large portions of Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Alabama. And the government wanted those lands. The relevant treaty to our people was the infamous Treaty of New Echota, an agreement that was not popular with several of our people who refused to leave, which prompted President Jackson to ordain 3000 federal troops led by Major General Winfield Scott to force our people to "relocate". Scott also had the authority to enlist state militia and volunteer troops to do the job, just in case our ancestors got out of hand.

"Despite Scott's order calling for the removal of Indians in a humane fashion, this did not happen. During the fall and winter of 1838-39, the Cherokees were forcibly moved from their homes to Indian Territory-some having to walk as many as 1,000 miles over a four-month period. Approximately 4000 of 16,000 Cherokees died along the way. By the end of 1840s, nearly all Indian tribes had been driven west."

Those who remained in the western mountains of North Carolina were able to stay and negotiate for the purchase of property to remain. That's us, or at least our

ancestors - the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. In 1866, EBCI was officially given permission to live in North Carolina. And the 57,000 acres secured by William Holland Thomas and the Cherokee people, while it did have water resources like the Oconaluftee River and Soco Creek, still was challenging property in that the land was and is in the most mountainous areas of the state.

All that to say that we are a little sensitive about the piece of the homeland we were able to secure and that has been held-in-trust by the federal government. It never gets old; thinking about the irony of the federal government "protecting" land that was taken by force from the Cherokee people and then we (our ancestors) had to "buy" back. But I digress.

Over the decades, we have contemplated the dilemma. Our people have grown in number, currently 16,000-plus strong. Our land mass has grown very little. A little over half of our membership lives off-Boundary. The half that resides on the Qualla Boundary scramble and sit in waiting for housing to be built and land to become available. The government is double-minded in that on one hand tribal member housing is the priority, and then insists that economic development opportunity focus needs to center on building businesses, both tribally and tribal member-owned, on ancestral tribal lands. With each year that passes, the need for both seems to get more intense, and more critical. With "buildable" property being a finite and scarce commodity on the Boundary, it is unlikely we can make both happen in an effective, beneficial way. Something will have to give.

So, we need to be good stewards of what we have. That would

be true anyway, as we are the people who look on the lands and streams provided by the Creator as sacred. We do our ancestors an injustice when we treat our lands like the non-Native population treats it. Again, it is not just a commodity, but a sacred trust given to us by the Creator. But it is particularly true that we must protect the land since we know that we don't really have enough to go around. Tribal leaders have already heralded that fact. Every inch of property under the ownership and control of the Eastern Band should be strategically plotted to get the most benefit for our people. And that should be a public and publicized plan available to all the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. What we don't know can and will hurt us.

We see too many properties on our lands that have been left to rot and decay. We have seen land sit idle for decades, unused for the public good. There needs to be a radical change in the balance of economic and community development. We need to understand that they are an "and" relationship, not a "versus" relationship. We would have no need for economic development if there were not a community for it to serve and supply. And we cannot have community development without an economy to support it. As a friend or coworker is fond of saying, it is simple math. We need those drivers to push our economic engine harder and faster so that the community is protected and insured. We need strong, smart community development with a definite land use plan and regulations that ensure both government and individual tribal member-owned properties are not used just for the benefit of one, but for all. And, as high as any need of the

tribe, we need true transparency in government with outward reporting and education on the "what, where, when, why, and how" of the planned use of our lands. No scare tactics or propaganda, just honest, open communication with our people. We deserve nothing less. We are grateful for the off-Boundary economic development opportunities that have been developed. We are grateful for the community enhancement that has been created for the benefit of the people. But there are more opportunities. We see it every time we drive past the Fairgrounds or the Old Elementary School site. We see it every time we drive up and down Soco Road. We see it every time a tribal member stands before the podium in the Council Chambers and begs for housing, or dentures, or a right-of-way, or a place to start a business to sustain their family. We owe it to ourselves and generations of Cherokee people to protect our home. We must be good stewards of the Creator's gift and the hard-fought prize of our ancestors, both in the economy of provision for our people and the ecology of our lands in clean streams and smart green land use.



Kituwah should be designated a World Heritage Site

Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board

KITUWAH – Kituwah, the Mother Town of the Cherokee, located just outside of Cherokee, N.C. near Bryson City, N.C, is an ancient, sacred site. This site should be deemed a World Heritage Site – making it the 26th property in the United States with such a designation.

The property was purchased by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) in 1996 and was placed into trust for the Tribe in on Oct. 18, 2021.

Upon signing an official document placing the property into trust, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented, “This is an historic day for all Cherokee. Today, this land, Kituwah, the birthplace of the Anikituwah, the Principal People, today known as the Cherokee, will now belong to our people and to our posterity forever. For thousands of years, prior to European contact, our people lived, worked, hunted, fished, and raised families on land that now makes up seven states in the southern United States.”

Former Principal Chief Joyce Dugan was instrumental in the Tribe purchasing the property in 1996. She told the One Feather, “I will always believe that the purchase of the Kituwah site which returned our Mother Town to our



Kituwah, the Mother Town of the Cherokee, located just outside of Cherokee, N.C. near Bryson City, N.C, is an ancient, sacred site. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Tribe was the most significant accomplishment of my term as Principal Chief. As tribal officials, we can build many structures that improve the lives of our people, but the most important gift we can give to this generation and all that follow is the preservation of our history and culture. I truly feel that the purchase of Kituwah brought about a revival of the arts, cultural traditions, and historical knowledge, which our people are still embracing today.”

The Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, comprised of eight “ancient earthwork sites in Southern Ohio” according to information from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior (DOI), was recently placed on the list of World Heritage Sites by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

Information from the DOI states, “The sites that comprise Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks were built between 1,500 and 2,000 years ago by people now referred to as the Hopewell Culture. The earth-

works, built on an enormous scale and using a standard of measure, form precise squares, circles, and octagons as well as a hilltop sculpted to enclose a vast plaza.”

Kituwah is much older than the Hopewell site, and it is set apart from its Ohio counterpart in that the ancestors of those original inhabitants still exist as a Tribe and still utilize it for many purposes including ceremonial dances, community events such as the Annual Kituwah Celebration, gardening, and more.

The EBCI Tribal Council passed legislation in 2013 protecting Kituwah “in perpetuity”. The legislation states in part that “there shall be no alteration to Kituwah and the Council hereby supports the protection and preservation of said property in keeping with the spiritual integrity of Kituwah”.

Renissa McLaughlin, an EBCI tribal member and author of the legislation, said in a presentation at the time, “Kituwah is the orig-

inal Mother Town of the Anikituwagi or Cherokee people. This is the place where our grandparents received the Laws of the Seven Clans and the Sacred Fire, both given to us by the Creator. This means that Kituwah was given to us by God. Kituwah Mound was built with the Sacred Fire in its center. It is scientific fact that the ashes of the original fire are still present. The sacredness of Kituwah extends not only to the mound itself, but the associated village that occupied the entire valley.”

To qualify as a World Heritage Site, a site must meet one of 10 criteria as outlined by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee. We feel that Kituwah meets several of these criteria including:

(iii) “to bear a unique or at least exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living or which has disappeared.”
(v) “to be an outstanding example of a traditional human settlement, land-use, or sea-use which is representative of a culture (or cultures), or human interaction with the environment especially when it has become vulnerable under the impact of irreversible change”
(vi) “to be directly or tangibly associated with events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, with artistic and literary works of outstanding universal significance”

The DOI also addresses management of the site. “The inclusion of a site in the World Heritage List does not affect U.S. sovereignty or management of the sites, which remain subject only to U.S., state, and local laws.”

Kituwah is of immeasurable importance to Cherokee people, and it is very much important to the world as a site. It is very deserving of designation as a World Heritage Site.

LETTER

Reader feels the “Stop the Pot Act” is a pipe dream

No matter their age or position of power, bullies are all the same. When staring down an inevitable loss, the last desperate attempt to turn things around is always an empty threat hurled at their enemy with malicious intent.

Chuck Edwards is using H.B. 5323, the Stop Pot Act, as such a threat. It's an amendment to US State Code 23 to withhold 10 percent of Federal Funding to any State or Federally recognized tribe with a recreational cannabis program.

Representatives from states with already established recreational programs passed on co-sponsoring this bill. Outside of Congress, support comes from two far right-wing organizations responsible for the infamous an-

ti-drug PSAs of the 80's and 90's, the Smart Approaches to Marijuana and the Christian Action League.

I'm sure dreams of damaging the political relationship between the EBCI and the NCGA, along with visions of God-fearing, America-loving protestors marching towards an EBCI dispensary chanting “Stop the Pot” have brought a smile to Edwards's face. They will remain just that though, only dreams, as this bill lacks the support it needs to become reality.

A dream that does have enough support to become a reality is one shared by many North Carolina residents. A dream of massive crowds outside a tribal dispensary, eagerly awaiting its grand opening. Residents are no longer forced to die in the dark, but thanks to the EBCI, can now live in the light by having safe and consistent access to cannabis for their chronic conditions.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Sanctification: Total faith and dependence on God

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON**

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Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate

Scripture Reference: 1 Peter 3:15,
Hebrews 10:38 & 11:6, Romans 14:
18, 21, 23, Zephaniah 3:17, Psalm
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Are we shouting with each
person over what God's already
done for them? One of these days,
that person will want to shout with
us as we've begun to "set ourselves
apart" for the glory of the Lord.
None of us would want to be called
a "vessel of dishonor" or said to
be pursuing and seeking only a
worldly view.

Part of the issue, and the real
problem for the Church, is what I
do need to express. There seems
to be a synthetic "joy" that many
churches seem to have developed.
People have learned to just smile
and nod, even when they don't
believe what's being said. We've
learned how to shout when the
preacher tells us to do so. Neither
do we clap our hands until he says
to, or someone must tell us to get
up and stand to our feet.
When the Holy Ghost is in the
house, people will be moved to
start clapping their hands. No one
else should have to lead anyone
into a shout! His presence affects
everyone who's been prayerfully
seeking Him, His power, help, and
wisdom.

I've really gotten hold of some-
thing that's so real and powerfully
alive and glorious that I just can't
sit on it any longer. I don't care

what anyone thinks or says. I don't
care how long it takes one to get
over it. I am not here to see anyone
else or to please anyone else. I am
here as "set apart for the glory of
the Lord." When He shows up and
fills me up-whatever He brings me.
Each of us can have this too.

I desire to be sanctified, all for
His glory, the glory of the Lord.

When was the last time some-
body here has been asked, "Why
are they so happy?" They've been
watching how alive and lively
each one is and can't quite figure
out why that is. For example, this
person doesn't drive the nicest car,
but I have noticed as well that they
seem happy and content.

That is what sanctification can
do for any person who has made
up their mind to ask God to help
them and commit themselves fully
to receiving it all from Him. One
won't always drive the oldest car,
live in a rundown house, or eat on

the lowest end of the food chain ei-
ther. Not when there's a day com-
ing when the Lord's about to turn
things around for the person who's
brave enough to ask and follow
His perfect leading and depend
fully on Him, not on themselves.
There's a God in heaven who takes
note and begins to do things in
one's life that nobody else can.
Can this person say to themselves
"I am happy"? If not, it's because
one has not yet been fully sanc-
tified. They have not committed
themselves to total dependence
on God and following His leading
in all areas of their life. It means
to live a surrendered life dedicat-
ing their lives to living for Him.
When one can get to a place where
they've "set themselves apart",
they will.

As soon as I get up and call
His name, He's going to invade my
home like an army. I say, "Come
Lord Jesus. I am set apart and I


am ready for whatever You have."
We are willing to go do this, but
another may not. We are willing
to walk like that, but others may
not. Conversely, they are willing to
laugh at "those" jokes, but we are
not.

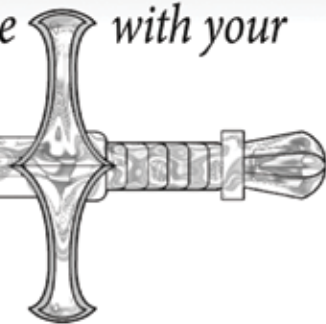
I've set myself apart in my
heart and under the glory of His
Mighty Hand. I can't let anyone
put the world's nonsense in me,
because I don't belong to the
world. I don't care what nation one
lives in, whether its Asia, Africa,
or America. It doesn't matter to
me. I am born again! One needs
to realize they are not only of this
land. I'm not just an American.
In fact, I declare I'm an American
second. I am a citizen of another
country called Heaven. The King-
dom of Heaven of the Most High
God. I need people to realize I'm
not here to worship a flag, words,
or an anthem. I'm here to worship
the Lord.



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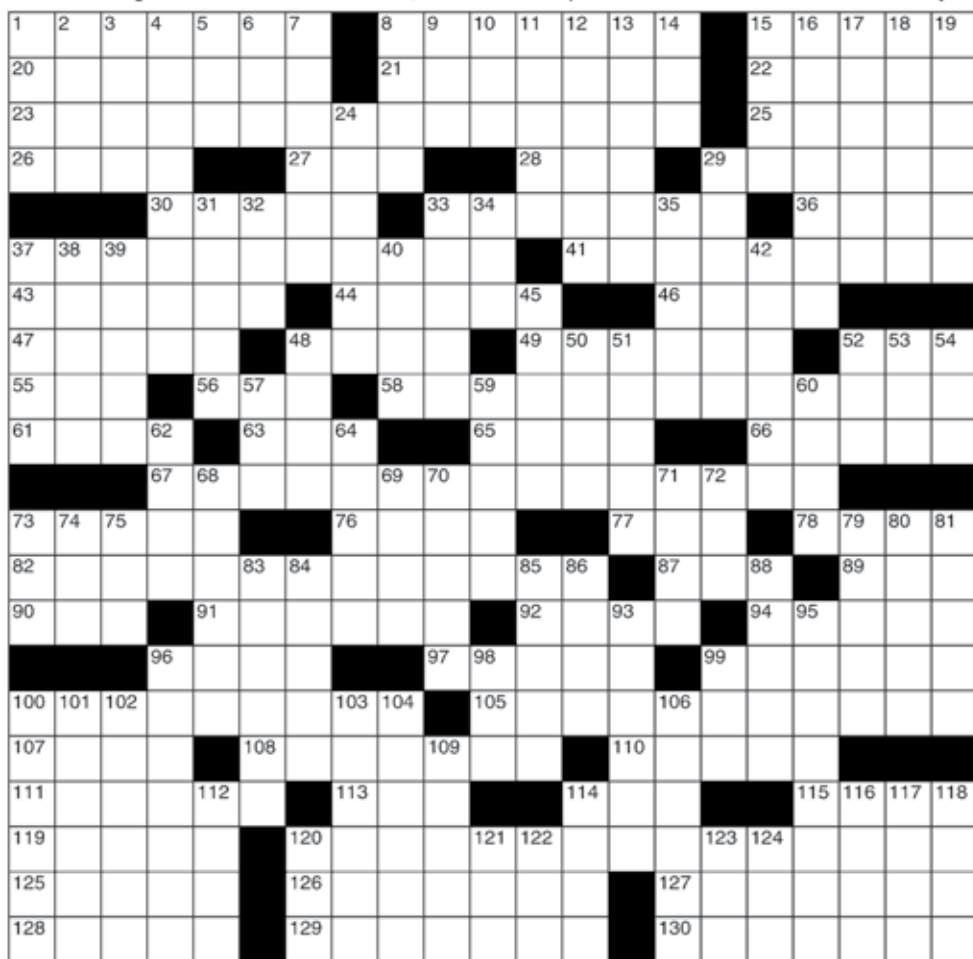
This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "I am about to fulfill my words against this city; words concerning disaster, not prosperity. At that time they will be fulfilled before your eyes. But I will rescue you on that day, declares the Lord; you will not be given into the hands of those you fear. I will save you; you will not fall by the sword but will escape with your life, because you trust in me, declares the Lord."

JEREMIAH 39: 16-18 



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17 Liftoff follower
18 Hi-fi system
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24 Swimmer
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31 Beer vessel
32 Prof's degree
33 Having a dull finish
34 Hurly-burly
35 Eschewer of animal products
37 "The Little Rascals" girl
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39 Had no life
40 Royal name of Norway
42 Soup holder
45 Mother-of-pearl
48 Hammer end
50 Norse god in a chariot
51 Nonlethal stunner
52 Jackie's hubby #2
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59 PC support givers
60 Writer Seton
62 Merits a "so-so"
64 Acknowledge
68 Antigen
69 Has
70 Actor Conrad of early films
71 Nanny Poppins
72 Have a debt
73 Pres. elected in '48
74 "Caught you!"
75 Boxy vehicle
79 Weaponize again
80 "Traffic" actress Christensen
81 Full of lip
83 Packed firmly
84 Gas pump attachments
85 Novelist Sinclair
86 Grads' dance
88 Lucifer
93 Lacking vitality
95 Medium to poor
96 Least difficult
98 Lead-in to chic or hazard
99 Sow or cow
100 Dish under a cup
101 Brush aside
102 "Neon" tank swimmers
103 Prone
104 Triangular sail
106 Least narrow
109 Coke and Pepsi
112 Peepers
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116 Pueblo people
117 Yuletide tune
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See answers on page 30

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

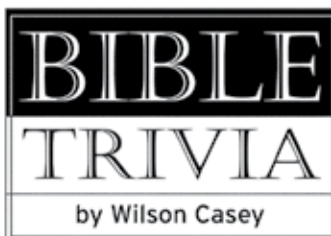
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of 2 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. Joel declared, "Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into ..." *Hooks, Hammers, Dust, Spears*
 3. From Genesis 35, who died giving birth to Benjamin? *Rachel, Leah, Naomi, Ruth*
 4. Who wrote down the book of Romans for Paul? *Stephen, Benaiah, Cyrus, Tertius*
 5. Who was the mother of David? *Not mentioned by name, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah*
 6. In Proverbs 23:4, "Labour not to be ..." *Wise, Rich, Glorified, Found*
- Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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1. U.S. STATES: Which state's official animal is a panther?
2. LITERATURE: What was the color of the man's hat in the "Curious George" book series?
3. TELEVISION: Chuck Woolery was the original host of which TV game show?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the location of the first White Castle restaurant?
5. COMICS: What's the name of the newspaper where Clark Kent works?
6. MOVIES: Which 1980s movie features a character named Aurora Greenway?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the phobia eisoptrophobia?
8. GEOGRAPHY: How many African countries have Portuguese as their official language?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: On average, cats sleep how many hours a day?
10. HISTORY: The ancient city of Rome was built on how many hills?



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. 30 at 3 p.m., Turkey Shoot and Meals-to-Go Fundraiser. Swimmers from Straight Fork. Menu, \$10/plate with a choice of bean bread, chestnut bread, or sweet potato; chicken, pork loin, or BBQ ribs; cabbage or turnip greens; fried potatoes or potato salad; desserts – strawberry crunch, banana pudding, or pumpkin cake; drinks – soda, water, or coffee.

- 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.

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

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, jazziepie156@gmail.com

John Harrison and Sarah Lovin Sneed Reunion.

Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Qualla Com-

munity Center at 180 Shoal Creek Church Loop Rd. Bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert. Genealogy information, open session – bring your instrument, family photos, photo-op section, raffle items, and more. Info: Carmaleta Monteith (828) 736-9392 or Judy Sneed Cook 736-9136

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

LampLight Theatre production of “The Advocate”.

Oct. 14 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center in Cherokee, N.C. Free admission. A love offering will be taken. Info: Call or text (828) 736-6624 or email to trswim71@gmail.com

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

Community Baby Shower.

Sept. 27 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cheorkee Choices office. 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: www.runsignup.com

7th Annual Cherokee Skate

Jam. Oct. 4 at the Cherokee Action Sports Park in Cherokee, N.C.

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

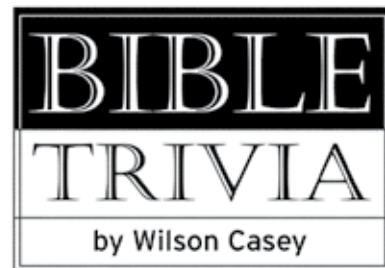
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Spears, 3) Rachel, 4) Tertius, 5) Not mentioned by name, 6) Rich



Answers

1. Florida.
2. Yellow.
3. “Wheel of Fortune.”
4. Wichita, Kansas.
5. The Daily Planet.
6. “Terms of Endearment.”
7. A fear of mirrors.
8. Six.
9. About 15 hours.
10. Seven.

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Registration from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., competition starts at 11 a.m. Elementary, Middle School, High School, and Adult (18+up) divisions. Best Trick Contest for all ages. Skate lessons, games, prizes, etc. Info: (828) 736-2698 or (770) 508-8404

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.

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

See **EVENTS** next page



Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like the sudden setback in your plans. But keep that headstrong Arian temperament in check and wait for explanations. Things will begin to clear up by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Enjoy the respite from your recent hectic schedule, but be ready to plunge into a new round of social activities. A new contact holds much potential for the future.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A trusted colleague has news that could change your perception of a current workplace situation. What had seemed unfair might prove to be highly favorable after all.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still need to watch what you say and how you say it. What you assert as honesty, others might perceive as Crabbiness. Be patient. This difficult period clears up by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Royallness needs some time away from the limelight to catch up on things, whether it's tidying up your desk or making those calls you've put off. You're back in the center of things by the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Honesty is the best policy, of course. But, you'll do better at achieving your goals if you can be less aggressive and more circumspect in how you phrase your comments.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain your balance in confusing situations continues to work for you. Stay on the steady course, one step at a time. The weekend shows improvement.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your indecisiveness could simply be your keen Scorpion sense warning you to be wary of making a commitment. Take this time to do a more thorough investigation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news: New information comes your way to help you make a more informed decision on how to deal with the opportunity that has opened up for you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to reinforce your self-confidence by acknowledging your own good qualities. A lull in your social life ends by the weekend. Have fun.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to let those recently pent-up emotions flow more freely. Why not start by letting the people you care for know how you really feel about them?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Resist offers, no matter how well-intentioned, to help with a personal decision. Only you know what must be done, and you have the emotional strength to follow through.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a talent for getting things done. You also have a gift for bringing people together in both personal and professional relationships.

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by Freddy Groves

Extension for Debt Hardship Relief Period

If you owe benefit debts to the Department of Veterans Affairs, your hardship relief period, previously set to expire on Sept. 30, has been extended to Dec. 31.

Those types of debts can include those for education, disability compensation and non-service pension, and you might have been approved for either a waiver, a compromise or an extended repayment plan, as well as the hardship suspension of debt.

These debts impact half a million veterans and sometimes can be the result of a clerical error, the veteran not being able to understand the paperwork or a letter being lost in the mail. Worse is when the error occurred when the veteran didn't see the fine print and suddenly started receiving collection bills for debts he didn't know he owed.

By now you might have received a letter from the VA, if you have been making payments. Don't be afraid to open that letter. It's likely extension information for you. Consider using it to apply for a hardship extension that will carry you to the end of the year.

If you ever received an overpayment and were told you have to pay it back, give them a call at 800-827-0648. If the money you owe results from either a pharmacy co-payment or medical care debt, instead call 866-400-1238 and talk to them.

Get to the bottom of the actual source of the debt. Did a clerk make a mistake? Did you fail to verify dependents or write in a wrong number? Do you have the canceled checks to show that you actually paid? Find out what's wrong.

The VA has taken a number of steps over the years to help veterans saddled with VA-related debt. They canceled co-pays from April 2020 to September 2021. They changed the income to qualify for relief. They took away the Financial Status Report for hardship eligibility. And, a big deal: They cut nearly all the reports to credit agencies for medical debt. That can have a big impact on your future credit score.

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Teaching Petless Kids to Care for Animals

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We can't have pets in our apartment, but I want to teach my children about responsibility and compassion for animals. Are there volunteer opportunities for kids out there? — Jessica in Seattle

DEAR JESSICA: There certainly are volunteer opportunities for kids in most communities. The hard part can be finding one that will work for your kids, fit in with school schedules and provide the kind of rewarding experience you want them to have. PAWS.org, for example, has several volunteer opportunities in the Lynwood, Washington, area. The shelter doesn't allow kids under 18 to work directly with animals, but it hosts a special Day of Service for those 10 or older to help spruce up its dog trail, and hosts a PAWSwalk each summer. Kids also can choose to "donate their day" — ask for donations to the organization in lieu of birthday presents, for example. That's just one organization in one area. Kids and parents should search for local shelters and animal-rescue organizations to see what volunteer or fundraising opportunities are available. Another, more immediate opportunity may be right in your neighborhood. Do you have friends or neighbors with pets? Are they willing to let your kids visit and play with their dog or cat? Is there an elderly relative or friend who needs help walking their dog or taking their cat to the veterinarian? Remember that, as the parent, you'll need to supervise your kids for many of these events or pet-care opportunities. But you'll be giving them key tools to be awesome pet owners of the future.

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

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EVENTS: From page 31

- Sept. 27, at Hiwassee Dam, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 4, at Robbinsville, 4 p.m.
- Oct. 14, Smoky Mountain Conference Championship, hosted by Swain Co.

Varsity and JV Volleyball

JV games at 5 p.m., Varsity games at 6 p.m., home games at Charles George Memorial Arena
Sept. 28 vs Andrews
Oct. 2 vs Hayesville
Oct. 5 vs Swain Co. (Senior Night)
Oct. 9 vs Hiwassee Dam
Oct. 10 vs Murphy
Oct. 12 vs Robbinsville
Middle School Volleyball
Games start at 4 p.m., home games at Charles George Memorial Arena
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.

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 American Pow Wow.

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

Santa Ynez Chumash Intertribal Pow Wow.

Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Santa Ynez, Calif. MC: Terry Fiddler. Host Northern Drum: Iron Swing. Host Southern Drum: Blaz-

ing 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

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

Upcoming events at the Murphy Art Center in Murphy, N.C.:

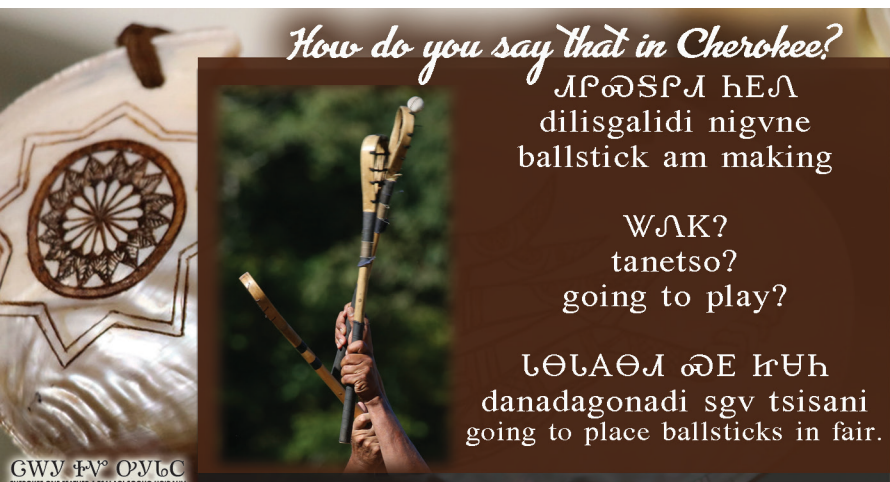
• Art Walk, Oct. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy streets filled with artists, shopping, dining, and entertain-

ment. Info: Valley River Arts Guild (828) 360-3038, vraginc@gmail.com

• Art Walk Tootsie Pop Ghost. Oct. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. This is a free event for ages 5 and up. Info: Dian McKelvey (404) 580-5740, dbmckelvey@gmail.com

• Paint the Town Fall. Oct. 7 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Paint a fall scene on a designated 24" x 18" section of a store window for free. Registration is day of the event. Register and pick up paint supplies at the alley off of Valley River Ave. Prizes for best paintings. Open to all ages. Info: Downtown Murphy (828) 837-2510, downtowndirector@townof-murphync.com

• Halloween Treat Containers. Oct. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club Class suitable for kids. Info: Sharon Francis (828) 644-1105, sharonk1017@



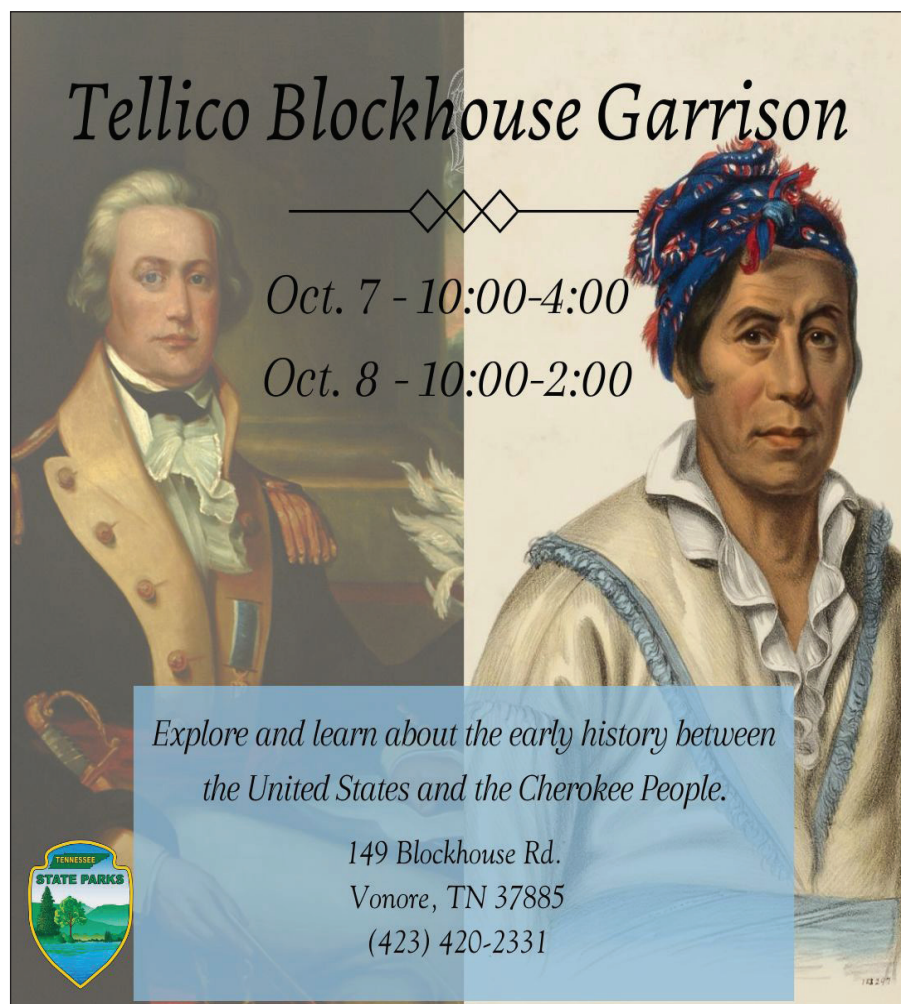
How do you say that in Cherokee?

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going to play?

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going to place ballsticks in fair.

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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER T-SALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI



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

TENNESSEE STATE PARKS

gmail.com

- Colors of Fall in Watercolor. Oct. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a regular class, suitable for adults. Teacher will bring real leaves to trace and paint, or bring your favorites. Info: Barbara McMillan (828) 557-5881, bmcmillan0927@gmail.com
- Clay Christmas Tree. Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ages 7 to 17. Children will use various methods of working with clay to create and decorate a clay Christmas tree. Info: Carolyn Garrison (813) 466-4014, cgarrison5@verizon.net
- Clay Christmas Tree. Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ages 7 to 17. Children will use various methods of working with clay to create and decorate a clay Christmas tree. Info: Carolyn Garrison (813) 466-4014, cgarrison5@verizon.net
- Horse Portrait. Oct. 28 from 10

a.m. to 12 p.m. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club Class suitable for kids. Using acrylic paints, learn brush techniques to give texture and dimension to your portrait of a horse.

- Paint a Silk Scarf with Alcohol Inks. Oct. 28 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. No painting experience necessary. This is a regular class, suitable for adults and teens. Instructor will demonstrate how to prepare scarf, select colors, apply inks, and set colors. All supplies provided to paint a large scarf. Info: Joyce Clair (706) 379-0917, clairjoy@hotmail.com
- Preschool Art Exploration. Oct. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Ages 3 to 5. Info: Cindy Gatti (828) 371-7569, gatti.cindy@gmail.com

**Western Carolina University
Indigenous Heritage Events**
- 13th Annual Rooted in the Moun-

tains 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

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City, N.C. Jerry Ledford will present "Forney Creek, the Norwood Lumber Company and Its Railroads". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. Attendance is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

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.



Fall Special
\$5 off any new tire for enrolled members

The Tire Shop
2661 Governors Island
Bryson City, NC 28713
828-488-2005



EBCI BEAR HUNTERS!!

Win \$1,000!

Submit 2 PREMOLARS per bear and information (date, location, sex) to EBCI Fish & Wildlife for an entry in a drawing for \$1,000.

2023 Hunter Harvest
Bear Tooth Extraction

Bring submissions to:
Brad Building
1840 PaintTown Rd.
828-359-6110

CHEROKEE
FISH & WILDLIFE



CLASSIFIEDS

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

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 23-096
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
Farrell Edward Oocumma
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Norma Oocumma Davidson
P.O. Box 677
Cherokee, NC 28719
10/18

RFPs, BIDs, etc.

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 consultants 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
- Service, removal, and installation of propane heater & tank/line sets
- Service, removal and installation of electrical
- Service, removal and installation of plumbing

- Removal and installation of kitchen cabinets
- Removal and installation of flooring
- Rough and finish carpentry
- Construction of universally acceptable ramps and decks
- Sheetrock repair
- 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

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.

All bids must be submitted by October 17, 5:00 P.M. (EST). TERO certified companies will receive preference in accordance with TERO rules and regulations.

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. **10/11**

ting 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 Spough 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

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**



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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

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



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.

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CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME:
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(1) Carpenter Helper

SHOP/ GARAGE:
Service Writer

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

ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 17th, 2023, at the Swain County Administration Building, 50 Main street, Room 223, Bryson City, NC 28713 for the Swain Middle School HVAC Upgrades. Proposals will be opened and read immediately at the same location.

Bidders who mail their proposals SHALL address them to Mr. Tommy Dills, Facilities Director, Swain County Schools, 50 Main Street, Suite 2 Bryson City NC 28713. To prevent accidental opening, ALL Proposals shall be enclosed in a mailer and be clearly marked on the mailer "BID FOR SWAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL HVAC UPGRADES. DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023."

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held

on site at Swain Middle School, 135 Arlington Ave, Bryson City, NC 28713 at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday October 3rd, 2023. It is strongly encouraged that interested bidders attend. The meeting will start in the Media Center, and the first portion of the meeting will be available for remote attendance through the zoom link below. The walk-through portion will be limited to in person attendees. <https://ls3p.zoom.us/j/88218223605?pwd=aTBN-QkkrYk9TZVFIZHUwWXJOWWJ-odz09>.

Requirements adopted by Swain County Schools for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) will be part of this project. All minority businesses and historically underutilized businesses are hereby encouraged to submit proposals for this project.

Complete plans and speci-

fications for this project can be obtained from the Architect, LS3P Associates, LTD, by contacting Elizabeth Friedl by phone or email: elizabethfriedl@ls3p.com 828-575-1804 Plans and specifications will be available beginning September 25, 2023. Swain County Schools reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals. 9/27

RFP FOR EBCI-FACILITY MANAGEMENT/PEST CONTROL 2024

EBCI-Facility Management is seeking RFP for termite, pest control, tick spray and exterminator services who can be responsible for all aspects of services for maintaining (77) tribal buildings and manage the ground maintenance of the (77) tribal buildings. Be required to do a report each month of what

buildings were covered, type of treatment and date it was serviced. For a detailed copy of the complete proposals, please contact:

Justin French, Manager EBCI-Facility Management/Public Works 120 Lee Taylor Road, PO Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719 Phone: (828) 359-6957/ (828) 736-1266

Email: justfren@ebci-nsn.gov The deadline for submitting bids will be at 12:00PM on October 6, 2023.

The selected entity shall be required to follow all requirements of the Tribe and the Tribe's Employment Rights Office (TERO) and other applicable rules and regulations.

Bid opening will be Monday, October 9, 2023 at 10:00AM at Facility Management Office. 10/4

An illustration of Smokey Bear, a brown bear wearing a blue shirt and a yellow hat, standing in a green field. He is holding a small axe in his right paw. In the background, there are trees and a small fire burning in a metal barrel.

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Cherokee Central Schools

Job Openings

Apply online at
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or
 visit: www.ees-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

Varsity Wrestling Coach
 CMS Softball Head Coach
 Cultural Department Coordinator

Elementary Teacher - (2) 4th Grade, 5th Grade
 Elementary Teacher Assistant
 Elementary Student Support Specialist
 Elementary Media Coordinator (Librarian)

9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant
 9-12 Student Support Specialist

6-8 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant
 6-8 Behavior Modification Teacher Assistant
 6-8 Student Support Specialist



Kituwah, LLC., has the following Jobs Available

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

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

Open until Filled. Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Closing Sunday, October 01, 2023

1. Advocate – Domestic Violence – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
2. Collections Processor – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
3. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Special Ops Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$22.86 - \$28.58 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Sergeant Detective (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Maintenance Technician (Multiple) – SB & CC HELP – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
8. Bookkeeper – CDOT – Operations (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
9. Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
10. Emergency Management Specialist – Emergency Management – Operations (L12 \$43,441 - \$54,302)
11. Water & Sewer Project Inspector – Water & Sewer O & M – Operations (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
12. Recreation Aide (FT) – Cherokee Life: Recreation – Education (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour)
13. Recreation Aide (PT) – Cherokee Life: Recreation – Education (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
4. Natural Resources Enforcement Officer (Multiple) – Natural Resources Enforcement – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
5. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
6. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
7. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
8. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour)
9. Financial Analyst – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478)
10. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment Plant – Operations (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
11. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
12. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
13. Family Safety Grants Coordinator – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
14. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
15. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$97,792 - \$130,389)
16. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
17. 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
18. Senior Utilities Engineer – Water and Sewer – Operations (L19 \$98,083 - \$122,604)
19. Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
20. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant (Part-Time) – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
21. Manager – CDOT – Operations (L16 \$64,581 - \$80,727) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
22. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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
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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
Medicated Assisted Treatment Program 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

Physician – Immediate Care Center \$157,686 - \$197,108
Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time & Part Time - \$227,068 - \$283,835

NURSING

Certified Medical Assistant – Immediate Care Center \$21.13 - \$23.98
Certified Medical Assistant - Primary Care \$21.13 - \$23.98
Case Management Support – Primary Care \$18.32 – \$20.67
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
Sterile Processing / Infection Control Technician \$17.12- \$19.26
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
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CNA/PCA – Part Time Regular - \$17.12 - \$19.26
CNA/PCA - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - *\$3,000 Hiring Bonus
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Housekeeper - \$15.00 - \$16.77
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Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - *\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11
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THE GOOD STUFF



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Chris Stephens and Claudette Long were united in Holy Matrimony in Haywood County, N.C. on Thursday, Sept. 21. Claudette is the daughter of Susie Parker of Cherokee, N.C. and Bobby Long of Sylva, N.C., and she is the granddaughter of Jean and Claude Parker of Cherokee, N.C. Chris is the son of Thomas Edwin Stephens and Annette June Stephens of Sylva, N.C. (Photo contributed)



This scarecrow, featured at the 1st Annual Scarecrow Festival hosted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143, was made by Pre-K Students at Cherokee Central Schools. The Festival was held at the Legion Post on the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 23. Three scarecrows were decorated by Cherokee Central Schools students with two by Unit 143 members. The event was a fundraiser by Unit 143 for the PAWS program providing service dogs to former U.S. Armed Forces service personnel. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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