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A cultural connection

Language
revitalization
at forefront of
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Māori visits

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – A cultural connection has been made between language learners of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and Māori from New Zealand. A group from Cherokee High School, representing the EBCI, traveled to New Zealand in April, and a group of

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Following a trip by Cherokee High School students and faculty to New Zealand in April, a group of Māori visited Cherokee. Shown at the school on the afternoon of Tuesday, Oct. 10 are, left to right, Catcuze Tiger, Cherokee Language instructor at Cherokee Central Schools; Stan Tawa, manager of Māori Studies at the Ara Institute of Canterbury; Amy Henderson, Māori Indigenous Midwifery student; Louise Courtney, a Māori who is a recent graduate of Indigenous Studies; Dr. Allen Bryant, Appalachian State University Gadugi Partnership; Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal; Te Atetangi Paris, a Māori Language student; Te Kurawahiti Hitchens, a Māori Language student; and Isileili Paris, a Māori Language student. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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The Māori contingent performs a Haka during Western Carolina University's Indigenous People's Day Celebration on campus in Cullowhee, N.C. on Monday, Oct. 9. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

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Māori visited Cherokee in October.

Louise Courtney, a Māori, is a language student, and commented, "The similarity (between the two language revitalization efforts) would be in the aspiration to retain and grow, restore the language. It's something that is a normal part of our everyday. I think that's where those dreams and aspirations are for our future. Not everyone can see that as being something that they can achieve for themselves, but certainly if we can see it forward then it becomes something normal for future generations."

"What we're working on, I guess, is trying to normalize it. I think one of the things they noticed when they arrived in New Zealand is that we have a dedicated television channel (in Māori). But also, there's a lot of words and a lot of phrases that are actually part of everyday life that you don't really realize is an Indigenous

"Seeing the sense of community here and the way that people are working within families and within tight-knit communities to revitalize those things, I think that's the biggest thing that I want to take back."

- Te Kurawhiti Hitchens,
Māori Language student

language."

While in the area, the Māori contingent visited several Cherokee sites including Kituwah, New Kituwah Academy, Snowbird Community and the Junaluska Memorial, as well as participating in activities such as attending the EBCI Inauguration, the Cherokee Indian Fair Parade, a Cherokee Braves football game, and much more.

The Cherokee contingent who traveled to New Zealand, and visited Māori



Dr. Debora Foerst, center, CHS principal, presents Cherokee White Oak baskets to Tom Udall, left, U.S. Ambassador In New Zealand, and Stan Tawa, manager of Māori Studies at the Ara Institute in Canterbury. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools)

cultural sites in and around the area of Christchurch, included: Dr. Debora Foerst, Cherokee High School principal; Catcuce Tiger, Cherokee Language instructor at Cherokee Central Schools; Dr. Allen Bryant, Appalachian State University Gadugi Partnership founder; EBCI tribal member Darius Lambert; and the following Cherokee High School students - Idalis Crowe, Katharine Armachain, Carys Holiday, Brandon Santiago, and Luke Climbingbear.

Of her trip, Crowe, an EBCI tribal member, commented, "I have been learning the Cherokee language practically all of my life. Going to a school where Cherokee language class is required year-after-year up until high school, where you are then only required a semester of it, you would think I should be fluent by now? Sadly, that is not the case."

She added, "But, while I was in New Zealand I became more motivated than ever before to reclaim

my language. I was able to learn so much during the trip to New Zealand, but one thing in particular that stood out to me was the similarity of historical struggles of colonialism between the Cherokee and Māori. Both cultures, and their respective languages, have suffered immensely as a result of indoctrination."

"One thing that sets our cultures apart today though is the wonderful amount of success the Māori have had with their cultural and language revitalization efforts. I hope to one day see the same kind of success with the Cherokee, but it won't be without selflessness, dedication, and hard work." Dr. Foerst noted, "As an educator, I have always believed students learn more outside of the classroom than inside the classroom when it comes to student travel experiences. In the best of classrooms, we can still only offer a limited perspective, but traveling shows students history, culture,



Catcuce Tiger, Luke Climbingbear, Carys Holiday, and Idalis Crowe shine Pounamu necklaces they made in New Zealand. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools)

languages, etc. in a way the classroom never can."

"This cultural collaboration and the experiences it has afforded our students provided all those advantages of student travel and so much more. While in New Zealand, I watched our students connect with the Māori people in such a unique way. It is a kinship that blossomed out of true understanding and acceptance. Both groups of indigenous people were colonized, and forced assimilation led to the near loss of their identities."

Dr. Foerst went to say, "This understanding and acceptance encouraged our students to be open to sharing, bold to try new things, and inspired to learn more of their own Cherokee language and about

their own traditions. That inspiration comes from the efforts of the Māori to save their identity by saving their language, customs, and traditions."

Stan Tawa, a Māori who serves as the manager of Māori Studies at the Ara Institute of Canterbury, commented, "Never undervalue who you are...they (the CHS students) are amazing. Amazing representatives of this community, of their people. We just love them."

Tawa said, "It's great. You see these things on TV. But when you actually get in this place, you get the value of community. You get the value...especially in small spaces like this where everybody

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is everybody, real close together. I love it. I really do love it.”

“I really think it’s just been so much to take in. I’ve been taking notes...the hospitality and the people have been amazing.”

Tiger, an EBCI tribal member and Cherokee Language instructor at Cherokee Central Schools, said seeing the language revitalization of the Māori during their trip to New Zealand was inspiring. “To see it happening, I just became overwhelmed with emotion...I said, ‘it’s just so inspiring to see where you guys are at’. And they’re not where they want to be either, I think, but it gives me hope. We can do it but it’s going to take a whole lot more work than what we’re doing now. We’re just going to have to gear up even more and work even harder to get that. But it gave me hope.”

He said more work is needed. “Hopefully we get to a point to where it’s just what they (kids) know, and I think it’s happening with the younger ones, like with my kids, for example. But, it’s going to take a lot more continued effort. What we’ve done is good, but we’re not anywhere near where we need to be. But, it was a breath of fresh air for me that what we’re doing is going to work, but it’s just going to take a lot more time.”

“What I try to do on a daily basis is to instill pride into the kids because I feel that they feel connected, but I don’t think a lot of them feel that they have a lot of them feel that they have a lot of of cultural or language knowledge to feel that they’re real owners, agents, of their future and their culture.”

Dr. Allen Bryant, faculty director of Indigenous Communities and associate professor in the Department of Learning, Teaching,



The group is shown, left to right, after paddling on a waka in New Zealand: front row, Carys Holiday, Idalis Crowe, Katherine Armachain, Catcuze Tiger; middle row, Dr. Debora Foerst, Brandon Santiago, Stan Tuwa; back row - Māori Waka guide, Darius Lambert, Luke Climbingbear, and Dr. Allen Bryant. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools)

and Curriculum at Appalachian State University, is the founder of Appalachian State’s Gadugi Partnership. He went to New Zealand and was present for the Māori visit to Cherokee. “The primary goal was the language revitalization piece. Then a close second was to sort of build this relationship between the EBCI and the Māori. One of the things that I’m convinced of is if Indigenous people can find each other and can connect with each other and partner with each other, we’re going to be pretty hard to stop. I think there’s power in those connections.”

In speaking about the magnitude of the trip to New Zealand, he noted, “It was an amazing experience. It was extraordinary to be able to be there. One of the things that I thought was most useful was...hope can be in short supply here when it comes to talking about the language. Sometimes, I think the conversation seems to be ‘well, it’s on its way out’ and what

we learned from them, what we gained from them, was just this sense of hope. Because, as they had told us, 25 years ago they were in the exact same situation that the EBCI is in with regard to their language. And now it is flourishing and it is thriving. So, I think for our young people here, who very often have that sort of notion that this is a burden that maybe can’t be met, we learned from them that it can. It absolutely can. And that was so valuable for all of us. It’s hard to make change if you don’t have hope.”

Dr. Bryant was very pleased with the outcome of the trip. “We got to spend two weeks really immersed in Māori culture. It was very powerful for all of us - really, really, powerful...When you live in a place, it’s so easy to take it for granted. So, to watch them (the youth) awaken to how special the community is - that was great.”

“We’ve built something that is so much more than academic. I

value academics a great deal, but this is considerably deeper than that.”

Te Kurawhiti Hitchens is dedicated to studying her Māori language. “I’m a language student and I’ve been learning my own language over the last few years. So, seeing them, seeing the efforts to revitalize language and culture is really exciting for me. I think, as well, just seeing the way that the people are taking back their own story - to tell your own story and that sense of agency, especially through art...I’m a musician, a lot of my friends are artists, so seeing how that’s used as a vehicle for cultural and language revitalization really excites me as well.”

Coming to Cherokee was inspiring to her. “I think the community stuff is the biggest thing for me. Seeing the sense of community here and the way that people are working within families and within tight-knit communities to revitalize those things, I think that’s the biggest thing that I want to take back. We’re doing ok in terms of schools and language in schools, but I think in the community and for those who aren’t in a school or aren’t able to learn through institutions that’s where we really need to be working on.”

Hitchens is very deliberate in her language learning efforts. “I surround myself with a lot of Māori and I make the effort to intentionally seek out relationships where I use the language. For people who don’t do that, if their family doesn’t speak Te Reo, which is common, there’s not heaps of opportunities. You can greet people in Te Reo and use a few words that people will understand, but you really do have to be quite intentional to put yourself in communities where you’re actually using lots of language every day.”

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CCS School Board swears in new members

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools met on Monday, Oct. 2. Superintendent Consuela ‘Consie’ Girty swore in three new board members: Yellowhill Rep. Jennifer Thompson, Big Y Rep. Tara Reed-Cooper, and Painttown Rep. Micah Swimmer.

The School Board Meeting was held in the Central Office Board Room, with board members, staff and guests participating. The meeting was called to order at 11:27 am by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Jennifer Thompson was elected chairperson after being nominated by Tara Reed-Cooper.

Tara Reed-Cooper and Melanie Lambert retained the offices of co-vice chairpersons after a motion made by Roberta Toineeta and seconded by Kristina Hyatt.

Kristina Hyatt retained the office of secretary after a motion made by Roberta Toineeta and seconded by Micah Swimmer.

Tara Reed-Cooper led roll call. All members and staff were present, including Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Yellowhill Rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Big Y Rep.; Micah Swimmer, Painttown Rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Big Cove Rep.; Melanie Lambert, co-vice chairperson and Birdtown Rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wolfstown Rep.; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent; Dr. Jo Ray; and Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant.

The opening prayer was led by Superintendent Girty. Jae Winchester, director of the Chief



Three CCS School Board members took their oath of office during the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Inauguration on Monday, Oct. 2 including, left to right, Tara Reed-Cooper (Big Y), Micah Swimmer (Painttown), and Jennifer Thompson (Yellowhill). (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center, is coordinating a meet and greet with the school board members, the Principal Chief, Vice Chief and Tribal Council for students from all three schools. Girty shared that Judge Brenda Toineeta Pipestem is also willing to meet with students at the event coordinated by Winchester.

The board voted to approve these resolutions from the consent agenda:

- 24-066: Rachel Bruneel is approved as the assistant JV Girls basketball coach.
- 24-075: Jon Rushton is approved as the Cherokee Middle School Path Seekers teacher.
- 24-076: Mary Bryson is approved as the Community Affairs adminis-

trative assistant.

Thompson led an overview of the Board Ethics Training. Ashley Leonard, attorney, will perform an official training at the next school board meeting. Dr. Jo Ray, Human Resources director, led a Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect (SCAN) Training.

In other announcements, all members of the board will be traveling to the NCSBA Annual Conference in Greensboro, N.C., Nov. 12-15. Winchester will post the Chain of Command on the CCS social media page for all parents to see. Girty shared that the CCS Pre-K program received \$203,928.23 from the NC Pre-K Program. The FACE program was selected to receive funds to create

books in the Cherokee language with Cherokee illustrators. Each board member will get a copy of the books.

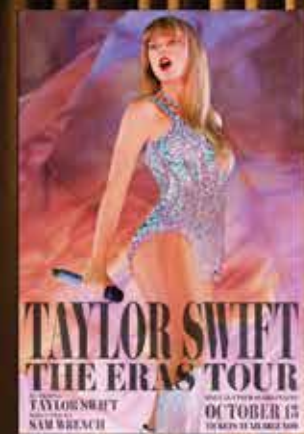
The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. with a motion from Tara Reed-Cooper, seconded by Melanie Lambert.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 16 starting at 4:45 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

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CCB medical cards revealed at Cherokee Police Commission meeting

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Police Commission of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) met on Thursday, Oct. 12 in the Ginger Lynn Welch Large Conference Room for their monthly meeting.

Chairman Crowe called the meeting to order, and Secretary Lossiah acknowledged that their quorum requirement of five commissioners had been met. Board members attending were Chairman Gene Tunney Crowe (Birdtown), Secretary Anita Lossiah (At-Large), Frank Dunn (Wolf-town), Lisa Taylor (Painttown), Kym Parker (Yellowhill), Vice Chairman Joseph Buddy Johnson (Big Cove). Hillary Norville (Snowbird & Cherokee Co.) had an excused absence. There is one vacant “At-Large” seat. The Commission unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting and the minutes from last month’s meeting.

Shelli Buckner, EBCI senior tribal prosecutor; Cody White, EBCI associate attorney general assigned to the Cherokee Indian Police Dept. (CIPD); Neil Denman, Executive Director of the Cannabis Control Board (CCB); Brian Parker, Inspector for CCB; Holly Kays, Smoky Mountain News; and Brooklyn Brown, Cherokee One Feather; were guests in attendance.

Denman and Parker presented on the patient, agent and CCB cards that will be issued in the coming weeks. Denman noted that the CCB issued their first patient



Shown are samples of the new EBCI Cannabis Control Board-issued Medical Cannabis cards. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

card today, Oct. 12. The patient cards will be green and labeled ‘patient,’ the agent cards will be blue and labeled ‘agent,’ the CCB cards for board members and staff will be red and labeled ‘CCB.’

Denman listed that the CCB had received 1,005 patient card applications. Of the 1,005, 817 have been approved, 129 are incomplete due to a lack of photo ID or other missing information, and 59 were denied due to lack of a qualifying ailment.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked if the CCB had a transportation plan for transporting cannabis from the farm to the dispensary, due to the Cooper’s Creek farm location existing in Swain County jurisdiction. Denman said they are coordinating with Swain County to find a solution and implement a transportation plan.

Chairman Crowe asked if there were regulations in place for the ramifications of cannabis

legalization, including an influx of homeless persons and an increase in crime rate as Crowe noted from his research of legalized states California and Colorado. Denman said they will hold a working session with Qualla Enterprises, LLC, as well as the CIPD to begin discussions for a framework that is successful, profitable, and above all, safe for the EBCI. Commissioner Parker asked if the Police Commission could be included in the session. Denman said the Police Commission is welcome to be involved, but certain discussions such as the route for transportation will be held in a closed session excluding the commission.

Brian Parker explained his role as inspector. He said he performs on-site walk-arounds to ensure that employees are following the rules and regulations set forth by the CCB. He noted that he works closely with Matt Hampton from Qualla Enterprises, LLC on com-

pliance.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked if Denman and Parker had “been at Hicks’ table.” They answered, ‘not yet.’

Secretary Lossiah asked if there were policies and procedures in place for violations of the medical cards. Denman explained that since the dispensary is not yet open, the cards cannot be used, but they are working on procedures in the event of violations. He said that the cards will have a limit for daily/weekly purchase of cannabis, and violations of those limits will result in suspension or revocation of the card. Denman wants the CIPD to watch the cards being printed to familiarize themselves with the card. He said there are preventions in place to avoid counterfeits. White noted that even if recreational use is passed, the cards will still be valuable for enrolled members off boundary who wish to grow plants.

Parker noted that the cannabis plants are tagged and tracked from the moment they enter the ground to the moment they are sold in the dispensary. Vice Chairman Johnson asked if there are plans for a second farm site. Parker answered that construction is still underway for the first site. They are in the process of transferring their power source from generators to a Duke Energy grid. The generators are a large cost for rent and diesel fuel. Parker also said they have 42 hoop houses, which hold 2,040 plants in one hoop. Their goal is 69-70 hoop houses once construction is complete.

White led a presentation on behalf of Chief Neadeau with important CIPD statistics for September, fiscal year 2023, most notable being a total of 0 complaints from the public across the

board:

- In Cherokee,
 - Calls for Service: 1328 (avg. 44 per day)
 - Arrests: 33
 - Accidents: 71
 - Citations: 55
- In Snowbird/Cherokee Co.:
 - Calls for Service: 167 (avg. 6 per day)
 - Arrests: 3
 - Accidents: 6
 - Citations: 13
- Narcotics Case Load:
 - Checkpoints: 7
 - Cases: 220
- Complaints From Public:
 - 0
- Job Vacancies:
 - Patrol Officer: 12
 - SRO: 1
 - Juvenile Officer: 1
 - Investigations: 1
 - Corrections: 4

- NRE Officer: 1
- Maintenance: 2
- Sergeant Detective: 1

White noted that soon the NRE will be fully staffed for the first time in years, along with new vehicles and equipment. White also reported that CIPD wants to re-submit the idea to Southwestern Community College (SCC) of holding their own academy, open to officers from the CIPD and surrounding counties like Jackson, Swain and Graham. He believes this will be an opportunity to increase patrol officers and fill vacancies in the CIPD. White said that he is a certified instructor as well as a number of others, noting that this will save money.

Buckner reported on the number of convictions in the month of September:

- Number of Convictions: 39
- Law Enforcement Officers responsible for charges producing convictions: 17
- Nature of the Convictions,
 - Alcoholic Beverages: 2
 - Banishment/Exclusion: 1
 - Bodily Injury: 3
 - Child Victim: 1
 - Controlled Substances: 2
 - Domestic Violence: 8
 - Obstruction of Justice: 10
 - Property: 3
 - Public Safety: 1
 - Sexual Assault: 1
 - Traffic (Serious): 1
 - Probation Violations: 6

These convictions also reflect seven convictions made possible based on the Tribe's exercise of jurisdiction of the Violence Against Women Act. She said this is the second month they have secured a

sexual assault conviction, which is a credit to the investigators as well as a fuller staff with new prosecutor, Jordan Israel.

EBCI Tribal ALE shared their report for the month of September with the Police Commission after the meeting on Oct. 12.

Drugs/Firearms Seized,
Meth: 2 grams
Fentanyl: 2.5
Pills: 15
THC: 2 grams
Powder: 2.5 grams
Firearms Arrest: 10

ABC Law Violations,
Sell to underage: 0
Sell to Intoxicated: 0
Underage Possession: 0
Unauthorized Possession: 0
Other Alcohol: 17 pending

Other Offenses,
DWI: 5
Traffic Citations: 15
Criminal: 0

ABC Miscellaneous,
Inspections: 39
Training Hours (Agents): 20
Education (business): 0
Education (casino new hire): Mondays and Thursday
Education (other: 5 beverage section
Shows/Concerts: 3

Secretary Lossiah moved to pass a draft ordinance for mandated human trafficking awareness signage. Parker seconded the motion. The commission approved unanimously.

The Police Commission then entered a closed session. Dates for the next Police Commission meetings are Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 for the remainder of 2023.



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Scare-o-kee Committee attempts to firm up the plan

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. - At the Scare-o-kee committee's meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 11 in the Shawn Blanton Emergency Operations Center, event manager Mollie Grant led the group in a review of the event checklist. Scare-o-kee is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Last-minute changes to the event map were made and the committee agreed to publicize the map, through tribal channels and the One Feather.

There will be one public entrance to the event on Tsali Blvd near the Tribal Council House and Drama Inn. The plan is to close Tsali Blvd. from the Museum intersection to the intersection of US Hwy 19. The road will be blocked to all traffic at that intersection (near the Art Market and ABC Store). The committee indicated that this sectional road closure on Oct. 31 will last from 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. to allow for setup and teardown of the event.

EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Destination Marketing Director Sean Ross indicated that the seasonal light display would be reduced compared to last year, which would provide more opportunities for booths on the Island Park. Justin French, in leadership at Tribal Facilities, explained that the Island Park would not need the multiple day closure due to the lower light display count as had been done last year.

Advertising has been primarily accomplished through social media and ongoing Destination Marketing opportunities like the downtown Alison Outdoor electronic billboard. The billboard was secured in a

The signup applications may be filled out electronically at the following links:

Tribal Programs who want to do haunted houses or booths-

<https://airtable.com/appaHD55dSbaZCsPC/shrUMLeYHGm4gkwZh>

Vendors/Sponsors who want to donate, sponsor a haunted house or candy booth, also any vendors who may want to set up-

<https://airtable.com/appaHD55dSbaZCsPC/shrfAhKwbXb1ySroD>

Volunteers who would like to help set/tear down, be parking attendants, or help with the overall safety and execution of the event-

<https://airtable.com/appaHD55dSbaZCsPC/shr64p3OcSABBwBka>

fashion that the DMO could change the messaging each month due to a continuing contract agreement with the billboard firm.

It was stated that there is no budget for Scare-o-kee at Destination Marketing, and a request was made to inquire about securing \$5,000 in funds to promote the event. The request was made to Sheyahshe Little-dave, who was in attendance with other representatives from Principal Chief Michell Hicks office.

There were also questions regarding an earlier commitment by the previous Executive administration regarding allowances for haunted house constructions, candy purchases for candy booths, and trophies for the winning booths and houses (eight trophies total). These requests were awaiting Executive office approval at the time of this writing.

For those without access or ability to use the web links for entry, you may contact Kristina Queen to get entry forms. Her contact information is krisquee@ebci-nsn.gov or (828) 359-6444.

It was announced that one food truck had been secured and the committee would like at least four, and they are observing Indian preference in deciding which food vendors will be selected.



Event map supplied by the Scare-o-kee Committee.

CIPD Arrest Report for Oct. 1-8, 2023

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

Brown, Joseph Stephan – age 35
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Oct. 2
Charges: Temporary Hold

Cucumber, Derrick Alan – age 43
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Oct. 2
Charges: Weapons Offense

Littlejohn, Emery Lee – age 38
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 9)
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Littlejohn, Michael – age 62
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Oct. 5
Charges: Public Intoxication, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Crowe, Joel Daniel – age 42
Arrested: Oct. 3
Released: Oct. 6
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Eplin, Steven Dale – age 42
Arrested: Oct. 3

Released: Oct. 6
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Communicative Threats, Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult: Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code

Jenkins, Shayna George – age 38
Arrested: Oct. 3
Released: Oct. 3
Charges: Probation Violation

Rayfield, Adam – age 44
Arrested: Oct. 3
Released: Oct. 5
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Tolley, Lawrence – age 51
Arrested: Oct. 5
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 9)
Charges: Probation Violation

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 45
Arrested: Oct. 6
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 9)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Conseen, Venyall Lashaun – age 43
Arrested: Oct. 6
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 9)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Sequoyah, Richard Noah – age 43
Arrested: Oct. 6
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 9)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (two counts)

Watty, Sara Elise – age 37
Arrested: Oct. 6
Released: Oct. 6

Charges: Driving While Impaired

Robinson, Eric Shane – age 33
Arrested: Oct. 7
Released: Oct. 8
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Wolfe, William Cody – age 33
Arrested: Oct. 7
Released: Oct. 7
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Assault on Law Enforcement

Hall, Aaron David – age 38
Arrested: Oct. 8
Released: Oct. 8
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Littlejohn, Dwayne Mitchell – age 44
Arrested: Oct. 8
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 9)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Patel, Ronak Arvind – age 33
Arrested: Oct. 8
Released: Oct. 8
Charges: Hold Until Sober

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Braves win conference for the first time in school history; CMS Lady Braves repeat

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The varsity Lady Braves volleyball team crushed their goal of winning the Smoky Mountain Conference championship for the first time in school history on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 12 in the Charles George Memorial Arena. The Lady Braves defeated the Robbinsville



The Varsity Lady Braves pose with the Smoky Mountain Conference championship trophy after securing it on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 12. They are shown, left to right, back row- Assistant Coach Stephanie Maney, Joscelyn Stampfer, Kyla Moore, Kieran Wolfe, Head Coach Pam Sumner Bryant, Arden Arkansas, Alexis Davis, Hermione "Loshi" Ward; front row - Evan Nations, Creedon Arch, Awee Walkingstick, Cecily "Dvdaya" Swimmer, Coco Wells, and Will Poolaw (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools Athletics)



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Lady Knights in three sets for the championship title.

The Lady Braves did not drop a conference set for the entire 2023-24 regular season. They have had a dominating year in the Smoky Mountain Conference, rounding out their regular season with a conference championship win over Robbinsville, tallying a conference record of 10-0 and 19-3 overall.

The Lady Braves are now entering postseason play, and Head Coach Pam Sumner Bryant is looking to crush more goals. "For these girls, it is a feeling of accomplishment to know their sacrifices, hard work, determination, passion, and teamwork is paying off for them. They are gaining the respect they deserve from all around," she said. "And at the same time, this isn't their ultimate goal, so they will celebrate this victory but remain focused for the next feat: the conference tournament; as they know, it's one game at a time."

The Cherokee Middle School volleyball team also defeated Robbinsville on the evening of Oct. 12, earning the conference championship title for two years in a row.

CMS Lady Braves Head Coach Taran Swimmer is impressed with her players' advanced level of play. "At the beginning of the season, I had no idea what type of team I



CMS Lady Braves Head Coach Taran Swimmer celebrates with her championship team. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

was going to have. I had eight girls from last year move up to high school, so I thought for sure it was going to be a rebuilding year. And I'm sure other teams thought the same thing. But these girls came in every day to practice hard and get where they needed to be. A handful ran cross country as well, but they never used it as an excuse to slack off. This win, and the home

game against Murphy, was something we had to prepare and work for," she said.

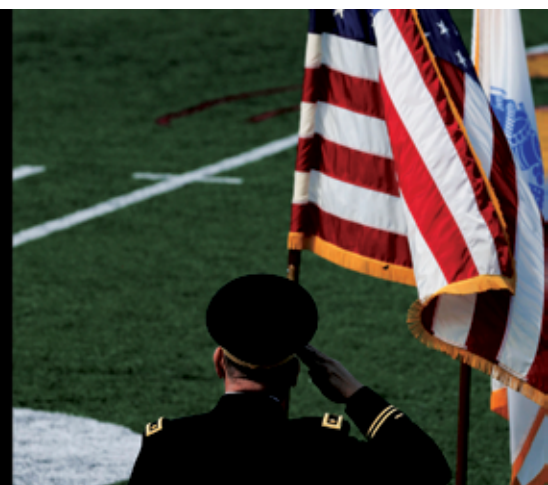
"The girls watched game film, thought about which spots were open on the court, plus a lot of other factors that went into our preparation. That's a mindset that you don't see in middle schoolers! Because of their effort, heart, and determination, they can call them-

selves champions. These girls are the next wave in Cherokee volleyball, and it will be something very special to witness!"

The Cherokee volleyball program has a bright future ahead. Be sure to tune in to coverage of the varsity Lady Braves postseason play, as they are strong contenders sitting at #3 in the North Carolina Division 1A West state rankings.

**Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143
is seeking contact information for
active EBCI service men/women to
provide aid and support.**

**Info: Gregory Hunt (828) 342-2024 or
Gerard Ball (919) 805-2572**



CHS, CMS runners earn Runner of the Year titles and SMC championships

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

KITUWAH - On the morning of Saturday, Oct. 14, Cherokee High School's (CHS) Cecily "Dvdaya" Swimmer won the Smoky Mountain Conference Championship (SMC) with a time of 19:09. With this win, she earned SMC Runner of the Year.

Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee Middle School runner, also won the middle school SMC Championship, making her Middle School SMC Runner of the Year. The CHS Lady Braves were the SMC Championship Runner-Up. The CMS Lady Braves won the middle school SMC Championship. The CHS Braves earned third, and the CMS Braves earned sixth.

Fourkiller-Raby was undefeated in the 2023-24 season, and Swimmer was undefeated in every meet she competed in. Fourkiller-Raby is a member of the CMS volleyball team who just won the Middle School SMC Volleyball Championship. Swimmer is libero for the Varsity volleyball team who just won the SMC Volleyball Championship.

The following CHS and CMS runners were named to the All-Smoky Mountain Conference list:

- High School Girls: Dvdaya Swimmer; Honorable Mention to Livia Crowe and Letsi Burgos
- High School Boys: Ogana Swimmer and Aizen Bell
- Middle School Girls: Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Lolo Bell, Lilly Lossiah; Honorable Mention to Cambry Stamper and Aiyana Evans
- Middle School Boys: None

Ahli-sha Stephens, Cherokee head cross country coach, is pleased with her teams' performances and excited for the future. "I'm so proud of the kids because they worked hard all year, they're multi-sport athletes and they've had to put in a lot of dedication and a lot of consistency to be good runners," she said. "Running's hard; it's more than just running, too. It incorporates long runs, sprint work, you



Austin Fourkiller-Raby, left, Cherokee Middle School runner, won the Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) Middle School girls championship held at Kituawah on the morning of Saturday, Oct. 14. Cecily "Dvdaya" Swimmer, Cherokee High School runner, won the SMC High School girls championship. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)



Cherokee's Cecily "Dvdaya" Swimmer is shown near the finish of Saturday's race.



The CMS Lady Braves won the SMC Championship, left to right, Maya Lossiah, Lolo Bell, Rhema Anders, Cambry Stamper, Aiyana Evans, Kennedy Moore, Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Head Coach Ahli-sha Stephens, Lilly Lossiah.

have to hydrate, you have to eat right, you have to rest right. There's so much that goes into running. I think our program is making a huge name for itself."

The following results, per nc.milesplit, show the top seven finishers plus all CHS runners:

High School Girls

- 1 - Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 19:09.41
- 2 - Annie Lewis, Swain County, 19:33.81
- 3 - Angelina Lomelli, Swain County, 19:48.62
- 4 - Fern Crayton, Tri-County Early College, 20:09.89
- 5 - Emily Grey Stargell, Swain County, 20:24.19
- 6 - Lily Bjerkness, Swain County, 20:37.72
- 7 - Sydney Greenstone, Hayesville, 20:42.60
- 8 - Livia Crowe, Cherokee, 20:53.86
- 9 - Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 20:55.92
- 10 - Yvonne Saunooke, Cherokee 25:13.33
- 30 - Deanna Long, Cherokee, 30:08.97

Team Scores

- 1 - Swain County 26
- 2 - Cherokee 58
- 3 - Hayesville 67
- 4 - Tri-County Early College 83

High School Boys

- 1 - O'Malley Salinas, Andrews, 15:47.89
- 2 - Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 16:07.18
- 3 - Carl Baird, Swain County, 16:38.26

- 4 - Connor Brown, Swain County 16:44.73
- 5 - Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 16:48.79
- 6 - Kane Jones, Swain County, 16:49.99
- 7 - Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 17:14.19
- 28 - Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 20:53.62
- 32 - Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 21:16.74
- 37 - Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 22:31.92
- 38 - Brandon Blankenship, Cherokee, 22:34.67
- 44 - Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 24:43.46

Team Scores

- 1 - Swain County 25
- 2 - Hayesville 63
- 3 - Cherokee 93
- 4 - Hiwassee Dam 107
- 5 - Murphy 109
- 6 - Tri-County Early College 145

Middle School Girls

- 1 - Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 12:47.82
- 2 - Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 13:22.73
- 3 - Lolo Bell, Cherokee, 14:26.58
- 4 - Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14:29.23
- 5 - Peyton Allen, Swain Co., 14:33.11
- 6 - Kensly Yarbrow, Murphy, 14:39.59
- 7 - Elle Driver, Swain Co., 14:42.01
- 13 - Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 15:10.54
- 14 - Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 15:11.67
- 24 - Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 16:25.52
- 37 - Yang Reed, Cherokee, 19:15.80

Team Scores

- 1 - Cherokee Middle 35
- 2 - Swain Co. Middle 46
- 3 - Murphy Middle 66
- 4 - Hayesville Middle 75
- 5 - Robbinsville Middle 136

Middle School Boys

- 1 - Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 11:01.74
- 2 - James Loftis, Swain Co., 11:02.73
- 3 - Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam, 11:03.30
- 4 - Elliott Salinas, Andrews, 11:16.46
- 5 - Maverick Hawley, Hiwassee Dam, 11:46.34
- 6 - Levi Clark, Andrews, 11:50.55
- 7 - Micah Moss, Hayesville, 12:08.47
- 17 - Odie Owel, Cherokee, 12:41.88
- 20 - Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 12:51.21
- 24 - Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 13:10.75
- 39 - Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 14:50.98
- 42 - William Welch, Cherokee, 15:56.34
- 49 - Makai Hernandez, Cherokee, 18:46.77
- 50 - Kaiser Hernandez, Cherokee, 19:22.29

Team Scores

- 1 - Andrews Middle 51
- 2 - Hayesville Middle 64
- 3 - Hiwassee Dam/Ranger Middle 65
- 4 - Swain Co. Middle 78
- 5 - Murphy Middle 132
- 6 - Cherokee Middle 142
- 7 - Robbinsville Middle 152

Historic performance on the links

CHS Lady Braves win SMC Championship for first time in school history; Paytyn Barker named Player of the Year

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.- The Cherokee High School (CHS) Lady Braves Golf Team won the Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) Championship on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 12 at their home course, Sequoyah National Golf Club, for the first time in school history. Paytyn Barker, a junior at CHS, was named the SMC Player of the Year. CHS Head Coach Jason McMillan was named SMC Coach of the Year. The Lady Braves also went undefeated in conference matches for the 2023-24 season.

The team includes Danica Hill, senior; Kiri Hill, junior; Julia Smart, junior; Eve Stamper, senior; Paytyn Barker, junior; Aliah Locust, senior; Marla Panther, senior; and Alitama Perkins, senior. Five golfers from the squad played nine holes, par 36, in the SMC Conference Championship. Barker shot a 48, Stamper shot a 50, Danica Hill shot a 54, Locust shot a 55, and Perkins shot a 56.

Coach McMillan is more than pleased with his team's performance. "To win for the first time in school history is an amazing feeling. I'm very proud of the girls for their time and effort they put into the game and to this program," he said. "They are very



The Lady Braves pose with their conference championship trophy, left to right, Marla Panther, Alitama Perkins, Aliah Locust, Eve Stamper, Head Coach Jason McMillan, Paytyn Barker, Danica Hill, Julia Smart, Not Pictured: Kiri Hill. (Photos courtesy of A&M Sports)

deserving of this accomplishment, and we wouldn't be able to make this happen without the coaches and players before us who started the program and kept it going throughout the years."

Barker agrees that the foundation has been laid for years leading up to their stellar season. "Sharon Bradley and all the coaches and players before us laid the groundwork to begin a great tradition of Ladies Golf here at Cherokee High School, and we strive to continue this through dedication and hard work," she said. "I feel that it is the hard-work, determination, and never-quit attitudes from the team and coaches that has allowed us to be successful. We have worked hard since the beginning of the season. We have also had great support from Cherokee High School teachers and administration along with the community

and parents."

Barker is celebrating a huge accomplishment being named SMC Player of the Year for the first time in school history. "It feels unreal! I was so honored to be named Smoky Mountain Conference Player of the Year. It feels amazing to be able to represent my community, the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), and our school as the first ever SMC Player of the year. I worked hard to reach this goal. I would like to thank my teammates and coaches for always working with me and pushing me to be the best. I would like to especially thank Jason McMillan, Carr Crowe, and my family for all the extra work and time spent to make me and my teammates the best. I would like to thank our Lord Jesus Christ for giving me the ability and belief to compete at a high level and reach my goals."



SMC Player of the Year Paytyn Barker poses with her All-Conference trophy and the conference championship trophy.



Senior Eve Stamper poses with her All-Conference trophy and the conference championship trophy.

Barker is not finished reaching her goals, and neither is her team. "I want to play a great game

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SMC Coach of the Year Jason McMillan shares the conference championship trophy with his partner, Tysha Sampson.

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at Regionals, along with my other teammates. I feel that we have the talent and ability to qualify for the State Championship as a team and as individuals. I look forward to continuing to work with my coaches and teammates to finish out this year in memorable fashion. Thank you, God Bless, and Go Braves!” Standout golfer Eve Stamper is also excited for the road ahead. “I feel great. I’m proud of my girls and my team. It’s been long-awaited for Lady Braves golf to get a little recognition. I am very grateful to be a Brave! Making it to state would have to be my next goal for this golf season. It’d be a huge accomplishment in my book and a big highlight to my senior year.” McMillan credits his seniors with leading the team to victory. “Our seniors have taken on leadership roles they are probably not aware of. We have three seniors who have put all four years of high school into this program, and they have helped me become the coach that I am.”

McMillan also believes the team has been made better by their home course. “Our home course at Sequoyah National is amazing and it is also the most challenging course you will face on this side of North Carolina. The staff at Sequoyah has always done

a great job of taking care of us and supported us with whatever we need. We are very appreciative of them.”

McMillan has pushed his team to new limits this year, resulting in an historic conference championship win. “As a coach, I’ve tried to put our girls in uncomfortable situations where they have had to figure it out as they go. This year instead of 10 matches, we bumped it up to 15 matches. We traveled to Choctaw Mississippi to play the Battle of the Nations golf match, and we also scheduled half of our matches against top notch teams and golfers in the area. I believe they are realizing they can do good if they stick through the toughness of the sport,” he said.

“Also, huge thank you to our school for being there for us, as well as Tysha Sampson, who is a big part of our team. She knows how to talk to the girls when I don’t know how. She’s always there with us during our matches.”

The golf team is preparing for some big matches ahead. “Our next goal is to reach the State level. It has always been our goal to get there,” McMillan said. “We have regionals coming up on Oct. 23 at Meadowbrook Golf Club and the top three teams move on to State. I believe we are capable of being one of those three teams this year.”



FOOTBALL: Hayesville 17 Cherokee 0

Cherokee’s J’Ron Lineberry (#32) avoids a tackle from a Hayesville defender during a game at Hayesville High School on the drizzly evening of Friday, Oct. 13. The final score was Hayesville 17 Cherokee 0. Official statistics were not available to the One Feather by press time. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



Cherokee’s Josiah Teesateskie (#12) tackles a Hayesville runner.

Tribal member honored for outstanding career

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

LEAGUE CITY, Texas - Rebecca Wolfe Damas won accolades for swimming at the high school, collegiate, and national levels, and now she has been honored by her local school district. Damas, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was inducted recently into the Clear Creek Independent School District (League City, Texas) Athletic Hall of Honor.

"I felt extremely proud, humbled, and honored," said Damas of her Hall of Fame selection. "I have been removed from the sport for so long – I retired after the 2004 Olympic Trials – that it was very special to get the recognition."

Damas started swimming at the age of 6. When asked what drew her to the sport, she noted, "First and foremost, I was having fun. My friends were on the swim team. By that age, I had also found by trial and error that I simply was not good at anything else. Lastly, I really liked that it was up to me to determine my results."

Seven years into her swimming career, Damas won the U.S. Swimming Junior National championship for the 200M butterfly race – her signature event.

"The 200M butterfly was my most dominant event," she said. "I did also compete in the Individual Medley (200M in high school and 400M in college and nationally) as well as distance freestyle."

When asked why she gravitated towards the 200M butterfly, Damas commented, "I like to say it found me. It just seemed to come naturally for some reason, and it



Rebecca Wolfe Damas, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was inducted recently into the Clear Creek Independent School District (League City, Texas) Athletic Hall of Honor. (Photos contributed)

really rose to the top as far as the stroke I seemed to excel in the most. I also really love challenges and plain old hard work, which I think any swimmer would attest that butterfly provides just that."

She swam collegiately at the University of Missouri where she was a two-time Big 12 Conference Champion in the 200M butterfly as well as receiving All-American and Academic All-American status. Damas was chosen to be on the Big 12 Conference Swimming and Diving 10th Anniversary Team

in 2006. Damas also swam at the U.S. Olympic Swim Team Trials in 2000 in Indianapolis, Ind. and 2004 in Long Beach, Calif.

Damas graduated cum laude from the University of Missouri in 2004 with two bachelor's degrees – communications and psychology.

Damas has the following advice for young swimmers, "The landscape of swimming, and youth sports as a whole, is so different than it was in my day, but I would say this: take every success and let

it be the baseline for what's next. Enjoy the moment, and then get back to work. Trust and listen to your body, and make sure that you are always still finding fun in the sport. Compete with the clock and yourself. Don't get lost in comparing yourself to others."

Damas no longer swims but does stay active. "While I credit my swimming career for shaping my entire life and who I am, it is also a very intense lifestyle to have had from the age of 6 to 21. When I hung up the goggles, it was for good. I stay very active with running and barre classes."

She is very thankful to those who helped her swimming career over the years. "As with anything, it takes a village. My mom and dad, and brother, endured endless hours at the pool. My first coach, Barbie Morris, helped me always keep the fun in swimming. My club coach, John Little, introduced hard core training and pushed me beyond what I thought I was capable of. My high school coach, Kristina Stinson, was a great role model as she was fresh out of a very successful swimming career at the University of Texas. My college coaches, Doug Humphrey and Anne Kampfe Sievers, took what I had and helped me reach new levels."

Damas lives in League City, Texas with her husband Colin, and two sons, Renner, age 5, and Hutton, age 3, who are both EBCI tribal members.

She sums up her swimming career, "My favorite quote is by Tim Notke, 'hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard'."

She worked hard, and it paid off.

Swain Co. Hall of Fame inducts Spencer McCoy

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

BRYSON CITY, N.C.- Spencer McCoy, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) was inducted into the Swain Co. Hall of Fame on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 12 at the Swain Arts Center. McCoy was a tri-sport athlete of wrestling, football, and track.

McCoy is a three-time NCHSAA state champion in wrestling. He won the 195lb. championship as a sophomore at Robbinsville High School. He won the 195lb. championship in his junior year at Swain and the 220lb. championship in his senior year after battling a knee injury. He finished with a perfect record of 50-0 and 119-12 overall. He also excelled in football, rushing 2,823 yards on 460 carries with 45 touchdowns overall. He had 167 career tackles at Swain and 415 overall. He played college football at Western Carolina University and Mars Hill University.

McCoy was twice named the



Swain Co. Hall of Fame Inductee Spencer McCoy, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, gives heartfelt speech at the 2023 Swain Co. Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 12 at the Swain Arts Center. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

1A/2A Male Athlete of the Year in an Olympic Sport (Wrestling) at the WNC Sports Award Banquet. He is the son of Michelle Queen and Skooter McCoy.

"I wouldn't be here if it weren't



Swain Co. Hall of Fame Inductee Spencer McCoy, celebrates with his family, left to right, Michelle Queen, Erin Maennle, Spencer McCoy, and Skooter McCoy.

for incredible drilling partners and teammates like Craig Cutshaw, Corbin Wildcatt, and Caleb Woodward, as well as awesome coaches like Coach Adam Jaimez, Tony Cochran and Neil Blankenship. Also, the overall support of my family, now including my wife Erin, and the community," McCoy said.

"None of my successes were solely my own. The people in my

corner helped shape me into the competitor I still am today."

McCoy has a bachelor's degree in management and marketing from Mars Hill University, as well as a Master of Business Administration from Western Carolina University. He works as a Direct Marketing specialist at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.



WCU Cherokee Center hosts Indigenous People's Day celebration

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CULLOWHEE, N.C. – The WCU (Western Carolina University) Cherokee Center held their Indigenous People's Day celebration on the morning of Monday, Oct. 9 at the Western Carolina University fountain area. WCU sits on the Cherokee village of Tali Tsisgwayahi, Two Sparrows Place. The event, led by WCU Cherokee Center Director Sky Sampson and Administrative Support Associate Elias Huskey, was a jam-packed celebration of Indigenous people and culture from across the globe.

The event began with performances from the Māori people visiting from New Zealand. Jarrett Wildcatt, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), played the flute and told Cherokee legends. Bryanna Weaver, WCU student from the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, told the Ioway Legend of the Bee King and the Snake's Daughter. The celebration also featured appearances from Cherokee Royalty: Miss Cherokee Scarlett Guy, Teen Miss Cherokee Kyndra Postoak, Junior Miss Cherokee Kennedy Moore, and Little Miss Cherokee Rhiannon Postoak introduced themselves in Cherokee language. Guy also introduced herself along with other students from the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program (CLMAP).

"We're here to show off a little," Dawnenna West Calhoun joked.

The Cherokee Elementary School dancers performed traditional dances, including the Beaver Dance, the Bear Dance and more.



Cherokee Royalty participate in the Friendship Dance led by Johnny Postoak, the father of Teen Miss Cherokee Kyndra Postoak and Little Miss Cherokee Rhiannon Postoak. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

Sampson employed people from the crowd to perform the Friendship Dance led by Johnny Postoak. Postoak also performed the Grass Dance.

strength and culture that is in the land and our hearts."

Vendors for the event included Native Impressions, Qualla Creations from the Oconaluftee

nut bread, bean bread, blueberry dumplings, and three sisters soup. Nikki's Frybread also set up a food truck with a consistently packed line throughout the event.

"It's an honor and privilege to help facilitate the Indigenous People's Day festival on WCU's campus. It's incredibly important to remind everyone that we are still here, and are a thriving, contemporary, modern people," Elias Huskey said. "WCU was built on our land utilizing our natural resources, so it is fitting that it would be the site of our annual Indigenous People's Day festival. It sure is a wonderful day to be Indigenous at WCU."

"We are living and thriving proof of resilience, strength and culture that is in the land and our hearts."

- Sky Sampson, WCU Cherokee Center director

"It's a good day to be Indigenous at WCU! We celebrated this special day with traditional Indigenous dances, songs, food, authentic handmade retail, traditional crafts, and much more," Sampson said. "Please remember us on Indigenous People's Day, but also each day after. We are living and thriving proof of resilience,

Indian Village, Twisters Sisters, and Brooklyn Brown Creations.

The event also held hide painting and beading stations, with WCU students, faculty and staff participating in the crafts. Huskey led a blowgun station where participants could shoot at targets. There were also samples of traditional food, including chest-



Rod Run held in Cherokee

The Cruise the Smokies Cherokee Fall Rod Run, hosted by the Cherokee Rodders, was held on Oct. 13-14 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

The following awards and prizes were given:

- Chief award: Susan Richardson, Townville, S.C.
- Vice Chief award: Sam Toineeta, Cherokee, N.C.
- Tribal Council award: Dennis Bunton, East Bend, N.C.
- Rodder's Choice award: Dwayne Brown, Danville, Ky.
- Kid's Choice award: Michael Hyatt, Waynesville, N.C.
- Rat Rod award: Barbara Clontz, Graysville, Tenn.
- Traditional award: Scott Humphries, Ridgeway, S.C.
- O'Reilly's Choice award: Dennise Grove, Cullman, Ala.
- Farris Insurance award: Randy Setzer, Morganton, N.C.
- Lucky 7 winners: Scott Buehler, Villa Rica, Ga.; Rusty Shortridge, Abingdon, Va.; Johnny Futo, Cleveland, Ga.; Darryn Knight, Dillsboro, N.C.; Benji Griffin, South Carolina; Dominick Caswell, Raleigh, N.C.; and Ed Eldridge, Brevard, N.C.



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War Women

"The rest of the people are divided into two military classes, warriors and fighting men, which last are the plebeians, who have not distinguished themselves enough to be admitted into the ranks of the warriors. There are some other honorary titles among them; the first of which is Outacity, or Man-killer; the second Colona, or the Raven. Old warriors likewise, or war-women, who can no longer go to war, but have distinguished themselves in their younger days, have the title of Beloved. This is the only title females can enjoy; but it abundantly recompenses them, by the power they acquire by it, which is so great, that they can, by the wave of a swan's wing, deliver a wretch condemned by the council, and already tied to the stake."

Source: 1762, "The Memoirs of
Lieut. Henry Timberlake"

Illustration: Kevin E Schmidt/Biography.com



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EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“Native America season two

“Native America” season two premieres Tuesdays on PBS and PBS.org Oct. 24-Nov. 14. Episode 1: “New Worlds” – Tuesday, Oct. 24. Episode 2: “Warrior Spirit” – Tuesday, Oct. 31. Episode 3: “Women Rule” – Tuesday, Nov. 7. Episode 4: “Language is Life” – Tuesday, Nov. 14. Info: <https://www.pbs.org/native-america/seasons/season-2>

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from Little Miss Cherokee

Shiyo,

My name is Rhiannon Postoak, and on Oct. 5 I was crowned the 2023/2024 Little Miss Cherokee.

I am excited and look forward to representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

I would like to begin by thanking God for this blessing.

Thank you to my Mom and Dad, you two are always there for me. Thank you for the countless hours you spent making everything I needed for the pageant. Sgi for completing fundraisers and sponsorship requests, and for getting me to all required practices. I am thankful for all of your support. All of our hard work paid off! I love you both and can never thank you enough!

Sgi to ᎠᏍᏆ for all of your help with my book. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart! To Tasha and Celi, thank you for providing me with the beautiful feather cape. Thanks for your help and support.

Bradley Welch, thank you for being such a great pageant coordinator to myself and the other contestants.

Thank you to all of my sponsors. And everyone who purchased a fundraiser raffle ticket. Without your generous donations I wouldn't have been able to compete for this title.

I would like to let each of my fellow Little Miss contestants know that it was so much fun sharing the stage with you all. Each one of you is beautiful and talented and I had a great time getting to know you all.

Lastly, I would like to thank my family and friends who supported and believed in me. Especially my Aunties Nawv and Tress, Uncle Washakie, Brothers Chebon and Esiah. Thank you for the prayers, words of encouragement and for wanting that Hummingbird Crown as much as me! I love you all so much!

Congratulations to the newly crowned Miss Cherokee Scarlett

Guy, Teen Miss Cherokee Kyndra Postoak, and Junior Miss Cherokee Kennedy Moore. I am so excited for the upcoming year representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians with each of you!

Sgi,

Rhiannon JoᏍS Postoak
Little Miss Cherokee 2023-24

Thank you from Teen Miss Cherokee

Shiyo,

My name is Kyndra Postoak, and on Oct. 3 I was crowned the 2023/2024 Teen Miss Cherokee. I am very excited and look forward to representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. I would like to begin by thanking God for blessing me with this honor.

Thank you to my Mom and Dad, you two are always there for me and push me to excel in all that I do. Thank you for the countless hours you spent making everything I needed for the pageant itself. Sgi for completing fundraisers and sponsorship requests, and for getting me to all required practices. I am thankful that you two never gave up on me and kept supporting me through the years. All of our hard work has finally paid off! I love you both and could never thank you enough!

Sgi to some of my favorite speakers who have helped me throughout my life. RSᎾ, ᎠᏍᏆ, ᎡᎾ, DWh, Denise (ᏅSPᏍ TG), and Ms. Ella (ᏅSPᏍ TG). You all do not know how much you have helped and encouraged me to prepare for this role. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart!

To Tasha and Celi, thank you for believing in me and providing me with the beautiful feather cape. I am very thankful for your help and support.

Zena Wolfe and Daisy Crowe,

thank you for your patience and the help you always provide. My song came together beautifully, with your assistance. I really appreciate both of you and all you do for me.

Cleto Montelongo, thank you for a gorgeous rattle and many laughs.

Jade Peone, you never let me down and always make me feel beautiful. I can't thank you enough for all the make-up and hair you have done for me. You are absolutely amazing, thank you so much!

Amanda Wolfe, thank you for being such a great pageant coordinator to myself and the other contestants. Because of your guidance, we were prepared and ready to walk the stage. Even if you did have to tell me to slow down numerous times over the years, you never let me run away.

Taya Houser, thank you for your work on my formal dress.

Thank you to all of my sponsors: Medicine Man Crafts, S&S Splash Pool & Spa, Charles Kalonaheskie (Agidudu), Tressia Hicks (Taline Etsi). And everyone who purchased a fundraiser raffle ticket. Without your generous donations I wouldn't have been able to compete for the title of Teen Miss Cherokee.

I would like to let each of my fellow Teen Miss contestants know that it was a pleasure to share the stage with you all. Each one of you is beautiful and talented and I had a great time getting to know you all. Lastly, I would like to thank my family and friends who supported and believed in me. Especially my Auntie Nawv, Uncle Washakie, Brothers Chebon and Esiah, and Chazi Blankenship. Your support means the world to me! Thank you for the prayers, words of encouragement and for having faith in me. I love you all!

Congratulations to the newly crowned Miss Cherokee Scarlett

Guy, Junior Miss Cherokee Kennedy Moore, and Little Miss Cherokee Rhiannon Postoak. I look forward to the upcoming year representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians with each of you!

Sgi,

Kyndra WW Postoak

Teen Miss Cherokee 2023/2024

Thank you

The family of Betty Feather would like to thank the CIHA inpatient nurses and doctors for providing excellent care for our Mother during her final days and the Four Seasons Hospice Staff. Cherokee tribal EMS, thank you for your kindness and compassion when transporting our mom to and from the hospital. We would also like to thank the Acquoni Chapel for the use of your facility to hold our

mom's visitation and funeral service and the use of the fellowship hall for our family dinner. Thank you to Chief Sneed and Vice Chief Ensley's office for the food you provided and the beautiful flower arrangements. Thank you to all the singers who came to sing one last time for our Mother. Thank you to Pastor David Hall and Pastor Noah Crowe for speaking at our Mother's services and for the many acts of kindness while she was still with us. Thank you to the ones who brought food, said a kind word, or a prayer for the family. Thank you to Long House Funeral Home for all your assistance. Thank you, Daylan Rodriguez, for all your help setting up the fellowship hall. May the good Lord bless each of you.

Sincerely,

**Debora Willson, Jeff Frady,
Micheal D. Lambert**

Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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





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OBITUARIES JhñfR

Jennifer Leigh Standingdeer

Jennifer Leigh Standingdeer, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023 in Prisma Hospital. She was only 51-years-old. Her family is deeply saddened by her sudden death.

Jennifer was born on Aug. 8, 1972. "Some people only walk this earth for a short time. Their departure reminds us that angels are watching over us."

Jennifer is survived by her husband of 27 years, Dean Standingdeer; their children, Charleigh Clara Grace Standingdeer and Riley Paige Standingdeer; forever remembered by her brother, Jamie Hornbuckle (Holly); aunts, Jenean Hornbuckle (Bob White), Beth Hornbuckle Farris (Jim), Barbara Stout (Jerry); uncle, John David; and many nieces

and nephews. Jennifer is also loved and remembered by her special sisters, Keahana "Kitten" Lambert, Mary Beth Howard, and Molly Howard Brown; and special uncle and aunt, Pastor Brown and his wife, Peach, in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Jennifer was greeted in heaven by her parents, Jim and Suzanne Hornbuckle; and grandmothers, Ruby and Momma Sue.

Jennifer's Christian faith was an essential part of her life. Jennifer was a compassionate spirit whose passion was caring for others. She spent a great deal of time in prayer for all who asked or if she saw a need. She was a fun spirited soul who took on many passions. Her biggest passion was being a mother to her daughters Charleigh and Riley. One of her favorite places was the ocean - more specifically, Myrtle Beach. This has been one of her

favorite places since she was a young child.

Jennifer grew up a proud, resilient Cherokee Woman in the Wolfetown Community. She served our tribe for 17 years as the Child Advocate at Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center. Her love for children, their safety and well-being were the driving force for her commitment to protect the innocents while fighting against child abuse and neglect. Her sweet soul gave hope and comfort to all. Jennifer was as a beautiful person inside and out. Her smile was so stunning it would light up the whole room. She cared so deeply for the people around her. She will be forever missed. De-Na-Da-Go-Hv-Yu Until we meet again.

Services will be held at Acquoni Baptist Church, Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. on Saturday, Oct. 14. Visitation 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Service 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Merritt Youngdeer and Josh Skidmore will be officiating.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Henry Allen Ben

Henry Allen Ben, age 51, passed away on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at Mission Hospital after a brief illness.

He is the son of the late Paul Henry Walkingstick and Sara Allen (Ben) Walkingstick. He is survived by sister, Callie Littlejohn. Henry loved listening to music. He also loved fishing and watching NASCAR racing.

A visitation will be held on Friday, Oct. 13 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home beginning at 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. At 2 p.m., Henry will be taken to his final resting place at his residence (62 Walkingstick Rd, Cherokee, N.C.) where a graveside service will take place with Bear Lambert officiating. Pallbearers

will be among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

William Arthur (Bill) Moles

HARTSVILLE, S.C. - William Arthur (Bill) Moles, age 87, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023 at the home of his daughter with his family by his side.

He was born on Jan. 23, 1936 in Cherokee, N.C. to Kyle and Vera Bradley Moles. He was a graduate of Brigham Young University and a U.S. Army Veteran. Bill moved to Hartsville, S.C. to work for Sonoco and retired in 1998.

Left to cherish his memory is his daughter, Delayne Moles Clark (Glenn); his grandson, Bradley King (Liz); his granddaughter, Laura King (Logan); the apple of his eye his great grandson, LJ; his brother, Denny Moles; along with two sisters, Janice Sutton and Maxine Bumgarner, and special niece, Pamela Marks; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his son, William Michael Moles, and the mother of his children, Barbara White, along with two sisters, Dorothy Cowling and Carolyn Moles.

The family would like to give special thanks for the great care of Bill from the staff of Pruitt Health Care and a special thank you to Samantha Brown, Mary McElveen, and Christine Poston.

A formal funeral service will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Cherokee with burial to follow in the Bradley family cemetery. Norton Funeral Home and Crematory of Hartsville, S.C. and Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee, N.C. is honored to serve the Moles family.



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Kuwohi Connection Days

There were two Kuwohi Connection Days for fall 2023 to host Cherokee Elementary School, New Kituwah Academy, Smokey Mountain Elementary, Swain East Elementary and Robbinsville Elementary fifth graders. A third day was for Robbinsville High School and Cherokee High School Seniors. This is the second year the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent Cassius Cash has closed down the road to Kuwohi for this educational event for youth. (Photos by Malie Crowe Skulski, Resource Education, Great Smoky Mountains National Park)

ABOVE: CLMAP (Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program) students go over aspect of strong individual character with Cherokee Elementary and New Kituwah Academy fifth graders. CLMAP students are shown, left to right, including: Dawnenna West, Toby McCoy, Scarlet Guy, and Nakoa Chiltoskie.

BELOW: Mary Crowe and Lavita Hill, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, share with students the history of Kuwohi in historical records. They also shared the work they are doing to restore the name back to Kuwohi from Clingman's Dome.



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Sgili (Ghost) Hunt at Oconaluftee Indian Village

Oct 27th, 28th, and 31st
7pm until ??
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Experience the Village after dark on a guided ghost hunt. Guests are welcome to take photos, videos, and audio recordings.

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EBCI Cooperative Extension winners list from the 111th Cherokee Indian Fair

Submitted by EBCI Cooperative Extension

Agriculture, Adult

Any Traditional Cherokee Crop Not

listed as a Category: 1st - Aisha Owle, 2nd - Chad Cooper, 3rd - Vicki Standingdeer

Corn Beads: 1st - Mary Bottchenbaugh, 2nd - Kina Bradley, 3rd - Chad Cooper

Field Corn, 10 Ears, Yellow: 1st - Chad Cooper, 2nd - Finley McMillan

Field Corn, 10 Ears, White: 1st - Chad Cooper

Gourds, Ornamental - Displayed in an Indian Basket: 1st - Lolita Sequoyah, 2nd - Chad Cooper, 3rd - Veronica McCoy

Gourds, Birdhouse Gourd: 1st - Lolita Sequoyah, 2nd - Angela Gunter, 3rd - Marion Thompson

Gourds, Dipper Gourd: 1st - Chad Cooper, 2nd - Finley McMillan, 3rd - James Lossiah

Gourds, Any Other Gourd: 1st - Chad Cooper

Gourds, Largest Gourd: 1st - Chad Cooper, 2nd - Lolita Sequoyah, 3rd - Finley McMillan

Herb Display: 1st - Finley McMillan, 2nd - Erma McMillan, 3rd - Claudette Long

Honey Production, Without Comb: 1st - Lisa Taylor

Indian Beans, October Beans: 1st - Chad Cooper, 2nd - Finley McMillan

Indian Corn Multicolored Kernels: 1st - Chad Cooper, 2nd - Isaiah Armachain

Indian Flour Corn, White: 1st - Finley McMillan

Indian Flour Corn, Yellow: 1st - Chad Cooper

Indian Flour Corn, Other: 1st - Takashi Cruz

Irish Potatoes: 1st - Chad Cooper, 2nd - Isaiah Armachain

Largest Sunflower: 1st - Marion Thompson, 2nd - James Rose Jr., 3rd - Chad Cooper

Popcorn: 1st - Chad Cooper, 2nd - Finley McMillan

Pumpkin, Largest: 1st - Finley McMillan,



Erma McMillan won Best in Show for Sewing & Needlework and first place in the Adult Historical Cherokee Clothing, 1800s era for these pieces. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

2nd - Erma McMillan

Pumpkin, Ugliest: 1st - Chad Cooper

Pumpkin, Other Pumpkin: 1st - Chad Cooper, 2nd - Angela Gunter, 3rd - Samantha Cole

Unusual Vegetable: 1st - Deetra Huff, 2nd - Marion Thompson, 3rd - Chad Cooper

Winter Squash, Candy Roaster: 1st - Chad Cooper, 2nd - Marion Thompson, 3rd - James Rose Jr.

Winter Squash, Largest Candy Roaster: 1st - Erma McMillan, 2nd - Finley McMillan, 3rd - Chad Cooper

Winter Squash, Any Other Winter Squash: 1st - Kristyn Teasdale, 2nd - Chad Cooper

Livestock, Chickens: 1st - Abigail Teasdale, 2nd - Angela Gunter, 3rd - Travis Hall

Livestock, Turkeys: 1st - Travis Hall, 2nd - Angela Gunter

Livestock, Ducks and Geese: 1st - Abigail

Teasdale

Livestock, Horses: 1st - Noah Wolfe, 2nd (tie) - David Hicks, 2nd (tie) - Travis Hicks, 3rd - Jeremy Wolfe

Livestock, Rabbits: 1st - Kenietha Ray

Livestock, Other Small Animals: 1st - Abigail Teasdale, 2nd - Travis Hall

Livestock, Swine: 1st - Marissa Jumper, 2nd - Claudette Long

Traditional Crops of the Cherokee: 1st - Finley McMillan, 2nd - Chad Cooper, 3rd - Sadie Standingdeer

Cherokee Family Garden Project: 1st - Kristyn Teasdale, 2nd - Claudette Long

Flower Arrangements, Garden: 1st - Sadie Standingdeer

Flower Arrangements, Wild: 1st - Kristyn Teasdale, 2nd - Claudette Long, 3rd - Sadie Standingdeer

Agriculture Best of Show: Erma McMillan

Agriculture, Young Adult (13-17)

Gourds, Birdhouse Gourd: 1st - Keaton Arch

Gourds, Dipper Gourd: 1st - Keaton Arch

Gourds, Largest Gourd: 1st - Keaton Arch

Unusual Vegetable: 1st - Keaton Arch

Winter Squash: 1st - Johnathon Thompson

Livestock, Chickens: 1st - Joscelyn Stamper

Agriculture, Youth (6-12)

Corn, Field: 1st - Addie Martens, 2nd - Jeron Martens

Corn, Indian: 1st - Zaiden Armachain, 2nd - Nola Millsaps

Corn Beads: 1st - Zaiden Armachain

Herb Display: 1st - Keagan Taylor

Irish Potatoes: 1st - Zaiden Armachain, 2nd - Jeron Martens, 3rd - Addie Martens

Largest Sunflower: 1st - Zaiden Armachain, 2nd - Jax Panther, 3rd - Darryn West

Pumpkin, Largest: 1st - Vaelyn Owl, 2nd - Samuel McMillan, 3rd - Zaiden Armachain

Pumpkin, Other Pumpkin: 1st - Jonah Biddix, 2nd - Jayvan Biddix, 3rd - Jaylah Biddix

Winter Squash: 1st - Samuel McMillan, 2nd - Choji Martin

Livestock, Chickens: 1st - Cambry Stamper, 2nd - Taythone Larch

Livestock, Horses: 1st - Addie Martens, 2nd - Zion Dawkins, 3rd - Sage Hicks

Livestock, Other Small Animals: 1st -

Zephaniah Dawkins

Livestock, Other Large Animals: 1st -

Blossom Hicks

Agriculture Best of Show: Vaelyn Owl

Baked Goods, Adult

Breads, Traditional Bean Bread: 1st -

Vera Wildcatt, 2nd - Jessie Watty, 3rd - Lavinia Hicks

Breads, Traditional Chestnut Bread: 1st

- Vera Wildcatt, 2nd - Connie Rose, 3rd - Margaret Welch

Breads, Traditional Lye Bread: 1st - La-

vinia Hicks

Breads, Banana Nut Bread: 1st - Erma

McMillan, 2nd - Elnora Thompson, 3rd - Alissa Owle

Casseroles: 1st - Renee Cole

Homemade Cakes, Pound Cake: 1st - Tina

Donker

Homemade Cakes, Apple Cake: 1st - Erma

McMillan

Homemade Cakes, Other Cake: 1st - Stacy

West (Wolfe), 2nd - Erma McMillan, 3rd - Connie Rose

Diabetic Food: 1st - Malia Skulski, 3rd - Tsali

Welch

Other: 1st - Donald Owle, 2nd - Reyna Solis,

3rd - Miranda Stamper

Baked Goods Best of Show: Vera Wildcatt

Baked Goods, Young Adults (13-17)

Breads, Traditional Bean Bread: 3rd -

Shelby Solis

Cookies: 2nd - Johnathan Thompson

Cupcakes: 2nd - Johnathan Thompson

Muffins: 2nd - Johnathan Thompson

Diabetic Food: 1st - Boie Crowe

Other: 1st - Samuel Owle

Baked Goods, Youth (6-12)

Breads, Traditional Bean Bread: 1st -

Atlas Sale

Breads, Traditional Chestnut Bread: 1st -

Misha Sale

Cookies: 1st - Orion Skulski, 2nd - Vaelyn Owl

Cupcakes: 2nd - Jax Panther, 3rd - Orion

Skulski

Muffins: 1st - Vaelyn Owl

Cake: 1st - Jax Panther

Diabetic Food: 1st - Keagan Taylor

Baked Goods Best of Show - Jax Panther



Tsali Welch won first place in the Adult Cherokee Traditional Crop category.

Canning, Adult

8 Jar Canning Collection: 1st - Tonya

Toineeta, 2nd - Angela Gunter

Jam, Fruit, Butters, Jelly, Preserves, and

Marmalades Collection: 1st - Jan Smith

Pickles and Relishes Collection: 1st - An-

gela Gunter

Vegetable Collection:- 1st - Angela Gunter

Dried Foods Collection: 1st - Donald Owle,

2nd - Alissa Owle

Best Traditional Food: 1st - Lavinia Hicks,

2nd - Chad Cooper

Any Canned Food: 1st - Tonya Toineeta, 2nd

- Faith Long Presley, 3rd - Chad Cooper

Canning, Young Adult (13-17)

Any Canned Food: 1st - Russell Bigmeat,

2nd - Samuel Owle

Any Dried Food: 1st - Samuel Owle

Canning, Youth (6-12)

Any Canned Food: 1st - Sean Slee, 2nd - At-

las Slee, 3rd - Misha Slee

Hobby, Adult

Basketry, Basket: 1st - Lori Reed

Basketry, Basket Mat: 1st - Angela Gunter,

2nd - Veronica McCoy

Beading, 3 Piece Matching Set: 1st - Carl

McCoy, 2nd - Kina Bradley, 3rd - Sky Sampson

Beading, Any Item: 1st - Lori Reed, 2nd -

Veronica McCoy

Carving, Wood: 1st - Chayme Cucumber,

2nd - Jesse Hill

Ceramics/Pottery: 1st - Aliah Locust, 2nd -

Chi Shipman, 3rd - Jaelyn Lossiah

Corn Shuck Art, Dolls: 1st - Amy West

Decorated Dried Gourd: 1st - William

Harris Jr.

Other Hobby: 1st - Sadie Standingdeer, 2nd -

Deetra Huff, 3rd - Kristen Kirkland

Other Hobby, Reflecting the Fair Theme:

1st - Karyl Frankiewicz, 2nd - Tamara Thomp-

son, 3rd - Estella Litzinger

Graphic Design: 1st - Jakeli Swimmer, 2nd -

Tamara Thompson

Drawing, Pencil/Charcoal/Pastel: 1st -

Brian Lambert

Painting, Acrylic: 1st - Claudette Long, 2nd -

see **EXTENSION WINNERS** next page

EXTENSION WINNERS: *from page 27*

Stephen Walkingstick, 3rd - Samantha Cole
Painting, Watercolor: 1st - Trinniti Marmon

Painting, Other: 1st - Brian Lambert, 2nd - Kristine Gunter

Poetry or Creative Writing: 1st - Kimlyn Lambert

Hobby Best of Show: Amy West

Hobby, Young Adult (13-17)

Basketry: 1st - Awee Walkingstick, 2nd - Jimya Driver, 3rd - Jaylynn Brady

Basket Mat: 2nd - Deanna Long, 3rd - Jessica Carroll

Beaded Jewelry: 1st - Ayosta Lossie, 2nd - Addi Taylor, 3rd - Ivan Santos

Traditional Cherokee Mask: 1st - Livia Crowe, 2nd - Hermione Ward

Traditional Cherokee Pottery: 1st - Mychaela Lambert, 2nd - Livia Crowe, 3rd - Deanna Long

Wood Carving: 1st - Josilyn Ledford, 2nd -

Mychaela Lambert, 3rd - Bayley Wright

Other Beaded Item: 1st - Ivan Santos

Decorated Dried Gourd: 1st - Janna Girty, 2nd - Johnathan Thompson

Cornhusk Doll: 1st - Ivan Santos

Painting: 1st - Bayley Wright, 2nd - Johnathan Thompson

Essay - If You Could Own a Business: 1st - Lillian Bradley

Essay - What Does Being Cherokee Mean to Me?: 1st - Livia Crowe

Other Hobby: 1st - Michael Driver, 2nd - Marleigh Aguilera, 3rd - Jarvis Brady

Other Hobby, Reflecting Fair Theme: 1st - Janna Girty

Hobby Best of Show: Ayosta Loss

Hobby, Youth (6-12)

Basketry: 1st - Kinley Crowe, 2nd - Shannon Lineberry, 3rd - Jeshua Lossiah

Basket Mat: 1st - Adrian Santos, 2nd - Dai'Myah Toineeta

Cherokee Beaded Jewelry: 1st - Peyton Locust, 3rd - Shannon Lineberry

Traditional Cherokee Pottery: 1st - Sean Slee, 2nd - Shaye Thompson-Martin

Soap Stone Carving: 1st - Demetri Taylor, 2nd - Wyatt Moore, 3rd Taythone Larch

Cornhusk Doll: 1st - Julian Santos, 2nd - Nevaeh Teesateskie

Dried Decorated Gourd: 1st - Dai'Myah Toineeta, 2nd - Spencer Taylor, 3rd - Jeshua Lossiah

Other Beaded Item: 3rd - Shannon Lineberry

Drawing: 1st - Brantly Brown, 2nd - Kaeson Reed, 3rd - Atlas Slee

Painting: 1st - Ryker Williams, 2nd - Mattie Moore, 3rd - Breanna Lambert

Other Hobby: 1st - Mattie Moore, 2nd - Jeshua Lossiah, 3rd - Dayla Long

Hobby Best of Show: Ryker Williams

Photography, Adult

Nature, Amateur: 1st - Claudette Long, 2nd - Deborah Welch, 3rd - Finley McMillan

Cherokee Faces, Amateur: 1st - Kyla George, 2nd Judy Castorena, 3rd - Kim Crowe

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Other Photograph, Amateur: 1st - Angela Gunter, 2nd - Kema Crowe, 3rd - Kyla George
Photography Best of Show: Angela Gunter

Photography, Young Adult (13-17)

Cherokee Nature: 1st - Janna Girty, 2nd - Joscelyn Stamper

Cherokee Faces: 1st - Joscelyn Stamper

Photography Best of Show: Janna Girty

Photography, Youth (6-12)

Cherokee Faces: 1st - Cambry Stamper, 2nd - Samuel McMillan

Selfie: 1st - Steven Lambert III

Photography Best of Show: Cambry Stamper

Sewing and Needlework, Adult

Historical Cherokee Clothing, 1800s era: 1st - Erma McMillan

Traditional Cherokee Garment: 1st - Faith Long Presley, 2nd - Scarlett Guy, 3rd - Karyl Frankiewicz

Traditional Accessories: 1st - Rachel Slee

Moccasins, Pucker Toe: 1st - Malaciah Taylor, 2nd - Sammi Sequoyah Lossiah

Contemporary Clothing, Advanced

Level: 1st - Rachel Slee, 2nd - Lori Reed, 3rd - Karyl Frankiewicz

Stuffed Toy: 1st - Keniethea Ray, 2nd - Reva Brown

Other Sewn Item: 1st - Faith Long Presley, 2nd - Rachel Slee, 3rd - Karyl Frankiewicz

Sewn Item Reflecting the Fair Theme: 1st - Reva Brown

Afghan, Crochet: 1st - Lisa Tiger, 2nd - Carol Bernhisel, 3rd - Madeline Welch

Quilt, Pieced: 1st - Deetra Huff, 2nd - Frances Owle-Smith

Quilt, Baby: 1st - Deetra Huff, 2nd - Stacy West (Wolfe)

Quilt, Other (Handsewn): 1st - Nikki Blankenship

Baby Afghan, Crochet or Knitted: 1st - Abigail Teasdale

Baby Clothes: 1st - Madeline Welch

Sweaters: 1st - Madeline Welch

Scarf: 1st - Madeline Welch

Crochet, Other: 1st - Carol Bernhisel, 2nd - Madeline Welch, 3 - Lisa Tiger

Sewing and Needlework Best of Show: Erma McMillan

Sewing and Needlework, Young Adult (13-17)

Accessory: 1st - Janna Girty, 2nd - Ivan Santos

Any Crochet or Knitted Item: 1st - Carys Holiday

Sewing and Needlework, Youth (6-12)

Traditional Cherokee Garment: 1st - Shannon Lineberry

Special Exhibits

Youth Hobby

Participant, Beaded Corn: Major Phillips

Participant, Beaded Corn: Ezra Pratama

Participant, Beaded Corn: Samuel Panther

Beaded Corn: 3rd - Felix Rickman

Indian Corn in Basket: 1st - John Kekahbah

Birdhouse Gourd: 1st - John Kekahbah

Youth Baked Goods

Chocolate Chip Cookies: 1st - John Kekahbah

Young Adult Hobby

Basket Mat: 1st - Dailin Panther

Corn Bead Necklace: 3rd - Gabriella Smith

Computer Animation: 3rd - Gabriella Smith

Pumpkin Drawing: 2nd - Sage Bark

Beaded Jewelry: 1st - Logan Biddix

Drawing: 1st - Logan Biddix

Essay: 1st - Logan Biddix

Creatures: 2nd - Jarvis Brady

Young Adult Baked Goods

Apple Cake: 1st - Sage Bark

Diabetic: 1st - Logan Biddix

Adult Agriculture

Traditional Cherokee Crop: 1st - Tsali Welch

Herb Display: 2nd - Tsali Welch

Adult Other Hobby

Motorcycle: 1st - Tsali Welch

Adult Hobby

Collection of 4: 3rd - Tsali Welch

Cornbead Necklace: 2nd - Dennis Jumper

Participant, Beaded Bracelet on Tray:

Gabriella Milholen

Special Exhibits Best of Show: Dailin Panther

Senior Elder

Agriculture

Irish Potatoes, 1 Peck: 1st - John Hailer

Irish Potatoes in Basket: 1st - Ella Lossiah

Honey with Comb, 3 Jars: 3rd - John Hailer

Indian Beans in Basket: 1st - Joe Welch

Canning

8 Jar Collection: 1st - Theresa Ball

Any Canned Food: 1st - John Haigler, 2nd - Alyne Stamper

Vegetable Collection: 1st - Judith Smith

Best Traditional Food: 1st - Judith Smith, 2nd - Alyne Stamper

Sewing and Needlework

Pucker Toe Moccasins: 1st - Richard Saunooke

Beaded Moccasins: 1st - Richard Saunooke

Historical Clothing: 1st - Richard Saunooke

Traditional Cherokee Garment: 2nd - Richard Saunooke

Traditional Accessories: 1st - Richard Saunooke

Quilt, Multicolored: 1st - Susan McManus

Reflecting the Fair Theme: 1st - Sharon French

Hobby

Historical Tool: 1st - Richard Saunooke

Other, Calendar: 1st - Joan Standingdeer

Other, Lighted Jars: 2nd - Mary Jackson

Senior Elder Best of Show: Richard Saunooke



Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc. winners list from the 111th Cherokee Indian Fair

Submitted by Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc.

Adult Division

Modern Pottery (3 Pieces): 1st -Tara McCoy, 2nd -Joshua Levi West, 3rd -Tara McCoy

Old-Style Pottery (3 Pieces): 1st- Dorine George, 2nd -Lucy Dean Reed, 3rd -Lori Reed

Miniature-Pottery (3 Pieces):1st -Lucy Dean Reed, 2nd -Dorine George, 3rd -Tara McCoy

Large-Woodcarving (2 Pieces): 1st-Charles Watty, 2nd -Allen Welch, 3rd -Josh Adams

Small-Woodcarvings (3 Pieces): 1st -Allen Welch, 2nd -Ray McCoy, 3rd -Dewey Owle

Masks (3 Pieces): 1st - Brett Owle, 2nd -Donald Long, 3rd- Malaciah Taylor

Hand-Carved Bowl: 1st -Donald Long, 2nd -Dewey Owle, 3rd -James Farris

Wooden Utensils (2 Pieces): 1st -Dewey Owle, 2nd -Moses Oocuma, 3rd -Moses Oocuma

Blowgun-6-Darts: 1st -Daniel Calhoun
Bow and two Arrows: 1st -Richard Saunooke, 2nd -Sylvester Crowe, 3rd -Sylvester Crowe

Ballsticks-Pair: 1st -Bruce Toineeta, 2nd -Bruce Toineeta, 3rd -Malaciah Taylor

Arrowhead-Collection: 1st -Malaciah Taylor, 2nd -George Goings Sr., 3rd -Sylvester Crowe

Woodburning (3 Pieces): 1st -Amanda McCoy, 2nd -Marvin T. Bradley, 3rd -Tashina Kalonaheskie

Woodturning (3 Pieces): 1st -James Farris, 2nd -Dewey Owle, 3rd -Thomas David Bradley

Carved-Basket Handles (3 Pieces): 1st -Charles Welch, 2nd -Charles Welch

Weaponry (3 Pieces): 1st -Randall Braun, 2nd -Richard Saunooke, 3rd -Sylvester Crowe

Dance Rattles (3 Pieces): 1st -Malaciah Taylor, 2nd -Michael David Thompson, 3rd -Richard Saunooke

Drums (2 Pieces):1st -Richard Saunooke

Shell Carving (3 Pieces): 1st -Nancy Pheas-



A set of rivercane double-woven baskets by Gabe Crowe took first place Best of Show in the Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc. competition at the 111th Cherokee Indian Fair. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

ant, 2nd -Tara McCoy

Gourds (3 Pieces): 1st -Merritt Youngdeer, 2nd -Merritt Youngdeer

Metalsmithing (3 Pieces): 1st -Nathan Bush

Double-Woven Rivercane (3 Pieces): 1st -Gabe Crowe, 2nd -Ramona Lossie Baith

Single-Woven Rivercane (3 Pieces): 1st -Gabe Crowe

White-Oak-Baskets (3 Pieces): 1st -Lydia Goings, 2nd -Maidena Wildcatt, 3rd -Moir George

Honeysuckle-Baskets (3 Pieces): 1st -Joyce Taylor, 2nd -Magan Wachacha, 3rd -Brandon Lee

Trays (3 Pieces):1st -Maidena Wildcatt
Wall-Mats (3 Pieces):1st -Lauren Goings, 2nd -Lauren Goings, 3rd -Angela Gunter

Mini-Double-Woven Rivercane (3 Pieces): 1st -Ramona Lossie Baith

Mini-Rivercane (3 Pieces): 1st -Ramona Lossie Baith

Mini-White-Oak (3 Pieces): 1st -Maidena Wildcatt, 2nd -Lauren Goings, 3rd -Moir George

Mini-Honeysuckle (3 Pieces): 1st -Joyce

Taylor, 2nd -Marian Wolfe, 3rd -Magan Wachacha

Basket Dyes (Display): 1st -Jan Smith, 2nd -Lauren Goings

Cloth Dolls (Pair): 1st -Judith W. Smith, 2nd -Lolita Sequoyah, 3rd -Judy Castorena
Soft-Sculptured Dolls (Pair): 1st -Keniethea Ann Roy, 2nd -Keniethea Ann Roy, 3rd -Mildred Queen

Cornhusk Dolls (Pair): 1st -Laura Walkingstick

Fingerweaving (3 Pieces): 1st -Lucretia Dawkins, 2nd -Rochelle Marie Jones, 3rd -Malaciah Taylor

Pony-Beads (3 Pieces): 1st -Sammy Sequoyah Lossiah

Seed-Beads (3 Pieces): 1st -Angela Armachain, 2nd -Betty Maney, 3rd -Chena Nola George

Hex-Beads (3 Pieces): 1st -Carl R. McCoy
Cut-Beads (3 Pieces): 1st -Alyne Stamper, 2nd -Mystikal Welch, 3rd -Sharon McCoy

18"-Painting: 1st -Brian Lambert, 2nd -Naomi McKinney-Hill, 3rd -Stephen Walkingstick
Pen and Ink Drawing: 1st -Brian Lambert, 2nd -Haylee Garland, 3rd -Jakeli Swimmer

Pencil/Pastel-Drawing: 1st -Brian Lambert,
2nd -Jakeli Swimmer, 3rd -Keisha Soquedo
Lambert

Professional/Nature Photograph: 1st
-Deborah Welch, 2nd -Jacob Long, 3rd -Madi-
son H. Long

**Professional/Cherokee-Faces Photo-
graph:** 1st -Madison H. Long, 2nd -Adam
Blythe, 3rd -Keisha Soquedo Lambert

Professional/Other-Photographs: 1st
-Angela Gunter, 2nd -Adam Blythe, 3rd -Keis-
ha Soquedo Lambert

Professional/Storytelling Photograph:
1st -Angela Gunter

**Professional/Reflecting-Fair-Theme
Photograph:** 1st -Angela Gunter

Professional/Historical Photograph: 1st
-Tsali Welch, 2nd -Adam Blythe

Open-Division (3 Pieces): 1st -Rhiannon
Skye Tafoya, 2nd -Finley D. Mcmillan, 3rd
-Davis Grae Crowe

Memory-Keepers: 1st -Lori Reed, 2nd
-Kathryn Littlejohn, 3rd -Erma Mcmillan

Best-Of-Show: 1st -Gabe Crowe - Double-
woven Baskets, 2nd - Rhiannon Skye Tafoya
- Open Division, 3rd - Brian Lambert - Drawing

Young Adult (13-17) Division

Woodcarving (2 Pieces): 1st -Gabe Crowe,
2nd -Mason Salazar, 3rd -Danica Hill

Weaponry (2 Pieces): 1st -Joscelyn Stamper
Pony-Beads (2 Items): 1st -Ivan Santos, 2nd
-Joscelyn Stamper

Old-Style-Pottery (2 Pieces): 1st -Kiri Hill,
2nd -Samantha Toineeta, 3rd -Marleigh M.
Aguilera

Pottery (2 Pieces): 1st -Gabrel W. George,
2nd -Ivan Santos, 3rd -Ayosta Lossie

Fingerweaving (2 Pieces): 1st -Erica Brady



Nancy Pheasant won first place in the Adult Shell Carving category for this display of three carvings.

Dolls (Pair): 1st -Joscelyn Stamper

Drawing/Pastels: 1st -Araceli Martinez, 2nd
-Ayosta Lossie, 3rd -Bayley Wright

Painting: 1st -Bayley Wright, 2nd -Araceli
Martinez

Open-Division (2 Items): 1st -Keagan Ar-
kansas, 2nd -Samuel Postoak, 3rd -Kayd-Lynn
Bradley

Memory-Keepers: 1st -Emily S. Blanken-
ship, 2nd -Marleigh M. Aguilera, 3rd -Bayley
Wright

Best-Of-Show: 1st Gabe Crowe - Wood
Carving, 2nd -Gabrel W. George - Pottery, 3rd
-Araceli Martinez - Drawings/Pastels

Youth (5-12) Division

Woodcarving (2 Pieces): 1st -Taythone
Larch

White-Oak-Baskets (2 Pieces): 1st -Adrian
Santos, 2nd -Taythone Larch

Pony-Beads (2 Pieces): 1st -Taythone Larch,
2nd -Taythone Larch, 3rd -Cambry Stamper

Pottery (2 Pieces): 1st -Taythone Larch, 2nd
-Marijane Tafoya

Old-Style-Pottery (2 Pieces): 1st -Taythone
Larch, 2nd -Mattie Moore, 3rd -Taythone
Larch

Drawing/Pastel: 1st -Kaeson Reed, 2nd
-Tatum Lossiah- Jackson

Painting: 1st -Taythone Larch, 2nd -Cambry
Stamper

Open-Division (2 Pieces): 1st -Cambry
Stamper, 2nd -Cambry Stamper

Best-Of-Show: 1st -Adrian Santos - White
Oak Baskets, 2nd -Taythone Larch - Old-Style
Pottery, 3rd -Taythone Larch - Woodcarving

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COMMENTARY

Be an influencer.

By ROBERT JUMPER

One Feather Editor

There are those of us who are gung-ho about exercising our rights, especially the right to vote, to the fullest. Especially when it comes to tribal elections, because in the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Charter & Governing Document, civil rights are almost non-existent. Voting is the one way to make our voice heard, to direct our government in the fashion that a citizenry should be able to do. In the election that we just put to bed, just over 50

percent of the eligible voters turned out to make decisions on the future of our tribe. And, apparently, the other 47 percent who chose not to vote were okay with us deciding their future for them. I hope you enjoy our choices.

You see when you don't vote, you are making a statement, intentionally or not. You basically place the future, and that includes the future of your kids, and grandkids, in the hands of others. Elections are a major deal. Even the ones we don't think impact our lives much.

Take the elections that are taking place throughout North Carolina. This is not a governor, or even a state legislature election. It is primarily a municipal election for town aldermen, mayors, etc. In-person early voting for the November 2023 elections in various

municipalities begins Oct. 19 and ends Nov. 4. Election day at the polls will be Nov. 7.

It is important for every Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian member to use every opportunity to elect officials that are sympathetic to our people and our needs, even town leadership in our surrounding counties. As neighbors to our tribal lands, we need good relationships with those local municipalities. And even more so, we need to identify and support tribal members who choose to run for election in the surrounding municipalities. It matters to us, who serves in the seats of power, even off the Qualla Boundary.

Our ancestors sacrificed and worked to get the Cherokee people the right to vote in North Carolina elections. The people and government

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didn't want us to have the right to vote. For many in North Carolina, our ancestors were looked upon as nothing more than uneducated savages that not only should not but were not intelligent enough to make decisions this important.

I want to share with you an opinion piece that was posted to Native American Netroots in 2011 that chronicles the long journey of our ancestors to obtain the vote in North Carolina for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It was titled *The Eastern Cherokee and the Right to Vote*.

"Toward the end of the nineteenth century the United States government decided that American Indians, like immigrants from other countries, should be fully assimilated into American society. However, a series of court rulings and legal opinions declared that not only were American Indians not citizens, but they could also not become citizens without Congressional action. In 1887 Congress passed the Dawes Act which allowed Indians who had taken allotments to become citizens. Following World War I, Congress passed an act making all Indians who had served in the military during the war citizens. Finally, in 1924 Congress passed legislation declaring all Indians to be citizens.

"In 1920, many Eastern Cherokee – including Cherokee women – registered to vote. As a result of Cherokee participation in the election, Republicans won almost every office in Jackson County by narrow margins. The Democrats protested the election results claiming that the Cherokee were not eligible to vote. As a result, Cherokee votes were thrown out on the basis that the Cherokee were non-citizen wards of the United States.

"Two days after passing the

Indian Citizenship Act in 1924, Congress passed a bill to allot the Eastern Cherokee in North Carolina. The bill, written prior to the passage of the Citizenship Act, provided that the Eastern Cherokee would become citizens only after receiving and registering their allotments. The State Attorney General took the position that the Eastern Cherokee were, therefore, not citizens because this bill superseded the Indian Citizenship Act. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, on the other hand, took the position that they were citizens. Local registrars assumed that the Cherokee were not citizens and did not allow them to register to vote.

"The following year, the federal government assumed trusteeship for Eastern Cherokee land and informed county officials that they could not tax Indian property. This was the first time since the Eastern Cherokee acquired these lands in the 19th century that they had not had to pay property taxes. For those who felt that only taxpayers should be allowed to vote, this provided another reason to prohibit Indians from voting.

"Congress passed an act to clear up the confusion of the citizenship of the Eastern Cherokee in 1929. The act reaffirmed Eastern Cherokee citizenship under the Indian Citizen Act of 1924 and declared that this citizenship had not been repealed or abridged with the passage of the Eastern Cherokee Allotment Act two days later. Local officials in North Carolina, however, ignored Congress and continued to deny the Eastern Cherokee the right to vote.

"The following year, Eastern Cherokee leader Henry M. Owl was denied the right to register to vote. The registrar refused to register Indians because they were not citizens. In response,

Congress passed yet another act once again reaffirming citizenship for the Eastern Cherokee. Local newspapers protested Congressional interference with local affairs. Despite the explicit and repeated directives from Congress, county registrars continued to deny Cherokees the right to vote.

"A report by the Solicitor General in 1937 found that North Carolina denied Indians the right to vote claiming that Indians were illiterate. The superintendent of the Cherokee Agency reported: 'We have had Indian graduates of Carlisle, Haskell, and other schools in stances much better educated than the registrar himself, turned down because they did not read or write to his satisfaction.'

"In 1940, Congress passed the Nationality Act which again conferred citizenship on American Indians and required that Indian men register for the draft. In response, the Eastern Cherokee tribal council drafted a resolution which argued that the fact that the Eastern Cherokee were denied the right to vote in North Carolina also denied them fair treatment and equal rights by county draft boards. The council asserted that 'any organization or group that would deprive a people of as sacred a right as the right of suffrage would not hesitate to deprive them of other constitutional rights including the three inalienable rights – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, if the opportunity to do so presents itself.'

"Following World War II, county registrars in North Carolina refused to register Eastern Cherokee war veterans to vote. The Cherokee appealed the decisions to the governor and attorney general, but nothing was done. After lawsuits by Indian veterans in Arizona and New Mexico declared

that Indians were citizens and had the right to vote, resistance to Indian voting in North Carolina was reduced and the Eastern Cherokee began to participate in American democracy."

We believe, at least we say we believe, that we should exert our influence to protect our way of life and our livelihood. We need to put our vote where our mouths are. If we want to influence the decisions made in the state regarding who is called a tribe, who is entitled to federal recognition, how adult gaming is continued and our income protected, whether medical and adult use cannabis will be marketable in North Carolina, and a host of other decisions that impact our way of life, we, like our ancestors before us, must realize the value and power of the vote and, when the opportunity comes, cast them to our benefit. The flipside is that once the municipal politicians realize we are in the game through our votes, they will listen to us and consider our needs more readily.



Change of address

By LAMONT H. FUCHS, Ed.D.

"Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God."

- Billy Graham, 2018.

Much of present-day Christian rhetoric has evolved around the Beattitudes and the teachings of Jesus about humility, meekness, peacemaking, love, peace, and forgiveness. We know these are good, and our attitudes of thankfulness and gratefulness require us to soften our demeanor and treat others as we want others to treat us. There is nothing wrong with these gentle and peaceful actions and thoughts.

Recently, an article discussed how this constant dialog and message is not good for the church, especially men, because it denies their desire to lead, be a force of nature, and be known as men of God. The constant communication to become meek and mild falls dead on men leaders. They specifically do not want to hear it consistently as what a Christian should be. The consequences in many churches are the tuning out of men from like sermons and church altogether. Another consequence is the creation of men without salt, conviction, leadership spirits, and vigor to lead Christian lives as ambassadors and witnesses for the glory of God.

Men want to be men. God wants men to be men. Christian

men. So how can you be masculine and manly while being asked to be a Christian wimp?

Read 2 Timothy 1:7. No fear! Joshua is one of my favorite Old Testament heroes. God tells Joshua from the very beginning, in verse 1:9 to be strong and courageous.

There is a balance and it is a balance that requires wisdom to manage effectively as a Christian. Paul says to his church, "Now I Paul myself entreat you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I who in your presence am lowly among you, but being absent am of good courage toward you." 2 Corinthians 10:1.

The passage sounds like Paul might be living two different lives. When I am with you, I am a nice guy, but I am a tough guy when I am away from you.

Why? Do you ever hear of anyone as bold or as tough as Paul? Yeah, Jesus. Think of all the junk Paul went through to stand as a Christian. Do you need a model tough guy? Paul fits that description. It is Paul who essentially says, what can mortals do to me? They can only change my address. Because if I am not here in the body, I am with Christ my Lord in heaven. "...we are of good courage, I say and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8

Jesus tells us who to fear and the only one we need to fear.

"And I say unto you my friends, be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom ye shall fear. Fear him, who after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear him." Luke 12:4-5

What a dichotomy! Fear the

one who gives you the courage to fear no one. Trust in Him and understand that the One you fear ensures you need not fear others. He is great and mighty and will not forsake you. Though you might die in this world, you will live forever with Him.

Does it sound like I am recruiting suicide bombers! I am saying, men, be bold and hear God's word. I am not the one saying it. It is His word that says in Psalm 56:10-13.

"In God (I will praise his word). In Jehovah (I will praise his word). In God have I put my trust, I will not be afraid; What can man do unto me? Thy vows are upon me, O God; I will render thank-offerings unto thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death; Hast thou not delivered my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?"

That is not a suicide bomber. That is a sound Christian to walk before God in the light of life. Kingdom living.

So, are you tough? Do you want to be a tough guy? Try being

a Christian in this world.

Many of you may not know Alice Cooper. He was a theatre rocker back in the seventies and considered the Godfather of Shock Rock. He was a radical. He wrote and performed many controversial and rebellious songs that the youth of that era admired. Alice Cooper said, "Drinking beer is easy. Trashing your hotel is easy. But being a Christian, that's a tough call. That's real rebellion" (Alice Cooper, Christian Quotes, 2012). He turned his life and his addictions around with the power of the Holy Spirit and Christ. Do you think it might have been tough for him to stand up and be counted and held accountable as a Christian? Can you?

Not tough enough? What have you got to lose? What have you to gain? Weigh it. Get tough. Fear nothing. Trust God.

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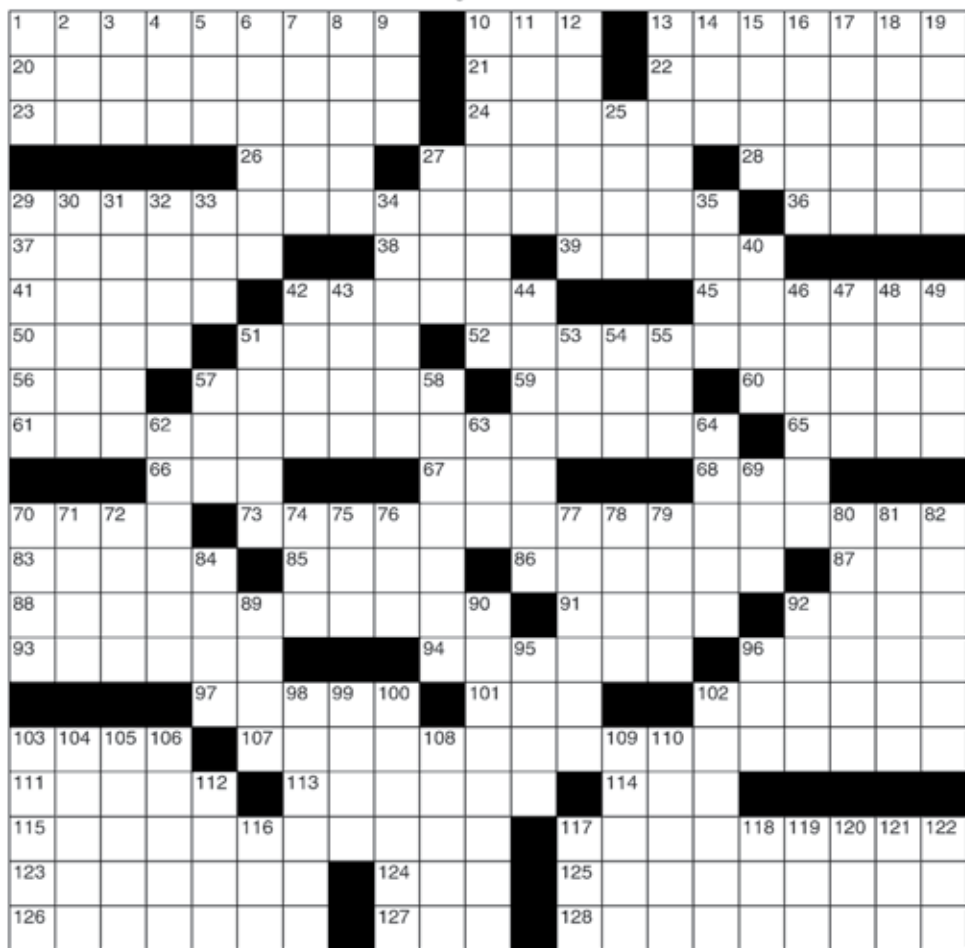
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Kings will be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. They will bow down before you with their faces to the ground; they will lick the dust at your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in me will not be disappointed.

ISAIAH 49:23



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50 Depose
51 Alice, for the Bradys
52 Where old Venetian magistrates dropped off their tots to be watched?
56 — -li flick
57 One trying for strikes
- 59 Lawn tool
60 He has a famous lap
61 Stiller and Affleck co-hosting a New Year's Eve special?
65 Really smell
66 Chaney of horror
67 Grazing field
68 Oolong, e.g.
70 Preminger of film
73 2 and 8, in Morse code?
83 Writer Kafka
85 Sources of 1-Down and 84-Down
86 Eye-irritating bulbs
87 "Kaboom!"
88 Boxer Spinks, to non-Americans?
91 Slimy garden crawler
92 With 94-Across, old hack paperbacks
93 Big name in canned heat
94 See 92-Across
96 Was sick
97 Hot winter quaff
101 Salty water
102 Snub
- 103 Move, to Realtors
107 Song about a fire breather who uses Apple computers?
111 Put on — (pretend)
113 One or the other
114 Child's amuser
115 People who relax by listening to singer Johnny?
117 Calculated the total of
123 Honored academic retirees
124 Antique car
125 Medications taken by mouth
126 One backing up a soloist
127 Mem. of Congress
128 AWOL soldier ... or a feature of eight answers in this puzzle
- DOWN**
- 1 Element in bronze
2 Mad feeling
3 Groom grass
4 Nav. officer
5 The "D" of DJIA
6 Mass emigration
7 Highest or lowest point
8 "A Bell for —"
9 Hankering
10 Having two or more parts
11 "Mr. Klein" star Delon
12 Gives rise to
13 Toyotas of the 1990s
14 Boxing's "Greatest"
15 Doorframe part
16 Fired (up)
17 Saunter
18 Ornament
19 Smell or taste
25 Tan shade
27 Highest point
29 Put on a blog again, e.g.
30 Affirm
31 Loch monster moniker
32 Bits of sand
33 Ex-Giant Mel
34 Quarreled bitterly
35 Tomb-raiding Croft
40 Antis' votes
42 Doe's baby
43 Cheery tune
44 Twister
46 Jewelry beetle
47 Rattan
48 Comedian Johnson
49 Pipe problem
51 Pitcher's spot
53 Chatter idly
54 Squeak (out)
55 Bear's retreat
57 Spooky cry
58 Applies, as some deodorant
62 One making an exact copy
63 Really small
64 Smarted
69 Gp. mobilized by a 911 call
70 Rip — (flimflams)
71 Jogging pace
72 Weight deduction
74 Ending for buff or bass
75 Address for a techie
76 Apiary buzzer
77 Pant-length measurement
78 Money tray
79 Entre —
80 Literary last words
81 "Batman" actor Cesar
82 Ikea's home
84 Element in bronze
89 Hair gel, e.g.
90 Eats as a snack
92 Actress Merrill or Spybey
95 Swerve
96 The "A" of USDA
98 Brings up to speed
99 "Don't believe a word —!"
100 Dessert, to Brits
102 Rustic poems
103 Goes fast
104 As a friend, in French
105 Zapped with light
106 Earthy tone, to Brits
108 One more than a pair
109 Old game console
110 Soft drinks
112 Light haircut
116 Guess at Sea-Tac
117 Male turkey
118 Exiled Amin
119 Suffix with northeast
120 Used a spade
121 Fleece-lined boot brand
122 Chi follower



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

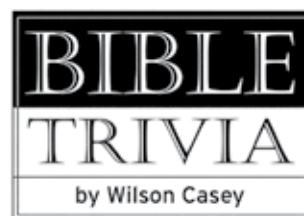
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Colossians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 20:3, how many months did Paul stay in Greece? 3, 5, 7, 9
3. What is the shortest book in the New Testament (KJV)? Luke, Titus, 3 John, Jude
4. Who was the only woman to rule over Judah? Deborah, Dorcas, Eunice, Athaliah
5. Which of these appeared earliest in the Bible (KJV)? Jacob, Abraham, Samuel, Moses
6. What does the biblical name of "Nabal" mean? First, Fool, Power, Face

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the coldest ocean on Earth?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is represented by the scientific order Proboscidea?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "pan-" mean in English?
4. MEDICAL: What is the common name for Hansen's disease?
5. LITERATURE: Which 1970s nonfiction book begins with the line, "We were somewhere around Barstow on the edge of the desert when the drugs began to take hold"?
6. THEATER: Who wrote the Tony Award-winning play "The Heidi Chronicles"?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The Empire State Building in New York has how many stories?
8. ACRONYMS: In photography, what does the acronym SLR stand for?
9. FOOD & DRINK: Which country produces a cheese called Manchego?
10. HISTORY: Who was the first House Speaker in U.S. history?

See answers on page 36

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Benefit for Mianna “Peaches” Squirrel. Oct. 20 at 7 a.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. \$12/plate includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, fried taters, biscuit, gravy, and a drink. Info: Tara Reed-Cooper (828) 508-3327

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

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Scarehouse haunted house. Oct. 27-30 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 31 at 9 p.m. at the Donald “Kool-Aid” Queen Gym at 27 Long Branch Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Adults: \$5, Students: \$2. Flashing lights and special effects in use.

Ethnogenesis Part II of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. The presentation, by Anita Finger-Smith of the Wofltown Community, covers the five circumstances

during the early 19th century that contributed to the nucleus of Cherokee Indians who remained in the southeast after the Removal. The public is invited to attend. To reserve your seat, contact Virginia Johnson (828) 788-8659

HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS

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 Choices Turkey Strut 5K. Nov. 18 at Kituwah. Registration at 11 a.m., race begins at 12 p.m. Proceeds for this event

will be donated to RezHOPE. To register online, visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/BrysonCity/Cherokee5KTurkeyStrut>. Info: Yolanda Saunooke (828) 359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

UPCOMING POW WOWS

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

24th Annual Cowlitz Tribe Pow Wow. Oct. 21 at the Cowlitz County Event Center in Longview, Wash. MC: Caseymac Wallahee. Info: powwowcowlitz@gmail.com

2nd Annual Red Canyon Pow

Wow. Oct. 21-22 at the Old Spanish Trail Arena in Moab, Utah. Info: Jacob Crane at info.redcanyonpw@gmail.com

Chester County American Indian Cultural Festival. Oct. 21-22 at the Romano 4-H Center in Honey Brook, Pa. MC: Matt White Eagle. Host Drum: Itchy Dog. Info: Rebecca McAfee at Rebecca.CCAICF@gmail.com

Northwest Tennessee Native American Educational Pow Wow. Oct. 27-29 at the Discovery Park of America in Union City, Tenn. MC: Rob Daugherty. Host Drums: Ottertail, South Side. Info: Kim and David Bugg (901) 833-6411, powwow@discoveryparkofamerica.com

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) 3, 3) 3 John, 4) Athaliah, 5) Abraham, 6) Fool

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

1. The Arctic Ocean.
2. Elephants.
3. “All” (panorama, etc.).
4. Leprosy.
5. “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas” (Hunter S. Thompson).
6. Wendy Wasserstein.
7. 102.
8. Single lens reflex.
9. Spain.
10. Frederick Muhlenberg.

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

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I will need a jacket

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Roy Track Memorial Mesa Pow Wow. Oct. 27-29 at River-view Park in Mesa, Ariz. MC: Dennis Bowen. Host Northern Drum: Northern Mix. Host Southern Drum: Sonny Deer. Info: Hawk Track (602) 799-0260, Mesapow-wow@gmail.com

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

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

- 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

See **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone has some suggestions to offer regarding your new project. You might find them helpful. Remember to avoid speculation and to stick with just the facts, dear Lamb.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An old friend suddenly reappears. Whether this proves to be a boon or a bane in the Bovine's life depends on the reason for this surprising reappearance. Be cautious.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Vital information finally emerges, allowing you to make that important personal decision. You can now move your focus to an upcoming professional development.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might not like seeing so many on-the-job changes. But some of them could open new opportunities for your Moon Child talents to shine to your best advantage.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Expect a challenge to the usual way you do things. Although you might prefer the tried-and-true, once you take a good look at this new idea, you might feel more receptive to it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A close friend could offer advice on how to handle a difficult family matter. But in the end, the decision has to be made based on what is best for you and those you love.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Family problems are best worked out when all those concerned contribute suggestions that will ease tensions. Stay with it until a workable solution is found.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Expect to hear more about an offer that has piqued your interest. You earn respect for insisting on solid facts, not just a fancy talk about potential opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) What seemed to be a reasonable workplace request might need to be defended. Don't fret. You have both the facts and a surprise ally on your side.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A bit of capriciousness might be just what you need. Plan to kick up your heels in a round of fun and games with family and friends this weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Although some of your plans might have to be put on hold, things do begin to take a turn for the better by midweek. Your financial crunch also eases.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your financial picture begins to brighten by week's end. There are also favorable changes in your personal life. Someone you care for has good news to report.

BORN THIS WEEK: You seek balance, but not at the expense of justice. You would make a fine judge.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Suicide Rates Are Down

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently released its 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. Suicide numbers are down, they say, for the second year in a row.

At the same time, they announced the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grants, a program that gives money to community organizations to create suicide prevention programs, and authorized \$174 million to be handed out over the course of three years to provide those services.

The list of groups that received the grants is impressive, with most receiving the maximum amount of \$750,000. But it's the groups that received lesser amounts that arouse curiosity. War Horses for Veterans received one-third the maximum amount, yet they're very hands-on, matching horses with veterans and first responders under stress to help them recover from trauma. United States Veterans Initiative provides job assistance, rental assistance and much more, but they received only a small grant. Community Building Art Works received a similarly small grant to provide writing and art workshops for veterans and family members in all counties of three states. Legal Aid Society got half the largest amount to handle legal assistance for the whole state of Kentucky.

Declining suicide numbers are no guarantee that veterans are under less stress. In 2020, there were 6,146 veteran suicides. That year had the lowest number since 2006, but we need to look at overall rates to see what it really means. While veteran suicide numbers fell by 9.7% between 2018 and 2020, the civilian numbers fell by 5.5%.

And just so you know, Staff Sgt. Parker Gordon Fox, for whom the grant is named, was a sniper instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia, when he died in 2020 of suicide at age 25. Fox, a talented musician, left his parents and many relatives, as well as his dog, Willie Nelson Fox, and a 1962 Gibson guitar.

If you or someone you know is in trouble, call 988 and press 1. Or go online to www.VeteransCrisisLine.net, and chat or text to 838255. There's help 24/7. Don't wait.

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Are Dogs Growing More Anxious?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My small mixed-breed dog, Tara, has terrible anxiety, especially when I leave the house or during thunderstorms. I have to either put a cone on her or socks on her paws so she doesn't chew them bloody during these episodes. I hear from other friends that their dogs have anxiety issues as well. Is this problem on the rise? — Sherri L., Kansas City, Mo.

DEAR SHERRI: Evidence isn't clear that anxiety in dogs is rising, but there is a rise in the understanding and diagnosis of anxiety in pets by veterinarians. This has led to an increase in diagnosis and treatment for pet anxiety.

While that is good for pets, there is no "magic bullet" to quickly cure a dog of an anxiety disorder. Tara's vet can diagnose the problem, and can help you determine different ways to treat her.

Medication can be a big help in easing anxiety symptoms, but you also want to look for causes of Tara's anxiety, and trigger points that set off her paw-chewing. Thunderstorms are one trigger; your leaving the house is another.

There are a number of different techniques, both training or interaction, to turn off those triggers. While there's not room in this column to list them, do some quick research and look for dog training manuals that stress positive reinforcement. Ask the vet and your friends about local dog trainers or specialists who treat pet anxiety issues.

In evaluating such professionals, ask what therapies they use or are open to, and make sure they emphasize your role in working with Tara (owners have to put in the time with their dogs). Be circumspect about pet therapists who insist they have a single, one-size-fits-all solution for anxiety.

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

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EVENTS: From page 37

- A Century of Cherokee Mask-making. 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

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.



Hōkioi me te Vwōhali



Photos credit – Matt Grace (Courtesy of New Zealand Festival of the Arts) and dancers: Exhale Dance Tribe and Ōkāreka Dance Company

Performance will be Friday, November 10 at 7:30pm in the WCU Bardo Arts Center, Cullowhee, NC.

Hōkioi, the 'Tuakana' or older sibling, that dominated the skies of Aotearoa and the Vwōhali, the 'Teina' (younger sibling) that lives in the USA., are brought to life through stories, myths and legends influenced by waiata (song), karakia (incantations) and haka (dance), – traditions of storytelling felt through modern technology of today's society – bringing the old and the new into the future.

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Cherokee Boys Club Employee of the Month October 2023

Meet Mr. Lee Wade from the CBC Construction and Facility (C&F) Department. Lee has been the longest-tenured employee with the C&F department for 20 years. We want to recognize Lee for his assistance and guidance for new employees and for always going above and beyond daily. Lee rarely misses a day of work at the C&F department. We are so grateful to have Lee as an employee at the Cherokee Boys Club C&F department.

Cherokee Boys Club
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MISSING PERSON

Irvin William Obrien

Enrolled with Minnesota
Chippewa Tribe-Mille Lacs Band

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 220 lbs
Male Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown Age: 46

Date of last contact: April 25,
2019

Last Known Location: Grasston,
Minnesota

Circumstances of
Disappearance: Irvin last had
contact with family on or
around April 25, 2019.

If you have seen or have infor-
mation about Irvin William Obrien, contact Bradley Carlson, Investigator, Pine
County Sheriff's Office (320) 629-8380.

Source: Namus.gov



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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER * TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER QUALLA JAVA COSTUME CONTEST OCTOBER 30 AT NOON



On October 30 at Qualla Java, there will be a Halloween costume contest. All you need to do is show up at Qualla Java around noon and be a part of the audience for the Strange Brew Contest. The first 50 who show up in costume will receive a little swag for their troubles. Everyone who shows up in costume will be entered to win a random draw for 2 ride tickets for the Great Smoky Mountain Railroad. The draw will be made for the train tickets at the conclusion of the Strange Brew Contest.

Image: "Frankenstein's Monster takes a coffee break." - Mike Hill

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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**Smoke (horse)
and Phippen
(donkey) live in
Murphy, N.C.
with the Kent
family.**



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CLASSIFIEDS

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

EMPLOYMENT

Hiring for Two (2) Firefighter Positions

Announcement Number:
BIA-FIRE-2024-001-DHA
Title: Wildland Firefighter
Crew Type: Engine, Wildland Fire Module (WFM)
Series/Grade: GS-0456-04
Locations: Cherokee, NC
Other: Direct Hiring Authority (Wildland Fire)
To find the announcement quickly, please follow the link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/job/752958800>
10/25



Kituwah Global Marketing, LLC has the following job available: Senior Art Director.

General Function: The Senior Art Director will be a key player in the growth of Kituwah Global Marketing LLC. Working closely with the President of Global Marketing & Brand Management, and the Kituwah LLC's executive team to build brands and marketing strategies that aligns with the company's mission and values by targeting the ideal customer through strong marketing campaigns. The Senior Art Director assists with overseeing marketing channels - email marketing, social media platforms, digital and media. Responsible for identi-

fying and developing new market opportunities and will maintain and further developing existing customer relationship. Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office, located at the old Chestnut Tree, between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday. This position will close October 27th, at 4pm. Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application. **10/25**



Kituwah Projects, LLC has the following job available: Commercial Project Manager- The Project Manager will be responsible for the strategy and development of speculative real estate properties as well as the execution of retail residential and/or commercial construction contracts initiated independently with Kituwah LLC and its subsidiaries. Ensure revenue and profitability goals are met by overseeing the financial success of multiple units/properties. The Project Manager leads the execution of exceptional business standards with exceptional guest experience through outstanding service delivery and associates full engagement.
10/25

Now Hiring

VOC has an opening for a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for the CTVRS Program. Indian preference does apply, but all

applicants are welcome to apply. A Bachelor's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Work, or a counseling-related field is required, with a Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation or a related field preferred. Certified Rehabilitation Counselor certificate is desired. Previous work experience in a counseling position for a minimum of two years is required. Pick up Application/Job Description at VOC located behind the former Tribal Bingo. For questions, call 828-497-4300. Deadline is October 30 at 4:00 pm. **10/25**

Now Hiring

VOC has an opening for a temporary full-time Administrative Assistant for CTVRS Program. No Benefits provided. Position may last up to one year. Pick up Application/

Job Description at VOC located behind the former Tribal Bingo. For questions, call 828-497-4300. Deadline is October 30 at 4:00 pm. **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

Employment Opportunities

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

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

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***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

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

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 23-053
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
Lucille Walker Radford
All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against this
estate are notified to exhibit them
to the fudiciary(s) listed on or before
the date listed or be barred from
their recovery. Debtors of the dece-
dent are asked to make immediate
payment to the appointed fudi-
cary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
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Tiffany Tschudi
29809 East State Route B
Archie, MO. 64725
11/8

RFPs, BIDs, etc.

Request for Proposals

General Notice

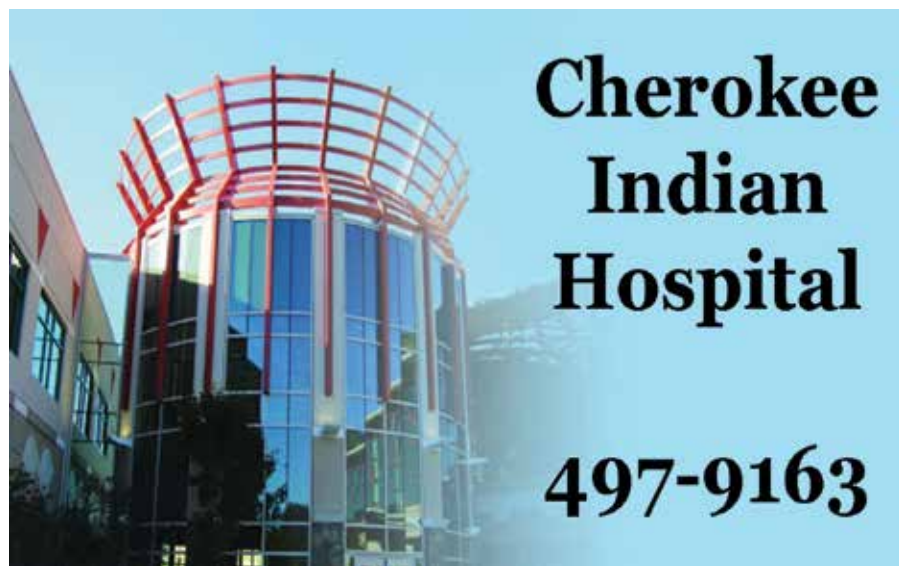
Qualla Housing Services (QHS)
of the Cherokee Indian Housing Di-
vision is requesting proposals from
all interested qualified contractors
for materials and labor to perform
the following:

- Paint 26 single family rental
homes at the Adams Creek Housing
property.
- Install metal roofing on 26 single
family rental homes at the Adams
Creek Housing property.

QHS reserves the right to reject
all submissions. QHS reserves the

right to not award any contract
to the lowest bidder. The work to
be performed under this RFP is
subject to TERO guidelines. TERO
certified vendors will be given pref-
erence. Bid packages can be picked
up at the warehouse or e-mailed to
interested parties. Deliver sealed

proposals to the QHS warehouse
located at 2234 Old Mission Road,
Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline
for sealed proposals is October 19,
2023 at 4:00 P.M. Please contact
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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
K-12 Mental Health Support Specialist
Speech Language Pathologist

Elementary Teacher – 4th Grade, 5th Grade
Elementary Teacher Assistant
Elementary Student Support Specialist
K-5 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant (Self Contained)
Media Coordinator (Librarian)

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

6-8 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant (Self Contained)
6-8 Pathseekers Teacher
6-8 Behavior Modification Teacher Assistant
6-8 Student Support Specialist

Substitute Teachers



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

HUMAN RESOURCES:

Training & Development Specialist – \$50,723 - \$63,404

ENGINEERING:

EVS Technician \$15.00 - \$16.77

FINANCE:

Accounting Clerk - \$19.66 - \$22.25

Accountant III - \$58,332 - \$72,915

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

Hiring Bonus

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

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

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

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

PTR Residential Technician – Kanvwtiyi (Male & Female) \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

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

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

Medicated Assisted Treatment Program Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852

Behavioral Health RN – Analeisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72

Behavioral Health RN – Kanvwtiyi - \$33.68 - \$38.68

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

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

Pharmacy Technician I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Advanced Clinical Pharmacist Supervisor - \$117,326 - \$146,658

Respiratory Therapist - \$31.06 - \$35.64

MEDICAL

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

Physician – ER \$227,068 - \$283,835

Physician Part Time Intermittent – 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

FNP/PA – Geriatrics \$91,254 - \$114,067

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

Case Management Support – Cherokee County Clinic \$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

TSALI CARE CENTER

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

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

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

Driver Med Aide - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Life Enrichment Assistant – Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11

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

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

Tribal Option

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

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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

Upcoming Hiring Events

Table Games & Cage Cashier Hiring Event

Thursday, Oct 19
10am-2pm
Hiring Bonuses available

October Job Fair

Wednesday, Oct 25
10am-3pm

Both events located in the Employment Office
(second floor of the casino parking garage)

Bring a Valid Photo ID & Social Security Card

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

All applications and job descriptions are available at
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Closing Sunday, October 22, 2023

1. Utility Worker (Sanitation) (Multiple) – Solid Waste – Operations (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour)
2. Utility Worker (Transfer Station) – Solid Waste – Operations (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. Assistant Financial Analyst – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L13 \$22.86 - \$28.58 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)
23. Collections Processor – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
24. Remember the Removal Bike Ride Group Fitness Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

BUS & TRUCK:

Multiple Bus Drivers

CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME:

- (6) FT Resident Counselors
- (4) PT Resident Counselors
- (1) Resident Counselor Supervisor

AGELINK CHILDCARE:

- (6) Teachers

CONSTRUCTION/FACILITIES:

- (2) Skilled Carpenters
- (1) Carpenter Helper

Shop/ Garage Department

Service Writer/ Counter Parts

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

Deceased members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians – April 1 to Sept. 30, 2023

This is a list of deceased members of the tribe whose estate is entitled to a pro rate share of the deceased members per capita distribution of net gaming revenues for the period April 1-Sept. 30, 2023, pursuant to Section 16C-5 of the Cherokee Code.

This section does not apply to deceased minors. Distribution to the estate of a deceased member may be made only to the authorized, or court appointed, fiduciary, affiant, executor, or administrator of the estate. These documents must be received within one year of the date of death. Please mail to the Tribal Enrollment Office, PO Box 2069 Cherokee, NC 28719.

Each person is shown with their date of death, full name and executor(s):

4/2/23	Ammons Perry Trampler, Executor Thelma Kay Bird
4/7/23	Eva Reed
4/8/23	Lucille Radford, Executor Tiffany Tschudi
4/8/23	Jessica Myraah McCoy, Executor Tonya B. Crowe
4/12/23	Oscar Hicks, Jr., Executor Sarah Jane Hicks
4/15/23	William Gavin Groenewold, Executor Leona Groenewold
4/16/23	Rebecca Ensley Butler, Executor Meisha Nash
4/17/23	Thelma Lee Crowe
4/18/23	Craig Alexander Otter
4/22/23	Carroll Ray Lambert, Jr., Executor Lashaun Lambert
4/28/23	Roy Adams Lambert, Executor Laura Leigh Burton
4/28/23	Carol Marie Welch, Executor Jamie Welch
5/6/23	Gary Jay Shell
5/13/23	Vera Lynn Rickman
5/20/23	Jason Eric Tate
5/22/23	Juanita Bradley, Executor William A. Bradley
5/24/23	Inez Marie Wolfe, Executor Vicki Driver
5/27/23	Edward French, Executor Laura Killer
6/2/23	April Dawn Bird
6/3/23	Julius Francis Taylor, Executors Alyssa and Sydney Taylor
6/3/23	Faye Moon
6/4/23	Linda Kay Hartzell
6/4/23	George Leon Braswell, Executor Karen J. Braswell
6/4/23	Charles Wesley Justice
6/5/23	Gertha Shipman, Executor Wanda Shipman Mintz
6/21/23	Randolph Palmer
6/25/23	Michael Dean Lambert, Executor Marie Junaluska

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Diane Lea Goshorn
Randall Edward Allen Brown
Barbara Sue Cline, Executor Donald Carl Cline
Jim Littlejohn
Emil Bryan Beck
Errol Randall Long, Executor Corbin Long Wolfe
Abraham Queen
Charissa Ann Newman
Darlene Lossiah
Kendra Alyse Crowe, Executors Denise and Donovan
Jon Richard Smith
Francis Marion Blythe, Jr.
Mary Ann Fortenberry
Justin Lee Wildcat, Executor Vera Wildcat
Lena Annie Wilson, Executor Kina M. Armachain
Craig Stan Wildcat
Katherine Elizabeth Smith
Maybelle Watty
Allen Sequoyah
Renata Maney
Albert Eugene Rowland
Terri Valli Merritt
Michele Lindsay Bushyhead
Homer Lee Thompson
Nancy Helen Plemmons, Executor Michael Edward
Woodward Scott McConnell, Executor Woodward Scot
Matthew Francis Berbon Owle
Simpson Queen, Jr.
Sherry Loren Jones
Farrell Edward Oocumma, Executor Norma Oocumma
Samuel Leroy Thompson
Alyson Laraine Penland
Casandra Marie Tolley
Eva Katherine Taylor
Kenneth Lee Standingdeer
Betty Sue Durrance
Ricky Lee Ward
Dennis Eugene Kindrick
Leslie Michelle Maney

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New enrollees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (April 1 to Sept. 30, 2023)

This is a list of new enrollees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who were officially enrolled between April 1 - Sept. 30, 2023, who, unless otherwise prohibited by law, are eligible to receive a per capita distribution of distributable net gaming revenue for the period of April 1 - Sept. 30, 2023. This list is being published according to Cherokee Code Section 16C-4.

Maya Jade Acosta
Evangeline Elena Aguilera
Tanner Heath Arkansas
Stella Alexandra Ayers
Averlee McKenna Ball
Ace Theodore Barber
Adriana Elizabeth Batres
Baby Boy Bernheisel

Peony Alitami Bird
Benjamin Travis Bradley
Finnley Lucas Bradley-Watty
A-De-La Brady
Atreyu Killien Brandt
Bryce Kai Brandt
Vickie-Ann Kail Brandt
Casey Eugene Bryson
Julian Eugene Bushyhead
Callen George Cavins
Eliza Rose Chavez
Elijah Joseph Chavez-Wolfe
Ryquez Antwan Clark
Rush Robert Cole
Bradley James Conner
Rosie Elaine Cornelius
Tasha Renee Cox
Nova Rayne Crabtree
Ava Jeanette Crowe
Della Rae Crowe
Jalen Trae Crowe
Kaspian Nathaniel Crowe
Kratos Tulugaq Crowe
Ridley Rhaen Crowe

Kaleyla Ani Crowe-Darguzas
Ivey E-Tsi-Li Crowe-Garcia
Mia Florencia Cruz Gonzalez
Roman Hunter Cruz
Reyna Andrea Cruz-Gonzalez
David Dean DeBlouw
John Jacob Denzer, IV
Scarlett AnnMarie Edwards
April Christine Escalante
Hazel Emilia Esquivel-Randall
Bradley Lee Flancher
Emrys Niyah Fowler
Ophelia Mae Frady
Dominic Tre French
Za'Kaii Acynn French
Thea Elizabeth Fuller
Danna Doveya Gaytan Crowe
James Gene Gibson
Ozilline Adeyo Gloyne
Samuel Wicklund Goold
Lorenzo Antonio Gutierrez, Jr.
Haizel Ramona Haddock
Dakota June Halliburton
William Robert Halliburton
Riley Archer Nokose Harjo
Raelynn Jevan Holland
Simon William Hyatt
Amari-Pierce Luther Queen Jackson
Kapree Glenn Jackson
Rage Alexander Jett
Dahlia Ayeli Johnson
Sarah Louise Larch
Raylan Gene Ledford
Weseli Omi-Sage Ledford
Cody Alexander Legg
David Owen LeMaster
Harrison Yona Livengood
Lavayah Elise Kina Lossiah
Henry Wa-Ya Ma-Ga-Yi
Ameenah Zaylee Maney
Kaden Drew Mathis
Sage Taylor Mathis
Irie LJ Mitchell
X'Zaevion Rahmil Mitchell
Julia Mae Owle
Cash Daniel Padron
Averee Leigh Parker
Theron Wesley Parker, Jr.
William Wesley Parker
Sara Kate Parsons
Stella Ruth Parsons

Daveigh Elizabeth Payne
Javian Fidel Perez-Owle
Malanie Amara Kai Pete
Kalayah Tse-Di Pheasant
Sariyah Patience A-Ni-Da-Wi Pheasant
Daxton Thomas Powell
Lela Anona Presley
Amaya Leilani Rattler
Dakota Storm Rattler
Peiten Kamille Reed
Mazeleigh Yvonne Reed-Cervantes
Zoe Lux Riet-Kerk
Reynaldo Simitrio Rios
Motley Ray Thomas Ritter
Kaidence Amaya Roach
Ashtyn Kawayia Robertson
Delilah Elaine Saine
Josie Roslyn Sedler
Seirra May Sedler
Ariyah Leigh Violet Sherman
Scarlett Ember Rose Sherman
Maggie Olivia Marie Sherrick
Bray Jack Smith
Tsahlohi Tiger Smith
Vada James Smith
William Trevor Smoker Beckman
Bryceton Ray Swayney
Lainey Jo Taylor
Landen Brooks Taylor
Zephyr Luna Taylor
Laney Caroline Teesatuskie
Myles Paul Thomas
Endless Jolene Thompson
Austin Thompson-Brimmer
Nahla Julibea Rose Thornley
Klayten Trace Wachacha
Willow Wachacha
Audree Macie Ann Waldroup
Carson Dre Walkingstick
Ayosgi William Watty
Lennox Kairo Welch
Scout Ophelia West
Killian Kyrie West-Voss
Alice Katherine Wheatley
Azya Dalilah Shadae Lordes Wildcatt
Kaydence Emir Wildcatt
Ayr U-Gi-Da-Tli Wolfe



Cherokee Boys Club Weekly Highlighted School Bus Driver

Bus #5 Mitch Phillips



I started my job five years ago. When I am driving it's like you're watching the Circus. I drive in a tourist town and share the road with visitors. It's like playing Tag. I have nine stops during the day, I travel around twenty miles per day, and I have twenty-five to forty kids on my bus and sometimes more.

I leave for my morning run around 6:38 a.m. and finish my morning run around 7:30 a.m. I leave for my afternoon run around 2:38 p.m. and finish the afternoon run around 3:45 p.m. Plus, I inspect my bus before my morning run, and I inspect my bus before my afternoon run. I clean my bus after my run and ensure no students are left on the bus.

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

A: Being a school bus driver for the Cherokee Boys Club means we are all a TEAM here. We are very close to each other. If anything happens to one of us, we are all here to help each other

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Semper Fidelis

Israel Ferguson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, graduated from U.S. Marine Corps bootcamp at MCRTD Parris Island, S.C. on Friday, Oct. 6. He is the son of Neil and Juliet Ferguson, of the Wolfstown Community, and is a member of the Hummingbirds stickball team. (Photo contributed)



Cherokee Youth Volleyball medals at tournament

Cherokee hosted the Smoky Mountain Youth Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 7. A total of 10 teams from Robbinsville, Snowbird Community, Cherokee, Andrews, Swain Co., Hayesville, and Murphy participated. Lady Braves Youth Volleyball entered the tournament with a 6-3 record, and after three hard fought matches, went 2-1 on the day to secure third place in the tournament. They are shown, left to right, back row - Makeena Armachain, Lily Robertson, Rhema Anders, Ehko Lossiah, Coach Lauren Crowe, Aurora Crowe, Abelia Mayan-Flores; front row - Mya Wahnetah, Jolyssa Hernandez, Emma Milholen, Lula Ensley, and Kinley Crowe. Not pictured: Aiyana Arch, Kaylahni Williams, Viola Williams, and Lily Aguilera. (Photo contributed)

Local Judo winners

The Smokey Mountain Judo fighters competed in the recent N.C. State Championship recently. Following are their results per Kasey Reagan:

- Coco Sequoyah, gold medal, 11-12 division
 - Parker Kirkland, two gold medals, 11-12 heavy and 11-12 open weight
 - Chotky Davis, three silver medals, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-16
 - Nylon Wolfe, silver medal, 9-10
 - Addie Wildcat, gold medal, 5-6
 - Jaxson Sequoyah, silver medal, 5-6
 - Blake Sequoyah, gold medal, 13-14 heavy
 - Kadian Wolfe, gold medal, 13-14 open weight
 - Xander Simmons, fourth place, senior open weight
 - Cecil Walkingstick, silver medal, senior lightweight
 - Christina Reagan, silver medal, women's black belt light
- (Note: Kadian Wolfe, Xander Simmons, and Cecil Walkingstick have all only been doing judo for three weeks.)



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Career milestone

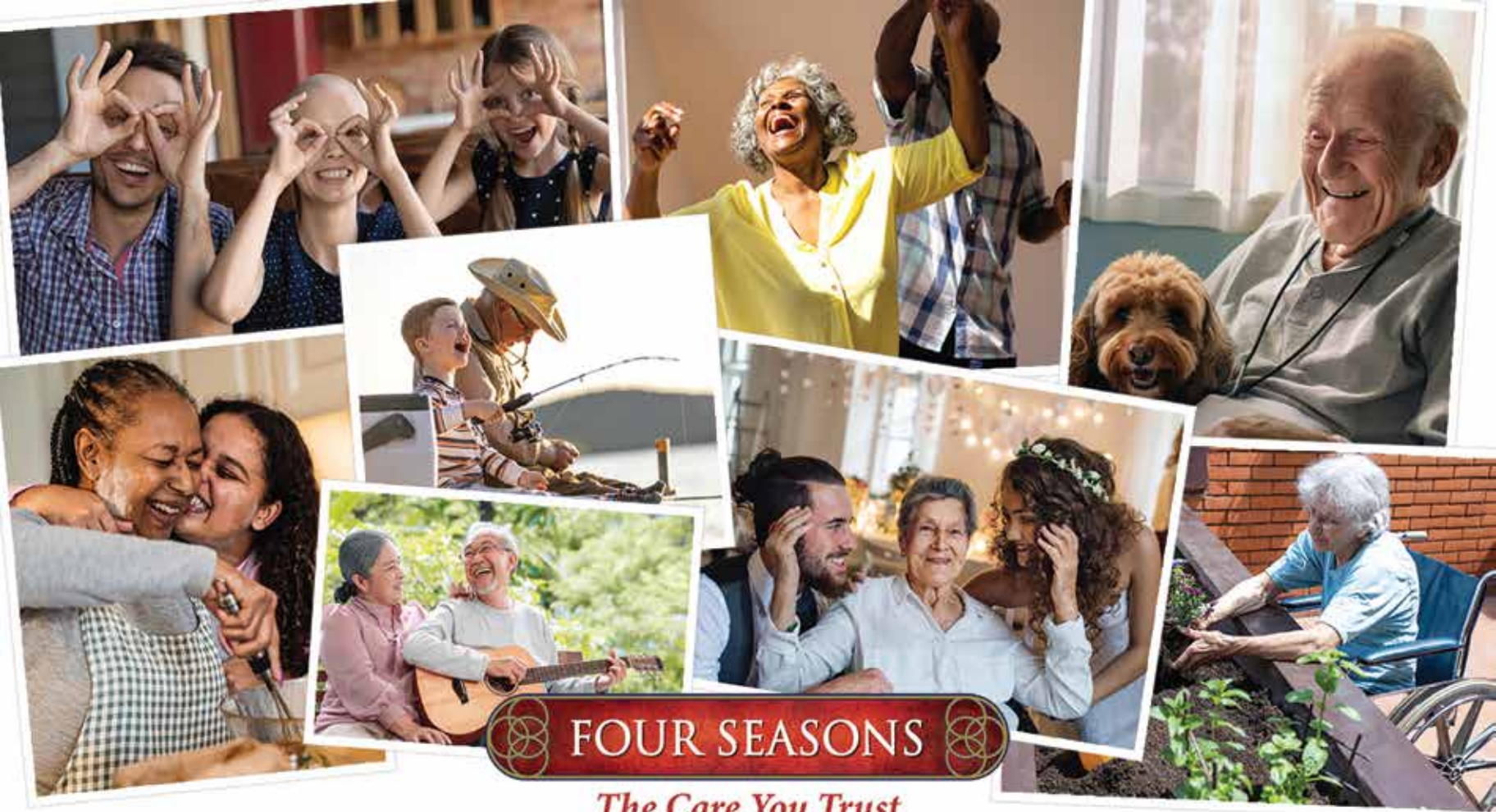
Creedon Arch, middle, a senior member of the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity volleyball team, was honored on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 12 for having over 1,000 assists in her career. She hit the milestone on Sept. 26 and was honored with a special volleyball on Thursday. She is shown with Cindy Arch, her mother, and Alexias Reed, her sister. (Photo by Cherokee Central Schools Athletics)

THE GOOD STUFF

The One Feather wants to hear your good news and/or accomplishments. Send us your "good stuff" such as:

- * birth, engagement, and wedding announcements
- * awards or other accomplishments (both civilian and military)
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