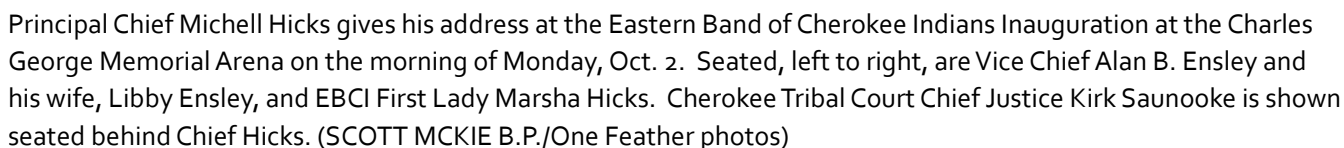


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Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley and his wife, Libby Ensley, are shown with EBCI First Lady Marsha Hicks and Principal Chief Michell Hicks.

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Oct. 2. In addition to Chief Hicks, other tribal leaders took their oath of office including Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley who was elected to his second term.

The following Tribal Council representatives were sworn in: Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Birdtown Rep. Jim Owle, Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown, Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed, Painttown Rep. Sean “Michael” Stamper, Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe, Wolfstown Rep. Mike Parker, Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe, and Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah.

Three members of the Cherokee School Board were sworn in as well including Jennifer Thompson (Yellowhill), Tara Reed-Cooper (Big Y), and Micah Swimmer (Painttown).

In his address, Chief Hicks began by saying, “It is very encouraging. Where we

are today is a great foundation. I want to thank Chief Sneed for his leadership over the last few years. I’ve said this for a long time - every administration gets a foundation. How we take that foundation, that’s on us. We have to make it better. We have to make it stronger...I’m very excited for this opportunity.”

On unity, he noted, “We are here today to acknowledge an eternal promise of coming together of one people - not one person, one people - and together we can create great things for future generations ahead. That is promising and that is secure.”

“We are a new generation of Cherokee people, and we must continue to maintain a common voice. A voice that is strong, and is heard, and it’s echoing throughout the territory of our ancestral lands. A voice that local, state, and federal officials hear, and they understand that this Tribe, we’re here to stay. We’re not going anywhere. And, we are poised to fight battles, whatever that battle is,



Members of Tribal Council are shown with the Executive Committee prior to Monday's event. Shown, left to right, are Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah, Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe, Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe, Wolftown Rep. Mike Parker, Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Painttown Rep. Sean "Michael" Stamper, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Birdtown Rep. Jim Owle, Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, and Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown.

that impact the well-being of our people and our sovereign status.”

He thanked the community for support. “Our commitment to serve our community must not only be by elected leadership, but also has to be carried out by each one of our great employees. And we have a lot of great employees. But our employees have to have clear direction. We have to plan better. We have to have guidance from all of our leadership to be poised to move into the future and achieve high levels.”

“We’re not always going to agree, but we are one people. And that’s how it’s supposed to be - one people.”

Chief Hicks said he is committed to working with Vice Chief Ensley. “We’ve known each other a long time - plenty of stories to

tell. But the story that is most interesting to me is the story that we can create moving forward. It truly is. I’m looking forward to working with each one of the Tribal Council members and plan, and plan, and prepare for our future. It’s important.”

“We will strive to achieve a higher level of success than our Tribe has ever seen. We will face tremendous challenges. Those challenges, as we leave here today, they’re already on the table. But we have to address them. We have to position ourselves. And, we have to create sustainability for this Tribe. It’s not just in services, it’s in resources. We have to create sustainability.”

Chief Hicks spoke of the past foundations of the Cherokee people. “We can continue to forge

our paths in these Great Smoky Mountains and see into the future with plans of greatness for our people, the Cherokee people. We will survive. We will adapt. We will rise. And we will prosper. We will remember the pain our ancestors endured for our well-being, and we will lift them up and know that their resilient blood that was shed for us through their travels, through their fights, through their battles. We know that blood flows through our veins. If we have faith, that blood conquers fear and gives us courage to do what we have to do as tribal leaders to create a brighter future. As we unify our minds, our bodies, and, most importantly, our spirits, we can achieve greatness as Native Americans, proud Native Americans, Cherokee people.”

“I assure you; I do not take this position for granted. I’m honored to have been elected. I promise that I will maintain my commitment to this Tribe for the next four years. I will work with honor. I will work with integrity to prepare our future generations.”

Vice Chief Ensley also thanked the community for their support and said unity is of the utmost importance. “When I was out campaigning...I made one promise and that was to always represent every enrolled member who had a card. I would represent them to the fullest extent. That’s the only promise I made, and I promised I would continue the fight.”

“I had a good friend named Bob Bradley. He always told me to

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represent everybody and treat everybody the same no matter what.”

Vice Chief Ensley pledged to work with all tribal leaders on a unified front. “I look forward to working with Chief Hicks, Tribal Council. Each of us sitting up here today has the experience to lead this Tribe back to what it once was. I feel comfortable that together we can restore the unity that once was with the Tribal Executive Office and Tribal Council. I think today is the start of that new beginning.”

“You elected me to be the steward of our Tribe - our land, our language, our traditions, and culture and that’s what I will do. I will continue to do my best to protect all of those. This day is not about me or anyone sitting on this stage. This day is about every enrolled member of this Tribe and

our future.”

Shawn Crowe, an EBCI tribal member, served as emcee for Monday’s Inauguration event.

Monday’s program was opened with a Welcome Song by the Krazy Nation Singers followed by the posting of the colors by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Color Guard and an invocation by EBCI Tribal Elder Lane Smoker.

Students at New Kituwah Academy sang the “Cherokee National Anthem” which was followed by a musical selection by Stephanie Brown Scragg, an EBCI tribal member, who was accompanied on guitar by her brother, Jeremy Brown.

EBCI Tribal Elder JC Wachacha gave the closing prayer, and Bo Taylor, an EBCI tribal member and noted culturalist, closed the program with a Cherokee Honor



Three members of the Cherokee School Board were sworn-in during Monday’s ceremony including, left to right, Tara Reed-Cooper (Big Y), Micah Swimmer (Painttown), and Jennifer Thompson (Yellowhill).

Song.

Following the Inauguration, Tribal Council opened its first session and selected Rep. Parker

as its chairman and Rep. Wolfe as the vice chairman.



Students at New Kituwah Academy sing the “Cherokee National Anthem”.

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be really intentional about how we portray ourselves to the world, as well. We have a responsibility to our community.”

Dakota Brown, Museum director of education, said, “I think one of the most important things, and one of the biggest things that will affect me in my work, and my team, is that we feel pretty strongly here that we tell the story of a people - that we’re not just a history museum, that we’re not a natural history museum, that we don’t fit and define ourselves in a particular category like most other museums do. We do tell the story of Cherokee people. So, the name exemplifies that and uplifts that, and, this is the story of us as people. For me, it’s really exciting because the stories that we can tell...people and humans are so complex all throughout history. There’s no really clear right or wrong, nor black and white look at history because history is made by humans, and humans are imperfect. So, to understand that, that’s what the name exemplifies, for me. As we think about interpretation, and if we think about this new exhibit, being able to tell those complex stories of who we are as a people, is so exciting and important.”

Michael Slee, Museum director of operations, noted, “There’s buy-in from the community in a lot of places already that represents a lot of demographics from the Tribe as well. I would say our Board is a good mix of elders as well as young leaders. Our staff is mostly young leaders. I would just say, as a parent, it’s really important for me to be able to talk to my kids about how the place that I work represents Cherokee people. They know Cherokee people. They don’t know Cherokee Indians, they know Cherokee people. I think my kids will feel represented by that. They see themselves in that name more than they’ll ever see themselves in ‘Cherokee Indians.’”

With the name change comes a change in logo and branding which was designed by Tyra Maney, Museum graphic designer, who said of

her work, “It was a more modernized version of the water spider. Our current logo is an exact replica of the shell engraved carving of the water spider. I took elements of that and made it more symmetrical. Then I added design elements to it. I wanted us to be a world-class museum, and I wanted this name change, re-brand, and new direction to reflect that.”

Maney saw a bandolier bag in Atlanta that had a mountain peak design that she added to the water spider design. “Bandoliers traditionally were symbols of status and held important items within reach.”

She added, “In the center of the spider, you traditionally see the cross design in the middle. That’s the fire that the spider carried. I changed that to a different pottery design to where it looks like it’s in motion and that reflects the constant evolution of who we are as Cherokee people and how our culture will shift and evolve as we go on through generations. The design on the back of the water spider is a mountain peak design, but I did it in three sections. So, it represents, basically, how we move through the world and through the three worlds. We have the underworld, the middle world where we are, and then the sky world. It’s basically how we live and move through those worlds, and how you can’t have one world without the other worlds. There’s that constant harmony.”

Maney went on to discuss the color palette of the design and branding that had one goal in mind. “I want people to rethink what they imagine when they see earth tones.”

“The new branding colors are all based on our homelands here. So, the blue is our primary color and it’s based on the blue that you see when you look out at the mountain range and the Smoky Mountains. The green is based off the evergreen trees that we have here. The magenta color that we have is based on the flower colors from rhododendron trees. The yellow is from touch-me-not flowers. And then the black

is an off-black and it’s based on blackberries which we have here and we use all the time. Then the off-white is based on the flowers of locust trees. Those are things that I think of when I think of earth tones. It’s a big pet peeve for me when people use beige and muddy greens and browns and colors like that for earth tones, especially in this area.”

Condill loves the new looks. “When we walked through the slides of what she (Tyra) had done, I was blown away. The idea of holding things close, that protection. That is important to us. That is one of our guiding principles here at the Museum. And, innovation is. Everything that she put in her design corresponded so well with how we work here, and what’s important to us, and how we make decisions.”

“We don’t have to rely on Southwest themes. For so long, I think Native design has relied pretty heavily on that. They’re lovely and appropriate for those tribes. But, for us in the Southeast, we have a beautiful palette, let’s celebrate it.”

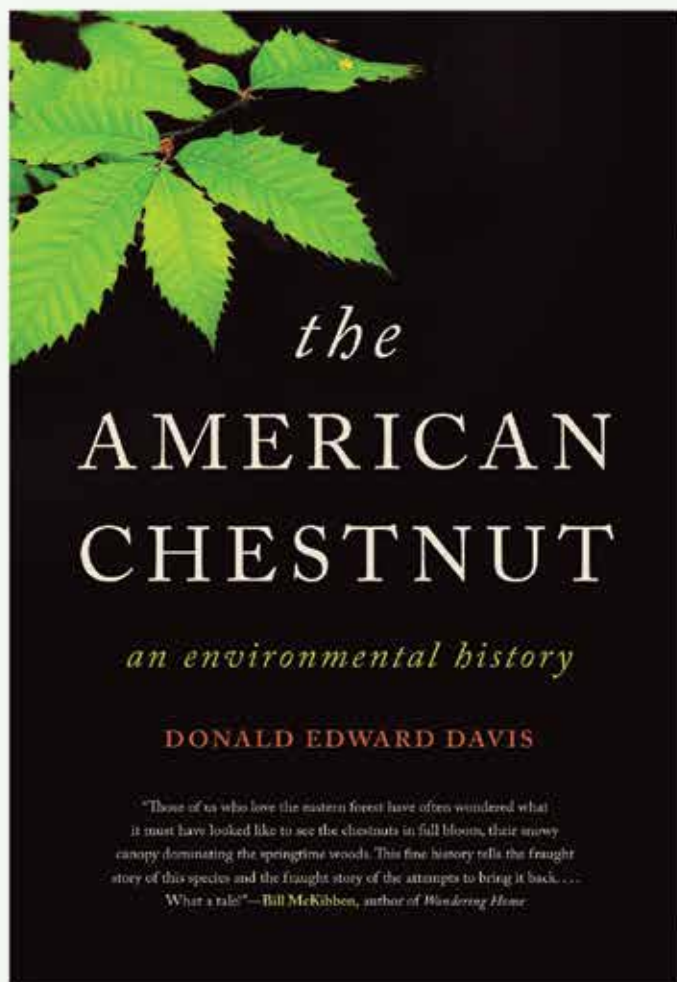
Brown said change is a part of being Cherokee and a part of moving forward. “We’ve always changed, we’ve always been innovative. At one point, the things being done in the 70’s for the Museum were really innovative and were really impactful for our community and kind of a big deal. So, I just feel that we’re building on that legacy of those that came before us, and those that built this museum, and those that made this museum what it is today. Without that innovation, we wouldn’t be where we are today. And I think we would be doing a disservice to all those that came before us if we didn’t continue to be innovative, we didn’t continue to move our museum forward. My hope is that our community will be able to understand and appreciate that, that we want to continue to move forward and continue to be innovative, not only for museums, but for our community.”



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RUNNING

Tribal member completes 100-mile race

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

DALTON, Ga. – When Katelynn Ledford-McCoy finished The Georgia Jewel 100-Miler trail race recently, she wasn't concerned with her time nor place in the race. She was concerned with finishing work that was started last year.

"I attempted it last year (2022) and did not finish), and I sat there watching all the other people coming through, finishing their hundred miles races," said Ledford-McCoy. "I decided right then, I was coming back for redemption."

And, after putting in the work for 100 miles, she got her redemption finishing the race with a time of 31:37:24.

"I love to do things that will challenge me. I used to be so afraid to even attempt things because I was so afraid of failure, but now I can embrace the journey, even if I fail. I have paced my husband (Kallup McCoy II) at this race previously, and ran different distances of it, so I figured it was time to give it a shot. There's something magical that happens when you attend one of these races."

Beyond the redemption end of the event, Ledford-McCoy said the race provides many more rewards. "You see the camaraderie amongst runners and support people. You see people digging deep within themselves to complete this extreme task, and it stirs something within you to want to do it yourself."

She added, "I also follow other women who do races like this, and



Katelynn Ledford-McCoy, left, pictured with her husband Kallup McCoy II, is shown at the finish of The Georgia Jewel 100-mile trail race recently. She finished with a time of 31:37:24. Both are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. (Photos contributed)

I love what they stand for. They want to empower women to be strong, and to attempt courageous endeavors. I want to be that kind woman for our Indigenous people, to empower, and to show that we can truly accomplish anything we set our mind to."

Training for a race such as this requires dedication on many different fronts. "Last year, I jumped into my training way too quickly

after an injury and developed plantar fasciitis. So, this year, I wanted to be smart with my training. I had a run coach, who is also my husband, who programmed training runs for me. I had to incorporate running on trails, so I usually ran on Deep Creek and Mingus Mill."

"The Georgia Jewel race has a lot of elevation in it, so I had to make sure I was training with ele-

vation. If I had 10 miles on the log, I would make sure I ran Sunkota Ridge Trail twice on Indian Creek to make sure I was getting elevation training in. I would power hike the mountains, then run the flats and my favorite-downhill running. The best way to train for an ultramarathon is to train on heavy legs, so I had a lot of back-to-back long runs. I continued to do CrossFit at CrossFit 2232 for as long as I could, which has helped me to become a stronger runner. If I had a hard day of training at CrossFit, that was better training for me to run on tired legs. I was thankful to think back on this when I was at mile 80 during my race."

Ledford-McCoy also focused on nutrition during training which carried over to her race-day regimen. "You want to make sure you are fueling correctly for any kind of race, including a 100-mile race. I had to practice fueling during my training runs to make sure I knew what I wanted to use come race day."

And, on race day, her food and drink regimen was intense. "I hydrated with Skratch, which has carbs in it. Carbs and electrolytes are the most important nutrients you need during an ultra-race. Kallup had set a timer on my Garmin watch that would alert me every 45 minutes to eat and drink, which was so helpful. I would usually eat a spring energy gel and couple it with a honey stinger waffle, or other snack I had like a nut and seed protein bar. Whenever I would come to aid stations that were set up throughout the

race, I would try to grab some solid food that they had available, which was usually half of a grilled cheese sandwich, fourth quarters of a cheese quesadilla, and bananas. Once I broke the night hours, I came to an aid station that was around 70 miles that was making pancakes! So, I ate two with some maple syrup."

"I also drank the most Coke I have in the past four years of my life during this race. Running for over 24 hours, my body was pushed past the point of exhaustion, and the Coke would bring me back to life - that and coffee!"

When asked what advice she would give to people considering such a race, Ledford-McCoy answered, "Put it on the calendar and train smart!"

"The running community is so friendly, and love to talk about their experiences! So, my advice would be to pick other people's brains, so that you can test out what will work for you."

Her biggest piece of advice is, "Just go out there and have fun with it! If you're not having fun, then why are you even doing it? And don't let the thought of failure hold you back! I never got into this thinking "I know I can go dominate a 100-mile race.' It was a

scary thought! I knew that I could potentially fail at this, which I did the first time, but that's the beauty of failure, is you can learn so much about yourself during those moments."

Ledford-McCoy is thankful for the support she receives noting, "I would like to thank my husband and run coach with Lion's Den Fitness, Kallup McCoy II, for helping me to get prepared for this amazing race, crewing me, and for pacing me 36 miles back to the finish line. I would like to thank my friend, Shawnda Martin, for crewing me and the guys, and friend, Adreinne Swanner, for pacing me during the most crucial part of the race which is the night loops. Thanks to Ally Griffeth for coming out to encourage me during 18 miles and to CrossFit 2232 for my strength training and always encouraging me during my wild races. Thank you to Pass the Torch running club, which I am a part of. We team up together as one big family at these endurance events. I would also just like to send out a big thank you to all my friends, family, and community members who sent words of encouragement, prayers, and smoke up for me during this endeavor! Sgi!"



Ledford-McCoy represents with the EBCI tribal flag following the race.



Lady Braves continue winning streak in historic season

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – On Thursday, Sept. 28, the Varsity Lady Braves defeated the Andrews Lady Wildcats in three sets in a dominating home match in Charles George Memorial Arena.

Varsity secured the sweep following wins from the JV and Middle School teams in two sets.

The win brings their Smoky Mountain Conference record to 6-0, and their overall record 14-3. The Lady Braves are currently ranked #7 in the state division 1A West. Under the leadership of head coach Pam Sumner Bryant and assistant coaches Stephanie Maney and Taylor Brooks, the varsity volleyball team has continually improved their winning record and state division rank, with a rank of #18 in 2021-22 and #10 in 2022-23.

The volleyball program, middle school and up, is creating a culture of success for years to come. In their matches against Andrews, all three levels of play showed the same tenacity, grit, and love for the game.

The state ranked varsity team plays with determination and skill, harboring power hitters, precise setters, keen passers, and perhaps their greatest weapon, a rotating bench of consistent and capable players ready to get their job done. The roster is short (not in height, but in numbers) with only 10 players who all see the floor and play a vital role in the game. They are an extremely solid volleyball team, but most importantly, there is a genuine, permeating sense that they are having fun. They are certainly fun to watch.

As the Lady Braves finish out their regular season in the next two weeks and move into playoffs, Coach Bryant is excited for the road ahead. “You can just see these girls are enjoying this game and proud to be representing Cherokee in the volleyball standings, which is all new around here. These girls come in day after day, working together, for goals they want to reach. You can see it when they play; they are a true definition of a team,” she said.



Cherokee’s Arden Arkansas (#3) powers above the net for the kill in the Varsity Lady Braves conference win against the Andrews Lady Wildcats in Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 28. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)



“We are truly blessed to have such a unique dynamic, not just with this team, but with the entire volleyball program, starting at the middle school. They are a unit, and we are all so proud that day in and day out we have the privilege to represent Braves Nation.”

Coach Bryant adds that since their loss at West Henderson, the volleyball team means business. Their next goal is to win the Smoky

**“You can see it
when they play;
they are a true
definition of a
team.”**

*- Pam Sumner Bryant,
Lady Braves varsity volleyball head coach*

Mountain Conference Championship for the first time in school history. Braves fans should be sure to rally behind their record-breaking volleyball team in the weeks to come. Senior night for the Lady Braves is Oct. 5 against rival Swain Co. in Charles George Memorial Arena beginning at 6 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

CMS Lady Braves dominate at Hiwassee Dam meet

One Feather Staff Report

MURPHY – The Cherokee Middle School Lady Braves cross country team remained undefeated on the season with a large win at the Hiwassee Dam Eagles Meet on Wednesday, Sept. 27. The meet was hosted by Hiwassee Dam at the Murphy XC Course in Murphy, N.C., and the Lady Braves won the team title with a score of 24 followed by Murphy Middle with a score of 49.

Four CMS runners placed in the top seven including: Austin Fourkiller-Raby, first place, 13:18.10; Lilly Lossiah, third place, 14:26.92; Lolo Bell, fourth place, 14:37.05; and Nyra Reed, fifth place, 15:11.63.

Neither of the CHS teams had enough runners to qualify for the team scoring, but CHS placed a runner in second place in both the high school girls race (Letsi Burgos, 23:27.05) and the high school boys race (Aizen Bell, 18:44.14).

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

Middle School Girls

- 1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 13:18.10
- 2 – Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 13:59.67
- 3 – Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14:26.92
- 4 – Lolo Bell, Cherokee, 14:37.05
- 5 – Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 15:11.63
- 6 – Rebecca Carver, Carolina Mountain SC, 15:18.67
- 7 – Zaelyn Phillips, Robbinsville, 15:20.04
- 12 – Aiyanna Evans, Cherokee, 16:15.10
- 33 – Rhema Anders, Cherokee, 21:36.70

Team Scores

- 1 – Cherokee Middle 24
- 2 – Murphy Middle 49
- 3 – Hayesville Middle 57
- 4 – Robbinsville Middle 88

Middle School Boys

- 1 – Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 11:21.56
- 2 – Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 11:27.14

- 3 – Maverick Hawley, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 11:51.28
- 4 – Elliot Salinas, Andrews, 11:56.98
- 5 – Levi Clark, Andrews, 12:30.94
- 6 – Luke Clark, Andrews, 12:36.23
- 7 – Jayce Donaldson, Andrews, 12:38.32
- 10 – Odie Owle, Cherokee, 12:50.96
- 16 – Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 13:25.99
- 19 – Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 13:57.26
- 33 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 15:30.49
- 39 – William Welch, Cherokee, 16:26.74
- 42 – Greyson Panther, Cherokee, 17:19.03
- 43 – Makai Hernandez, Cherokee, 17:45.07
- 44 – Kaiser Hernandez, Cherokee, 17:57.84
- 49 – Gabriel Arneach, Cherokee, 19:15.00
- 55 – Felix Lossiah, Cherokee, 21:24.59
- 60 – Kody Smith, Cherokee, 26:25.86

Team Scores

- 1 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger Middle 47
- 2 – Andrews Middle 53
- 3 – Hayesville Middle 65
- 4 – Cherokee Middle 105
- 5 – Murphy Middle 108
- 6 – Robbinsville Middle 139

High School Girls

- 1 – Fern Crayton, Tri-County Early College, 22:09.49
- 2 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 23:27.05
- 3 – Corinne Cotton, Murphy, 24:19.15
- 4 – Rachel Carver, Carolina Mountain XC, 25:04.71
- 5 – Yvonne Saunooke, Cherokee, 26:16.42
- 6 – Kadeesha Sudderth, Tri-County Early College, 26:53.04
- 7 – Bryanna Jaime, Tri-County Early College, 27:41.45
- 13 – Deanna Long, Cherokee, 32:16.66

Team Scores

- 1 – Tri-County Early College 15

High School Boys

- 1 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 18:01.37
- 2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 18:44.14
- 3 – Caleb Hina, Carolina Mountain XC, 19:33.85
- 4 – Nathan Fredrick, Robbinsville, 19:59.25
- 5 – Abel Penland, Hiwassee Dam, 20:19.10
- 6 – Cruz Yarbrow, Murphy, 21:56.29
- 7 – Braden Edwards, Murphy, 21:58.47
- 12 – Brandon Blankenship, Cherokee, 22:44.74
- 26 – Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 28:34.42

Team Scores

- 1 – Murphy 33
- 2 – Hiwassee Dam 48
- 3 – Robbinsville 56
- 4 – Nantahala 86

Smoky Mountain Youth Football results Saturday, Sept. 23

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- Murphy 30 Andrews 26
Cherokee 34 Franklin 6
Robbinsville 32 Hayesville 0
Copper Basin (Tenn.) 20 Smoky Mtn. 0

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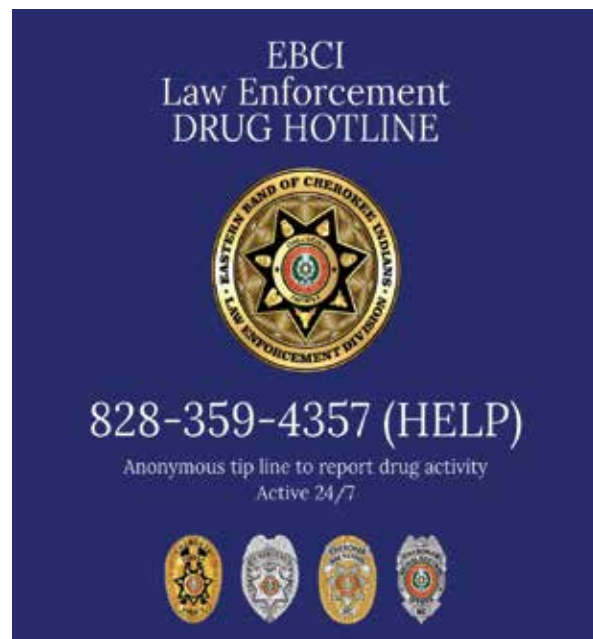
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Robbinsville 12 Hayesville 0
Copper Basin (Tenn.) 8 Smoky Mtn. 0

Mites

- Murphy 32 Andrews 0
Franklin 28 Cherokee 20
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Midgets

- Andrews 26 Murphy 0
Cherokee 20 Franklin 0
Robbinsville 18 Hayesville 0
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FOOTBALL

Robbinsville 46 Cherokee 6

Photos by SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Braves (4-2) hosted the Robbinsville Black Knights (5-1) in a Smoky Mountain Conference match-up at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Friday, Sept. 29. The final score was Black Knights 46 Braves 6.

Scoring Summary

2nd Quarter

8:48: ROBB – Cuttler Adams 10-yard run, Roman Jones run for two-point. Robbinsville 8 Cherokee 0

6:24: ROBB – Donovan Carpenter 40-yard pass to Adams. Adams run. Robbinsville 16 Cherokee 0

1:15: ROBB – Adams 3-yard run. Chase Calhoun run. Robbinsville 24 Cherokee 0

3rd Quarter

10:19: ROBB – Calhoun 3-yard run. Calhoun run. Robbinsville 32 Cherokee 0

7:18: CHER – Michael Driver 13-yard pass to Shiloh Woodson. Two-point failed. Robbinsville 32 Cherokee 6

5:16: ROBB – Adams 9-yard run. Calhoun run. Robbinsville 40 Cherokee 6

4th Quarter

7:44: ROBB – Kage Williams 3-yard run. Two-point failed. Robbinsville 46 Cherokee 6

Team Totals

Total Plays: Cherokee 55, Robbinsville 72

Total Yards: Cherokee 158, Robbinsville 466

Passing Yards: Cherokee 127, Robbinsville 144

Rushing Yards: Cherokee 31, Robbinsville 322

First Downs: Cherokee 8, Robbinsville 23

Turnovers: Cherokee 3, Robbinsville 2

Penalties: Cherokee 2-22, Robbinsville 8-42

Individual Offensive Stats

Passing: Cherokee – Michael Driver 9-20, 115yds, 1 TD, 1 INT; Jack Teesateskie 3-4, 12yds; Robbinsville – stats not available

Rushing: Cherokee – Mato Grant 8 rushes for 19yds, Zaynon Taylor 4 for 15yds; Noah Watty 3 for 3yds, J’Ron Lineberry 6 for 2yds; Robbinsville – Cuttler Adams 27 for 156yds and 3 TDs, Chase Calhoun 8 for 108yds and 1 TD,



Cherokee's Josh Phillips (#52) celebrates after recovering a fumble near the goal line as time expired in the first half.

Tanner Hedden 2 for 29yds, Kage Williams 4 for 11 yds and 1 TD

Receiving: Cherokee – Shiloh Woodson 4 rec for 52yds and 1 TD, Luke Smith 3 for 44yds, Elijah Lineberry 2 for 18yds; Robbinsville: Cuttler Adams 3 for 57yds and 1 TD, Darion Ledbetter 1 for 20yds, Kage Williams 1 for 8yds

Individual Defensive Stats

Cherokee: Elijah Lineberry 5 solo tackles; Luke Smith 5 assists, 7 solo, 2 tackle for loss; Jonathan Saylor 4 assists, 2 solo; Shiloh Woodson 1 assist, 1 solo; Josiah Teesateskie 4 assists; Jack Teesateskie 1 solo; Tayvin Bark 1 solo; Levi Winter 1 assist; Michel Gayosso 3 assists, 4 solo, 1 INT; Luke Climingbear 11 assists, 1 solo; Trevor Hill-Ledford 1 assist; J’Ron Lineberry 1 assist, 2 solo, 1 tackle for loss; Mato Grant 5 assists, 2 solo; Chaske Raines 6 assists; Josh Phillips 5 assists, 2 solo; Jayden Tramper 1 assist; Martin Arteaga 1 assist; Emery Driver 1 assist

Robbinsville: Tillman Adams 2 tackles; Cuttler Adams 1 tackle; Chase Calhoun 1 tackle; Kage Williams 1 tackle, 1 tackle for loss; Kellen Ensley, 1 tackle, 1 assist, 1 tackle for loss; Justin Jones 1 tackle, 1 tackle for loss; Dayne Webster 1 assist



Robbinsville's Cuttler Adams (#4), pursued here by Cherokee's Tayvin Bark, ran 27 times for 156 yards and 3 touchdowns. He also caught three passes for 57 yards and 1 touchdown.

Cherokee's Michel Gayosso (#23) skies to intercept a pass at the goal line.



Scare-okee Committee continues to eye improvements

By ROBERT JUMPER
One Feather Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Scare-okee Committee met recently near the BIA Parking Lot and Oconaluftee Island Park to iron out additional details of the layout of this year's "Trick or Treat Night in Scare-okee" event. The committee met in the evening to get a better sense of how things will look when the actual event takes place. Scare-okee is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. At the committee's meeting on Sept. 27, event manager Mollie Grant led the group in a review of the event checklist.

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 plans to dress the Island Park in seasonal lights in conjunction with Scare-okee, but details were not available as to when the Island Park would be closed to the public for installation. One committee member indicated that last year, the Island was closed for 10 days prior to the event to install lighting. Grant said the back walking bridge would likely need to be closed during the Scare-okee event to maintain the integrity of the



Costume or none, tribal members and program employee volunteers enjoyed treating the kids at the 2022 Scare-okee event. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

pedestrian traffic pattern for the event.

In addition to the mapping information, it was also announced that restroom facilities at the Welcome Center and at the Oconaluftee Island Park would remain open during Scare-okee. There will be portable restrooms and hand washing stations strategically situated at the event grounds.

Budgetary items, like candy and haunted house construction allotments, could not be finalized because this event occurs in a new fiscal year of the tribe. The Fiscal Year 2024 tribal budget, which begins October 2023, is awaiting governmental approval and the event budget is awaiting Executive

approval.

Discussion included plans for prize categories for the haunted houses, candy booths, and food from the food trucks. Categories presented for the haunted houses were best booth, best theme, scariest, people's choice, and most original. Similar categories were discussed for the candy booths. Children and their families who visit the food booths will have an opportunity to judge the food truck with the "scariest" themed foods.

The committee continued to stress that their goal is a fun and safe event. Grant provided the following guidelines for costumes appropriate for Scare-okee:

Family-Friendly Trick-or-Treat Event Guidelines:

Clothing:

- Dress for the weather.
- Wear comfy, safe shoes.
- Ensure good visibility and mobility.

Costume Tips:

- Choose non-scary costumes.
- Keep it age-appropriate.
- Be culturally sensitive.
- Skip realistic weapons or sharp objects.

Examples:

- Classic characters, famous figures, animals.
- Group costumes for extra fun!
- Get creative with DIY costumes.

The committee opted to hold their next planning meeting on

Tribal member wins awards for gardening, beekeeping

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

For Sharon Braswell-Zern and her husband, Leidy Zern, gardening and beekeeping are a way of life. Sharon, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, operates a farm with Leidy in Yancey County, N.C.

“Being born in the late 40’s, I grew up where most families had big gardens to feed their families,” said Sharon whose grandmother was born in the Big Cove Community. “The garden was a family effort. As I got older, I started helping with the canning process. My Mother and Grandmothers are the ones who taught me to can. This was a skill I was taught so I would be able to help feed my family as I grew up. As an adult I have always had a garden and canned.”

Her favorite things to can are tomatoes, corn, green beans, pickles, apples, peaches, and several kinds of jams and jellies. She most enjoys growing strawberries, tomatoes, kale, many different kinds of herbs, blueberries, and flowers including Cleome, Purslane, Impatiens, and roses.

“I enjoy being outside planting those tiny seeds and watching them grow into big productive plants. The best reward of canning is opening a jar you have canned and know you made this food.”

Another reward from their labor of love has been winning numerous ribbons at the North



Sharon Braswell-Zern, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and her husband, Leidy Zern, won a total of 29 ribbons at this year’s N.C. Mountain State Fair for their gardening, canning, and honey exhibits. (Photo contributed)

Carolina Mountain State Fair. For this year’s Fair they took home 29 ribbons including 16 first-place, 7 second-place, and 6 third-place. Over the years, she and her husband have won literally hundreds of ribbons in the Fair.

Also at this year’s Fair, the couple won Best in Show for their canned peaches; three Judge’s Choice Awards for their peach jam, muscadine grape jelly, and muscadine grape juice.

Another of their loves is beekeeping which they have been doing for five years. Sharon noted, “My daughter-in-law saw an advertisement for a cost-free bee school offered by the McDowell County Bee Club and suggested we sign up, which we did. After the course and passing the tests, I became a North Carolina State

Beekeepers Association (NCSBA) Certified Beekeeper. We started with two hives in the spring of 2019. Today, we have 11 hives which produced 350 lbs. of honey this year.”

They sell products from their home through the NCSBA Certified Honey Producers Program. At this year’s Mountain State Fair, they won a first-place ribbon for their frame of Capped Honey, Honey Body Balm, and Dark Honey (Tulip Poplar) and a second-place ribbon for their Light Honey (Sourwood).

All of this takes them where they want to be most – nature. “I feel when you plant a garden you get back to nature. You learn patience as you wait for your garden to produce,” said Sharon. “You learn to nurture those plants. Then

you feel pride when that garden produces fruits and vegetables. Keeping bees is very interesting and beneficial to the environment as pollinators. All our food is pollinated by bees and other pollinators such as butterflies.”

The Zerns are both retired from working in manufacturing plants. “We enjoy taking a trip to the beach. We enjoy relaxing by a campfire. We are active members in two bee clubs. I volunteer at my daughter-in-law’s school helping the first graders with reading and going on field trips with them. We enjoy taking a hike in the woods. We are kept busy taking care of our mini farm. Most of all, we enjoy spending time together and with our family.”



Cherokee High School Homecoming

Cherokee High School held its Homecoming Festivities at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Friday, Sept. 29. Laura Martinez (second from right), a senior from the Big Cove Community, was named Homecoming Queen. She was escorted by Breydan Ensley (right), a senior from the Wolfstown Community. Waushila "Iya" Grant (left), a junior from the Birdtown Community, was named Homecoming Maid of Honor. She was escorted by Savian Davis (second from left), a junior from the Painttown Community. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Fort Loudoun State Park

Fuel assistance for EBCI seniors

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

Things to remember:

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

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

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- Cherokee Senior Citizens Program

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you to Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

To the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund,

My name is Noah Hicks, and I am currently

enrolled at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, working towards my Master of Business Administration degree. I am in my final semester of my studies and am looking to graduate in December 2023. I would like to express my gratitude to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for selecting me as a recipient for the Fall semester to help fund part of my educational expenses for my program. This scholarship will not only help me, but other Cherokee students that are pursuing various graduate school programs and degrees.

My experience at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and the ProMBA program has not only broadened my business knowledge but has

also helped me grow as a leader through encouraging me to view situations from a different perspective than I would have previously. It has always been a goal of mine to pursue higher education beyond the undergraduate level, and the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund has contributed to my accomplishment of this goal.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for this opportunity and the generosity of the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for their support in my graduate school studies.

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MISSING PERSON

Branden Nez

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Last contact: February 9, 2022

Last Known Location: Phoenix,
Arizona

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Branden walked away from the home he was living after he was denied a cigarette. He has not been seen or heard from since.

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OBITUARIES

Eva Katherine "Kat" Taylor

Eva Katherine "Kat" Taylor, age 71, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, in Cherokee. She was born on March 18, 1952, in Cherokee. Eva, a remarkable soul, bid farewell to this world, leaving behind a legacy of love and laughter.

Eva was preceded in death by her later Mother and Father, Emma Squirrel Taylor and Timpson Taylor. Eva, lovingly known as the "Bingo Queen", had a smile that could brighten even the gloomiest of days. Her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy, and she cherished every moment spent with them.

She is survived by her daughters, Carly Johnson (KC) and Erin

Shuler (Stephen); her son, Erik Taylor; and a whole bunch of lovely grandchildren, Taylor (Corey), Rayray, Xixi, Eeve, Andii, Ashton, Awee, Collin, Izzy, and Gus; great-grandchildren, Dahvie, Bella, Choog, and Ayosgi.

Eva's heart overflowed with love for her family. She also leaves behind her sisters, Louise (Butch), Bear, Goose (Bunt), Trina (Gary), Helen; her brothers, Reuben, Goliath (Shirley), Enos (Delores), who were always up for a good laugh.

In addition to her parents, Eva was preceded in death by her brothers, Collins, Richard, Fred, Frank, Lee; sister, June; and also her daughter, Phoenix Johnson, whom she missed very much. When she wasn't busy being a superhero grandma, Eva dedicated almost 30 years of her life to the

Cherokee Dental Clinic, where she made sure everyone's smiles were as bright as hers. She had a way of making even the toughest dental procedures feel like a walk in the park. In her free time, Eva could be found shouting "Bingo!" with her special niece, Lena, or cheering on her grandkids from the sidelines of their sports games. She knew how to have fun and never missed an opportunity to bring joy to those around her.

Eva Katherine Taylor's departure is a bittersweet moment, for a while we mourn the loss of her vibrant spirit, we also celebrate a life filled with love, laughter and the occasional remixes of her songs with her own lyrics. Her spirit will forever dance in our hearts and memories.

A formal funeral service was

held on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at Long House Funeral Home with Pastor Foreman Bradley officiating. Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Betty Sue Feather Durance

Betty Sue Feather Durance went to her heavenly home on Monday, Sept. 25, 2023, after an extended illness. Betty was a daughter of the late Jonah and Minnie Smith Feather.

Betty was preceded in death by her companion of 32 years, Ronald Lambert; siblings, Dave Feather, Julia Ann Feather, Nancy Feather, Joe Feather, Mary Lou Taylor; grandson, Dillion Willson; nephew, Dwayne Bird; and a stepson, James Lee Murphy.

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I leave for my morning run around 6:00 a.m. and finish my morning run around 7:30 a.m. I leave for my afternoon run around 3:10 p.m. and finish the afternoon run around 4:00 p.m. Plus, 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: I love my job with the CBC! I love getting all my children on my school bus from home to school and from school to home safely. All my children on my school bus are like a garden, they grow and become more beautiful every day. I have always dreamed of driving a CBC school bus since childhood.

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Betty made her way in life as a factory worker at Bigelow Sanford working the third shift in Belton, S.C. for 20 years to raise her children until she retired. In her later years, she worked at Paul's Dinner as a waitress until she became dis-

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Casandra Marie Tolley, 33, of Cherokee passed away Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023.

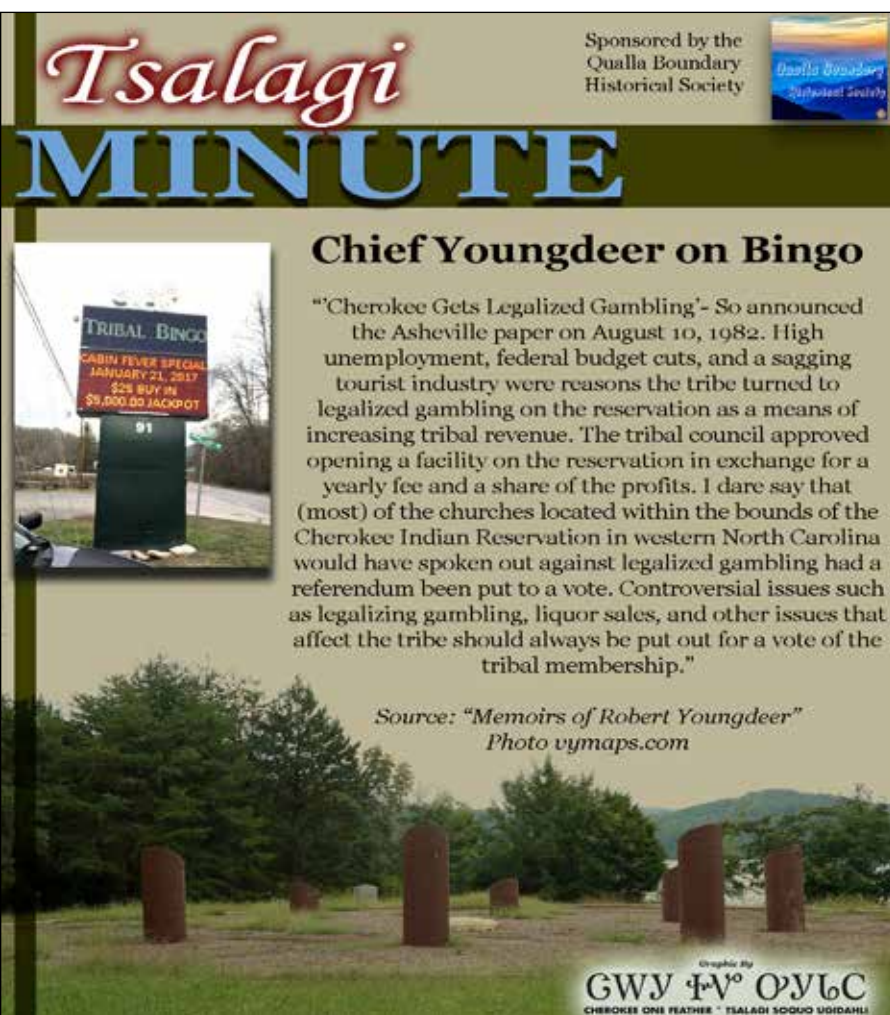
The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28 at Crisp Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at Birdtown Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jerry Michael Jenkins, Oscar Martinez, Angel Palma, and Jack Lambert.

Ricky Lee Ward, age 53, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023.

Ricky is preceded in death by his son, Evan William Ward; father, Jack Perry Ward; brothers, Timothy Jamie Ward, Michael Anthony Ward; sister, Victory Angialenia Anderson; and maternal grandmother, Rosie Owl Marler.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final ar-

Honorary Pallbearers were Tyler Ledford, Jack Parton, Dickie Barker, Billy Ray Woodard, and Sylvester Crowe.



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Life Coaching

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Mediterranean Mondays

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Tai chi for Arthritis and balance

Classes on Wednesdays and Fridays. Wednesdays 10am at Cherokee Choices. Fridays 9-10am seated Tai Chi and 10-11am standing Tai chi. Fridays classes will be held at the Ginger Lynn Welch Gym. All ages are welcomed. Contact Yolanda Saunooke

Peaceful WARRIORS Afterschool Youth Program

Oct. 11, 2023-Nov. 15, 2023 Wednesdays 3:30-4:45pm

Join Cherokee Choices Yoga and Tai Chi instructor Yolanda in a weekly in-person afterschool class. Each class will focus on nutrition, life skills and physical activity (primarily yoga and tai chi) for a healthier lifestyle. sign-ups are required to attend. ages to attend are 8-11.

POUND

Get your cardio and strength training all in one! For all fitness levels. Use a set of rip sticks (drumsticks) to work out to each song. Classes will be held on Fridays at 12 and Tuesdays at 12 beginning October 10, 2023 in the Cherokee Choices Community room. For more info contact April or Tori

Women's Strength Training

Begins October 9th at 12pm. 4 week series will run October 9th-30th. All levels welcome. Contact Shelby to sign up.

Circle of Security Parenting class

8-week program begins Tuesday, October 10th 5:30-7pm. Dinner and incentives provided. Space is limited RSVP by October 5th to sign up. Led by Rob Stokely with Analenisgi. Circle of Security© is based on years of research about how to build a strong relationship with your children. It is designed to help you learn how to respond to your child's needs in a way that enhances your connection with him/her, which often leads to changes in the child's behavior. It helps parents give their children a feeling of security and confidence so they can explore, learn, grow, and build positive relationships - all essential for life-long success! Contact Shelby to sign up

Yoga

Beginner Yoga Therapeutics Tuesday 12:00-12:45: Great for all levels focuses on the breath, flexibility, and yoga for neck, shoulders, hips & back.

Gentle Yoga Flow & Meditation

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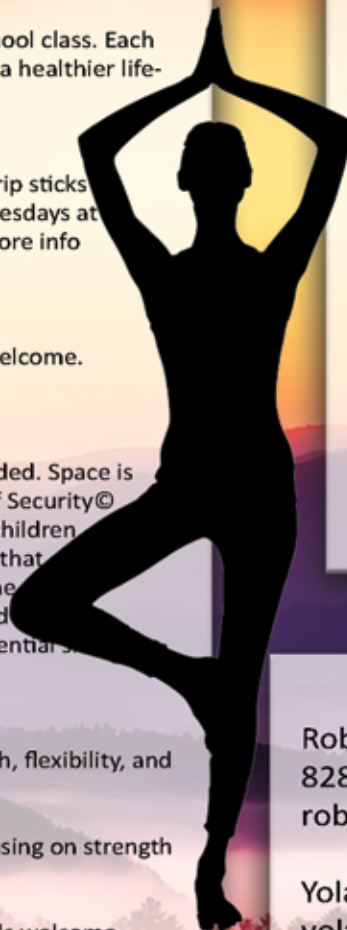
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constitution article by article, went before the Tribal Council to seek to put the constitution and its adoption as the governing document on the 2023 ballot for a referendum decision for the people, Tribal Council quickly discussed and then voted, unanimously, to put the question to the people. Again, many of the representatives said that they were not endorsing the constitution, but the right of the people to choose their governance. Once again, it looked like the people would be able to choose their own destiny and direction of their future. But not so fast.

Remember that the term limit questions had already been approved over a year before the constitution was brought to the Council for consideration. Keep in mind that throughout the constitution writing process, input was sought but not brought from the government attorneys. That is, not until the referendum question was passed by the Tribal Council. It was at that point a campaign began to dismantle the vote of the Council. The Attorney General staff (acting in its official capacity) and members of the Tribal Court (not acting in their official capacities) met with the Constitution Committee and Community Club Council and urged them to jointly ask the Council to rescind the constitution referendum resolution because of alleged catastrophic damage that it would do to the governing structure of the tribe. A proposal that just a month earlier was so innocuous that it didn't merit a look from government officials was suddenly the most dangerous document in the land. The passing of the referendum question prompted a counter piece of legislation to throw out the constitution and replace it with changes to the existing Charter, a

document that is admittedly more to the legal department's liking. It is simple, flexible, and free of civil rights.

Now this hubbub came to pass all because the Tribal Council decided a very positive thing. They decided that these were things that were big enough, important enough, to ask the people if they were the right things to do. Were all the representatives in favor of term limits? Definitely not. Were all the representatives in favor of the Constitution? Decidedly not. But they all, unanimously, said that they believed in the right of the people to vote. That is, until they didn't. With the legal department and a special interest group in Chambers bombarding the Tribal Council with the message that the sky was falling, the Tribal Council not only reversed themselves on allowing a referendum vote on the constitution but did away with the term questions that had been approved for the ballot for nearly two years. And poof, just like that, the people's opportunity to choose was unchosen for them. And yes, this too was ratified by the Principal Chief.

Cherokee Code 161.9.a.b.-A referendum is the people's ability to refer newly enacted law by petition, from the legislation to the ballot for final approval. Referendum shall mean the submission of a proposed public measure or actual statute to a direct actual vote. No rationale was offered for the removal of the term questions. One representative said that the term questions, like the constitution question, seemed too "last minute". They may not have understood that the legislation had been approved twice nearly two years ago. Either that, or we differ greatly on the concept of last minute. Now, what survived the reversals

was two referendum questions on consumables - namely, liquor and cannabis. One question asked us about our agreement of mixed drinks for Cherokee businesses, extending what is already available at the casino. The other question could have approved adult use applications of cannabis, adult use including medical and recreational applications.

Cherokee Code 161.9.c.11 states, "The outcome of the referendum vote, if it has met the minimum threshold of voters, shall be certified by the Board of Elections and shall be deemed a binding action or law duly passed and ratified by the Principal Chief. Any decision made by referendum vote cannot be overturned unless there is another referendum."

The September 2023 referendum vote met the minimum voter threshold. Certification is not a problem. What is a problem is the wording of the questions themselves.

Each question starts with language typical of a survey question, not a directive or initiative. "Do you support..." prefaces each question. And while possible actions are suggested by the questions, there is no clear instruction to the government to do anything. "Do you support" basically means "I am in favor of you doing...". Had the question started "Do you direct...", it would have meant "I direct you to do...".

So, what we had were survey questions, not referendums. Members of the tribal legal establishment have all but confirmed it. After the election results were released, people were asking if the yes majority vote on the cannabis meant that recreational use of cannabis made legal. The question was so prevalent in the community that the Attorney General issued

a press release, stating, in part, "Since election day, a common question has been whether or not the referendum automatically legalized adult-use marijuana. It did not. The effect of the referendum is that it shows support for legalization among the majority of voters. Tribal Council is the Tribe's lawmaking body. Any changes to Tribal law will have to be made by Tribal Council."

The way the questions were worded, there is nothing legally binding about either.

Which is probably fitting. These two issues could have been easily decided by our Tribal Council without a referendum. Sure, it is nice to be asked, but to be asked in such a way that the preference of the people may legally be ignored is disingenuous to the community. Where was all the legal scrutiny that came to bear on the previous questions, the questions that would have really made substantive change for our people? There must be a better structure for referendum law. If there is ever a constitution for our tribe, civil rights will be a critical piece of it. But for now, we must fight for the privileges afforded by resolutions and ordinances. Not rights. Privileges. The difference? That definitive language like "...cannot be overturned unless there is another referendum." In other words, your will cannot be overturned by any government body. That would be a right. The problem? The language resides in an ordinance; an ordinance that may be overturned by a vote of a government body. That makes what would be a right, a privilege, subject to change by someone other than you, the community. That is the way it is for the majority of our laws. And for as long as we are willing to accept it, that is the way it will be.



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EDITORIAL

Make it law that the tribal flag flies equally with the U.S. flag

By CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER
EDITORIAL BOARD

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The tribal flag of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) flies outside of the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex – the building where the office of the Cherokee One Feather is located. But, that flag flies below the United States flag in a position of subservience.

The EBCI flag isn't put in that position by U.S. governmental officials. The EBCI flag is put there by the tribal government.

According to the United States Flag Code Section 7(g), "When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be approximately equal in size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace."

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a sovereign nation. Fly the flags at the same height.

This should be put into the Cherokee Code via ordinance. Currently, there is absolutely nothing in the Cherokee Code regarding the proper display of the EBCI tribal flag. There is a little-known resolution that was passed 15 years ago that outlines flag procedure during a funeral.

On Aug. 7, 2008, Tribal Council passed Res. No. 471 (2008) which outlines the Protocol for Flag Presentation as presented by EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson, and this should



The flags of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the United States of America fly on a flagpole outside of a tribal building on the morning of Thursday, Sept. 28. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

also be put into the Cherokee Code.

It reads as follows:

"Color Guard or Flag presenters shall be in traditional Cherokee dress. There shall be three flag presenters, one to carry the flag and two to unfold.

1. Flag carriers shall walk in front of the two folders to the podium in military fashion. Wait three seconds.
2. Carriers and folders will then turn left, facing the audience. Wait three seconds.
3. Carrier will hand the flag to the folders to his/her right. Wait three seconds.
4. Folders will begin to unfold the flag. At each unfold, folder to the

- right will call out in the Cherokee language the Clans: Anikawi, Anitsigwa, Anigilohi, Aniwodi, Aniwaya, Anigodigewi, Anisahoni.
5. Hold unfolded flag for three seconds facing the audience before refolding. As the flag is refolded, folder on the left will call out the Clans in the Cherokee language, wait three seconds.
6. Left folder will hand the flag to the Carrier who will then pass it to the Chairman of Tribal Council, who will then present it to the family of the deceased former Tribal Council Representative or former Principal Chief or Vice Chief. Remain standing until comments are concluded.
7. Carrier will then step in front of

the folders.

8. Folder on the right will call sgigwo nusdesdi, and the three will march out in military fashion. If the family of the deceased wishes to have the coffin draped with the tribal flag, all five steps will be taken, and then folders will drape the coffin."

Developing a flag code for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians would not only ensure proper treatment of the tribal colors but would also facilitate a great display of tribal sovereignty. Flags of other nations do not fly their colors below that of another nation. Why would the EBCI be any different?

LETTER

The NCGA's loss is the EBCI's gain

With Governor Roy Cooper agreeing to, but not signing the State Budget, the NCGA (North Carolina General Assembly) can now begin to close shop for the 2023 legislative session. There are still several bills the GOP will push through with their supermajority control during these final days. SB3, The Compassionate Care Act, will not be one of those bills.

Despite it passing the NC Senate twice, the House GOP caucus refuses to give it the majority votes it needs to be considered for a committee hearing. The additional votes needed to pass it through the GOP caucus are a battle that can still be fought in 2024, but

it will be against the same opponents. Combined with the stress of an election year it is not likely their stance on cannabis will change by then.

Even if SB3 gets brought back to life in 2024 and passes the House, there's still the projected "rollout" period. The conservative estimate from the bill's two main sponsors, Senators Rabon and Lowe, is two to four years to install the infrastructure needed for a medicinal program.

That leaves a 2- to 4-year period of continued cannabis prohibition in North Carolina. The compassion to open their program to all qualifying North Carolina residents over the age of 21 allows the EBCI to turn the NCGA's loss into their gain. People will travel for hours, and plan monthly vacations around their trips to the

dispensary, all to purchase legal cannabis for medicinal and recreational needs.

This immense customer base, in addition to no competition, will allow the EBCI Cannabis program to grow to heights only achieved by a few other entities in the cannabis industry so far. There's also the cannabis tourism industry to consider. An industry that has brought tremendous social and economic prosperity to legal states, and one of the EBCI will be the creators and sole benefactors here in North Carolina.

Will the State try to fight against this? The Stop the Pot Act is a sign of what's to come. Thankfully it doesn't have the support to move forward, making their 10 percent withholding of federal funds to federally recognized tribes just an empty threat.

There will be more attempts made, despite the current polls showing that 82 percent of North Carolina residents are in favor of cannabis legalization. For some GOP members in the NCGA, preventing cannabis legalization of any kind in North Carolina will be the hill they die on politically.

For too long in North Carolina, cannabis patients have been forced to die in the dark. Kept out of the light by a wall erected by the NCGA, fortified by decades of misinformation and outdated beliefs. Thankfully the EBCI has chosen to tear down that wall, and finally allow those dying in the dark to feel the sun on their face again.

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COMMENTARY

Breaking their oath: The doctors who fuel the opioid crisis

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**

One Feather Reporter

Our community is plagued by the opioid crisis. This is not news. We all know. We've seen young people dying on the street. Kids. Kids we used to know. Kids we used to coach, teach or raise. Kids we used to play with or go to after school with. Kids we looked at with promise and expectation. Now we look on as an EMT pumps their chest on the side of the road. Now we read their obituaries.

Needles scatter our grocery store parking lots and our children's play areas. We post pictures on Facebook to alert each other. We walk through our community like we're walking through a battlefield full of landmines.

Various tribal entities, including the Cherokee Indian Police Department, have made great strides in eliminating the drugs poisoning the veins of our community. They do all they can, but there is a more insidious monster on the outskirts of our community. A wolf in sheep's clothing.

Doctors.

There are, of course, good doctors. We have incredible doctors and nurses who help those with substance use disorders, who continue to treat them with care, even when we leave them because we've had enough.

But there are bad doctors. Evil doctors. Doctors who prey on our community because they know they can. Doctors who give our people inhumanely high scripts,

leaving us to detox our sick in our own hospital. Doctors who take an oath to prevent disease but are fueling a deep sickness in our community. They are angels of death, and they are killing our people.

We have a police department that is dedicated and unafraid to battle this sickness. We have people with substance use disorders who are fighting for their life. People in recovery who are advocating for our community. Organizations dedicated to rehabilitation and behavioral treatment. Social workers who face the consequences and aftermath of addiction daily. We need to do our part in recognizing the monsters in the shadows, facing them head-on and refusing to let them continue to kill our people under the guise of medicine.

We know good medicine and we know bad medicine. This is bad medicine.

If you know of malpractice, keep a record, and file a complaint. You can file anonymously with the North Carolina Medical Board or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

COMMENTARY

Swain County: Shortest Life Expectancy in North Carolina

By **ELAINE SLOCUMB, RN, Ph.D.**

Bryson City

Did you know that Swain County has the shortest life expectancy in the state? In 2022 the average life expectancy in Swain County was 70.6 years. For comparison, the statewide average was 77.7 years, 7.1 years longer than Swain. Of the 100 counties in NC,

Swain County also ranked low in general health outcomes (96th) and health-related quality of life (80th).

These findings were gathered and reported by a trustworthy source, The University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/reports/2022-county-health-rankings-national-findings-report>). But it is also fair to argue that statistics do not tell the whole story. You may be asking yourself – But why so low?

I volunteered for eight years at the Swain County Caring Corner, the free clinic that was located in the Restoration House in Bryson City. That experience taught me so much about the heart and resilience of our mountain community. And as a nurse with advanced education, at the clinic, I was able to see beyond textbooks and statistics and feel the human toll of not having access to regular health/dental care. Here are just a few examples - a snapshot of who we treated: people with severe diabetes who were unable to afford insulin, syringes, or blood sugar home testing...those with high blood pressure or kidney disease after years of undiagnosed high blood pressure...folks with unbearable pain from decaying/loose teeth...individuals with mental health such as depression or anxiety (sometimes complicated by self-medication with alcohol or substances) who were struggling to stay alive. We all know these people – they work in our local businesses, and they are our neighbors, friends, and family members. Perhaps they're someone like you.

Clearly, there are many factors that produced the outcomes reported in the study and those we treated in the clinic. Is it

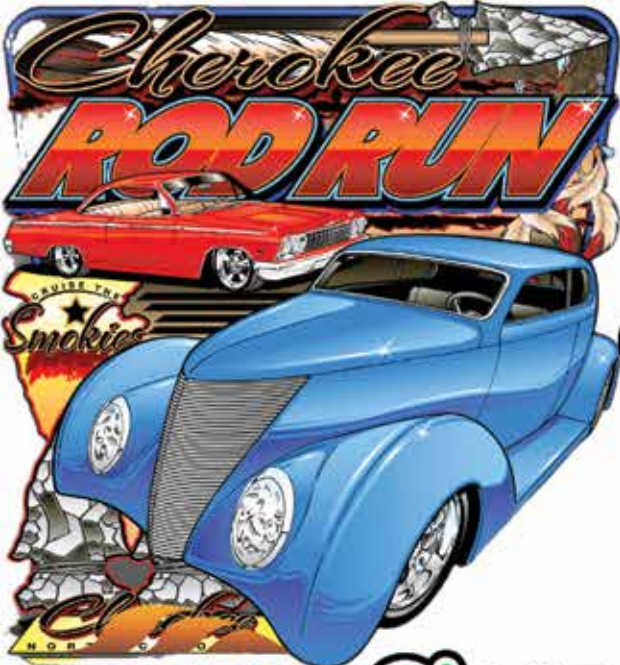
mainly about low income or lack of health insurance? Has it got to do with poor nutrition and a high rate of food insecurity? Are there not enough local doctors, dentists, nurse practitioners, and mental health professionals? What about smoking or alcohol use? Is it related to drugs or homelessness? Does it have something to do with not having a full-service hospital or mental health services in our county? Are rates of heart and lung disease higher here than in other counties? Do people need more education about health (known as health literacy)? The questions are nearly endless.

I am a member of a group called Indivisible Swain. Our mission is to engage in peaceful, persistent discussions with government officials and others to act for the common good. To that end, we have been planning two free programs. The first event is a Health Forum/Discussion to be held on Oct. 12 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the County Commission Board Room in the Administration Building. The second event will be a Health Fair on Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bryson City United Methodist Church. The public is invited to attend one or both of the events.

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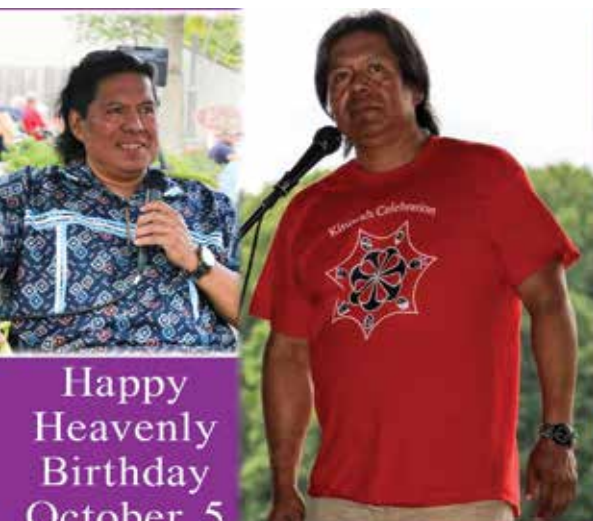


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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Sanctification: Depending totally on God changes lives

By TIMOTHY L. MELTON

Pastor of Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church
(Transcribed by Myra Colgate)

References: 2 Timothy 2:21, Galatians 2:20,
1 Peter 3:15, Hebrews 10:38, 11:6, 1 Thessalo-
nians 6:23

I have set myself apart for God. If a person has set themselves apart for God, suddenly, the things of this world shouldn't bother us. They just seem to fly by. It isn't going to wreck one's day because there's a God in Heaven who's already doing most all for us. One begins to realize our economy isn't just the number of dollar bills in one's pocket, but it's also some of the riches of God's Glory. My healing isn't by the doctor or what he or she knows, my healing is by Jesus' stripes He was given. He's sitting at the Right Hand of God the Father. How do I know all of this, one asks? He has set me apart. Purge yourselves and one becomes vessels of honor. Sanctified and met for the Master's use. He will take hold of a person and begin to use them, granted with power and authority. Does one want to become useful in the powerful hand of God? He had prepared people for every good work. That means some of us have been looking around and have been saying, "Why doesn't God use me for this?" Could it be it's because one isn't ready for that work yet? Here's what He said, "When one starts getting sanctified, then, I start preparing them for every good work."

What does this tell me? It tells me I'm not alone. There's a God who's willing to help get it done! I'm very glad! I've been working all these years. My wife can say, "I'm better than I've ever been, but I've still got a way to go. I'm not trying to do this all by myself and hoping to remain blameless."

In Galatians 2:20; "I have died to myself. I am crucified with Christ, yet I still live." When one hears "Christ" think "Anointed". It turns out it's no longer me, but Christ who lives in me. Who is Christ? When one hears Christ,

hear Anointed, Jesus, the Anointed One. Putting something in a vessel, we wouldn't want to give anyone just an empty chocolate box with no chocolates in it. It's not me, but the Anointing inside of me! It's God in me. I live by the Faith of the Son of God. If I take another step, it's because He ordained it. If I get out of bed, it's because He woke me up.

What about those who don't serve the Lord? They take steps and they get out of bed? Yes, they do, by the grace of God. Do you know while one is still dead in sin, the devil still tried to kill you, and yet, you didn't die? Your own testimony is powerful. Don't ever be ashamed of your yesterdays. I'm not ashamed of what I was. I'm not proud of it, but I am not ashamed of it. Do you know why? It's because I was still a sinner, and I did what sinners do. I sinned until Jesus came along and turned it all around. I am now a saint of the Most High God.

I didn't say that about me. He said about me, and you. You're a vessel of honor. The Bible talks about vessels of dishonor, when one lives like hell, but God's not calling us to live that way.

The world has dumped all this garbage on the inside of people. I lived that way long enough. Through sanctification God can take a vessel that nobody cared about. But God now has turned it all around. His Glory is poured out on the inside of you and God says, "You, I can use! I can use you everywhere and I can use you unto every good work! Why? Because you are full of His Glory! He's giving you opportunities to house His Glory! He loves you! Did He not say your body is the Temple of the Lord? Whether or not you feel like it. You are the Temple of the Lord. Wherever one goes, the presence of the Lord goes with you. Sanctify yourselves and all the promises of God become yours.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. And the king gave a great banquet, Esther's banquet, for all his nobles and officials.

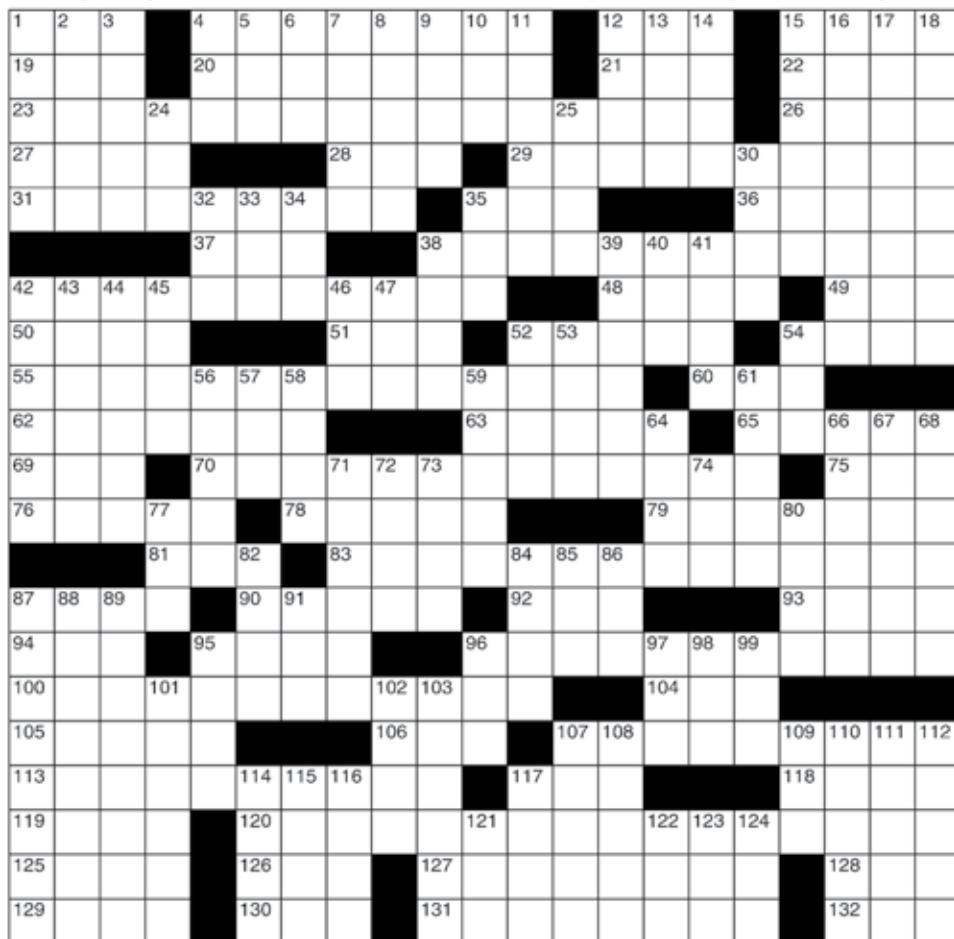
ESTHER 2: 17-18

Detail of "Queen Esther" by Edwin Long (1879)



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 12 Recede
 15 Sporty car roof feature
 19 "Just — expected!"
 20 "Babes in Toyland," e.g.
 21 What "U" may mean
 22 — Ridge (1972 Kentucky Derby winner)
 23 Birds for Yuletide dinners
 26 Some Pac-12 players
 27 Some antique autos
 28 Fr. woman with a halo
 29 Cuddly crib toys
 31 Letter holders
 35 Irritate
 36 Post office scale unit
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 38 Vegetable pizza toppings
 42 Polling place containers
 48 Feels ill
 49 Weep audibly
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 54 Guessing game for kids
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 78 "—: Battle Angel" (2019 action film)
 79 Grilled corned beef sandwiches
 81 "Yes" vote
 83 Things hanging from rims
 87 Put into a snug spot
 90 Base before home
- 92 Oahu gift
 93 As straight as — (totally honest)
 94 Year, in Portuguese
 95 Speller's clarifying words
 96 Sewing kit accessories
 100 Chicks awaiting meals have them
 104 "16 Olympics host city
 105 "— a Letter to My Love"
 106 "Milk" director
 107 Bellhops' burdens
 113 Hard or soft Tex-Mex items
 117 Exhaust
 118 Socko review
 119 "Sure, sure!"
 120 Fact about 12 long answers in this puzzle
 125 100%, in Germany
 126 Winery cask
 127 People prettifying
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 129 Shopkeeper Oleson on "Little House on the Prairie"
- 130 Hi-tech organizer
 131 Currently
 132 Cereal grass
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 35 U.S. tax org.
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 43 Numerous ballet
 44 Rakish guy
 45 Body of water
 46 Night hooter
 47 Losing row in tic-tac-toe
 52 Zipcar owner
 53 Hotel stock
 54 Debt slip
 56 Thin-toned
 57 White — sheet
 58 "— girl!"
 59 "Wicked Game" singer
 61 City in Iraq
 64 City in India
 66 Big name in tight trunks
 67 "The Adventures of —" (2011 Spielberg film)
 68 Lips off to
 71 White rat, say
 72 Tale twearer
 73 War vet's affliction, for short
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 88 Of no avail
 89 Color-sensitive retina part
 91 That chap
 95 Song and dance
 96 Measures of acidity
 97 Geller of psychic acts
 98 Grab a chair
 99 Ad —
 101 \$1,000 bills, informally
 102 Unpretty
 103 From Florence, e.g.
 107 Israeli native
 108 Overturn
 109 Pooch's bark
 110 Less perilous
 111 Each and —
 112 Bog plant
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 115 Israel's Barak
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 123 Give it a go
 124 Navy inits.



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

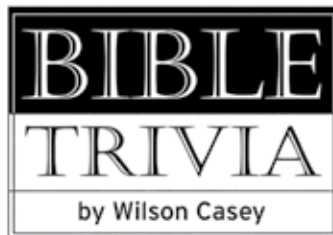
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Abimelech in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 15:5, Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the ..." *Water, Wind, Tree, Branches*
3. According to Paul, what kind of giver does God love? *Loving, Generous, Cheerful, Reluctant*
4. What wicked queen wanted to kill the prophet Elijah? *Athaliah, Herodias, Maachah, Jezebel*
5. From Exodus 13, who was Moses' personal servant? *Joshua, Zilpah, Gehazi, Elisha*
6. Which of these describes Amos the prophet? *Priest, Herdsman, Carpenter, Fisherman*

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1. TELEVISION: Which TV cartoon show featured a Great Dane as part of the mystery-solving team?
2. MOVIES: Which 1970s movie's tagline is, "You'll never go in the water again"?
3. HISTORY: What was the nickname for American soldiers in WWI?
4. MEDICAL TERMS: What is dysphonia?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many state capitals are named after U.S. presidents?
6. ANATOMY: What part of the brain controls language and hearing?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in metathesiophobia?
8. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries are in the United Kingdom?
9. FOOD & DRINK: What are the two main ingredients in a meringue?
10. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to General Sherman, a sequoia more than 2,000 years old?

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

UPCOMING POW WOWS

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

Redding Rancheria Stillwater Pow Wow. Oct. 6-8 at the Redding Rodeo Grounds in Redding, Calif.
 Info: Louise Davis (530) 440-9137 or

Michael Kelly (530) 242-4511

9th Annual Harvest Moon Intertribal Pow Wow. Oct. 7-8 at the Cooper County Fairgrounds in Boonville, Mo. MC: Bill Branson. Host Drum: Young Bucks. Host Northern Drum: Big Soldier Creek. Info: Pam Arth (660) 621-2506, harvestmoonintertribal@gmail.com

Rappahannock Pow Wow. Oct. 7-8 in King George, Va. MC: Dennis Zotigh. Host Drum: Stoney Creek. Info: Reese Fortune at rappahannockpowwow@gmail.com

Berkeley's 31st Annual Indigenous Peoples Day Pow Wow Celebration. Oct. 7 at MLK Civic Center Park in Berkeley, Calif. Emcees: Randy Pico and Aurora Ma-

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ideas earn the respect of your colleagues. But, you'll have to present some hard facts and figures if you hope to persuade those who make the big decisions to support you.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep those bright Bull's eyes focused on the project at hand. Avoid distractions. There'll be lots of time for fun and games later. Expect to get welcome news this weekend.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You soon might have to decide about moving a relationship from its current status to another level. Don't let anyone influence your decision. It must be yours and yours alone.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You finally can get off that emotional roller coaster and get back to focusing on your goals without interruptions through the rest of the week. A nice change is due by the weekend.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Trying to make an impression on some people runs into a bit of a snag at first, but it all works out. An old and almost forgotten personal matter once again needs attention.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A rise in your energy level helps you finish an especially demanding task. Take some time now to spend with family and friends before starting a new project.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good time to re-establish contact with trusted former associates who might be able to offer good advice regarding that career change you've been contemplating.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your resourcefulness combined with a calm, cool approach help you work your way out of a knotty situation, and avoid a potentially serious misunderstanding.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A calm, quiet period allows you to recharge your energies. But, you'll soon be ready to saddle up and gallop off in pursuit of your goals.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family matters need your attention. Check things out carefully. There still might be unresolved tensions that could hinder your efforts to repair damaged relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to take a stand and show as much passion on your own behalf as you do when arguing for the rights of others. You might be happily surprised by the reaction.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You bring sense and sensitivity to a confusing situation. Things soon settle down, leaving you free to enjoy a weekend of fun and relaxation with friends and family.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a talent for being able to perceive possibilities where others only see problems.

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by Freddy Groves

VA to Tackle Care for Long COVID

The Department of Veterans Affairs has just published "Whole Health System Approach to Long COVID," a holistic guidebook for the treatment of veterans suffering with long COVID. It's estimated that 2% of the U.S. population will develop long COVID, which equates to 24,000 to 42,000 veterans.

The VA was the first to realize that recovering from COVID didn't mean it was gone, that a long version was emerging, bringing with it extended illnesses. They opened 20 long COVID programs and dug into research where they looked at those who still had vascular and heart disease a year after the original COVID.

The program is a multipronged whole-health approach, with an individual plan at the heart of each patient's treatment wherein medical staff can assess and manage the symptoms and direct treatment as the patient needs.

In the guidebook there are guides for each facet, from signs and symptoms to treatment recommendations (tinyurl.com/3r8xvthf). There is also an assessment with 31 questions.

To read more about the VA's approach, check their COVID page at tinyurl.com/4kyrhv6y. A factsheet can be found at tinyurl.com/bdfm8ha2.

In addition, the government has the National Research Action Plan on Long COVID (www.covid.gov/longcovid). Scroll through the 85-page document to see what the government is doing and click on the study links to see what researchers are doing and have discovered.

You'll see that when it comes to an actual definition, the Food and Drug Administration, National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization and the VA have differing opinions about just what constitutes long COVID. To make matters more complicated, not everyone calls it by the same name. Mostly it's patients, some researchers and Wikipedia that call it "long COVID." NIH, for example, calls it "Post-acute Sequelae of SARS CoV-2 infection."

Remember: It's not over yet. Keep up the hand-washing. Ignore the 20-second rule and scrub for a full minute or more.

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Dog Balks at Eyedrops

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My dog is being prepared for corrective eye surgery, and has to be given special drops. However, Maisie won't hold still for me at all, and I can't get the drops in. What can I do? — Lauren, via email

DEAR LAUREN: Pets don't like being given medicine, and they really, really don't like getting eyedrops. Approaching Maisie head-on or holding the eye dropper directly over her eye will freak her out. Instead, keep her comfortable and unaware of the dropper until the very last moment. Here's how:

— Approach her from the side, and pet her into a sitting position, giving lots of praise. If she is a large dog, have a friend cradle her from the side or stand behind her, placing your legs behind her shoulders so she can't back up. If she is small, cradle her until she is calm.

— Cup one hand below Maisie's chin so you can gently lift her head upward.

— Quickly wipe the eyes clean using a damp cotton ball or cloth.

— Unscrew the eyedropper top or have a friend do it where Maisie can't see.

— Lift her head and gently tug down her lower eyelid.

— Bring the eye dropper up and hold it at an angle to the eye so it's close but not directly in her view.

— Gently tug her upper eyelid upward and quickly put a drop into the eye, being careful not to touch the eye.

— Repeat with the other eye.

— Wipe away excess medicine with a clean cotton ball.

— Give Maisie a treat right away — she deserves it!

For visual details, watch this video by VideoJug/Battersea Dogs & Cats Home: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8TtdwnPpzo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8TtdwnPpzo).

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

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mea. Host Northern Drum: All Nations Singers. Host Southern Drum: Aaron Bear & Company. Info: Gino Barichello (510) 595-5520, ragazzonativo@yahoo.com

Burns Paiute Tribe Pow Wow.

Oct. 13-14 at the Burns Paiute Reservation in Burns, Ore. Info: BptPowWow@burnspaiute-nsn.gov

Chukchansi Pow Wow.

Oct. 13-15 at the Chukchansi Gold Resort & Casino in Coarsegold, Calif. MC: Reuben Crowfeather. Host Northern Drum: Bad Soul. Host Southern Drum: Blazing Bear. Info: powwow-info@chukchansigold.com

Native American Heritage Celebration.

Oct. 13-14 at the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium in Springfield, Mo. MC: Shannon Leroy. Host Drum: Downing Creek. Info: American Indian Center of Springfield, Missouri (417) 880-1570, springfieldindiancenter1@gmail.com

5th Annual Thunder in the Mountains Native American Pow Wow.

Oct. 14-15 at Cantrells Ultimate Rafting in Fayetteville, W.V. Host Drum: Thunder Nation. Info: Buddy Aiken (681) 399-9265, wvseneca222@gmail.com

ENAEP's Annual Veteran's

Honoring Pow Wow. Oct. 14 at Juanita High School in Kirkland, Wash. MC: Arlie Neskani. Info: Lauren Nabahe (425) 900-7394, lnabahe@lswd.org

Native American Harvest Pow

Wow. Oct. 14-15 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton, Ill. Info: (773) 585-8613

16th Annual Auburn Big Time

Pow Wow. Oct. 14 at Gold Country Fairgrounds & Event Center in Auburn, Calif. MC: Steve Darden. Info: Jessica Ornelaz (530) 888-8767, jessicao@sierranativealliance.org

Rocky Mountain College Hon-

oring Our Communities Pow Wow. Oct. 14 at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont. MC: Tilton Old Bull Sr. Host Drum: Youngs Creek. Info: MC Native American Outreach (406) 657-1064, nao@rocky.edu

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

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

- Art Walk, Oct. 6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy streets filled with artists, shopping, dining, and entertainment. Info: Valley River Arts Guild

(828) 360-3038, vraginc@gmail.com

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

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

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

- Colors of Fall in Watercolor. Oct. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a regular class, suitable for adults. Teacher will bring real leaves to trace and paint, or bring your favorites. Info: Barbara McMillan (828) 557-5881, bmcmillan0927@gmail.com

- Clay Christmas Tree. Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ages 7 to 17. Children will use various methods of working with clay to create and decorate a clay Christmas tree. Info: Carolyn Garrison (813) 466-4014, cgarrison5@verizon.net

- Clay Christmas Tree. Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Ages 7 to 17. Children will use various methods of working with clay to create and decorate a clay Christmas tree. Info: Carolyn Garrison (813) 466-4014, cgarrison5@verizon.net

- Horse Portrait. Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is a MACkey



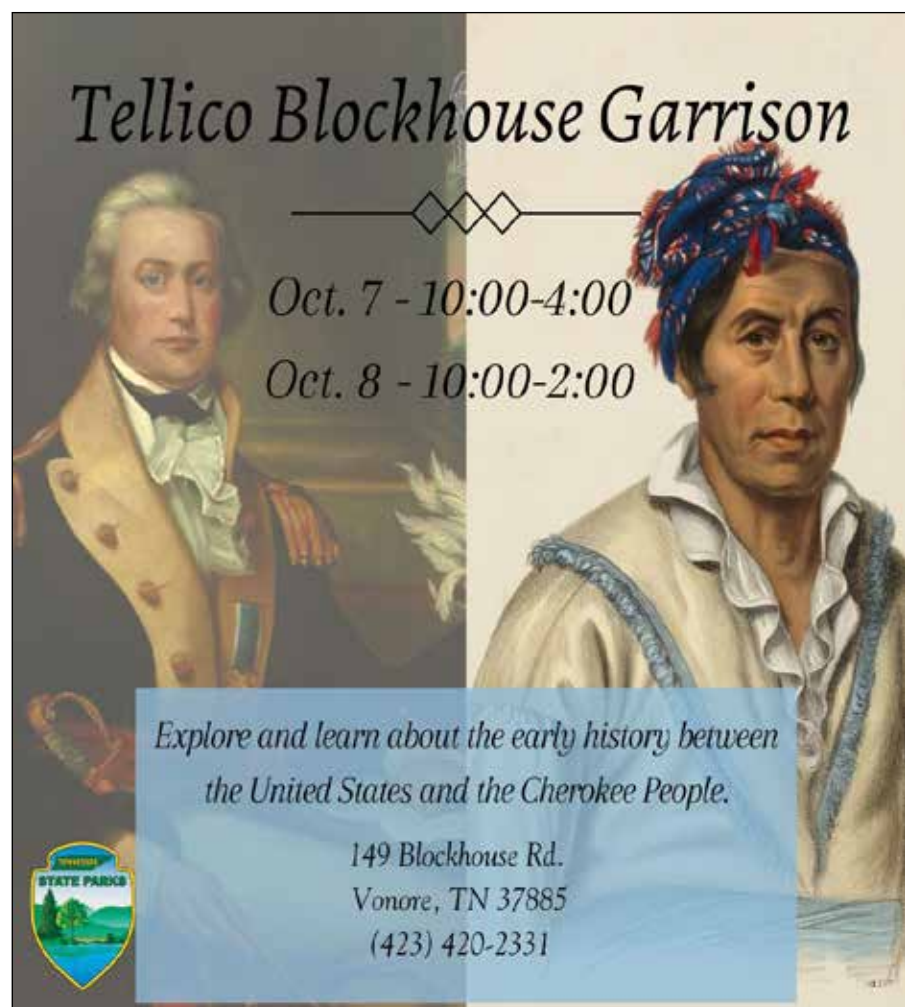
How do you say that in Cherokee?

SS SC-LO- DISP
Gadu gatsvtlanv agwaduli
I want frybread

ST-LO-LO J-LO-LO
Gahusdis tisani
Are you putting
something in the fair?

LO-LO-LO-LO-LO
Udvnvwadisgv
Parade

Photo Credit: Thomas French



Tellico Blockhouse Garrison

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

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

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

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

- Indigenous Peoples Day Festival. Oct. 9 at WCU Fountain. Tribal

foods, exhibitions, crafts, traditional retail, and more. Interested vendors and volunteers, call (828) 497-7920 to sign up

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

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

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

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

Info: WCU Cherokee Center (828) 497-7920

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting.

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

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

Swain County Democratic

Party meeting. Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. at the United Community Bank, 145 Slope St. in Bryson City, N.C. and via Zoom. Agenda will include discussion on community events and planning future activities. All are welcome. For more information or to request the Zoom link, call (828) 488-1234, email SwainCountyDems@gmail.com, or visit www.swaincountydems.com.

Dedication of America250 Marker for Nancy 'Nanyehi'

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



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*Enrollment Cards
*Social Security Cards
*Government ID's for non-EBCI adults
*Proof of all Gross Income
*Copy of recent Electric Bill
*Copy of Fuel Bill/Fuel Account Details
Custody/Placement/POA, where applicable
A friendly reminder from Family Support Services

Disabled EBCI Member Christmas Checks UPDATE

Apply at Family Support Services
73 Kaiser Wilnoty Rd.
Cherokee
Apply Oct. 2nd
Deadline Dec. 1st
Expect checks to be mailed 12/15
A friendly reminder from Family Support Services



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**

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 23-096
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
Farrell Edward Oocumma
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Norma Oocumma Davidson
P.O. Box 677

Cherokee, NC 28719
10/18

RFPs, BIDs, etc.

Request for Proposals

Project Title: Raven Fork Big Cove Stream Restoration

Resource Institute and North State Environmental (NSE), contractors with the Natural Resources Conservation Service under an agreement with EBCI Natural Resources, is requesting proposals from all interested certified EBCI TERO companies for services and labor to perform the following tasks for the Raven Fork Big Cove Stream Restoration Project:

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

Firms wishing to receive a Request for Proposals (RFP) package should contact Brandon Spaugh of NSE at (336) 793-8997 or by email at b.spaugh@nsenv.com. Deliver sealed proposals to Nick Reed at EBCI Natural Resources located at 1840 Painttown Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. OR Electronic versions, in a pdf format, can be submitted as an attachment(s) to an email to b.spaugh@nsenv.com. If submitting an electrons version, make sure the email subject line states “Raven Fork Big Cove Stream Restoration RFP October 2023.” Proposals must be received by 2:30 PM on October 10, 2023, at which time they shall be opened in accordance with TERO proce-

dures. It is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure delivery and receipt of their proposal. Any proposals received after this time will not be considered. Other critical dates and the project timeline are listed in the RFP. NSE reserves the right to reject all submissions and the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. Please be advised that TERO regulations apply to the bidding and award of this contract. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Brandon Spaugh at NSE. **10/4**

RFP FOR EBCI-FACILITY MANAGEMENT/PEST CONTROL 2024

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

For a detailed copy of the complete proposals, please contact:

Justin French, Manager EBCI-Facility Management/Public Works 120 Lee Taylor Road, PO Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719

Phone: (828) 359-6957/ (828) 736-1266

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

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

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

Request for Proposals General Notice

Qualla Housing Services (QHS) of the Cherokee Indian Housing Division 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

Bid Proposals

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

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

Interested subcontractors can obtain bid documents by contacting Rey Colon-Garcia by phone 724-971-4957 or email RColon-Garcia@robinsmorton.com, or Charlene Hogue by phone 828.371.8247 or email Charlene.Hogue@robinsmorton.com. **10/11**

given preference. 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 Robert Welch at robewelc@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6344. **10/18**

Request for Proposal (RFP)

The EBCI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program (DVSA) seeks competitive proposals for a Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Counselor on a contractual basis.

The DVSA Program seeks a certified counselor with expertise in the fields of domestic violence and sexual assault to counsel its clients who are survivors of

domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Qualifications include:

- Education: Licensed social worker or counselor in the state of North Carolina and have a minimum of a master's degree in one or more of the following fields: mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work, or related field.

- Experience: A minimum of Two (2) years of social services or related experience.

- Experience: A minimum of one (1) Year of experience with therapy services for children and/or families with their children.

Interested individuals should submit a brief proposal via email including the following information:

- Name and contact information
- Copies of certifications

- Relevant work experience

Proposals may be submitted by October 13, 2023 (4:30 PM), but those received on or before October 6, 2023 will receive priority over later submissions. Please email proposals to both:

- Marsha Jackson, Manager of the EBCI DV / SA Program: marsdavi@ebci-nsn.gov

- Kayla Bigmeat, Outreach Coordinator of the EBCI DV / SA Program: kaylbigm@ebci-nsn.gov

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The EBCI DVSA Program reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **10/11**

Seeking Quotes

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino is seeking quotes from qualified TERO certified companies for plumbing to perform

Annual Jetting and camera Scoping at designated access plumbing cleanouts. A detailed blueprint of locations will be provided. A site visit is required prior to quoting, and the timing of the work must be coordinated with the property.

Interested companies should contact Sidney Moss, Engineering Supervisor, before Friday October 20th, 2023 at 828-226-0489, 828-422-5100, or at smoss@harrahs.com. **10/11**

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Employment Opportunities


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



Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or
 visit: www.ccs-ne.org for more information.

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

Varsity Wrestling Coach

CMS Softball Head Coach

Cultural Department Coordinator

Elementary Teacher - (2) 4th Grade, 5th Grade

Elementary Teacher Assistant

Elementary Student Support Specialist

Elementary Media Coordinator (Librarian)

9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant

9-12 Student Support Specialist

6-8 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant

6-8 Behavior Modification Teacher Assistant

6-8 Student Support Specialist



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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

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Closing Sunday, October 8, 2023

1. Utility Worker – Qualla Housing – Housing (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Maintenance Technician – Qualla Housing – Housing (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Recreation Aide – SB/CC Recreation – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (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. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
11. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
12. Family Safety Grants Coordinator – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
13. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
14. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$97,792 - \$130,389)
15. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
16. 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
17. Senior Utilities Engineer – Water and Sewer – Operations (L19 \$98,083 - \$122,604)
18. Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
19. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant (Part-Time) – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
20. Manager – CDOT – Operations (L16 \$64,581 - \$80,727) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
21. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)

Upcoming Hiring Events

Food & Beverage Hiring Event
Wednesday, October 11th • 10am - 3pm
Location: Gordon Ramsay Food Market

Hotel Hiring Event
Friday, October 13th • 10am - 3pm
Location: Cherokee Tower Hotel Lobby

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HUMAN RESOURCES:

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

FINANCE:

Accounting Clerk - \$19.66 - \$22.25

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

Patient Access Specialist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OPERATIONS

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

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

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67

Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

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

DME Specialist - \$18.32 - \$20.67

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

MEDICAL

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

Physician – ER \$227,068 - \$283,835

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Physician – Immediate Care Center \$157,686 - \$197,108

Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time & Part Time - \$227,068 - \$283,835

NURSING

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

Certified Medical Assistant - Primary Care \$21.13 - \$23.98

Case Management Support – Primary Care \$18.32 - \$20.67

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

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

Hiring Bonus

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sterile Processing / Infection Control Technician \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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



THE GOOD STUFF



New Kituwah Perfect Attendance

The following students and teachers in the New Kituwah Academy Early Childhood Program had perfect attendance for the month of September 2023: back row - ᵁᵁᵁᵁ -Tamara Sampson, ᵁᵁᵁᵁ -Carolina Oocumma, ᵁᵁ -Donna Morgan, ᵁᵁᵁᵁ -Carrson Crowe, ᵁᵁ -Lele Lossiah, ᵁᵁᵁᵁ -Karyl Frankiewicz; front row - ᵁᵁᵁᵁ -Walela Bernal, ᵁᵁ -Adalyn Reed, ᵁᵁᵁᵁ -Aria Neadeau, ᵁᵁᵁᵁ -Xavier Reed, ᵁᵁᵁᵁ -Kuwaya Walkingstick, ᵁᵁᵁᵁ -Ayla Watson. (Photo courtesy of New Kituwah Academy)



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Honor Your Elders



Museum of the Cherokee People

On October 9, Indigenous Peoples' Day, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian will become the GWY TAJBOᎠᎠ TSʼYF ᎠᎩᎠᎩ ᎠᎩᎠᎩ (Tsalagi idiyvwiyaḥi igatseli uweti asquanigododi): Museum of the Cherokee People.

In Cherokee, "Museum of the Cherokee People" approximately translates to: "All of us are Cherokee people. It is all of ours, where the old things are stored." As the tribal museum and official repository of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians located on the ancestral homelands of all three federally recognized Cherokee tribes, this is our museum as Cherokee people. We are of the community; we serve the community.

The Museum has ambitious plans: updating our main exhibit and public facility, constructing an off-site collections facility, and launching a new website. As we look toward the future, it is important to proceed with a name that we, as Cherokee people, would call ourselves. You'll also notice our refreshed visual brand, designed in-house by Designer Tyra Maney (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Diné).

To our tribal community: we invite you to share your ideas and input on the future of the Museum of the Cherokee People via community survey: scan the QR code on this page, visit the Museum's booth at the Fair this week, or stop by our box office. We'd also love to see you at an upcoming community listening session (additional dates to be announced):



Tuesday, October 10, 6pm: Cherokee County
Thursday, October 26, 6pm: Cherokee County
Thursday, November 2, 6pm: Painttown
Tuesday, November 7, 6 pm: Birdtown
Thursday, November 8, 6pm: Snowbird
Tuesday, November 14, 6pm: Big Cove
Tuesday, November 28, 6pm: Yellowhill
Thursday, November 30, 6pm: Big Y
Thursday, December 7, 6pm: Wolfstown

The Museum extends our deep gratitude to Cherokee Speakers Council for their guidance throughout this process. We are proud to adopt a new visual brand that is contemporary yet rooted in tradition, and an inclusive new name that affirms our commitment to serving our people and our visitors. As we build on a 75-year legacy as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, we honor those who made the way and think of those who will come seven generations from now.

