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## One passion, two styles

Mother and daughter's unique passion and flare for fashion

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**  
One Feather Reporter

**C**HEROKEE, N.C.— On the evening of Saturday, Nov. 4, Ayosta Lossie, a junior at Cherokee High School, presented her first collection in the 2023 Kananesgi Fashion Show, becoming the youngest designer to enter the show. Her mother, Lori Reed, an arts and crafts teacher at

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Ayosta Lossie, left, a junior at Cherokee High School, presented her first collection in the 2023 Kananesgi Fashion Show, becoming the youngest fashion designer to enter the show. Her mother, Lori Reed, an arts and crafts teacher at Cherokee Central Schools (CCS), presented her own collection. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



## Happy Native American Heritage Month



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Candace Craig models Ayosta's midi dress. (Photo courtesy of Ravens Eye Media)

### FASHION: from front page

Cherokee Central Schools (CCS), presented her own collection, and watched on lovingly as her teenage daughter and her friends slayed the runway.

Both are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Lossie began designing clothes as early as 7-years-old. "I would always get little sketchbooks and draw a person and draw a dress on them," she said. Lossie now uses an app on her phone called

ibisPaint to sketch out designs. Lossie was designing clothes on the app during her sit-down interview with the One Feather. She also shared her sketches for her Kanesegi collection, including her burgundy Cherokee syllabary and floral print with elements of white, gray and a striking teal/green. Lossie's favorite dress from her collection was the elegant midi dress modeled by Candace Craig.

Reed presented a striking collection. Her favorite piece was a sports jersey inspired vest with unique ribbon shirt



elements. “The jersey style jacket that I did was one of my favorites because it was a little more creative. I was figuring out a way to add the ribbons without being just everyday ribbons in the way that people are used to seeing ribbons. It was fun and exciting,” she said. Reed also helped sew many of Lossie’s designs, including a stunning ruffle dress.

Lossie’s ankle length skirt modeled by Laura Martinez, a senior at Cherokee High School who was recently crowned Homecoming Queen, was purchased at the Kanesgi Trunk Show on Nov. 5, where designers could sell their pieces modeled in the show.

Lossie modeled in the first-ever Kanesgi Fashion Show. This year’s show was her first experience as a designer. Reed has been

a designer in the show three times, with Lossie and her other daughters modeling her collections.

“I think the Fashion Show is important because it puts Cherokee art in the public eye and brings more artists out,” Lossie said.

Reed believes the show can set new trends for contemporary Cherokee art and design. “The show provides an outlet for ideas. If you have an idea for something you would like to wear or would like people to see, the Fashion Show is a place you can do that,” she said. “I worked at the Oconaluftee Indian Village, and I would always say that young men should wear the traditional oblique belts to prom or things like that. There are ways to incorporate traditional dress into everyday wear to make it more Cherokee.”

The mother and daughter pair enjoy creating art together. “A lot of times Ayosta can give me feedback that I can’t get it from just anybody. She understands art and what I do, and she’s open to listening, too,” Reed said.

Lossie’s teacher, Megan Barnes, an art teacher at CCS, is excited for Lossie’s future in art. “Ayosta exemplifies the importance of Contemporary Native American cultural visibility. Her ability to incorporate traditional designs and elements into her work is flawless. She is an accomplished artist who has always pushed to express herself and her Cherokee culture through various forms of art. From drawing to basket weaving to fashion design, she creates her own unique combinations of traditional styles and

modern techniques,” she said.

“Ayosta’s work comes effortlessly from her life experiences as a modern-day Indigenous student living in a 21st Century world. She pushes herself to make the best work she can and delivers every single time. You will be blown away by this young artist’s work. Keep an eye on Ayosta Lossie, she is going to take the art world by storm!”

Lossie and Reed are already thinking about ideas for next year’s Fashion Show. With an outstanding collection at the fifth annual show, the community should anticipate incredible work from Lori Reed and her daughter, Ayosta Lossie.



Lori Reed, left, is shown following the presentation of her collection at the show. (Photo courtesy of Ravens Eye Media)



Ayosta Lossie, left, is shown following the presentation of her collection at the show. (Photo courtesy of Ravens Eye Media)

# Suspect arraigned in decade-long cold case homicide of Marie Walkingstick Pheasant

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**  
One Feather Reporter

**C**HEROKEE, N.C.— Ernest Dewayne Pheasant, 46, was arraigned on the afternoon of Nov. 21, 2023, in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians criminal court by Judge Monty Beck for the murder of Marie Walkingstick Pheasant. Marie Walkingstick Pheasant was 26 years old when she was found

dead inside a burning vehicle on Old Rock Crusher Road in the Big Cove community of the Qualla Boundary on Dec. 29, 2013. Her husband, Ernest Pheasant, was arraigned on five offenses in connection with her murder: 23CR10182: Tampering with witnesses 23CR10183: Homicide in the first degree 23CR10184: Domestic violence and dating violence

23CR10185: Tampering with evidence 23CR10186: Possession of firearms, etc. by felon prohibited Pheasant is being accused of placing his arm around the neck of his wife Marie Walkingstick Pheasant and strangling her to death, then subsequently burning her body in her vehicle in an effort to destroy evidence of the crime of murder between Dec. 28, 2013 and the morning of Dec. 29, 2013.

Judge Beck asked Pheasant if he wanted a court appointed attorney. Pheasant responded that he was “not fighting anymore.” Judge Beck advised Pheasant that he was being recorded. Pheasant accepted a court appointed attorney. Pheasant is currently being held in the Cherokee Detention Facility without bond. The next hearing will be on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 2pm.

## EBCI/Shawnee effort to remove state tribes from NCAI thwarted

One Feather Staff Report

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, along with the Shawnee Tribe, sought a constitutional amendment for the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) that would bar state-recognized tribes from voting membership. According to Native News Online, the amendment did not pass. A One Feather request to NCAI for the exact vote count and percentages went unanswered by press time.

The two tribes proposed several amendments to the NCAI Constitution including the following:

- Article II(B)(1) Tribal Membership. The entirety of this section would be stricken and replaced with the following: “All Tribal Nations with treaty and/or trust relations with the United States, as demonstrated by inclusion on the list annually published by the Department of the Interior in compliance with the Federally Recognized Tribes List Act, shall be eligible for tribal membership.”
- Organization Associate Membership. The section would be amended to read, “Organizations and groups recognized as tribes by states but not by the United States shall be eligible for non-voting or organization associate membership upon the payment of annual dues as fixed by the By-Laws. If a group does not meet the eligibility requirements for Tribal Membership in Article II(B)(1), it cannot be grandfathered in as a tribal mem-

ber or vote as a tribal member.”

In a letter to NCAI, dated Nov. 1, EBCI Principal Chief Michell Hicks writes, “We understand that sovereignty is not delegated from the United States or a state. Indeed, sovereignty is inherent to a tribal nation that pre-existed the creation of the United States and whose current citizens descend from those persons who were a part of that pre-federal community. But self-identification as a tribe and acting like a sovereign in not enough. Certainly, state recognition as a tribe cannot be enough, particularly where we now know that none of the state processes are rigorous enough to determine that a group’s claims to U.S. pre-existence and Native ancestry are valid.”

He concluded the letter by writing, “These proposed amendments are a start to protecting

and defending our cultures and identities. To be sure, the groups opposing these amendments acknowledge the existence of many fraudulent groups claiming to be tribes – yet they offer no other solution to this issue except to maintain the status quo. For NCAI to remain a leading voice in Indian Country, it is imperative that we oppose fraudulent organizations claiming to be tribes.”

A request for comment from Principal Chief Hicks’ office following the vote was not available at press time.

Chuck Hoskin Jr., Cherokee Nation principal chief, said in a statement prior to the vote, “Cherokee Nation proudly supports the proposed constitutional amendment. A state-recognized tribe is not an Indian tribe. And a member of one of these groups is not an Indian.”

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**CIPD Arrest Report for  
Nov. 13-19, 2023**

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

Davis, Camille Yvonne – age 33  
Arrested: Nov. 13  
Released: Nov. 16  
Charges: Probation Violation

Figueroa, Francisco Kalvloi – age 22  
Arrested: Nov. 13  
Released: Nov. 16  
Charges: Public Intoxication, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

George, Kayla – age 30  
Arrested: Nov. 13  
Released: Nov. 16  
Charges: Drug Trafficking, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Lespier, April Lee – age 41  
Arrested: Nov. 13  
Released: Nov. 15  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Criminal Mischief to Property, Assault and Battery, Public Intoxication

Welch, Kelsey Anne – age 32  
Arrested: Nov. 13  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 20)  
Charges: Weapons Offense, Probation Violation

Armachain, Rebecca Lynn – age 21  
Arrested: Nov. 14  
Released: Nov. 14

Charges: Aiding, Abetting, Acting in Concert in Accessory Before the Fact

Brooks, Brian Dallas – age 39  
Arrested: Nov. 14  
Released: Nov. 17  
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Esquivel, Mario Luis – age 48  
Arrested: Nov. 14  
Released: Nov. 14  
Charges: Harassment, Cyberstalking

George, Michael James – age 49  
Arrested: Nov. 14  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 20)  
Charges: Possession of a Firearm by Felon

Mendoza, Cecilia – age 22  
Arrested: Nov. 14  
Released: Nov. 14  
Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property; Criminal Conspiracy; Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors; Disorderly Conduct

Pete, Tino Ochoa – age 22  
Arrested: Nov. 14  
Released: Nov. 14  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Smoker, April – age 40  
Arrested: Nov. 14  
Released: Nov. 16  
Charges: Disorderly Conduct, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Sramek, Kyle – age 31  
Arrested: Nov. 14  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 20)  
Charges: Providing or Possessing Contraband; Tampering with Evidence; Resisting, Delaying, or

Obstructing Officers

Taylor, Taylor Norman – age 23  
Arrested: Nov. 14  
Released: Nov. 17  
Charges: Probation Violation

Reed, Addie Pauline – age 52  
Arrested: Nov. 17  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 20)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (three counts)

Standingdeer, Shena Dale – age 41  
Arrested: Nov. 17  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 20)  
Charges: Probation Violation, Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Taylor, Derrick Kyle – age 31  
Arrested: Nov. 17  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 20)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Washington, Amanda Shalice – age 29  
Arrested: Nov. 17  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 20)  
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Young, Aaron Eddie – age 30  
Arrested: Nov. 17

Released: Nov. 17  
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Keen, Tiffany Lee – age 34  
Arrested: Nov. 18  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 20)  
Charges: Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order

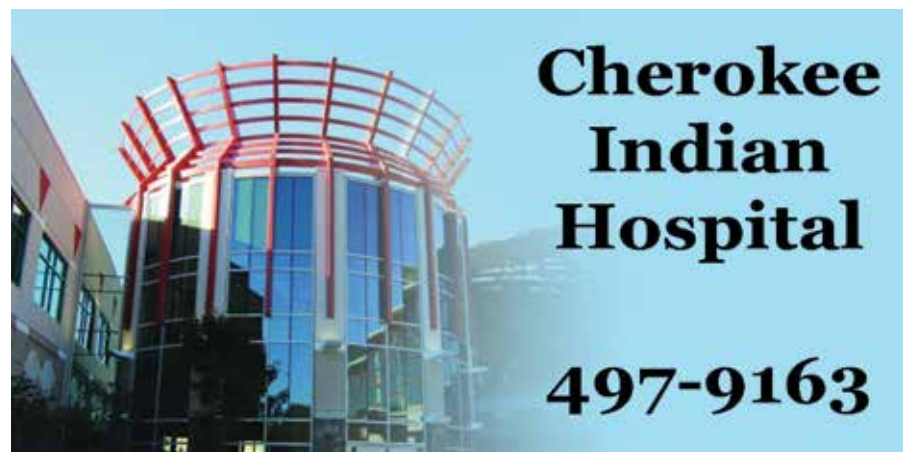
Ledford, Justin Zane – age 27  
Arrested: Nov. 18  
Released: Nov. 18  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Tomas, Kelby Weldon – age 22  
Arrested: Nov. 18  
Released: Nov. 19  
Charges: Public Intoxication, Resisting Public Officer

Keaton, Donnie L. – age 37  
Arrested: Nov. 19  
Released: Nov. 20  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Smoker, April – age 40  
Arrested: Nov. 19  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 20)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Thompson, Sarah Marie – age 34  
Arrested: Nov. 19  
Released: Nov. 19  
Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property



# EBCI high school senior attends Governor's Page Week

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

**R**ALEIGH, N.C.—Tylie Bridges, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and a senior at Robbinsville High School from the Snowbird Community, recently returned from a trip to Raleigh for the Governor's Page Program. North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper holds a four-day program to provide high school students with the unique opportunity to see the innerworkings of state government. For the week of Nov. 6-9, the Governor's Page Week hosted Native American students in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Bridges was the first and only EBCI student to attend Governor's Page Week. As a participant, Bridges received a \$200 stipend to offset travel and lodging expenses, and she is also required to participate in a service project. She is contemplating a project for the homeless population on the Qualla Boundary or a project in conjunction with the Kanvwtiyyi Residential Treatment Center in Snowbird. Bridges wants to pursue a degree in political science from the University of Oklahoma upon graduation from Robbinsville High School.

Bridges said the Governor's Page Week was an exciting opportunity to explore the political arena. "It gave me more knowledge that there's plenty of opportunities to take and you never know where you're going to end up," she said. "We went to the Governor's Mansion where he signed the proclamation for American Indian Heritage Month for 2023. I



Tylie Bridges, right, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Robbinsville High School, is shown with North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper. (Photos contributed)

was the only student to receive an official copy of the document that he signed with us there."

Bridges received the esteemed honor of bringing home an official copy of the 2023 American Indian Heritage Month proclamation as the first and only EBCI student at Governor's Page Week. She plans to frame the document.

Bridges also met members of the Commission of Indian Affairs while in Raleigh. "We got to meet the Indian Affairs Committee on our first day and I enjoyed getting to know more about how they help with the tribes. The rest of the week was meet and greets

with major leaders in Raleigh and Durham."

Bridges wants to serve on the Commission of Indian Affairs in the future. "I'd like to work with the Indian Affairs Committee because I think there needs to be more EBCI members on the committee. There is a lot of Lumbee representation because they are closer to Raleigh."

Bridges also has future plans of running for EBCI Tribal Council as a Snowbird/Cherokee Co. representative. "I like to watch our Tribal Council. I personally think that there needs to be more done to bridge the gap between the

Snowbird community and Cherokee."

As a bright student with an interest in politics, Bridges believes that opportunities like Governor's Page Week will strengthen the relationship between the EBCI and the North Carolina state government. "I definitely think that sending our younger people to these opportunities that we have is a great way to get out there and be more involved with the state," she said. "You don't even have to be into politics or anything, but it's a good opportunity to get your foot in the door."





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## NATIONAL PARK NEWS

### Public assistance needed to identify those responsible for suspected arson fire in Great Smoky Mountains National Park

GATLINBURG, Tenn. – The National Park Service is requesting the public's help in identifying those responsible for the start of the Rich Mountain Fire in Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The initial investigation indicates that two fires were started on Monday, Nov. 20 in the Rich Mountain area by an unknown arsonist. The fires were started under high wind conditions, a red flag warning and a park-wide burn ban. The Rich Mountain Fire was reported on Nov. 20 around 2:30 p.m. near the intersection of Old Cades Cove Road and Rich Mountain Road. The fire prompted an

early-morning voluntary evacuation of homes near the park boundary on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

"Intentionally setting fires in the park, except in designated rings or picnic areas, is always illegal and is extremely dangerous, especially under the extreme weather conditions we saw this week," said Boone Vandzura, Chief Ranger of Resource and Visitor Protection. "We are asking visitors and neighbors for help as we work to identify those responsible for this suspected arson."

A white truck was seen at the Rich Mountain trailhead on Nov. 20 around 10 a.m. This vehicle may not be involved in the incident, but the occupants may have seen something and have information that can assist the investigation. Information from visitors is often very helpful to investigators. If you have

information that could help identify those responsible for this suspected arson, the park asks you to please submit a tip. You don't have to tell us who you are, but please tell us what you know. A financial award is available for validated tips.

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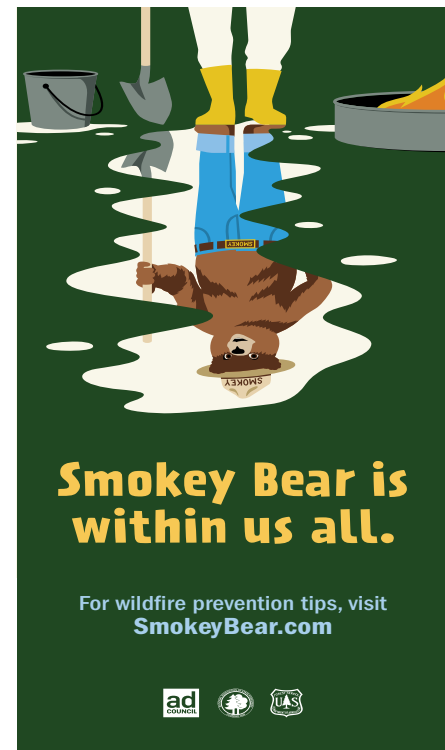
- National Park Service release

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mars Hill College Upward Bound Program.

A planning team is working on putting together a reunion for all students who attended the Mars Hill College Upward Bound Program in the fall of 2024. If you are interested in getting more information, go to

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## OBITUARIES 𐏪𐏪𐏪𐏪

### Robert Kenneth Kanott

Robert Kenneth Kanott, 72, of Cherokee passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023. He was born October 29, 1951, to the late Robert James and Stella Willnoty Kanott.

He never met a stranger, and he knew everyone. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Flora Mae Smith.

He is survived by his three nephews, Will Smith (Tina), Charles Smith, and Ralph Smith Jr.; and one niece Charlotte Rogers (Steve); and a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral Services were held Monday, Nov. 27 at the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Tsali Care for their compassion in caring for him for these many years.



## Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

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## COMMENTARY

# Take them up on it

By **ROBERT JUMPER**  
One Feather Editor

A very good and productive discussion was held at the November Planning Board meeting. There hadn't been a meeting since August and the relatively new representatives along with the Principal Chief were identifying the purpose and function of the Planning Board in addition to discussing outstanding land use issues currently in question.

Roll call of the Board included Tribal Council Chairman Michael Parker, Cherokee

Co. – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Painttown Rep. Michael Stamper, Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah, EBCI Secretary of Commerce Sean Ross, Secretary of Finance Susie Wolfe, Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Daniel Trampler, and Annie Owens. At this meeting, Vice Chief Ensley was elected chairman of the Planning Board and Rep. Wachacha became the vice chairman of the board.

Ideas like a Tourism Development Authority (TDA) and Cherokee Chamber of Commerce resurfaced during the discussion of attempting to get the business community engaged and vocal in the planning processes of the Tribe. Not new ideas but good ones that, when done properly and with proper support, will benefit the Tribe greatly. Attempts at sustaining a chamber of commerce for the tribal community failed because it was not supported politically

nor financially. Indeed, the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce still exists, but is minimally functional, maintaining few member benefits beyond a website and an annual visitor guide. Whether the tribe chooses to call the business representative organization a TDA or a Chamber, it will need to be included in the financial structure of the Tribe. In most municipalities, the business organization receives funding from an occupancy tax (our government chooses to call it a "privilege tax"). The TDA's function is tourism development and the Chamber's function is that of business support and coalition. Rep. Wahnetah suggested modeling a TDA structure for the tribe from Jackson or Swain County. I wish someone had thought of that before. Some funds may be raised from events and membership dues, but the sustenance of a TDA and/or Chamber is the occupancy tax. Occupancy taxes are derived from visitor overnight stays (hotel rooms, cabins,

## The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Presents The **WNC Fly Fishing Trail** **Weekly Fishing Report** Nov. 27-Dec. 3, 2023

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckaseigee River</b>	Delayed Harvest began Oct. 1. Hatchery supported section also open to fishing	All day.	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout as well as smallmouth bass.	Microstreamers (slump buster, bunny flash jig), mop flies, girdle bugs, wooly buggers, squirmly worms, egg patterns, pheasant tails and Hares's ears
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	Wild Trout. No stocking.	All day.	Brown Trout	Stimulator, October Caddis, Parachute Adams, Stone Fly Nymphs, Sculpzilla, Wooly Buggers, BWO dry fly, BWO nymph, Crane Flies, Pheasant tails, Hares Ear Nymphs, Midges
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Wild Trout. No stocking.	All day.	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Stimulator, October Caddis, Parachute Adams, Stone Fly Nymphs, Sculpzilla, Wooly Buggers, BWO dry fly, BWO nymph, Crane Flies, Pheasant tails, Hares Ear Nymphs, Midges

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### BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, NOV. 27 AVERAGE N/A 11:37 AM-1:37 PM	TUESDAY, NOV. 28 BETTER++ 12:05 AM-2:05 AM 12:34 PM-2:34 PM	WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29 BETTER 1:02 AM-3:02 AM 1:30 PM-3:30 PM	THURSDAY, NOV. 30 AVERAGE 1:58 AM-3:58 AM 2:25 PM-4:25 PM	FRIDAY, DEC. 1 AVERAGE 2:51 AM-4:51 AM 3:16 PM-5:16 PM	SATURDAY, DEC. 2 AVERAGE 3:41 AM-5:41 AM 4:04 PM-6:04 AM	SUNDAY, DEC. 3 AVERAGE 4:27 AM-6:27 AM 4:48 PM-6:48 PM
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AirBnB, VRBO, campgrounds-basically any short-term rental). While funding a Chamber or TDA is not burdensome on community funds because the money comes from taxes on visitors, it may have a negative impact on businesses who provide those short-term rentals. So, when considering the development of a business representative organization, careful thought must be given to structure and financial support.

One of the benefits for government of having either of these bodies is having a hierarchy of business leadership in the community and a point of contact to get input on economic development.

Principal Chief Hicks stated, "I think the business representative (on the Planning Board) is extremely important, but it goes beyond this. This business community lacks a voice and I think we've got to recreate that. I don't think one person does that."

He feels that the business community should bring ideas and hopefully partnerships to the table at the Planning Board. He thinks the Planning Board should be a "sounding board" for the tribal community and tribal business community. He specifically mentioned the Fairgrounds, old high school site, and Soco Falls as areas where community and business input would be valuable. The next scheduled Planning Board meeting is set for Dec. 18 and they plan to seat a business and tribal elder at that session. They also mentioned having a working session of the Planning Board prior to the scheduled meeting.

The EBCI Project Management and Planning program gave a presentation to the Planning Board, basically providing an overview of existing projects. They led with completed projects in FY2023

which included the Cherokee Youth Center, Jacob Cornsilk building, Big Cove gym, Trout Hatchery expansion, Wolftown Airnasium, Fire Mountain Disk Golf, EOC (Emergency Operations Center) parking lot expansion, downtown pedestrian bridge and sewer line, the downtown sewer force main, Tribal Foods building, Big Cove recreation area parking. They also presented a list of 18 "projects in progress". Chief Hicks pointed out that the list included partially funded projects and that part of the planning process will be identifying funding sources and determining if there is still a desire to move ahead with those projects where funding has not already been established. He said one project that he has not seen on a list, but he has experienced tremendous community feedback on, is a community bingo hall.

Chief Hicks stated that he doesn't want to create a false perception in the community that all projects listed are fully funded because that is not the case at this time.

Becky Rowe, the program's manager, responded that "not all of these are funded. Some of them haven't even started." No detail was given on the status of each project.

Chairman Parker and Chief Hicks both alluded to better internal communications being very important to overall economic development and community project planning and funding. Chief Hicks kept coming back to the need for community input and survey.

Secretary Ross brought up the age-old question that we continue to stumble over as a tribe. When the subject of Fairgrounds use came up, several suggestions started to emerge, maybe reemerge. Ross stated that we must distin-

guish and identify what the purpose of the projects is to properly plan and execute them. "When we break these projects down, we need to make a determination-Are they revenue- generating, tourism-driven projects, or are they community-centric projects; or is there a fusion of both. And when we make those decisions and finalize what that looks like, then we operate accordingly." He said that infrastructure and funding need to be planned to accommodate the ideas that are being put forward.

There is a symbiosis that exists between community and economic development. To have community projects and amenities, you must have sustainable revenue generation to not only build, but to maintain community amenities. And the purpose of governmental economic development is to fund those community amenities to provide a better quality of life for the membership. You must have both from a sustainability standpoint. Economic development comes at a cost. But it is an integral part of the livelihood of a community. The more buildings and programs we desire as a tribal community for the betterment of our way of life, the more economic development that will be required to sustain it. Ross rightly focused on the necessity of any planning to be specific in purpose.

Chief Hicks said that he, along with Vice Chief Ensley, are very focused on educating our people to reduce dependency on outside contractors. He said of the approximately \$220 million budget of the tribal government, roughly \$53 million is "sitting in outside contracts".

Chief Hicks stated that he was committed to developing our workforce. "If we are contracting this much out, how are we devel-

oping internally our workforce and our tribal membership?"

Chief Hicks throughout the meeting stated that, while he makes his own judgements, he is continually listening to the community for their thoughts on direction.

Listening seemed to be a theme throughout the Planning Board session. And much of the listening that leadership said they want to do is to listen to you, to us, the community. They are going to be looking for us to provide input on these projects and to bring them ideas for what we think would benefit the community. So, take them up on it. The worst possible thing we can do is to stand silent while decisions about our future are being made. Speak loudly. Both Tribal Council and the Executive Office have come out of the gate stating they are listening to the community. Don't let them hear crickets. Don't let them listen to a few. You have a voice. Use it. You know the channels of communication. Use them.

The full video of the Planning Board session is available on Cherokee One Feather and EBCI Communications Department Facebook pages.



# Compelling Devotion

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

Scripture References: Exodus 1:13-14, Matthew 27:32, Luke 14:16-23, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

We are called to be courageous Christians. Yes, meek, and humble are traits we should aspire to, but forthright, righteous, and brave as soldiers for Christ are also what Christians should be in the face of evil. When Christians evangelize and preach the Word to the lost, we are fighting against the unseen forces of evil, and if we are weak in Spirit or faith, we will lose and be ineffectual. We can never forget we are the Children of God and heirs to the throne with the power of the Holy Spirit so strong as to raise the dead. We must call upon that power to defeat Satan and put on the Full Armor of God as in Ephesians 6.

I like words, and often I like to play with their meanings by finding and using double entendres and double meaning words. It helps to build a good vocabulary. I just like words, especially God's Words.

Compel. Compel is one of those words you can say about ten times in a row, and it becomes a sound instead of a word. Depending on the version, the Bible uses the word compel in only a few places, and the use of the word provides you possibly a different meaning than how the English language emphasizes.

Exodus 1:13 says, "The Egyptians used violence to compel the sons of Israel to labor." Yeah, right. Verse 14 continues with, "And they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they violently had them perform as slaves."

That's kind of funny to hear that. A rather compelling understatement to use the word compel to enforce slavery. Bet it wasn't too funny to the slaves of the Egyptians.

So what does it mean to "compel" someone? Let's try it. What would I have to do to compel you to go to church on Sunday? A bit toned down from what the Egyptians did to

make Israelis work, but a bit more urging than just asking someone...don't you think? Let's look at another example.

Matthew 27:32, "And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to go with them that he might bear his cross."

Most Christians who grew up in Sunday school know that Simon wasn't asked nicely to help bear Jesus' crucifixion cross. The centurions didn't say, "Golly mister, do you mind taking this criminal's cross and carrying it up to Golgotha for him?"

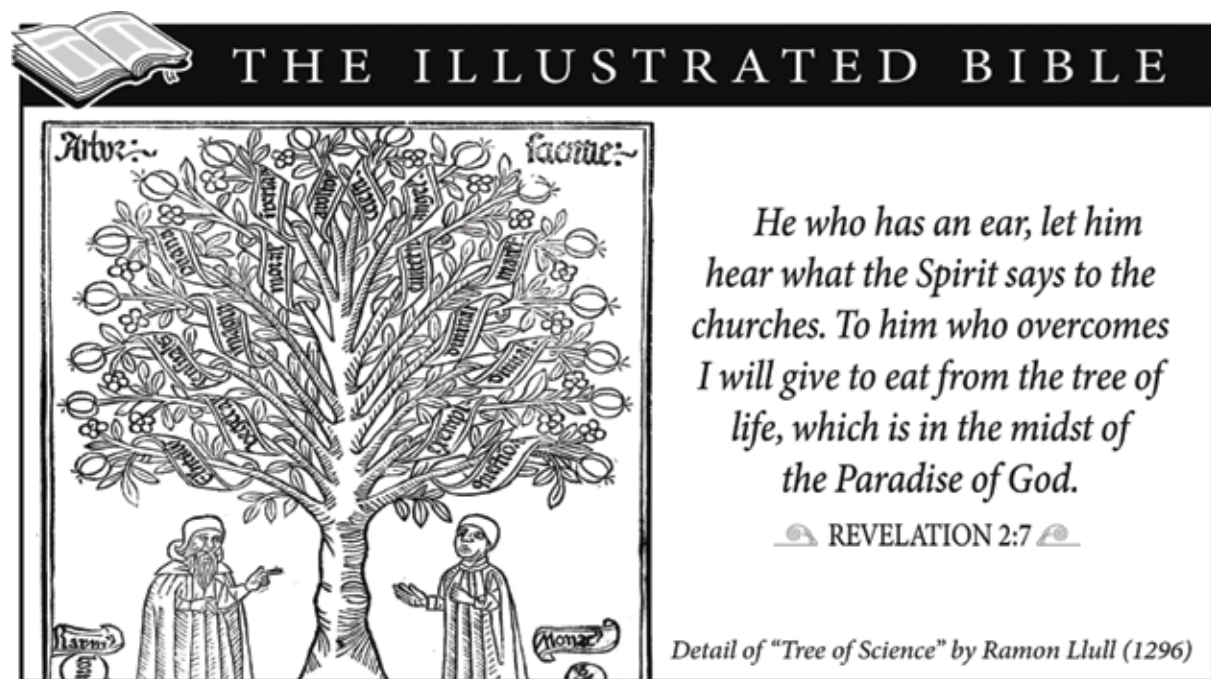
Let's look at Luke 14:16-23. "Then He said to him, 'A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused'. Another said, 'I have five yokes of oxen, and I am going to test them'. Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come'. So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind'. And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room'. Then

the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled'." Compare the uses in the Bible and tell me what Jesus has asked us to do.

The parable is Jesus speaking about intensity. He wants to bring people into His house, salvation, and peace. This story was His words. I'm talking bold red letters here. Completely different use of the word than we use. How do we compel others? Where do we go to compel them? Do we actually go out to the highways and byways? Does that mean knocking on doors in friendly neighborhoods? Or is doing a prayer walk enough? Or does it mean getting out of your comfort zone to boldly witness to strangers? Does it mean going out on the street, grabbing people by the arm, and telling them they need to come into the church? Whatever it means, I don't think it's the meek and mild Christian way, but I don't think it's by threat or whip.

We need to think about what compel means to us and then compel others to meet Christ. Be bold for God. Tell others about Jesus. Make it your purpose. Find lost souls and fallen souls and bring them closer to Jesus. Then, lead, follow, or get out of the way.

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# Super Crossword

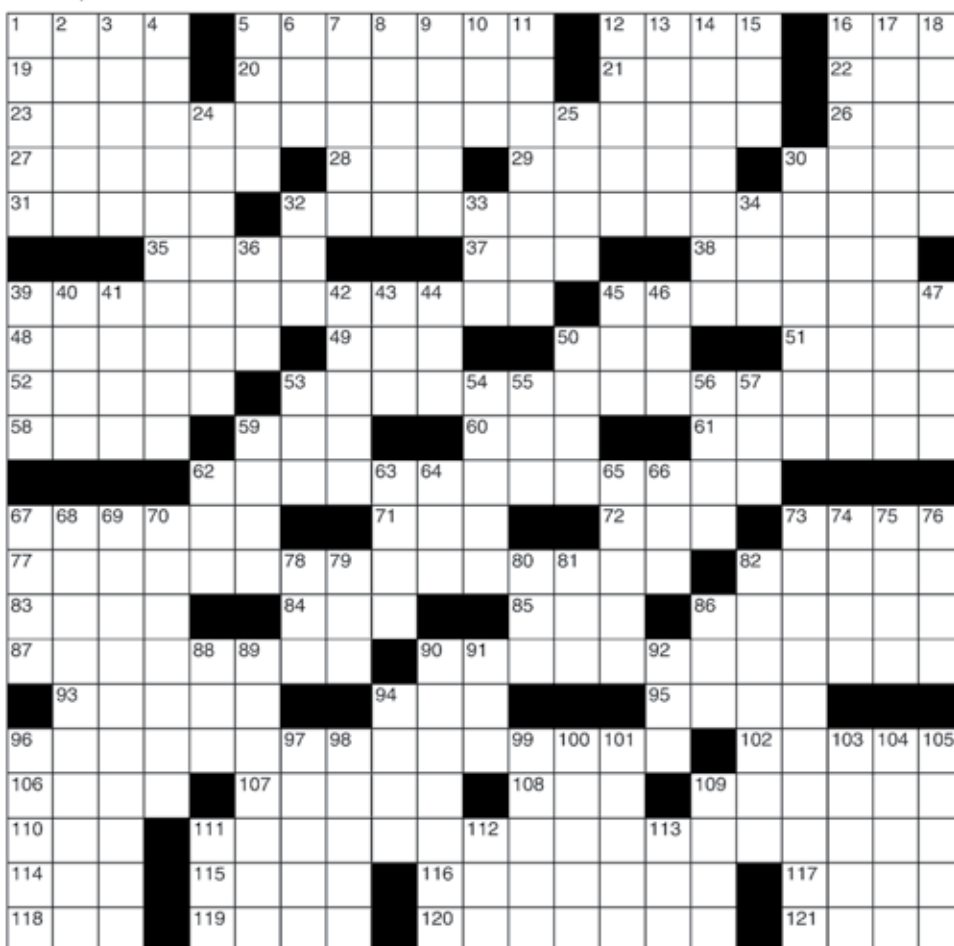
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20 Venezuela's main river  
21 Brand of skin cream  
22 "— Abner"  
23 Limit for riding a roller coaster, often  
26 Oath reply  
27 In — by itself (unique)  
28 '60s muscle car  
29 Port-au-Prince locale  
30 Profound  
31 Spherical bacterium, for short  
32 Payoff of athletic training  
35 "Othello" foe  
37 Grammy category  
38 Rocker Patty of Scandal  
39 Animal that hunts, but isn't hunted  
45 Is remorseful  
48 Life's work  
49 Frazier foe  
50 Mauna —  
51 Peel, as fruit
- 52 Preteen  
53 It has a "3D White" product line  
58 Reproachful clicks  
59 Fish in a garden pond  
60 Writer Levin  
61 Be fixated  
62 Company that owns Log Cabin, Vlastic and Mrs. Paul's  
67 Decides to participate  
71 Sallie —  
72 Gp. backing arms  
73 Auntie played by Lucille Ball  
77 The Isle of Man, to Britain  
82 Sealed up, as a package  
83 Singer Basil  
84 About half of all adults  
85 Prevaricate  
86 Lubing  
87 Begins  
90 NCAA conference of the Midwest  
93 Barkin of film  
94 Sinking ship's call  
95 Hippie's "Got it"
- 96 Source of wacky products in Road Runner cartoons  
102 Jab gently  
106 Dress shirt ornament  
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110 Gratton's "— for Alibi"  
111 Onetime competitor of Magnavox  
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115 Kitchen scraps  
116 Discard from the memory  
117 "Puppy Love" singer Paul  
118 Kin of Ltd.  
119 "To be," to Brutus  
120 "My friends," in France  
121 Vodka brand
- 5 Foldup beds  
6 ETA part: Abbr.  
7 Long attack  
8 Photo-sharing app, for short  
9 Totally unacceptable  
10 Bar code-scanning gizmo: Abbr.  
11 "That's how it was told to me"  
12 Artistic theme  
13 Supreme Court's Samuel  
14 2015 and 2017 Best Actress nominee  
15 Similar-meaning wd.  
16 Set of regular customers  
17 Tables with data on daily ebbs and flows  
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25 Type of fish that a 59-Across is
- 30 Places to get body wraps  
32 "The Raven" writer  
33 Positive aspect  
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39 Bank stmt. ID  
40 Oom- — (tuba sounds)  
41 TV's Estrada  
42 Singer Bobby  
43 Bar order  
44 "— a pity"  
45 Egg — yung  
46 Scarf down  
47 Poor grades  
50 Bread buy  
53 33-Down's opposite  
54 Like mosaics  
55 Uno + due  
56 "Today" co-host Kotb  
57 "Nova" ailer  
59 Variety  
62 ATM code  
63 "That's right!"  
64 Spam holder  
65 "— had a secret love ..."  
66 Suffix with contradict  
67 They precede Novs.  
68 Shelter  
69 Key-centered compositions  
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- 73 Spanish dances like fandangos  
74 Happy as — in mud  
75 List of dishes  
76 Verge  
78 Aussie bird  
79 Verve  
80 Stately tree  
81 Takeaway game of strategy  
82 Link with  
86 Ancient  
88 Sleuth, slangily  
89 Noisy nappers  
90 Tropical cereal grass  
91 D.C.'s home  
92 Spam holder  
94 Variety  
96 Tokyo beer  
97 Sublets, e.g.  
98 Social grace  
99 Narrates  
100 "— bad moon rising"  
101 Philosopher with a "razor"  
103 Bar order  
104 Slimy  
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111 Actress Saldana  
112 Detroit-to-Montreal dir.  
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1 Good laughs  
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See answers on page 16

# 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 Psalms in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Chronicles 26, at what age did Uzziah become king of Jerusalem? 16, 30, 65, 99
3. In Genesis 4, who did God ask, "Why is thy countenance fallen"? Eve, Ahaz, Cain, Esau
4. Which prophet saw the Lord's angel riding on a red horse? Hosea, Nathan, Zechariah, Isaiah
4. Who was the first person to build an altar unto the Lord? Abraham, Noah, Artaxerxes, Levi
5. From Exodus 33, who/what saw the back of God? Adam, The serpent, Abraham, Moses

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1. GEOGRAPHY: What percent of the world's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere?
2. MOVIES: Which 1987 film contains the catchy line, "May the Schwartz be with you"?
3. LITERATURE: Author John Steinbeck contends that his dog ate the first draft of which of his novels?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of parrots called?
5. MUSIC: Who is considered the "Father of the Blues"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first sitting president to throw out the first pitch on baseball's opening day?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Which fruit also is sometimes called a "love apple"?
8. TELEVISION: Where do the vampires live in "What We Do in the Shadows"?
9. HISTORY: In what year did East Germany start to build the Berlin Wall?
10. INVENTIONS: Which scientist invented the color wheel?

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

### Annual Christmas Bazaar.

Dec. 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Painttown Gym. This event is sponsored by Brothers In The Wind and all proceeds will go to buy Christmas gifts for Cherokee Elementary School students. Indian Dinners available on Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. and Indian Tacos available on Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. Santa & Mrs. Clause will be appearing both days. Info: Lisa Frady (828) 788-1708 or Ned Stamper 736-2780

## EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Museum of the Cherokee

#### People Community

#### Listening Sessions

- Nov. 30 at 6 p.m., Big Y Community Building

- Dec. 7 at 6 p.m., Wolfstown Community Club Building

### Yellowhill Community

#### Happenings.

- Monthly meeting. Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center

- Christmas Lights Contest Judging. Dec. 7

- Christmas Cookie Exchange.

- Dec. 14 at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Time to be announced

- Christmas Party and Volunteer Recognition. Dec. 16 at the Yel-

lowhill Activity Center. Time to be announced

### All I Want for Christmas

**Bazaar.** Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Shopping, food, and fun. Lunch by Melishia. Info: Denise Walkingstick (828) 508-2211

### NAIWA-sponsored Christ-

**mas Bazaar.** Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Local shopping, food, and strawberry shortcake. Info and tables: Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285, email Carmaleta Monteith at [Carmaleta@msn.com](mailto:Carmaleta@msn.com)

### Ethnogenesis Part II of the

#### Eastern Band of Cherokee

**Indians.** Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. The presentation, by Anita Finger-Smith of the Wolfstown Community, covers the five circumstances during the early 19th century that contributed to the nucleus of Cherokee Indians who remained in the southeast after the Removal. The public is invited to attend. To reserve your seat, contact Virginia Johnson (828) 788-8659

### 3rd Annual Mountain Community Career & Resource

**Expo.** Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harrah's Cherokee Resort Event Center in Cherokee, N.C. Presented by NCWorks and sponsored by Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, this event will have an emphasis on veterans and veteran families. Career Fair, resources, education, demonstrations, and door prizes. Info: Gerard Ball (828) 558-6175

### Cherokee Central Schools

**Indian Market.** Dec. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Cherokee Elementary School gym. This is the CCS Cultural Dept. fundraiser for their scholarship program. To reserve a table or for more information, contact Laura (828) 554-5004 or Kitty 554-5020

### Cherokee Winter Social.

27, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Painttown Gym in Cherokee, N.C. MC: Catcuze Tiger. Everyone is welcome. Traditional dress and ribbon skirts/shirts are encouraged. All Cherokee singers are welcome. Bring your rattles and drums. Food provided by Nikki's Frybread. Moccasins or sneakers only – no cowboy and/or work boots will be allowed due to the new floor.

## HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS

### Seasons of Change: Palliative and Hospice Care work-

**shop.** Nov. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library Community Room. Four Seasons will host the workshop, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Jackson County Public Library, which is open to all and free of charge.

## Puzzle Answers

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 16; 3) Cain; 4) Zechariah; 5) Noah; 6) Moses

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

#### Answers

- 90%
- "Spaceballs"
- "Of Mice and Men"
- A pandemonium
- W.C. Handy
- William Howard Taft (1910)
- Tomato
- Staten Island, New York
- 1961
- Sir Isaac Newton

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

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Aliheliga  
Grateful

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The seminar will discuss what palliative and hospice care are, how they differ, how they can help, who is eligible, and much more. Info: Jackson County Public Library (828) 586-2016 or email [jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org](mailto:jcpl-adults@fontanalib.org)

### Carolina Chargers 16U

**Showcase.** Dec. 2 and 9 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Bethel Christian Academy, 100 Park St., Canton, N.C. Looking for pitchers, catchers, middle infield, and outfield/utility. Info: Micayla McCoy (828) 507-8082 or [mdmccoy07@gmail.com](mailto:mdmccoy07@gmail.com)

### WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society Annual Holiday Party.** Dec. 7 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. The theme will be "Reminiscent of a Mountain Christmas". The evening will begin with a potluck meal. Everyone is asked to bring your favorite traditional holiday food to share. The program will include Howard Allman reading a Christmas story in the mountain vernacular, and the Ward Family will be singing Christmas carols.

**Family Night: Winter Holidays Around the World.** Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Storytime Room at the Jackson County Public Library. Discover the holidays of the season and how they are celebrated around the world. Snacks, games, crafts, and more.



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your curiosity might not be appreciated by everyone. Expect some resistance in getting answers to your questions. But stay with it. You need facts in order to make important decisions.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Some of the mystery surrounding your recent fiscal situation soon will be dispelled with a clear explanation. Use this new knowledge to help you chart a fresh financial course.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Start your holiday gift-buying now. This will help avoid problems caused by possible mid-December delays. A family member has important information.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Use a little more sense in how you plan to spend your end-of-the-year holiday dollars. Meanwhile, you continue to gain support for your stand on a workplace issue.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Wearing that big, loving Lion's heart of yours on your sleeve leaves it unprotected. Let things develop a little more before you allow your emotions to spill over.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to September 22) You might feel you're not ready to patch up an unraveled relationship. But the longer you wait, the more difficult it will be for all parties to take the first healing step.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your end-of-the-year holiday plans could be disrupted by something out of your control, but stay the course. Ultimately, things will settle back into a normal pace.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your honest approach to a workplace project earns you both respect and credit from those in charge. Meanwhile, that personal problem still needs to be dealt with.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Money could be a little tight this month. This means the usually bargain-oblivious Sagittarian should look for ways to save on end-of-the-year holidays.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Examine the facts, and you might find that it's a wiser move to shift gears and redirect some of your goals before the end of the year. Someone close to you offers good advice.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Be careful that your generosity is not abused. Find out more, both about the special favors you might be asked to grant and who is asking for them.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You've come through a recent rough time in great shape. Congratulations. Now go out and enjoy your well-earned rewards. More good news comes in mid-December.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You aim for truth, and you usually find it. Your honesty earns you the friendship and respect of others.

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## Good Housekeeping

### Pulled-Pork Sandwiches With Cabbage Slaw

Homemade slaw is a tangy companion to this sweet pork, made with ketchup, brown sugar and chili powder. Serve the sandwiches with pickles and chips for fuss-free sides.

- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar, plus 2 tablespoons
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 1 pork butt or shoulder
- 1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
- 1/2 small green cabbage (about 1 pound)
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro
- 4 rolls
- Potato chips and pickles

1. In a 5- to 6-quart slow cooker, whisk together the ketchup, sugar, chili, 1/4 cup vinegar and 1/2 teaspoons each salt and pepper.

2. Add the pork and toss to coat. Cook, covered, until the pork is tender and shreds easily, 7 to 8 hours on low or 4 to 5 hours on high.

3. Forty-five minutes before serving, in a large bowl, whisk together the sour cream, remaining 2 tablespoons vinegar, 1 tablespoon water and 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Core and thinly slice the cabbage, add it to the sour cream mixture and toss to coat. Let sit, tossing occasionally. Fold in the cilantro before serving.

4. Using two forks, shred the pork into large pieces; gently toss in the cooking liquid. Fill the rolls with the pork and slaw. Serve with chips and pickles, if desired.

**TIP:** Replace the pork with a 2-pound brisket (trimmed of excess fat) and cook as directed. Or use 2 pounds of boneless, skinless chicken thighs and decrease the cooking times by 2 hours.

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### The Best Leash-Collar Combo for Your Dog

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I'd like to upgrade my Lab's collar and leash, because he's pretty powerful and tugs against his collar all the time until he starts to choke. What do you recommend? —Sara B., via email

**DEAR SARA:** I'm a fan of harnesses, especially for dogs that like to pull at the leash. A harness fits around a dog's front legs and torso, and has a top strap with a clip ring for the leash located between the dog's shoulders. It's secure and sturdy, it stays on your dog, and he won't injure himself trying to pull away from you. (You can also keep his collar on, mainly so his license tag is always visible.)

Some dog harnesses come with a sturdy handle sewn onto the top strap. It's not so much for picking up the dog but is an additional point of control if you're worried about your dog bolting or jumping up on other people.

For the long term, of course, your Lab needs to improve his basic obedience skills. He should never tug at his leash but should walk next to you. Putting him into a harness will give you more control. Dogs tend to respond more often to a tug on the harness, which applies pressure at several points rather than just around the neck. Those multiple contact points disperse pressure around the dog's torso so that he remains comfortable and uninjured, reducing anxiety and hopefully making him more receptive to training commands.

Harnesses are not as cheap as collars, but they're well worth the investment, especially when dealing with a strong, independent thinker like your Lab.

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

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### RFPs, BIDs, etc.

#### Public Notice:

The EBCI Natural Resources Department (Water Quality Program) invites public comment on the amended Antidegradation Analysis for the EBCI Tribal Hatchery. The analysis report can be viewed in its entirety on our website, [cherokeennaturalresources.com](http://cherokeennaturalresources.com). Comments may be directed to Rainee Tetreault in the Water Quality Office via email at [raintetr@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:raintetr@ebci-nsn.gov), via post at PO Box 1925 Cherokee, NC 28719, or by phone at 828-359-6771. Public comment period ends on November 30th, 2023. **11/29**

#### Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Indian Housing

Division (CIHD) is seeking proposals.

Qualified T.E.R.O Certified Contractors and experienced contractors are invited to submit proposals.

The project involves Asphalt Paving Services for On Boundary Jobs located in Cherokee, NC and Off Boundary Jobs, near Cherokee, NC.

The contractor must provide all the labor and equipment necessary to complete the job.

Compliance with general contractor code and safety standards is required.

Project Location: Cherokee, NC – On Boundary Swain, Jackson, Haywood, Graham, Cherokee counties – Off Boundary

Date of RFP issuance: 11/08/23.  
- Packet Information will be

emailed out. Get in contact with Robert Gahagan. Office 828.359.6903

Proposal submission deadline: 11/30/23 at 4:30 pm.,

CONTACT: Robert Gahagan – Project Manager – 828-359-6903 – [robogaha@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:robogaha@ebci-nsn.gov). **11/29**

#### Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for a Guardian ad Litem Attorney Advocate.

The GAL Attorney Advocate will assure the protection of a child's legal rights by taking all action necessary to zealously represent the child's best interest. This service will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court.

Interested individuals should



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Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the following positions:  
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Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before November 30, 2023, will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or email proposals to: Amber Shuler, Court Administrator Cherokee Tribal Court PO Box 1629 Cherokee, NC 28719 ambeshul@ebci-nsn.gov

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **11/29**

#### Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Court is now taking resumes for a part-time

Magistrate. This position will substitute for the full-time magistrates at the Cherokee Court while the magistrate is on leave status. Familiarity with the Cherokee community and with a court system (state, federal, or tribal) is preferred. Ability to work with the public and handle conflicts is required. Following training, this position will have full authority to make all magistrate related decisions, including issuing warrants and subpoenas, and other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice. Position will require both in-office and on-call performance of duties.

Interested individuals should submit the following:

- Name and Contact Information
- Relevant Work Experience
- Copies of Certificates Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS


Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Water and Sewer O&M Program Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Project Title: Engineering Services: Utilities Infrastructure Planning and Improvements

The EBCI is requesting proposals from qualified engineering firms to provide planning, design, permitting, bidding assistance, and construction administration

for projects related to development of infrastructure improvements including expansion, replacement, upgrade, or improvement of existing treatment and distribution/collection systems. Firms wishing to request a proposal package should contact Ethan Arch, at (828)359-6106 or by email at ethaarch@ebci-nsn.gov.

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included in the RFP to Ethan Arch, EBCI Water and Sewer O&M Program. Proposals must be received by 12/19/2023 @11:00 AM at which time they shall be opened and evaluated in accordance with tribal procedures. Any proposal received after this time will not be considered. Please be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to this solicitation and award of



## Museum of the Cherokee People

Accepting applications for Atsila Anotasgi Cultural Specialists (Winter Seasonal, Part-Time).

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### Yellowhill Community Club

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this contract.

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### Request for Quotes

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino is seeking quotes from qualified TERO certified companies for top soil. These top soil mixtures must be from a Certified Company!! Turf Soil mixture - 50% Premium soil, 40% Earth Food Compost, 10% River sand. We will need 500 yds of this mixture. Landscape Bed Mix - Landscape Bed Mixture 30% Premium Top Soil, 30% Earth Food, 30% Leaf Compost, 10% sand. We will need 225 yds of this mixture. Again, we need these mixtures from a Certified Creditable Company as we need to keep our PH level in the soil at a desirable range for our

turf and plant to grow correctly.

Interested companies should contact Johnny Buchanan, Grounds Supervisor at 828-541-7868 or 828-422-5098, or at Jbuchanan@harrahs.com. Quotes are due via email by 4:00 PM on Friday, December 8. **11/29**

### Request for Quotes

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino is seeking quotes from qualified TERO certified companies for 1200 Linear Feet of tumbler cobble Stone, (Gray in color).

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### Request for Quotes

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino is seeking quotes from qualified TERO certified companies for 50 tons of crusher run gravel and 25 tons of pea stone gravel.

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### Request for Quote

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino is seeking quotes from qualified TERO certified companies for Sod, Elite Tall Fescue Blend, 20,000 Sq feet in small cut rolls.

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Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino is seeking quotes from qualified TERO certified companies for assorted landscaping plants.

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## Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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(3) Teachers - SAFETY SENSITIVE  
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(2) Behavioral Technicians - SAFETY SENSITIVE  
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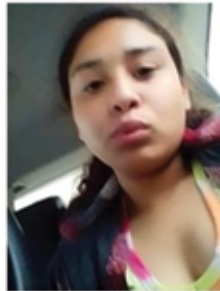
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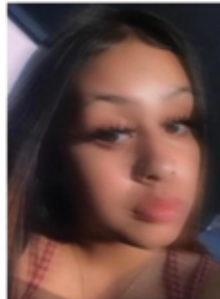
## Dezerae Kay Adams

Enrolled with The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Age: 16 yrs  
Female Height: 5'2" Weight: 160 lbs Hair: Brown  
Eyes : Brown Date of last contact: November 20, 2023  
Location: Ardmore, Oklahoma. Circumstances of  
Disappearance: Last seen on November 20, 2023, wearing  
black hoodie, blue sweatpants, and black shoes.



## Liza Gabriella Louise Marris

Enrolled with The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Age: 16 yrs  
Female Height: 5'5" Weight: 100 lbs Hair: Black  
Eyes : Brown Date of last contact: November 15, 2023  
Location: Ardmore, Oklahoma Circumstances of  
Disappearance: Last seen on November 15, 2023. Black hair  
with pink underlay. No photo available.



If you have seen or have information about Dezerae Adams  
or Liza Marris, contact Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police (580) 436-1166.

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1. Professional Development Specialist – Qualla Boundary Early Head and Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)

2. Maintenance Technician – Housing Program – Housing (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

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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

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4. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)

5. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)

6. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)

7. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour)

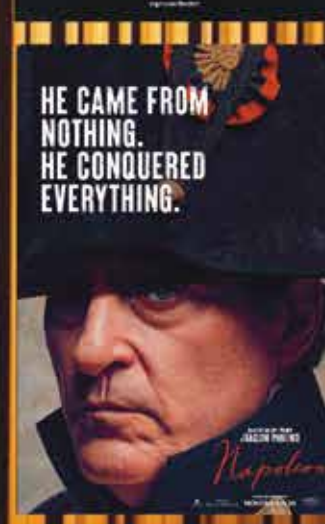
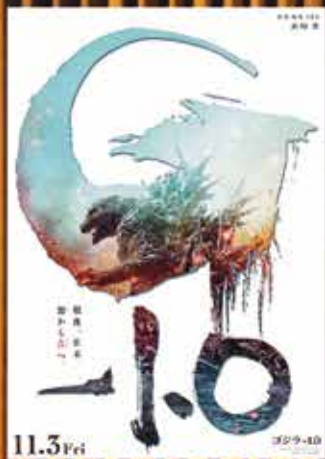
8. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$97,792 - \$130,389)

9. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

10. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)

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