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## Missing Cherokee teen found safe

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**  
One Feather Reporter

**C**HEROKEE, N.C.—On the afternoon of Nov. 30, Victoria Cabrera-Davis, 17, was located by the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) after she had been missing since Nov. 16. Cabrera-Davis was in the custody of the Family Safety Program when she went missing from the Family Safety Building.

In an official statement from Chief of Police Carla Neadeau, CIPD shared that four individuals have been charged in her disappearance with contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. The investigation is ongoing and additional charges may be forthcoming.

Principal Chief Michell Hicks shared an official statement on

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Lou Montelongo reads a statement on behalf of the family of Victoria Cabrera-Davis during an informal gathering in front of the Tribal Council House in Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 30. Cabrera-Davis, 17, was found safe by Cherokee Indian Police Department after she had been missing from the Family Safety Building since Nov. 16. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



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## MISSING: from front page

Nov. 30: "Today we received news by the Cherokee Indian Police Department regarding a missing juvenile in our community. While it is important to note that the details surrounding this case are still being investigated, we want to commend the joint effort made by both CIPD and Family Safety for their collaborative, hard work in safely locating the missing juvenile."

On the evening of Nov. 30, community members Lou Montelongo, Mary Crowe and Elvia Walkingstick read a statement on behalf of the family of Cabrera-Davis. The statement, written on Nov. 26, was read at an informal gathering in front of the Council House.

Representatives from CIPD, tribal officials and Family Safety listened to the reading of the statement, including Police Chief Neadeau; Captain Gene Owl; CIPD Attorney Cody White; Principal Chief Hicks; Chief of Staff Paxton Myers; Public Relations Officer Sheyahshe Littledave; Anita Lossiah, interim director of Human Services; and Sonya Wachacha, Secretary of EBCI Health and Human Services.

Montelongo added that she wanted to move forward collectively for the betterment of the community and the safety of Cherokee children.

Chief Hicks responded first, noting that he knew Family Safety was a program of concern when he took office. He shared that he had just left an hour-long meeting with the new Family Safety management team including Lossiah and Secretary Wachachato begin taking steps to remedy the issues at Family Safety. Hicks also shared that the safety of Cherokee children and the reunification of Cherokee families is a top priority, "The goal of Family Safety should be to bring Cherokee families back together whenever possible."

Secretary Wachacha stated that she will make changes within the Family Safety Program. As a licensed foster parent, Walkingstick shared that she is worried about the condition of Family Safety. Both Anita Lossiah and Secretary Wachacha assured Walkingstick of an open dialogue for change moving forward.

Chief Neadeau stated that CIPD did attempt to contact the family throughout the investigation. Chief Neadeau noted that CIPD Victim Advocate Miriam Fuller was the best contact for community outreach at CIPD.

The meeting ended with the a verbalized mutual understanding that all parties want to collaborate on securing the safety of Cherokee children.

Our last issue for 2023 will be  
Wednesday, Dec. 20.

The first issue of 2024 will be  
Wednesday, Jan. 10.

*Happy Holidays!!*



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# Tribal Council Agenda – Thursday, Dec. 7

8:30 a.m.: Call to Order, Prayer,  
Roll Call, Orders of the Day

Item #1: New Ordinance – An ordinance amending the Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code; to create a rebuttable presumption that a defendant charged with certain violent criminal offenses will serve 72 hours in detention prior to release conditions being set

Item #2: New Ordinance – Amendment to Cherokee Code 55D and Section 55-2 Commercial Gaming and Hospitality Revenue Plan

Item #3: New Ordinance – An ordinance amending Cherokee Code Chapter 16C and Section 16C-9 Revenue Allocation Plan Distributable Net Revenue from Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort

Item #4: New Ordinance – An ordinance to amend Cherokee Code Chapter 115 to make the age of a "compulsory school age child" commensurate with other definitions of a child or juvenile within the Cherokee Code

Item No. 5: New Ordinance – An ordinance mending the EBCI Tribal Election Code

Item No. 6: New Ordinance – An ordinance amending Chapter 47D authorizing the Tribal Realty Services Office to promulgate rules and regulations consistent with

the HEARTH Act

Item No. 7: Tabled Ord. No. 2 (2023) – An ordinance to amend Cherokee Code Chapter 7A Juvenile Justice Code to remove traffic offenses as a triggering event that would cause a juvenile to be declared delinquent, and to allow the user of hearsay evidence in probable cause hearings when the victim is a minor child

Item No. 8: Tabled Res. No. 7 (2023) – A resolution to authorize the Tribe to lend money to Qualla Enterprises, LLC upon terms and conditions as may be required by the Tribe and expressed in notes and agreements which shall be submitted by Council for approval

Item No. 9: A resolution requesting to indemnify Ashley Sessions and her family damages caused by the actions of the Election Board and Attorney General

Item No. 10: Tabled Ord. No. 14 (2023) – An ordinance to amend Cherokee Code Chapter 75-55 Editorial Board & Editor

Item No. 11: Tabled Res. No. 16 (2023) – A resolution to approve the revised By-Laws of the Museum of the Cherokee People

Item No. 12: A resolution requesting to extend the time on rock bar permits issued

Item No. 13: Tabled Res. No. 18 (2023) – A resolution to clarify the ownership of Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 22 and the Piney Grove Baptist Church located on the parcel

Item No. 14: A resolution requesting to amend the dates approved by Res. No. 10 (2023) for the Pro-

tect the Mother Earth Conference

Item No. 15: A resolution to grant an access and utility easement across Coopers Creek to deeded property owned by Norma Hardin

Item No. 16: A resolution requesting the Secretary of Interior review and approve HEARTH Act Regulations submitted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Item No. 17: A resolution to have an independent valuation completed by Caesar's Southernn Indiana in order to get a true value for the property

Item No. 18: A resolution to express the application of certain agreements related to the casino in Southern Indiana to enable the acquisition company to increase its credit agreement with the lender to reduce the obligations of the tribal government

Item No. 19: A resolution for a match for Cherokee Cablevision, Inc. and to waive the sovereign immunity of Cherokee Cablevision, Inc.

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# S.A.F.E. Nurse Program at CIHA dedicated to helping victims

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's (CIHA) forensic nurse program is called the S.A.F.E. (Sexual Assault and Forensic Examiners) Nurse Program and is dedicated to helping victims of violence. The mission statement is "We SEE YOU. We HEAR YOU. We BELIEVE YOU. We are a SAFE place and are here to help".

"Our nurses are not only sexual assault nurses," said Lisa Ivey-McKinney, RN, BSN, Fo-

rensic Nurse coordinator. "We provide services to any victim of violence. We serve everyone from children to elders. Our nurses have specialized training in collection of evidence, medical care, and trauma-informed care for victims of violence."

She added, "We provide follow-up care of victims and ensure that those affected by violence are given the medical and emotional support needed."

Ivey-McKinney said their team works closely with various law enforcement and medical agencies. "Our nurses are also trained to provide testimony if called to testify in court on evidence that was collected during the care of victims. The SAFE Nurse Program provides care 24/7, and we are available anytime."

Currently, Ivey is the only full-

time worker in the program. She noted, "We have two nurses that work full time in the Emergency Room and one nurse that works on the in-patient unit. All these nurses work their full-time jobs and then cover call for our program."


The S.A.F.E. Nurse Program is funded by a grant from the Indian Health Service to the tune of \$250,000 a year for five years. "The monies are being used for education of hospital staff, nursing, and community partners and paying our program nurses to cover the needs of the community, educational materials, and supplies for our community members."

Ivey-McKinney noted that the program has aligned itself with two of the hospital's guiding principles including U wa s hv u da nv te lv ("The one who helps from the heart") and To hi ("A state of peace

and balance").

"Our nurses commit to being a part of this program and providing services to our victims of violence, in addition to working a full-time job here at the hospital. We are committed to providing care to our community. We believe that providing care and support to our victims of violence and ensuring that they have someone that is a support system for them will begin their road to obtaining To hi after a traumatic event."

She added, "We are committed to working with entities from all available resources to ensure that our victims of violence are heard, cared for, and start to recover from whatever trauma they have experienced. We will be doing community outreach and educational events to members of our community. We hope to be able to go into




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the local school systems and educate our youth on dating violence, consent, human trafficking and how to obtain help if needed."

Jennifer Peterson, BSN, RN, FN, clinical nurse educator with the program, commented, "I chose to become a Forensic Nurse Examiner after seeing the need in our community and experiencing issues within my own family. After being physically or sexually abused, no one wants to travel to an unfamiliar place to receive care. They wanted to be treated right here, in the place they know and trust. I am beyond blessed to be able to serve EBCI, as well as surrounding areas."

Ivey-McKinney also has a personal story of why she entered the field. "I chose to become a forensic nurse examiner at first because I am a survivor of intimate partner

violence. I saw there was a great need for these services within our community. I worked with Victoria Harlan and Renee Collette to become a trained Forensic Nurse Examiner and began to actively recruit other nurses to work in this field. I also saw that our children had a need for services and how difficult it was to receive services when my son began to have difficulties. I lost my son to substance use at 15-years-old. This has spurred me to work harder to ensure services are available to our children, so that no mother or father has to feel the pain that my family does."

She added, "When I become frustrated or tired, I think of my son and what a loving and beautiful person he was, and how his life ended too soon. My work and everything that I do with this pro-

gram is in his memory."

Renee Collette, RN, Forensic Nurse Examiner, said, "For me, I have noted the issues of violence committed by people on people has been hidden for so long because of so many reasons. I know that I cannot change what has happened – violence; but I wanted to make sure that people would know they can come in to be seen without any assumption and given trauma-informed care so they can make the best decision that will work for them at that time."

She went on to say, "I also want people to realize that the door will always be open to return – as many times as they need too."

The program is looking to expand its services. "We are working toward being able to do pediatric sexual assault exams within our program so that our kids do not

have to be sent somewhere else for these services," said Ivey-McKinney. "We are able to do child maltreatment/physical abuse exams, but at the moment only have one pediatric sexual assault nurse. We are establishing a SART (sexual assault/violence response team) with tribal programs and other resources in Jackson and Swain counties. This team will come together to establish the best way possible to care for and support victims of violence from the time they seek help all the way through the judicial process if they choose to go that route. We are consistently evaluating what the needs of our victims of violence are, what we are seeing, and the best ways to support and care for them."

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# Suspect held without bond in murder case of Marie Walkingstick Pheasant

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.— A detention hearing was held for the murder case of Marie Walkingstick Pheasant on the afternoon of Tuesday, Nov. 28 in Cherokee Tribal Court with Judge Sunshine Parker presiding.

The suspect, Ernest Pheasant, waived his appearance in court, as well as the opportunity to cross examine witnesses and rebut his detention hearing. Pheasant will be held with no bond until the next hearing date of Feb. 13, 2024.

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 on Nov. 21, 2023, by Judge Monty Beck in Cherokee Court:

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.

## CIPD Arrest Report for Nov. 20-26, 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](http://theonefeather.com).*

Locust, Robyn Lynn – age 39  
Arrested: Nov. 20  
Released: Nov. 20  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Plummer, Wendy Lynn – age 53  
Arrested: Nov. 20  
Released: Nov. 20  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Sampson, Austin Russell – age 40  
Arrested: Nov. 20  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 27)  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Wildcatt, Wesley Jordan – age 23  
Arrested: Nov. 20  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 27)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Hornbuckle, William Richard – age 40  
Arrested: Nov. 21  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 27)

Charges: Probation Violation

Johnson-Sequoyah, Imadeane Arlouine – age 38  
Arrested: Nov. 21  
Released: Nov. 24

Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions, Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Pheasant, Ernest Dwayne – age 46  
Arrested: Nov. 21  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 27)  
Charges: Tampering with Witness, Possession of a Firearm by Felon, Homicide in the First Degree, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Tampering with Evidence

Fourkiller-Raby, Malakai – age 19  
Arrested: Nov. 22  
Released: Nov. 23  
Charges: Consuming Under the Age, Intoxicated and Disruptive

Brown, Dillon Matthew – age 30  
Arrested: Nov. 24  
Released: Nov. 24  
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Nabors, Steven Collin – age 58  
Arrested: Nov. 24  
Released: Nov. 25  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Ensley Jr., Paul – age 60  
Arrested: Nov. 25  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 27)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Reed, Addie Pauline – age 52  
Arrested: Nov. 25  
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 27)  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Nguyen, Son Hoang – age 49

Arrested: Nov. 26  
Released: Nov. 26  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Reed, Tamara Ann – age 29  
Arrested: Nov. 26  
Released: Nov. 26  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass (two counts)

Teesatuskie, Richard Calvin Jay – age 37  
Arrested: Nov. 26  
Released: Nov. 26  
Charges: Interference with Criminal Process, Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Toineeta, Jordan Nicole – age 29  
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## **Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's Tribal Option Department recognized with i2i Center's 2023 Whole Person Care Innovation Award**

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's has announced that the EBCI Tribal Option department has earned the prestigious recognition as the recipient of the i2i Center's 2023 Whole Person Care Innovation Award. Given by North Carolina's i2i Center for Integrative Health, this accolade honors programs or services demonstrating integrative approaches and a commitment to addressing Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) in caring for individuals with Mental Health (MH), Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) needs.

Established in 2018, the i2i Center's Whole Person Care Innovation Award celebrates initiatives that excel in providing comprehensive care while integrating behavioral health, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance use care within the broader scope of whole person care.

Since its inception, EBCI Tribal Option has provided care coordination for Medicaid-eligible Tribal members to improve their healthcare outcomes. More broadly, EBCI Tribal Option assists approximately 4,000 Tribal-eligible Medicaid beneficiaries, primarily in Cherokee, Haywood, Swain, Jackson, and Graham counties. "We are so grateful to be recognized as the 2023 Whole Person Care Innovation Award winner," said Karen Kennedy, EBCI Tribal Option Director. "We strive to instill strong focus on primary care, preventive health, chronic disease management, and providing

comprehensive care to ensure that patients are cared for in a holistic way."

EBCI Tribal Option takes a relationship-based, patient-centered approach to transform patient care by connecting patients to doctors, appointments, medication, and therapy seamlessly—ensuring that patients get the most out of their benefits.

The i2i Center for Integrative Health, known for bringing together healthcare leaders to address critical issues affecting behavioral, intellectual, and developmental disabilities, as well as primary health care in North Carolina, commends the exceptional efforts of CIHA Tribal Option in advancing the quality and efficacy of care and support services.

As a testament to this achievement, CIHA Tribal Option will travel to Winston Salem next week to receive the award during i2i's Winter Conference at the Benton Convention Center on December 7 and 8. This conference serves as a platform for thought leaders and innovators to convene, strategize solutions, and activate change in the realm of healthcare.

For more information about EBCI Tribal Option, please visit [www.ebcitribaloption.com](http://www.ebcitribaloption.com).

*- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority release*

## **Haskell Indian Nations University receives Tribal College Small Business Achievement Grant to Empower Native Entrepreneurs**

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Haskell Indian Nations University, a Bureau of Indian Education-operated post-secondary institution in Lawrence, Kansas, is one of four Tribal colleges and universities awarded a Tribal College Small Business

Achievement Grant by the U.S. Small Business Administration. The grant provides \$250,000 per year for up to five years.

This grant will enable Haskell to create the Center of Entrepreneurial Indigenous Prosperity, a Small Business Resource Center located on the Haskell campus. The center's mission is to positively impact local and Native entrepreneurs and foster economic growth in the community and beyond. The center will serve all of northeastern Kansas. It will offer vital support to potential new startups and existing businesses by finding and providing access to financial and entrepreneurial resources.

"Native entrepreneurship in Indian Country has long been a part of many Tribal communities' economies, so the talent, ability, and striving for success in building a business is already there," said Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland. "This funding will enable Haskell to build a support system to grow Native entrepreneurship benefiting Tribal communities in Kansas and elsewhere."

Mackie Moore, dean of the Haskell College of Business, said, "This grant provides much-needed resources to entrepreneurs within northeast Kansas, especially in our rural reservation areas." It also will allow our students to work with new startups and existing businesses, using real-world applications of what they have learned

in the classroom. We are excited to see how this will impact our local community, students, and all Tribal nations."

Through this grant Haskell will be able to offer guidance and resources to help small businesses adapt and thrive in the digital age, from setting up online storefronts to implementing e-commerce solutions.

"This grant will create new opportunities for the students and communities served by the university and expand the footprint of our mission," said Haskell Indian Nations University President Frank Arpan, Ph.D. "The College of Business is making fantastic strides forward in its programming offerings and we are excited to see the college progress forward."

Haskell College of Business will also establish a business incubation program to provide aspiring entrepreneurs with the necessary resources, mentorship, and guidance to turn their ideas into successful businesses.

Jessica Burghart, an instructor in the Haskell College of Business, will serve as the project director for the center. "My goal here at Haskell was always to create an environment where small businesses could be created and supported," said Burghart. "I truly believe in Native entrepreneurs and their positive impact on Native communities."

*- Bureau of Indian Education release*



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## TRACK &amp; FIELD

# Tribal member to throw shot for Mars Hill

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

The Mars Hill University track and field team is gearing up for its 2023-24 season and includes a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Antonio Lorenzo, an EBCI tribal member and a May graduate of Smoky Mountain High School, will throw the shot put for the Lions this season.

"I started track and field in my junior year of high school, because I tore my meniscus playing football," he said. "I started to take it seriously by the end of the season because I was the only thrower to make it to regionals in shot put."

Lorenzo didn't have a throwing coach, but that didn't stop him.

"During winter track, I started to research and learn a new technique called the glide. I would practice it and do drills but didn't compete with it much because I was afraid that I would look silly and foul my throws."

He then sought out advice and tips from coaches for other schools that paid off in his senior season. "They gave me tips that would help me out down the road. With those tips I would go on to qualify for state for indoor track, breaking Smoky Mountain's indoor track shot put record with 43'9". Then, by the state meet, I broke my own record, using the glide technique, with a throw of 44'9", placing fifth



Antonio Lorenzo, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a May graduate of Smoky Mountain High School, will throw the shot put for the Mars Hill University Lions this season. (Photo contributed)

at state."

Lorenzo kept the momentum going into spring track and field with the goal of qualifying for the 3A state meet. "I finished the season strong - competing against the biggest rival - Franklin High School. The best feeling was beating Franklin's thrower in the (Mountain 7) Conference Championship earning my first first place

all season and a personal best of 48'11". Going on to regionals, I threw another personal best of 49'5.50" coming in second. Finally, state comes around - it wasn't my best performance, but I threw 47ft 4in coming in seventh place." Now, he is training for his collegiate career to start.

"My training is drilling, lots of throws, and lifting weights. I drill

about 30 minutes a day on technical positions you have it hit being a rotational shot putter. I spend 6 days a week at least 2 hours throwing and 3-4 days a week in the weight room, hitting compound lifts such as bench press and barbell back squat. Also, I do a lot of stretching, which can help prevent injuries, as well as working on mobility when throwing an implement/shot."

He added, "Now having a program to go off of is 100 percent different from working out on my own during high school, especially at the collegiate level. It's unique having this program I didn't have during high school. I like it because I know where I stand as a thrower at Mars Hill University. I haven't had my first meet yet, but I am excited to see what it is like at a collegiate level meet."

When asked what he likes best about shot put, Lorenzo stated, "It was the first implement shown to me by one of my friends, saying 'Hey man, you're strong, come and throw shot'. That also encouraged me to participate in track and field. I also liked that a better thrower helped me with my technique at some meets which also inspired me to help other younger throwers or new throwers."

Lorenzo is currently studying health and human performance at Mars Hill with the goal of becoming a coach for football and track and field at the high school level.

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#### POWERLIFTING: Tribal members win awards at SPF event

ABOVE: The Southern Powerlifting Federation (SPF) World Championships were held at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Event Center on Dec. 1-3. Several members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians competed including, left to right standing, Nicholai Solis, Trenton Owle, Tayvin Bark, Calvin Ledford, Damian Solis, Charlie Blackfox, and front Isaiah Littlejohn, not pictured Nathaniel Solis. These lifters trains at the Cherokee Fitness Complex in Cherokee, N.C.

They placed as follows:

- Isaiah Littlejohn, adult division second place Full Power (raw with wraps)
- Trenton Owle, adult division second place Full Power (raw with wraps)
- Charles Blackfox, adult division first place Full Power (raw without wraps)
- Calvin Ledford, adult division first place Full Power (raw without wraps)
- Damian Solis, adult division first place Full Power and Best Lifter (raw without wraps division)
- Nicholai Solis, teen/youth division first place and Best Lifter Full Power (raw without wraps)
- Tayvin Bark, teen/youth division first place Push/Pull
- Nathaniel Solis, teen/youth division first place Deadlift Only and Best Lifter Youth Single Lift category

Anyone interested in joining the team can stop by the Cherokee Fitness Complex. There will be a competition hosted at the Complex in spring 2024. (Photos contributed)

AT RIGHT: Father Damian Solis, center, and sons Nicholai Solis and Nathaniel Solis, all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, competed in the SPF World Championship Saturday, Dec. 2 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Event Center. Damian won first place and Open Best Lifter in sleeves, Nicholai won first place and Youth Best Lifter in Sleeves, and Nathaniel won first place in deadlift only and got Youth Best Lifter.



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### 2024 Cherokee Indian Fair Theme contest

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The theme must be culturally-oriented. It must be seven words or less and must be submitted with a short paragraph describe the meaning of the theme. Last year's theme was "They Made the Way". Only one entry per person.

The deadline for entering the contest is Friday, Jan. 5, 2024 at 4 p.m. The entry forms are available at the Cherokee Welcome Center (828) 359-6490 between the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Forms can also be emailed to interested participants by emailing Lisa Frady at [lisafrad@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:lisafrad@ebci-nsn.gov) to request a form.

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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

### Campfire ban lifted at Great Smoky Mountains National Park

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Effective Wednesday, Nov. 29, the burn ban is lifted at Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Although precipitation, cooler temperatures and shorter days allow for campfires to resume, fire danger is still high across the park and the area is experiencing drought.

Campers may only have campfires in designated areas in both frontcountry and backcountry campsites. Keep campfires small to decrease the chance embers will spread. Always attend and fully extinguish campfires. An extinguished campfire is completely out when it is cool to the touch.

The park issued a campfire ban earlier this month to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire during dry conditions and the increased risk for wildfires in the park.

No wildfires are currently burning within Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

- National Park Service release

### National Park Service investigating site selling fraudulent parking tags

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - The National Park Service (NPS) is investigating an online scam selling fraudulent parking tags to Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Someone posing as the National Park Service is directing individuals and organizations to a website titled "Smokies Park Pass". This website looks like it belongs to our park partner, Great Smoky Mountains Association (GSMA), but it is not a GSMA or NPS website. Please don't visit or buy parking tags from this website.

Official Great Smoky Mountains National Park parking tags are available for sale online only through [smokiesinformation.org](https://smokiesinformation.org) or Recreation.gov.

Park officials noted, "Thank you for continued support of Park It Forward. One hundred percent of the funds generated by park fees stay right here in Great Smoky Mountains National Park to improve visitor safety, increase park ranger presence and to repair, enhance and maintain public park facilities."

- 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 Facebook and search for Mars Hill University Upward Bound 1968-2013 Program and join. **1/31/24**

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### Cherokee Central Schools CTE Department hosts Annual CTE Fair

For the second year in a row, the CCS (Cherokee Central Schools) Career & Technical Education (CTE) Department hosted its annual CTE Fair. This year's Fair had nearly 30 community partners in attendance to share vital information and activities with students. This was also an opportunity for students to learn about the CTE courses offered at Cherokee High School and the careers those courses can lead to. The CCS CTE Department said in a statement, "We would like to say Sgi to all the partners, teachers, and students that participated in the event! This was yet another opportunity to instill cultural and personal pride through the work of our hands!" (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools)

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# 121 Holes: Check out cribbage group in Cherokee

By WILBUR PAUL  
Yellowhill Community

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Most enthusiasts consider it the best two-person card game there is. It has the combinations of poker, the strategic thinking of bridge, the luck of Crazy Eights, the math you wished you had learned in high school, and some of the best interaction between players of any game.

“What game is that,” you ask. Well, it’s cribbage. The game with that board covered in rows of holes. (yes) The game you played with your dad. (Probably) The game that you think is too hard to learn. (No).

It must be a pretty good game because there is a national organization of over 5,000 cribbage players belonging to the American Cribbage Congress ([www.cribbage.org](http://www.cribbage.org)) with local clubs and national tournaments in nearly every state.

In fact, there is a local club here in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina (Club # 346, if you are up to checking them out online.) With players as far as Canton in one direction, and Franklin in

the other, they meet every Monday night at 6:30 p.m., in Cherokee because of its central location for members.

It is an eclectic group with young and old, male and female, good players and novices. And the cool thing is that they willingly help each other if it’s needed. What other contests do you see that happening?

They play one game against a different opponent each time for a total of nine games. The results are tabulated, placed in the computer and accumulated throughout the year, with awards given for various levels of achievements and excellence.

National tournaments draw players from all over the country and there is one most every weekend somewhere in the United

States of America. In North Carolina, there are yearly tournaments in Winston-Salem and Raleigh/Durham. This year’s national championship was in Virginia Beach, Va. in early October – drawing upwards of 300 devotees.

So, what’s with all the holes in the board, anyway? Well, points are scored continuously and if you had to stop to write them down and then do all the math, the game would take forever, and you’d probably add it up wrong anyway.

So, back in the 1700s, when Sir John Suckling invented the game over in England, it was decided to use a board with 121 holes and every time points are scored, the player takes the back peg and moves it in front of the front peg the appropriate number of holes/points.

The first person to get 121 points wins the game. Points are scored for pairs, trips, four of a kind, runs, flushes and every time you can make your cards add up to 15. (C’mon... everybody’s heard cribbage players say, “Fifteen-two, fifteen-four, right?)

So if, after reading this article, you are overcome with a burning desire to refresh your cribbage skills, meet new people, have a good time, win with a smile and lose with grace, Monday nights playing cribbage is the place to be.

The way you do all of that is to contact Wilbur at [blackfeetman@aol.com](mailto:blackfeetman@aol.com). Boards, pegs and cards are all provided and assistance with getting there and back can be arranged.



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## Marie Manurwa Walkingstick Pheasant

Marie, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was 26 years old when she was found dead inside a burning vehicle on Dec. 29, 2013. Her husband, Ernest Pheasant, was arraigned for her murder on Nov. 21, 2023.

Listen to coverage of Marie's case on the WAR podcast:



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## OBITUARIES JHIFR

### JC Wachacha

JC Wachacha left this world on Friday, Nov. 24, 2023 surrounded with love by family and friends. He was preceded in death by his loving daughter, Maggie Lynn Wachacha; nephews, Garfield Long Jr. and Jim Bird; nieces, Judy Bird and Carolyn West; siblings, JD, Catherine, Emily, and Abe; his parents, Lucinda and Raleigh; aunt, Winona; and grandparents, Jarrett and Maggie Axe Wachacha. He was also met with a kiss on the forehead and a slap on the back by many loving friends and family that have also passed on.

JC is survived by his wife, Jeanne; the young men he raised as his sons, Brandon (Tooter), Corey, Evan (Brandi); grandsons, Jeremy (Chelsea), Ezra (Denise), Matix

(Darcy), Savian, Ganvny, Jo, and his arguing buddy Cooper; granddaughters, Deija (Anthony), Dae (Ava), Cree (Cassidy), and Kynleigh; great grands, Kelby, Camreigh, Scarlett, Kamiyah, Cam, and Bonnie; his nephews, John (Debbie), Ike (April), Jarrett (Rhea), Jonah (Emily), Adam (Heather), Eugene, and Boomer; his nieces, Hattie (Jason), Lily (Ronnie), and Encie; great nephews and nieces, Zane, Sierra, Xander, Xamuel, B, Jax, Madz, Jacey, Zarah, Zirryiah, Zayvian aka Seven, and Zueri aka Mudpie. All of their children held a special place in his heart, and he loved you all fiercely!

He is also survived by his sister, Ella Wachacha Bird, who was his protector, and his brother, Mike Wachacha, who got bossed around by JC but always went above and beyond what was asked - both of the

Snowbird community.

JC worked many professions and had no sympathy for whiners who'd never had to ride a school bus in the winter to help build the Cherohala Skyway. He was extremely grateful to have worked all his life, and even past retirement as a Cherokee Language Specialist. He was a fluent speaker of the Cherokee language and could read and write the syllabary. He also taught himself how to use technology to teach Cherokee. He was grateful to all the administration, teachers, coworkers, staff, and students at Kituwah Preservation and Education Program. Bo Lossiah spoiled JC. He also called the adult language students at CLMAP & Dadiwonisi his "kids". The Dadiwonisi program in Snowbird was a long-awaited dream come true to him and he travelled down there an hour both ways

as much as he able to. To all you frontline warriors of the language and cultural practices, he saw you. ENDEAVOR TO PERSERVERE.

A service was held in Snowbird at Zion Hill Baptist Church on Thursday, Nov. 30 with brother Scott Chekelelee delivering the service. To honor JC's last wish, they took him to his porch on Maggie Wachacha Rd. where CLMAP will sang a song and Dadiwonisi sang their song. He was then carried to his final resting place at Wachacha Family Cemetery next to his daughter Maggie.

All pallbearers and honorary pallbearers were recognized at the gravesite.

### Edwin (Randy) Faus

Edwin (Randy) Faus, 77, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023 at his residence. A native of Greenville, S.C., he was the son of Christine Foster Reid of Greenville, S.C. and the late Thomas Reid.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Mike Reid of Myrtle Beach, S.C.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Janice Faus; step-son, Richard R. Griffin; two sisters, Rhonda Ramsey of Piedmont, S.C., Vicky Murphy (Calvin) of Cherokee; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Dec. 2 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Rev. Bear Lambert officiated.


In lieu of flowers, please make donations to any veterans organization.

### Lorretta Jean Jobe

Lorretta Jean Jobe, 73, went to sleep in Jesus on Oct. 27, 2023, following a year of declining health. She belonged to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Angela Jobe, and two sisters, twin sister, Lorraine Miller of Addison, Ala., and Marlene Donnon of Ft. Pierce, Fla.

She is survived by her son, Chad (Angie) Owl of Vero Beach, Fla., and daughter, Elleita (Brad) Owl Kanott of Cherokee, as well as her eldest sister, Elleita Duff, who resides in Cleveland, Texas.

Franklin Owl, whom she married in 1967, share four beautiful grandchildren, Kyla (Chris), Kalli (Nick), and Kenzi Owl, all of Vero Beach, Fla., and her grandson, Lyric Owl Kanott of Cherokee, N.C., whom she adored greatly, along with her numerous nieces and nephews, are among her most

precious possessions.

She will be terribly missed by everyone who knew and loved her. A memorial will be planned at a later time. Arrangements are not in place just yet.

Crisp Funeral Home in Bryson City, N.C. assisted with her final interment.

#### **Ronald "Ronnie" Walker Sr.**

Ronald "Ronnie" Walker Sr., 70, of Bryson City, went home to be with the Lord Friday, Dec. 1, 2023. A native of Swain County, he was the son of the late George William and Leo Evans Walker. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his twin brother, Donnie Walker, and a sister-in-law, Jessie Mae Walker.

Ronnie was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, brother-in-law, and friend who loved his family

and was very proud of every one of them.

He is survived by his wife of 47 Years, Susan Walker; children, Lindsay Edwards and husband Matt, and Chumper Walker and wife Kelsey; grandchildren, Taylor, Logan, Dillon, Taligwo, Justin, Jordan; great grandchild, Taylan; brothers, Joe Walker, Tommy Walker (Lois), Johnny Walker (Cookie), and Charlie Walker (Kattie); special nieces, Kelcy, and Samantha; special nephew, Zac; several other nieces and nephews; and great nieces and nephews; great nieces, Anneleseise and Hadleigh; sisters-in-law, Kim (Clint), Dean-na (John); and a lot of K 9 friends along the way.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Holly Springs Cemetery #2 on Shepherds Creek. Pastor Shane Silvers officiated.

Pallbearers were Marvin Oliver, Charles Walker, Vincent Walker, Justin Walker, Taligwo Walker, Dillon Beam, and Jason Walker.

#### **Linda Faye Jumper**

Linda Faye Jumper, 61, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at Mission Hospital in Asheville. She was born in Cherokee on Sept. 6, 1962, to the late Stencil Jumper and Lillian Toineeta Jumper. She was their second child and lived her entire life in the Wolfstown community.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Catt, and a half-brother, Arneach Toineeta.

Linda is survived by her sister, Tammy Gibby (Owen); a special aunt, Rena Cooper (Co), her significant other Sam "Chute" Watty; five nieces and nephews, J.R. Catt (Denise), Remy Catt (Jake), Jeffrey Catt (Lynn), Stephanie Catt, and Mattie Catt; numerous great-nieces and great-nephews; as well as

several special relatives including, Dusty Cooper (Laurel), Raynee (Joey), Lilly, Edward, Carter, Sarah, Kylo, Azlyn, Tammy Jackson (Tuff), Reva Toineeta (Nehi); and special friends: Cindy Wolfe, Angie Garcia, Tony and Kelly Deese, Justin French, and Mary Hornbuckle.

Linda attended Southwestern Community College, where she received her associate degree in administrative office technology. She was employed by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians for 27 years, where she was a conscientious worker committed to excellence on her job. Affectionately known as Boo Boo by her family and friends Linda was a sweet, gentle soul, and was special to all who knew her. She was kind and compassionate by nature and demonstrated great love and consideration for her immediate and extended family and friends. She loved to travel and made seasonal trips to the beach and to the Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg area. She was enthusiastically involved in the collection and marketing of Tupperware. An excellent cook, her life revolved around her love of family and family gatherings. She was, indeed, the center of the family and community events.

Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6 at the Cherokee Church of God at 2 p.m. The Reverends Donald Bates, Keith Carson, and Aaron Bridges will officiate. Burial will follow the services at the Laurel Cemetery located at 110 Teleski Road in Cherokee.

Pallbearers will be Justin French, Duck Lossiah, Tuff Jackson, Justin Montelongo, Joe Solis, Jeffrey Catt, J.R. Catt, Jalen Catt, Jake Boudreaux, Chad Cooper, Tony Deese, Gary Driver, Walker Cooper, Tres Cooper, L.T. Junaluska, and TJ Junaluska.

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<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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# Thoughts on personal trauma and spiritual healing

By TIFFANY FOSTER

Murphy, N.C.

Government agencies such as the Department of Social Services, police and the sheriff's office, are here to help us as civilians to have a better life. They are here to provide and help guide us with resources to make things easier. Granted some (or most) may think or feel like they are here to take your children and or take you to jail. That is not the case at all. You see all of these were started way before any of us now living were ever even alive to hear and know firsthand exactly the intentions. However, in the little research time I've had to find some facts, it all boils down to people wanting to help people. Sometimes things are misunderstood. People are misjudged. Communication is out of whack. When this happens between any person, group of people, or agency it can become a breeding ground for disaster.

That doesn't even begin to account for the individual's past, traumas, and life experiences or lack thereof. See the way I've come to think a bit about this sometimes-unfair game called life, is that the only actual real true instruction manual is thrown out of all the places we teach or learn. It is often "shhhh" in public and some have even gotten arrested or worse killed in other countries for public prayer. The Bible stands for basic instruction before leaving earth, or the authoritative, in a particular sphere or to most of us, "Holy Word.". It was and is his word the same in the beginning as in the end.

Some of us did not grow up with it in our hands, or heads or know enough to have it in our hearts. People aren't born broken. We break ourselves and each other, unfortunately, sad but true. Contrary to popular belief, few of us do this by accident. Some unknowingly do it due to experiences that this game of life has led us to.

I've learned and am still learning so much

about all of this with some help from some amazing people. I grew up a little different. Not bad. My mom is an inspiration, to say the least. We just kind of grew up together and kind of quickly for lack of better words. It made us tough on the outside. However, as an adult with a certain number of issues that I have tried and am still trying to learn the correct or appropriate way to handle especially at my age can seem easy to judge from the outside. I've learned that people especially judgmental ones are those who probably really need to look inside themselves. Not just the mirror image, that probably is just what they are allowing us to see. We all have different triggers. None of us come with individual instruction manuals or know what the others would even say. We all make mistakes. The only perfect person was crucified. This much we know is true. I am beyond extremely grateful that God knew our mistakes before we did and still thought that each of us would be or do something needed here. Sometimes this game, fair or unfair, good or bad, with or without the exact rules or instruction manuals for us as individuals can be downright repulsive. That's when we must look up and instead of asking why, maybe what am I supposed to learn from this. I know it sounds simple to some and others like the first time tasting semi-sweet chocolate.

So, in a nutshell with or without chocolate, I'd like to personally thank every group, individual, or agency that has helped me. Also, I would like to pray wholeheartedly for everyone. If you don't agree or dislike me or my family or any decisions made, I'd like to extend an extra special prayer for you and yours also. Nobody knows the heartache that we have endured. These and other groups or individuals who have knowingly or unknowingly made horrendous mistakes and caused so much heartache due to lack of training or lack of care will, without a doubt, deserve extra prayers.

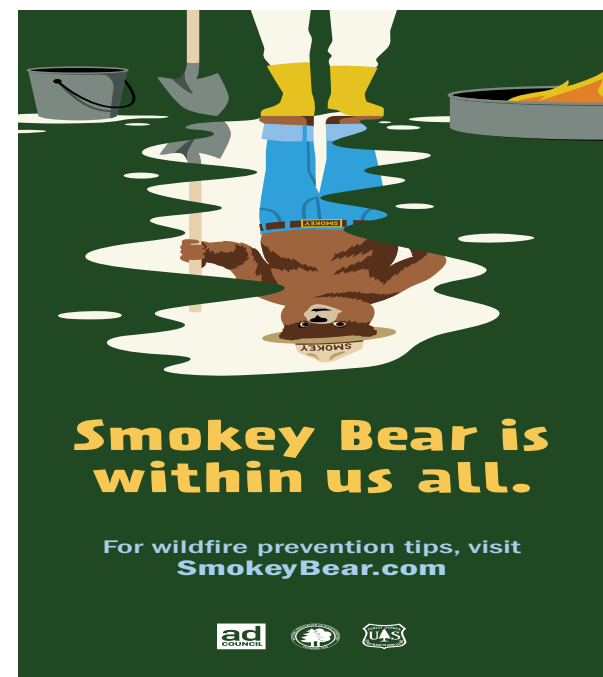
None of us are promised tomorrow. We don't know what the future holds. All we can do is try our best to be what we want from others in our time of need or uncertainty. Thank you to all the Veterans who selfishly gave or give or have given any time. Also, to their families who have done the same.

We are all family in God's eyes. So, let's

try to create and build more hope and love in ourselves, so possibly it will be easier to give to each other. I'm trying to do this daily. Sometimes it works and sometimes I get lost. I am thankful my husband and our families know my heart and intentions.

There is a candle ceremony for anyone who has lost a child or sibling on Dec. 10 at Ivie Funeral Home in Murphy. I hope and pray that everyone is living or trying to live their best for themselves as well as each other. We don't know when, where, or how the last time might be so let's act like or become the most positive, optimistic joyful person that we hope to encounter every day.

*Editor's Note: The following information was attached to the commentary: Worldwide Candle Lighting. Have you or someone you know suffered the death of a child, grandchild, or sibling? Cherokee County Compassionate Friends serving Murphy and surrounding cities will hold the annual candle lighting ceremony. Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. in Ivie Funeral Home in Murphy, NC. Please email (iviefuneralhomeinc@gmail.com) or drop off a picture of your child, grandchild, or sibling along with the name, date of birth, and date of death to Ivie Funeral Home by Dec. 4. Pictures will be used for a slide presentation. For any questions, contact Vickie Sullivan (828) 541-1408 or jackievickiesulliavan@gmail.com.*



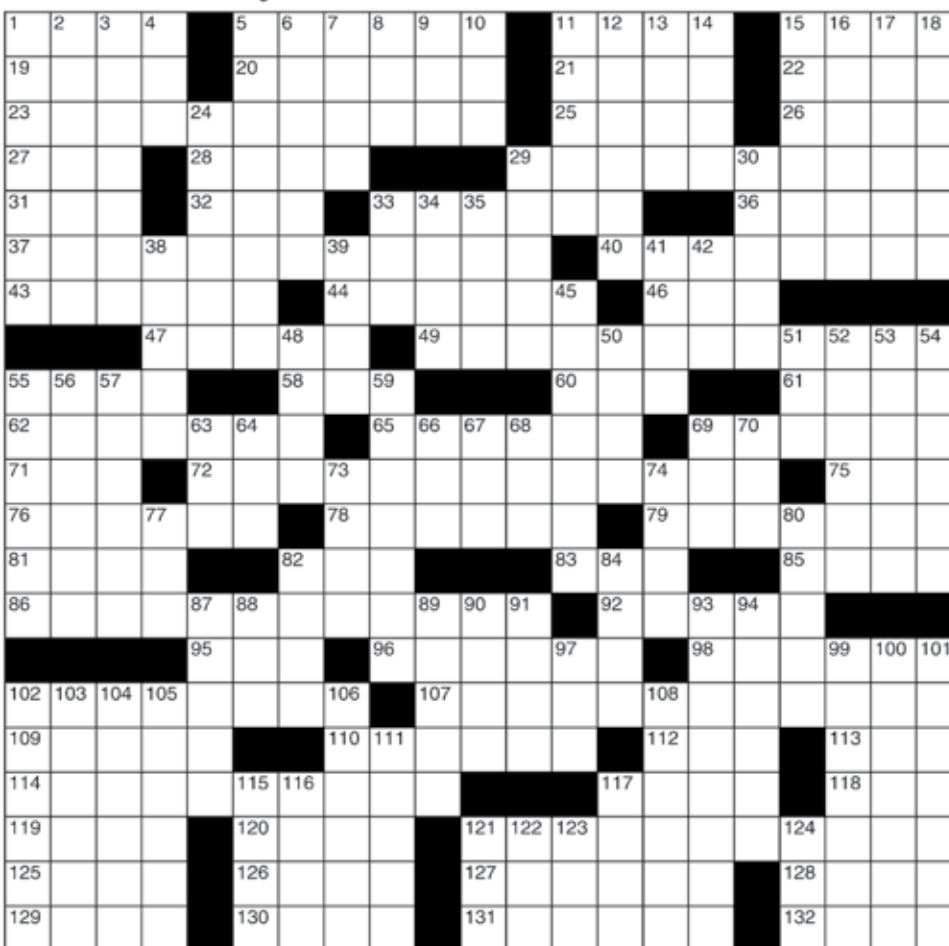


### ACROSS

- 1 Agree (with)  
5 Ability to cope well with difficulty  
11 Mini-devils  
15 Girl  
19 Forget to say  
20 Vocation  
21 Heist booty  
22 — Stanley Gardner  
23 She played Kira Nerys on "Deep Space Nine"  
25 Sicilian resort city  
26 Rain-starved  
27 Get riper  
28 Taken with  
29 Legendary nude horse rider  
31 Small bird  
32 Enhaloed Fr. woman  
33 Lightning source, as shortened in weather reports  
36 Like wicker baskets  
37 Rotating rocket ride at Disney theme parks  
40 Alternatives to dice  
43 Has the helm
- 44 Exactly  
46 Lime drink  
47 "Oh, go on!"  
49 Kevin Bacon's "Footloose" role  
55 Spring-loaded stick  
58 R&B's Rawls  
60 Suffix with script  
61 Elvis — Presley  
62 Twitched, as a muscle  
65 Pasta strip  
69 Raiment  
71 — and yang  
72 Depressing or untidy sort  
75 Santa —, California  
76 Overprotect  
78 Most ashen  
79 Discovered  
81 Old cracker brand  
82 Short time, for short  
83 Sheeran and O'Neill  
85 Regatta tools  
86 Grammy nominee for writing the Lee Ann Womack hit "I May Hate Myself in the Morning"
- 92 Retort to "No you're not!"  
95 Moray, say  
96 Gin mill  
98 Be emphatic  
102 Moniker for Boston's locale  
107 Flying disc renamed "Frisbee" in 1957  
109 Zones  
110 FDR part  
112 "Indeedy"  
113 "Law & Order: —" (NBC series since '99)  
114 Silly grin  
117 Gravy Train competitor  
118 Insult, in rap  
119 Be very mad  
120 Baseball's Ty  
121 Their names begin eight answers in this puzzle  
125 Wields  
126 Major city in Norway  
127 Squirrel food  
128 Actress Hathaway  
129 Period before 6-Down  
130 Close-call cry  
131 Present in a different form

### DOWN

- 1 Piano recital pieces  
2 Free-verse poet  
3 Kitchen nook  
4 Hellenic H  
5 Red apple  
6 It follows Holy Week  
7 Stooges, e.g.  
8 New Year in Vietnam  
9 Zodiac sign  
10 Mess up  
11 "Word has it ..."  
12 Munchies from Mars  
13 Pint-size  
14 Smelter junk  
15 Entice  
16 Get there  
17 Split-off bit  
18 Alternatives to coupes  
24 Sun blockers  
29 Oscar winner Sophia  
30 Proprietor  
33 Uncle, in Spanish  
34 Sky shiner  
35 Head, in French  
38 Creditors' takebacks
- 39 Square in the first column of a bingo card  
41 Speed  
42 Nuptial vow  
45 Try to equal  
48 "We're No Angels" actor — Ray  
50 Regatta group  
51 Gym pad  
52 Pop singer  
53 Intersection  
54 Presses and stretches  
55 Hitchcock film of 1960  
56 Downer drug  
57 India's Indira  
59 Takes stuff out of a suitcase  
63 Nero's 1,550  
64 Up 'til  
66 Popeye's Olive  
67 Lofty poem  
68 "ER" roles  
69 Exist  
70 Luggage-screening org.  
73 Oil gp.  
74 "Frozen" heroine  
77 Fawn nurse  
80 Hen's perch  
82 Road deicer
- 84 T. rex, e.g.  
87 U.S. flag sewer Ross  
88 Meadowland  
89 Sappy tree  
90 Earthen cooking pot  
91 Person, place or thing  
93 Motorist's distance marker  
94 Attach with a click  
97 Siouan tribe  
99 "All finished!"  
100 "Kids" actress Chloë  
101 Bridge supports  
102 Amount a sack will hold  
103 Stimulate  
104 Naval petty officers  
105 Most secure  
106 OK for eating  
108 Traffic cones  
111 Funny bone locale  
115 Garbage barge  
116 Dance violently  
117 Razor choice  
121 Uber order  
122 Fabulous flier  
123 Fabled flier  
124 "Zip-a-Dee-Doo- —"



See answers on page 22

# 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 Luke in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
  2. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ...? *Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers*
  3. How many times is "nativity" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? *Zero, 1, 2, 7*
  4. At the birth of Jesus, who was king of Judaea? *Solomon, Herod, Balak, Belshazzar*
  5. What was the home city of Mary and Joseph? *Capernaum, Nazareth, Aphek, Shechem*
  6. Which of these wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? *Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense*
- Looking for a great holiday gift? Wilson Casey's Golf Trivia 2022 daily calendar will challenge and entertain golfers of all skill levels. Available in stores and online.

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1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed legislation that made Christmas a national holiday?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of dragonflies called?
3. MOVIES: Who played the role of Father Chuck O'Malley in "Going My Way"?
4. FOOD & DRINK: In what year was the famous Toll House chocolate chip cookie first made?
5. LANGUAGE: What is the international radio code word for the letter M?
6. TELEVISION: What's the name of the mom on "Family Guy"?
7. PERSONALITIES: Which famous boxer's nickname is "The Manassa Mauler"?
8. HISTORY: Over which empire did Genghis Khan rule?
9. GEOGRAPHY: The Appian Way is an ancient road in what country?
10. MEASUREMENTS: How many milliliters are in 1 cup?





must be presented at event check-in. Museum members: enter code MEM90 at checkout. Citizens of federally recognized tribes: enter code EBCI90 at checkout.

**Cherokee Winter Social.** Jan. 27, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Painttown Gym in Cherokee, N.C. MC: Catcuce 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.

**WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS**  
**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society Annual Holiday Party.** Dec. 7 at 6:30



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

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.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Dec. 25, 1776, Gen. George Washington crosses the Delaware River with 5,400 Patriot troops, hoping to surprise a Hessian force celebrating Christmas at their winter quarters in Trenton, New Jersey. Washington's men quickly overwhelmed the German defenders, who were groggy from the previous evening's festivities, and by morning the town was surrounded.

• On Dec. 21, 1891, James Naismith introduces the game of basketball as an activity for bored and unruly students during difficult New England winters. Based on rules he created, the game was tested by 18 students at the International Young Men's Christian Association Training School in Massachusetts.

• On Dec. 22, 1956, a baby gorilla enters the world at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, becoming the first gorilla born in captivity. Colo went on to become a mother, grandmother and a great-grandmother to Timu, the first surviving infant gorilla conceived by artificial insemination. Colo died in 2017 at the age of 60.

• On Dec. 26, 1966, Jimi Hendrix writes the lyrics to "Purple Haze," the song that would give him his breakthrough hit. Rolling Stone magazine would later name "Purple Haze" one of the 100 Greatest Guitar Songs of All Time.

• On Dec. 23, 1982, the Missouri Department of Health informs residents of Times Beach that their town was contaminated when the chemical dioxin was sprayed on its unpaved roads. The entire town was evacuated and demolished.

• On Dec. 20, 1995, the United Nations peacekeeping force formally transfers military authority in Bosnia to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, clearing the way for deployment of some 60,000 NATO troops.

• On Dec. 24, 1979, the Soviet Union invades Afghanistan under the pretext of upholding the Soviet-Afghan Friendship Treaty of 1978. Despite fierce resistance from the Afghan army, it took the Soviets only a few days to secure the capital of Kabul.

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## Paw's corner

by Sam Mazzotta

### Beware Holiday Foods, Ornaments, Plants

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** Please remind your readers of how important it is to keep their pets away from holiday foods. Some foods, like chocolate, can be deadly poisonous to dogs, while rich foods and ingredients like onions or raisins can be dangerous for cats and dogs. — *Jessica in New Jersey*

**DEAR JESSICA:** You told them, and thank you! The holiday season, with plenty of parties, family and food, can be hectic for everyone, but it's important to monitor pets and make sure they're kept away from potentially harmful items.

Many foods, not just chocolate but onions, grapes and raisins, nuts, avocados and other holiday foods can cause house pets great harm. Store them well out of reach, and keep pets out of the kitchen when cooking and away from serving tables. A more extensive list of common foods that can be poisonous to pets is available from the Humane Society of the United States ([www.humanesociety.org](http://www.humanesociety.org)).

Christmas tree ornaments also can potentially be harmful. Cats love knocking down glass ornaments and may accidentally ingest tinsel or other shiny strands. Dogs may gnaw on interesting packages or break into gift boxes of candy or fruit.

Even plants need to be kept out of reach: poinsettias, for example, are toxic to cats.

To minimize risk, place breakable ornaments higher on the tree and put plants well out of reach. During parties or dinners, place your pets in a separate area of the house with bedding, food and water, and check on them occasionally. (This also is helpful in keeping pets' stress levels down.)

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

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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER \* TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

You can find the One Feather at these fine area establishments:

**Cherokee**  
Cherokee Boys Club  
Qualla Co-op  
Museum of the Cherokee People  
Cherokee Welcome Center  
Talking Leaves  
Qualla Java  
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River Valley  
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Marianna Black Library  
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City Lights Bookstore  
WCU Bardo Arts Center  
**Snowbird Community**  
Jacob Cornsilk Center  
Snowbird Senior Center  
Robbinsville Ingles  
**Great Smoky Mtns. National Park**  
Oconaluftee Visitor Center  
Sugarlands Visitor Center

# MISSING PERSON

## Jose Vidal Trejo

Male Enrolled with Cherokee Nation

Height: 5'9"-5'10" Weight: 180-200 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Age: 24

Date of last contact: May 10, 2023

Last Known Location: Henryetta, OK

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Subject was last in contact with family on May 10, 2023, who reported that he was taken to the area of Tiger Mountain on Interstate 40 in McIntosh County by the Henryetta Police Department and dropped off. He has a tattoo on his neck, front/right.

If you have seen or have information about Jose Vidal Trejo, contact Duston Todd, Investigator, Muscogee Mvskoke Creek Nation Lighthouse Tribal Police Department (918) 732-7800.

Source: Namus.gov



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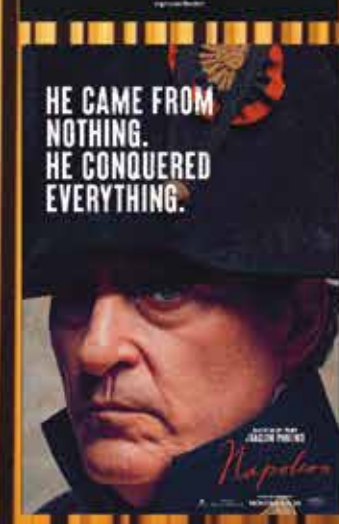
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**For Sale – Cannister vacuum cleaner**, USA made, compact commercial strength, extra bags/ storage tote, not junk, never used. \$275.00 leave a message 828.507.1061. **12/13**

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## Employment Opportunities

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\*\*\*contingent on FT/PT and availability status

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## Employment Opportunity

**Tribal Alcoholic Beverage  
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**The TABCC currently has two full-time positions  
available for hire!**

1. Executive Director – TABCC
2. Store Clerk – ABC Store

**Closing date: Monday, December 15, 2023, at 4:00  
PM**

**All applications and job descriptions are available at  
the TABCC Main Office.**

**Absolutely no applications will be taken after the due  
date.**

**Address of Main Office: 738 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee NC 28719**





## Kituwah, LLC has the following job available

### **KITUWAH, LLC. Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**

This position has oversight and supervision of a small team of employees and controls all strategic and business aspects of the company. The CEO is the first in command of the company and responsible for giving the proper strategic direction as well as creating a vision for success. The CEO must be a prudent manager and an inspiring leader. The CEO provides overall leadership, direction, guidance, and management of the functions, operations, programs, activities, resources, and staff of the Kituwah, LLC and all its subsidiaries, which is a component unit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Identifies opportunities for the EBCI to diversify its economy, leads and develops economic negotiation agreements. Advises the KEDB on various investment, corporate governance, and strategic planning issues as they arise, and facilitates the integration of a comprehensive strategy between the companies under KEDB control to effectuate a multi-company holistic strategy among them. The goal is to drive the company's development and guide it towards long-term success.

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

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

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## Museum of the Cherokee People

### Now Hiring Manager of Finance, Registrar, Atsila Anotasgi Cultural Specialists

The Museum of the Cherokee People is hiring: **The Manager of Finance** will provide financial oversight for all financial components of the museum, including but not limited to accounts payable, payroll, grants, budgeting, accounting, etc.; serve as gatekeeper for financial and administrative transactions; and provide functional and supervisory oversight of the MotCP Finance Department. Total Salary Range: \$40,000-\$60,000. Hiring Range: \$40,000-\$52,000. **The Registrar** will ensure archival and object collections are cataloged, maintained, documented, stored, and accessible in accordance with AAM standards, while following and maintaining Cherokee protocols. Total Salary Range: \$30,000-\$50,000. Hiring Range: \$30,000-\$42,000. The Museum of the Cherokee People offers a comprehensive benefits and retirement package. The Museum is also accepting applications for **Atsila Anotasgi Cultural Specialists (Winter Seasonal, Part-Time)**. Atsila Anotasgi Cultural Specialists enhance visitors' experience at the Museum and through the cultural district of Cherokee by presenting Cherokee history and culture through cultural programs, leading group tours, and more. Compensation begins at \$12/hour.

Learn more and apply with cover letter and resume via [mci.org/employment](http://mci.org/employment).



## Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

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### EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS Division of Community, Education, and Recreation Services

The Kituwah Preservation & Education Program launches the Cherokee Speaker Archive Project.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 28, 2023

Contact: [bolossie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:bolossie@ebci-nsn.gov)  
Ph: 828.359.6408

The Kituwah Preservation & Education Program "KPEP" was recently awarded a grant from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation to document and record (audio or video) all Cherokee Speakers in every community. The purpose of this project is to conduct in-person interviews with all recordings preserved for future use by the community in the digital archive.

KPEP is developing a unified digital repository with the important goal of creating an inclusive archive. The inclusive archive will be accessible for all EBCI designated partners, programs, and most importantly all tribal members for the purpose of using any resources pertaining to past, present, and future language and/or any culturally significant assets and materials. (For more information about the digital archive, please visit: <https://ebcikpep.com>.)

**COMPENSATION:** Participants in the Cherokee Speaker Archive Project will be given a one-time compensation for their time.

**INTERVIEWERS/TRANSCRIBERS:** KPEP will contract Cherokee Speaker(s) who will conduct the interviews exclusively in Cherokee, and transcribers to convert audio recordings into digital text.

#### QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONTRACT WORK

**CHEROKEE SPEAKERS:** Must have a high vocabulary, read and write in Cherokee syllabary, and understand semantical relationships in English.

**TRANSCRIBERS:** A four-year degree is preferred with the completion of a Cherokee language curriculum approved by KPEP; completed KPEP's 2-year CLMAP program or completed the Dadiwonisi Program in good standing. Must have experience with up-to-date electronic media devices for recording sound and video and have excellent editing skills. Must have highly proficient computer skills.

**DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8TH, 2023**

Interested parties may email or call Bo Lossiah - email: [bolossie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:bolossie@ebci-nsn.gov) - Phone: 828.359.6408



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# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## HUMAN RESOURCES:

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

Employee Relations Specialist - \$50,723 - \$63,404

## ENGINEERING:

EVS Supervisor \$21.13 - \$23.98

## FINANCE:

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25

Certified Coder - \$24.55 - \$27.99

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Peer Support Specialist – Analeisgi - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Kanvwtiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134

Behavioral Health Data Analyst - \$67,082 - \$83,852

## OPERATIONS

Dentist – Dentures & Partial Dentures - \$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

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

Pharmacy Technician I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 - \$20.67

Echocardiography Technologist - \$33.68 - \$38.72

## MEDICAL

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

Physician – ER –Part Time Intermittent \$227,068 - \$283,835

Physician – Pediatrics \$157,686 - \$197,108

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

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

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

## NURSING

Case Management Support / C.N.A – Immediate Care Center \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

Certified Medical Assistant / Licensed Practical Nurse - Primary Care \$21.13 - \$23.98 \*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus for LPN

Licensed Clinical Social Worker Care Manager – Primary Care \$58,332 - \$72,915

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

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

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

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

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

Telemetry Nursing Assistant – Inpatient \$19.66 - \$22.25

## TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

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

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CNA/PCA - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (C.N.A. only)

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

Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \*\$10,000 Hiring Bonus

Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11

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

## 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.**





## Kara Martin

Kara Martin is the only person to have won every pageant title for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) including: Little Miss Cherokee 1996, Junior Miss Cherokee 1999, Teen Miss Cherokee 2004, and Miss Cherokee 2007. She represented the EBCI at the 2014 Miss Indian World pageant where she wore the outfit she is pictured in at left. Prior to that pageant, she told the One Feather, "I want to be a good role model, not only for the Eastern Band, but for all of the Indian nations. I want to present a positive role model to young women and men alike."

Source: Cherokee One Feather  
Photo: Cherokee One Feather



## Cherokee Boys Club Employee of the Month December 2023

Meet Chad Swayney from the CBC Bus and Truck and Children's Home. Chad has 26 years of service as a school bus driver and Children's Home maintenance technician. We want to recognize Chad for his work superior work ethics and great personality and for always going above and beyond daily. Chad driver bus #18 and has the longest school bus route morning and evening. The route consists of 32 miles with a total of 64 miles per day. Chad always greets us with a smile and checks by every day by saying "How are you?" We are so grateful to have Chad as an employee at the Cherokee Boys Club Bus and Truck department.



**Chad Swayney**

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

## Closing Sunday, December 10, 2023

1. Community College Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
2. Member Services Representative – Cherokee Fitness Complex – Education (L7 \$15.60 - \$19.50 per hour)
3. Sergeant (Probation) – Police Department (Corrections) – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$52,349 - \$65,437) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Director of Destination Marketing & Sales – Destination Marketing – Commerce (L17 \$72,342 - \$90,428)
5. Housekeeper I – SB & CC Housekeeping – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
6. Carpenter – SB & CC Building Maintenance – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
7. Housekeeper I – Housekeeping – Operations (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Crew Leader/Operator – Water & Sewer – Operations (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
9. Supervisor (Water Quality Program) – Office of Environmental and Natural Resources – Agriculture & Natural Resources (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478)
10. Stock Clerk – Tribal Food Distribution – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
11. Data Entry Clerk – Tribal Food Distribution – Public Health & Human Services (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
12. Manager – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478)
13. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$27.87 - \$34.84 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. 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)
11. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law / Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$72,127 - \$96,169)



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DhB0C0A D0P,0DY0DY had their first performance in Nashville, Tenn. at the 103rd National Conference for the Social Studies (NCSS) over the week-end. Shown, left to right, are Micah Swimmer, Yona-Uweluga Swimmer, Piper Owle, Tobias Pheasant, Penelope Stamper, Andre Williams, and Reece Williams. Mark Finchum, Tennessee Council for the Social Studies executive director, said, "The program was attended by the president of the National Council for the Social Studies and the president of the Tennessee Council for the Social Studies. There were several past presidents of NCSS in the crowd too. The program ended with a standing ovation!" (Photo contributed)

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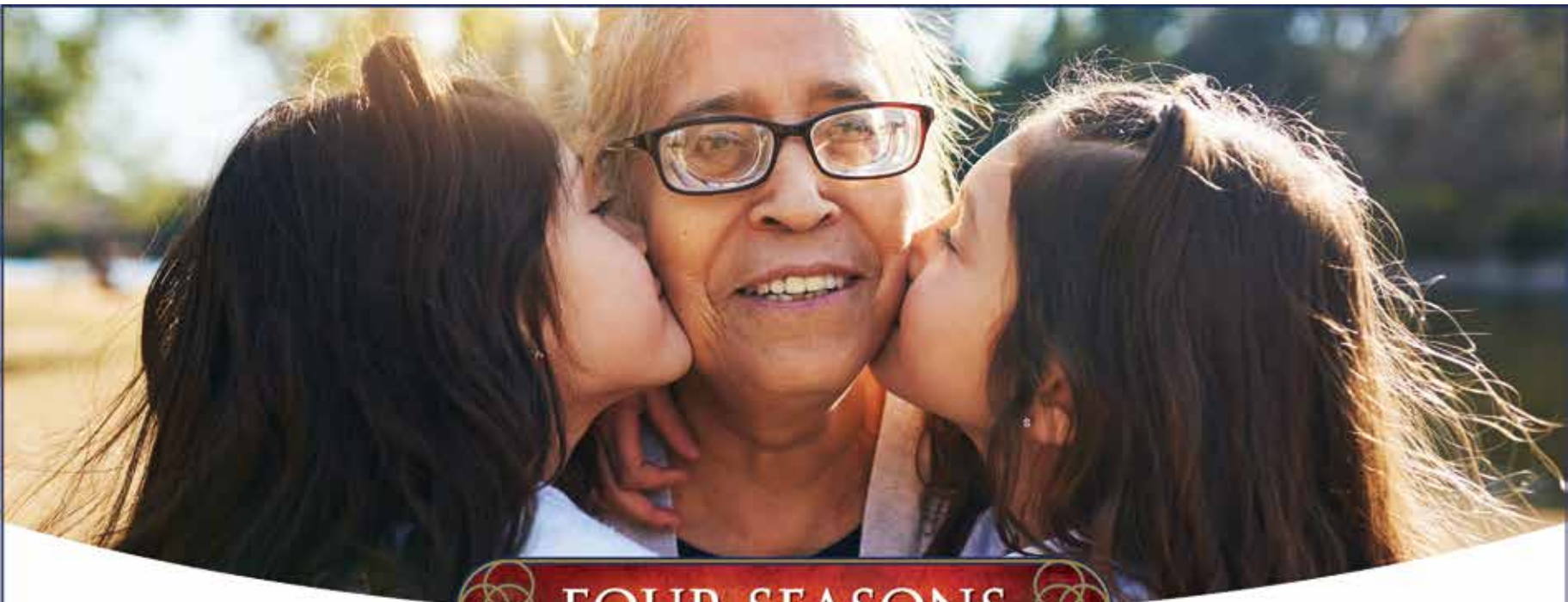
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