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## “Bring it into the light”

### Human Trafficking on the Qualla Boundary

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**  
 One Feather Reporter

**C**HEROKEE, N.C.— In recognition of January as National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, representatives from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, Office of the Tribal Prosecutor, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority S.A.F.E. (Sexual Assault and Forensic Examiners) Nurse Program, Office of the Principal Chief, and the Cherokee One Feather, met Jan. 25 in the Large Conference Room of the Ginger Lynn Welch Building to discuss community-centered intervention and prevention for the issue of human trafficking on the Qualla Boundary.

Individuals in attendance at the Jan. 25 meeting were Shelli Buckner, EBCI senior tribal prosecutor from the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor; Driver Blythe, public relations assistant from the Office of the Principal Chief; Marsha Jackson, Domestic Violence Program manager; Kayla Bigmeat, intervention project coordinator; Lisa Ivey, RN, BSN, Forensic Nurse coordinator; Brooklyn Brown, Cherokee One Feather reporter; and Robert Jumper, Cherokee One Feather editor.

Additionally, those invited but not in attendance were: Sheyahshe Little-dave, Public Relations Officer from the Office of the Principal Chief, who had a conflicting meeting; Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Chief of Police Carla Neadeau and CIPD associate attorney general Cody White who also had conflicting schedules; Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Special Agent Bianca Pearson and FBI Special Agent Kaley Kowalsky who were out of

office; and Brooks Robinson, regional senior vice president and general manager of Harrah’s Cherokee Casinos and Juan Owle, director of surveillance for Harrah’s Cherokee Casinos, who declined the in-person interview and provided a statement via email. Police Chief Neadeau, White, Special Agents Pearson and Kowalsky requested to schedule an interview with the One Feather at another date.

Representatives from Harrah’s Cherokee Casinos were provided via email a precursory series of questions that were posed at the meeting. Kelci Coker, regional communications manager at Harrah’s Cherokee Casinos, declined the in-person meeting on behalf of Robinson and Owle, providing a response to one of the eight interview questions, stating via email, “The majority of these questions seem to be better suited for the other participants. We are going to politely decline in-person interview opportunity but would still like to provide response from Brooks Robinson, Regional Senior Vice President & General Manager, to the highlighted question below:

“What are the best actions for combatting this issue? What are some current trainings or steps you are taking in your specific program to address the issue?”

At Harrah’s Cherokee Casinos, we have a long-standing commitment to upholding the human rights of all individuals and bring awareness to the global issue of human trafficking. Human trafficking does not discriminate and can unfortunately be present in every community. To combat human trafficking in our local communities, we have many ongoing training opportunities and initiatives.”

The statement went on to list a series of mission statements indicating their commitment to inform and educate their employees, clearly display their stance

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against human trafficking, conduct trainings, promptly investigate, and collaborate with tribal programs and entities. The statement also included a list of their human trafficking trainings and initiatives since 2017.

The meeting began with the simple but important question of, “Does human trafficking exist on the Qualla Boundary?” The group answered with a unanimous and quick “Yes.”

There are zero arrests, convictions, or court cases associated with human trafficking on the Qualla Boundary. There are zero federal arrests, cases or convictions associated with the crime of human trafficking on the Qualla Boundary. Still, representatives from EBCI tribal programs at the Jan. 25 meeting answered with a resounding “yes” that human trafficking appears on the Qualla Boundary.

Jackson went on to define the term. “Human trafficking is exploiting a person through force fraud or coercion, and it can include some type of labor or commercial sex act. It can include forced labor, domestic servitude, and sex trafficking. Sex trafficking is forced fraud or coercion to induce another person to sell sex.”

Jackson added that age of consent is a critical aspect of sex trafficking. “I want to make sure that this is really clear. If someone is under the age of 18, they cannot consent to sex on tribal property, period.

If someone is under 18 and any of these things are happening, they’re not being prostituted, they are being trafficked. Commercial sex acts mean any sex acts on an account of which anything of value is given or received by any person. It can be forcing intimate partner relationships to have sex with someone in exchange for money or drugs,

utility bills, rent, gas money, any of those things.”

Buckner quoted Cherokee Code Section 14-30.12. Sex trafficking, “The code assigns culpability to anyone who recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides obtains, advertises, maintains patronizes or solicits any of these activities,’ So, it’s not just a person who is attempting to have sexual relations with somebody; it’s all these people who may have some relationship to that transaction.” The punishment for the offense listed in Cherokee Code is \$15,000 and maximum term of imprisonment of three years.

The discussion centered on sex trafficking, which is documented to exist on the Qualla Boundary in programmatic reports, but the group also agreed that labor trafficking is probably present on the Qualla Boundary as well.

“I think it probably started with agriculture, because agriculture is so big in this area, but now I think that there are a lot of people who come here for employment opportunities, and they are working for less than minimum wage, and that’s labor trafficking,” Jackson said. “In housing, if I’m providing you a house, but the house doesn’t have electricity, or there’s twenty people in one bedroom and they’re working 12-14 hours a day or two or three different jobs, that’s labor trafficking.”

Blythe shared his experience as a former Family Safety program employee who worked the first documented instance of sex trafficking on the Qualla Boundary. “I am speaking from my experience as a child maltreatment investigator. This isn’t something that I’m saying for the record on behalf of Office of the Principal Chief, but this is something that I dealt with in 2022 during a Family Safety

case, and due to confidentiality, I cannot say the name of the child or any of the perpetrators, but it was something that we were not prepared for when it happened. It seemed like a runaway case at first, but we just happened to find out that there was more to it than that. The victim was very quiet, and when we got her to a medical facility, she expressed that she had been trafficked for some months,” Blythe shared. “What stood out most to me at the time was my point of contact said we didn’t have anything in policy about this. We’d never dealt with this before. Now, that’s not to say sex trafficking hadn’t happened before then, but it showed us that we needed procedures for this now.”

Ivey agreed that the 2022 Family Safety case also set a precedent for CIHA. “I think that case that Driver talked about started opening eyes for different departments within the tribe that yes, sex trafficking is here. I know for us at the hospital, that’s when we started building on that aspect of the S.A.F.E Nurse program,” she said. Jackson shared information she learned from FBI Special Agent Bianca Pearson’s presentation on familial trafficking at a recent human trafficking training held during the AWAKE Child Advocacy Center’s Champions for Children conference at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort. Familial trafficking is a form of sex trafficking by family members, of which children are the most common victim.

“The grooming process is very quick. I’ve heard clients who used the DVSA program make statements like, well, it happened to me. It’s generational and it’s normalized, and now with gaming and internet and social media, a child is subject to being groomed within

three minutes of an online conversation,” Jackson said. “It is a business. These people, these children, that are being trafficked are just money to traffickers. That’s all they are. They are a means of financial gain, and recruiters are generally someone who’s been trafficked before. So, they know what to say, they know what to do, and they know how to get those new victims in.”

Bigmeat shared that the psychology of sex trafficking victims is complex to navigate, “Trafficking is a newly discussed topic for our community. We just started tracking it. And human trafficking is so different from any other abuse because a lot of the time they don’t know that they’re victims. They don’t see themselves as a victim at all,” she said. “If I have a black eye, I know I’m a victim, or the whole community knows I’m a victim, but it’s so different with human trafficking. It’s a lifestyle. That’s how they grew up. That’s the grooming process and the normalization of it.”

Jackson agreed, adding the complex nature of the power dynamic between traffickers and their victims, “It’s very insidious because your victims do not see their traffickers as traffickers. They see these people as the people who are helping take care of them. Most of the time, if we’re dealing with a victim of trafficking, we don’t refer to their trafficker as a pimp. We have to refer to them as what they refer to them as, which is usually ‘my boyfriend’, ‘my daddy’, ‘my mommy’. Because to them, that person is an intimate person that is caring for them.”

Ivey shared that her process for detecting sex trafficking in the S.A.F.E Nurse program is also

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complex. “Some of the signs to detect in the medical aspect is if someone is consistently coming in with sexually transmitted diseases. That’s part of the education that we’ve been doing for our providers and our nurses, especially through the emergency room and outpatient settings. We also look for branding, which can be like branding cattle, but it can also be a tattoo, a haircut, or a type of clothing.”

Ivey also warns that trafficking can happen anywhere, to anyone by anyone, but there are more vulnerable populations, including Indigenous populations. “It happens everywhere, in all socioeconomic, gender, sex, race, age groups. It’s

happening at your neighbor’s house possibly, or at the church. But perhaps the most vulnerable population is our substance use population, our homeless population, people in need.”

Jackson spoke to the fetishization and victimization of Indigenous peoples, “We’re a vulnerable population already because of our history and our generational traumas, but we’re also kind of like a token. A fetish to exploit.”

Buckner added that there are overwhelming statistical differences for Indigenous victims of sexual violence.

The group agreed that the best community action for combating the issue of human trafficking on the Qualla Boundary is education for detection and denormalization

of child sex abuse. “It’s all of our jobs to educate each other on these matters, to discuss it, to talk about it. It’s not a nice subject, but it’s each of our jobs. Make sure your child knows the medical name of their body parts, make sure they know safe touches and healthy relationships,” Jackson said. “Intimate partner violence has been normalized. Seeing molestation throughout generations has been normalized. We must start with our babies. We’ve got to start with our little ones and let them know that this is not okay. This is not normal. But when you’ve grown up with it for generation after generation, it is very much normal to you,” Ivey said.

Buckner advocated for program collaboration on preventing

and intervening human trafficking. “Interagency cooperation and multidisciplinary collaboration is really critical because victims will present to us differently in different settings. We need to work on this together,” she added.

Ivey metaphorized the issue of human trafficking and our responsibility as a community in terms of dark and light, a metaphor shared by U.S. Attorney Dena J. King in her remarks at a human trafficking awareness event in Charlotte on Friday, Jan. 26: “It is important to bring this sinister crime out of the shadows – where it thrives – and into the forefront – where it belongs – where we can learn about it, understand it, and educate others, so together we can fight against it,” U.S. Attorney King said.

“We have to be the ones to say we’re not doing this anymore and shine that light out there so that those dark corners aren’t there anymore, and those people can’t have a place to hide,” Ivey said. Blythe added that the time to shine that light is now. “One thing I’ve always heard is ‘This ain’t the time to talk about it. This ain’t the place to talk about it. This ain’t good to talk about it.’ But it will never be the right place or the right time or the fun thing to talk about, but it needs to be addressed and needs to be talked about now,” he said.

Bigmeat ended the meeting with a call to action. “We need to talk about it. We need to discuss it openly. Bring it into the light.”

The One Feather plans to hold a public forum in the Spring to discuss the issue of human trafficking with the community and form community-based actions for making a difference. The representatives from the Jan. 25 meeting plan to be there. Details are forthcoming.

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# CCS School Board holds their first meeting of 2024

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools met on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

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

Guests in attendance were Howard Wahnetah, CCS finance director; Rhonica Via, CBC finance director; Shae Deck, CES Special Education teacher; Sonya Wachacha, Secretary of PHHS; Anita Lossiah, interim human services director; Nicolas Squirrell, Family Safety program; and Chase Sneed, CCS athletic director.

The opening prayer was led by Stamper. The previous meeting minutes from Dec. 18, 2023 were

approved with a motion by Lambert seconded by Toineeta, with Stamper abstaining.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Toineeta, with Stamper abstaining.

Wahnetah and Via provided January financial reports, both reporting no significant changes.

In the “Good News” portion of the meeting, Cherokee Elementary School Special Education Teacher Shae Deck shared the book her students created titled, “Our Cherokee Culture.” The book includes Cherokee legends and illustrations. The book is available for purchase at Studenttreasures.com. Deck expressed that she is proud of her students and the talent they displayed in the creation of this book.

Reed-Cooper suggested that the students go before Tribal Council to be recognized for their accomplishment in creating this book. Rep. Stamper said he would arrange a date and time for the students to be recognized at Tribal Council. Hyatt suggested that the book be added to the Qualla Library and the story walk at the Island Park.

Secretary Wachacha, Lossiah, and Squirrell provided information on the EBCI Family Safety and Foster Parent programs. Squirrell explained the process of becoming a foster parent, and expressed a need for foster parents, as Family Safety currently has at least 80 children in need of foster care.

Sneed shared that the Lady Braves basketball team is #2 in the West 1A conference and #50 in the state for all classifications. CCS will host the Smoky Mountain Conference Championship Basketball Tournament with tentative dates of Feb. 15-23. The

Lady Braves planned to attend the school board meeting but had to play a rescheduled game at Highlands. The Lady Braves requested black uniforms. The board unanimously agreed to honor the Lady Braves’ request for black uniforms. The consent agenda was approved unanimously with a motion by Reed-Cooper, seconded by Lambert with Stamper abstaining.

The following resolutions were approved:

24-104: Margaret Zimmer is approved as a Substitute Teacher for the Elementary School and PreK  
24-105: Kimblery Arkansas is approved as a Substitute Teacher for the Cherokee Central Schools  
24-106: David Hartbarger is approved as a Substitute Teacher for the Cherokee High School

The board entered a closed session for two employee appeals and one employee leave extension request. The board exited closed session to discuss policy changes.

The following policy changes were approved unanimously:

Policy 4120: Domicile or Residence Requirements Revisions  
Policy 4130: Discretionary Admissions Revisions  
Policy 7005: Employment Suitability Investigations Revisions  
Policy 7510: Leave Revisions  
Policy 2200: Election of Officers/Organization of the Board Revisions

The board held a first reading of policy revisions for Policy 7100: Recruitment and Selection of Personnel, which will appear on the Feb. 5 agenda for vote.

In other announcements, Dr. Payne explained that the Bureau of Indian Education plans to meet with the school board, Tribal Council, Principal Chief Hicks, and Vice Chief Ensley, at 10 a.m. on Jan. 31 after touring CCS campus.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04

p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 5 at 4:45 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.



## Moments in time

• On Feb. 12, 1912, Hsian-T'ung, the last emperor of China, was forced to abdicate following Sun Yat-sen's republican revolution, ending 267 years of Manchu rule in China and 2,000 years of imperial rule.

• On Feb. 13, 1958, a four-passenger Thunderbird called the “Square Bird,” made by the Ford Company, made its public debut. Considered to be a model that turned the Thunderbird from a sports car into a luxury car, it's still often referred to as simply the T-Bird and has appeared in movies such as “Grease,” popular songs and music videos.

• On Feb. 14, 1984, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean became the highest-scoring figure skaters in history at the Olympic ice skating championship in Sarajevo with their sensual, free-dance performance of Ravel's “Bolero.”

• On Feb. 15, 1965, the maple leaf officially became Canada's official national flag symbol. It had already served in that capacity for more than a century, but the matter was only settled in the House of Commons the previous December, and approved by England's Queen Elizabeth II shortly afterward.

• On Feb. 16, 2007, British Education Secretary Alan Johnson's order for “difficult” classic authors including Jane Austen and Charles Dickens to be taught to 11- and 12-year-olds was not met with favor by teachers. They believed these classic works might prove daunting enough to turn students off of such material for life. Johnson argued that they were in fact essential to a well-rounded British education.

• On Feb. 17, 2014, the Saudi Gazette made Somayya Jabarti the newspaper's editor-in-chief, marking the first time a woman held that position in the country. Her successor, writing about the decision that represented a major step forward for Saudi women's rights, made sure to state that the position was granted solely on Jabarti's merit.

• On Feb. 18, 1943, a small group of German students from the University of Munich known as the White Rose movement were arrested after a janitor observed and reported them for distributing leaflets with anti-Nazi propaganda. Within days, all the members, including philosophy professor Kurt Huber, were sentenced to death for treason by the People's Court and beheaded.

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# Cherokee Supreme Court rules to vacate Cody Long conviction

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—The Supreme Court of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Tribal Court vacated the conviction of Benjamin Cody Long on Dec. 14, 2023.

Long was arraigned and detained in December 2019 following a cyberattack on the tribal network that shut down most tribal operations for several months. After 22 months of hearings and eight dismissed charges, Long, a member of the EBCI and former employee of the EBCI Office of Information Technology (OIT), was found guilty of felony “misuse of

Tribal property” on Oct. 14, 2021 (20CR465). Following the verdict, Long was sentenced to time served, which was 454 days.

The Supreme Court ruling reads, “Per Curiam, Defendant appeals his jury conviction for misuse of Tribal property for accessing network resources belonging to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians after being relieved of his duties and put on paid administrative leave from his position as the lead systems administrator for the Tribe’s Office of Information and Technology. Computer records showed a single login to Defendant’s network account following a meeting during which he was put on leave. After careful review, we hold that under the Cherokee Code, evidence of an unautho-

rized login, without more, is insufficient to convict for the misuse of Tribal property. Because the Tribe failed to provide evidence of appropriation of Tribal property for Defendant’s own use or use of another, as required by the Cherokee Code, we vacate Defendant’s conviction.”

The ruling also states that “The primary question before the Court is whether the Tribe’s evidence met the statutory element that requires a defendant ‘appropriate the Tribal property...to his own use or use of another,’ citing Cherokee Code 14-170.42(c)(1). The Supreme Court found that “the Tribe failed to produce any evidence showing Defendant put the network to his own use or that of another.”

The ruling goes on to say that “Without evidence of any use to which Defendant put Tribal property, we cannot uphold his conviction due to the absence of an essential element of the crime.” In conclusion, the Supreme Court found that “the trial court erred in failing to grant Defendant’s motion for acquittal, and we vacate Defendant’s conviction.”

The ruling was signed by Chief Justice Kirk Saunooke, Associate Justice Brenda Toineeta Pipestem, and Associate Justice Robert Hunter.

## Kituwah Services, LLC receives \$6.8 million contract with U.S. Navy

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KG3 is an economic enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

- KG3 release

## Tribal officials meet with lobbyists

On Thursday, Jan. 18, Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, and Tribal Council hosted a meeting comprised of surrounding state gaming lobbyists, state lobbyists, and federal lobbyists for the EBCI. This joint meeting, another first, was held to discuss the overall strategy of the Tribe regarding policy lobbying efforts in Washington D.C., Raleigh, and commercial gaming in surrounding states.

The goal was to ensure that the EBCI stays informed and aware of any issues or gaming-related movements that could potentially negatively impact the Tribe and Tribal investments.

- Office of the Principal Chief press release

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**Meeting in Vonore, Tenn.**

Bill Taylor, second from left, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) governmental affairs liaison, and Driver Blythe, left, EBCI public relations assistant, traveled on behalf of the Office of the Principal Chief to Vonore, Tenn. to attend the quarterly board meeting of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum on Wednesday, Jan. 24. Discussion centered on preserving culturally-significant Cherokee lands in Tennessee, including Sequoyah's birth village, Tanasi, and Chota. Also in attendance third from left were Lyndsey Hanna, Nature Conservancy of Tennessee director of government relations and climate policy; Katherine Medlock, facilitator; former EBCI Vice Chief Larry Blythe; Charlie Rhodarmer, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum manager; and Gabby Lynch, Nature Conservancy of Tennessee director of protection. (Photo courtesy of EBCI Public Relations)

**HHS Poverty Guidelines for 2024**

The Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines are used to determine income eligibility for participation in Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Children from birth to age five who are from families with incomes below the poverty guidelines are eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start services. Children from homeless families, and families receiving public assistance such as TANF or SSI are also eligible. Foster children are eligible regardless of their foster family's income. Program staff members may refer to this section of the Head Start Act to further understand eligibility for Head Start and Early Head Start: Sec. 645 of the Head Start Act.

The poverty guidelines are adjusted for families of different sizes and may be used to determine financial eligibility for certain federal programs such as Head Start and Early Head Start services. The guidelines are issued each year in the Federal Register by the Department of Health and Human Services. A single set of guidelines applies to the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. There are separate sets of poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii. These guidelines may be used when determining a family's eligibility for Head Start and Early Head Start services.

2024 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
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2	\$20,440
3	\$25,820
4	\$31,200
5	\$36,580
6	\$41,960
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8	\$52,720
For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,380 for each additional person.	

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Sources: [balconygardenweb.com](http://balconygardenweb.com), wikipedia

- Brenda Weaver

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Bird, Sydney Audena – age 24  
Arrested: Jan. 8  
Released: Jan. 9  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Childers, Lucinda Faye – age 41  
Arrested: Jan. 8  
Released: Jan. 11

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ensley, Willian Nathaniel – age 45  
Arrested: Jan. 8  
Released: Jan. 9  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Simple Assault, Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult

Ledford, Clinton Lee – age 46  
Arrested: Jan. 8  
Released: Jan. 11  
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Thomas, Bryan Fitzgerald – age 34  
Arrested: Jan. 8  
Released: Jan. 9  
Charges: Domestic Violence or Dating Violence

Youngdeer, Steven Henry – age 41  
Arrested: Jan. 9

Released: Jan. 12  
Charges: Domestic Violence, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Bird, Eddie – age 33  
Arrested: Jan. 10  
Released: Jan. 12  
Charges: Order for Arrest

Cabrera, Delores Amelia – age 50  
Arrested: Jan. 10  
Released: Jan. 10  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

McKinney, Eric Cale – age 37  
Arrested: Jan. 10  
Released: Jan. 10  
Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions

Owen, Mark Arthur – age 61  
Arrested: Jan. 10  
Released: Jan. 10  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Teesateskie, Steven Douglas – age 39  
Arrested: Jan. 10  
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 22)  
Charges: Resisting Public Officer, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Probation Violation

Alcantar, Gustava Balleteros – age 30  
Arrested: Jan. 11  
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 22)  
Charges: Trafficking in Methamphetamine

Ferguson, Timothy Keith – age 70  
Arrested: Jan. 11  
Released: Jan. 11  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Moose, Robert Tyler – age 24

Arrested: Jan. 11  
Released: Jan. 16  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Wilnoty, Laranzo Daniel – age 37  
Arrested: Jan. 11  
Released: Jan. 18  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Panther, Allana Kayleen – age 31  
Arrested: Jan. 12  
Released: Jan. 12  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Lossiah, Johnnie Ray – age 32  
Arrested: Jan. 13  
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 22)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Taylor, Autrey Vincent – age 41  
Arrested: Jan. 14  
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 22)  
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Teesateskie, Joel – age 58  
Arrested: Jan. 14  
Released: Jan. 14  
Charges: Cruelty to Animals (three counts)

Yoon, Tae – age 64  
Arrested: Jan. 14  
Released: Jan. 14  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

**CIPD Arrest Report for  
Jan. 15-21, 2024**

*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*

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**Cooter Brown,**  
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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 at [theonefeather.com](http://theonefeather.com).

Walk, Justin – age 19  
Arrested: Jan. 15  
Released: Jan. 15  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Walk, Natasha Katelynn – age 23  
Arrested: Jan. 15  
Released: Jan. 15  
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21-years-old

Crowe-Key, Feather Lace – age 25  
Arrested: Jan. 16  
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 22)

Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation  
  
Toineeta, Jordan Nicole – age 30  
Arrested: Jan. 16  
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 22)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Arch, Shelby Mae – age 26  
Arrested: Jan. 18  
Released: Jan. 18  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Crowe, John Everette – age 51  
Arrested: Jan. 19  
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 22)  
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (two counts)

Bird, Elexia – age 18

Arrested: Jan. 20  
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 22)  
Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions; Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons Under 21-years-old

Waxler, Charles Gene – age 50  
Arrested: Jan. 20  
Released: Jan. 20  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Wilnoty, William Jarrett – age 42  
Arrested: Jan. 20  
Released: Jan. 20  
Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions

Caley, William Evan – age 19  
Arrested: Jan. 21  
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 22)

Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Maney, Richard Guy – age 28  
Arrested: Jan. 21  
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 22)  
Charges: Domestic Violence

Sutton Jr., John Theodore – age 27  
Arrested: Jan. 21  
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 22)  
Charges: Assault on a Female, Communicating Threats, False Imprisonment, Second Degree Trespass, Probation Violation

Welch, Anthony Dirk – age 53  
Arrested: Jan. 21  
Released: Jan. 21  
Charges: Probation Violation

# MISSING

## Jamie Ellen Lum

American Indian/Alaska Native  
Height: 5' 4" Weight: 145 lbs  
Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown  
Age: 16 Female

Last Known Location: Fairbanks, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:  
Jamie ran away from the Street Outreach Advocacy Program (SOAP) at approximately 10 am on December 21, 2023. Last seen wearing dark colored sweats.

If you have seen or have information about Jamie Lum, contact Fairbanks Police Department (907) 450-6500 or Malia Miller, Missing Persons Clearinghouse Manager. Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511.

Source: [Namus.gov](http://Namus.gov)



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## Cherokee Boys Club Employee of the Month January 2024

Meet **Ms. Martha Wolfe** from the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI). Martha has served RKLI as the administrative assistant since 2018. She is hard-working, dependable, and a self-starter. We want to recognize Martha for being an excellent team member. Martha goes above and beyond to ensure our programs and staff are Well taken care of. She is also a talented graphic designer and is the artist behind many of our flyers and T-shirts. Martha meticulously manages our calendars, ensuring we never miss an important deadline. She is organized and contributes helpful ideas and solutions. We are grateful to have Martha at the RKLI and CBC.

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## WRESTLING

# Cherokee wrestlers place at SMC Championship

One Feather Staff Report

BRYSON CITY, N.C. – Several members of the Cherokee High School (CHS) wrestling team placed at the Smoky Mountain Conference Championship held at Swain Co. High School on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The following CHS wrestlers placed: Niya Mora, girls 107 second place; Alitama Perkins, girls 138 third place; Jessie Catolster-Hernandez, boys 138 third place; Trevor Hill-Ledford, boys 144 third place; Kingston Welch, boys 150 fourth place; Aiden Larch, boys 157 fourth place; Julius Pepion, boys 165 fourth place; Michel Gayosso, boys 175 third place; J’Ron Lineberry, boys 215 third place; and Chanttin Tramper, boys 285 second place. Robbinsville took the boys team title with 239.5 points followed by Swain Co. 181.5, Hayesville 116, Cherokee 79, Murphy 56, and Andrews 14. Swain Co. took the girls team title with 207 points followed by Robbinsville 78, Murphy 26, Cherokee 23, and Hayesville 20.

Following are the results for each weight division per trackwrestling.com:

### Boys Division

**106**

- 1 – Skylar Anderson, Robbinsville
- 2 – Jake Miller, Murphy

**113**

- 1 – Adair Panama, Robbinsville
- 2 – Sully Cunningham, Swain Co.
- 3 – Josiah Niebla, Murphy

**120**



Several members of the Cherokee High School wrestling team placed at the Smoky Mountain Conference Championship held at Swain Co. High School on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 23. Shown, left to right, front row – Niya Mora, girls 107 second place; Alitama Perkins, girls 138 third place; Chanttin Tramper, boys 285 second place; back row – Jessie Catolster-Hernandez, boys 138 third place; Michel Gayosso, boys 175 third place; and Trevor Hill-Ledford, boys 144 third place. Not pictured – J’Ron Lineberry, boys 215 third place; Kingston Welch, boys 150 fourth place; Aiden Larch, boys 157 fourth place; and Julius Pepion, boys 165 fourth place. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools Athletics)

- 1 – Alexis Panama, Robbinsville
- 2 – Andrae Aguilera, Swain Co.
- 3 – Jameson Dawson, Hayesville
- 4 – Josiah Roehm, Andrews

**126**

- 1 – Loxston Hooper, Robbinsville
- 2 – Kale Stephenson, Swain Co.
- 3 – Micah Roehm, Andrews

**132**

- 1 – Avery Phillips, Robbinsville
- 2 – Dalton Farmer, Murphy
- 3 – Will Denton, Hayesville
- 4 – Jason Maffett, Swain Co.

**138**

- 1 – Lleyton Hooper, Robbinsville
- 2 – James Stroman, Swain Co.
- 3 – Jessie Catolster-Hernandez, Cherokee
- 4 – Ashton Raxter, Murphy

**144**

- 1 – Owen Craig, Swain Co.
- 2 – Zach Kessler, Murphy
- 3 – Trevor Hill-Ledford, Cherokee

- 4 – Landen Gibson, Hayesville
- 150**

- 1 – Juan Rios, Robbinsville
- 2 – Patrick Denton, Hayesville
- 3 – William Tanner Moore, Swain Co.

- 4 – Kingston Welch, Cherokee
- 157**

- 1 – James Arch, Swain Co.
- 2 – Andrew Reynolds, Hayesville
- 3 – Luke Green, Robbinsville
- 4 – Aiden Larch, Cherokee

**165**

- 1 – Clay Seagle, Swain Co.
- 2 – Caden Gordon, Hayesville
- 3 – Kyler Branham, Robbinsville
- 4 – Julius Pepion, Cherokee

**175**

- 1 – Raul Rivera-Prieto, Hayesville
- 2 – Christian Koeller, Robbinsville
- 3 – Michel Gayosso, Cherokee
- 4 – Gavin Teesatuskie, Swain Co.

**190**

- 1 – Kage Williams, Robbinsville
  - 2 – Lucas Sutton, Swain Co.
  - 3 – Dakota Patterson, Hayesville
- 215**

- 1 – Matthew Ferguson, Swain Co.
  - 2 – Kellen Ensley, Robbinsville
  - 3 – J’Ron Lineberry, Cherokee
- 285**

- 1 – Koleson Dooley, Robbinsville
- 2 – Chanttin Tramper, Cherokee
- 3 – Rayland Martinez, Hayesville
- 4 – Angelo Palombo, Murphy

### Girls Division

**100**

- 1 – Velvet Carver, Robbinsville
- 2 – Savannah Cunningham, Swain Co.

**107**

- 1 – Jany Echeverria, Swain Co.
- 2 – Niya Mora, Cherokee
- 3 – Andrea Sheeks, Robbinsville

**114**

- 1 – Asiah Bell, Swain Co.
- 2 – Halie Hill, Murphy

**120**

- 1 – Elliana Norton, Swain Co.

**126**

- 1 – Lindsey Faulkenberry, Swain Co.
- 2 – Lillian Denton, Hayesville
- 3 – Koda Stinson, Robbinsville

**132**

- 1 – Taisa Neadeau, Swain Co.

**138**

- 1 – Lylah Cogdill, Swain Co.
- 2 – Alexis El-Khourri, Robbinsville
- 3 – Alitama Perkins, Cherokee

**145**

- 1 – Emmy Everhardt, Swain Co.
- 2 – Kyla Jenkins, Robbinsville

**152**

- 1 – Aracely Lara, Swain Co.
- 2 – Campbell Brooks, Robbinsville

**165**

- 1 – Pippa Welch, Swain Co.
- 2 – Aiden Smith, Murphy
- 3 – Pacey Bradshaw, Robbinsville
- 4 – Katie Miller, Hayesville

**185**

- 1 – Anasette Cooper, Swain Co.

**285**

- 1 – Layla Alonzo, Swain Co.

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## Social Dance Fun

The Cherokee Winter Social was held at the Pam Taylor Painttown Gym on the evening of Saturday, Jan. 27. The event featured songs and dances of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, along with visitors from the Seneca Nation of New York, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather Asst. Editor









## Tribal member named to The Center for Native Health Executive Board



**Brett Treadway**

(Photo courtesy of The Center for Native Health)

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Center for Native Health has announced that the Executive Board appointed Brett Treadway as the newest

member. Treadway, a member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, grew up just off the Quala Boundary in Bryson City, N.C.

He now resides in Boulder, Colo. and currently serves as a program associate for First Nations Development Institute (FNDI), a National Tribal lead non-profit focused on strengthening tribal economies and communities through technical assistance, training, policy, and awarding grants. Specifically, Treadway works under the Stewarding Native Lands Program, where he helps manage multiple projects focused on climate, environmental justice, community pathways, and ecological stewardship.

He received his bachelor's degree in sustainability studies from the University of Florida, along with a minor in American

Indian and Indigenous Studies and organic and sustainable crop production. While completing his degree, Treadway was active across multiple campus organizations focused on sustainability, climate activism, and environmental outreach.

"We are excited that Brett has decided to join the Executive Board. His experience and his growing knowledge through his current work with FNDI will have a significant impact on our future direction. I can't wait to work with him as he helps guide our vision forward along with the rest of the Board Members", says current CNH Executive Director, Trey Adcock Ph.D., a Cherokee Nation citizen.

Treadway has been able to work across Indian Country and is dedicated to strengthening and

uplifting Native communities within his career. He is passionate about sustainability and environmental protection, and their relationship to Tribes and Native cultures.

The Center for Native Health 501(3)c was founded in 2009 with the vision of reducing health disparities for American Indian communities through the integration of community held knowledge into all facets of Native healthcare and education. The Center's work is organized into four general areas: Land and Wellness, Education through Mentorship, Cultural Preservation, and Matrilineal health each of which seeks the respectful application of Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS) across all activities.

- *The Center for Native Health*  
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## Ruby Sky Montelongo

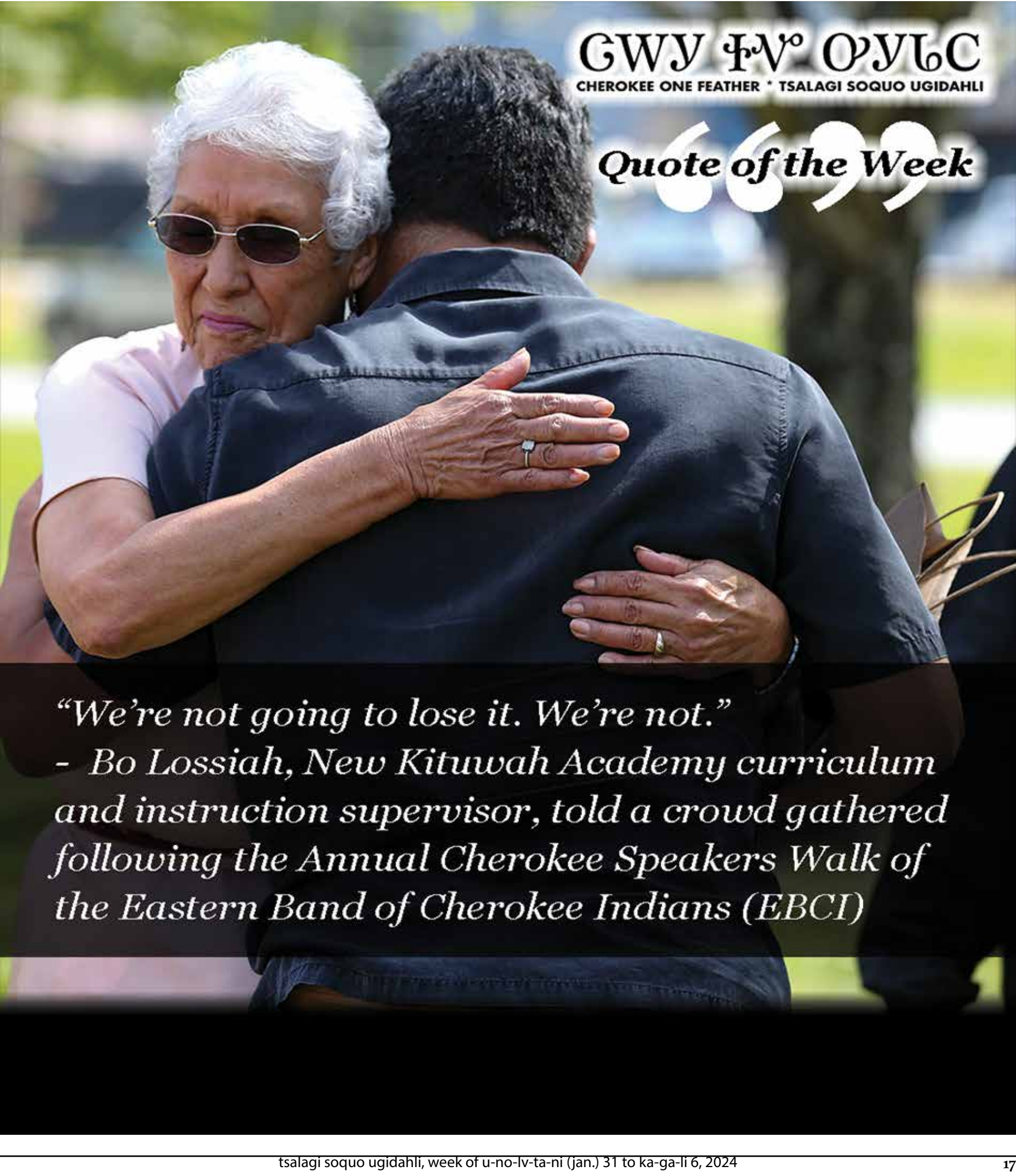
Ruby Sky, a 16-year-old member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was murdered in April of 2023. Her uncle discovered her body in a field in Covelo, California.

*This reporting was supported by the International Women's Media Foundation's Fund for Indigenous Journalists: Reporting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit and Transgender People (MMIWG2T).*

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Quote of the Week

An elderly woman with short, curly white hair and sunglasses is hugging a man from behind. She has her arms around his shoulders and back. The man is wearing a dark blue button-down shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with greenery and a crowd of people.

*“We’re not going to lose it. We’re not.”*  
- Bo Lossiah, New Kituwah Academy curriculum and instruction supervisor, told a crowd gathered following the Annual Cherokee Speakers Walk of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI)

## EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL FOR COMMUNITY PHOTOS: Tsali Care Community Photo Display

TurningArt and the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) are inviting the community to contribute their photographs for a captivating photo display to be housed at the new Tsali Care Center Facility, set to open this Fall. This initiative aims to represent the vibrant community served by the facility and will be prominently featured in one of its main corridors. The Tsali Care Community Photo Display project aspires to spotlight and honor each EBCI township while fostering a sense of home within the healthcare facility.

This community-driven initiative is an opportunity for residents to share the beauty, culture, and pride of their EBCI townships with the Tsali Care Facility and its visitors. By contributing your photos, you can play an active role in creating a welcoming environment that honors the rich tapestry of the community.

Residents and community members are encouraged to participate by submitting their photos via a Google form before the deadline on Friday, March 1. Each person is limited to a maximum of five image submissions. To ensure the best quality for the final display, please make sure that the image files are large, high-resolution photos, with a file size not exceeding 10MB per image.

The final selection of images and the development of the display will be carried out by TurningArt in collaboration with the CIHA Steering Committee. Participants who have submitted images will be notified of their submission status on or around May 1, using

their preferred contact method as provided in the application. The chosen images will be credited to the contributing community members and displayed alongside the installation on placards.

Submit your photos online at <https://content.turningart.com/ciha-photos>

- *Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority release*

## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Vendors sought for Greening Up the Mountain Festival

Artisans, Crafters, and Food and Beverage Vendors are invited to submit their application for the Greening Up the Mountains Festival to be held on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Greening Up The Mountains Festival is the premiere spring festival for western North Carolina. The festival, sponsored by the Town of Sylva, will once again take place in historical downtown Sylva. This year's festival seeks artisans and crafters selling their own hand-made products. Arts, Crafts, and Food Vendors from the expanded Appalachian area are encouraged to apply. Visit the festival's website, [www.greeningupthemountains.com](http://www.greeningupthemountains.com) to review the 2024 Vendor Policies and download your application. Applications will be accepted through March 15. Info: [greeningupthemountains@townofsylva.org](mailto:greeningupthemountains@townofsylva.org)

- *Town of Sylva*

**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**

### Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

Thank you to the Richard Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship for your generous support. Financial contributions from your organization have helped finance my graduate degree at Duke University. Your scholarship organization aims to support EBCI enrolled members pursuing graduate and professional degrees. In honor of the late Richard Crowe, who attained his master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville in the year 1982, and who died too young at the age of 36, your Richard Crowe Memorial Scholarship funds graduate and professional students as they pursue degrees in history, law, economics, and more. Your scholarship program memorializes Crowe's life and career and encourages recipients to know him as a Cherokee man, a veteran, mechanic, and public speaker who cared deeply for Native Americans in higher education and who persevered despite his diabetes. As a PhD student in Art, Art History, and Visual Studies at the Duke Graduate School, and as a new recipient of the Richard Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship fund, I can understand Crowe's lasting impact. Thank you to the family, community, and organizers who once knew Crowe. And thank you to the late Richard Yogi Crowe, for your inspiration and character. Let us carry your legacy forward.

Signed,

**Nolan Arkansas**

### Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

Richard Yogi Crowe Scholarship Foundation,

I would like to thank you all,

the board members, and the donors, for making this scholarship possible, and for once again selecting me as a recipient as I conclude my graduate studies. As I enter my final semester of law school, I am exceedingly grateful for the support over the past three years from my community, this scholarship, and my family. I have been blessed beyond measure. I hope that many more enrolled members will follow suit and pursue higher education to pour back into the community that gives so much to us. As always, I am honored and humbled to be able to continue to represent the EBCI here at the University of Mississippi School of Law!

Signed,

**Caitlyn Dills**



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## MINUTE

### Record Shot

In the photo at right, Kendall Toineeta (#3), Cherokee H.S. Lady Braves point guard and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, shoots over Blue Ridge's Diane Ramirez (#3) in a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Jan. 20, 2015. In making the shot, Toineeta scored her 1,877th point as a Lady Brave breaking the all-time school scoring record previously held by Avery Mintz.

"It's an honor to pass the all-time scoring record," said Toineeta. "I know there have been great players come before me, and I am both humbled and excited about passing it. I also would not have been able to do it without my teammates, coaches and the support from our fans."

Source: Cherokee One Feather



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**Wayne Clinton Land**

Wayne Clinton Land, 92, went to his eternal home Friday, Jan. 19, 2024.

He retired from Purcley Grass Company in Florida as a tractor operator. He graduated from Ocala High School in Florida.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Laverne Huskey Land; his parents, Dewitt and Elizabeth Virginia Land; brothers, Aubrey (Greta Mae), Warren (Jene), Yancey (Betty), Rex (Sara) and Phil of Florida; nephews, Marvin, Ken, Gerald, Phil; nieces, Pam, Belinda of Florida; and brothers-in-law, Henry, Robert and Mickey Huskey of Cherokee.

He is survived by nieces, Judyth Wunsch, Sandy Land Powers; nephew, Ken Land and sister-

in-law, Sara Land all of Florida; sisters-in-law, Arlene Huskey Cochran and Loretta Crowe (Sylvester) of Cherokee; nieces, Cynthia Ledford, Alita Cunningham (Harley) of Cherokee and April Huskey Fisher of Tennessee; nephews, Melvin Ledford, Stan (Teresa) and Stu (Jennifer) Crowe, Nick (Tedda) Huskey and Eddie Huskey all of Cherokee.

Wayne's memorial is on sermonaudio.com by Pastor Tim James, Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Baptist Church from Jan. 21.

Burial was in Huskey Family Cemetery.

**Mary Ann Morgan Tyndall**

Mary Ann Morgan Tyndall, aka Mikki Aganstata, 83, of Palatka, Fla., passed away Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024 at her residence following a brief illness.

Mary Ann was born in Bryson City where she grew up and graduated from Swain County High School in 1958. While attending Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C., she met her second husband John B. Tyndall (Omaha & Muskogee Creek). After meeting and marrying, John joined the U.S. Navy, they then relocated and raised three children while stationed in Maryland, Rhode Island, Maine, and eastern North Carolina.

She had been a resident for the past three years, coming from St. Augustine, Fla. She earned a bachelor's degree in archaeology from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass., Class of '77. She retired after 28 years of service from the State of Connecticut as Deputy Director of Indian Affairs, under the Dept. of Environmental Protection, in Hartford, Connecti-

cut. While there she worked extensively with the Native American Tribes of Connecticut, her service to them was her life's passion despite not having been an enrolled member. She was a leader and member of the Connecticut River Pow wow & Rendezvous Association and had attended many gatherings and made many Native American friends from all over America and South America. She also enjoyed cooking at pow wows with Sherman Paul (Maliseet) her third husband, in their business, Native American Cuisine she even had published recipes in a cookbook of World cultures.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Wayne McHan; her second husband, John B. Tyndall Sr.; her third husband, Sherman Paul; and her parents, David Cecil Morgan and Faye Sherrill Morgan.

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Surviving are two daughters, Cecilia Lynn Kissell and Angelique Elena Tyndall (James LaCaze); a son and daughter-in-law, John B., Jr. and Margaret Ann Tyndall; six grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

There will be a celebration of life service in Bryson City, N.C. to be announced this coming spring.

Memorial gifts may be sent in her name to St. Augustine Indian Mission, Winnebago, Neb.; by sponsoring Native American children during their education. Donations may be made online at: [www.staugustinemission.org](http://www.staugustinemission.org).

Messages of sympathy may be shared on Mikki's online tribute page at: [themastersfuneralhome.com](http://themastersfuneralhome.com).

Masters Funeral Home in Palatka, Fla. oversees arrangements.

### Edwina Kay Amyotte

Edwina Kay Amyotte, 77, of Lodge Grass, Mont., went home to be with her Lord Jesus on Dec. 17, 2023 while at Sheridan Memorial Hospital. She was born to Edwin Toineeta and Joy Yellowtail on September 3, 1946 in Billings, Mont. Her Apsaalooké Indian name, Úttachia, "White Weasel", was given to her before her birth. She was a child of the Greasy Mouth clan and a member of the Night Hawk Society. From the time that Edwina was a young girl, she loved traditional dancing and spent many of her young years participating.

She was raised in the Lodge Grass area along with her siblings and graduated from Lodge Grass High School in May of 1964.

Edwina married Raymond Pisano in 1964 and from this union Tony and Tammy were born. They

were later divorced. In June of 1975, she received an Associate of Arts and a Bachelor of Science and Education degree from Eastern Montana College. In 2005-2006 she was nominated for the 10th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers. She taught for approximately 25 years and had to medically retire.

Edwina married Stephen Amyotte on July 24, 1975 in Sheridan, Wyoming, and together raised their children, Tony, Tammy, and Julee and Mary Amyotte. They were married for 48 years and lived at the family home in Lodge Grass, Mont.

She was a faithful member of the Wyola Pentecostal Church for many years. She enjoyed reading her Bible, and loved going to church, sitting in her front yard drinking coffee, listening to gospel music, reading her novels, spending the day in Family Dollar, taking drives, and especially spending time with her grandchildren.

Edwina is preceded in death by her infant son; parents, Edwin and Joy Yellowtail Toineeta; grandparents; sisters, Merle Jean Harris, Pansy Hugs and Helen Wiseman; brothers, Kenneth Toineeta, Franklin Hoops, Truman Jefferson, Newton Old Crow, and Ronnie Stewart; aunts, Louella Johnson, Lorena Mae Yellowtail Walks Over Ice; grandsons, Aubrey, Sr. and Tanner Black Eagle; and nephew, Wesley Toineeta.

She is survived by her husband Stephen; sons, Antonio (Georgianne) Pisano, Stephen (Rana) Amyotte, Jr.; daughters, Tammy (Edward) Not Afraid, Julee Amyotte, Mary (Clement) Nomee, Sherry (Clinton) House, Barb (William) Gardner III and Stephanie Amyotte; adopted sons, Pete Schenderline, Myron Eastman and Joe Old Horn, grandchildren, Dalyn (Dustin) Nanto, Arscenio (Maleesa)

Not Afraid, Elias, Dimitri, Allen Casey, Alayna (Tyrus), Sadie, Cissy-Girl (Colton), Drew, John, Rad Desjarlais, Miclo (Timera) Flores, Brianna, George, Angelino William, Edwin, Jonathan, Amica (Jeff) Jefferson, Randall, Dylan (Cora) Black Eagle, Levi (Brocade) Black Eagle; great-grandchildren, Jaylin (Sierra) Half, Jasper, Jazmin, Jayla, Mae-Mae, Dayson, Oaklee, Arcee, Tatyonna, Vaeh, Nas, Carter, Eden, Jordan, Dani, Sonson, Isaiah, Riley, Rattler, Maelee, and Mila Desjarlais, Jersey Bay, Chelsea, Miguel, Baby Pearl, Randa, Lanie, Raphael, Meena, Elizabeth, Oceilly, Sonny, Scotty, Kamiya Rae Black Eagle; nieces and nephews, April (Cameron) Tobacco, Audrey (Cedric) Black Eagle, Scott (Misty) Toineeta, Robin Toineeta, Colleen, Marvin, Ricky Don Stops, Erlis Jean, Robert, Cedric Hugs, Jerry, Rosie, Merval Harris, Susan Yellowtail Birdinground, Rueben (Kathleen) Yellowtail, Sissy-Girl, Barry, Pielene Glenn, Edwin Hugh, Shitay, and Winona Joy Plenty Hoops; sister, Connie Yellowtail-Jackson; brothers, Gilbert Pie Glenn and Cork (Mamie) Yellowtail; family and friends, Benny Lee, Gale and Josh, Francis and Willie Springfield, Lorraine and Bobbie Sox, Louis Walks Over Ice, Joseph Stewart, Frank, Tracy, Leslie, Valerie, Tom A Hawk, David, Jackie Yellowtail, Percelia, Honey Bun and Myra Jean.

Extended family include Toineeta, Spotted Horse, Yellowtail, Old Crow, Stewart, Shane, Mocasín, Springfield, Whiteman, Bad Bear, Bends, Medicine Crow, Pease and Fritzler. If we have forgotten anyone during our grief, please accept our apology.

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## COMMENTARY

### It isn't as easy as it looks: The view from the backseat.

By **ROBERT JUMPER**  
One Feather Editor

Like many of you, somewhere in my being is the urge to be a backseat driver. I say like many of you, because I know from your comments on posts that we come from the same place sometimes. We are routinely saying about tribal initiatives, "If they would just do it the way I would do it, it would go quicker, be better, be easier".

From our backseat view, we seem to think we have a clear picture of what it takes to do a project perfectly and we are bewildered as to why the people in charge "aren't doing it right".

When I have an opportunity, I like to go and observe tribal court proceedings. I know, you are thinking I need to get a life. I just feel that to do my job right and, as a concerned member of the Tribe, I should be interested in the mechanics of how all areas of government function to the best of my ability. And attending some of these functions of government can be very eye-opening, and that is a good thing if you are one of us "backseat drivers". So, I try to show up at public meetings when-

ever possible, not so much as to report on them, but to do my civic duty.

We began going to the school board and police commission meetings because it is important to not only know the outcomes and decisions of these bodies but also the representatives who serve in those bodies and as to how they rationalize those outcomes and decisions; and how they come to certain conclusions. When the community is not in a meeting, the One Feather team feels a duty and responsibility to be the eyes and ears of the community when it comes to those meetings, just as we do for legislative sessions.

It has always been a fascination of mine that important

meetings like the school board and police commission are rarely attended by community members other than the ones serving on those boards. But it surely doesn't prevent us, as a community, from peeping over the driver's seat from the back and being critical (or celebrating) a decision that we know very little about. It is like the ongoing challenge the newspaper faces when people read only the headline and the first few sentences of the story and then pronounce judgment before they have read or understand all the facts. I am as guilty as my peers of leaping to conclusions from the backseat.

My initial attendance at court sessions brought a flood of questions and assumptions. What I saw

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Tuckasegee River	None.	Mid-day	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Prince nymph, midges, wd40, soft hackles, girdle bugs, wooly buggers, eggs, frenchie, squirmy worm
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	None.	Mid-day	Brown Trout	Black stimulator, parachute adams, prince nymph, midges, pheasant tail
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	None.	Mid-day	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Black stimulator, parachute adams, prince nymph, midges, pheasant tail

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at first was long periods of what seemed to be inactivity interrupted by moments of what seemed to be very simple instruction or decisions being made by judges, court officers, etc. I learned, early on, to never go into the courtroom for a specific case that looked to be something that would be done quickly and easily dispatched thinking it would be quickly and easily dispatched. As I continued to attend these sessions and ask those involved about the process (judges, prosecutors, defense lawyers, clerks, etc.), I learned that in those seemingly inactive times, there might be several individual meetings and conferences going on with lawyers who not only operate in the Cherokee Court but are accountable for clients in other jurisdictions and they do not have the time to address their Cherokee clients sometimes until their court dates. Court and prosecutorial bodies are understaffed for the task at hand, making for a backlog of cases and longer wait times for justice to be served. So, as I got educated about what takes place in the Court system, my backseat driving went from complaining about how I thought they were doing it wrong to wondering how I might help them get the tools they need to better serve. Seeing what they face and being engaged enough to educate myself on their situations, is a part of my civic duty to our community and if you are a member of the community, that responsibility is yours too. There are so many facets to the justice system; the court officers, the prosecutor, the defense attorneys, the police department, the hospital, public and human health services, emergency services, and more who play a part in the overall health of our community. It isn't as easy as it looks.

On another front, the Destination Marketing program under EBCI Commerce executed one of the most impressive light displays that the Tribe has put on in quite some time. The decision was made to focus the light displays on the Oconaluftee Island Park this year. Now, having said that we have had some exceptional light displays in the past, financed through EBCI and Destination Marketing. At the heart of those displays was a facilitator who was part volunteer and part contractor, community member Buddy Fischer. Each year, as it came time to prepare the Christmas light presentation, Buddy would pour heart and soul into the work. He and his team would coordinate with tribal leadership. His attention to detail when it came to the lights was outstanding, to the point that he strategized where they should go and, once they were installed, he would closely monitor, replace, and repair any issues with the light displays. I was always amazed at Buddy's dedication to the Christmas light program. Buddy always had a heart for the community. He told me, more than once, that he wanted to make sure that his grandkids and the children of all the other community members had the best community lights that he could manage. Buddy did sweat the small stuff, and we all had a better Christmas each year of his involvement because of that dedication.

This year's Island Park display was a different challenge: competent leadership but a short timeframe (says the guy in the backseat). Under the leadership of Sean Ross, Secretary of Commerce, who had recently assumed the role of Destination Marketing Director, then soon after was appointed to the Commerce role,

a plan materialized to upgrade the Christmas light displays and make a walking tour experience on the Island Park. Coming in at the eleventh hour, Sean's team along with some significant help from EBCI tribal programs, Commerce created a very different holiday experience. From negotiating with vendors to secure new, state-of-the-art, LED, 3D displays with computer-controlled light sequencing. Some lights even "danced" to music. A similar effort was made last year, but not quite as many displays. Timelines were so tight that shipments of light displays were arriving in late November and early December.

With a seemingly small-scale event like the Enchanted Island of Lights, the name selected for the event, backseat drivers tend to assume that it should be pulled off relatively easily and smoothly. And, from the outside, any event promoter hopes that any missteps will only be seen by those executing and not those visiting the event as guests. The truth is that no event with moving parts goes along without a hiccup or two, even with the best-laid plans. The EBCI Commerce team, despite a very short planning and execution window, pulled off a successful holiday event and even had time to add amenities like bringing back the synthetic ice-skating rink and secured great vendors like Piney Grove Beach Freeze, Dazed and Infused, and Nikki's. It was also good to see old, good friends like Todd and Sally Kent's Sound of Music set up, providing holiday-themed music for folks who braved the rink. They were even able to provide a fireworks display through the services of Carolina Pyrotechics, a South Carolina-based fireworks company.

The Secretary of Commerce

shared a list of the many who worked to get from a vision of the event to what we all saw and enjoyed during December.

"We had a significant amount of support on the installment and execution of power assignment from Justin French and his team at Facilities, as well as Uriah Maney and his team at Tribal Construction; and my team with Destination Marketing – Lisa (Frady), Pam (Sneed), Frieda (Simonds), Josie (Long), Katie (Cooper), and Jais (Jayson Crusenberry).

"Freida worked with our vendor (Mosca) to manage a plan or strategy for light selection and placement congruent with the natural flow and layout of the island as well as being critical in assisting in the appropriate value engineering relative to the proposed scope of the project.

"Pam, Lisa, Katie, and Jais were significant in the marketing plan, design, and logistical layout as well as creating ancillary programming to create a fuller breadth of events and programming to support the lights (ice skating, food trucks, and fireworks)."

These are people and things we can't necessarily see from the backseat. Watching our tribal programs work under various constraints from time crunches to financial limitations to staffing challenges to a host of other obstacles as they provide services to our community, I come away with a feeling of gratitude for those willing to step up and try to make our community better. When the urge strikes to be critical of those who are actually getting the job done, it would benefit us all to remember that it is rarely as easy as it looks and maybe we shouldn't try to drive from the backseat.

COMMENTARY

# EBCI needs separate judicial branch of government

By Professor Raymond D. Large III, Esq. (AKA "Rady")  
Sylva, N.C.

Dear Editor and Good People of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI),

My name is Raymond D. Large III, Esq., known to most as Rady [Ray-Dee]. I am an Appalachian-American, an attorney in good standing with the North Carolina State Bar, a former Assistant District Attorney for the 43rd Prosecutorial District of North Carolina, a participating adjunct professor of Business Law at Western Carolina University concentrating in Individual Rights and Liberties, and most importantly, an ardent and sworn defender

of the Constitution of the United States and the North Carolina State Constitution.

I manage my own law practice; Raymond Large Law PLLC in my native home of Sylva in Jackson County. In 2018 I was admitted to the Tribal Court Bar and have practiced in that court to the best of my abilities to this date. I no longer have any pending cases or clients in the Tribal Courts of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

First and foremost, my words in this letter do not in any way represent my clients or my employer of Western Carolina University. In my experience with the Tribal Court system, I have concluded that the current governmental system woefully underserves the citizens of the EBCI.

There is no separation of the powers in the current charter and government of the EBCI that allows the courts, the judiciary, to function independently from the executive (Chief and Vice-Chief)

and the legislative (the Tribal Council) branches. As long as the EBCI Court is held to the whims of the Tribal Council and Chief/ Vice-Chief, there cannot be a functioning court that imparts true justice to the EBCI.

Tribal Prosecutors, Judges, and court staff cannot make truly independent decisions while under the fear or threat of reprisal, sanction, or termination of employment by the influence or direction of the legislative or executive branch.

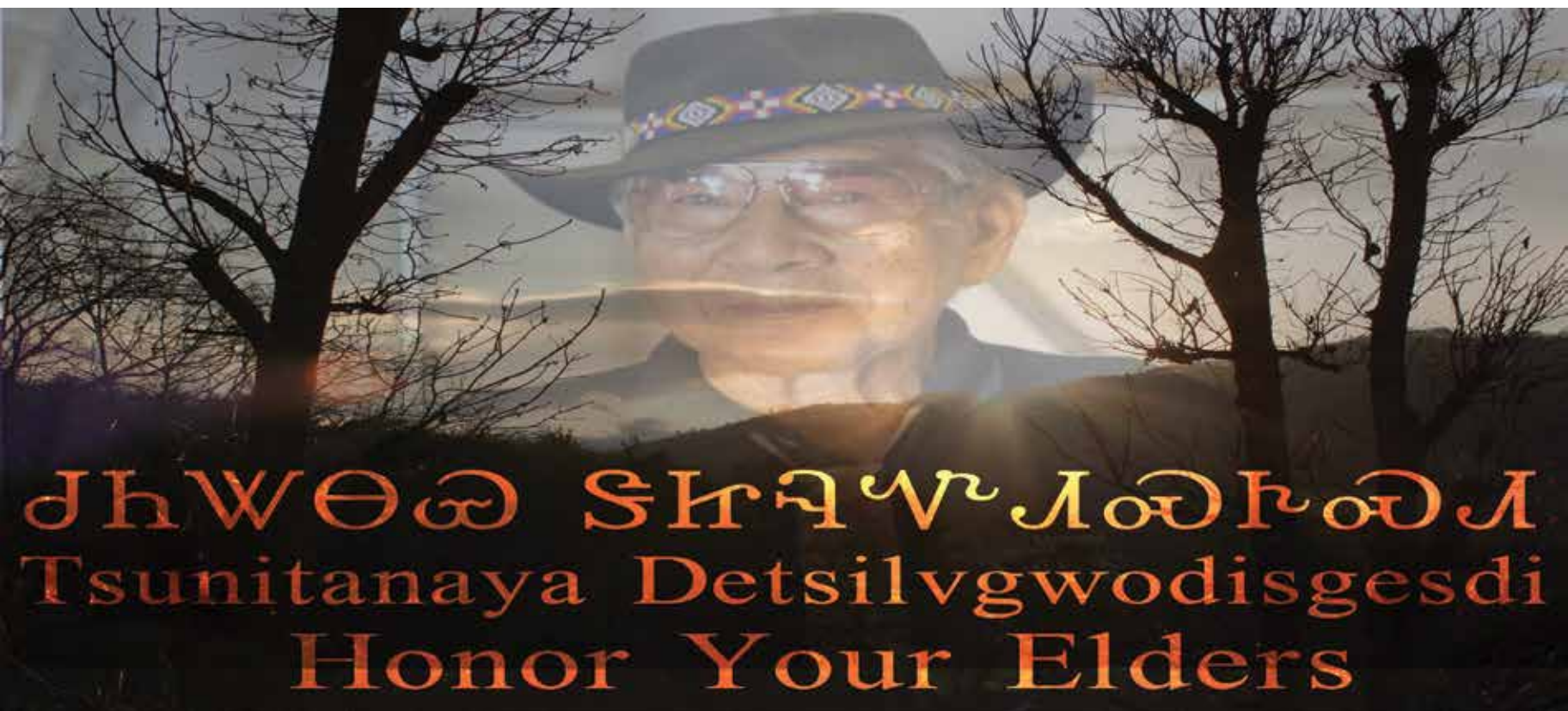
It is my opinion that the people of the EBCI must demand a constitution that separates the branches of government in the interest of justice for the people of the EBCI.

I am just a non-Native lawyer, and I claim no Cherokee ancestry. This change must come from the resiliency and the steadfast determination of the EBCI citizenry. For my part, in protest of this continued injustice that I have witnessed and lived through:

I pledge unto these good people of the EBCI that I will not practice in the EBCI court system nor intentionally of my own volition set foot upon the Qualla Boundary or other EBCI lands until the people of the EBCI demand and exact this change upon the Tribal Government as is their natural right.

I would be burdened and remised if I did not take this opportunity to apologize on behalf of my ancestors that participated in and benefited from the forcible removal of the Cherokee from Appalachia. On behalf of myself and my line the stretches back to the Beginning...we are truly ashamed and sorry for the genocidal struggle that we forced upon the Cherokee.

In continuing unity and peaceful co-existence: may justice and prosperity come upon all people of America and Appalachia like WILDFIRE!





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# 2024: “Now” Words To Live By

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON**

Pastor of Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church  
as translated by Myra D. Colgate

References: Psalm 86:5, 119:1-26, 119:103-105,  
Matthew 11:13, Romans 5:19, 2 Corinthians  
10:5, Hebrews 10:11-12

A prophecy for 1014: The new year, 2024, is not so much to be about our country and all of what we are seeing that transpires in it. It is to be more about our own faith beliefs concerning our own lives, such as saying, “I am now a saved saint, according to and by the Most High God I am the Righteousness of God, in Christ Jesus.”

The thing is, once having asked and accepted Jesus to come into one’s own heart, every temptation to sin is no longer something that any person thinks they should now have to do or just automatically give into sin, even if they may have done so before. We have not necessarily been taught or yet understand or have at least become aware there are other “voices” we can each “hear”, possibly even thinking they might be our thoughts when they may not be our own.

There’s a good chance that the thoughts may not have originated from within our thoughts. This is because it could also have been something we had heard, remembered wrong, read before, or been taught to us earlier in life. Not only that, we must remember there can be an enemy of the Lord and ourselves hanging around in us, which could also be involved. We must determine if we are now hearing what is actually our thinking or might it be only what is typical of one’s experiences from other years. If we have dealt with this type of sin before, we should understand we no longer have to choose sin unless that is really our choice. The choice is now still one we must make ourselves and have chosen to do so. The choice is ours to make now. Always check, by asking the Lord to help you determine. We pray that the choices made now by each person will now be different and for the good, the best,

in 2024. Amen.

Therefore, consider the question “Why would we now choose to sin again?”. If we have now made a firm decision not to sin again, why would we choose to?

We should begin to understand what Jesus has done for us, by what He suffered before and after the cross that He was crucified upon. By His suffering such a painful and dreadful death, He suffered all of God’s wrath for us, all things, all diseases, all body changes, all choices of iniquities, for all of us, in His Body, on the cross. His total obedience to the Father, God, was rewarded with His new resurrected body, for Him, and for us, meaning securing our eternal life for us. Without our choosing Him as our Savior and Lord, we have chosen hell for ourselves. Dear Lord, How awful, and yet while we breathe on this earth, is unnecessary.

He has now risen to His new life. By His choice, he willingly gave up His life for us. Jesus also bought and paid for all our sins with all His blood. This is what Adam and Eve had unfortunately given up. They had given up everything unknowingly to Satan too as they were being tempted to believe Satan instead.

Still living on Earth, we have suffered much because of that tempting even faced eternal death until our personal choice was to make Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. He chose to come and live life as a man of flesh, like us. He fulfilled the requirement by living a perfect sinless life for us all, finding we could not do this on our own. By His perfectly lived life, He then suffered our required death sentence. He vanquished all sin from each of us, past, present, and future, provided for by our own asking Him into our hearts. For Him, it is to have given us His life that restores our lives to His Chosen Way. If He becomes our Savior and Lord, He is the only one who makes it possible. It all was and is because of the love that our Triune God, Jesus the Son of God the Father, and of the Holy Spirit, has chosen for us. We are His creation, all humankind, male and female, whom He had made, each in His image. We are each a triune being, a spirit, attached to a soul, that all dwell in this body, perfected, when Jesus returns for us again.

Called forth! It’s to be a part of our total Restoration! Hallelujah! Thank you, God!



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*Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps truth forever, who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.*

*The Lord gives freedom to the prisoners.*

PSALM 146: 5-7 



*Detail of “Nervous People at Dinner” by Ernst Ludwig Kirchner (1916)*

# Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Guy in the Beatles' "I Am the Walrus"  
 7 Brand of bottled water  
 13 Holy places  
 20 Yacht basin  
 21 Old Missouri natives  
 22 Arranged, as a page for printing  
 23 2001 Josh Hartnett war film  
 25 Not macho  
 26 "— little!" ("Have some fun!")  
 27 Vegas action  
 28 Darkens in the sun  
 30 Hammer, e.g.  
 31 Yalie  
 32 1971 Malcolm McDowell crime film  
 37 They're fed after parking  
 40 "Energy healing" technique  
 41 Artist Neiman and Jim Croce's Brown  
 42 1973 Charlton Heston thriller
- 46 Beginner, in gaming lingo  
 47 Use sandpaper on, informally  
 48 Ed. supporter  
 50 Brain wave tests, in brief  
 54 — -Ball (carnival game)  
 57 Lubbock-to-Laredo dir.  
 58 1986 Isabella Rossellini neo-noir film  
 61 WWW page  
 64 Musical inaptitude  
 67 Having arrived tardily  
 68 Choose (to)  
 69 1984 Gene Wilder romantic comedy  
 72 "— said before ..."  
 73 "The Lion in Winter" actor  
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 76 Certain English student  
 78 1984 Prince musical film  
 80 Psychic "gift"  
 82 Table scraps  
 83 Graf — (German warship)
- 84 Potent compound in marijuana: Abbr.  
 85 Sequence of episodes on the tube  
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 92 1986 Molly Ringwald Cinderella story  
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 99 Attach with cord, e.g.  
 101 Actor Patrick  
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 110 "Starpeace" singer Yoko  
 111 — voce (quietly)  
 113 Smart speaker from Amazon  
 115 Photos not in shades of gray ... or what eight answers in this puzzle are?
- 120 Precisely, with "on"  
 121 Retaliate  
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 11 Unfamiliar  
 12 Fails to be satisfactory  
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 14 Sci-fi role for Harrison Ford  
 15 Cup edge  
 16 Muckraker who took on Standard Oil  
 17 "That's all wrong!"  
 18 Funeral speech  
 19 Fashion trends  
 24 Jackson 5 hit  
 29 Meyers of "Dutch"  
 32 Comes — surprise  
 33 Tribe of Canada
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 43 "I fail — the humor"  
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 60 Lead-in to skeleton  
 62 "— cost you!"  
 63 You, quaintly  
 65 "Sign me up!"  
 66 Rapper Lil — X  
 70 Infant's cry  
 71 Reimburse  
 74 Surgeries  
 77 Like sexist jokes  
 79 Road map abbr.
- 81 Tennis unit  
 85 1982 film and arcade game  
 86 Steam hole  
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 88 Bump — log  
 90 Road map abbr.  
 91 Write music  
 92 Pod veggie  
 93 Like Charlie Brown's kite, inevitably  
 94 Seine users, e.g.  
 95 Result of a very-low-carb diet  
 96 Hooting baby birds  
 97 Latin dance  
 98 Gives 10%  
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by Linda Thistle

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
 by Wilson Casey

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Is the book of Haggai (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What does Paul urge Christians to be of God, as found in Ephesians 5:1? *Lovers, Believers, Followers, Worshipers*
3. From Proverbs 3, we are not to lean on our own ...? *Riches, Understanding, Friends, Pity*
4. In 2 Chronicles, what godly priest had a wife named Jehosheba? *Jehoiada, Felix, Demetrius, Jeremiah*
5. What is the middle chapter of the Old Testament (KJV)? *2 Chronicles 3, Job 29, Psalms 34, Isaiah 41*
6. On which day did God make Adam and Eve? *Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth*

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a beaver's home called?
2. U.S. STATES: In which state would you find Crater Lake?
3. TELEVISION: Which animated cartoon character says, "What's up, Doc?"
4. LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Exorcist"?
5. MATH: In Roman numerals, what is XVIII times V?
6. ANATOMY: How many vertebrae are in the human spine?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Which nation is home to Europe's largest glacier?
8. MOVIES: In which film does Doris Day sing "Que Sera, Sera"?
9. SCIENCE: What is anemophily?
10. MUSIC: Who sang the hit "Girls Just Want to Have Fun"?

# HAPPENINGS

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to [scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov).

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**Birdtown Community Club Warm Clothing and Blanket Drive.** Jan. 29 and 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Birdtown Community Center. If you have gently used warm coats, hats, gloves, sweaters, or blankets, please donate them. Once collected, cleaned, and sorted, items will be given back to community members in need. If you have donations that need to be picked up, or for more information, call Rebekah Smith (828) 508-8952.

## EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Yellowhill Community Club February activities:**

- Regular monthly meeting, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.
- Valentine Bouquets child/youth activity. Feb. 13, making bouquets for mom/loved one
- Corn Husk Dolls Workshop with Laura Walkingstick. Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Yellowhill Community Club will pay for 10 community members to attend. First-come, first-served. Otherwise, the workshop will cost \$40. Info: Virginia Johnson (828) 788-8659 or Judy Smith 736-3583

**Share the Warmth Coat Distribution & Resource Fair.** Feb. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at

the Yellowhill Activity Center. The Cherokee Indian Hospital and EBCI tribal offices will be distributing free new/gently-used winter coats, gloves, hats, and blankets and hosting a Resource Fair featuring various community organizations. Medicaid screenings from the EBCI Tribal Option, flu vaccines available from EBCI Public Health and Human Services, and employment information from NCWorks. Free hot chocolate.

**Sweetheart Market.** Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Shopping, food, fun, and lunch by Melishia. Info: Denise Walkingstick (828) 508-2211

**Gathering for Mixed Cherokee/Latino families.** Friday, Feb 23 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Building. Bring your favorite dish to share. This is for families who are a mix of Cherokee and Latino. Viernes, 23 de febrero De 5 a 9 p. m. En el edificio de actividades de Yellowhill. Trae tu plato favorito para compartir. Esto es para familias que son una mezcla de Cherokee y Latino.

**Cherokee Community Easter Event.** March 25 at 1441 Acqoni Road (old Cherokee High School

site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-7007

**Rainbows & Ramps Festival.** March 30 at the Birdtown Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6471

**Cherokee Spring Rod Run.** April 21-22 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Convention Center. Info: (828) 226-6853

**Fire Mountain Inferno.** May 3 and 5 at the Fire Mountain Trail in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6702

**Cherokee Customer Appreciation Day.** May 25 at the Cherokee Welcome Center in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6490

**Eastern Band of Cherokee Annual Pow Wow.** July 5-7 at 1441 Acquoni Road (old Cherokee High School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6490

**4th of July Fireworks.** July 6 at 1441 Acquoni Road (old Cherokee High School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6490

**Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby.** Aug. 3-4 at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6471

Cherokee Indian Fair. Oct. 1-5 at 1441 Acquoni Road (old Cherokee High School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 788-1708

**Cherokee Fall Rod Run.** Oct. 11-12 at 1441 Acquoni Road (old

## 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) Followers, 3) Understanding, 4) Jehoiada, 5) Job 29, 6) Sixth

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

- Answers
1. A lodge.
  2. Oregon.
  3. Bugs Bunny.
  4. William Peter Blatty.
  5. XC (90).
  6. 33.
  7. Iceland.
  8. "The Man Who Knew Too Much."
  9. Pollination by the wind.
  10. Cyndi Lauper.



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*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

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Talehvgal  
(You) Get up!  
(from the ground)

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They (those two)  
are wrestling.

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Cherokee High School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 226-6853

**Scareokee.** Oct. 31 at 181 Tsali Blvd. (old Cherokee Elementary School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6490  
Cherokee Christmas Parade. Dec. 14 in downtown Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6490

### HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS

**Community Foster Care Information Session.** Feb. 6 at the Wolftown Community Club building. Potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. You will learn

what foster care is, foster care licensing and renewal processes, and what is provided to foster parents. This session is sponsored by EBCI Public Health and Human Services.

**Fly Fishing TEAM USA National Championship.** Feb. 26-29 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. Info: (828) 359-6110

**Trout Fishing Opening Day Tournament.** March 30-31 in the general fishing waters of the

see **EVENTS** next page

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might feel obligated to help work out a dispute between family members. But this is one of those times when you should just step aside and let them work out their problems on their own.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your ability to resolve an on-the-job problem without leaving too many ruffled feathers earns you kudos from co-workers. You also impress major decision-makers at your workplace.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Newly made and long-held friendships merge well, with one possible exception. Take time to listen to the dissenter's explanations. You could learn something important.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Be prepared to be flexible about your current travel plans. Although you don't have to take suggestions, at least consider them from experts in the travel business.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A problem with a recent financial transaction could lead to more problems later on unless you resolve it immediately. Get all the proof you need to support your position.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Daydreaming makes it difficult to stay focused on what you need to do. But reality sets in by midweek, and you manage to get everything done in time for a relaxing weekend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your ability to reach out to those in need of spiritual comfort makes you a much-revered and much-loved person within your community.

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## VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

### A New Life Insurance Program

The Department of Veterans Affairs has started a new life insurance program for the first time in 50 years, and the details are worth noting. Called VALife, it's different from (and much better than) the previous insurance program. In fact, within the first year, over 30,000 veterans have signed up.

With the old program, S-DVI, veterans with service-connected disabilities only had two years to sign up from the time of receiving a disability rating. VALife has no such limitation.

With the old program, you had to be in good health (except for the disability) before you could apply. The new program has no limit, and no medical exam is required.

The old program limited veterans to \$10,000 in coverage. The new program, VALife, offers up to \$40,000 in whole life insurance.

The policy starts to build cash value after two years. If there's a death in the first two years, the payment to the beneficiary would be the premiums that had been paid plus interest. (If you currently have a policy under the old program, you can keep that coverage while you wait for the two-year benefit of the new policy to kick in — that's if you apply before Dec. 31, 2025.)

You can apply online and get an immediate response. Additionally, you can make payments and changes to beneficiaries online.

Premiums will never change and depend on your age.

If you're a veteran age 80 or under, and if you have any level of service-connected disability (that means 0-100%), your acceptance is guaranteed. If you're over the age of 80, there are eligibility points that still might allow you to buy coverage. See the URL below for those eligibility requirements.

To read the details about VALife, go online to [www.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility/valife](http://www.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility/valife) to see if you're eligible and how to sign up. The cost of the policy is noted in the drop-down chart of premium rates by age. (There is a discount if you pay yearly.)

If you have questions, call the VA Life Insurance Center at 800-669-8477.

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Are dogs really happy in freezing weather?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** While walking along the local riverbank this frosty weekend, I noticed at least three people whose dogs were under-equipped for the cold. One dog wore an insulated vest but no booties; the other two dogs wore no cold protection at all. Why do so many owners ignore their dogs' comfort and safety this way? — Harold in New Hampshire

**DEAR HAROLD:** Unfortunately, not every dog owner knows that it's up to them to protect their pets from cold-weather hazards. Most dogs won't ask for a sweater vest, and I've yet to meet one that didn't hate booties. I know quite a few dogs that just won't tolerate booties.

Many owners do know their dogs' limits in the cold, however. They check the temperature before going outside and survey the sidewalk or trail they're on for hazards like ice chunks, salt or glazing. They limit the time spent outdoors so their dog's core temperature doesn't drop. They monitor their dogs to make sure they're not shivering or in pain, and that their paws aren't getting frostbitten. And they carefully wipe and check their dogs' paws as soon as they get back indoors.

How do you, an observer, make sure that an owner is following these guidelines? Confronting owners is not advisable. You may be able to strike up a casual conversation on the path, and ask how their dog tolerates the cold weather. But don't preach at them. In my experience, owners who take the time to walk their dogs on a leash in freezing weather do care about their health and keep an eye on them in the cold.

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

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Qualla Boundary. Info: (828) 359-6110

**Memorial Day Fishing Tournament.** May 25-26 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. (828) 359-6110

**Qualla Country Fishing Tournament.** Aug. 24-25 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. Info: (828) 359-6110

**7 Clans Rodeo.** Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at 181 Tsali Blvd. (old Cherokee Elementary School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-64711

#### **WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS**

**Book presentation at City Lights.** Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C.

John Lane will present his newest book "Gullies of My People". To reserve copies of Gullies of My People, call City Lights Bookstore (828) 586-9499

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting.** Feb. 1 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. Blair Tormey, a geologist with the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines at Western Carolina University and a licensed professional geologist in North Carolina, will present "Finding Ground Lost Souls: Mapping and Preserving Historical Cemeteries Using Ground-Penetrating Radar". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation.

**Western North Carolina Prayer Gathering.** Feb. 7-9 at 7 p.m. at the Church of God Campground (Gateway) in Whittier, N.C. Dr. Tim Hill, General Overseer of the Church of God, will be preaching each night.

**Bryson City Community Town Hall hosted by the Swain Co. Democratic Party.** Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Marianna Black Library in Bryson City, N.C. This town hall event is to follow up on issues with pharmacy access. Community members are invited to join a discussion about options for improving community access to pharmacy services. Everyone is welcome to share their thoughts, insights, and experience.

**Swain County Democratic Party hybrid in-person/remote meeting.** Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope St. in Bryson City, N.C. and via Zoom. Topics of the meeting include discussing community events and planning future activities. All are welcome. For information or to request the Zoom link, email [SwainCountyDems@gmail.com](mailto:SwainCountyDems@gmail.com), call (828) 488-1234, or visit [www.swaincountydems.com](http://www.swaincountydems.com)

**WCU Organic Gardening Workshop series.** Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. from Feb. 20 to March 26 on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. The series is entitled "Getting the Most Out of Organic Gardening" and will be facilitated by local garden and native plant expert, Adam Bigelow, through Western Carolina University's Division of Educational Outreach. The cost is \$89 per person and spots are limited. To register, visit [www.learn.wcu.nativeplant101](http://www.learn.wcu.nativeplant101) or call WCU Educa-

tional Outreach (828) 227-7397

#### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Celebrate Recovery** meets every Friday night at 6 p.m. at 1 Hospital Road in Cherokee, N.C. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, hang-ups, and habits of any kind. All are welcome. Info: Chris McMillan (828) 788-5410

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: [www.AAwnc80.com](http://www.AAwnc80.com)

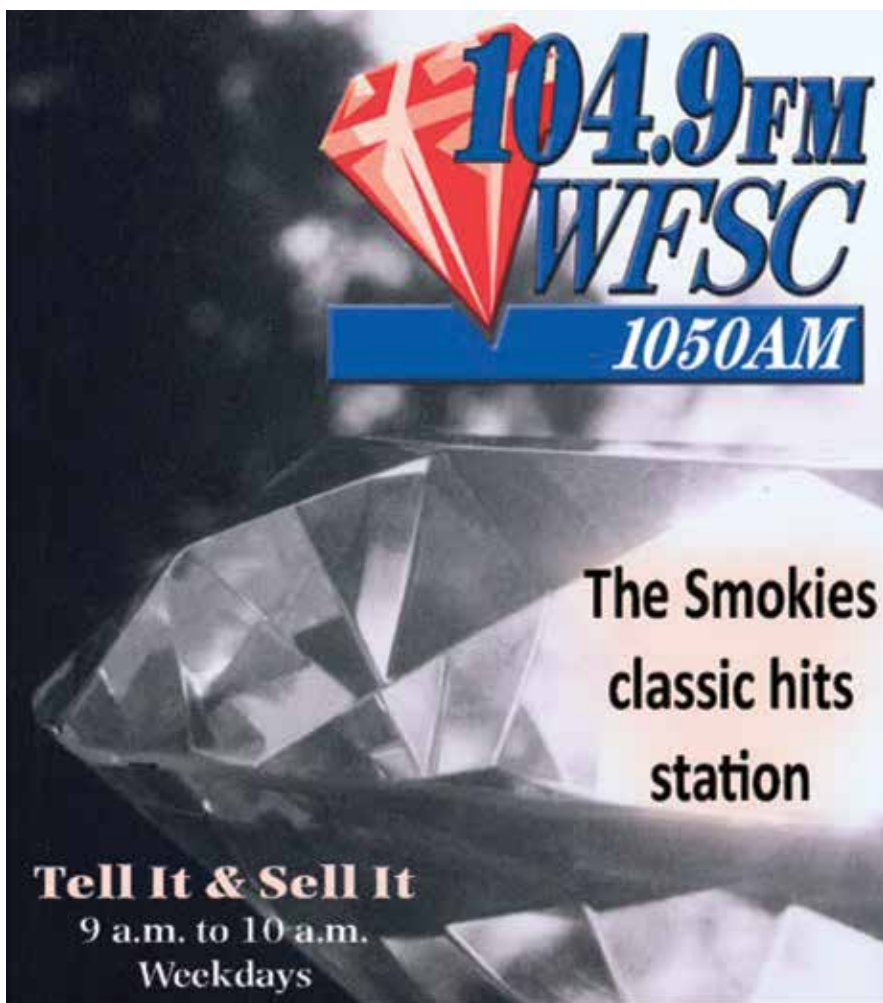
**Cherokee Cancer Support Group** meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road in the Birdtown Community. A potluck is held at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

**MARA (Medication-Assisted Recovery Anonymous)** meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the Rivercane Room at Analenisgi. Info: Analenisgi (828) 497-9163 or visit: <https://cherokeehospital.org/locations/analenisgi>

#### **CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS**

**Big Cove Community** meets the first Tuesday of each month at the new community building at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Venita Wolfe (828) 554-1199, [venitawolfe@gmail.com](mailto:venitawolfe@gmail.com)

**Big Y Community** meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community gym at 6:30 p.m. Info: Chair Bunsey Crowe (828) 788-4879, [bunsey.crowe@kituwahllc.com](mailto:bunsey.crowe@kituwahllc.com)



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**Birdtown Community** meets the second Monday of each month at the community building; potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Joey Owle (828) 508-2869

**Cherokee County Community** meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building; potluck at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Joe Palmer (828) 361-9219, joepalmer1013@yahoo.com

**Painttown Community** meets the last Monday of each month at the old community building across from the casino at 5:30 p.m. Info: Chair Shannon Swimmer (828) 736-3191, swimmer.shannon@gmail.com

**Snowbird Community** meets the first Tuesday of each month, or the Tuesday before Tribal Council, at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex, at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Roger Smoker (828) 479-8678 or 735-4959, rogersmoker@yahoo.com

**Tow String Community** meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Raymond Matthews (828) 506-8572

**Wolfstown Community** meets the first Tuesday of each month at the community building; potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Dwayne "Tuff" Jackson (828) 788-4088, dwayne4251@gmail.com

**Yellowhill Community** meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Yellowhill Activity Center at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Virginia Johnson (828) 788-8659, virginia.shell52@gmail.com

**CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP**  
**Abundant Life Apostolic Church.** 171 Johnson Br. Road, Bryson City. Sunday Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship. 7 p.m. Pastor Kevin Linkinhoker 488-8937

**Acquoni Baptist Church.** 722 Acquoni Road. 497-7106. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m., Sunday Choir Practice 5 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m. Pastor Merritt Youngdeer (828) 788-6614

**Antioch Baptist Church.** Coopers Creek Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor Danny Lambert

**Bethabara Baptist Church.** 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m and 7 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Youth Meeting Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Logan Parton.

**Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church.** 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m., Sunday Afternoon Service 3 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting (bi-weekly) 7 p.m., Monthly Business Meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor - James Esser

**Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.** 7710 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor Roberta French 497-6918

**Bigwitch Baptist Church.** 2290 Bigwitch Rd. Sunday School

10 a.m., Sunday service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday service 6 p.m. Pastor James "Jimbo" Sneed. All are welcome.

**Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church.** 960 Old Bryson City Road in the 3200 Acre Tract. 488-9202

**Cherokee Baptist Church.** 812 Tsalagi Road. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Youth Classes Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship 6:30 p.m. Pastor Percy Cunningham 497-2761, 497-3799 (fax)

**Cherokee Bible Church.** Olivet Church Road. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Pastor Randy Miller 497-2286

**Cherokee Church of Christ.** 2350 Old Mission Road and Hwy. 19. Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.

**Cherokee Church of God.** 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Every third Sunday they have a fellowship meal to celebrate all the birthdays throughout that month. Everyone is cordially invited for any of the services and meals. Pastor, Aaron Bridges (704) 466-1394 Pastor, Aaron Bridges (704) 466-1394

**Cherokee Church of the Nazarene.** 72 Old School Loop off Big

Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8 p.m. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

**Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church.** Located behind the Wolfetown Gym. Sunday School: 10 a.m, Sunday worship: 11 a.m, Sunday evening worship: 5 p.m. Wednesday night worship: 6 p.m. Pastor Tim Melton 674-2690

**Cherokee United Methodist Church.** Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday night family night starting with dinner at 6 p.m then Bible classes for all ages. Pastor John Ferree (336) 309-1016, www.cherokeemission.org

**Cherokee Wesleyan Church.** Hwy 19 across from Happy Holiday Campground. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm (except third Wednesday of Month at Tsali Care 6 p.m). Co-Pastors Scott Touzel 488-1482 and Rebecca Touzel 538-0027

**Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads.** 3501 Hwy. 441, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

**Christ Fellowship Church.** Great Smokies Center. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Service

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6:30 p.m. Pastor P.D. Hampton,  
Assistant Pastor Branton Loftis

**Echota Baptist Church.** 1274  
Birdtown Road. Sunday School:  
10 a.m. Sunday Morning Service:  
11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service: 6  
p.m. Wednesday Evening Service:  
6 p.m. Pastor David Hall (828)  
508-1906

**Ela Baptist Church.** 4450 Ela  
Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday  
morning service 11 a.m., Wednes-  
day 6 p.m. Pastor Justin Hunt  
(828) 736-1155

**Embassy Christian Center  
Church of God in Christ.** 87  
Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located  
on the campus of Church of God  
Gateway Campground and Con-  
ference Center. Full season starts  
Aug. 4. Sunday School 10 a.m. and  
Morning Worship 11 a.m. Year-  
round services – church online live  
streamed from the 24/7 church  
channel, Embassy TV [https://  
embassytv.net](https://embassytv.net) Tuesday Night  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr.  
Will Chambliss, Thursday Night  
Women’s Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.  
with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss  
(828) 835-2359 or [embassymediagroup@gmail.com](mailto:embassymediagroup@gmail.com)

**Goose Creek Baptist Church.**  
Sunday School – 10 a.m. Sunday  
Worship Service 11 a.m., Sunday  
Evening Services 6 p.m. Pastor –  
Bro. James Gunter 631-0331, Info:  
John and Linda George 497-3512

**Grace Bible Church.** 344  
Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday  
worship 11 a.m., Wednesday ser-  
vices 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brent Stew-  
art. Search Grace Bible Church  
NC on Facebook. Check the page

as some Wednesdays there are no  
services. Also, Sunday worship  
service is live-streamed.

**Grace Community Church of  
Cherokee.** Yellowhill Activity  
Center on Acquoni Road. Sunday  
Morning Worship 11 a.m. Pastor  
Scott Hill 508-7836

**Jesus is the Light Full Gos-  
pel Ministries.** 1921 US 441 N.  
Sunday service 10 a.m. Thursday  
service 7 p.m. Pastor Margie Hall  
736-9383

**Living Waters Lutheran  
Church.** 30 Locust Road. Sun-  
day Service 11 a.m. Pastor Jack  
Russell (918) 868-4166

**Macedonia Baptist Church.**  
1181 Wolftown Rd. Sunday School  
10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship  
11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship  
6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible  
Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Con-  
seen, 497-1611, [mbccherokee@  
outlook.com](mailto:mbccherokee@outlook.com), Website:  
[www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.  
church](http://www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church)

**Newsong Church.** 3548 Wolfe-  
town Rd. Sunday morning service  
11 a.m., Sunday night service 6:30  
p.m., Tuesday Night Prayer 7 p.m.,  
Wednesday night service 7 p.m.  
Pastor Eric Moore

**Old Antioch Baptist Church.**  
2868 Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday  
morning service 10 a.m., Sunday  
evening service 6 p.m. Wednesday  
evening service 6 p.m.

**Olivet United Methodist  
Church.** 811 Olivet Church Road.  
Sunday School 9am. Sunday  
Service 9:45am. (336) 309-1016,  
[www.YouTube.com/user/Olive-  
tUMC](http://www.YouTube.com/user/Olivet-UMC), [www.Olivet-UMC.org](http://www.Olivet-UMC.org)

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Cath-  
olic Church.** 82 Lambert Branch  
Road. There are currently no ser-  
vices. Pastor Peter Shaw 736-5322

**The Peaks Church.** Meets at  
Smokey Mountain Elementary  
School gym. Sunday services 10  
a.m. Pastor Aaron Langston

**Rock Springs Baptist Church.**  
129 Old Gap Road. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m.  
and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service  
6:30 p.m. Pastor Greg Morgan  
497-9455, 736-1245 (cell)

**Sequoyah Sovereign Grace  
Church.** 3755 Big Cove Road.  
Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday  
Bible Study 1 p.m. Wednesday  
Night Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor  
Tim James 497-7644

**Shoal Creek Baptist Church.**  
184 Shoal Creek Church Loop  
Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday  
Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m.,  
Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday  
Worship Service 11 a.m., Wednes-  
day evening Fellowship Meal 6  
p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer  
Service 6:30 p.m., Choir Practice 7  
p.m. Dr. Mickey Duvall, Pastor

**Spruce Grove Baptist Church.**  
780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson  
City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m.,  
Sunday worship service 11 a.m.,  
Sunday evening service 7 p.m.,  
Wednesday evening service 7 p.m.,  
third Saturday singing 7 p.m.  
Check the church Facebook page  
for updates/inclement weather  
updates. Email: [sprucegrove-  
bc.1920@gmail.com](mailto:sprucegrove-<br/>bc.1920@gmail.com)

**Straight Fork Baptist Church.**  
Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10  
a.m. Sunday morning worship 11  
a.m. Sunday evening worship 6  
p.m. Wednesday night prayer ser-

vice 7 p.m. Youth group meetings  
also.

**Waterfalls Baptist Church.**  
82 Waterfalls Church Rd., Sunday  
School 10 a.m., worship service at  
11 a.m., Sunday evening service 5  
p.m., Wednesday evening service 6  
p.m. Scotty Chekelelee, pastor.

**Whittier United Methodist  
Church.** 150 Church St., Whitti-  
er, N.C. 28789. Sunday worship  
service 10 a.m. Pastor Rob Griffen  
(828) 582-0564

**Wilmot Baptist Church.** Thom-  
as Valley Road. Sunday school:  
10 a.m., Worship: 11a.m., Sunday  
night worship: 6 p.m., Wednesday  
prayer service: 7 p.m., every other  
Thursday night (Youth night) sing-  
ing, bible study and crafts: 6 p.m.  
Pastor: Johnny Ray Davis

**Wrights Creek Baptist  
Church.** Wrights Creek Rd.  
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday  
Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday  
Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday  
Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Visitors  
welcome. Pastor Eddie Sherrill  
488-0363

**Yellowhill Baptist Church.**  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday  
Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday  
Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednes-  
day Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor  
Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or  
736-4872

Event listings are free of  
charge. Send your event  
name, date and time,  
location, and  
contact info to  
**scotmckie@  
ebci-nsn.gov.**





# Cherokee Boys Club Weekly Highlighted School Bus Driver

**Bus #15  
Aaron Tuttle**

I started my job five years ago. When I am driving it's like you're watching a circus. I drive in a tourist town and share the road with visitors. It's like playing tag or leap-frog. I have twenty-four stops during the day, I travel around twelve miles per day, and I have forty kids on my bus and sometimes more. I leave for my morning run around 6:45 a.m. and finish my morning run around 7:35 a.m. I leave for my afternoon run around 2:40 p.m. and finish the afternoon run around 3:45 p.m. Plus, I inspect my bus before my morning run, and I inspect my bus before my afternoon run. I clean my bus after my run and ensure no students are left on the bus.



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

**A:** PROUD! I will always know that I will have a job because of all the students who attend Cherokee Central Schools.

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



# Cherokee Boys Club Weekly Highlighted School Bus Driver

**Bus #16  
Monk Walkingstick**

I started my job six years ago. When I am driving it's like you're watching the road and keeping everyone safe. I drive in a tourist town and share the road with visitors. It's like playing slow. I have sixteen stops during the day, I travel around twenty miles per day, and I have forty kids on my bus and sometimes more. I leave for my morning run around 6:35 a.m. and finish my morning run around 7:30 a.m. I leave for my afternoon run around 2:40 p.m. and finish the afternoon run around 3:50 p.m.



Plus, I inspect my bus before my morning run, and I inspect my bus before my afternoon run. I clean my bus after my run and ensure no students are left on the bus.

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**Emma Miller, MSW, LCSW**  
WCU Assistant Professor of Social Work  
U.S. Health Resources and Services  
Administration Behavioral Health Workforce  
Education and Training Program Project Coordinator



**Have you thought of going to College?**

**Are you interested in helping people?**

**What about going into the field of SOCIAL WORK?**






The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's Analenisgi Team is partnering with Western Carolina University to host a learning session for the community to learn about programs of social work at Western Carolina University! WCU Assistant Professor of Social Work Emma Miller, MSW, LCSW, will be on hand to share about the undergraduate (BSW) and graduate (MSW) education along with funding opportunities. Bring your questions and hear more about how you can contribute to positive changes in your community as a Social Worker.

**When:**  
Friday, February 2 from 2PM to 3 PM

**Where:**  
Analenisgi located at Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority  
Rivercane Conference Room


**Who Should Attend:**  
Anyone interested in learning more about the Western Carolina University Social Work program.

**Why Attend:**  
This learning session will be an easy way to gain access to information about WCU Social Work Department, including admission process, program structure, classes as well as information about the field of Social Work.

**EBCI Beginning Vinifera Grape Production Workshop**  
Workshop for New Farmers and Homesteaders

**Join us for a new and beginning grape production workshop.**



This workshop is aimed at New Farmers and Homesteaders considering production of Vinifera grapes for personal consumption and potential market opportunities. Viticulture specialists from North Carolina State University will lead discussions on a variety of production topics and a visit to the orchard of one our Tribal farmers will occur.

**EBCI Beginning Vinifer Grape Production Workshop**  
**Date:** February 13, 2023; 8:30am-4:00pm  
**Location:** NC Cooperative Extension-EBCI Office  
876 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
**Registration By Phone :** 828 -359-6939  
**Registration Online:**  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beginning-vinifera-grape-production-workshop-tickets-774385707497>

Specific topics include: the basics of starting a grape orchard, Integrated Pest Management of diseases and insects, utilization of the cannery for value-added opportunities, as well as food safety, storage, and harvesting.

**CONTACT:** Eric Mullen (828-359-6928 ) or email: demulle2@ncsu.edu, Mariah Mahan (828-359-6939) or email: maham10@ncsu.edu, Craig Mauney (828-989-7900) or email: craig\_mauney@ncsu.edu

## EMPLOYMENT

### Now Hiring

The Swain County Board of Elections is now hiring a Deputy Director of Elections. The starting salary range is \$38,850 - \$51,445, and the position is open until filled. To learn more and apply, please visit [swaincountync.gov/employment/](http://swaincountync.gov/employment/). **1/31**

### Nikwasi Initiative

Part time position announcement – Project Coordinator: develops new projects and maintains past installations. Part-time remote. Visit our website for a full position description: [www.nikwasi-initiative.org](http://www.nikwasi-initiative.org). **1/31**

**Museum of the Cherokee People: Now Hiring Director**

### of Finance

The Museum of the Cherokee People seeks a Director of Finance to provide financial oversight for all financial components of the museum including but not limited to accounts payable, payroll, grants, budgeting, accounting, etc. Total Salary Range: \$65,000 – \$90,000. Hiring Range: \$65,000 – \$78,000. Learn more and apply by February 9 at [motcp.org/about/employment-opportunities](http://motcp.org/about/employment-opportunities). **2/7**

### LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 24-001  
**In the Matter of the Estate of Casandra Marie Tolley**  
All persons, firms and corpo-

rations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

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

Kathy F. Johnson  
P.O. Box 974  
Robbinsville, NC 28771  
**1/31**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-002  
**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**  
**Linda Faye Jumper**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.

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

Tammy L. Jumper Gibby  
P.O. Box 3217  
Cullowhee, NC. 28723  
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-005  
**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**  
**Marlane Gail Thompson**



## Employment Opportunities


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

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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

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

Apply in person or contact Angie Hill at [angieh@mandaraspa.com](mailto:angieh@mandaraspa.com) or 497-8550.



## Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

**Cherokee Childrens Home**  
6 FT Residential Counselors  
4 PT Residential Counselors  
\*2nd Shift - 3 pm - 11:30 pm  
\*3rd Shift-11:00 pm - 7:30 am  
1 Assistant Manager

**Child Development**  
Teachers (Multiple - Snowbird, Agelink)  
1 Behavioral Specialists  
Lead Teachers - Snowbird 1, Agelink 1  
Behavior Teacher/ Tech - Snowbird 1, Agelink 1

**Bus and Truck**  
Multiple PT Bus Drivers  
Multiple PT Truck Drivers

**\*ALL POSITIONS ARE SAFETY SENSITIVE\***

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

Donald T Thompson  
P.O. Box 117  
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-004

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**

**Peggy Rosalie Lambert**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

Jennifer Blanton  
860 Union Hill  
Whittier, NC. 28789

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-009

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**

**Maurice Kalonaheskie**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred

from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

Patricia T Kalonaheskie  
1014 Old Soco Rd  
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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**BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

**REQUEST OF PROPOSALS**

Production for the 2024 EBCI Annual 4th of July Weekend Pow Wow

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Destination Marketing Dept. invites qualified firms and consultants to provide the production of the Annual Cherokee 4th of July Weekend Pow Wow on July 5, 2024 through July 7, 2024.

The complete score of work to be provided by the firm or consultants to be hired is part of a complete RFP document which may be obtained by contacting Frieda Huskey, Destination Marketing, at the EBCI Commerce Office, at 828-359-6492, or friehusk@ebci-nsn.gov.

Completed proposals are due in the office of the EBCI Destination Marketing Department by the close of business on Monday, Feb. 19, 2024. They should be sent to Frieda Huskey, Destination Marketing – Commerce Department, 810 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, or via email at friehusk@ebci-nsn.gov. Proposals must be submitted as required in the proposal package.

First preference will be given to qualified TERO firms and/or consultants. 2/7

**REQUEST OF PROPOSALS**

2024 Cherokee Indian Fair Sound/Light Production and Entertainment

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Destination Marketing Dept. invites qualified firms and consultants to provide quality sound, lighting, and entertainment for the stage production during the Cherokee Indian Fair on Oct. 1, 2024 through Oct. 5, 2024.

The complete score of work to be provided by the firm or consultants to be hired is part of a complete RFP document which may be obtained by contacting Frieda Huskey, Destination Marketing, at the EBCI Commerce Office, at 828-359-6492, or friehusk@ebci-nsn.gov.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION DOCUMENT SCANNING AND SHREDDING PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is for all interested imaging service companies that can provide a scan and shred service. Contractor will be selected, and contract will be awarded based on competitive pricing. CIHD reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the

right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under the RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. Any project not completed in FY24 will rollover into FY25 until complete. Proposal packet can be picked up at 687 Acquoni Rd at the old QHA office, Cherokee, NC 28719. Contract person for this RFP is Sarah Crowe, Infrastructure Admin (828) 359-6121 or email sara-crow@ebci-nsn.gov. 2/7



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What U.S. Olympic gymnast retired from the sport in 1972 and went on to a successful career on the stage, most notably playing the title character in "Peter Pan"?
2. George Balabushka was considered to be the finest craftsman of what wooden sports equipment?
3. Jon Bon Jovi, Richie Sambora and Ron Jaworski were in the ownership group of what Arena Football League team that began play in 2004?
4. What member of the 1908 Chicago Cubs is the only player to have thrown four strikeouts in a single inning in a World Series game?
5. How many games did Marty Mornhinweg win in his two seasons as head coach of the Detroit Lions from 2001-02?
6. What American cyclist recovered from near-fatal wounds suffered in a 1987 hunting accident to win his second and third Tour de France titles in 1989-90?
7. Name the Swiss businessman who was elected president of FIFA in 1998 and was ousted in 2015 after a corruption and bribery scandal.

**Answers**

1. Cathy Rigby.
2. Pool cues.
3. The Philadelphia Soul.
4. Orval Overall.
5. Five.
6. Greg LeMond.
7. Sepp Blatter.

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# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## EXECUTIVE:

Performance Improvement Specialist - \$50,723 - \$63,404

## ENGINEERING:

Dietary Services Supervisor - \$19.66 - \$22.25  
EVS Supervisor \$21.13 - \$23.98  
EVS Technician \$15.00 - \$16.77

## FINANCE:

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

### **Hiring Bonus**

Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
Targeted Case Manager – Analenisgi - \$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 – Kanvwotiyi (Female) \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Inpatient Technician – FT and PTI - Analenisgi 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 – Analenisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72  
Behavioral Health RN – Kanvwotiyi - \$33.68 - \$38.68  
Outpatient Nurse Supervisor – Analenisgi - \$36.56 - \$42.11  
Peer Support Specialist – Analenisgi - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Peer Support Specialist – Kanvwotiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Kanvwotiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
Behavioral Health Data Analyst - \$67,082 - \$83,852  
BFA Event/Training Supervisor – Analenisgi - \$58,332 - \$72,915  
BFA Peer Support Specialist – Analenisgi - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Integrated Classroom Skill Builder - \$17.12 - \$19.26

## OPERATIONS

Dentist – Dentures & Partial Dentures - \$131,405 - \$164,256  
Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 – \$20.67  
Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Medical Technologist - \$28.68 - \$32.85 - **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
Medical Laboratory Technician - \$22.76 - \$25.89 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
Information Security Specialist - \$77,144 - \$96,430  
Clinical Pharmacist - \$102,023 - \$127,528  
Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 - \$20.67

Operations/PR Administrative Assistant

## MEDICAL

Clinical Dietitian - \$50,723 - \$63,404  
Physician – Pediatrics \$157,686 - \$197,108  
Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108  
Physician – Immediate Care Center - \$157,686 - \$197,108  
Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time - \$227,068 - \$283,835  
Psychiatrist – Analenisgi \$227,068 - \$283,835

## NURSING

Certified Nursing Assistant - Emergency Room - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
**\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
Certified Medical Assistant/ Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center \$21.13 - \$23.98 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus for LPN**  
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  
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  
Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
CNA/PCA – Part Time Regular - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
CNA/PCA - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (C.N.A. only)**  
Director of Admissions and Marketing - \$58,332 - \$72,915  
Licensed Practical Nurse—Part-Time Intermittent - \$22.76 - \$25.89  
Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89  
Life Enrichment Assistant – Part-Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Life Enrichment Assistant – Female - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
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  
Tribal Options Computer Programmer - \$58,332 - \$72,915

**To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](https://careers.cherokeehospital.org)**

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
**HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

All applications and job descriptions are available at  
[www.ebci.com/jobs](http://www.ebci.com/jobs)

**Closing Sunday, February 04, 2024**

1. Education Tutor/Grades 3-5 – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
2. Supervisor (Cannery Operations) – Cooperative Extension – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
3. Truck Driver – Tribal Construction – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Senior Utilities Engineer – Water & Sewer – Operations (L19 \$100,531 - \$125,664)
5. Housekeeper I – Housekeeping – Operations (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
6. Hatchery Technician (Seasonal) – Fisheries & Wildlife Management – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Remember the Removal Bike Ride Group Fitness Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
8. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
9. Cook Aide – Kituwah Academy – Education (L5 \$15.00 - \$19.50 per hour)
10. Maintenance Technician – Housing Program – Housing (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

**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. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$22.86 - \$28.58 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)
6. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
7. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98 per hour)
8. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour)
9. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$97,792 - \$130,389)
10. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
11. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
12. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law / Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$72,127 - \$96,169)
13. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$27.87 - \$34.84 per hour)
14. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour)
15. Registered Nurse Supervisor – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health & Human Services (L16 \$31.05 - \$38.81 per hour)
16. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

**Cherokee Central Schools**  
**Job Openings**

Apply online at  
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or  
visit: [www.ees-ne.org](http://www.ees-ne.org) for more information.

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

- Cultural Department Coordinator**
- Full Time Speech Language Pathologist (2 positions)**
- Elementary Teacher**
- K-5 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant (Self Contained Classroom)**
- K-5 Special Education Teacher**
- K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant**
- K-12 School Psychologist**
- 9-12 Student Support Specialist**
- 9-12 Lifeskills Teacher**
- 9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant**
- 9-12 Permanent Substitute Teacher**
- 6-8 Special Education Teacher**
- 6-8 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant (Self Contained)**
- 6-8 Integrated Classroom Teacher Assistant**
- Substitute Security**
- Substitute Teachers**

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**CHEROKEE INDIAN  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**



# **Analenisgi**

## **Behavioral Health: Child & Family Services**

**Local Mobile Crisis Hotline Numbers:**

**828.736.9797 -Child Hotline**

**828.269.0301- Adult Hotline**

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