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“Sharing the knowledge”

Off-Site Collections Facility project moving forward

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

KITUWAH – A facility to house historical collections of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is moving forward. Currently in the early planning stages, the Off-Site Collections Facility (a working name only) will be built at the Kituwah site.

Shana Bushyhead Condill, Museum of the Cherokee People executive director, said the Collections Facility has been a project she’s been thinking about since she started in 2021. “I started sort



This conceptual drawing, per hickok cole architects, shows what the new Off-Site Collections Facility (working name only) could look like. The project is in the early research and development phase.

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Tribal Offices of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will be closed for President’s Day on Monday, Feb. 19.



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of asking folks about it. I sort of got a few laughs and ‘well, we’ve been trying to do that for decades’...so we started doing the research and pulling up resolutions and we found ten that had gone in front of Council since 1994.”

“So, as we were pulling research from people who had been working on this project before, then we could sort of say, ‘yes, ya’ll have gotten so far. Let’s see if we can push it further down the line.’ So, we went to Council and were able to get that 37 acres over by Mother Town designated to the Museum. That was a big step for us.”

Condill added, “What it sounded like for us is that it just needed somebody to champion it. So, for the Museum, of course it’s a perfect fit. We’re the repository of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and it makes sense for the Museum to take on that project.”

The project has been a long time coming.

With the passage of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2003 on Nov. 10, 2003, the Tribe exchanged 218 acres, known as the Yellow Face tract, with the National Park Service for the Park’s 143-acre Ravens-

ford property. A new Cherokee Central Schools campus was built at the site and opened on Aug. 7, 2009.

Along with that exchange, tribal officials entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Park Service and agreed to build a Tribal Archives to house all of the archaeological artifacts associated with the digs on that site. This new facility will serve in that role.

Michael Slee, Museum of the Cherokee People director of operations, noted, “It’s not going to be a public-facing facility, but it will be accessible for Cherokee people and researchers.”

In addition to the collections and long-term storage, he said the facility will include office spaces, an arrival space (reception and community-member space), flex space for THPO and Natural Resources staff, community spaces, a water garden, a seed bank, and more.

The Museum of the Cherokee People received a \$150,000 grant from the Duke Foundation recently to help with the research and development of the project. Due to the early nature of the project, an exact square footage nor price has been set yet.

Condill said, “We are happy to champion this project.”



She spoke of the importance of the facility being built. “Being tied to place, especially that place outside, is really important for us to consider as well. We are thinking about how to house our objects in a respectful way. Of course, we’re thinking about all our objects as living. I never say ‘collections storage’ ever. I always say ‘collections housing’ because we want them to have a home.”

“The idea is to keep the collections going forever.”

The objects from the archaeological dig at the Ravensford Property prior to the current Cherokee Central School campus being constructed are housed in Florida and is around 10,000 cubic feet of material objects. Condill said this would all be housed at the new collections facility.

Condill stated, “To realize that we didn’t have to do things just the way that they’ve always been done in museums. And, collections have

notoriously been a really sad place for Native people to go. Most often because we know we have ancestors that are there - almost every collections storage in the United States has ancestors in it. So, to create a space that is for these objects and for Native people to feel safe and to feel seen and to feel in community is really important. All of those concepts are things that we’re thinking about as we’re putting every element in there.”

“We won’t be doing ceremony there, but able to have folks interact with objects is really important to us. So, that’s more what that space is about.”

Slee said, “I think everybody understands the importance of bringing the collections home. Our community, our Tribe, sees the importance.”

Condill said they’re planning for the future of the facility even while planning for the facility in the first place. “I think one of the

things that we’re doing on the site right now, even, is planning what we’ve tasked the architects with doing is planning for phase two. You know we’ll need it. We’ll never have enough space. So, trying to think ahead a little bit so that if we’re not around there’s a road map in place for how to continue forward with bringing our things home.”

“It’s not just about preserving, but it’s also about sharing the knowledge in our community.”

A part of the facility will house seeds that have cultural value to Cherokee people.

Katie Tiger, EBCI Natural Resources Dept., commented, “From a Natural Resources perspective, our concern is that our forested landscape is constantly under the threat of climate change and invasive species resulting in the potential decline of overall forest health and abundance of culturally-significant plants. So the Nat-

ural Resources Department is excited about the prospect of having a facility that can house and store these native cultural seeds for use in medicines, food, and ceremony, for short-term and long-term. This also provides a space to collaborate with our community to gain knowledge about how to manage for these plants for the future.”

She is also excited at the chance to incorporate environmentally-friendly practices into this build. “I’m excited for the opportunity to build in green infrastructure and alternative energy technologies at the archive facility.”

“The goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our area. This archive facility can be the perfect demonstration project for the Tribal building sector. When thinking about building new buildings, we’ll look at this facility.”

Joint school board meeting to be held on March 4 with Swain Co.

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools met on Monday, Feb. 5, in the Central Office Board Room of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS).

Those present at the meeting included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson; 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.; Dike Sneed, Tribal Council alternate rep.; Consuela Girty, CCS superintendent; Dr. Jo Ray, CCS director of human resources; and Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant. Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent, was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. At 3:32 p.m., Reed-Cooper made a motion to enter closed session with attorney Ashley Leonard on call. Toineeta seconded the motion. Reed-Cooper made a motion to exit closed session at 4:45 p.m. Lambert seconded the motion.

The opening prayer was led by Micah Swimmer. The minutes from the Jan. 17 meeting were approved unanimously. The agenda was approved as amended, adding Resolution 24-115.

In good news, Reed-Cooper expressed her appreciation to CCS administration for working with Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority staff to meet the needs of CCS students and staff. Thompson applauded Girty for her exemplary efforts in her position as superintendent. Driver shared that in honor of School Board Appreciation Month,

which was in January, Cherokee High School (CHS) staff prepared dinner for the board members on Feb. 5, as they wanted to show appreciation at the last meeting, but could not due to inclement weather. The staff also provided each school board member with a gift bag. Each member also received appreciation gifts from the Career and Technical Education/Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics department and the central office staff. Toineeta gave a shoutout to Driver for her hard work in preparing for the board meetings.

The consent agenda was approved unanimously with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert. The following resolutions were approved from the consent agenda: 24-109: Katie Barrett is approved as a Speech Language Pathologist for the Cherokee Central Schools.

24-110: Kaci Chapman is approved as a Speech Language Pathologist for the Cherokee Central Schools.
24-111: Carole Cope is approved as a Substitute Teacher for the Cherokee Elementary School.
24-112: Edward Obuchowski is approved as a Custodial Supervisor.
24-113: Ryan Ferguson is approved as a Volunteer for Lacrosse.
24-114: Tori Teesateskie is approved as a Permanent Substitute Teacher for the Cherokee High School.
24-115: Garrett Pearson is approved as a Teacher for the Cherokee Elementary School.

Swimmer asked for updates on the field lights as soccer season is approaching. Girty said she would ask Attorney General Michael McConnell to review their contract with Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP). Sneed said he is in communication with GSMNP Superintendent Cassius Cash to have lights available for soccer, cross country, softball, and baseball.

Swimmer also asked if CHS students were required to learn how to type. Girty said she would find out more information.

Toineeta asked if CHS students were allowed to check themselves out of school. Thompson said that question will need to be raised again with a lawyer present.

A joint school board meeting will be held with Swain County School Board on March 4, the time and location to be determined.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20 in the Central Office Board Room. Thompson will be unable to attend the next meeting as she will be at the Consortium of State School Board Associations (COSSBA) Conference in Dallas, Texas. Reed-Cooper will lead the meeting on Feb. 20.

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Living Stories of the Cherokee The Rattlesnake in the Corn

That corn over there reminds me of a story my Grandpa told me about a man that used to stay with him named Ute Jumper. He was kind of a medicine man or a conjure man too. One time when the corn was beginning to get ripe, Ute led Grandpa up into the mountains to a rock bar, where he called a big yellow rattlesnake, sang to it, and fed cornbread and milk to it. He asked the snake to guard his stand of corn. And the snake watched over the corn until the harvest.

Source: Davy Arch

Photo: Michael Jerrard/Unsplash



PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY SCHEDULE

Confirmation Hearings pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A

These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date. All hearings will be held in the Cherokee Tribal Council

Chambers in Cherokee, N.C.

- Friday, Feb. 23 at 9 a.m.; appointment of Victoria Harlan to the Health Board – final date for public comment will be Friday, Feb. 16
- Friday, Feb. 23 at 9:30 a.m.; appointment of Lucretia Dawkins to the Harrah’s Scholarship Board – final date for public comment will be Friday, Feb. 16
- Friday, Feb. 23 at 1:30 p.m.; appointment of Nelson Lambert to the N.C. Gaming Certification Commission – final date for public comment will be Friday, Feb. 16
- Friday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.; appointment of Darrell Rose to the TERO Board of Commissioners – final date for public comment will be Friday, Feb. 16
- Monday, Feb. 26 at 2 p.m.; appointment of Travis Smith to the TABCC (Tribal Alcoholic Beverage

Control Commission – final date for public comment will be Friday, Feb. 16

- Monday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.; appointment of Morgan Crisp to Qualla Enterprises, LLC Board of Directors – final date for public comment will be Friday, Feb. 16
- Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 1p.m.; appointment of Paula Wojtkowski to the Tribal Gaming Commission – final date for public comment will be Tuesday, Feb. 20
- Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 1:30 p.m.; appointment of Adam West to the Kituwah Economic Development Board – final date for public comment will be Tuesday, Feb. 20
- Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 2 p.m.; appointment of Billy Brown to the TABCC (Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission) – final date for public comment will be Tuesday, Feb. 20
- Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 2:30 p.m.; appointment of David E. McCoy “Skooter” to the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise – final date for

public comment will be Tuesday, Feb. 20

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Constitution Committee Delegates

Assembled per Tribal Council resolution. All were in place as of Jan. 26, 2024.

Tribal Council Delegates – Tribal Council Chairman Mike Parker, Painttown Rep. Michael Stamper
Executive Office Delegate – Pam Straughan

Judicial Office Delegates – Brenda Pipestem, Sunshine Parker
Cherokee Community Club Council Delegates – Shannon Swimmer, Melvin Crowe, Tommy Chekelelee (alternate)

Constitution Committee Delegates – Lloyd Arneach, EBCI Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith, Peggy Hill (alternate)

Young Adult Group Delegates - Colby Taylor, Avery Maples, Jack Cooper (alternate)



Cherokee Boys Club Weekly Highlighted School Bus Driver

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Jody Saunooke**



I started my job thirty-two years ago. When I am driving it's like you're watching hellions. I drive in a tourist town and share the road with visitors. It's like playing bumper cars, always moving from one side to another. I have twelve stops during the day, I travel around forty-two miles per day, and I have thirty-four kids on my bus and sometimes more.

I leave for my morning run around 6:35 a.m. and finish my morning run around 7:45 a.m. I leave for my afternoon run around 2:45 p.m. and finish the afternoon run around 4:30 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: It's my job be a bus driver for school children. Sometimes, the kids can be a little rowdy, but I always ensure their safety. It's nice to listen to their stories about how their day was. In the mornings, they're usually still a little sleepy, but still polite.

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Quote of the Week

“I just know that the programming and services here are just going to be at a higher level.”

-Principal Chief Michell Hicks speaking at the topping-off ceremony for the new Tsali Care Center



Newfound Gap Rd. closed temporarily due to 'law enforcement action'

One Feather Staff Report

Newfound Gap Road in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was closed for almost an hour on Saturday, Feb. 10 due to what Park officials noted was a "Law Enforcement action". The Park closed the road temporarily at 1:20 p.m.

Park officials told the One Feather that Park Rangers responded to an "incident involving a driver who drove away before a traffic stop was complete".

A statement from the Park states, "Rangers made contact with the driver, and the incident is under investigation. There were no injuries to rangers or the driver."

The road re-opened at 2:11 p.m.

CIPD Arrest Report for Jan. 29 to Feb. 4, 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 following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonefeather.com.

Newell, Carolyn Ann – age 71
Arrested: Jan. 29
Released: Jan. 29
Charges: Temporary Hold

Pheasant Sr., Thomas Eugene – age 45
Arrested: Jan. 29
Released: Jan. 29
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Hernandez, Angel Gabrielle Solano – age 34
Arrested: Jan. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 5)
Charges: Resisting Public Officer, False Pretenses, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Wolfe, Terry Lee – age 38
Arrested: Jan. 30
Released: Jan. 30
Charges: Probation Violation

Crowe, Danny – age 57
Arrested: Jan. 31
Released: Feb. 2
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Meuse, Julie Anna – age 37
Arrested: Feb. 1
Released: Feb. 1
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Miller, Terra – age 33
Arrested: Feb. 1
Released: Feb. 1
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts); Assault on a Child (two counts); Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (six counts)

Queen Jr., Hugh Nolan – age 33
Arrested: Feb. 1
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 5)
Charges: Probation Violation

Reed, Austin Lee – age 25
Arrested: Feb. 1

Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 5)
Charges: Probation Violation

Sequoyah, Jeremy Isaac – age 30
Arrested: Feb. 1
Released: Feb. 1
Charges: Probation Violation

Watty, Christopher Medina – age 34
Arrested: Feb. 1
Released: Feb. 1
Charges: Simple Possession of Marijuana

Santoyo, Ana Maria – age 34
Arrested: Feb. 2
Released: Feb. 3
Charges: Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Wahneta, Dylan Keith – age 38
Arrested: Feb. 2
Released: Feb. 2
Charges: Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance

Sampson, Dustin Vernon – age 38
Arrested: Feb. 3
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 5)
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Disorderly Conduct; Driving While Impaired

Taylor, Stephanie Nichole – age 33
Arrested: Feb. 3
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 5)
Charges: Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle

Taylor, Autrey Vincent – age 41
Arrested: Feb. 4
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 5)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation



Moments in time

• On Feb. 26, 1917, the Original Dixieland Jass (later Jazz) Band recorded "Livery Stable Blues," the world's first jazz record, for the Victor Talking Machine Company in New York. That same year, the group also made the first appearance of a jazz band in a motion picture, a silent film titled "The Good for Nothing."

• On Feb. 27, 1938, a new mascot design was created by Chris Klein and C. Karnstadt for use by the Pontiac car brand, in the form of an Indian maiden. The theme was inspired by connections with the General Motors war chief who was employed in the GM manufacturing division.

• On Feb. 28, 1983, the final episode of "M*A*S*H," a series about the staff of an Army hospital during the Korean War, titled "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen," became the most-watched television episode in U.S. history, with an estimated 106 million American viewers.

• On Feb. 29, 2012, Davy Jones, a former teen idol and singer for The Monkees, died of a heart attack at the age of 66. Jones starred with his bandmates in a popular TV series and a few other shows during his career, later returning to his first passion of horses and becoming a jockey.

• On March 1, 2008, Britain's Prince Harry, who had been sent secretly to Afghanistan with his regiment in December at his request, was forced to return to Britain after the American website the Drudge Report made his deployment public.

• On March 2, 1969, the supersonic airliner and joint British/French project Concorde set off on its maiden flight, reaching 10,000 feet and 300 mph. It would be another seven years before the plane began commercial flights, which continued until 2003, when it was retired from service.

• On March 3, 2005, Steve Fossett became the first person to fly a plane solo and nonstop around the globe without refueling, landing his Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer in Salina, Kansas, after a 67-hour journey. Two years later, he would disappear while flying over the Great Basin Desert, with his wrecked aircraft discovered in 2008.

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Sportsmanship can be contagious

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – I've covered a good many Cherokee vs. Swain Co. athletic contests over the years, and it's always an interesting time between the two rivals. The Lady Braves hosted the Lady Maroon Devils at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6, and I witnessed a small, but very important, display of sportsmanship that I hope is contagious.

Now, to set the tone for those who might not have ever attended a Cherokee/Swain game, they can get...how do you say...contentious. But, that was not the case on Tuesday.

It was late in the game which was not close from the jump as Cherokee won big 82-19. Cherokee's Creedon Arch went low in the paint for a short shot and was fouled. She hit the court. And, she was helped up by Dvdaya Swimmer, Joscelyn Stamper, and Marlee Hicks.

Sounds normal...well, Hicks plays for Swain County. She helped Creedon up with the other two girls and, in the process, showed great sportsmanship. The four players, all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, treated each other with dignity and respect – something we could all learn from.

Honestly, all of the girls on both sides of the ball displayed great sportsmanship and just played the game. Any athletic contest that is one-sided can get



Marlee Hicks, Joscelyn Stamper, and Dvdaya Swimmer help Creedon Arch up during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

contentious and tempers can flare. They did not on Tuesday. As a matter of fact, just the opposite.

Now, you might think something as small as helping a player up really isn't that big of a deal. And, maybe it isn't...but, I thought it was. In the past, I've seen some heated gymnasiums so it was nice to see an even-keeled game with players on both teams acting nicely.

A quote I've used in several On the Sidelines columns over the years seems very appropriate here. The late Knute Rockne, legendary Notre Dame football coach, once said, "One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than a

hundred teaching it."

Sportsmanship is one of those things that is hard to coach. But, it is coachable by example. Bob Ley, retired ESPN legend, once noted, "If character is what you do when no one is watching, then sportsmanship is that conduct with everybody watching."

And, yes, he's right in my opinion. People are watching, and most importantly, the next generation of players is watching. The sportsmanship exhibited by Hicks during the game was just a small act in the bigger play on Tuesday.

The Lady Maroon Devils showed how to lose in a sportsmanlike manner. And, the Lady

Braves showed how to win in a sportsmanlike manner. Both are equally important. Some people say, it's easy to win. Well, not always. I know in my years of playing volleyball, I didn't always win gracefully. It's a skill, and it's a valuable one to learn as an athlete.

While not talking about basketball, Ralph Waldo Emerson put it eloquently, "Win as if you were used to it, lose as if you enjoyed it for a change."

In the end, it was nice seeing a good game with great sportsmanship – keep it up ladies.



BASKETBALL: Cherokee Lady Braves 82 Swain Co. 19
 Cherokee's Loshi Ward (#12) and Dvdaya Swimmer (#4) play tough defense against Swain County's Trinita Littlejohn (#20) as the Cherokee Lady Braves hosted the Swain Co. Lady Maroon Devils at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Lady Braves golf team honored
 ABOVE: The 2023 Cherokee Lady Braves golf team was honored during halftime of a basketball game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6. The team won the Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) championship for the first time in school history. BELOW: Jason McMillan, left, was named SMC Coach of the Year, and Paytyn Barker was named SMC Player of the Year. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



BASKETBALL: Cherokee Braves 77 Swain Co. 52
 Cherokee's Luke Smith goes for a tough layup as the Cherokee Braves hosted the Swain Co. Maroon Devils at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)





Lady Braves Volleyball team honored

The 2023 Cherokee Lady Braves volleyball team was honored during halftime of a basketball game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6. The team won the regular season Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) championship and the SMC tournament – both for the first time in school history, and they made it to the regional semifinals in the 1A state tournament. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



Joscelyn Stamper, left, received a plaque designating her as SMC Player of the Year, and Creedon Arch was named SMC Setter of the Year.




Pam Sumner Bryant, right, SMC Coach of the Year, is shown with Dr. Debora Forst, Cherokee High School principal.



Swimmer honored for cross country wins

Dvdaya Swimmer, a member of the Cherokee Lady Braves cross country team, was honored during halftime of a basketball game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6. For the 2023 season, she was named Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) Runner of the Year – for the second consecutive season. Swimmer repeated this season as SMC champion and also as 1A West Regional champion, and she was runner-up at the 1A state meet. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

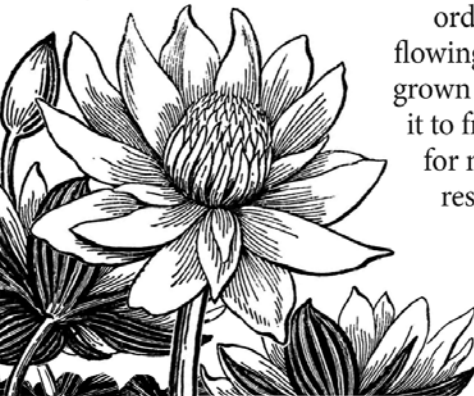


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ABOVE: Cherokee Youth Center Youth Development Professional Lucina Lira leads a tour of the new facility. BOTTOW RIGHT: Workers at Tsali Manor prepare Cherokee One Feather newspapers and meals to be delivered to the elders by Youth Center staff on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 7. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

A Day in the Life: Cherokee Youth Center

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—Lucina Lira is a youth development professional for the Cherokee Youth Center, an afterschool and summer youth program. Lira, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), attended the Youth Center as a child, and she now enjoys providing a fun and educational space for new generations.

Lira, and other employees of the Cherokee Youth Center, spend their mornings delivering meals to

elders in the Cherokee community. Their afternoons are spent with the children. To start the morning off, Lira treads to Tsali Manor to pick up meals and a fresh edition of the Cherokee One Feather to deliver on her route, which his currently “Lower Birdtown.”

“The route usually lasts been 9:30am and 11:30am,” Lira said. “I enjoy delivering meals and speaking with the elders when they come out.”

Lira and her coworkers gather meals and papers for their routes and head on their way. The morning starts out chilly and heats up



as the sun peaks over the mountains and bakes the windshield. Lira drives the route like second nature, just in time for the routes to switch. “We’re starting to switch routes every two weeks,” she said. “There’s usually a dozen or more stops on the route.”

Lira’s is just one vehicle in a spread of Youth Center workers tackling the terrain of Cherokee to deliver meals. For them, the morning is an opportunity to travel the community and provide for the elders. It’s a mostly peaceful trek - aside from a few Rez dogs - through the mountains before the high energy of the rest of the day.

The Youth Center is decked with an indoor slide between floors, life-size chess and checkers, ski ball machines, an outdoor playground, a basketball court, and more. The classrooms are decorated with vibrant murals of each of the seven clans of the Cherokee, and the halls have their own bright murals. Lira walked through the building with pride at the end of her route, greeting her coworkers and preparing for a day of programming with her group, which is pre-teens and teens.

“I’m teaching a program right now about resisting peer pressure, avoiding gangs, handling conflicts, issues like that,” Lira said. “We have activities and programs for different age groups. I just recently finished a program with them about the effects of nicotine.”



The Cherokee Youth Center

Lira enjoys the new Youth Center building, but she reminisces on the nostalgia of spending her childhood at the Youth Center. “I could map the old building out right now,” she said. “The new building is really nice, but I have good memories of the old one. I think the kids now really enjoy the new center and they’re making their own memories here.”

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A mural of a Cherokee family lines the halls of the Youth Center.



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- Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

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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>

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REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Vendors sought for Greening Up the Mountain Festival

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Frances Maxine Studer

Frances Maxine Studer, age 90, passed away at Tsali Care Center on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, after a brief illness.

She is survived by her children, Mary Jolene Studer of Cherokee, N.C., Larry Studer of Baileyville, ME, and Charles Studer of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two granddaughters, Katie and Hannah; brother, Eugene McGillis; and sister, Juanita Swimmer.

Frances is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Russell Studer; parents, Wilfred John and Nellie (French) McGillis.

She was very proud of her Cherokee ancestry. She was in-

strumental in starting the Lima Pow-Wow in Lima, Ohio. Both of her parents were students at Haskell and Carlisle Indian Schools. This meant she never learned her Cherokee language, but she loved to travel. Traveling all over the United States for Powwows, she also traveled to Germany, Turkey, and Italy.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Feb. 10 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Rev. Peter Shaw officiating. Burial was in the McGillis Family Cemetery in the Big Cove Community. Pallbearers were among Family and Friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Lehua Joan Walkingstick

Lehua Joan Walkingstick, also known as, "Hookie", age 45, from Cherokee, N.C., passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024. She was born on Jan. 23, 1979 to Russell Tooni Jr. and Gracia Walkingstick Taylor. She is preceded in death by her grandparents of both mother, father, and other members of family.

She is survived by her four daughters, Marilyn Walkingstick (Kenny) of Cherokee, N.C., Emma Perez (Oscar) of Sylva, N.C., Justice Taylor of Cherokee, N.C., and Cecilia Perez of Sylva, N.C.; two brothers, Cecil Walkingstick and James Walkingstick, both of Cherokee, N.C.; one sister, Crystal

Davis; special sister, Marlene Armachain; five grandchildren, Tylan Walkingstick, Christian Perez, Ariella Silva, Anayeli Maney, and Uwoduhi Silva; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held at Big Cove Pentecostal Church on Tuesday, Feb. 13 with Ann French officiating. Her final resting place is in the Wolfe Cemetery on Calhoun Rd. Pallbearers were Francis Walkingstick, John Teesateskie, Oscar Silva, Kenneth Maney, Patricio Espinoza, and Ryan Walkingstick.

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COMMENTARY

Commitment to family

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

We are not a casino town. Ask anyone whose heart and soul are in this land and they will tell you quickly that this land, if it is to be called anything, if it should be defined by anything, that should be its connection to the Principal People. They will tell you it is the Cherokee heritage that matters foremost, and that the casino is a means to an end, the

sustenance of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It is how we assert our “sovereignty”, and we provide for our people. We may be casino-dependent, but our eye is on the ball.

If you ask traditionalists and elders, you get varying degrees of response when it comes to the question of the value of adult gaming. The casino was not approved by the people but was a decision made by the tribal government. No referendum was held, as in the cases of alcohol and cannabis, for example. It was decided by the government. The data would tend to imply that, at the time, those constituents who voted in the election after the decision was

made were decidedly not in favor of the act to move forward with adult gaming, because nearly all the Tribal Council, Principal Chief, and Vice Chief at the time were voted out of office. We could say that was a coincidence, but most folks wouldn't buy that, I don't think.

I rarely speak for the community because I don't think it is good or fair to assume I know what the membership is thinking. It is a source of aggravation and frustration for me that some will lump us all together under their belief about an issue without asking us first. I do however think that it is safe to say that many of us wonder if all change is for the

good when it comes to the types of revenue generation that we are choosing for ourselves. The casino has set a high standard for return on investment. For many years, we have enjoyed a basic monopoly in our region when it comes to adult gaming. The profits, according to our leadership (and the subsequent tribal checks) showed an unprecedented return on investment. But the days of no competition are quickly eroding from us. With new legislation and growing competitive interests, concerns are increasing and there are more calls for smart strategies for investment in sustainable economics.

In 2001, Dave Ensley and a group of tribal leaders created the

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Children's Trout Derby. Water is life. It is a dominant force in Cherokee life and has been since before the people documented life. In a 2016 Our State magazine article, the late tribal elder and Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe recounted one significant example of the importance of water.

"...it helps to know about the ritual called 'going to water,' a cleansing practice performed every morning to start the day. Regardless of the season or weather, Cherokees would go to the river to pray and submerge themselves. In fact, the word for 'going to water' in the Cherokee language is interchangeable with the words for bathing and submerging.

"A ceremonial dip in the river was thought to wash away illness and bad thoughts. Cherokees bathed at the new moon, and upon returning from war, men would go to the water to purify themselves before re-entering the community. The practice was so sacred that it was considered taboo to spit or go to the bathroom in the river, or to contaminate it with animal blood.

"When the Cherokee talk about 'the waters,' they aren't talking about lakes, or the ocean. They're speaking of rivers and the watershed as a whole. In western North Carolina, there were no lakes. Lake Lure, Fontana Lake, and Santeetlah Lake are all recent, manmade, hydroelectric lakes.

Cherokee towns were situated by rivers, and always on the west side, because in the going-to-water ritual they faced east, and the names were inseparable from the river descriptions. Oconaluftee: 'Going really fast.' Tuckasegee: 'The turtle place.' Antokiasdiyi (French Broad): 'the place where they race,' because it was wide enough for canoes."

Dave, and the leadership at

the time, knew the importance of teaching cultural values to future generations. Cherokee values. Family values. The Cherokee tradition has never been about money and power, but about family and spirit. Dave, and the leadership in place at the time, created an event that had no clear direct revenue stream. In fact, thousands of dollars of gifts were given away at each annual Trout Derby to participants, both tribal members and visitors. Gift-giving, another Native cultural tradition, was another way of emphasizing the importance of family.

"For example, rather than store up food for personal use, Ojibwe families would give it to others. Gift-giving created bonds between families and helped turn strangers or enemies into kin or allies. The gift was given with no expectations. Native peoples believe that what is given always comes back to the giver in one way or the other."

In a world where "wants" outweigh "needs", we tend to lose that cultural connection to the "give trusting that the giver will see a return" tradition.

We don't need to lose the traditional ways of the Cherokee people. Outside marketers will come on to our land and tell us tried and true marketing tactics and try to sell us strategies that "work for North Carolina tourism" or are the

"industry standard" elsewhere but fail to understand the uniqueness and power of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and our unique location on a land that, through the Creator, belonged to us. What works in Asheville, Sylva, Bryson City, or Linville Falls doesn't work for Cherokee and Robbinsville. Before we allow consultants and contractors to come here to show us the "right way" to market Cherokee, they at least must be educated in who we are and base goal setting not on the world's values, but on Cherokee values. And we should lead these consultants, not follow them.

When we talk about family tourism on the Qualla Boundary, we tend to talk about the outside visitors that will come to our land. We are also talking about the families on Boundary because the word "family" to us is all-inclusive. It is just as important to us that the community enjoys an attraction as it is for us to have tourist draws. For years, tourism managers and directors hired into the tribal government, when it comes to tribal events, have asked the question, "Is it a community event or a tourism event?" The frustrating answer that always comes back is "Both!" The aggravating and challenging truth for our tourism development leaders is that you will never get good outcomes without crafting your events with families in mind

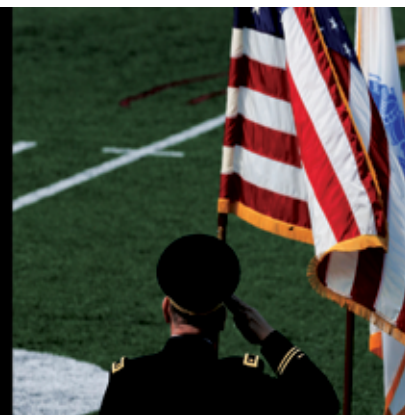
regardless of the family origin.

It is very difficult in a "bottom-line" driven world to be from a culture that never pays much attention to the bottom line. The Native culture has always been about strength, compassion, honesty, and integrity, not greed and entitlement. Being dollar-driven is not the Cherokee way. You see it in the way we disperse many of our goods and services to our people. It is not about individuals but about the good of the whole. Family.

Maybe the battle is not for the dollar so much as it is to retain our identity. What we are and who we are. What we are is easy. Who we are has been corrupted over the years. Everyone who visits or reads about the Cherokee people in North Carolina talks about how much they care about each other. How much they take care of each other. How quickly they come to each other's aid and sacrifice for each other. Why? Because we are family. Because we know that the giving of a gift will likely return to the giver in ways unexpected. We have communal values that we should not toss away or subvert to the hunt for a dollar. There are ways to maintain our cultural values and still be very prosperous financially. All we have to do is focus on the family.

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COMMENTARY

We know who we are

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

Cherokee has a long, detailed historical record. We have been blessed with tenacious record-keeping by our ancestors, the creation of the syllabary by Sequoyah, the continued passing of knowledge, culture and language through generations. We are even more blessed to still live in our ancestral home. How many people can say they live in the same place, swim in the same rivers, and gaze at the same mountain sunrise and sunset as their ancestors 11,000 years ago?

We know who we are as Cherokee people in a very precise way. Anthropologists use a tool known as the “peoplehood matrix” to define peoples. The peoplehood matrix includes four intersecting concepts: sacred history, language, territory/place, ceremonial cycle/calendar. We can write, in lengthy detail, about each of those points of the peoplehood matrix. I will spare you the anthropology essay, but I encourage you to think, even briefly, about the peoplehood

matrix and how we fit. I’m certain you can quickly recognize where we fit as a people, specifically as Aniyvwiya, the Principal People.

Why then, do non-Cherokee historians, linguists, scholars, even laypersons, try to tell us who we are? Why do we let them? Why do we have people come into our community to tell us how we should traditionally dress, what our ceremonies are, how we should learn our language? Why do we allow ourselves to be talked down to? Why do we not stand in our knowledge of our own selves?

We have Cherokee fluent speakers, Cherokee artists, Cherokee historians, Cherokee anthropologists and documentarians, Cherokee philosophy experts, and most importantly, we are Cherokee people who live everyday as Cherokee people. We know, better than absolutely anyone on this planet, what it means to be Cherokee.

We need to take our power back. We know who we are. We need to stand firm in who we are. Educational institutions are just tools for deeper learning. We can read historical documents and

study fragmented pottery in a way that they cannot, with our spirit and our hearts. You are not less knowledgeable because you don’t have a PhD. You are not less knowledgeable because you’re not a professor. You are the most knowledgeable, in any academic setting studying Cherokee, because you are Cherokee. They study you. Period. They should thank you for being there, not the other way around. Stop giving them the power to say who you are. You say it. Anikituwah. Aniyvwiya. Tsitsalagi.



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Appointing your days

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

(excerpt from Preacher Spurs, Christian Faith Publishing, Meadville, PA, 2022)

Psalms 90:12 says, “So teach us to number our days, That we may get us a heart of wisdom.”

Did you know that praying for wisdom is within God’s will? It is always important to pray in the same direction God wills. Why? Because praying against God’s will is wasting your breath, that’s if you pray aloud. God wants us to walk with wisdom, and He wants to give us understanding. His Word is full of wisdom, and the more we read it and heed it, the more we become wise. Job 28:28 says, “And he said to man, And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.”

But what does it mean to number our days? The words used have much more context than what we read in English in Hebrew. For example, the word “manah” in Hebrew means more than “number” in English. Translated in context means to appoint or prepare. The story of Jonah used the same word when God prepared those things that became such a problem for Jonah to teach him the lesson God wanted him to learn (Cahn, 2021). He does the same with us. Do you truly think that one morning when you had so many plans for your day that the flat tire you had was a fluke? It changed your plans; it made you zig when you were in the middle of your zag. I believe there is a reason for those unplanned zigs, and now

after years of experience, I can see those divine changes when I had no control, as acts of God to show me something I might not have experienced without His intervention.

We know we have a certain number of days in our lives – they are already designated by God. So, what can we do to prepare or appoint our days? The pat answer is to read God’s Word and pray daily for Him to show you His way to your day. It is precisely what Psalms 119:105 says, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and light unto my path.” You can’t see Light if you don’t read it.

That is a question of the ages. Many philosophers and theologians have discussed this question, and the answer is simple. We make it complex. How does one prepare for days that are yet to

come?

God brings good things to those who believe. Now and in the future. Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose.” You say, the future? Yes, your eternal destiny. We all have one. Death is only the beginning, is a famous movie quote from The Mummy (10 Best Quotes From The Mummy, 2001). The intent of the quote was designed to be scary. It is if you think about it. The truth is our eternal future without Christ is frightening. The future He has for those who believe in Him is beyond our wildest imagination. You just have to love the song; I Can Only Imagine by Bart Millard (Turner, 2020). I’m not sure, but I think Bart may have been thinking

about 1 Corinthians 2:9 where the Bible says, “But as it is written, Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, And which entered not into the heart of man, Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love him.” To paraphrase that would be to say, “You haven’t got a clue what good things God has for those who believe in Him.” He wants a life for us that glorifies Him and blesses us. We only need to seek His face, trust, and obey His word. Have faith to know God will do the rest unto your eternal rest.

I’m sure Bart wants to hear the same thing as you, and I want to hear from God as it says in Matthew 25:23, “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Turner, 2020).

Are you prepared for your future?



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*For thus says the High and Lofty One
Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
“I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

ISAIAH 57:15-19

Detail of “Landscape with Sunset” by Herman van Swanevelt (1655)

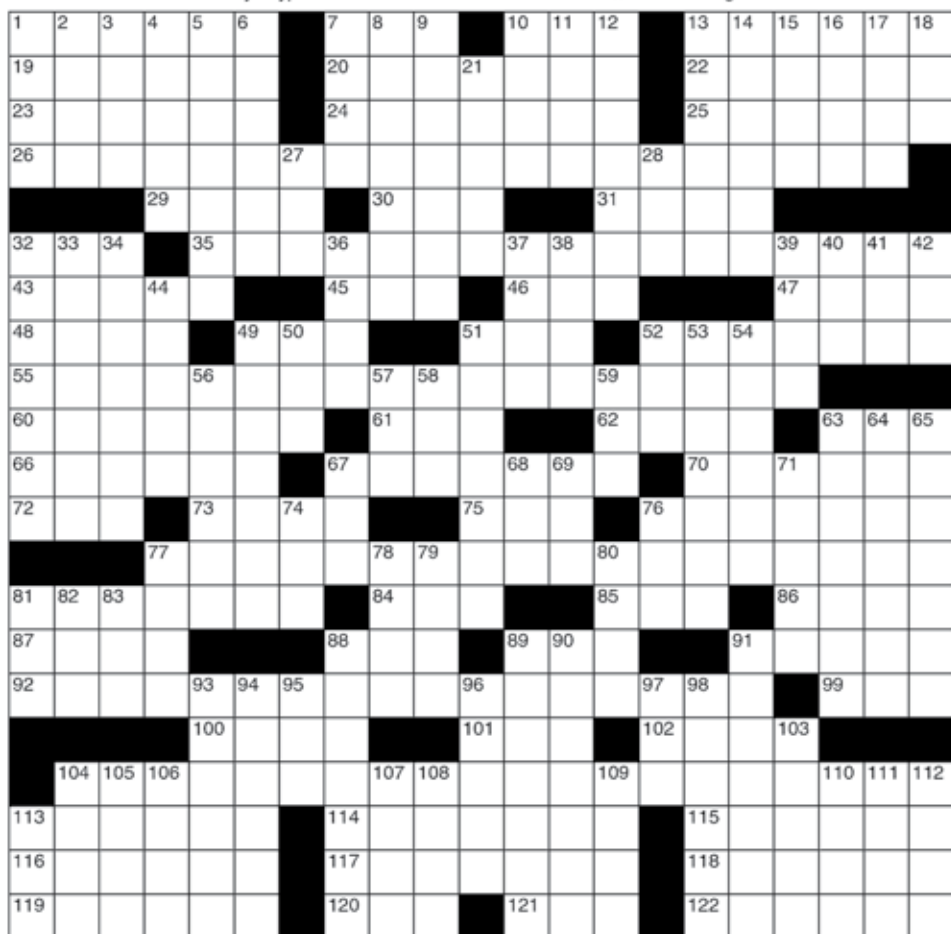


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Super Crossword

FOURTH-ESTATE
FANTASY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Not quite first-rate
 - 7 "Patience — virtue"
 - 10 Car tankful
 - 13 Collie of TV
 - 19 Cattle farm of the West
 - 20 Trumpet blast
 - 22 Singer and actor Frankie
 - 23 When it's 12:00 p.m.
 - 24 Element #3
 - 25 Japanese city that hosted the 1998 Olympics
 - 26 Start of a riddle
 - 29 Japanese buckwheat noodle
 - 30 Dr. Seuss' Sam- —
 - 31 Amo, — amas, —
 - 32 "Addams Family" cousin
 - 35 Riddle, part 2
 - 43 Faint smell
 - 45 Foldout bed
 - 46 Co-workers of MDs
 - 47 Stalactite site
 - 48 Florence's river
 - 49 Total amount
 - 51 "Scram!"
 - 52 Minecraft and StarCraft, e.g.
 - 55 Riddle, part 3
 - 60 Brief promos
 - 61 Triceps' place
 - 62 Pop's Celine
 - 63 See 58-Down
 - 66 Bullfighter
 - 67 Riddle, part 4
 - 70 Put a new front on, as a building
 - 72 Unbroken
 - 73 Recognized
 - 75 With 59-Down, brand of frozen potatoes
 - 76 Famously feisty fish
 - 77 Riddle, part 5
 - 81 Oval shape
 - 84 Dejected
 - 85 "Who am — judge?"
 - 86 Secret writing
 - 87 Postal pieces
 - 88 Detectives like TV's Magnum, for short
 - 89 Karachi's nation: Abbr.
 - 91 Very long time periods
 - 92 End of the riddle
 - 99 Disloyal type
 - 100 Impulsive desire
 - 101 Illusionist Geller
 - 102 Like planted seeds
 - 104 Riddle's answer
 - 113 Enter very quickly
 - 114 Novelist Caldwell
 - 115 Common gauge for toy trains
 - 116 "Despite that ..."
 - 117 Gets smaller
 - 118 "Happy Days" actress Ross
 - 119 Bunks on ships
 - 120 Mil. ranker
 - 121 Gym pad
 - 122 Hole to receive a lace
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Bird's crop
 - 2 Trellis strip
 - 3 "Noelle" star Kendrick
 - 4 Glasgow natives
 - 5 Grandstander
 - 6 Chimpanzee variety
 - 7 "— have to wait"
 - 8 Got married
 - 9 Lure for insect extermination
 - 10 The earth as a goddess
 - 11 Cut — (dance)
 - 12 Pago Pago people
 - 13 "Meteor" actor Martin
 - 14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film
 - 15 Long, involved story
 - 16 Shut loudly
 - 17 Actress Skye of "Stranded"
 - 18 Grammy winner Brian
 - 21 "— the breaks!"
 - 27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance
 - 28 Texter's "Holy smokes!"
 - 32 "Let me!"
 - 33 Bases-loaded situation
 - 34 Lightweight kitchen utensils
 - 36 Peak
 - 37 Chicago daily, in brief
 - 38 Global: Abbr.
 - 39 Mark for life
 - 40 Easter meat
 - 41 Adam's mate
 - 42 — Moines choreography
 - 44 Bob of Tahitian skirts
 - 49 Package delivery co.
 - 50 Package delivery co.
 - 51 Carpentry material for some cabinets
 - 52 Chi follower
 - 53 Spicy Spanish pork sausage
 - 54 Taxonomic subdivisions
 - 56 Become lively
 - 57 Cheer yell
 - 58 With 63-Across, for the time being
 - 59 See 75-Across
 - 63 Oven used to bake naan
 - 64 Spiny anteat
 - 65 Most unkind
 - 67 Conservation org. with a panda logo
 - 68 Pooch's yap
 - 69 Big blue body
 - 71 Genre of many sitcoms
 - 74 Wide shoe spec
 - 76 Mining shaft
 - 77 Higher ground?
 - 78 "You wish!"
 - 79 Condé —
 - 80 User-edited website
 - 81 Rescue squad VIP
 - 82 "— -di-dah!"
 - 83 False story
 - 88 Projecting curves on saddles
 - 89 By the day
 - 90 Huffington of HuffPost
 - 91 So to speak
 - 93 Wise-acting
 - 94 Thick-skinned critters
 - 95 Day, in Chile
 - 96 Studly guys
 - 97 Abbr. on a bad check
 - 98 End a vacation
 - 103 Mother-of-pearl
 - 104 Surfing need
 - 105 Cake finisher
 - 106 Holy Week's time
 - 107 Eldest of the Brady boys
 - 108 Helper: Abbr.
 - 109 For fear that
 - 110 Half a train track
 - 111 — gin fizz
 - 112 Camp shelter
 - 113 Yank's rival



See answers on page 26

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

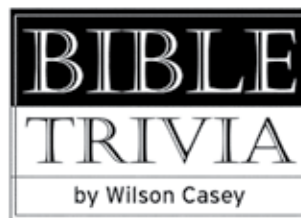
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Valentin (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in ...?" *Hope, Abundance, Touch, Truth*
3. In Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirreth up strifes, but love covereth all ...?" *Sins, Beings, Creation, Enemies*
4. Which Old Testament book reads like a love story? *Ruth, Daniel, Habakkuk, Song of Solomon*
5. Where does one find the phrase "God is love"? *Genesis, Nehemiah, Hebrews, 1 John*
6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honorable in all? *Love, Trust, Marriage, Worship*

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1. TELEVISION: Which popular Netflix series features groups of teens nicknamed "Kooks" and "Pogues"?
2. HISTORY: When did Facebook launch?
3. MUSIC: Which pop music singer had hits with songs like "Changes" and "Let's Dance"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What country possesses the Isle of Wight?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of peacocks called?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which company's advertising slogan is "the ultimate driving machine"?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase often shortened to "i.e."?
8. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the maze that confined the Minotaur?
9. MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, "Mischief. Mayhem. Soap."?
10. LITERATURE: Shakespeare is believed to have written approximately how many plays?

HAPPENINGS

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

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Turkey Shoot. Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Travel fundraiser for Mason Bird Blitz Volleyball. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

Turkey Shoot. Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Travel fundraiser for Wolfe Productions Cherokee Crew. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

Senior Citizens Breakfast Fundraiser for Annual Trip. Feb. 24 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tsali Manor. Menu: biscuit, gravy, eggs, bacon, hashbrown, grits, and a drink (coffee, tea, or juice) for \$15. In addition, a bake sale and a yard sale (tables for rent at \$15/each) will also be held. Info: (828) 359-6860

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yellowhill Community Club February activities:

• 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

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

8th Annual Spring Garden Fair. April 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Featuring seeds, plants, yard art, education, and a Re-Purpose It contest for youth ages 5-17. Vendor tables available for \$20 for two days or a door prize donation. Vendors tables are free

for informational, educational, and activities for children. EBCCI/NC Cooperative Extension Garden Kits will be given out at this event on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. NAIWA will be serving breakfast and lunch. For more information, or to reserve a table, call Lucille (828) 736-5285 or Tammy Jackson 788-0878

Cherokee Spring Rod Run. April 26-27 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

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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WILLIAM	GANDALF	HEARST	
RACEIN	ERSKINE	OSCALE	
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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Truth, 3) Sins, 4) Song of Solomon, 5) 1 John (4:8, 16), 6) Marriage



Answers

1. "Outer Banks."
2. 2004.
3. David Bowie.
4. England.
5. An ostentation or a pride.
6. BMW.
7. Id est (that is).
8. The Labyrinth.
9. "Fight Club."
10. 37.

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

Fly Fishing TEAM USA National Championship. Feb. 26-29 in the general fishing waters



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Put that restless Arian surge to good use this week by preparing your winter-weary home for spring. Also, be more flexible about accepting a workplace change.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your well-known ability to be patient is challenged as you wait for more news about a promising opportunity that could lead you down a new career path.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A setback in your travel plans could prove to be a blessing in disguise. Use this extra time to help close a growing gap between you and a family member.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't let a sudden sense of separation between you and your partner go unchallenged. It's important to make a strong effort to clear things up.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Use the information you recently received to make some long-deferred changes regarding a personal situation. Also, continue to exercise financial restraint.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That new responsibility you're now considering could lead to many opportunities. But be sure you have all the facts before you agree to take it on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

of the Qualla Boundary. Info: (828) 359-6110

NAYO Basketball Tournament. March 28-30 in Cherokee, N.C. Team entry fee is \$150 and is due by Friday, March 1. Rosters are due by Friday, March 22. Boys and Girls divisions (14U ages 12-14, 18U ages 15-18). Info: Shannon Bark (828) 736-9538, 359-3345, shanbark@ebci-nsn.gov, or Kelsey Jackson 788-4732, 359-6894, kels-jackson@ebci-nsn.gov

Trout Fishing Opening Day

see **EVENTS** next page

22) A friend might try to advise you against a potentially risky move. Ultimately, the decision is yours, but hear them out before you decide.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel justified in demanding an apology, but it might be wiser to settle things so that today's adversary doesn't become tomorrow's enemy.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Good news: Expect a more positive aspect to dominate your personal and professional lives. In addition, someone close to you seeks your counsel.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A disappointment can turn into a learning experience. Now, at least, you know what not to do. Meanwhile, expect more options to open up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What goes around comes around as a friend from the past returns a favor. Don't be timid about accepting it with good grace. You deserve it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your spiritual strength helps you deal with a family member's problem. Expect some difficulties, but stay with it until it's ultimately resolved.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can observe people and situations with absolute honesty. You'd be a fine social worker, psychoanalyst or member of the clergy.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Double Benefits for Education

Per a Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VAOIG) report, veterans who are enrolled at the same time in two different education programs are receiving housing allowance benefits from both.

The two programs are the Post-9/11 GI Bill and VET TEC. Oddly enough, there's no prohibition against the double payments because the way that the VET TEC program was established isn't the same as other education programs (such as the Montgomery GI Bill) that specifically ban dual benefits. In other programs, a veteran must choose between one set of benefits or the other.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill program consists of three or four years of benefits that include books and supplies, tuition and a housing allowance.

The VET TEC program focuses on high-tech training through specific providers. Benefits include the cost of classes and a housing allowance.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) took 30 random veterans to study and determined that all of them received dual housing allowance benefits, averaging \$3,100.

They were also able to identify 249 veterans whose training and education programs overlapped, and calculated how many days that included and how much in housing benefits were paid. In the first example in the OIG report, the veteran received over \$12,000 for 105 overlapping days. In the second example, the veteran received nearly \$11,000 for 58 overlapping days.

The VBA tried, says the report, to halt the dual housing payments. They were informed by attorneys that it wouldn't be "veteran-friendly" to reduce benefits and that no laws were being broken in paying the dual benefits. Only in other programs was the veteran required to only pick one program for benefits.

Congress stepped in with bill amendments to continue the VET TEC program past the end of the pilot period (the five-year pilot will end in April 2024), but according to the OIG report, the bills don't prevent "the concurrent receipt of educational benefits, including monthly housing allowance payments."

If you'd like to read the whole report, go to <http://tinyurl.com/43z96am2>.

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Is Pet Sitting a Profitable Career?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm a high school student and I'm thinking about what kind of career I'd like to have after I graduate three years from now. I'm not sure college is for me, and I like being around pets — my family has two dogs and a cat, and I have a flop-eared rabbit. I've heard that pet sitting is a good business to be in. Is this true? Can I do that instead of college? — Caryn H., Fort Walton Beach, Florida

DEAR CARYN: Pet sitting is a huge and growing market, because almost every owner is going to need someone to watch their pet at some point. So, it's certainly worth considering as a career. You can start your own pet-sitting business or go to work for someone else.

This is a job that requires responsibility and self-discipline, because people are entrusting you with their pets. You have to show up at the agreed-upon time, follow the owners' instructions to the letter, and make sure their pets remain happy and healthy. If dog-walking is part of the job, you've got to keep them under control and away from conflicts with other dogs. You've got to stay healthy, because a sick day is not an option unless you have someone to cover for you.

Start by visiting the websites of two major pet-sitting organizations: Pet Sitters International (petsit.com) and the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (petsitters.org). They offer resources, certifications and more. Talk to your parents and your school guidance counselor about your interest. They'll support you and help you explore this career option.

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

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Tournament. March 30-31 in the general fishing waters of the 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 Tsalı Blvd. (old Cherokee Elementary School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-64711

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS
Swain County Democratic Party yearly precinct meeting.

Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. at the Historic Calhoun House at 135 Everett St. in Bryson City, N.C. All precincts will be meeting together this year, and all Democrats are welcome.

Author of “Letters From the Smokies” to present book. Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. Michael Adam, Great Smoky Mountains National Park librarian-archivist, will present this book which discusses letters contained in the Park archives. To reserve copies of “Letters From the Smokies”, call the bookstore at (828) 586-9499

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 or call WCU Educational 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

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>

MISSING

Tonya Marie Nickoli

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5’ 4” Weight: 127 lbs Female

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Age: 31

Date of last contact: December 23, 2023

Last Known Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance: Tonya

was last seen on 12-23-2023 going out

with two friends. She last contacted

family via social media on 12-24-2023.

Numerous attempts to reach her by

phone have been unsuccessful. Last seen

wearing orange or pink beanie, black pea coat, blue jeans, and blue boots with fur. Tattoo on left hand (Forget-Me-Not flowers).

If you have seen or have information about Tonya Marie Nickoli, contact Anchorage Police Department (907) 786-8900 or Malia Miller, Missing Person Clearinghouse Manager, Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511.

Source: Namus.gov



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MISSING

GABRIEL THOR CROW

Last Seen Saturday January 27, 2024

Starnes Cove Road, Asheville NC

Date of Birth: 1/21/97

Age: 27

Sex or gender: Male

Race: Native American
(Eastern Band Cherokee)

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Black

Height: 5’11”

Weight: 170

Identifying Characteristics:

Neck tattoos: Green Claw, Skull
and Crossbones



**IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT GABRIEL
PLEASE CONTACT: LT. WELCH (828) 250-4503
Buncombe Co. Sheriff’s Dept.**

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

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

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

Wolftown 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. Wednes-

day 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 Rob Griffin (828) 582-0564, 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

see **EVENTS** next page

EVENTS: *from page 29*

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 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., Wednesday 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 Conference 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> 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

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 services 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brent Stewart. 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 Gospel 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. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Pastor Jack Russell (918) 868-4166

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 497-1611, mbccherokee@outlook.com, Website: www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church

Newsong Church. 3548 Wolfetown 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/OlivetUMC, www.Olivet-UMC.org

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 82 Lambert Branch Road. There are currently no services. 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., Wednesday 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: sprucegrovebc.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 service 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., Whittier, N.C. 28789. Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Pastor Rob Griffin (828) 582-0564

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thomas 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) singing, 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. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or 736-4872

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Meet **Ms. Candi Teesatuskie** from the Cherokee Boys Club Administration Office. Candi is February's choice for employee of the month. Keeping a smile on her face and being courteous with our customers and employees as they come through the front door and lobby. Not only does she keep the front coffee pot full, and the lobby filled with the themes of the season but is always looking for the next task to utilize her creative mind. We all appreciate her willingness to help without hesitation and the way she can juggle the phone, customers coming the front door and answering our questions about files and mail, or job descriptions, while keeping everything organized as a well-oiled machine. I think we all should celebrate and congratulate Cando on the job she does so well. She makes it enjoyable to enter the Cherokee Boys Club, Inc. because our customers receive the best service that can be expected. Thank you, Candi, you deserve to be the employee of the month.



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EMPLOYMENT



Looking for General Laborer

We are looking for capable and reliable general laborers to join our team. You'll take direction from the project foreman to help prepare job sites; load and unload construction materials, remove debris, assist team members, and perform any other general labor needed to get the job done right. You should be great at following instructions, with a can-do attitude. If you're looking for good

pay, flexible hours, and a job you can take pride in that lets you do something different every day, apply now!

General Laborer Responsibilities

- Load, unload, and prepare any tools or materials used to complete the build so the crew can operate efficiently
- Remove any trash, debris or hazardous materials from the area to prep the site before construction begins
- Work with your crew through all stages of the project to make sure that the job is done efficiently
- Assist tradespeople and heavy equipment workers as needed with plumbing, electrical, roofing, and other trade work as needed
- Follow all health and safety guidelines to ensure you and your team members are free from

injury

- Clean up any tools, trash, and building materials once construction is complete to ensure a clean worksite
- Other duties as assigned

General Laborer Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED preferred
- Knowledge of basic engineering and construction laborer methods is preferred, but we will provide training
- Some experience using construction equipment, forklift, hand tools, and power tools highly preferred
- Important to be able to work independently and with a team, take direction and follow-through
- Must have excellent hand-eye coordination, good balance, and have the physical strength to be

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- Must be willing to show up for work
- Full Time Position For the Cherokee/Murphy areas. Anyone interested should pick up an application and complete position description at the KG3 office building, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, across the street from Waffle House and First Citizens Bank between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or email Maggie Toineeta at maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com These positions will be opened until filled. Native American preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will be accepted in conjunction of all applications. **2/14**

Employment Opportunities

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the following positions:
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- Senior Concierge for Front Desk and operations support – hospitality experience preferred
- Male Spa Host and Female Spa Host. – no experience required

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

Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at <https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or visit: www.ces-nc.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
- Athletic Administrative Assistant
- 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
- 6-8 Special Education Teacher
- 6-8 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant (Self Contained)
- Substitute Security
- Substitute Teachers

LEGAL NOTICES

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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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-011

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

James Wesley Long

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

Jamie Sutton
23 Rathbone Dr
Bryson City, NC. 28713

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-016

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Charles Thomas Lambert

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

Billy R Lambert
128 Sycamore Dr
Whittier, NC. 28789

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

54 Sanford Drive

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals for the rehab and renovation of the 2 story house located at 54 Sanford drive, Cherokee, NC 28719. This project is a total demo and restore to new condition. All questions contact Peanut Crowe at (828) 788-7097 or peancrow@nsn-ebci.gov. The bid is for labor only. All bids are due by the close of business on February 23rd, 2024. Bids are to be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North Caroline, 28719. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Peanut Crowe. Project name, "54 Sanford", should be noted in the upper left-hand corner of the envelop. There will be a showing of



Commercial Space available in Cherokee

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) invites small businesses with expertise in retail to submit proposals for space to lease in the Downtown Horseshoe area, also known as the Cherokee Village Community, containing +- 3,074 Sq. Ft. with additional attic storage space containing +- 928 Sq. Ft.

The complete proposal for the expectations and plans for the space to be provided by the business to be selected as a tenant is part of a complete proposal package document which may be obtained by contacting Albert Cruz, Commercial Property Specialist, at the EBCI Building Rental Office, at **828-508-0749 oracruz@ebci-nsn.gov.**

Completed proposals are due in the offices of the EBCI Enterprise Development Office by the close of business on Friday, March 1st, 2024. They should be sent to Albert Cruz, Commercial Property Specialist – Commerce Office, 810 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719, or via email at acruz@ebci-nsn.gov. Proposals must be submitted as required in the proposal package.



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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) invites small businesses with expertise in retail to submit proposals for space to lease in the Downtown Horseshoe area, also known as the Cherokee Village Community, containing +- 3876 Sq. Ft. with parking lot and road frontage entrances.

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the property on February the 16th at 8:30am at the above property.

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Cherokee Indian Housing Division

Mowing and Weedeating 11 Properties

2024

Cherokee Indian Housing Division seeks qualified landscape care, to mow very 7 days and weed eat every 10 days at 11 Housing Division properties. There will be 30 mowing and 20 weed eating days. The properties are as followed 1. Beartrax Cabin Rentals (across the road and up the hill from Burger King) 2. Big Cove HIP (Garden Place Lane) 3. Piney Grove Apartments (Both sides of road) 4. Blackberry Ridge, C. Bradley Drive, and Rec. Park 103 (Fisher Branch) 5. Miller Branch Rentals

(Jerry Wolfe rd. 3 houses and the big yard leading up) 6. Grandview Rentals (beside the Chestnut Tree Inn) 7. Ledford/McCoy HIP (Lower Birdtown) 8. Heritage Apartments (across from Wolftown Community Building) 9. Leon Jones Property (Wrights Creek Rd.) 10. Road to Soco (the river-side is included in all units) 11. Sarah Smoker HIP (Long Branch). There will be a sites visit on February 27th , 2024 @ 9:00am call Peanut Crowe 788-7097 for more information. Submit proposals in a sealed envelope with mowing in the upper left hand corner. Proposals can be dropped off at the main office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, N.C. 28719. The proposals need to be submitted by 4:30 pm on Tuesday March 5th , 2024. 2/14

Cherokee Indian Housing Division

Mowing and Weedeating 2024

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking qualified landscape care, to mow every 7 days and weed eat every 10 days. The mowing and weed eating will start in April and continue throughout November. There will be approximately 30 mowing and 20 weed eating. The properties are.

1. Lambert Wilson Way (Whittier Housing)

There will be a site visit on February 29th , 2024 @ 9:00 am at Qualla Housing Parking Lot beside the bridge and then we will go to Whittier Housing at Lambert Wilson Way. The bids will be due on Wednesday March 6th ,2024 by 4:00pm. Put Whittier or Lambert Wilson Mowing on the sealed

envelope and give to the QHA receptionist. For more information call Peanut Crowe 788-7097. 2/14

Cherokee Indian Housing Division

Mowing and Weedeating 2024

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- 1. Diamond Brown HIP
- 2. Hartness (Copperhead Drive Murphy)

There will be a site visit on March 1st , 2024 @ 9:00 am at Diamond Brown HIP and then we will go to Hartness in Chero-

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Cherokee Boys Club Inc.

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 - 3:30 pm - 11:30 pm
*3rd Shift-11:30 pm - 7:30 am
1 Assistant Manager

Child Development
2 Teachers - Agelink
1 Behavioral Specialists
Staff Supervisor - Snowbird 1, Ageink 1
Behavior Teacher/ Tech - Snowbird 1, Agelink 1

Bus and Truck
Multiple PT Bus Drivers
Multiple PT Truck Drivers

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

kee Co. The bids will be due on Wednesday March 6th ,2024 by 4:00pm. Put Snowbird/Hartness Mowing on the sealed envelope and give to the QHA receptionist. For more information call Peanut Crowe 788-7097. **2/14**

Cherokee Indian Housing Division Mowing and Weedeating 2024

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking qualified landscape care, to mow every 7 days and weed eat every 10 days. The mowing and weed eating will start in April and continue throughout November. There will be approximately 30 mowing and 20 weed eating. The properties are.

1. Pioneer Motel (lot 1)
2. Pioneer Motel (lot2)
3. Pioneer Motel (lot 3)
4. Crowe’s Waterfall Property
5. Olivet Cabins
6. Chief Flying Squirrel

There will be a site visit on February 28th , 2024 @ 9:00am we will leave from the Qualla Housing Parking Lot (by the bridge). The bids will be due on Wednesday March 6th ,2024 by 4:00pm. Put QHA Mowing on the sealed envelope and give to the QHA receptionist. For more information call Peanut Crowe 788-7097. **2/14**

Qualla Housing Mowing and Weedeating 2024

Qualla Housing Division is seeking qualified landscape care, to mow every 7 days and weed eat every 10 days. The mowing and weed eating will start in April and continue throughout November. There will be approximately 30 mowing and 20 weed eating. The properties are

1. Wrights Creek Housing

2. Upper Birdtown Housing
3. Lower Birdtown Housing
4. Adams Creek Housing
5. Olivet Housing
6. Big Cove Housing
7. Bertha Saunooke Heights

There will be a site visit on February 26th, 2024 @ 9:00am we will leave from the Qualla Housing Parking Lot (by the bridge). The bids will be due on Monday March 4th ,2024 by 4:00pm. Put QHA Mowing on the sealed envelope and give to the QHA receptionist. For more information call Peanut Crowe 788-7097. **2/14**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AFFORDABLE HOUSING MANUFACTURED HOMES - FACTORY DIRECT PRICING FOR CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS is to establish a relationship with a qualified manufactured home company for an unlimited time that can provide factory direct pricing for single-family homes that can be delivered to a housing lot in Cherokee. A contract will be awarded based on qualifications and competitive pricing. The service requested under this RFQ is subject to TERO guidelines. Qualification packets may be picked up at Acquoni Rd, at the old QHA office, Cherokee, NC 28719. Contact person for this RFQ is Michelle Stamper, Housing Services Mgr. (828) 359-6904 or email at michstam@ebci-nsn.gov or Sarah Crowe, Housing Infrastructure Admin, (828) 359-6121 or email at saracrow@ebci-nsn.gov. **2/14**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Maintenance and Repairs for Building Rental Program The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) invites companies with expertise in commercial building maintenance and repairs to submit proposals for completing maintenance issues with commercial buildings for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, North Carolina.

The complete scope of work to be provided by the firm to be hired as Contractor is part of a complete RFQ document which may be obtained by contacting Albert Cruz, at the EBCI Commerce Office, at 828-508-0749.acruz@ebci-nsn.gov.

Completed proposals are due in the Building Rental Office by the close of business on Friday, March 1st, 2024. They should be sent to Albert Cruz, Commercial Building Specialist – Commerce Office, 810 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719, or via email atacruz@ebci-nsn.gov. Proposals must be submitted as required in the proposal package.

First preference will be given to qualified TERO contractors. **2/21**

Request for Qualifications On-Call Contractors

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for an asbestos assessment and abatement services for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee receiving assistance through the ARP Grant Funded Program. Contracts will be by Job only. Project Production reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call pool as needed based on scheduling demands. Qualification packets can be turned in at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. Contact person for this

RFP is Jacob George, Project Monitor, (828) 359-6931 or jacogeor@ebci-nsn.gov. Qualification Packets are due 02-28-24. **2/21**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PRESENTER – FINANCIAL LITERACY Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO)

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is looking for a presenter to provide financial literacy training and discussion to both young people and adults during the coming months. TERO is requesting proposals from qualified and experienced financial literacy educators to provide financial training including short term financial planning and long-term financial planning. Candidates are expected to provide group activities and exercises that teach basic budgeting, recordkeeping, investing, saving, and independent financial management skills. Preference will be given to qualified Indians with demonstrated knowledge and experience in financial fields. The presentations will include two teenage groups and two adult groups.

Persons or firms wishing to request a proposal package should contact Gerri W Grady at (828) 359-6365 or by email at gerrigrad@ebci-nsn.gov.

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included in the RFP to Terri Henry, Director-TERO. Proposals must be received by 03/15/2024 @2:00 PM at which time they shall be opened and evaluated in accordance with tribal procedures. Any proposal received after this time will not be considered. Be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to this solicitation. **3/13**



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
PRC Customer Service - \$19.66 - \$22.25

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

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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 – Kanvwtiyi (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 – Kanvwtiyi - \$33.68 - \$38.68
Outpatient Nurse Supervisor – Analenisgi - \$36.56 - \$42.11
Peer Support Specialist – Analenisgi - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Peer Support Specialist – Kanvwtiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Kanvwtiyi - \$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**
Bonus
PTR Phlebotomist - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Information Security Specialist - \$77,144 - \$96,430
Clinical Pharmacist - \$102,023 - \$127,528

Operations/PR Administrative Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25
Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II (3rd Shift) \$44,107 - \$55,134

MEDICAL

Physician – Pediatrics \$157,686 - \$197,108
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Physician – Immediate Care Center - \$157,686 - \$197,108
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5. Manager – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$59,429 - \$74,287)

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7. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
8. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
9. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
10. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour)
11. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
12. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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Beautiful sunrise

The Qualla Boundary (Cherokee, N.C.) woke up to a brilliant sunrise this morning (Thursday, Feb. 8). (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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