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“A special day, a good day”

Cherokee Speakers Place opens officially

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee language has been spoken for many millennia in the mountains of western North Carolina and throughout the southeast, and it will endure for many more due to the efforts of Cherokee speakers today. The Cherokee Speakers Place (kalvgviditsa tsalagi aniwonisgi tsunatsohisdihi), located adjacent to the New Kituwah Academy in Cherokee, N.C., opened officially with a ribbon cutting ceremony on



Marie Junaluska and Roger Smoker, both elders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and first language Cherokee speakers, cut the ribbon to open the Cherokee Speakers Place (kalvgviditsa tsalagi aniwonisgi tsunatsohisdihi), located adjacent to the New Kituwah Academy in Cherokee, N.C., on the morning of Friday, Feb. 16. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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Rainbows and Ramps Festival Saturday, March 30

Cherokee, N.C.



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Myrtle Driver Johnson, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, speaks to the crowd during Friday's event. She gave her remarks entirely in the Cherokee language.

SPEAKERS: *from front page*

the morning of Friday, Feb. 16. Students from New Kituwah, future Cherokee language speakers, sang the Cherokee National Anthem and also presented several other Cherokee songs and dances.

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Principal Chief Michell Hicks told the crowd, "I know that language revitalization is something that hasn't come easy. There's been a lot of minds, there's been a lot of creativity."

"I just want to thank the planning committee, all the speakers, all the second language speakers, even the little guys for participating today and being part of this part of our history. Each administration has a responsibility and I want to thank the prior administration,

Chief Sneed, and the work they did, and prior to that. Everybody plays a part and we have to realize what the next phase is of the part that we play. We always have to give thanks for all the administrations and the Councils and our people for really stepping up and doing what's right."

Chief Hicks said he is going to dedicate himself to language learning and encouraged others to do the same. "My generation, we lack resources, but it's not an excuse. I don't have an excuse other than I've got to allow for more of an effort. That's something that I'm obligated to do and I feel guilty about it, but I also feel like I need help. So, I'm asking for help. And I think there are a lot of us that sit in my shoes. We need help. We need folks to come to us and us come to you and say, 'help us'. I'm scared. It frightens me."



Principal Chief Michell Hicks told the crowd at Friday's event, "I know that language revitalization is something that hasn't come easy. There's been a lot of minds, there's been a lot of creativity."

"We have to find that creativity. We can't be scared. We have to walk across and figure out how we do it and how we do it better. I'm very appreciative of the keepers of the language. I know we don't have a lot of fluent speakers, but we have a lot of second speakers coming on and we have a lot of children. And one thing about the Eastern Band is we're blessed. We're blessed with resources. And sometimes we may have to tighten up or we may have to find a different pathway with our resources, but we will find that pathway. We will make it work."

The 8,320 square foot building will house Speaker's Gatherings, Speaker's Council meetings, Speaker's Consortium meetings with speakers from the Cherokee Nation and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, and it will have two adult language classrooms, offices for translators and an archivist, and a resource

library. According to EBCI Planning, the total construction cost for the building project was \$10 million.

EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson and Marie Junaluska, both EBCI elders and first language Cherokee speakers, gave their remarks on Friday entirely in the Cherokee language.

Roger Smoker, an EBCI elder and first language Cherokee speaker, gave his remarks in both Cherokee language and English noting, "Today is a special day and a good day for our speakers for the Eastern Band. It's been a long time coming for this celebration and the grand opening of this building. It's kind of sad, though, this morning because of those who cannot be with us to celebrate this grand opening - JC Wachacha, Garfield Long, Jonah Wolfe, and Carolyn Bird. Those are four that sat with us during our planning when we first began to think about



Students from the New Kituwah Academy sing the Cherokee National Anthem.

the building for the speakers. They will always be remembered."

Smoker, who is also the chairperson for the Cherokee Speakers Council, added, "As we marked the beginning of planning, we were planning on the purpose for this building to be used for the first speakers, second learners, and the Speaker's Council. For the second learners, they now have a permanent place to learn the language. And where the Speakers Council will now have a permanent place to meet. And the Consortium meeting with the United Keetoowah Band and Cherokee Nation speakers will now have a place to meet when they come over to visit. This new building will house the second language speakers and it will benefit our communities and represent the committed values of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians."

EBCI Tribal Council Chairman Mike Parker commented, "It fills my heart with so much joy and gladness to see these young kids learning, to see our adults that are

first language speakers from the get-go to be able to teach these young kids."

"It makes me proud to see these little kids. This is fantastic."

Joe Bunch, principal chief of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, was at Friday's event and said, "It's amazing. It's amazing what you're doing here... it's a blessing, no doubt about it because we share the same story. Not only our language, our culture...we share the same story with how we're losing our language. I'm here to help in any way I can."

Miss Cherokee 2023-24 Scarlett "Gigage" Guy served as emcee for the event and spoke the Cherokee language throughout. At the end of the program, she noted, "I'm sure I've made some mistakes today, but I appreciate the chance to try and speak and learn."

The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Color Guard raised the flags of the EBCI and the United States and the POW/MIA flag to open the program.

**THE LULA OWL GLOYNE
PERSON OF EXCELLENCE AWARD**

Nurse | Veteran | Beloved Woman | Trailblazer

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation will present the annual Lula Owl Gloyne Person of Excellence Award during the 13th Annual CHHF Gala on June 15, 2024. This award will honor a deserving individual whose actions and contributions have improved the healthcare of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.



Lula came from humble beginnings, she valued education and a diversity of experiences. As the first member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to become a registered nurse, she possessed a vision for the future of healthcare for her people.

She served not only her people on the Qualla Boundary, but also tribal members of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and in WWI in the Army Nurse Corps. A nurse, veteran, and trailblazer in the field of healthcare she fought tirelessly to improve the standard of care for the Cherokee People.

Taking her fight to Washington, D.C., Lula was instrumental in securing the first hospital for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. For her resiliency, selflessness, advancement of her people, and her contributions to healthcare, she was named Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in 1984.

NOMINATION & SELECTION

Nominations open in February 2024 and forms will be available through the CHA Administrative office or online at www.chhfoundation.org.

Nominations must be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation by March 30th, 2024. The CHH Foundation Board will review all nominations and will announce the recipient on May 1st, 2024, with the recipient receiving special recognition at our annual gala in June.

CORE VALUES

Nominees should reflect significant contributions in healthcare on behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and emulate the core values of:

Contributions to Healthcare: Nominee has made significant contributions to the advancement of healthcare on behalf of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians.

Selflessness: Nominee acts in the best interest of others and promotes health & wellness.

Accomplished: Nominee has risen above and beyond the call of duty to achieve results. This includes educational and professional achievements and serving as role model and mentor to others.

Resilient: Nominee is an advocate for healthcare to ensure the prosperity of the next seven generations of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Visionary: Nominee has demonstrated forward thinking and a vision for the future of healthcare for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians - regardless of barriers.



Archaeological dig on Acquoni Road

Nina Meinert, of TRC Environmental in Asheville, holds a Cherokee pottery shard found at an archaeological dig just off Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. The dig is part of work being done on infrastructure improvements to water and sewer along the road. Tasha Benyshek, TRC lead archaeologist, commented, "We have gone through this whole area, and we have found stuff from the Skate Park all the way down to where we've stopped. It's a lot. It just runs the gamut." She noted they have found pottery dating to around A.D. 500 and a store house and possible summer house ca. A.D. 1650. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



Meinert shows a hearth believed to be from the 1600s found at the site.

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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)

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Little Deer


The Deer Clan is one of the 7 Cherokee Clans making the White-tailed Deer a sacred animal. Deer Clan members were swift runners, and therefore, messengers. The Cherokee story of the Spirit of Little Deer goes as follows: Little Deer was the protector of the deer. Cherokee hunters were knowledgeable in the ways of hunting deer and prayed to the Deer Spirit out of reverence when deer were killed for food. If a hunter killed a deer needlessly and without asking the Deer Spirit’s pardon, Little Deer would track down the hunter and give him rheumatism so that he could hunt no more.

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Official proposal submitted for Kuwohi name change

Office of the Principal Chief release

Lavita Hill and Mary Crowe, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), submitted a proposal to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) on Tuesday, Feb. 6 on behalf of EBCI Principal Chief Michell Hicks and Tribal Council to officially request the name change of Clingman's Dome, located in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and restore it to the original name Kuwohi.

"It is very exciting to have submitted the final application to restore Kuwohi. It represents a lot of time and energy by many different people to get to this point," said Hill. "We have done the work necessary to gather strong support for this to happen. And we have put together a very strong case about why this should happen. The final application is 167 pages long and very carefully describes all the historical and cultural reasons it is important to restore the Kuwohi name to the mountain."

In 2022, the Tribal Council passed Res. No. 343 (2022), which officially began exploring the possibility of petitioning the federal government to restore the name of Kuwohi and effort to return the rightful name to Clingman's Dome.

Since then, Hill and Crowe have received enthusiastic support from local and regional organizations, including supportive articles in the New York Times and USA Today, bringing awareness and education of the Cherokee people and its history as tourists aren't visiting Clingmans Dome; they're visiting the ancestral homelands of the Cherokee. Per the submit-

tal response from the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, part of the review process includes allowing all federally recognized Tribes to comment should they choose to by Federal policies regarding Tribal Consultation. The entire review and approval process is expected to take several months.

"It's important that Tribal leaders keep pushing forward with our goal. I want my granddaughter to be part of the first generation of Cherokee people who will only ever know the mountain by her rightful name, Kuwohi," Hill continued, "we have told people from the beginning that for 12,000 years or more, we called this place Kuwohi. Only over the last 160 years was it called something else. It's time for all of us to restore her rightful name."

EBCI applauds U.S. Truth & Healing Commission Bill

Office of the Principal Chief release

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) expresses its full support and endorsement of the U.S. Truth & Healing Commission Bill introduced in Congress. This groundbreaking legislation marks a significant step towards acknowledging historical injustices and fostering reconciliation among Native American tribes and the broader American society.

Principal Chief Michell Hicks and members of Tribal Council attended the legislative briefing for S.1723, the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act, on Monday, Feb. 12, as part of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Council Winter Session held in Washington D.C.

He emphasized the importance of recognizing and addressing the historical trauma inflicted upon Native communities. "For centuries, Indigenous people have endured dispossession, displacement, and cultural erasure," said Chief Hicks. "The Truth & Healing Commission Bill represents a crucial opportunity to confront the painful realities of the past and embark on a journey towards healing and reconciliation from the trauma experienced at these boarding schools."

Ongoing research from the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition states that over 500 Indian boarding schools operated in the U.S. from 1801 to today.

"Confronting and healing from the painful history of residential boarding schools is not just about acknowledging the past; it's about understanding how it continues to affect Indigenous peoples lives today," Chief Hicks stated. "To heal, we must confront this painful history with empathy and understanding."

He continued by recognizing Congressman Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.), a co-sponsor of the bill, who has been instrumental in his support. "We express our sincere thanks to Congressman Edwards for his leadership in championing the US Truth and Healing Commission bill," said Chief Hicks. As the bill moves forward, the EBCI calls upon Senator Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), and Senator Ted Budd (R-N.C.) to swiftly pass this critical legislation as the Truth & Healing Commission Bill offers a promising avenue for advancing truth, justice, and healing as it aims to address the deep-rooted injustices and systemic inequalities faced by Indigenous peoples throughout U.S. history.



Moments in time

- On **March 4, 1933**, in the midst of the Great Depression, Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated as the 32nd U.S. president. He would later notably lead the country out of the Depression and to victory in World War II.

- On **March 5, 1963**, beloved American country western singer Patsy Cline, whose rich, soulful voice made her one of the genre's classic performers of such ballads as "I Fall to Pieces" and "Crazy," died in an airplane crash at age 30.

- On **March 6, 2018**, the world's oldest known message in a bottle was discovered by Tonya Illman in Western Australia as she walked on the beach with her husband, Kym. The bottle had been thrown overboard from the German sailing ship Paula in 1886 as it crossed the Indian Ocean, and said only, "Could the finder please plot the coordinates it was found, and the date it was found, and send it back?"

- On **March 7, 1965**, up to 600 nonviolent activists marched to help African American citizens obtain the right to vote. Despite the peacefulness of their actions, the protesters were brutally attacked, with one woman, Amelia Boynton, beaten to the point of unconsciousness.

- On **March 8, 1986**, 29-year-old tennis star Martina Navratilova became the first in her sport to earn more than \$10 million in prize money when she won the U.S. Women's Indoor Championships in New Jersey.

- On **March 9, 1611**, Dutch astronomer Johannes Fabricius and his father, David, first observed sunspots, which are areas of reduced surface temperature. Johannes wrote and published a 22-page pamphlet on their findings, "Account of Spots Observed on the Sun and of Their Apparent Rotation with the Sun," though his father initially disagreed with his son's conclusion.

- On **March 10, 1949**, Mildred Gillars, aka "Axis Sally," became the first woman in American history to be convicted of treason. Gillars worked for Nazi Germany's state radio program during World War II, and from 1942 to the end of the war broadcasted Nazi propaganda in an effort to convince U.S. soldiers to give up the fight. Records of the broadcasts eventually convicted her when she was later arrested and returned to the States.

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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 at theonefeather.com.

Ardrey, Keonta Monteece – age 44
Arrested: Feb. 5
Released: Feb. 8
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

George, Kellen Michael – age 24
Arrested: Feb. 5
Released: Feb. 8
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Wachacha, William Bill – age 45
Arrested: Feb. 5
Released: Feb. 6
Charges: Driving While Impaired, Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked After Notification or While Disqualified

Bird, Dillion Jared – age 28
Arrested: Feb. 6
Released: Feb. 9
Charges: Abusive Sexual Contact, Assault on a Child, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault by Strangulation

McCoy, Rickenna Dawn – age 34
Arrested: Feb. 6
Released: Feb. 6
Charges: Drug Paraphernalia

Wildcatt, Wesley Jordan – age 23
Arrested: Feb. 6
Released: Feb. 8
Charges: Intoxicate and Disruptive in Public; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Owle, Brendan Cade – age 24
Arrested: Feb. 7
Released: Feb. 8
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Wachacha, Maritsa Stephani – age 26
Arrested: Feb. 7
Released: Feb. 8
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Crowe, Cassandra Lynn – age 31
Arrested: Feb. 8
Released: Not released as of report

date (Feb. 13)
Charges: Drug Trafficking (two counts) ; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance; Providing or Possessing Contraband; Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (four counts)

Keen, Tiffany Lee – age 34
Arrested: Feb. 8
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)

Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (two counts)

Wolfe, Victoria Marie – age 30
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Feb. 12
Charges: Drug Trafficking, Drug Paraphernalia

Ledford, Nigel Holmes – age 27
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 12
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Mathis, Daniel Lee – age 38
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Welch, Devin Leigh – age 45
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 10
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

French, Edmond Meroney – age 58
Arrested: Feb. 11
Released: Feb. 11
Charges: Drug Trafficking

Gordon, Christopher – age 28
Arrested: Feb. 11
Released: Feb. 11
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Ledford, Justin Zane – age 27
Arrested: Feb. 11
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 13)
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release, Intoxicated and Disruptive

Radford, Robin Jasmine – age 19
Arrested: Feb. 11
Released: Feb. 11
Charges: Driving While Impaired, Driving After Consuming under 21, Carrying Concealed Handgun



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1 in 3 Native women will experience sexual violence in their lifetime

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WRESTLING

Cherokee Middle School wrestlers place at state

Photos courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools Athletics



177 - Blake Sequoyah, left, fourth place



217 - Channing Toineeta, left, third place



167 - Hailey Winchester, right, second place



217 - Levi Tramper, right
STATE CHAMPION (undefeated on the season)



250 - Preston Roach, right, second place

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Inclusive Global Histories

Modern Cherokee mocs included in exhibit at Ulster Museum in Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Ulster Museum, located in Belfast, Northern Ireland has recently refreshed “Inclusive Global Histories”, an exhibition which was launched in March 2022 demonstrating National Museums NI’s continuing commitment to decolonisation, diversity and inclusion. The exhibit will be on display until March 2025.

Triona White Hamilton, curator of Modern History at National Museums NI, said, “The World Cultures Collection includes material from the Arctic, Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Oceania. Most items were acquired in the 19th and early 20th centuries, by members of the Belfast Natural History and Philosophical Society, and later transferred to Belfast Museum and Art Gallery, and subsequently to National Museums NI.

“Whilst the motivation behind the acquisition of ethnological material can appear strange today, it reflected curiosity about the wider world and a desire to present diverse cultures in Belfast. However, the European bias and power imbalances that often characterised this collecting leave a complex and sensitive legacy for us to address today.”

“Inclusive Global Histories” highlights how they are re-evaluating our World Cultures collection to better understand the complex global stories of some 4,500 items - how and why they came to be in Belfast, how they can be connected to audiences and what the



A pair of Cherokee pucker-toe moccasins were donated by Dawn Arneach, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, for the “Inclusive Global Histories” exhibit at the Ulster Museum in Belfast, Northern Ireland. (Photos courtesy of Ulster Museum)

options might be for their future. At its core the exhibition addresses racism and social exclusion by celebrating cultural diversity and taking a critical look at our challenging past.

Also on display is a pair of Cherokee pucker toe moccasins from Dawn Arneach, a member of the Eastern band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) of the Qualla Boundary, Cherokee, N.C.

Arneach said, “After a visit to the museum archives and seeing how old a few items were that had no provenance to a specific tribe. I wanted to donate my pair of moccasins that were made by EBCI tribal member Richard Saunooke and decorated by Winnebago bead artist Sheena Brings Plenty. I wore my moccasins with my 18th century style Cherokee clothing. These moccasins walked in the footsteps of our ancestors who were in London, England in 1762

visiting the then King George II, but I was walking with the Warriors of Anikituhwa and our Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed.”

The exhibition has been created through collaboration with various communities both on a local and international level, such as the Belfast Multi-Cultural Association (BMCA), African Caribbean Support Organisation (ACSONI), Active Citizens Engaged (ACE), Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders (AIAT-SIS), and Digital Benin, as well as various individuals, collectives and researchers world wide. Working in partnership and ‘co-creating’ in this way has enabled us to better understand the cultural heritage and contexts of these collections.

Patrick Corrigan, Northern Ireland Director of Amnesty International, said, “It is great to see the Ulster Museum bringing a new lens to our history and having the

courage to interrogate important issues like colonialism and how it links to racist violence today. This exhibition is a much-needed fresh look at our past, our present and even our future. It is also an opportunity to tell the story of our increasingly multi-cultural society, and of people who are actively involved in striving for justice at home and around the world.”

Commenting on how decolonisation can support good relations into the future, Hannah Crowdy, Head of Curatorial at National Museums NI, said, “Ulster Museum is a vibrant place where people can experience both local and global culture, and the rich tapestry of stories objects tell. It is a safe and shared space where we want diverse voices to be heard, and difficult challenges to be explored. By increasing representation and promoting respect, tolerance and understanding, museums and their collections can and should play a part in promoting diversity and inclusivity and decolonisation can be a positive force for encouraging respect and promoting community pride.”

“Inclusive Global Histories” exhibition is one manifestation of National Museums NI’s international outlook. The organisation is committed to the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals to end poverty, protect the planet, and build peace and prosperity for all. National Museums NI believes museums can play a central role as a public forum for exploration and debate on local and global issues that affect us all.

- National Museum NI release

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Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's PFAC: A driving force for community healthcare improvement

Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority release

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) is dedicated to providing high-quality healthcare services to the community, and one unique way the healthcare system works to accomplish that is the Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC), a group of individuals whose mission is to ensure that the community's voice is heard in every aspect of healthcare delivery. With 11 community members and two dedicated CIHA

staff members, the PFAC committee plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of healthcare for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians.

During their first meeting of 2024, PFAC members were tasked with reflecting on issues and accomplishments the group tackled in 2023 which ranged from helping shape policies and procedures for CIHA patients to volunteer to participate in community activities such as Halloween events with the EBCI Tribal Option department. Following are the current members of PFAC: Ahli-Sha Stephens (Birdtown Community), Kylie Shuler (Snowbird Community), Lavita Hill (Big Cove Community), Marcia Hollifield (Snowbird Community), Ramona Standingdeer (Yellowhill Community), Sky Sampson (Wolftown Communi-

ty), Janet Medford (CIHA staff), Wanda McCoy, Faith Long-Presley (Wolftown Community), Manuel Hernandez (Big Y Community), Barry Reed (Wolftown Community), and Sharon French (Cancer Support Group).

PFAC's Mission Statement established, "The Patient Family Advisory Council is dedicated to assuring the delivery of the highest standards of comprehensive and compassionate health care by CIHA, which they do through providing CIHA with a valuable and much-needed community perspective.

PFAC members spent 2023 serving as a venue for patients and families to actively participate in a positive way to change the experience of care at CIHA through listening to patients and incorporating their feedback into everyday encounters.

A specific focus of PFAC members in 2023 was to address issues surrounding rising patient no-show rates and missed appointments. PFAC brainstormed and offered a variety of strategies for health care providers to implement at CIHA to reduce missed appointments including sending patients calendar invitations, via Gmail and other channels, utilizing reminder calls and appointment confirmation calls as well as text message and email reminders. The strategies PFAC proposed, paired with their suggestion to increase education for patients on the detrimental impact that no-shows create on the healthcare system resulted in an improvement in the organization's no-show rates and increased efficiency.

One of the core functions of the PFAC committee is to identify existing best practices in healthcare. By collaborating with CIHA

staff, they work tirelessly to find the most effective and efficient ways to provide healthcare services to the community. In 2023, this was evident in the PFAC's work surrounding advocating for shorter wait times for patients. Because of communication with various community members, PFAC brought it to the attention of hospital leadership that there were concerns about the anxiety and troubles with waiting for test results from scans and other tests. As a result of this collaborative effort, the hospital reduced wait times through adjusting office hours to accommodate those that work or have other issues.

Brittney Lofthouse, interim director of public relations at CIHA, said, "Perhaps one of the most significant contributions of the PFAC committee is their ability to provide valuable recommendations for improvements in the healthcare experience. Their feedback is a driving force behind positive changes within CIHA."

CIHA's PFAC actively collaborates with CIHA staff on patient and family education initiatives. They ensure that patients and their families are well-informed about their healthcare options and rights, empowering them to make informed decisions about their health. To effectively meet this goal, PFAC members invite CIHA departments to monthly meetings to provide information and details about specific programs and services so that information can then be relayed back to respective communities.

PFAC members are committed to representing the diverse perspectives of patients and their families. They actively participate in the evaluation of healthcare services and share invaluable insights to improve the overall patient

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experience. In January of 2023, PFAC focused on gaining new perspectives through a Mothertown Luncheon where the PFAC provided a luncheon chatting session for EBCI members in recovery to help in the goal of rebuilding and strengthening community connections that may have been lost due to substance use disorders.

PFAC takes a hands-on approach to healthcare. They participate in their own initiatives, ensuring that their recommendations are implemented effectively and that they actively contribute to the betterment of healthcare services. In 2023 members volunteered for things such as serving

lunch to CIHA staff for Valentine's Day, actively engaging with staff to show appreciation and improve staff morale.

One of the remarkable aspects of CIHA's PFAC committee is its inclusivity. PFAC members are nominated by the community on a biannual basis, ensuring that the committee truly represents the diverse needs and perspectives of Cherokee residents. Moreover, they actively engage in CIHA-sponsored events, promoting a sense of community and collaboration such as the 2023 Week of the Young Child held in April. PFAC members volunteered to help celebrate the importance

of early childhood and the families, educators, and advocates who support these important years in a child's life.

Additional achievements of PFAC members include recognizing the importance of a building's impact on employee and patient health and how it can contribute to an improvement in concentration and, as a consequence, reduction in mistakes or stress. Because this can be beneficial for patient outcomes and experience, PFAC regularly makes suggestions for building and grounds improvements such as providing hanging hooks in bathrooms and crosswalks outside entrances.

Lofthouse noted, "The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's PFAC members stand as shining examples of community engagement in healthcare. Their dedication to improving healthcare services and ensuring that the community's voice is heard is a testament to their commitment to the well-being of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. With their continued efforts, the future of healthcare in Cherokee looks brighter than ever."

For more information about CIHA's Parent and Family Advisory Council, visit www.cherokeehospital.org/patients/patient-and-family-advisory-council/



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EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund UT fellowship

The University of Tennessee Graduate School will provide a \$10,000 fellowship for a graduate or doctoral student receiving a grant from the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for academic year 2024-25. Applicants for the fellowship must make a request in writing to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors, P. O. Box 892, Cherokee, NC 28719 or email jans_28719@yahoo.com by March 1 to be considered. If more than one application is received, the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors will recommend a student to UT Graduate School to receive the fellowship.

- Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

Bill Taylor Scholarship Endowment

Students who fit the following eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply for this scholarship from the North Carolina Community

Foundation. Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or their spouses, children, or other immediate family members pursuing a degree in business administration or a business-related curriculum are eligible. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 15. Scholarship awards are made in the late spring or early summer. Scholarship payments are made directly to the student's college or university. Info: Shari Williamson at swilliamson@nccommunityfoundation.org or visit www.nccommunityfoundation.org/scholarships

- North Carolina Community Foundation

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.

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Quote of the Week

"As we have grown into the shoes we are supposed to fill, we have walked our own chosen paths – sometimes with confidence, strength of will, and purpose and other times with nothing but the grace given to us by our Creator."

- Ariyonna Hill-Maney, Cherokee High School Class of 2023 valedictorian during her valedictory address

Steering Committee. Participants who have submitted images will be notified of their submission status on or around May 1, using their preferred contact method as provided in the application. The chosen images will be credited to the contributing community members and displayed alongside the installation on placards.

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

- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority release

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vendors sought for Greening Up the Mountain Festival

Artisans, Crafters, and Food and Beverage Vendors are invited to submit their application for the Greening Up the Mountains Festival to be held on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Greening Up The Mountains Festival is the premiere spring festival for western North Carolina. The festival, sponsored by the Town of Sylva, will once again take place in historical downtown Sylva. This year's festival seeks artisans and crafters selling their own hand-made products. Arts, Crafts, and Food Vendors from the expanded Appalachian area are encouraged

to apply. Visit the festival's website, www.greeningupthemountains.com to review the 2024 Vendor Policies and download your application. Applications will be accepted through March 15. Info: greeningupthemountains@townofsylva.org

- Town of Sylva

CIHA Foundation accepting nominations for Lula Owl Gloyne Award

Nominations for the annual Lula Owl Gloyne – Person of Excellence Award are officially open.

Following the standard of excellence first set by Beloved Woman Lula Owl Gloyne, who worked as the first registered nurse of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), this annual award serves to honor a deserving individual whose actions and contributions have improved the healthcare of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The inaugural Lula Owl Gloyne Award was presented in memoriam to Lula's daughter, the late Mary Wachacha in June 2022. Dr. Henrietta Victoria Harlan was announced as the 2023 award recipient in recognition of her leadership within the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's Emergency

Department. Dr. Harlan served as the Nurse Manager of CIHA's ER for 13 years. In addition to her genuine intuition, empathy, compassion, and leadership within the ER, Dr. Harlan advocated for self-care during the COVID19 pandemic and set an example by being the first tribal member to receive the COVID19 vaccine.

"The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation is proud to be entrusted with the honor of extending the legacy and standard set by Lula Owl Gloyne through the annual award named in her honor," said Foundation Chairman Dj Robinson. "We believe that in order for us to continue advancing health care for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, we must show our gratitude to the individuals who have worked to pave the path forward."

Nominees are expected to reflect the following core values: Contributions to Healthcare: Nominee has made significant contributions to the advancement of healthcare on behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Selflessness: Nominee acts in the best interests of others and promotes their health & wellness. Accomplished: Nominee has risen above and beyond the call of duty

to achieve results. This includes educational and professional achievements and serving as role model and mentor to others. Resilient: Nominee is an advocate on behalf of others to ensure the prosperity of the next seven generations of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Visionary: Nominee demonstrated forward thinking and a vision for the future of healthcare for the EBCI – regardless of barriers.

Nomination must be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation by March 30th, 2024. The CIH Foundation Board will review all nominations and will announce this year's recipient on May 1, 2024. The 2024 recipient of the Lula Owl Gloyne – Person of Excellence Award will also be recognized at the 13th Annual Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Gala scheduled for June 15 at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.

Nomination forms are available through the CHIA Administrative Office or online at www.cihfoundation.org/the-lula-owl-gloyne-award/

- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Foundation

Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 is seeking contact information for active EBCI service men/women to provide aid and support.

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Glenn Gilbert Wolfe

Glenn Gilbert Wolfe, age 69, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024 at Mission Hospital.

He is survived by three daughters, Venita Wolfe (John), of Cherokee, N.C., Tara Wolfe (Curtis), of Zuni, N.M. and Carrie Wildcatt (John) of Cherokee, N.C.; eight grandchildren, Michael Connolly of Cherokee, N.C., Isaiah Wolfe of Gallup, N.M., Amari and Khloe Quam of Zuni, N.M., Blake Sequoyah, Khloe Sequoyah, Addison Wildcatt and Jaxson Wildcatt, all of Cherokee, N.C.; brother, James R. Running Wolfe (Nita); sisters, Mary Lambert (Ernest), Pearl Wolfe, and Berdina Salazar; other family members, Eugene Hill and family.

Glenn is preceded in death by Diane Wildcatt; parents, Eli and Irene (Pheasant) Wolfe; brother, William P. Wolfe; sisters, Alice W. Forney, Adonna L. Wolfe, and Marion Walkingstick.

Glenn loved his family, children, and grandchildren. He loved the Lord and enjoyed reading his Bible and singing gospel songs. He retired from Indian Health Services with a career of 33 years

a Medical Lab Technician. He enjoyed traveling to New Mexico to visit family and friends. Glenn's smile would light up the room. He will be missed dearly. His laughter and sense of humor will forever be in our memories.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the Big Cove Pentecostal Church with Ann French officiating. Burial was in the Glenn Wolfe Family Cemetery behind Glenn's home. Pallbearers were Michael Connolly, John Clodfelter, Francis Walkingstick, Zakaria Perez, Ryan Walkingstick, Patricio Espinoza, and Casey Armachain. Honorary Pallbearers were Henry Long, Larry Armachain, Curtis Quam, and Isiah Wolfe.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Kenneth Lane Welch

Kenneth Lane Welch, 81, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024 following a brief illness.

He was born on Aug. 3, 1942 in Cherokee, N.C. to the late Jonah and Olive McCoy Welch. He attended the Chilocco Indian School, the Cherokee Boarding School, and graduated from Cherokee High School.

He graduated as an Engineering Technician from the Institute of Engineering Technicians through the University of Tennessee. Throughout his career, he worked for the Y12 Nuclear Program designing pipelines in Oakridge, Tenn. He was also a youth coordinator for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. His careers allowed him to travel all over the country. He retired from Qualla Housing Authority in 2004 after 22 years of service.

Kenneth loved the outdoors, hunting, gathering wild salads, looking for mushrooms and

ramps, and digging ginseng. He loved to share his knowledge and stories of the old days with everyone. He loved his family, and he loved being a dad, grandpa, and great grandpa. After retirement, he enjoyed sitting on the front porch drinking coffee and making many of his carvings that he was well known for.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosalyn Arch Welch; parents, Jonah and Olive McCoy Welch; brothers, Johnny, Tommy, Terry, and Thurman Welch; and sister, Bernice Lambert.

He is survived by his children, Trudy Crowe (Bunsey), Tracy, Jason, and Shaylene Welch; grandchildren, Trista, Bradley, Gage, and Eveie Welch, Brandi and Brianna Lambert, Miriam Fuller, Shelby and Payton (Daisy) Parker, and Elise, Sophie, Adi, and Chloe Cooper; mother-in-law, Helen Arch; sister, Inez Welch; brother, Calvin Murphy; adopted sons, Robert, Dave, and Thomas Wahnetah; 12 great grandchildren; and multiple nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of Cherokee.

Pallbearers were amongst family and friends.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, Feb. 18 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor David Hall officiated with burial at Birdtown Cemetery.

Crisp Funeral Home assisted the family in their arrangements.

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- "Dedicate a photo album to class photos. It will be easy to see the changes your little ones have gone through over the years. It's especially nice when you include the individual portraits for each year and make the album for just one child. It makes a special gift, too." — J.K. in Pennsylvania

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Sylvester Crowe provided this tribute to Esiah George, who preached in several locations throughout Western North Carolina and pastored churches on the Qualla Boundary. The text was written by Boyd Horton, another prominent Cherokee preacher of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Esiah George-A Tribute-February 25, 1904

By J. Boyd Horton

"Esiah went home today at one," Ella had called from the Council House to say. Earlier in the morning Esiah had told Dan Squirrel, "This is the day." And so, it was. Esiah's walk had brought him to the end of his way. His wearied body had trudged its last mile. His great heart, so warm and full of faith and hope and love, was stilled. Today, at one, Esiah went home to be with God. Esiah had said, "I never recollected my Pa. My Ma died when I was three." And so, this orphaned one was left in a hostile world. With no home, no hearth with warmth in which to live. 'Til one day Cindy's people found him half-frozen in a woodpile. Took him home, saved his life, and gave him raising. Esiah roved the Smokey hills and lived with many, But longest with old man Conteeskee and his woman down in Birdtown. While staying here, God told Esiah to preach! Esiah spoke Indian, English, he learned to speak after he was grown. Though to read and write it he never bothered. "Brother Boyd," he confided, "You must learn Indian, if you want to understand my sermons. The Lord told me to preach Indian to the 'Indians.'" So Esiah always preached in Cherokee. As languaged in Cherokee the sweet story of Jesus is beautiful and moves the listener to tears. Esiah's eyes were often dripping wells. As he "Indianed" the Gospel story over and over. Week by week. Month by month. Year by year. To the Cherokees. Many Believed! And many a heart, which could not understand his Indian words, was strangely warmed and trembled too. As Esiah's spirit got in touch with God's, and vibrated, As he prayed and sermonized. Esiah was Poverty's child, He was intimate with rain, Cold and heat he habited with. Loneliness and Hunger walked by his side. Yet no complaining he ever made. In his time he had preached in every church on the lands of the Eastern Band, Boling Springs, Echota, Bigwitch, Straight Ford, and all the rest. Revivals, Wakes, Meetings, Funerals, Unions, Associations, All have felt his presence, his preaching, his prayers. Unhurried, with Bible and walking cane, he has walked. The winding paths beside the rivers and the streams. Soco, Wrights Creek, Toe String, Ravens Fork, Oconaluftee, Through Nantahala to Little Snowbird to tell of God. Now his journeyings are over. His tale has been told. He belongs to the ages. "For God so loved..." "Ye know the Father..." "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life..." "I go to prepare a place for you..." "In my Father's house are many mansions..." "I will come again..." "Ye have kept the faith..." "You have finished the course..." "Henceforth there is a crown..." Run, Esiah, put on your white robes of purity, Put on your crown of righteousness, And shout all over God's heaven! Enjoy your mansion, Set on a street paved with pure gold! We will meet you at the North Gate.

COMMENTARY**Good governance**

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

It's that time of year again. Whatever media you choose, you are seeing more and more political advertisements, sometimes back-to-back repeats of themselves. The first stop in the race for coveted seats of power in our township, county, state, and federal government races is the North Carolina Primary Election. Like you, my mailbox is filled with literature from candidates and special interest groups for various government-elected positions. I am getting email after email in the same line. I spend a good deal of my time blocking robo-calls on my phone from one of the hundreds of

candidates. When I go to public events, I shy away from tables set up by candidates trying to lure the voting public to their lair to hypnotize victims into voting for them.

Elections off the Qualla Boundary are much more labor-intensive than tribal elections. Here, candidates are community members, and the voting population knows them, many on a first-name basis. Community members will even know the families of candidates and may even be members of their families. The gossip mill still puts out propaganda about this or that candidate, but with a little digging, you as a voter, can usually get to the bottom of what a candidate is or is not.

Those outside elections are a different bear altogether. Most candidates are not tribal members and do not visit the Boundary unless they are coming here to solicit votes. I find it mildly amusing that incumbents and

candidates file into the Council House during election time to talk about how much they care about the causes of our tribe but are never seen nor heard from by the people otherwise. Now I know that quite a bit of dialogue occurs between tribal government officials and other government leaders in efforts to advance our tribal goals. After all, we bought a million-dollar condo in Washington to facilitate those high-level discussions. But we don't get to listen in on those conversations and not a whole lot of reporting comes from those meetings. We rarely hear who we met with and even if we do, we, as a community, hear even far less about the subjects of the discussions and the outcomes.

So, at election time, it is up to us to do our research. The selection of these outside government officials is too important for us not to take seriously.



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The right for Natives to vote was a long hard-fought battle. Just a quick refresher from a Native blog (Native American Roots): “Toward the end of the nineteenth century the United States government decided that American Indians, like immigrants from other countries, should be fully assimilated into American society. However, a series of court rulings and legal opinions declared that not only were American Indians not citizens, but they could not become citizens with Congressional action. In 1887 Congress passed the Dawes Act which allowed Indians who had taken allotments to become citizens. Following World War I, Congress passed an act making all Indians who had served in the military during the war citizens. Finally, in 1924 Congress passed legislation declaring all Indians to be citizens.

“In 1920, a large number of Eastern Cherokee-including Cherokee women-registered to vote. As a result of Cherokee participation in the election, Republicans won almost every office in Jackson County by narrow margins. The Democrats protested the election results claiming that the Cherokee were not eligible to vote. As a result, Cherokee votes were thrown out on the basis that the Cherokee were non-citizen wards of the United States.”

Time after time and in the face of multiple Congressional directives, North Carolina continued to deny the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians voting rights.

“In 1930, Eastern Cherokee leader Henry M. Owl was denied the right to register to vote. The registrar refused to register Indians because they were not citizens. In response, Congress passed yet another act once again reaffirming citizenship for the Eastern Cherokee.

Local newspapers protested Congressional interference with local affairs. Despite the explicit and repeated directives from Congress, county registrars continued to deny Cherokees the right to vote.

“A report by the Solicitor General in 1937 found that North Carolina denied Indians the right to vote claiming that Indians were illiterate. The superintendent of the Cherokee Agency reported ‘We have had Indian graduates of Carlisle, Haskell, and other schools, in stances much better educated than the registrar himself, turned down because they did not read to his satisfaction.’

“Following World War II, county registrars in North Carolina refused to register Eastern Cherokee war veterans to vote. The Cherokee appealed the decisions to the governor and attorney general, but nothing was done.

“After lawsuits by Indian veterans in Arizona and New Mexico declared Indians were citizens and had the right to vote, resistance to Indian voting in North Carolina was reduced and the Eastern Band began to participate in American Democracy.”

Do we really want to take what our ancestors did for granted? In looking at the historical timeline of tribal voting rights in North Carolina, it was our great-grandparents who began to fight the good fight of standing for our right to vote in the North Carolina elections. Their persistence is why we can vote in the 2024 North Carolina Primary.

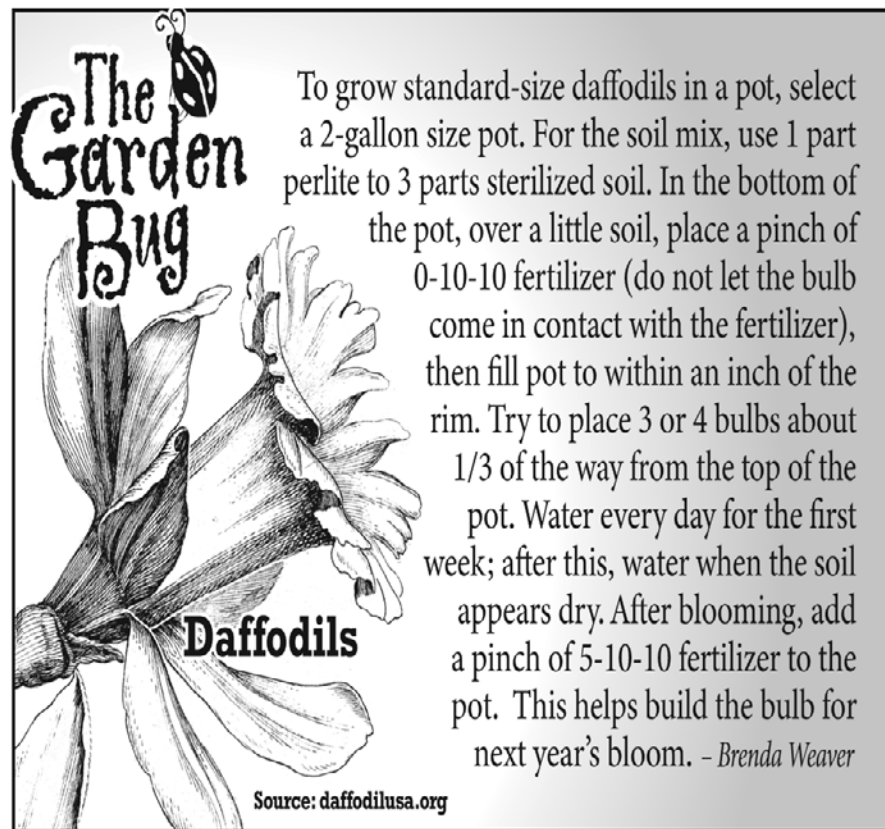
More “modern” reasons for us to step up to the polls are that we have great opportunities to make a difference and to affect change in the current political environment. The country and state are almost equally divided in ideology. The

difference in a vote on a particular candidate or issue may be settled by as little as hundreds of votes. Putting officials into office who support the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will depend on all of us getting to the polls and voting for those candidates who have openly expressed their support and commitment to and for us. On our part, that may take some digging to determine. For tribal government, it might be a good idea to provide the constituency with a voter guide to help us as these municipal, state, and federal elections roll around. We sometimes hear our leadership endorse specific candidates during public meetings, but a comprehensive guide would be a good starting point for us as we make decisions on candidates at the town, county, state, and federal levels. Empower us to make good governance decisions. Part of the tribe’s overall strategy for lobbying

should include giving the people the tools that they need to help in the process.

And we need to step up as a people when it comes to these elections. It is short-sighted to think we can’t make a difference or that it just doesn’t matter. Our ancestors certainly didn’t think it was a waste of time to obtain the right for us.

Beyond the fact that even on-Boundary tribal members also reside in a municipality that has at least some outside governance, the people we vote for or against could dictate things like gaming compacts and federal recognition. In this election, we will be selecting a North Carolina Governor and the President of the United States, among others. The North Carolina Primary Election is a winnowing process, narrowing the field. Even more reason for us as tribal members to act now, when our votes will have the most impact.



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Fake tribes are an affront to tribal sovereignty; enough is enough

By Cherokee One Feather
Editorial Board

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Several members of the Cherokee One Feather staff visited an archaeological dig going on currently on Acquoni Road on the Qualla Boundary (Cherokee, N.C.) this past week. While there, we got to see, like we have at numerous other digs in western North Carolina and other places in the southeast, proof of existence of Cherokee people for thousands and thousands of years.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and other federally recognized tribes throughout Indian Country have opposed groups claiming to be Indian tribes for

many years. One thing that none of these groups have is an archaeological record. They cannot point to artifacts and history because it doesn't exist, or they try to claim the ones from actual tribes as their own.

Many of these groups claim Cherokee ancestry – a claim that has been discussed time and time again by the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes (EBCI, Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians).

At the opening of the Cherokee Speakers Place, a building established for Cherokee language learning, on the morning of Friday, Feb. 16, EBCI Principal Chief Michell Hicks spoke about the importance of tribal sovereignty.

“We’re in a great battle across this nation and it’s around identity, it’s around this federal recognition process - something that, over the past couple weeks, we’ve spent a lot of hours meeting with our Congressmen and Senators and Department of Interior. Some of the ears that we’re talking to are hearing us and some aren’t. But, it’s a battle. This thought of being a tribe versus being a group or a fake tribe is something that we can’t take lightly anymore. Just the thought of our language and making sure that we’re progressing with culture and traditions, knowing who we are and handing that down to these younger folks so that they can continue to educate and continue to make sure the traditions stay alive is extremely important. And, I think, more important today than it’s ever been.”

Chief Hicks added, “Our work is cut out for us. We have to be stronger than ever. We have to be united...we have to find ways to protect our identity...we have a long history, but going back, less than 200 years ago, our history was threatened. As a tribe, as a group of tribes, we have to continue to make sure that we’re heard.”

The EBCI is certainly not alone in its disdain for these groups.

The issue came to light at a recent conference of the National Conference of American Indians (NCAI) where many tribes came together to try to oust state groups from membership. Currently, 24 of these groups enjoy NCAI membership.

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. wrote an opinion piece prior to the conference in which he called groups such as the United Cherokee AniYunWiYa

Nation and the Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee “frauds”. He wrote, “Rather than earn federal recognition through a rigorous examination of history, fact, and the law, these phony organizations pose as tribes, seek and receive state recognition, and perpetuate a lie.”

Chief Hoskin further wrote, “It is the basis for our government-to-government relationship that establishes the unique rights and responsibilities of Indian tribes and tribal citizens. NCAI’s embrace of state-recognized tribes lends false legitimacy to groups that undermine our rights, histories, and cultures.”

At the NCAI conference, the EBCI and the Shawnee Tribe co-sponsored an amendment that would bar state-recognized tribes from membership. That amendment failed, and the fight continues.

For more than one hundred years, the EBCI has fought the recognition efforts of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. It is not about casino dollars as some have tried to argue over the years. It is about identity. It is about tribal sovereignty.

There is a process for a group to gain federal recognition through a petition process with the U.S. Department of the Interior. Most of these groups never even attempt this process as they know it will fail as they lack the culture and history to make a valid case.

There needs to be legislation in Congress making it illegal for states to recognize groups as “tribes”. That government-to-government relationship, which establishes tribal sovereignty, should lie solely with the U.S. federal government.

Enough is enough.

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For Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's new long-term care facility, Tsali Care

EXAMPLE OF PHOTO DISPLAY AT CIHA

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What needs everyone's attention

By **TIMOTHY MELTON**

Pastor, Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read: Jeremiah 1:11

Look around the Earth on a beautiful day. God certainly knows what He's doing!

He knows that our younger boys and girls, who are thriving in this portion of their lives, require a variety of experiences as they grow. They need to overcome the normal insecurities and self-doubts that may arise as they face many of the "new-to-them" life situations.

Our God loves the little children, and their strong belief in Him with His Love for them will teach them more easily to trust Him throughout their lives. He is there to help supply them with whatever is needed or required for them to be successful. Who is better than their parents and Creator to be there for them? They are the very ones upon whom they have already learned and grown to trust and rely on. Just like our faith in our parents, we should know how necessary and important it is that their faith remains firmly planted in their parents and that they will begin to know and trust our miracle-working God.

Any person who might be feeling insecure should simply remember it might be the signal of it being time to lean in harder on Him for themselves. Those who immediately say, "I will." God will be able to do whatever He needs to

do, and He can work through that confident, believing person.

Don't be a quitter. Just get up and declare, "God already did what's been needed in me, and it's time for me to realize there are weaknesses only He can help me with, and so do one's detractors see them. That's how I ended up with the nickname "Mildew". Even though it hit me in a personally weak place, there was no need to feel insecure because I know the devil is always a liar and our God is always a whole lot bigger! God still can call the least likely person or call anyone else and tell many today to believe.

If a person is afraid of "them" or is tormented by some confusion, they are to remember His love for us, and we can trust the

Church to be a safe place because the Church is family!

Understand, we're not to be afraid of what others think, as people tend to come and go, but remember that we are anointed by God. We can all say, loudly to everyone, "Come and get it!"

Neither are we here only to make others happy, and we're not here to be afraid of others' faces, nor are we here to tickle anyone's ears, but only to enjoy hearing His Words saying to us, "Well done, good and faithful servants." So, say to the Lord, "Where are you?" Remember too that sin separates one from God. Walk right with Him. If one should stray, repent (change direction), hurry back to Him, and walk closely with the others too.

One touch from God to calm me or His Hand patting me on the shoulder makes me "okay" again. If one has a fever, just with Him putting His Hand on one's shoulder can inspire His sense of security within anybody.

Lord Jesus, it is not only that a person feels this, as it all comes from the inside of our hearts. We are to work this whole sensing of You out from each heart so that as our perspective changes, we can give our Your Word having had You place that Word in our mouths, where it can remain somewhat hidden in our hearts. There it remains until we can release it to others who need to hear what's been put there and it all is just waiting to be revealed to their heart too.



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Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

❧ MATTHEW 6:34 ❧

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Gilda Radner character on "Saturday Night Live"
 - 9 Certain martial arts surface
 - 16 Just OK
 - 20 Enthusiastic reply to a request
 - 21 Raised, as a building
 - 22 Central point
 - 23 British ruler applying veneer?
 - 25 Violent anger
 - 26 Nutrition Facts category
 - 27 Brewed beverage
 - 28 Great Plains tribe
 - 29 The Devil
 - 30 Nile goddess
 - 33 Turkish ruler's pungent condiment?
 - 38 Quaint office transcribers
 - 41 Sleep study diagnosis
 - 42 Regarding
 - 43 Something a French-kissing Arab ruler has?
 - 46 Small sailboats
 - 51 Nuptial vow
 - 52 Really smell
 - 53 Kind of tide
 - 56 China's Zhou —
 - 57 Actress Perez
 - 59 Hindu ruler's radio sign-off?
 - 65 Secretive U.S. org.
 - 67 Tehran's land
 - 68 Jug handle
 - 69 Skye of film
 - 70 Save the Russian ruler from tumbling to the ground?
 - 75 Actors Mineo and Landi
 - 77 Car club inits.
 - 78 Coin-op hole
 - 79 Thesaurus entry: Abbr.
 - 80 Afghan ruler caught up in a tornado?
 - 85 Stared in amazement
 - 89 Agate playing marble, informally
 - 90 Lingo suffix
 - 91 Greek money
 - 93 Brewed beverage
 - 94 Exam taker
 - 96 Very easy task for a Muslim ruler?
 - 102 Many a war vet's affliction
 - 105 Behave badly
 - 106 Yellowstone gusher
 - 107 English ruler making mouse sounds?
 - 111 Bomb part
 - 112 Liquid- (Drano rival)
 - 113 Electees
 - 114 Iowa college
 - 116 Louver strip
 - 120 Hula —
 - 121 What's revealed by taking an X-ray of a Persian ruler?
 - 127 Shower affection (on)
 - 128 Butt forcefully
 - 129 Waters north of Australia
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 - 131 Visits during a trip
 - 132 Car mileage recorder
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 - 3 Bat very gently
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 - 5 Actor Studi
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 - 7 Sits tight
 - 8 Writer Rice
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 - 10 Arg. neighbor
 - 11 Last mo.
 - 12 Golfer Lorena
 - 13 Volcano in E. Sicily
 - 14 — Fables
 - 15 Six-pt. plays
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 - 17 Pontificate
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 - 24 Utters breathlessly
 - 29 Oral
 - 31 Most vinegary
 - 32 "Understood"
 - 34 Sch. in the Granite State
 - 35 Director Ang
 - 36 Mai — (drink)
 - 37 UFO pilots
 - 38 Commotion
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 - 40 Actress Mireille —
 - 41 Singer Paul
 - 44 Ending for cash
 - 45 Comedian Hart, casually
 - 47 Hoosier State
 - 48 Building story
 - 49 Part-goat god
 - 50 Where it's at
 - 54 "It's — real!"
 - 55 Boast
 - 58 Irritated
 - 60 Big name in peanut butter
 - 61 Break out in —
 - 62 Actress Berry
 - 63 Set to a slow speed
 - 64 Bow shapes
 - 66 Berry of Brazil
 - 70 Some mollusks
 - 71 Loathe
 - 72 Oohs and —
 - 73 "Lord, is —?"
 - 74 Precursors of embryos
 - 75 Brief parody
 - 76 Cry of woe
 - 81 Person crying
 - 82 Golf gizmo
 - 83 Kind of tide
 - 84 Used a spade
 - 86 Cronies
 - 87 Model
 - 88 Doe or stag
 - 92 Spaghetti sauce brand
 - 95 GPS calculation
 - 97 Egyptian — (cat breed)
 - 98 Cold cubes
 - 99 GPS calculation
 - 100 Grape cluster
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 - 103 Slope-hitter's headwear
 - 104 Energetic sort
 - 107 Small sailboat
 - 108 Citation
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 - 112 Profs' degs.
 - 115 Maestro Klemperer
 - 117 Strong desire
 - 118 1940s film critic James
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Is the book of 1 Peter (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What was a god of the Philistines that had a man's face and hands, but the body and tail of a fish? *Bullock, Elohim, Dagon, Baal-gad*
3. Who slew a giant that had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot when he defied Israel? *Sibbechai, Cyrus, Silas, Jonathan*
4. From Proverbs 22, what is a good name better than? *Great riches, Scorn, Its own reward, Lust*
5. What town was home to Jesse's boys? *Gilgal, Jericho, Hebron, Bethlehem*
6. On which day of creation did dry ground appear? *Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth*

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Canada?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What was the first animal to be cloned?
3. LITERATURE: In the children's book series "The Bobbsey Twins," what are the names of the two sets of twins?
4. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the chemical element platinum?
5. MUSIC: What is the title of Elvis Presley's first commercial single?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the first U.S. national park?
7. MEDICAL: What is a common name for xerosis?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is a sommelier?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to visit all 50 states?
10. HISTORY: What were the principal powers of the Axis in WWII?

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. 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

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 Town Hall Meeting. March 4 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the campus of Cherokee

Central Schools in Cherokee, N.C. Elected officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will make up the panel for this open discussion with assistance from secretaries from each EBCI division. This event will be live-streamed via EBCI Communications.

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 Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex 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. EBCI/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

Cherokee Fall Rod Run. Oct. 11-12 at 1441 Acquoni Road (old Cherokee High School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 226-6853

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Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Dagon, 3) Jonathan, 4) Great riches, 5) Bethlehem, 6) Third

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

- Ottawa.
- A sheep.
- Nan, Bert, Flossie and Freddie.
- Pt.
- "That's All Right."
- Yellowstone National Park.
- Dry skin.
- Wine expert.
- Richard Nixon.
- Nazi Germany, Italy and Japan.

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

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Bldv. (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 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, kelsjackson@ebci-nsn.gov

Trout Fishing Opening Day 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 Bound-

see **EVENTS** next page

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from the people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A legal matter you thought had finally been resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves yet without consulting your lawyer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open up an exciting new vista for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people who are able and eager to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Avoid getting lost in your thoughts early on in the week. Stay grounded until the week's end, when the aspects will give you a stroke of luck that can spur powerful action.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do the right thing — and for the right reasons. No wonder people have come to depend on you.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Stand Downs Are Starting for 2024

The Stand Downs for 2024 are gearing up, with slightly warmer weather now upon us. They'll run from now until the end of October in various places around the country.

Stand Downs, started in 1988, are one-, two- or three-day events meant to provide services to homeless veterans or those who are at risk of becoming homeless. The services provided can vary, depending on the location and the length of the event, but in most cases, veterans can get help with housing, mental health counseling, treatment for substance abuse, health care and screenings, help with VA claims, dental care, tax help and more.

You'll likely find food, showers, clothing, haircuts and information about support for caregivers, suicide prevention and legal advice. Sometimes the events are held right on the grounds of a VA medical center or a fairground, city park or other community space.

The list of events for 2024 (www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp) is being added to all the time. So if you don't see an event near you, check back. Or search online, putting in "Stand Downs 2024" and the name of your state for events that haven't made it to the main listing yet.

But no matter what the event includes or where it's located, it will be run mostly by veterans with help from volunteers. How about you? Are you in a position to step up and assist at a Stand Down? You might be running a van to pick up veterans without transportation. Or you might be preparing food in a tent on the site. If you're a legal professional, you might be looking over a document a veteran has received from a landlord. Whatever role you take at a Stand Down, it will be valuable and worthwhile — and appreciated.

If you are part of a company or service group and want to host an event, start with the Stand Down POC (point of contact) at the closest VA medical center, or ask for the homeless coordinator.

And thank you.

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When Dog Walking Is a Tug of War

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My dog Trey is a 3-year-old mixed breed, mostly Lab, who pulls at his leash every time we go out for a walk. I don't want to use a choke collar, because it seems painful and counterproductive to punish him every time he tries to pull ahead. How can I get Trey to walk next to me and not tug all the time? — Bill in New Orleans

DEAR BILL: Dogs love being outside and exploring. That's a big reason why Trey is tugging at his leash — he wants to run and explore everything in the world. But that's not possible in the city. And for the sake of your leash-holding arm, getting Trey to relax is a big deal.

You're probably saying, "Oh, this is where Sam tells us to reinforce basic obedience training." And you're right. It's important for Trey to follow your commands, especially if he pulls the leash out of your hand. But that's just one element to leash training a dog.

When you pull on the leash to slow Trey down, he will automatically pull in the opposite direction. This is a reflex action. The more you pull, the more they dig in.

So instead, try a misdirection-reward strategy. Give the command "heel" and have Trey walk calmly beside you, with the leash slack. Whenever he gets ahead of you (before the tug of war starts), stop and change direction. He'll turn to go in the direction you're heading, and when he does, give him lots of praise and maybe (at first) a little treat. Do this every time he tries to move ahead of you.

If Trey tends to pull really hard, change from a collar and leash to a chest harness. This prevents injury and can make it easier to control him.

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb and start turning that dream project into a reality. You have the ideas, drive and charisma to persuade others to follow your lead, so do it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hard-working Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that this rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

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ary. (828) 359-6110

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

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

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Celebration of the State of Franklin and the 1788 Battle. Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site at 2620 South Roan Street in Johnson City, Tenn. Visitors will learn of the failed state and the battle that was fought on the property of Colonel John Tipton. Local reenactors from

the Overmountain Men of Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park will be on the historic grounds for visitors to learn about the formation of the State of Franklin, late 1700s weapons demonstrations, and a recreation of the battle between neighbors. At 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., there will be a showing of “The Mysterious Lost State of Franklin” documentary. Highlighting the day will be a re-enactment at 2pm of the 236-year-old battle between the forces of Colonel John Tipton and Governor John Sevier. Admission for the State of Franklin Battle is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. As always, Tipton-Haynes members are free! Info: (423) 926-3631 or email tipton-haynes@outlook.com.

Memorial for Larry “Phil” Maney. March 10 from 1 p.m. to 4

p.m. at the Qualla Community Club Building. All that knew him are welcome to attend.

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

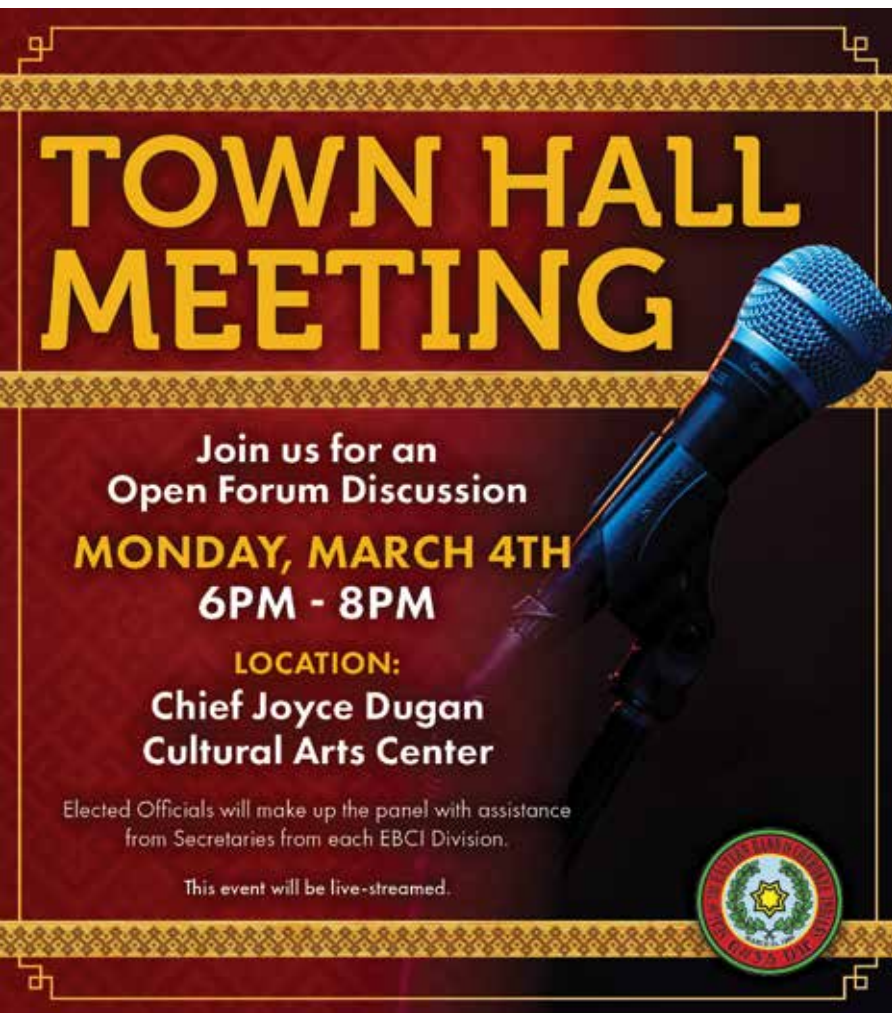
SUPPORT GROUPS

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 Ananienisgi. 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




TOWN HALL MEETING

Join us for an Open Forum Discussion
MONDAY, MARCH 4TH
6PM - 8PM


LOCATION:
Chief Joyce Dugan
Cultural Arts Center

Elected Officials will make up the panel with assistance from Secretaries from each EBCI Division.

This event will be live-streamed.



Battle of the State of Franklin
February 27-29, 1788
 Tipton-Haynes Historic Site,
 2620 South Roan St, Johnson City, TN. 37601 423.926.3631



Tipton-Haynes Association charter member John Alan Maxwell’s depiction of the battle fought at Colonel John Tipton’s cabin

Schedule of Activities

- 9am - site opens to visitors
- 10:30am - showing of *The Mysterious Lost State of Franklin* documentary (in visitor center)
- 11:30am - artillery demonstration (near barn/ corn crib)
- 12pm - small arms demonstration (near barn/ corn crib)
- 12:30pm - showing of *The Mysterious Lost State of Franklin* documentary (in visitor center)
- 1:45pm - brief introduction of the 1788 battle (near barn/ corn crib)
- 2pm - recreation of the Battle of the State of Franklin (near / corn crib)

The Tipton-Haynes house will be open all day for visitors to tour on your own

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

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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, roger-smoker@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 Ser-

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

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8 p.m. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

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

Cherokee United Methodist Church. Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday night family night starting with dinner at 6 p.m then Bible classes for all ages. Pastor 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. Interim Co-Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads. 3501 Hwy. 441, Whit-

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

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

Wright's 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

CHEROKEE Rod Run

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April 26-27
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Grace Lynette Alshemmari

Nickname: Grace Lynette Cummins
American Indian/Alaska Native

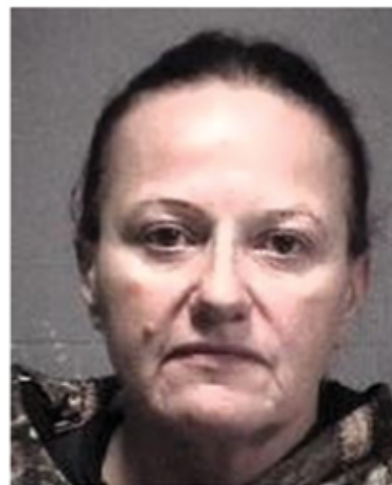
Height: 5' 5" Weight: 160 lbs Female
Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Age: 53
Date of last contact: December 20, 2023
Last Known Location: Wilmington, NC

Circumstances of Disappearance: Sister
reported Ms. Alshemmari missing due to
not hearing from her in months. Her sister
stated that the last time she spoke with Ms.

Alshemmari was when she received a Facebook message on July 2023. Ms.
Alshemmari was last seen by a pastor on 12/20/2023 riding a bike near Carolina
Beach Rd. She may be living somewhere in Wilmington. Ms. Alshemmari is
missing her right index and middle fingers. She has a large mole on the right side
of her face.

If you have seen or have information about Grace Lynette Alshemmari, contact
Wilmington Police Department (910) 343-3600.

Source: Namus.gov



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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

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

Billy R Lambert
128 Sycamore Dr
Whittier, NC. 28789

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-019

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Sandra Maples Bradley

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

Barbara Lorraine Lambert
P.O. Box 801
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-015

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Sarah Lou Swayney

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

Lillie Tolley Cline
418 Johnny Allen Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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.

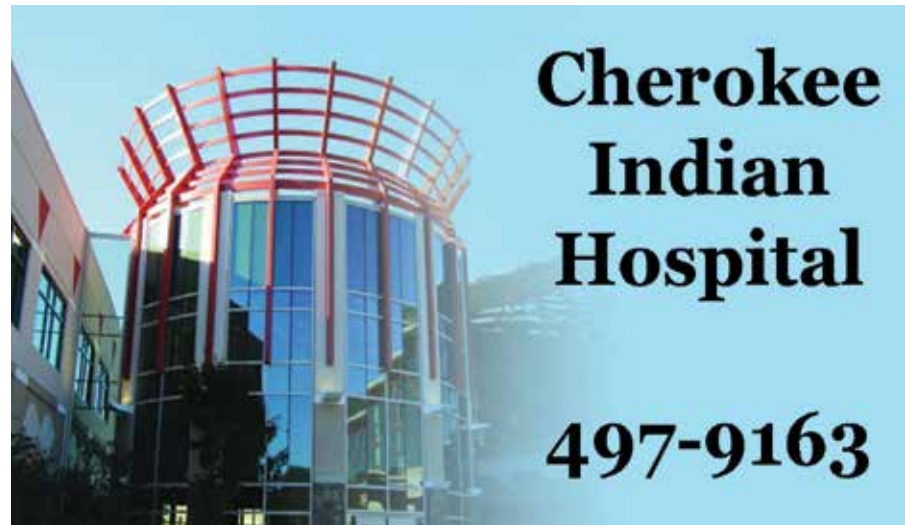
Completed proposals are due in the Building Rental Office by the close of business on Friday, March 1st, 2024. They should be sent to Albert Cruz, Commercial Building Specialist – Commerce Office, 810 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719, or via email atacruz@ebci-nsn.gov. Proposals must be submitted as required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

First preference will be given to qualified TERO contractors.

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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 Mon-



itor, (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 consid-

ered. Be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to this solicitation. **3/13**

Bid Proposals

Robins & Morton will be accepting bid proposals from Sub-contractors and Vendors for the projects noted below:

Davita Renal Treatment Center in The Long Term Care Facility, Cherokee, NC.

The following scopes of work are available to bid:

Demolition, Cast-in-place Concrete, Masonry, Metal Fabrications, Woods and Plastics, Thermal and Moisture Protection, Doors and Windows, Framing, Drywall, ACT ceilings, Resilient Flooring, LVT tile, Resinous Flooring, Tile Carpeting, Painting, Specialties, Roller Shades, Countertops, Plumbing, HVAC, Electri-

cal, Communications, Fire Alarm. Proposal due date for Davita Renal Treatment Center is : March 04, 2024 at 5:00 PM CST.

Please contact Bob Legler at bob.legler@robinsmorton.com or 205-803-0178 office or cell 808-349-2209 for further information regarding this request for proposal.

Every bidder is responsible for reviewing all contract documents and including all costs associated with the contractor's scope of work. Any questions regarding discrepancies, conflicts or insufficient information are to be directed to Bob Legler bob.legler@robinsmorton.com. The project is to be bid per plans and specifications. Voluntary alternates, methods and/or substitutions are encouraged, but must be identified and quoted separately from your base bid. **2/28**

**Harrah's
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Hiring Event!

When: Thursday, Feb 22 from 1pm - 6pm

**Where: Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort
Employment Office
(Second floor of casino self-park garage)**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EXECUTIVE:

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

HUMAN RESOURCES:

HR Generalist - \$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

Certified Coder - \$24.55- \$27.99

PRC Customer Service - \$19.66 - \$22.25

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

Hiring Bonus

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

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

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

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

PTR Residential Technician – Kanvwotiyi (Female) \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

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

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

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

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

Outpatient Nurse Supervisor – Analenisgi - \$36.56 - \$42.11

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

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

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

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

BFA Event/Training Supervisor – Analenisgi - \$58,332 - \$72,915

BFA Peer Support Specialist – Analenisgi - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Integrated Classroom Skill Builder - \$17.12 - \$19.26

OPERATIONS

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

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 – \$20.67

Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

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

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

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

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

Psychiatrist – Analenisgi - \$227,068 - \$283,835

Advanced Practice Provider – ER - \$109,504 - \$136,880

NURSING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Diabetes Educator – \$31.06 - \$35.64

TSALI CARE CENTER

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

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

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26

CNA/PCA – Part Time Regular - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

Licensed Practical Nurse—Part-Time Intermittent - \$22.76 - \$25.89

Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89

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

Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11

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

Social Worker-Tsali Care-- \$44,107 - \$55,134

Tribal Option

Tribal Options Computer Programmer - \$58,332 - \$72,915

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Closing Sunday, February 25, 2024

1. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.17 - \$31.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Dispatcher/Substitute Driver – Transit – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Office Administrator – Project Management – Operations (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
4. Rounds Tech/Operator – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
5. Heavy Equipment Operator/Saw Man – Tribal Construction – Operations (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Part-Time Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Family Safety Grants Coordinator – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
8. Evidence Based Intervention Specialist – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
9. Advocate – Domestic Violence – Public Health & Human Services (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
10. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

Open Until Filled

1. Corrections Officer (Multiple) – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Juvenile Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. School Resources Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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
13. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
14. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
15. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
16. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
17. Registered Nurse Supervisor – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health & Human Services (L16 \$31.82 - \$39.78 per hour)
18. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
19. Environmental Compliance Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)



Employment Opportunities

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

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

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



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Bus Department:

Multiple PT Truck Drivers

Cherokee Children's Home:

- 2 – Overnight Resident Counselor (11:30pm – 7:30am)
- 2 – Weekend Resident Counselor (Friday 11:30pm – Sunday 11:30pm)
- 2 – 2nd Shift Resident Counselor – (3:30pm – 11:30pm)
- 1 – Manager

Child Development:

- 2 – Behavioral Tech
- 1 – Behavioral Specialist
- 1 – Staff Supervisor – Snowbird Center

Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute:

- 1 – Jones Bowman Specialist
- 1 – Grants Specialist/Fundraiser

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




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**Bus #18
Chad Swayney**

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I leave for my morning run around 6:35 a.m. and finish my morning run around 7:50 a.m. I leave for my afternoon run around 2:35 p.m. and finish the afternoon run around 4:35 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 has been a great job, and I've had a wonderful experience. The children can be challenging at times, but they're mostly well-behaved.

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

- Cherokee**
 - Cherokee Boys Club
 - Qualla Co-op
 - Museum of the Cherokee People
 - Cherokee Welcome Center
 - Talking Leaves
 - Qualla Java
 - Front Porch Cakery & Deli
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 - River Valley
 - Big Cove Grocery
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 - Bearmeats Indian Den
 - Food Lion
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 - Jenkins Grocery
- Bryson City area**
 - Coopers Creek Store
 - IGA Bryson City
- Marianna Black Library**
- Sylva**
 - Harold's Supermarket IGA
 - Jackson County Public Library
 - City Lights Bookstore
 - WCU Bardo Arts Center
- Snowbird Community**
 - Jacob Cornsilk Center
 - Snowbird Senior Center
 - Robbinsville Ingles
- Great Smoky Mtns. National Park**
 - Oconaluftee Visitor Center
 - Sugarlands Visitor Center

Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

The One Feather is developing a list of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists and craftspeople to help get your name out there for potential buyers. If you would like to be included, please send your name, contact information (phone, email, etc.), and what mediums you are selling to: Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov or message us on our Facebook page.





**CHEROKEE INDIAN
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**



Analenisgi

Behavioral Health: Child & Family Services

Local Mobile Crisis Hotline Numbers:

828.736.9797 -Child Hotline

828.269.0301- Adult Hotline

CIHA's Child and Family Crisis line is monitored when other Analenisgi departments are closed such as holidays and Monday to Friday 4:30 pm to 8:00 am and every weekend beginning at 4:30 on Friday until 8:00 am on Monday.

The Child & Family Services walk-in services are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Child and Family Outpatient office located at 75 Painttown Road in Cherokee.

Regional Mobile Crisis Hotline: 1.888.315.2880

THE GOOD STUFF

Representing Tribe on Trail of Tears Association

Robin Swayney, genealogist at the Museum of the Cherokee People and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), has been selected to be the EBCI's representative for the Trail of Tears Association. She has served in several capacities in the North Carolina Trail of Tears Association including as secretary and North Carolina tribal liaison. This is her first position in the national non-profit whose mission is "to identify, protect, and preserve Trial of Tears National Historic Trail resources and to promote awareness of the Trail's legacy, including the Removal stories of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee (Creek), and Seminole, consistent with the National Park Service's Trail Plan". Swayney was appointed to the position by Principal Chief Michell Hicks. (Photo courtesy of Museum of the Cherokee People)



The GOOD STUFF

The One Feather wants to hear your good news and/or accomplishments. Send us your "good stuff" such as:

- * birth, engagement, and wedding announcements
- * awards or other accomplishments (both civilian and military)
- * and other areas of life such as finishing restoring an old car, building a new deck, etc.

Send your photos and info to us at:
Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com

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