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Getting community input

Human trafficking,
housing, other
issues discussed
at Town Hall

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Human trafficking, housing for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), and mental health were just a few of the topics discussed at the Cherokee Town Hall meeting held at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the evening of Monday, March 4.

EBCI Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, whose office organized the event, thanked the Cherokee

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Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley opens the Cherokee Town Hall meeting which was held at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the evening of Monday, March 4. The event was organized by his office and moderated by Bunsey Crowe, shown in background. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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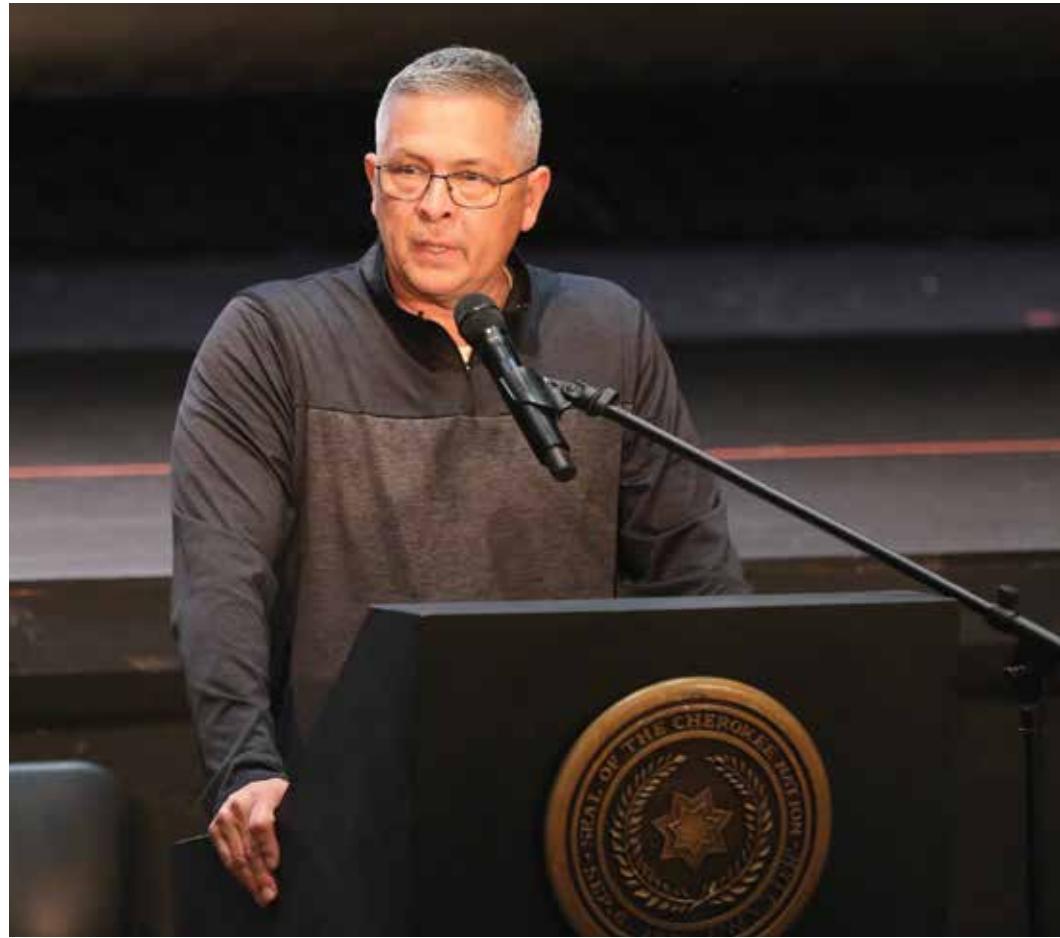
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Principal Chief Michell Hicks gives his opening remarks at Monday's event.

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Community Club Council in his opening remarks, "I want to thank Tammy Jackson for everything she does through the Community Club Council. They generated all the topics that are going to be discussed tonight. They do a lot of great work."

"I want to thank the Chief for the working relationship, and the Tribal Council, the relationship since the new Council and the new Chief have been inaugurated. The whole atmosphere has changed, and it has changed for the better for our Tribe. We're all working together."

EBCI Principal Chief Michell Hicks then gave his opening remarks where he thanked Vice Chief Ensley and the members of the EBCI Tribal Council for their work. "The way we're going to excel and reap the long-term benefits for our Tribe is to keep talking - keep communicating

and making sure that we all are on the same page and create a similar message and similar plan."

Chief Hicks added, "We are creating a government strategy that will include elements of the hospital, elements of the school, and any other related entity. It's something we're excited about."

"We want community input. We're trying to fly at a higher level in regards to our planning."

EBCI Constitution

The first topic of the night was the development of a constitution for the EBCI.

Tribal Council Chairman Parker, who is also serving as chairman of the Constitution Committee, commented, "This constitution committee, this new incarnation, came to adapt, reform, address emerging challenges and perspectives while incorporating new expertise and insights into this process, and pursuing a

revamped constitution that we can bring back to the leadership and to the people for consideration as a governing document. We feel like it ensures continuity by building on the work of previous efforts."

It was reported that the first meeting of this new Constitution Committee was held on Feb. 29.

Chairman Parker said the next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28 at the Tribal Council conference room (rock building). This meeting will not be open to the public, but future meetings going forward will be.

Human Trafficking

Marsha Jackson, EBCI Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program manager, commented, "There are two hotspots that we are aware of. And, I want to say that I think when I answered this question previously, I identified it as a specific location, but I really want to identify it as our community. Trafficking is happening in our community, and it's consistent with familial trafficking. That's one of the biggest things that we have seen in our program."

"We have received phone calls from the casino in regards to possible trafficking victims. The other piece to that is they have a separate set of protocols and things that they follow associated with that."

Freida Saylor, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority director of behavioral health, noted, "We have started education for all of our providers and all of our employees at the Cherokee Indian Hospital for human trafficking so they can recognize signs and symptoms and the risk factors of human trafficking."

She said Cherokee Indian Hospital has a crisis response team and various safety plans in place

to help with identifying victims of human trafficking.

Jackson said collaboration between various EBCI tribal programs and entities is important. "It is a collaborative partner effort to resolving and to address those cases specifically. If you know or hear of anything, please report it. We won't know if we don't get the opportunity to know where it's happening."

"I do know that we need to make better efforts to educate our youth so we're working to do that."

Mental Health

Sheena Lambert, EBCI Public Health and Human Services public health director, said that mental health was a common point in the last tribal health assessment in 2018. "The health assessment really goes into the tribal health improvement plan. We have four health priority areas and mental health is one of the four that we've been focusing on the past few years."

She said their team has been expanding youth assessments for mental health and wellness in the community and promoting mental health resources.

Lambert spoke about the TCC (Tribal Coordinator Committee) saying, "The focus is on substance use. However, a lot of mental health and substance use just kind of overlay...so part of the TCC is to create a tribal action plan and that plan can cover topics such as marijuana, opioid use, and it's literally a really integrated committee of folks which makes it quite different because those folks are required to be at the table. So, you have the criminal justice system, the hospital, us, and the school, and just tons of folks at the table. Then, there's a huge data component that is sort of integrated in

the TCC...we have lots of data, it's just putting it together and making sure that we're moving forward in a way that everyone works together."

Saylor commented, "We do our best to always assess people when they're coming in...I think that we try to meet people where they're at in the community."

Tribal Member Portal

Discussed for several years, the idea of having an online portal only accessible by EBCI tribal members is close to becoming reality.

Kevin Jackson, EBCI Information Technology director, said, "Citizen portals have been used for the past two decades to give businesses and governments the opportunity, or the ability, to put information out to their citizens more effectively and efficiently."

"This portal will only be accessible for tribal members. We will be using a multi-factor authentication to protect the data of the Tribe and our individuals that register for this tribal membership portal."

Shenelle Feather, an EBCI tribal member, asked what is going to be done to make sure people don't take screenshots of the information on the portal and share it on social media. She also inquired if the portal will be interactive with forms that can be filled out online.

Jackson responded, "We are working on a privacy statement so you will see that every time you log in that will go over the guidelines and the law and protection of our data. You can't keep people from doing that, but we are doing everything that we can to protect the actual data that's stored in the database."

"You'll key everything in through the portal."

He said the portal is currently in the testing phase and will be rolled out in three phases. "When we talk about transparency and accountability, this portal will be utilized to give the membership the ability to apply for driveways to be paved, housing applications, education services through our education program. You will do this through here. It's only accessible for tribal membership."

"This portal will be a continuous development for years to come. As the tribe grows, changes, this portal will change as well."

Jackson added, "The confidentiality piece is that if there are sessions of Council, or if there are sessions of Budget Council, we want that to be aired. We don't want that going out to the public so the only way for it to be viewed is via this portal."

"We want to make sure everything is protected."

Housing

EBCI Secretary of Housing Edwin Taylor spoke of several new housing projects including a 54-unit apartment complex for the Whitetree property in Soco; three subdivisions on Cooper's Creek, Olivet Church Rd., and the 441 corridor which will provide around 60 single-family homes for sale, and 35 lots for individuals to rent or purchase for manufactured homes on Big Cove Loop on Macedonia Rd.

"On the time frame, probably 12 months is what you're looking at from the time you start your land documents, you get your financing in place, and the site gets pushed out before you can actually close on your loan."

Joey Owle, an EBCI tribal member, asked, "Going along

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with the theme of IT and having a public portal for folks to navigate through to find applicable tribal forms, is Housing continuing to work with IT or going at it to develop a long form and other associated documents to maybe process more efficiently?"

Secretary Taylor responded, "An automated long form is in the process so that there's a tracking trail as to where that document is at, whose desk it's sitting on waiting for approval. So, that is in process."

He said they are working on an automated process through the upcoming tribal member portal for the financing of homes, online applications, online leases, and online payments.

Several audience members asked about the homelessness issue in Cherokee. Secretary Taylor said, "Right now, Housing doesn't have the ability to manage a homeless shelter. It's more of a social service function. We do have some supportive housing for individuals in recovery. It's not enough. We need more."

He said there are currently 10 units on Olivet Church Rd. for people in recovery at a subsidized rental rate as well as 24 units of temporary housing for people out of a home due to fire, mold, or other mitigation.

Projects status update

EBCI Secretary of Commerce Sean Ross said the current project list for the EBCI exceeds 100 projects. "One of the things that both the Vice Chief and Chief have impressed upon us is to operate with a heightened sense of agility and fluidity with regard to how we assess this process with regard to community input. I think that's

something that we have been pretty agile with."

Some of the projects mentioned during the meeting are the Junaluska Museum and Memorial Site, the Snowbird Cultural and Language Facility, a community pool, Soco Falls trail improvements, and the future of the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds.

Secretary Ross said, "This year, we shifted the Fair to the old high school site. The premise behind that and the thoughts behind us moving the fairgrounds permanently to that site is for the sheer size that that site affords."

The old Cherokee High School site is about 21 acres compared to the 7 acres at the old Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds site, he said. Of having the new fairgrounds at the old high school site, he noted, "Within that, that affords us the opportunity to have bigger events, more amenities within that footprint, and the ability to scale up or scale down events as we see fit."

Lisa Montelongo, an EBCI tribal member, said, "Changing the fairgrounds over to the high school - I don't agree with it. I think we need to have the New Kituwah Language Academy there that can hook up to this school so that they can have those walkways also. I have a granddaughter that attends, and she's five years old. She deserves better than being in an old motel room."

Chief Hicks responded, "We're very much aware that the school has asked for a multi-purpose facility. One of the things that we've got to do is there are some infrastructure issues that need to be dealt with. So, what our plan was, was basically to handle the water and sewer issue around that particular site where Kituwah is currently located. And, as we get that underway, which will be in

the near future, we hope to be able to find grant funds so that we can build this multi-purpose center."

Joey Owle inquired about the fairgrounds, "What's the plan and process going forward with those two sites to say these would be most viable with economic revenue generating projects as opposed to a community project?"

Secretary Ross responded, "Those are economic projects. Obviously, those are areas that can generate revenue back to the community. We want to align that with our strategy of having ecotourism. We do believe that with all the projects, with all of the plans that we have in place, we think our greatest resource is the river, the waterway, and our natural resources. We do feel that we have to incorporate and expand on that in every possible way."

Owle then asked about the Fire Mountain Trail expansion. "That was supposed to have broken ground already...can you explain what happened to that project?"

Secretary Ross said, "It is not cancelled. It is on hold temporarily. Again...as we assess the project as a whole and incorporating it into the other projects and the scope of work for those, we need to better understand what will replace that."

Chief Hicks added, "What we've had to do is re-evaluate a lot of projects. And, when we look at the scope of some of the projects versus financial resources, we're having to re-evaluate. It's as simple as that. I can't sit here and tell you that this Fire Mountain Project is going to make the cut. Yeah, it was under contract, but we always have the right to re-evaluate these types of scenarios. If we take a look at the project list, the count that I have is well over \$500 million."



Moments in time

• On March 25, 2017, the world's largest banana split made its debut in Innisfail, Australia. Concocted with 40,000 bananas, it stretched for an astounding 5 miles long. No word on the number of calories it contained.

• On March 26, 1971, East Pakistan declared its independence from Pakistan, forming Bangladesh, which started an eight-month-long war between Pakistan and the newly-formed state. As many as 3 million people lost their lives in the conflict.

• On March 27, 1989, the groundbreaking soap opera "Generations" aired on NBC-TV, making it the first U.S. African-American show of its kind. Focusing on the relationship between two Chicago families, one white and one Black, the series tackled difficult subjects, including sickle cell anemia, racial bias and hate crimes, but failed to find a wide audience and was canceled in 1991.

• On March 28, 1949, English astronomer Fred Hoyle coined the term "Big Bang" during a BBC radio interview, though he also refuted the scientific theory, remarking in a later interview with the network that "the reason why scientists like the 'big bang' is because they are overshadowed by the Book of Genesis. It is deep within the psyche of most scientists to believe in the first page of Genesis."

• On March 29, 1984, the city of Baltimore refused to replace its antiquated stadium, so the owner of the Baltimore Colts decided to up and leave the state. The team loaded up all their equipment into 15 trucks, moved to Indiana, and renamed themselves the Indianapolis Colts.

• On March 30, 1842, inhaled sulfuric ether was used as an anesthetic for the first time, by American surgeon Crawford Williamson Long, the first obstetric anesthetist, in Athens, Georgia. Long was also a cousin of Western legend Doc Holliday, and may have operated on Doc's cleft lip.

• On March 31, 1923, the first dance marathon took place in New York City, with dance instructor Alma Cummings setting a new record at the Audubon Ballroom by hoofing it for 27 hours with six different partners. In just three weeks, her feat would be surpassed at least nine times across the U.S.

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Update on the EBCI Tribal Portal

Office of the Principal Chief release

Over the last few months, the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Executive staff and Tribal Council met with Kevin Jackson, EBCI Information Technology (IT) director, and members of his team to examine a beta test of the upcoming EBCI Tribal Member Portal currently undergoing development since November 2023.

Once completed, this portal will offer enrolled EBCI members secure, convenient, and personalized avenues to interact with

the EBCI government and Tribal programs, while additionally, it will deliver crucial financial updates about the tribe. Users visiting the main page will discover prominently displayed alerts and communications from the executive or legislative branches. They will have convenient access to division information, programs, and services. In line with transparency and accountability initiatives, tribal members can monitor work orders and submit applications online.

Once it is live, you will need your EBCI enrollment number and established password to access the portal. Through confidentiality agreements and privacy statements, the IT department is doing everything possible to ensure that data remains protected and available for EBCI enrolled members.

EBCI Principal Chief Michell Hicks said, "Our goal is to continue to collaborate with the Tribal Council, Secretaries, directors, and managers to guarantee that the portal meets its intended objectives. Following this, we want to initiate a community-wide education campaign to ensure that all members, including our elders, can use this invaluable resource. The projected roll out for this project is mid-April 2024 and will remain in development into the next year due to a large number of programs and their size that will affect the automation processes and data migration."

"We're thrilled about the possibilities offered by the new Tribal Portal and deeply grateful for the outstanding efforts of our IT department. We eagerly anticipate ongoing development, as this por-

tal is designed to evolve alongside our tribe, adapting to its changing needs and aspirations."

Beloved Women Committee reports to Tribal Council

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—On the morning of Wednesday, March 6, the Beloved Women Committee went before Tribal Council in a report to council session. The committee reported 2024 initiatives including opening nominations, scheduling a work session with Tribal Council, expanding exter-



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nal partnerships, and completing committee membership, which includes a representative nominated by Tribal Council.

Kimberly Smith, chairperson of the Committee, said the Committee wants to open community nominations for newly appointed Beloved persons to be selected in the approved April to May time-frame, with a recommendation from those nominations to be presented to Council before the next fiscal year.

Smith also said the Committee requested a work session with Tribal Council to discuss policy revisions, including changes to the Committee's code of conduct policy, nomination policy, and special circumstances policy.

The Committee is also partnering with external organizations like Eighth Generation, an art and lifestyle brand owned by the Snoqualmie Tribe, to collaborate with local artisans to create a custom blanket design for the Beloved people.

Smith said the Committee is also working on plans for a Beloved Garden. "The garden would provide a visual in the community to interact with for learning and relating with our Beloved people," Smith said.

Vice Chairman and Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. David Wolfe requested community nominations from Tribal Council for a Committee representative. Tsisquohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle recommended that the council members go to their communities and have discussions about who to nominate before bringing nominations before council.

The selected Tribal Council representative follows Res. No. 131 (2020), which changed Committee representation to "one member appointed by Tribal Council"

instead of previous code that read "one member elected from within Tribal Council."

Smith provided Council with details of committee membership to share with the community and shared a reminder that the committee does not get paid for their service.

Council approves change to Town Hall law

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Three days after the latest Town Hall of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Tribal Council approved legislation to change the tribal law regarding when the meetings are held. During its regular session on Thursday, March 7, Tribal Council unanimously approved Res. No. 137 (2024) that was submitted by EBCI Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley.

The original legislation governing town hall meetings is found in Res. No. 185 (2018), passed in April 2018. That legislation stated that two meetings would be held annually – one on the third Tuesday in May and the other on the second Tuesday in January.

Res. No. 137 amends that language to read, "Bi-Annual Town Hall meetings occur at the discretion of the Vice Chief, in the evening to provide the working people of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians an opportunity to speak directly to their elected officials on issues that are of importance to them; and to afford citizens the opportunity to ask questions regarding important issues facing our Tribe."

The legislation gives the following reason for the change, "The Vice Chief's office has found that these times can be somewhat difficult to schedule, especially on election years when there may be newly-elected Executive staff and Council members who are adjusting to their new duties and processes."

In speaking on the resolution on Thursday, Vice Chief Ensley thanked everyone who attended the latest Town Hall meeting held Monday, March 4 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. He also thanked the Tribal Council representatives and EBCI Secretaries and other officials who attended.

"It's good that we can put these Town Halls on, but it's just hard to be locked down to two days of the year."

EBCI Principal Chief Michell Hicks commented, "As we continue to look at these processes to make improvements, if we could just get the questions just maybe a couple of weeks before. I don't want to rush any answers. I want to make sure we spend time and we're thoroughly answering these questions. And, they're great questions. I'd also know what staff, or entities, to pull in so that we answer the questions appropriately to the needs of the community. I think that would be helpful if we could create a timeline."



MISSING

Cristopher James Gould

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 6' 3" Weight: 200 lbs

Male Age: 28

Hair: Brown Eyes: Hazel

Date of last contact: January 15, 2024

Last Known Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Cristopher was last seen by a family member on 1/15/2024 around 9 pm at the Aviator Hotel.

Last seen wearing black jacket, white shirt, and black snow pants.

If you have seen Cristopher Gould, contact Malia Miller, Missing Persons Clearinghouse Manager, Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511.

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Council passes resolution recognizing March as Indigenous Languages Month

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—On the morning of Thursday, March 7, the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) passed Res. No. 131 (2024) recognizing March as Indigenous Languages Month, and March 27 as Indigenous Languages Day.

The resolution was submitted by Idadatseli, the second cohort of Dadiwonisi, an adult language learning program in Tutiyi (Snowbird) and Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County). The members of Idadatseli include Lakoda Bird, Troy Jones, Rachel Ballou, Lauryn Rattler, Malakai Littlejohn, Callie Bush, and Cody Teesateskie.

At the beginning of March, Dadiwonisi began an Indigenous languages challenge on their social media, challenging Indigenous people to introduce themselves in their Indigenous languages. The challenge caught fire, and Indigenous people, Cherokee and beyond, are participating in the challenge.

Dadiwonisi is dedicating the month of March to recognizing Indigenous languages through their social media challenges, and they have now taken it a step further with the introduction of Res. No. 131.

With the EBCI recognizing March 27 as Indigenous Languages Day, and March as Indigenous Languages Month, Dadiwonisi is accomplishing their goal of recognizing and celebrating Indigenous languages, including the Cherokee language. But they are not stop-



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ping there.

"Now that Tribal Council passed the resolution, we are going to bring the resolution to Tri-Council [The meeting of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Nation, and United Kee-toowah Band of Cherokee Indians]

in June. If the resolution passes at Tri-Council, we will bring the resolution to USET [United South & Eastern Tribes]," said Lakoda Bird, a member of Idadatseli, the second cohort of Dadiwonisi who submitted the resolution.

Celebrate Indigenous Lan-

guages Month by following Dadiwonisi on Facebook and participating in their language challenges throughout the month.

Res. No. 131 (2024) will become effective once ratified by Principal Chief Michell Hicks.



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Justice and Interior Departments outline next steps to address MMIIP and human trafficking crisis

WASHINGTON – The Departments of Justice and the Interior released their joint response on Tuesday, March 5 to the Not Invisible Act Commission's recommendations on how to combat the missing or murdered Indigenous peoples (MMIP) and human trafficking crisis. The response recognizes that more must be done across the federal government to resolve this longstanding crisis and support healing from the generational traumas that Indigenous peoples have endured throughout the history of the United States.

"These recommendations are an important and necessary step toward healing the trauma, pain, and loss that Tribal communities have endured for generations," said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. "The Justice Department is committed to working with our partners at the Department of the Interior to put an end to the missing or murdered Indigenous persons and human trafficking crisis. We are deeply grateful to the Not Invisible Act commissioners and the survivors and family members of victims who testified before the Commission about their heartbreakingly experiences. Those testimonies and the Commission's recommendations will continue to guide our work."

"Addressing violent crimes against Indigenous peoples has long been underfunded and ignored, as a cause of intergenerational trauma that has affected our communities since colonization," said Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland. "Through historic efforts like the Not Invisible Act Commission, we're identifying recommendations cre-

ated by Indian Country, for Indian Country. This will ensure that epidemics like the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Crisis and Human Trafficking are addressed with the resources they demand."

The Justice and Interior Departments' response addresses the Commission's areas of concern including:

- Law enforcement and investigative resources;
- Recruitment and retention of law enforcement;
- Data collection and reporting;
- Cross-jurisdictional coordination;
- Family and survivor resources;
- Improving public safety resources; and
- Alaska-specific issues.

The Not Invisible Act Commission was created by the Not Invisible Act, the enactment of which was led by Secretary Haaland during her time in Congress. The Commission included law enforcement, Tribal leaders, federal partners, service providers, family members of missing or murdered individuals, and survivors. As mandated by the Act, the Commission developed recommendations for federal government actions to take on focused topics to combat violent crime against Indigenous people and within Indian lands, and to address the epidemic of missing people, and the murder or trafficking of American Indian and Alaska Native peoples, as specified under the law.

Background on Efforts to Address the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP)

At the 2021 White House Tribal Nations Summit, President Biden signed Executive Order 14053 on Improving Public Safety and Crim-

inal Justice for Native Americans and Addressing the Crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People directing the Departments of the Interior, Justice, and Health and Human Services to work with Tribal Nations and partners to build safe and healthy Tribal communities and to support comprehensive law enforcement, prevention, intervention and support services. In March 2022, the President signed the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 into law, which built on advancements from previous reauthorizations and reinforced Tribal sovereignty by recognizing Tribes' inherent authority to address the epidemic of violence within their lands and communities.

At the 2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit, the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the FBI announced an agreement to provide for the effective and efficient administration of criminal investigations in Indian Country. The agreement specified that the BIA Office of Justice Services (BIA-OJS) and the FBI would cooperate on investigations and share information and investigative reports as well as establish written guidelines outlining jurisdiction and investigative roles and responsibilities. The agreement also requires that all BIA, FBI, and Tribal law enforcement officers receive training regarding trauma-informed, culturally responsive investigative approaches. In addition, at the Tribal Nations Summit, the Attorney General announced the selection of the Justice Department's first Native American Outreach Services Liaison, who works to ensure that victims of crimes have a voice in

every step of the criminal justice process where the federal government has jurisdiction.

Attorney General Garland traveled to Alaska last August, meeting with Tribal leaders and representatives of Native Tribal organizations to discuss public safety challenges and partnerships with Tribal communities to combat the MMIP crisis.

Since the establishment of the NIAC in 2020, the Justice Department has made strides in implementing systems aimed at preventing new instances of MMIP, locating individuals who are reported missing, and, where a crime has occurred, investigating and prosecuting those responsible.

In June 2023, the Justice Department launched the MMIP Regional Outreach Program. This program places regional attorneys and coordinators at U.S. Attorneys' Offices across the United States to help prevent and respond to cases of missing or murdered Indigenous people, and it will work closely with the Native American Outreach Services Liaison to improve the Justice Department's response to the MMIP crisis.

The Justice Department's Office for Victims of Crime expanded the scope of allowable activities under its Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside grant program to permit Tribal communities to pay for costs related to generating awareness of individual missing persons cases involving American Indians and Alaska Native persons, supporting search efforts and coordination of Tribal, state, and federal responses to MMIP cases.

- U.S. Dept. of Justice release

CIPD Arrest Report for Feb. 26 – March 3, 2024

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

Nations, Kevin – age 35

Arrested: Feb. 26

Released: Feb. 26

Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstruction of Officers

Littlejohn, McKinley David – age 62

Arrested: Feb. 27

Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Assault on a Female, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Assault by Strangulation

Merck, Kacey O'Neal – age 39
Arrested: Feb. 27
Released: Feb. 27
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Assault by Strangulation

Wildcatt, John Travis – age 32
Arrested: Feb. 27
Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Johnson, Michael – age 35
Arrested: Feb. 28
Released: Not released as of report

date (March 4)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Assault by Strangulation

Rickman, John Preston – age 36
Arrested: Feb. 28
Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Escape from Imprisonment and Custody

Crow, Timothy Ryan – age 33
Arrested: Feb. 29
Released: Feb. 29
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Huskey, Jordan Dominic – age 23
Arrested: Feb. 29
Released: March 1
Charges: Probation Violation

Maney, Siceria Marquita – age 35
Arrested: March 1

Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Bird, Michele Nichole – age 29
Arrested: March 2
Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Probation Violation

Ensley Jr., Paul – age 60
Arrested: March 3
Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Cruelty to Animals, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Criminal Mischief to Property, Larceny, Second Degree Trespass, Resisting Lawful Arrest

Leyva-Palomo, Jesus Rafael – age 45
Arrested: March 3
Released: March 3
Charges: Second Degree Trespass; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Wolf, Brittany Lynn – age 28
Arrested: March 3
Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Wolfe, Jasmyn Tiandra – age 27
Arrested: March 3
Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Reckless Endangerment; Tampering with Evidence; Probation Violation

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The Legend of Corn Beads

As the soldiers came to each household to gather the Cherokee people together many wept tears of sadness over the loss of homes and personal belongings. As the people were taken from their homes they would cry out asking the Creator to send a miracle. Many realized that these things would happen according to some of our old teachings, but they still wept because this was the only home they had ever known. At the place where the tears of our people fell, up sprang a shoot that looked like a cornstalk. As the plant bloomed and opened up, tears of gray fell to the ground. Creator said, "This will be a sign unto all who pass that my children will always be a part of this land. The cornstalk represents life for my children and the tears are gray for the suffering and sorrow." As the Trail of Tears began the people cried their tears of sorrow. They cried for the loss of family and home. As they walked along the trail, tears fell to the ground. Where these tears fell, there sprang up a small shoot and from it fell the tears of our people's suffering. Today these small plants can be found where the Cherokee once walked in times of sadness. From the Smokey Mountains of North Carolina to the Green Country of Oklahoma, to remind us that our people are strong and will survive just as this plant has. It also reminds us of the love our Creator has for his children.

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BASKETBALL

Lady Braves topple Bishop McGuinness in Fourth Round

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

HIgh Point, N.C.—The Cherokee High School Lady Braves ended the two-year reign of the Bishop McGuinness Lady Villains on the evening of Friday, March 8, at Southwest Guilford High School in the fourth round of the NCHSAA 1A state basketball playoffs. The (#3) Lady Braves will face (#1) Mountain Heritage Lady Cougars on Monday, March 11 in Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem for the Western Regional Championship. The winner of the regional championship will advance to the NCHSAA 1A State Championship game.

The Bishop McGuinness Lady Villains won the NCHSAA 1A State Championship in 2021-22 and 2022-23. The Lady Braves lost to Bishop McGuinness in the fourth round of playoffs in 2022-23 with a final score of 56-42. The Lady Braves victory on Friday not only toppled the reigning championships, but secured redemption from a tough loss the previous year.

And redemption was sweet. Lady Braves fans filled five of the six sections of the stands in the uncomfortably warm gymnasium. Their cheers and chants reverberated off the walls. Lady Braves fans made that gym their own. Even though the Lady Braves were on the road, it felt as though they had home field advantage. Cherokee packed the gym with parents, families, children, teachers, friends, the Braves basketball team, other coaches like Lady Braves volleyball



Cherokee Senior (#3) Loshi Ward shuts down Bishop McGuinness' lead scorer Adelaide Jernigan in the fourth quarter in a game against Bishop McGuinness in the fourth round of the NCHSAA 1A state basketball playoffs. The game was played at SW Guilford High School in High Point, N.C. on Friday, March 8. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

coach Pam Sumner Bryant, and for those who couldn't be there in person, the community tuned in online in enormous fashion.

The game was a battle, but the Lady Braves were unrelenting. Junior (#32) Whitney Rogers was the leading scorer with 25 points, followed by sophomore (#4) Dv-daya Swimmer with 18 points. Junior (#2) Kyla Moore came off the bench in a big way with 4 points and dominant defense, taking a series of charges and forcing three turnovers.

Senior (#12) Loshi Ward shut

down the Lady Villains' leading scorer Adelaide Jernigan, who tallied 25 points, but was held scoreless in the fourth quarter.

Freshman (#13) Joscelyn Stamper dominated the boards with 8 rebounds, making a huge rebound in the last seconds of the ball game to help secure Cherokee's lead. Rogers, Swimmer, and Senior (#23) Creedon Arch excelled under pressure, making their foul shots as the clock ticked down. The Lady Braves as a team won with determination, composure, and an unwillingness to lose.

Fans were not allowed to rush the court, so they waited right at the edge of the court for hugs and crying and laughter. As fans hustled out of the side of the gym and felt cool air again, smiles could be seen throughout the parking lot—not just for the cool air, but for the unwavering feeling of pride for the Lady Braves.

The Lady Braves will travel to Winston-Salem on Monday for a chance at advancing to the state championship, and they will have their community right behind them.



SOFTBALL: Cruz signs to Lees-McRae College

Jenna Cruz, seated center, a senior at Cherokee High School, signed a letter of intent on Wednesday, March 6 to play softball next year at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C. Lees-McRae competes in Division II in the Conference Carolinas. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools Athletics)

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MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

Cherokee hosts three-school meet

One Feather Staff Report

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Cherokee Middle School (CMS) hosted Robbinsville Middle School and Swain Co. Middle School in a three-school meet on the afternoon of Monday, March 4. The CMS Lady Braves won the team event with 90 points followed by Swain with 85 and Robbinsville 29. Robbinsville won the boys team event with 93 points followed by Swain 78 and Cherokee 43.

Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top three finishers in each event plus all CMS finishers:

Boys Events

100M Dash

1 – Cameron Allison, Robbinsville, 11.52

2 – Elijah Lambert, Robbinsville, 12.67

3 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 12.73

8 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 14.30

9 – Marek Brown, Cherokee, 14.40

12 – William Welch, Cherokee, 14.81

200M Dash

1 – Cameron Allison, Robbinsville, 23.57

2 – Colton McCoy, Robbinsville, 23.82

3 – Blake Lambert, Swain, 27.17

5 – Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 28.75

7 – Marek Brown, Cherokee, 29.92

11 – Drayzin Beheler, Cherokee, 35.56

400M Dash

1 – Blake Lambert, Swain, 58.86

2 – Elijah Kirkland, Robbinsville, 59.32

3 – Ayden Kirkland, Swain, 1:00.41

4 – Odie Owle, Cherokee, 1:09.21

9 – Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 1:19.60

800M Run

1 – Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 2:14.08

2 – Benjamin Koeller, Robbinsville, 2:18.59

3 – James Loftis, Swain, 2:22.14

4 – Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 2:37.37

7 – Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 2:50.81

17 – Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 3:21.70

1600M Run

1 – Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 4:55.63

2 – James Loftis, Swain, 4:57.37

3 – Kingzlii Beheler, Cherokee, 6:07.25

6 – Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 6:24.79

100M Hurdles

1 – Elijah Lambert, Robbinsville, 18.41

2 – Austin Angelo, Robbinsville, 20.94

3 – Ayden Conley, Robbinsville, 21.83

5 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 22.47

4x100M Relay

1 – Robbinsville 50.58

2 – Cherokee 54.18

4x200M Relay

1 – Cherokee 1:57.29

2 – Swain 1:57.32

3 – Robbinsville 2:13.17

4x400M Relay

1 – Swain 4:21.79

2 – Robbinsville 4:36.43

3 – Robbinsville 5:46.42

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4x800M Relay

- 1 – Swain A 10:20.48
- 2 – Swain B 11:37.84

High Jump

- 1 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 5-00
- 2 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 4-06
- 3 – Cade Sweet, Swain, 4-04
- 5 – Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 4-04
- 7 – Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 4-04

Long Jump

- 1 – Cameron Allison, Robbinsville, 19-03.50
- 2 – Colton Shuler, Swain, 16-04.00
- 3 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 14-10.50
- 4 – Nashoba Tuskha, Cherokee, 13-03.00
- 5 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 12-11.00

Triple Jump

- 1 – Colton McCoy, Robbinsville, 37-07.25
- 2 – Ayden Kirkland, Swain, 33-07.50
- 3 – Blake Lambert, Swain, 29-10.50
- 5 – Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 27-00.50

Discus Throw

- 1 – Colton Shuler, Swain, 116-07.00
- 2 – Bentley Coday, Swain, 83-07.00
- 3 – Elijah Kirkland, Robbinsville, 81-10.00
- 4 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 78-10.00
- 6 – Sunny Foalima, Cherokee, 74-02.00
- 7 – Tai Foalima, Cherokee, 60-10.00

Shot Put

- 1 – Elijah Kirkland, Robbinsville, 37-01.50
- 2 – Corbin Wade, Swain, 34-11.00
- 3 – Colton Shuler, Swain, 34-03.50
- 7 – Theron Parker, Cherokee, 29-03.00
- 8 – Sunny Foalima, Cherokee, 29-01.00
- 9 – Joe Perry Saunooke, Cherokee, 28-04.00

Girls Events

100M Dash

- 1 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 13.52
- 2 – Kazandra Cooper, Swain, 13.98
- 3 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 14.32
- 4 – Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14.49
- 6 – Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 15.72
- 7 – Makeena Armachain, Cherokee, 15.73
- 9 – Piper Owen, Cherokee, 19.03

200M Dash

- 1 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 27.82
- 2 – Kazandra Cooper, Swain, 30.72
- 3 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 30.78
- 8 – Emma Milholen, Cherokee, 35.41
- 10 – Amelia Holiday, Cherokee, 37.28

400M Dash

- 1 – Kazandra Cooper, Swain, 1:06.71

2 – Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 1:10.02

3 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 1:11.91

6 – Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 1:22.90

8 – Laylauna Allison, Cherokee, 1:35.24

800M Run

- 1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 2:37.71
- 2 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 2:52.94
- 3 – Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 2:59.74
- 6 – Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Cherokee, 3:06.22
- 7 – Ko'dee Wolfe, Cherokee, 3:09.16
- 9 – Janessa Owl, Cherokee, 3:14.11
- 11 – Viola Williams, Cherokee, 3:19.43
- 12 – Savannah Hornbuckle, Cherokee, 3:21.84
- 13 – Khrystyna Armachain, Cherokee, 3:23.31
- 14 – Phoebe Littlejohn, Cherokee, 3:23.96
- 15 – Aurora Crowe, Cherokee, 3:38.40
- 17 – Ahniah Wildcat, Cherokee, 3:50.95
- 18 – Abelia Mahan-Flores, Cherokee, 4:15.34

1600M Run

- 1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 5:55.80
- 2 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 6:21.48
- 3 – Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 6:40.37
- 4 – Ko'dee Wolfe, Cherokee, 6:43.06
- 7 – Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 7:21.70
- 8 – Uliahna Beheler, Cherokee, 7:24.94
- 9 – Story Martens, Cherokee, 7:45.72
- 11 – Emma Milholen, Cherokee, 9:02.37

100M Hurdles

- 1 – Gracie Deck, Swain, 21.39
- 2 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 21.45
- 3 – Alaya Fuller, Swain, 22.10

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Robbinsville 1:00.57
- 2 – Cherokee 1:07.11

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee A 2:00.19
- 2 – Cherokee B 2:09.40

3 – Swain 2:16.43

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Swain 5:00.32
- 2 – Cherokee 5:08.90

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee 11:12.17
- 2 – Swain 11:59.92

High Jump

- 1 – Maddie Izquiurdo, Swain, 4-00

Long Jump

- 1 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 15-06.50
- 2 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 14-04.00
- 3 – Gracie Deck, Swain, 12-06.50
- 5 – Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 11-07.00
- 6 – Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 11-06.50

7 – Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 10-07.00

Triple Jump

- 1 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 28-06.50
- 2 – Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 27-08.50
- 3 – Nazari Bell, Cherokee, 26-00.50
- 4 – Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 25-02.75

Discus Throw

- 1 – Lily Millsaps, Swain, 78-04.00
- 2 – Khloe Cucumber, Cherokee, 70-10.00
- 3 – Briann Teesateskie, Cherokee, 70-09.00
- 5 – Kiarra Caley, Cherokee, 60-02.00
- 9 – Roxy Solis, Cherokee, 43-06.00
- 10 – Kayah Cucumber, Cherokee, 41-02.00
- 11 – Aliyah Watty, Cherokee, 39-06.00

Shot Put

- 1 – Eleanor Smith, Cherokee, 26-02.50
- 2 – Brylee Shuler, Swain, 25-08.00
- 3 – Jayla Pheasant, Cherokee, 23-10.00
- 5 – Briann Teesateskie, Cherokee, 22-09.00

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TRACK & FIELD

CHS competes in WNC Kickoff Invitational

One Feather Staff Report

CULLOWHEE, N.C. – The Cherokee High School (CHS) varsity track and field teams competed in the WNC Kickoff Invitational at the Western Carolina University track on the afternoon of Thursday, March 7. A total of 13 men's teams and 11 women's teams competed with Franklin High School winning both team events.

Cherokee's Aizen Bell took first place in the men's 110M hurdles with a time of 16.30. Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top three finishers in each event plus all CHS finishers:

Men's Events

Team Scores

1 – Franklin 183
2 – Swain Co. 119.5

3 – West Henderson 92.5

4 – Hayesville 62

5 – Tuscola 58

6 – Robbinsville 49

7 – Pisgah 42

8 – North Buncombe 33

9 – Cherokee 31

10 – Clyde A. Erwin 16

11 – Smoky Mountain 6

12 – Hiwassee Dam 5

13 – Tri-County Early College 4

100M Dash

1 – Elijah Cochran, Franklin, 11.05

2 – Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 11.24

3 – Josiah Glaspie, Swain, 11.45

11 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 12.11

19 – Jonathan Saylor, Cherokee, 12.52

30 – Tayvin Bark, Cherokee, 13.16

200M Dash

1 – Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 23.24

2 – Josiah Glaspie, Swain, 23.26

3 – Kyngston Denson, N. Buncombe, 24.12

12 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 24.99

13 – Jonathan Saylor, Cherokee, 25.38

26 – Reggie Hyatt, Cherokee, 28.23

400M Dash

1 – Justin Rodriguez, Franklin, 50.92

2 – Will Robinson, W. Henderson, 52.62

3 – Brandon Jordan, Tuscola, 53.86

22 – Will Ellwood, Cherokee, 1:03.52

26 – Russell McKay, Cherokee, 1:08.15

29 – Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 1:15.60

800M Run

1 – Logan Russo, Franklin, 1:59.60

2 – Matheson Post, Franklin, 2:02.10

3 – Kane Jones, Swain, 2:03.28

10 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 2:09.72

11 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:09.76

39 – Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 3:15.68

1600M Run

1 – Logan Russo, Franklin, 4:34.07

2 – Barrett Stork, Franklin, 4:35.12

3 – Carl Baird, Swain, 4:36.64

11 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5:00.29

3200M Run

1 – Noah Clancy, Tuscola, 10:26.19

2 – Carl Baird, Swain, 10:42.95

3 – Daniel Slayback, Pisgah, 10:52.24



Community Easter Event

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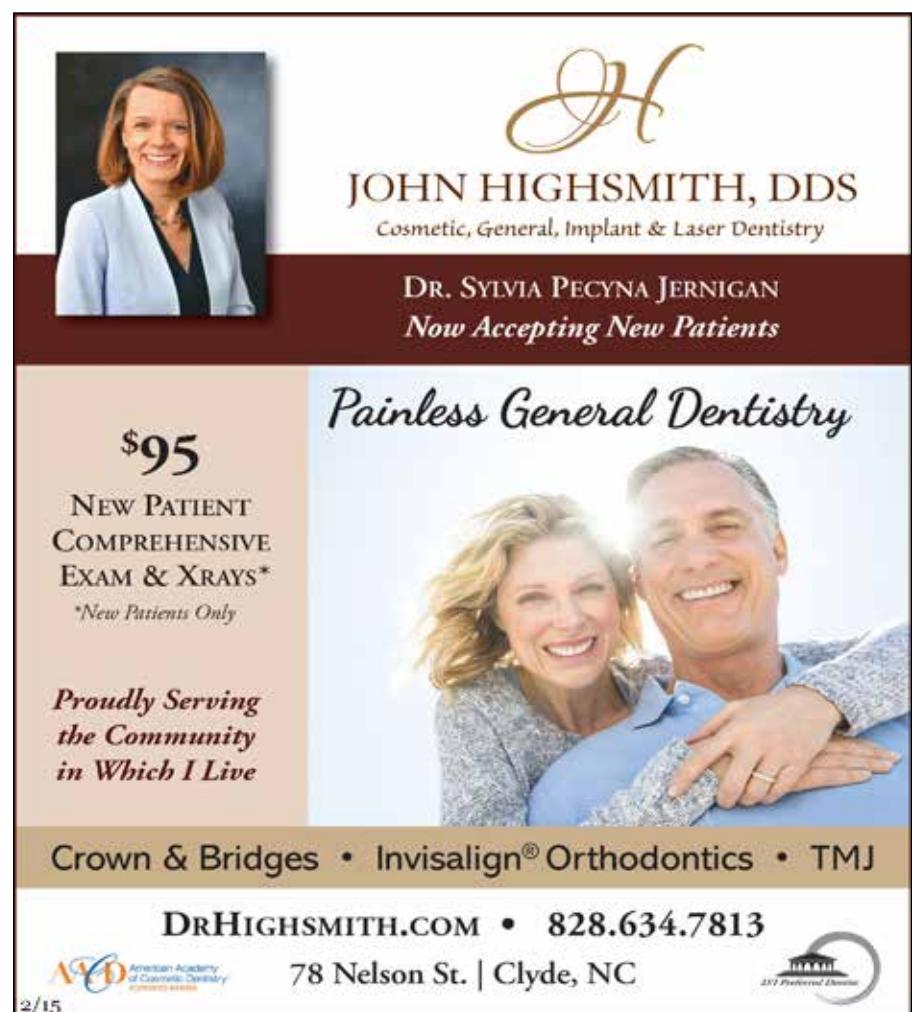
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- 1 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 16.30
- 2 – Tyson Sem, W. Henderson, 17.25
- 3 – Braylen Dezarn, Franklin, 17.42

300M Hurdles

- 1 – Braylen Dezarn, Franklin, 42.96
- 2 – Jacob Jones, Hayesville, 43.58
- 3 – Ben Frazier, Pisgah, 44.38
- 4 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 44.75

4x100M Relay

- 1 – West Henderson 45.50
- 2 – Hayesville 45.68
- 3 – Pisgah 45.72
- 13 – Cherokee 53.36

4x200M Relay

- 1 – West Henderson 1:33.17
- 2 – Franklin 1:33.62
- 3 – Swain 1:33.63
- 11 – Cherokee 1:45.05

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Franklin 3:29.00
- 2 – West Henderson 3:32.09
- 3 – Swain 3:36.51

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Swain 8:37.60
- 2 – Tuscola 8:54.12
- 3 – Hayesville 9:13.91

High Jump

- 1 – Elijah Cochran, Franklin, 5-10
- 2 – Lawton Hodges, N. Buncombe, 5-10
- 3 – Jacob Morales, Franklin, 5-08
- 4 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5-08
- 15 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 5-04

Long Jump

- 1 – Elijah Cochran, Franklin, 20-06
- 2 – Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 20-04.75
- 3 – Josh Collins, Swain, 18-07.50

Triple Jump

- 1 – Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 40-00.50
- 2 – Aiden Holmes, W. Henderson, 39-11.70
- 3 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 39-09

Pole Vault

- 1 – Aaron Jennings, Franklin, 13-00
- 2 – Owen Craig, Swain, 12-06
- 3 – Adam Rogers, Franklin, 12-06

Discus Throw

- 1 – Nse Uffort, Swain, 173-11
- 2 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 124-08
- 3 – Andrew Scaggs, Swain, 122-10
- 20 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 92-00

Shot Put

- 1 – Nse Uffort, Swain, 56-01.50

2 – Taylhor McClure, Hayesville, 45-09

3 – Preston Wright, Pisgah, 42-00

6 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 39-10

21 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 33-06

37 – Johnny Long, Cherokee, 30-01

Women's Events

Team Scores

1 – Franklin 209

2 – Swain Co. 105.5

3 – North Buncombe 81.5

4 – West Henderson 74

5 – Hayesville 71

5 – Pisgah 71

7 – Tuscola 51

8 – Clyde A. Erwin 11

9 – Smoky Mountain 10

10 – Robbinsville 9

11 – Cherokee 6

100M Dash

1 – Laura Covarrubias, Franklin, 12.62

2 – Hope Smith, Franklin, 12.71

3 – Jasmine Banks, W. Henderson, 13.05

26 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 17.99

200M Dash

1 – Laura Covarrubias, Franklin, 25.94

2 – Hope Smith, Franklin, 26.12

3 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 26.54

25 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 37.75

400M Dash

1 – Annie Lewis, Swain, 1:02.11

2 – Rylee Cassada, Franklin, 1:02.83

3 – Ava Shook, Hayesville, 1:03.89

800M Run

1 – Sophia Banks, N. Buncombe, 2:23.13

2 – Katie Johnson, N. Buncombe, 2:26.61

3 – Amy Mendoza Lopez, Franklin, 2:29.59

1600M Run

1 – Katie Johnson, N. Buncombe, 5:17.09

2 – Eden Barnwell, N. Buncombe, 5:24.27

3 – Angelina Lomelli, Swain, 5:27.55

3200M Run

1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 11:02.81

2 – Breanna Budzinski, W. Henderson, 11:37.05

3 – Angelina Lomelli, Swain, 12:03.45

100M Hurdles

1 – Melani Linton, Swain, 16.88

2 – Addison Coker, Franklin, 17.57

3 – Olivia Powell, Pisgah, 17.92

10 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 22.94

11 – Sara Toineeta, Cherokee, 22.97

300M Hurdles

1 – Melani Linton, Swain, 48.37

2 – Olivia Powell, Pisgah, 52.62

3 – Katie Smith, Tuscola, 53.80

12 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 1:04.02

4x100M Relay

1 – Franklin 49.73

2 – Pisgah 52.82

3 – West Henderson 53.02

4x200M Relay

1 – Franklin 1:52.90

2 – West Henderson 1:55.80

3 – Tuscola 1:58.12

4x400M Relay

1 – North Buncombe 3:57.89

2 – Swain 4:23.02

3 – Franklin 4:28.24

4x800M Relay

1 – Swain 9:45.38

2 – Hayesville 11:17.53

3 – Franklin 11:55.93

High Jump

1 – Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 4-10

2 – Isabella Shope, Franklin, 4-08

2 – Talley Kinsland, Franklin, 4-08

Long Jump

1 – Laura Covarrubias, Franklin, 17-02.50

2 – Addison Coker, Franklin, 15-05.50

3 – Aubrey Haley, Franklin, 15-00.75

16 – Sara Toineeta, Cherokee, 10-00.75

Triple Jump

1 – Addison Coker, Franklin, 34-05.75

2 – Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 33-05.25

3 – Ryan Ellis, Swain, 31-00.25

Pole Vault

1 – Boston Stringer, Franklin, 10-06

2 – Maya Flynn, N. Buncombe, 10-00

3 – Sarah Gorgas, W. Henderson, 9-00

Discus Throw

1 – Bailey Barrett, N. Buncombe, 114-09

2 – Lily Trout, Hayesville, 101-08

3 – Claire Ballard, Franklin, 101-02

28 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 60-06

29 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 60-00

33 – Annie Tramper, Cherokee, 56-06

51 – Jennifer Escobar, Cherokee, 39-11

Shot Put

1 – Charlie Seagle, Franklin, 37-10

2 – Sam Morgan, Pisgah, 34-07

3 – Mikaela Hyatt, Tuscola, 31-08

24 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 22-08.50

37 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 19-09

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New youth reading program

Qualla Boundary
Public Library and
Snowbird
Community Library
launches Hinigoliya

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Qualla Boundary Public Library and Snowbird Community Library launched a new reading program, Hinigoliya (you and I read), on Tuesday, March 5. Hinigoliya is a reading initiative to promote early literacy for children in kindergarten to third grade within the five-county service area (Graham, Cherokee, Swain, Jackson, Haywood).

Staff from Qualla Boundary Public Library and Snowbird Community Library held launch parties in Qualla Boundary Public Library on the evenings of March 5 and 6 with pizza and goodies including a t-shirt donning the Hinigoliya mascot, Awesome Possum (Us-gwanigit Utsesdi).

The program is sponsored by the Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund. The program uses Beanstack, an online site to track and log reading. Participants can enroll in Beanstack online or visit Qualla Boundary Public Library or Snowbird Community Library to sign up. Tri-annually, the top three readers in each grade will receive a prize. The top reader of each grade will be entered into a raffle at the end of the last annual cycle for the grand prize, which is



Roseanna Belt, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is shown with her granddaughter, Nori Taylor, at the second Hinigoliya launch party on Wednesday, March 6 in Qualla Boundary Public Library. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

four tickets to an Atlanta Braves home game with accommodations and meals included. Multiple entries of the same participant are allowed. The minimum reading log goals for each grade are:

Kindergarten: 300 minutes

First Grade: 300 minutes

Second Grade: 500 minutes

Third Grade: 500 minutes

"Two of our primary goals are to increase kindergarten entrance and fourth grade entrance reading scores for each participant. The second goal is to promote family reading, hence the program title, "you and I read." It is designed around the idea of reading a minimum of ten minutes per day," said Renissa McLaughlin, Youth and Adult Education director. "A new

study published in the journal, 'Child Development', finds that having strong reading skills as a child is a predictor for higher intelligence levels as a young adult."

Roseanna Belt, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, attended the launch party on March 6 with her granddaughter Nori Taylor, "I have always thought reading was so essential to anybody. If you love to read, you'll do well in school. I want to encourage my grandchildren to read, and I like programs like this that encourage reading."

Zena Rattler, manager of Snowbird Community Library, highlighted Reading Nation Waterfall, a three-year, \$1.4 million Institute of Museum and Library

Services funded project to increase access to literacy and libraries for children in Indian Country. Reading Nation Waterfall has partnered with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on Hinigoliya.

Both libraries are also collaborating on the Community Reading Challenge with the Cherokee community clubs to promote reading among the community. The libraries will serve as a drop-off location for reading logs.

To learn more about Hinigoliya or the Community Reading Challenge, follow Hinigoliya, Qualla Boundary Public Library and Snowbird Community Library on Facebook.

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Museum of the Cherokee People announces hires for Finance & Development

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Museum of the Cherokee People (MotCP) and its board of directors have announced the creation of two crucial new roles within the organization. The Museum has welcomed Eden Brown, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), a seasoned finance professional with a passion for serving her community, to its executive team as director of finance, and Jeremy Hyatt, an EBCI tribal member, a proven leader committed to sustainable growth and cultural preservation, as development specialist.

As director of finance, Brown will oversee all financial components of the Museum, including but not limited to accounts payable, payroll, grants, budgeting, and accounting. Brown was most recently employed by the EBCI Office of Internal Audit & Ethics as Internal Audit manager and senior internal auditor. A graduate of Western Carolina University, she holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee and sits on the EBCI Pageant Board.

“The Manager of Finance is integral to the Museum’s continued growth and will be able to assist in strategic financial decision-making,” says Noah Hicks, an EBCI tribal member and a member of the MotCP board’s finance committee. “Eden brings a strong financial background, having served in various roles during her time with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. I know that she will excel in this new role and be a valuable addition to the team.”

Brown’s appointment fur-



The Museum has welcomed Eden Brown, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), to its executive team as director of finance. (Museum of the Cherokee People photos)

thers the Museum’s commitment to maintaining fiscal responsibility while serving its tribal community. Recent initiatives strengthening the 501 (c)3 non-profit’s fiscal health, including the implementation of new policies and procedures, were honored with the Chief Noah Powell Fiscal Excellence Award trophy in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians’ 2021-2022 Success in Operations, Accountability, and Reporting (SOAR) Awards.

Brown looks forward to using her accounting and finance skills to support her tribal museum while learning more about Cherokee culture and history. “What MotCP is doing for our community through education and the preservation of our culture is something I want to aide in making happen for our community,” she says.



The Museum has welcomed Jeremy Hyatt, an EBCI tribal member, as development specialist.

“Through my role, I want to create and implement strong financial policies and procedures that support this leadership’s vision and help to assist in the long-term financial success of the Museum of the Cherokee People. We have a lot ahead of us, and I am so excited to be a part of what is to come.”

Hyatt joins the Museum as development specialist, a position made possible by grant funding provided by Cherokee Preservation Foundation. He comes to the Museum following a seasoned career with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, where he most recently served as Secretary of Operations and led the development of Fire Mountain Trails. Previously, he was the Tribe’s director of Natural Resources and Construction and governmental affairs liaison.

Hyatt, who grew up in Cherokee and is a graduate of Western Carolina University, is an active board member for the Cherokee

Historical Association. As MotCP’s Development Specialist, he will support the Museum’s growing development initiatives, including fundraising, donor development, and membership.

“We are grateful to Cherokee Preservation Foundation for the support of Jeremy’s role and understanding that we need to make an impact in our fundraising capabilities to get us where we want to go,” says Museum of the Cherokee People Executive Director Shana Bushyhead Condill, an EBCI tribal member. “Jeremy has built strong relationships during his career, and we are grateful to have someone on our team who is focusing intentionally on what fundraising can and should look like for the Museum.”

Hyatt expresses excitement for this new chapter in his career. “I am awed by the positive energy and excitement emitting from the Museum and I hope that I can contribute in some small way to its success,” he says. “I am honored and privileged to again have the chance to serve my fellow tribal citizens and look forward to what the future holds for the Museum of the Cherokee People.”

The Museum previously announced its plans to update its main exhibition, assess and renovate its 48-year-old public facility in downtown Cherokee, and construct offsite housing for Museum collections and objects of cultural patrimony. To learn more, please visit the MotCP blog.

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On the runway in Denver

EBCI members will walk the runway for Native Fashion in the City

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CHEROKEE, N.C. - Representatives from Native Fashion in the City (NFITC) held a model workshop and audition at the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute in Cherokee, N.C. on Monday, March 4. Over 20 members of federally recognized tribes, the majority being members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), auditioned for a chance to walk the runway in Denver, Colo. March 14-15.

During the audition, eight models from EBCI were invited to model at the event. Representing the youth are Danica Hill, Jasmine Smith, Janee Smith, and Rebecca Welch. The adults selected are Hope Long, Rosa Reyes, Aleshia Tisho, and Delaney Wildcatt.

"I am very honored to receive an invitation to model for Native Fashion in the City. The training was very helpful as we were able to have Kelly Holmes (founder and CEO of NFITC) offer advice before the audition. I am excited to represent EBCI along with the other models that were chosen. I would like to thank the Kananesgi committee for providing this opportunity for our modeling community in Cherokee," said Hope Long of being selected.

This opportunity was made possible through a collaboration between Kananesgi Art Market & Fashion Show and NFITC. The



Representatives from Native Fashion in the City (NFITC) held a model workshop and audition at the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute in Cherokee, N.C. on Monday, March 4. Some of the participants are shown, left to right, back row - Aislen Esquivel, Rebecca Welch, Danica Hill, Julissa Staton, Isabelle Fourkiller-Raby, Alitama Perkins; front row - Jasmine Smith and Janee Smith. (Photo courtesy of Hope Huskey)

Kananesgi Art Market & Fashion Show has held five fashion shows featuring EBCI designers and models since 2018 in Cherokee.

Tara McCoy, an EBCI tribal member, founder, and designer of Kananesgi, said of the audition and selection, "This a dream come true. A goal accomplished that we set back at our very first planning meeting; to get the beauty and talent of our EBCI members recognized on a national level. I am so excited and happy for those select-

ed to participate in NFITC. Each of the models selected have walked in our Kananesgi shows, attended the model practices we offered, and their work and commitment are paying off."

In addition to individual fundraisers, each model is getting travel assistance from Kananesgi Art Market and Fashion Show, Harrah's Scholarship Fund, Cherokee Preservation Foundation, and Sequoyah Fund to attend this event.

NFITC is celebrating 10 years of Native Fashion and bringing together Native American designers, stylists, models, and photographers to showcase and bring Native American culture, and heritage to the forefront of the fashion industry.

For more information on modeling for the Kananesgi Fashion Show this year follow us on social media or visit www.kananesgi.com.

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StrongHearts Native Helpline celebrates seven years of advocacy

EDGAN, Minn. – Seven years of culturally-appropriate support and advocacy has been reached at StrongHearts Native Helpline, where advocates were brought to fruition through the hard work and sacrifice of survivors and grassroots advocates.

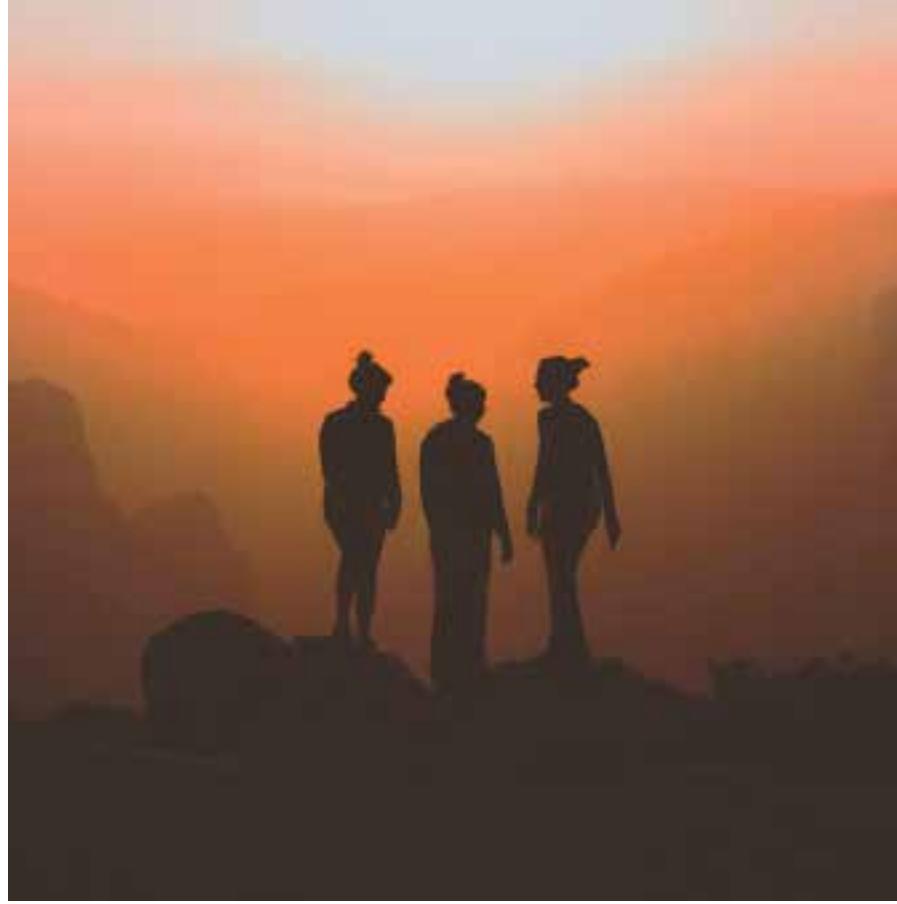
"March 6, 2024 marks the seventh anniversary of StrongHearts advocacy," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. "It is not our way to boast or brag, but it is our way to teach what we have learned. As an organization steeped in Native American and Alaska Native culture and tradition, we use seven principles as a guide and seven generations to measure how far we have come and how far we have yet to go." To date, Stronghearts advocates have helped more than 50,000 contacts and tallied more than half a million visitors to its website. The main need being met by advocates is peer support and that requires the lived experience of being Native American.

"Native people need to be able to trust the assisting advocate," explained Jump. "Our advocates are Native and provide a service that no other agency can simply due to the historical distrust of non-Natives."

As a testament to the unique challenge of being Native, three StrongHearts advocates shared their stories about the importance of culturally appropriate support and advocacy.

Addressing Colonization

Advocate 1: "When assessing cultural abuse and using traditional methods for self-care, I connect what colonization did and how it ties into abuse and the mistreatment of Native women throughout history. Reclaiming and reinforce-



ing our indigenous culture can make us stronger as a community."

Addressing A Form Cultural Abuse

Advocate 2: "I actually spoke to someone on the phone who was from my Tribe. She was white presenting and all her life was told that she was white and she should not be allowed to access Tribal resources or even refer to herself as a Native woman. We talked a lot about colonization, blood quantum, and I offered her a lot of validation and a little bit of information about our Tribe and available domestic violence resources. [We also talked about] how she could begin to reconnect with heritage, reclaim her language, and how that could be really validating and healing for her as well. When she called in she was feeling hopeless, crying or on the verge of tears. By the end of our call she

was laughing and excited to grow her knowledge about our culture. She felt a sense of community and knew that she was not alone on her healing journey and she had not only a resource, but relatives, that she could rely on."

Addressing Lived Experience

Advocate 3: "I draw from my upbringing. Of course, there is the training, but if a contact inquires about where I'm from or what I know about being Native I tell them. Nine times out of ten, they are seeing if I "get it," and it takes nothing for me to simply speak to them in a way they are used to or share with them like their relatives do."

Guiding Principles

Not only does StrongHearts as an organization see through the lens of seven generations, it also uses seven guiding principles to navigate culturally appropriate

support and advocacy. In brief, those guiding principles include:

1. Culture is the heart of our existence connecting and honoring diversity.
2. Balance is rooted in traditional lifeways and the equality of mind, body and spirit.
3. Interrelatedness to honor each other, our ancestors and the earth.
4. Humility to learn from all lessons with empathy - even those that are difficult and non-traditional.
5. Bravery to face unique challenges and prejudices with mental and moral strength and courage.
6. Resilience enough to adapt in the face of adversity in our work as Indigenous peoples.
7. Trust is the duty to our ancestors and to future generations to honor our commitments.

"Our ancestors have taught us these principles and so we shall continue in that tradition," concluded Jump. "We've known all along that our relatives need: to trust, to speak and to heal. It's a reciprocal exchange between our advocates and their contacts where we feel a sense of hope and find a mutual path toward healing." Serving all individuals who reach out for help regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor protected by local, state, or federal law, StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 to provide support and advocacy, make referrals to Native centered service providers and connect our relatives to regionally available resources. Call or text 1-844-762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org

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Playing in Dublin

WCU's Pride of the Mountains Marching Band set for St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ireland

CULLOWHEE – Jillian O'Beirne, a junior music education major, has never been on a plane. Little did she think her first flight would be across the Atlantic to Ireland.

O'Beirne is traveling with Western Carolina University's Pride of the Mountains Marching Band to perform in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin March 17.

"I'm nervous, excited, anxious. It hasn't fully hit me yet that I'll be flying to Ireland," O'Beirne said. "I think when I'm going through the airport for the first time it will be surreal."

O'Beirne's bandmate Sean Ohmann, a junior who plays the mellophone, said he was happy to be making the trek with some of his closest friends.

"It is really hard to put into words how exciting this trip is going to be," Ohmann said. "I've met so many cool people through my band career at Western. It's so incredible that I'm now going with some of my best friends to perform for an international audience. It's going to be impossible to not be overwhelmed with the excitement and awe of the whole experience. The band has been planning the trip for the last two years."

"We've played in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (twice) and across the U.S., but never internationally," said Jack Eaddy Jr., WCU's director of athletic



Western Carolina University's Pride of the Mountains Marching Band is set to perform at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland on Sunday, March 17. (WCU photo)

bands. "Our students will make memories that last them a lifetime. They'll take with them a valuable cross-cultural experience, which makes the world a better place." Apart from marching in the parade, the band has a slew of fun excursions scheduled.

Their first stop will be to St. Patrick's Cathedral. Built in honor of Ireland's patron saint, the building dates to 1220.

The group will also visit the iconic Guinness Brewery and Storehouse. Students will have the option to try dishes influenced by local produce. Among other selections, the menu includes Ardsal-lagh goat's cheese, Irish mussels from Carlingford and Waterford Blaas bread.

"I'm actually excited to try traditional Irish foods," O'Beirne added. "I think food is one of the biggest ways we learn about other

cultures."

The band will share some American culture when they give a short performance at Kilken-ny Castle. A towering landmark, the 12th century fortress was the principal seat of royalty for almost 600 years.

"I'm excited to see the architecture and the beautiful castle grounds," Ohmann said. "I think it's going to be a challenge to adapt to the change in scenery, but this is what we work for all season. Our upper student leadership has been absolutely fundamental to our ability to perform at such a high level and it's due to them that I know we are going to play our best."

The trip includes two more scenic stops.

First, they will see the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. The cliffs stand

some 250 yards above the ground and five miles long.

"Personally, I'm most excited for the cliffs," Ohmann said. "It's a stunningly beautiful landscape and I truly cannot wait to go. This is such a great opportunity for us to experience the beauty of Ireland."

To wrap up the visit is an outing to Trinity College, the oldest university in Ireland. There, they will see The Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript and Celtic gospel from 800 AD.

"I'm excited for our students to see both the Irish influence on our country and how America has impacted their way of life," Eaddy said. "And, it will be a proud moment to hear WCU's fight song echoing in the streets of Dublin."

Follow WCU's social media for daily posts from the trip.

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EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frances Hess Scholarship Fund accepting donations

Smoky Mountain High School in Sylva, N.C., is now accepting donations to the Frances Hess Scholarship fund. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors from Smoky Mountain High who plan to attend a postsecondary program in health science.

Hess taught health science for 17 years at Smoky Mountain High and for 13 years at Cherokee. She received her diploma from Mission Memorial's nursing school, and then managed the Emergency Room at Mission for some time. She then earned her BSN from Western Carolina University. Hess worked in a pediatrician's practice in Sylva before transitioning to her teaching career. She is an honor-

ary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Interested persons can contact Kaila Day at (828) 586-2177 ext. 2046 or kday@jcpsmail.org. Checks should be made out to SMHS HOSA with a memo "Frances Hess Scholarship." Donations for the 2022-2024 graduates are due by Sunday, March 31.

- *Frances Hess 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 cur-

riculum 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@ncommunityfoundation.org or visit www.ncommunityfoundation.org/scholarships

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from Mountain Discovery Charter School

The students and staff at Mountain Discovery Charter School would like to extend their sincere gratitude to Chief Hicks, Vice Chief Ensley, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, and to Mr. Henry Welch. The

MDCS campus now has a flagpole to prominently display the American flag because of the generosity of the E.B.C.I. and Henry Welch. A special thanks to Dave McQueen, Jack Walkingstick, Charlie McCallough, and Henry Welch for taking the time to dedicate the new flagpole and demonstrate the proper way to honor the American flag. We are grateful for you all.

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

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- 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 COVI19 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 30. The CIH Foundation Board will review all nominations and will announce this year's recipient on May 1. 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

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 scotmekie@ebei-nsn.gov or message us on our Facebook page.



The Garden Bug

Soil nutrients

Sources: www.almanac.com and agrilifeextension.tamu.edu

Carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus and potassium are the primary nutrients needed in the soil for healthy and productive plant growth. Calcium, magnesium, and sulfur are needed in lesser amounts. Boron, chlorine, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, and zinc are needed in trace amounts. Some plants may also need cobalt, nickel, silicon, sodium, and vanadium. - Brenda Weaver

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OPINIONS

COMMENTARY

I heard an old, old story

By ROBERT JUMPER
One Feather Editor

We all love our stories. From gossip around the kitchen table to multi-million-dollar production, storytelling is a global cultural phenomenon. It is the way we have passed on history, genealogy, medicine, explained science, and even prayed.

I ran across this piece from 2020 authored by Henry Kwan for Yale Alumni through which he

spoke with EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) tribal member Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle upon the publication of her chosen vehicle of storytelling, the book entitled "Even As We Breathe".

"It's very common to go to a family gathering and people will be sitting around and launch midstream into a story you didn't realize was gonna be a whole thing," she said, joking that this is one of the reasons why family gatherings, and conversations with family members, can become long drawn-out affairs.

Humor aside, she extolled that storytelling goes beyond mere entertainment and rote tradition. It continues to play a crucial role

in imparting knowledge, history, values, wisdom, and life lessons—something she believes is not exclusive to Native communities.

"There has always been a sense of storytelling in my community to teach value systems and life lessons," she said. "And that's not unique to Native communities; all communities have that type of storytelling."

"She was mindful, however, that storytelling in Native culture tends to get romanticized and stereotyped in pop culture. She mentioned the common scene portrayed in the media of elders sitting by the campfire telling old stories about how the world began—and cited this as both a

challenge and an imperative for Native American writers.

"It's one thing to tell, Oh this is what happened, and to tell it in a structure that's typical for mass media," she said. "But it's another to embed our value system in the voice that is telling the story."

I was speaking to a tribal elder more than a few years ago when I was expressing my admiration of the Cherokee stories, and he gave me a note of caution. He said that I should always look at who the story is being told to before giving too much credence to a story. He said that, particularly in the late 19th century, Cherokee people considered it great sport to make up stories to tell the non-Indian

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WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseigee River	March 1 & 8.	Early morning to mid-day	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Egg patterns, girdle bug, wolley buggers, pheasant tail nymph, squirmy worms prince nymph, soft hackle
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	March but can't fish until April 1.	Mid-day	Brown Trout	Pheasant tail nymphs, midges, parachute adams, eggs, prince nymphs, wd 40
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	None.	Mid-day	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Black stimulator, parachute adams, prince nymph, midges, pheasant tail

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MONDAY,
MARCH 11

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TUESDAY,
MARCH 12

GOOD
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2:49 PM-4:49 PM

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 13

AVERAGE
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3:41 PM-5:41 PM

THURSDAY,
MARCH 14

AVERAGE
4:08 AM-6:08 AM
4:36 PM-6:36 PM

FRIDAY,
MARCH 15

AVERAGE
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MARCH 16

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explorers looking to document native peoples. He said that many of the stories you hear today about the people are stories designed to challenge the thinking skills the European immigrants.

Our elders were particularly not receptive to discussing anything to do with Cherokee spiritualism or medicine. Traditionalists in our community recognized a power that is not within the norm of modern science. When I came back to work here and Cherokee and started having more frequent contact with some relatives on my father's side, they shared things with me that I had not known my whole life. Until then, those things stayed here, on the Boundary, waiting to be discovered.

The following may be found on the Cherokee Nation website:

"Traditional Cherokees may consult with medicine people for help with medical problems, dilemmas in their lives or other problems. There are fewer medicine people alive and practicing today, but those are still known by traditionalists and others in the Cherokee communities. If you are a Cherokee who believes in and practices the traditional Cherokee way, you will already be familiar with who these people are or will

know others who can lead you to one. Additionally, Cherokee acquaintances, family, or friends may refer you if they are aware of your need. We are not at liberty to suggest such an individual.

"We also caution you about the many fraudulent people now online and elsewhere who claim to be a traditional Cherokee medicine man/woman or a 'shaman' (Shamanism is not a part of the Cherokee traditional belief system). Many offer to provide or teach ceremonies for a fee, a dead giveaway that they are not legitimate.

"Our traditional beliefs and traditional people are highly respected; you can show great respect by not asking traditional people to share ceremonies or beliefs if they do not wish to. The proper way to find a medicine person is to be a part of the Cherokee community, ceremonial ground, or family and to come to know this person through those connections. Please do not contact Cherokee Nation asking to be put into contact with a medicine man or woman or asking us to help you become one."

It surely is one thing to attempt to glean knowledge for understanding and quite another to do so to appropriate a part of a

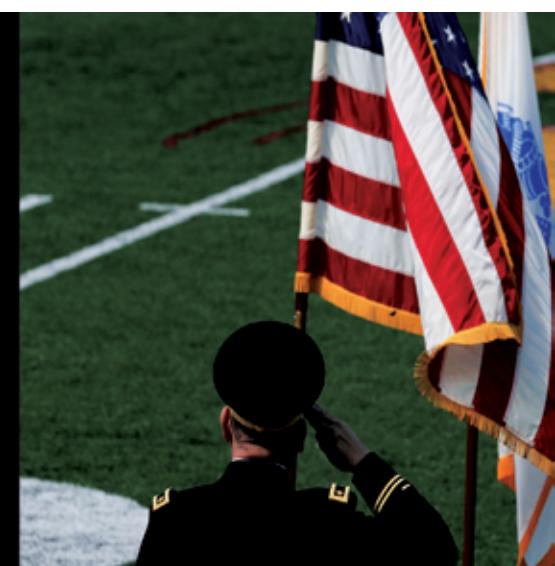
people's culture. We live in a very self-absorbed nation (the United States). Identity has become a buzzword, and many people live in the belief that all that it takes to be a thing is to imitate a thing. Witness the inflow of people who, just after the monetary benefits of the membership of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians dramatically increased due to the institution of adult gaming on the Boundary, made inquiries and continue to make inquiries as to how they may become members of this tribal nation. Outside interest in all things Cherokee, and particularly Eastern Band, grew dramatically as people realized the "benefit" they were looking for might be in becoming a Cherokee.

Then some truly want a connection to their past and genuinely believe that their story is entwined with ours. They look for any way to connect. These seekers were here long before the first gaming machine reached the Boundary. They revere the history of the Cherokee and believe that, with some research, they will find that their "great, great" someone will finally confirm the connection that they feel is real in their hearts. Not all people who "want to be" are the same.

Like the language, storytelling is a fundamental element of our culture. And I think, at least in part, that is why the staff at the One Feather is so passionate about the storytelling that we do every day. As one person quipped, "You can't have history without the story." And it is equally important that our people and those outside our membership, understand us through our stories. Those stories' value is more than the price of a museum or Mountainside Theatre ticket. In fact, they are as precious as any artifact of our culture. Whether sitting at the side of the river or in a grandstand at the Cherokee Indian Fair, you are listening to the retelling of stories centuries, maybe millennia years old. I can picture Cherokee people of old doing their daily survival chores, relating stories of how the Frog swallowed the Sun, and how that same story became a centerpiece of education in western North Carolina in 2017, and it reminds me of the importance of the story. May we never forget the stories of the old ones, our ancestors. How much better off would we be if we lived by those old ways and old, old stories?

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

**Info: Gregory Hunt (828) 342-2024 or
Gerard Ball (919) 805-2572**



A Close Call

Part 3 of 3

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed. D.,
excerpt from "Preacher Spurs", Christian Faith Publishers, 2022

Jesus faced death because He knew what death was all about. He knew exactly how he was going to die and what he would suffer. And like HIM, some of us no longer fear death as much as we fear just how we might die or how we might suffer.

He loves us, and He grieves with us when we grieve death. The story of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, when Jesus wept, tells us that He grieves. He shares with us when we grieve, and He is there to comfort us with His peace. He is a compassionate God. But he also grieves when he knows someone dies and will be separated from Him -forever.

Jesus knows all there is to know about death. As God, He knows everything about us. His plans for us and His grace to give us are Holy. He is already standing there to welcome us home or be judged to eternal death once we cross that bridge.

A close call. Can you remember the one you have had? A close call? A close call to this Life? A close call to injury? Or a close call where your life on earth could have gone either way? But, by the grace of God, He saved you from certain death?

Think about that for just a minute because I am about to give you another close call. This invitation is a different kind of close call.

A Close Call from Jesus. A solemn close call. Have you ever had a close call from Jesus to Life? Are you listening?

Maybe you are sitting there thinking of your close call with death or have had enough close calls with death to know that you need an invitational call to Life.

Life everlasting. Did you ever think for a moment after that close call with death where you would go if you answered that close call with your life and died? Do you know? Are you sure? How would you like to put that concern aside and consider a close call with living instead?

Those are the questions I get to ask people I meet in the hospital who look up at the ceiling and ask, Why Me?

But the question is valid for everyone.

How would you like to answer an eternal question with an everlasting answer?

Your answer needs to be - I know Jesus, and He knows me. That is more than hope.

I have victory over death right now, and you can, too. The answer is Life everlasting.

What a beautiful concept...a wonderful reality to know I am not going to die - oh, my body will, and I might suffer the pain of leaving the body, but me...the guy in here. I am only going to change addresses. I am going from this earthly address to my permanent home address in Heaven.

Do you ever ask a Christian, "How Do You Know that you're going to heaven?"

I know because I am possessed by the one who owns the keys. The one who knows all about death and has defeated it. He has told me in His Word that He has prepared a place for me in Heaven. You see - I have reservations. Just like season tickets to seats in the stadium, I know when I get there, I have assigned seating, I am not worried about it. Just like when I

call ahead and make reservations to my favorite diner, at the appointed time, I am going to have a seat at the table.

What peace you have when you can walk by that line or right by all those others seated and walk up to the master and give him your name and have him look in the book and say, right this way, sir, and you go and sit down at the table. Even better. I love going to a place where they know who I am, have my seat, and lead me straight to my reserved spot. My reservation is secure because I have already answered His close call. That is my hope and my faith - in Jesus.

Maybe you know this story already. Maybe you have felt that tug on your heart from the one who makes the invitations and reservations. Do you want to be seated at His table? Would you like reservations for eternity in Heaven?

Can you afford to turn down a close call knowing that you might

have to answer the next close call without reservations? IF there is anyone here who has never responded to Jesus' close call on your life today, I am praying that you would answer the close call that Jesus is making for you right now. Jesus will make you eternal reservations, and all you have to do is answer His call.

He is calling you to come close to Him.

Jesus loves us, and it pleases all of Heaven when we accept Him, for we will be with Him forever after. So therefore, He wants all to be with Him.

1Timothy 2:3-4 says, "This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth."

And Luke 15:7 tells us, "I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons, who need no repentance."



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

MATTHEW 12: 40,41

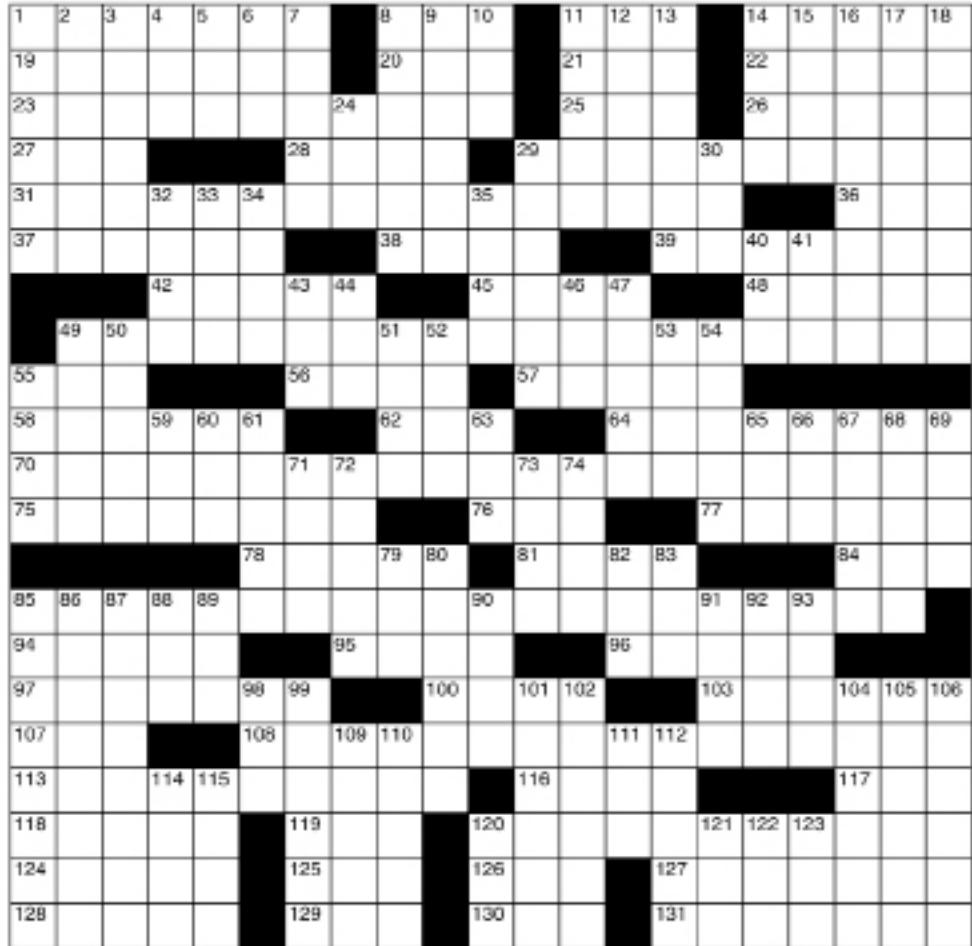


Detail of 16th-century woodblock engraving

Super Crossword

WELL-DEFINED

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey



1. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom featured a father figure named Philip Banks?
2. LANGUAGE: How many letters are in the Greek alphabet?
3. MOVIES: Which movie features the line, "To be honest, when I found out the patriarchy wasn't just about horses, I lost interest"?
4. SCIENCE: How long is an eon?
5. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is most of the Kalahari Desert located?
6. MUSIC: Which singer once was called the Material Girl?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is injern?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of cockroaches called?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which large U.S. city is nicknamed Emerald City?
10. GAMES: How many blocks are in a Jenga tower?

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HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove). Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

- March 16 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Big Cove Free Labor
- March 23 at 10:30 a.m., Jesse Welch Junior, 10 round shoot

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

MANNA Foodbank food giveaway. March 14 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Dora Reed Qualla Boundary Head Start building at 897 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. No requirements to receive free food. Bring your own bags.

MANNA Foodbank Community Market. March 21 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kool-Aid Queen Wolftown Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Stop by for free grocery staples, produce, and other perishables from MANNA Foodbank. Please bring your own bags if you can. This event is free and open to all community members. Info: (828) 359-6934 or tammjack@ebci-nsn.gov

Easter Basket Giveaway.

March 20 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the PHHS Administration Building at 43 John Crowe Hill in Cherokee,

N.C. There will be 200 baskets given away – first-come, first-served.

Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the RezHOPE Men's Transitional Living Home – The Gadiugi House. March 22 at 11 a.m. at the house on 128 Goose Creek Baptist Church Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 788-5326 or email RezHOPE_Recovery@icloud.com

Community Easter Event.

March 25 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the old Cherokee High School site. Egg Hunt age groups – 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-13. Food and door prizes. Early wristband pick-up will be Monday, March 18 through Friday, March 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Welcome Center. Child does not need to be present to pick up a wristband. This event is sponsored by the Office of the Principal Chief, Office of the Vice Chief, Tribal Council, and EBCI Tribal Option.

Dinner Event for First Language Speakers and Second Language Learners for Indigenous Languages Month.

March 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cherokee Central Schools Central Office at 86 Elk Crossing Lane in Cherokee, N.C. This is evening dedicated to speaking Indigenous languages.

How do you say that in Cherokee?



A-P-Ö
Gogeyi
Spring

S-J-&-Ö-S
Gatsuhvsga
I am fishing

O-Ir-Ö
Utsiya
Worm

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

Rainbows & Ramps Festival.

March 30 at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6471

Alfred Welch's Birthday Dinner. April 6 at 2 p.m. at the Snowbird Youth Center at 1133 Massey Branch in Robbinsville, N.C. It is a potluck dinner, and everyone is welcome.

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

Waterfalls Baptist Church Tent Revival.

April 21-26 at 6 p.m. each night at the Church. Brother John Flute, from Oklahoma, will be preaching. Chairs will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own lawn chair as well. Info: Pastor Scotty Chekelelee (828) 735-2713

Cherokee Spring Rod Run.

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers



Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) The Lord, 3) Darkness, 4) Gall, 5) Daniel, 6) Joab



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

- "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air."
- 24.
- "Barbie."
- 1 billion years.
- Botswana, Africa.
- Madonna.
- Fermented flatbread.
- An intrusion.
- Seattle, Washington.
- 54.

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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

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dice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Call a family meeting to discuss the care of a loved one at this difficult time. Don't let yourself get pushed into shouldering the full burden on your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An upcoming decision could open up a path to an exciting venture. However, there are some risks that you should know about. Ask more questions before making a commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Personal matters need your attention during the earlier part of the week. You can start to shift your focus to your workaday world by mid-week. Friday brings news.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've been going at a hectic pace for quite a while. It's time now for some much-needed rest and recreation to recharge those hard-working batteries.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to upgrade your current skills or consider getting into an entirely different training program so that you can be prepared for new career opportunities.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Keep a low profile in order to avoid being lured away from the job at hand. Focus on what has to be done and do it. There'll be time later to enjoy fun with family and friends.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be a dreamer and a realist. You dream of what you would like to do, and then you face the reality of how to do it.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Expanded PACT Act

Expanded benefits for the PACT Act have kicked in years sooner than expected. As of recently, March 5, 2024, veterans who were exposed to toxins can get VA health care without applying for VA disability benefits first.

The PACT Act covers over 20 presumptive illnesses for exposure to Agent Orange and other toxins, as well as the burn pits, radiation, oil well fires, depleted uranium and more. The covered illnesses include emphysema, chronic bronchitis, a dozen types of cancer and interstitial lung disease.

Deployment wasn't necessary; veterans were exposed to asbestos, fire-fighting foam, paints, chemicals, pesticides, Camp Lejeune water and more here in the U.S.

If you filed before and were turned down, file again or call. The VA is supposed to go through the files and contact you, but don't wait on that.

If you're already enrolled in VA health care, call your local VA health facility and ask for your initial screening for toxin exposure. Don't wait on this; get a baseline test.

To get more information, call 800-698-2411 (800-MYVA411).

Or go online to VA.gov/PACT and scroll through the information. You'll find links to file for VA disability, a supplemental claim and more. Read about military exposures at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures.

For all the millions the VA has spent to inform veterans about PACT, there are some they're leaving out: members of the Maine National Guard who trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada. In 1966 and 1967, the place was saturated with Agents Orange and Purple as a means of testing effectiveness in killing foliage.

In 2005, the Canadian government did site testing of the ground, water and air. They ended up handing out money to Canadians who'd been there.

Gagetown is still used for National Guard training, not only for units from Maine but other states as well. People became ill, of course, from exposure, but they're not eligible for VA health care for exposure to Agent Orange or any of the other "rainbow" of toxin colors at Gagetown.

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Homemade Treats

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My new puppy's training is going very well, and he responds very well to rewards of little treats. I worry about feeding him so many processed, store-bought snacks though. What are some natural or homemade alternatives for treats? — Maggie T., Nashua, N.H.

A: Many alternative recipes for homemade doggie treats are available on the internet and at the bookstore, but the healthiest ones share many common features. This means that you can find quite a few good recipes out there, or develop a few of your own.

Common ingredients in dog treats are meat protein (either from fresh meats, broths or strained baby foods), whole-grain flours (like wheat, oats, corn or rice), eggs and powdered supplements (like brewer's yeast or garlic). A variety of flavorings can be added, including peanut butter, sugar or molasses, vanilla, salt, and small amounts of cheese or milk. Dry or instant yeast can be added to biscuit-type recipes, to allow the dough to rise before baking.

A popular training asset is liver treats, which can be made fairly easy and which last about four to five days if stored properly (in an airtight container and refrigerated). Chicken livers, eggs and sweetener are pureed, flour or cornmeal is mixed in (some owners add powdered supplements as well) and the mixture is baked, cooled and sliced into bite-size treats.

Certain foods are never safe for dogs, so don't use any recipe that contains these ingredients: chocolate, onions, raisins/grapes or macadamia nuts. They seem like fairly innocent foods, but can cause serious health problems in dogs.

Baking and testing these snacks out on your puppy can be a lot of fun. Remember, you can also share recipes with other dog owners and perhaps find the perfect treat for your companion.

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

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

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

HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS

Operation Medicine Drop. March 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Food Lion Cherokee in Cherokee, N.C. Drop off any unused or expired medications to be properly disposed of. Giveaways and educa-

tion will be provided.

Roller Derby in Bryson City.

March 24 at the Swain Co. Recreation Center at 240 Deep Creek Rd. in Bryson City, N.C. Junior scrimmage at 1:30 p.m., Adult bout at 3 p.m. The Smoky Mountain Roller Girls will take on Yellow Jacket Roller Derby. Tickets are \$5 pre-sale or \$8 at the door. Kids 11 and under are free. Bring your own chair. Follow SMRG on Facebook for tickets and more information.

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

Jackson 788-4732, 359-6894, kels-jackson@ebci-nsn.gov

Trout Fishing Opening Day Tournament.

March 30-31 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. \$20,000 in cash prizes. Registration deadline is Friday, March 29. Registration fee is \$15. Paid fish permit fee covering both tournament days is \$17. Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Tag turn-in time is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each respective tournament day. Turn in your tags at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee, N.C. (across from the Cherokee Welcome Center. Info: <https://fishcherokee.com>

Community Baby Shower.

April 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrell Recreation Center. Food, diapers, gift cards,

raffles, and more. First 50 people get a t-shirt. Info: Trish Carver at triccarv@ebci-nsn.gov or Candy Martin at candmart@ebci-nsn.gov

Memorial Day Fishing Tournament.

May 25-26 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. \$10,000 in cash prizes. Registration deadline is Friday, May 24. Registration fee is \$15. Paid fish permit fee covering both tournament days is \$17. Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Tag turn-in time is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each respective tournament day. Turn in your tags at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee, N.C. (across from the Cherokee Welcome Center. Info: <https://fishcherokee.com>

Tim Hill Memorial Fishing Tournament. July 13-14 in the

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~Kaylee, 7th grade



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Qualla Country Fishing

Tournament. Aug. 24-25 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. \$20,000 in cash prizes. Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 23. Registration fee is \$15. Paid fish permit fee covering both tournament days is \$17. Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Tag turn-in time is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each respective tournament day. Turn in your tags at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee, N.C. (across from the Cherokee Welcome Center. Info: <https://fishcherokee.com>

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

Lucky LEGO STEAM. March 13 at 4 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. St. Patrick's Day STEAM (Scientists, Technicians, Engineers, Artists, and Mathematicians) events. Info: JCPL (828) 586-2016, www.fontanalib.org

Rain & Rainbows Family

Night. March 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Light refreshments along with some fun science exper-

iments and activities. Info: JCPL (828) 586-2016, www.fontanalib.org

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.edu/nativeplant101 or call WCU Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397

SUPPORT GROUPS

Autism Support Group Meeting. April 9 at 5 p.m. in the Dora Reed multi-purpose room in Cherokee, N.C. Join for autism support, education, and resources. Light refreshments and water will be provided. Info: Candy Ross (828) 359-2203 or Amanda Bradley 359-2204

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: www.AAwnc80.com

Cherokee Cancer Support Group, potluck dinner with a speaker the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Betty's

Place, 40 Goose Creek Rd, Cherokee, N.C. Anyone is welcome to attend the potluck. The group provides educational and emotional support to clients and families of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians members with cancer. The group can provide financial assistance for fuel, lodging, and transportation and also can assist with mastectomy items, nutritional supplements, wigs, and related products. The group can volunteer to take a client to their appointment if it is requested in a timely manner. Betty's Place is open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (828) 497-0788

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

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

Cherokee County Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building; potluck at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7

p.m. Info: Chair Joe Palmer (828) 361-9219, joepalmer1013@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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

Acquoni Baptist Church. 722

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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 Tsaliagi Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Adult Bible Study Wednesday 6 p.m. Pastor Ric Eddings 497-2761

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. Located behind the Wolfetown Gym. Sunday School:

10 a.m, Sunday worship: 11 a.m, Sunday evening worship: 5 p.m. Wednesday night worship: 6 p.m. Pastor Tim Melton 674-2690

Cherokee United Methodist Church. Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday night family night starting with dinner at 6 p.m then Bible classes for all ages. Pastor 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, 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 embassymedia-group@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 Wolftown 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 Wolfe-town Rd. Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Sunday night service 6:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Prayer 7 p.m., Wednesday night service 7 p.m. Pastor Eric Moore

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

evening service 6 p.m.

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 82 Lambert Branch Road. There are currently no services. Pastor Peter Shaw 736-5322

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

Rock Springs Baptist Church. 129 Old Gap Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m. Pastor Greg Morgan 497-

9455, 736-1245 (cell)

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

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

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

Straight Fork Baptist Church. Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Wednesday night prayer service 7 p.m. Youth group meetings also.

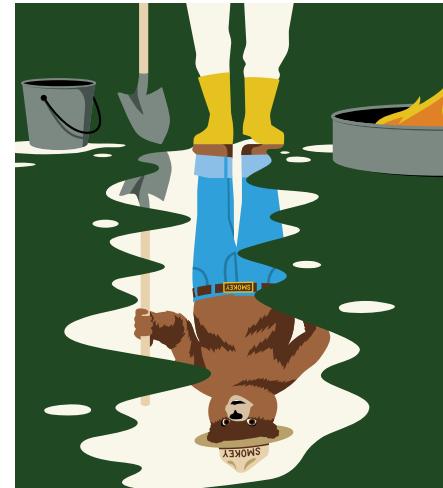
Waterfalls Baptist Church. 82 Waterfalls Church Rd., Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 5 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Scotty Chekelelee, pastor.

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

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

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

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



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Project Coordinator

The Cherokee Tribal Food Distribution Program is looking for a contractor to work as a Project Coordinator to provide us with the following:

- Coordinate the Healthy Eating Action Team (HEAT) activities and help lead initiatives that are directed within the meetings.

- Coordinate MANNA monthly food distributions with the EBCI community, volunteers, and MANNA staff.
- Assist with the maintaining of social media accounts.
- Encourage FDPIR participant involvement through the sharing of pictures, videos, and photos to be featured on various Tribal Food Distribution social media platforms and handout materials.
- Conduct and attend various community outreach events, including but not limited to community club meetings, fairs, gatherings, or university presentations.
- Collaborate with Nurse Nutritionist as needed.
- Assist with completing grant reporting and submitting progress updates as determined by granting agency.



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.

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

This position will begin once a contract has been finalized and no sooner than April 1, 2024, and will last through January 31, 2025. We will be accepting applications for the contract until 4:30 on March 23, 2024. Proposals may be submitted to Lindsey Konieczka, Tribal Food Distribution Office Coordinator, via email (lindhol@ebci-nsn.gov) or by mail (PO Box 1123, Cherokee, NC 28719). **3/13**

LEGAL NOTICES

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 fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Barbara Lorraine Lambert
P.O. Box 801
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
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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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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-021

Notice to Creditors and

Debtors of:

RONALD TAYLOR

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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Jessica Dawn Santos
325 Meeting House Cove Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS
CHEROKEE COURT
FILE NO. CVJ-18-038
IN RE: K.B. D.O.B. 8/6/19
A MINOR CHILD
**ORDER FOR LEAVE TO
SERVE BY PUBLICATION**

COMES NOW, this Honorable

Court for Leave to Serve, the Defendant father, Dennis Bumgarner, and moves, in the above-captioned matter by Publication in a newspaper that is qualified for legal advertising in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §1-597 and N.C. Gen. Stat. §1-598, as adopted by the Cherokee Code, and circulated in the area where the party to be served is believed by the serving party to be located and, in support thereof,

IT IS SHOWN the Court as follows:

1. That a hearing was held on September 5, 2023, after proper service on all Parties, Sybil Mann Attorney for the Family Safety Program, Stephanie Lepre Attorney for the mother, Mara Nelson the Attorney for the Father Dennis Bumgarner, and the Attorney for Bob and Theresa Keber (Movants).
2. That the father's last known address was on the Qualla Boundary, as lies inside the County of Jackson, North Carolina.

3. That Pursuant to North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 4(jl), as adopted by the Cherokee Code, the Attorney for the Movants Bob and Teresa Keber has exercised due diligence and made great efforts to effectuate service on the father and to locate the whereabouts of the father consisting of Facebook searches, conducted an internet search, mailed a certified return receipt letter of the filing to the last known address which was returned unaccepted, attempted civil service by the Cherokee Tribal Police which was unsuccessful, regular mail on April 10, 2023 which was not returned to the sender, and contacted the Swain and Jackson County Detention Centers which resulted in no such person as known as Dennis Bumgarner was present.

4. Based upon the Plaintiffs due diligence, it is believed the Defendant's last known location was in Jackson County, North Carolina, of which it is in the Territories of the EBCI.

5. The Movants Bob and Teresa Keber believe the father Dennis Bumgarner is in the above location because of the above stated.

6. That despite such efforts, the exact whereabouts of the Defendant are still unknown. As a result, circumstances warrant the use of Service by Publication.

BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS OF FACT, THE COURT CONCLUDES AS A MATTER OF LAW

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties to this action.

2. The Movants have made diligent efforts to try to identify the name and location of the father.

3. To perfect service, it is appropriate to serve the father by publication.

4. It is in the best interest of the minor child that the Movants be allowed to publish notice of the petition.

BASED ON THE ABOVE FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSION OF LAW, THE COURT ORDERS, ADJUDGES AND DECREES:

1. The Movants shall serve notice of the Petition on the father Dennis Bumgarner by publication in a paper of circulation on the Qualla Boundary and in the Syvia Herald a major publication for Jackson County.

2. matter came on for hearing September 5, 2023 at 9:30am at the Eastern band of Cherokee Indians Justice Center.

3. The Motion and request to serve by Publication share be granted.

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has been filed against you and the nature of the processing is a termination of parental right. You are required to make a defense to this pleading by April 17, 2024, said being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 1st day of March 2024.

Attorney for the Petitioners

Leo J. Phillips

P.O. BOX 974

MURPHY, NC 28906

828 835 4892

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NOTICE

The EBCI Cannabis Control Board is proposing the amendment of administrative rules pursuant to Cherokee Code 17-30 and 150-4. These amendments are proposed to exterior security of medical cannabis facilities, video camera monitoring, notices on medical cannabis products, and other related issues. Written comments may be mailed to the EBCI CCB at Attn: EBCI CCB, P.O. Box 549, Cherokee NC 28719 or emailed to info@ebci-ccb.org. The period for public comment is 20 days from the publication of this notice. **3/13**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 24-028

Notice to Creditors

and Debtors of:

Glenn Gilbert Wolfe

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Venita K Wolfe
7397 Big Cove Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
4/3

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PRESENTER –

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Tribal Employment Rights Office
(TERO)

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

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

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included in the RFP to Terri Henry, Director-TERO. Proposals must be received by 03/15/2024 @2:00 PM at which time they shall be opened and evaluated in accordance with tribal

procedures. Any proposal received after this time will not be considered. Be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to this solicitation. **3/13**

Request for Proposals

General Notice

Qualla Housing Services (QHS) of the Cherokee Indian Housing Division is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors to perform services and labor on new residential homes, the following scopes are available:

- * Complete HVAC system installs for new construction, subcontractor will provide all materials and equipment.
- * Installation of drywall with knock down finish on ceiling and walls. Prime and paint walls and ceilings.

- * Installation of LVT flooring.
- * Installation of all interior doors and interior trim (must set nails, putty, caulk, and paint).
- * Installation of kitchen cabinets, vanities, and countertops.
- * Installation of electrical components, rough-in and trim-out.

QHS reserves the right to reject all submissions. QHS reserves the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under this RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Bid packages can be picked up at the warehouse or e-mailed to interested parties. Deliver sealed proposals to the QHS warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is March 21, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. Please contact Robert Welch



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at robewelc@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6344. **3/13**

Request for Proposals General Notice

Qualla Housing Services (QHS) of the Cherokee Indian Housing Division is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for the following:

- Turnkey of New Construction Single Family Home (3&4 Bedroom) Blueprints will be provided.
- New Construction of One (1) 4- Bedroom Single Family Home. Blueprints will be provided.

QHS reserves the right to reject all submissions. QHS reserves the right not to award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under this RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Bid packages

can be picked up at the warehouse or e-mailed to interested parties. Deliver sealed proposals to the QHS warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is March 21, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. Please contact Robert Welch at robewelc@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6344. **3/20**

Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
PO Box 1629, Cherokee NC 28719
Telephone: (828) 359-6221 Fax
(828) 359-0012

RE: Unclaimed Money

The following individuals have unclaimed money at the Cherokee Court. If your name or business is on this list, please come to the clerk's office at the Cherokee Court by June 10, 2024 and fill out the

appropriate paperwork so that the monies can be returned to you:
Anders, Jama; Arch, Treannie;
Arneach, Jefferson; Blanton,
Shannon; Brady, Dnaiel; Catt,
Mattie; Cope, Sally; Crowe, Edward;
George, Michael; Grady,
Tatum; Halm, Christine; Hodock,
Joshua; Honeycutt, Mark; Hornbuckle,
Joniah; Keel, Aaron; King,
Dalericka; Leonardo, Anthony;
Lineberry, Jeffrey; Little, Joshua;
Locust III, William; Martin, Mary;
McCoy, Kyle; O'Donovan, Patrick;
Owle Sr., Alfred; Owle, Leigh;
Radford, Hunter; Ratcliff, David;
Reed, Addie; Reed II, Gary; Riggin,
Benjamin; Rivera, Domingo;
Robbinson, Derrick; Rodriguez,
Rivera; Simpson, Sheryl; Smith,
Adam; Smith, Heather; Smith,
Zackary; Thomas, Avery; Toineeta,
Marlene; Tomas, Sergio; Vincint,
Gregory; Welch Sr., James; Welch,
Anthony; Welch, Thomas; Wolfe,
Terry. **5/29**

submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Peanut Crowe. Project name, "Bertha Saunooke Heights" and "Bill Lambert Drive", should be noted in the upper left-hand corner of the envelop. There will be a showing of the properties on April 3rd, 2024 at 8:30am at the above properties. **4/3**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Architectural Design & Engineering Services

Museum of the Cherokee People (MOTCP) is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors to perform AD+E Services on the new Collection Facility. The following scopes are available:

- Structural Engineering
- MEP Engineering
- Sustainability Consultant
- Life Safety / Fire Protection / Accessibility

MOTCP reserves the right to reject all submissions. MOTCP reserves the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under this RFQ/RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preferences.

RFQ/RFP Schedule

- 03/15 – Questions Due (5:00PM)
- 03/22 – Response Deadline (5:00PM)

You may request the full RFQ/RFP and bid requirements for these proposals through our representative Cumming Group. Eric Chavez echavez@cumming-group.com 917.771.9719. Please CC michael.slee@motcp.org in your request. **3/20**

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EXECUTIVE:

Utilization Review Specialist - \$67,082 - \$83,852

ENGINEERING:

Dietary Services Supervisor - \$19.66 - \$22.25

EVS Supervisor \$21.13 - \$23.98

EVS Technician \$15.00 - \$16.77

FINANCE

Patient Access Specialist -Emergency Hire - \$17.12 - \$19.26

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Targeted Case Manager – Juvenile Justice - \$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

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

PTR Phlebotomist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

NURSING

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

Case Management Support – Complimentary Medicine - \$18.32 - \$20.67

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

Certified Nursing Assistant – Part Time Intermittent - ICC \$17.12 – \$19.26

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

Specialty Services Registered Nurse – Procedure Suite - \$33.68 – \$38.72

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

Diabetes Educator - \$31.06 - \$35.64

TSALI CARE CENTER

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

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

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Closing Sunday, March 17, 2024

1. Sergeant Patrol – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Budget and Grants Specialist – Transit – Operations (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour)
3. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Information Technology Coordinator – Information Technology – Office of Information Technology (L13 \$48,738 - \$60,923)
5. Information Security Officer – Information Technology – Office of Information Technology (L15 \$59,429 - \$74,287)
6. Manager of Operations – Information Technology – Office of Information Technology (L16 \$66,193 - \$82,741)
7. Manager of Workforce Development – TERO (L15 \$59,429 - \$74,287)
8. Manager of TERO Compliance – TERO (L15 \$59,429 - \$74,287)

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. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
9. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
11. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour)
12. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
13. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
14. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
15. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
16. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) – Tsaliagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
17. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 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)
20. Education Tutor/Grades 3-5 – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
21. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
22. Remember the Removal Bike Ride Group Fitness Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)

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Zoila Carrasco, *Cozy Dinner Set (detail)*, 2023, wheel-thrown stoneware with mid-range glaze fire finish, 7.5 x 20 x 20 inches. Image courtesy of the artist.



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THE GOOD STUFF



Marathon runner

Former Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, age 60, completed the Myrtle Beach Marathon in under six hours on Saturday, March 2. (Photo contributed)



Wildcatt earns senior red belt

Cooper "Coop" Wildcatt, left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), graduated recently to a senior red belt in Mr. Danny's Karate class. Coop is the son of Johnny Wildcatt and Karri Wallace and the grandson of Gwendolyn Wildcatt. (Photo contributed)



Perfect attendance for February

The following students and teachers at New Kituwah Academy's Early Childhood program had perfect attendance for the month of February. They are shown, left to right, Eθ-Donna Morgan, O'Chy'-Jace Smith, IrYPP-Omie Bird, ΘZ ɁRPhEE-Jachai Arch, ḌɁW-Makayla Watty, ɬtɁP-Cameron Hemphill, ḌθɁ-Carrson Crowe, DɁW-Blaze Bird, ɬθɁ-Lee Cooper, and ɬoɁ-Abigail Long. (Photo courtesy of New Kituwah – Early Childhood)

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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