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Lady Braves bring home State Title

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

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score of 74-32, the Lady Braves dominated the state championship game from start to finish.

The Lady Braves finished with a record of 29-1, 10-0 in conference play. Throughout the season,

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Cherokee Lady Braves Soph. (#4) Dvdaya Swimmer earned Most Valuable Player of the NCHSAA 1A State Championship, tallying 17 points, four assists, and five steals.

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the Lady Braves facilitated a textbook press defense that made it difficult for most teams to make it past half court. The state championship game was reminiscent of their dominant season, with games that often resulted in a running clock.

The Lady Braves also had a dominant playoff run with winning margins of well over 40 points until their battle against Bishop McGuinness, who they defeated in the fourth round of playoffs with a final score of 61-55. The Lady Braves faced (#1) Mountain Heritage in the NCHSAA 1A Western Regional Championship, winning with a final score of 64-51 and advancing to the NCHSAA 1A State Championship.

Ahead of the state championship, the community of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) recognized the significance of this final battle. The EBCI

Communications department shared video footage of the 1995-96 Lady Braves state championship game, echoing a legacy of Lady Braves basketball and a hope for a second title that was long overdue. Years of Lady Braves basketball teams have battled for a chance at the title, with players and teams leaving their lasting print on the Lady Braves basketball program. For years, Lady Braves basketball has held respect for its quickness, tenacity and precision. For years, the machine has remained oiled, preparing for the second ring. It is with respect for those Lady Braves before them, that this 2023-24 team claimed the ring.

"We're fortunate enough to have Caroline that was on that state championship team in '96 as well as Peaches on our bench," Lady Braves Head Coach Ann Gardner said of assistant coach Caroline Hyatt and '96 state championship Most Valuable Player Peaches Squirrell. "Just to have those as our leadership

“I could not ask for a better team. Everybody on this team loves each other.”

- Joscelyn Stamper, Cherokee Lady Braves freshman, who received the NCHSAA Award for Cherokee's Most Outstanding Player in the state title game

for these girls to look up to is just amazing. When I took over here, I wanted to make sure that I incorporated those who have been Lady Braves in the past so that they could see and have a sense of who came before them.”

The Lady Braves played the Cherokee basketball they have been coached since peewees—the basketball that they have watched their mothers, sisters, cousins and role models play. This state championship team embodied Cherokee basketball, but what set them apart was a determination to do right by their teammate. Their love for the game and each other made them unbeatable.

“I could not ask for a better team. Everybody on this team loves each other. We’re sisters and it’s just the best surroundings that you could have,” said Fr. (#13) Joscelyn Stamper, who earned the NCHSAA 1A State Championship award for Cherokee’s Most Outstanding Player with an incredible stat list of 17 points, 14 rebounds, three assists and six steals.

The Lady Braves ran onto the court for warmups with the EBCI flag leading their way. LJVM Coliseum was filled with Lady Braves

fans, and so were Cherokee Cinemas and Woltown Community Club where watch parties were being held for those who could not make the trek. TVs at local restaurants like Native Brews and Clyde’s had on the championship game instead of college basketball. NBA Star Shaquille O’Neal even tuned in.

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) stickball player Micah Swimmer, Cherokee Central Schools board member and father of soph. (#4) Dvdaya Swimmer, lead the challenge call. And it was game time.

The Lady Braves led early with a first quarter of 21 to 9, showcasing their “run and gun” technique as Stamper described it. Stamper controlled the boards, and the Lady Braves controlled the floor. Forced turnovers and steals resulted in easy layups that happened early and quickly. The Lady Braves entered halftime 36 to 18. Their first half was clearly dominant, but there was still basketball to be played.

In the third quarter, the Lady Braves were able to sit their entire starting five, ending the quarter 62-20. In the fourth, the Lady Braves were just having fun. The



Cherokee Lady Braves Fr. (#13) Joscelyn Stamper received the NCHSAA award for Cherokee’s Most Outstanding Player, tallying 17 points, 14 rebounds, three assists, and six steals in the NCHSAA 1A State Championship.

entire roster played, enjoying the opportunity to celebrate their championship long before the last seconds of the game. Sr. (#23) Creedon Arch took her time to hit an easy, wide-open three near the end of the game, laughing with her team as the shot swished in.

Celebratory hugs were shared on the bench as the minutes ticked by, and an overwhelming sense of joy was felt throughout the sea of maroon and gold in LJVM Coliseum. An opposing player knocked Fr. (#10) Daisee Fourkiller-Raby into the bench as she held the ball and grinned at the last second of the game—the scene was familiar, mirroring Trish Calhoun happily taking a hit at the end of the ’96 championship.

And with that, the Lady Braves made history. “Caroline told us, ‘You’re one of the elite Braves to go through Cherokee.’ Hearing her say that and knowing there was only one other state championship team, it’s truly breathtaking,” said Soph. (#4) Dvdaya Swimmer, who earned NCHSAA 1A State Championship Most Valuable Player with 17 points, four assists and five steals.

Sr. (#1) Awee Walkingstick, who received the NCHSAA sportsmanship award, lifted the state championship trophy into the air for the crowd to see, and Sr. (#12) Loshi Ward lifted the state championship banner. The Lady Braves are bringing home the trophy, the banner, and the title.

CIPD Arrest Report for March 4-10, 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.

Hutchins, Robert – age 58
Arrested: March 4
Released: March 4
Charges: Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Controlled Substance

Ledford, Clinton Lee – age 46
Arrested: March 4
Released: March 4
Charges: Probation Violation

Ramirez, Hugo Gardo – age 39
Arrested: March 4
Released: Not released as of report date (March 11)
Charges: Simple Possession
Schedule II Controlled Substance

Calhoun, Travis Lee – age 42
Arrested: March 5
Released: March 7
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Tomas, Kelby Weldon – age 22
Arrested: March 5
Released: March 5
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Miller, Terra – age 33
Arrested: March 6
Released: March 6
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Pheasant Jr., Thomas Eugene – age 21

Arrested: March 6
Released: March 8
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V,
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Queen Jr., Hugh Nolan – age 33
Arrested: March 6
Released: Not released as of report date (March 11)
Charges: Serving Sentence

Hampton Jr., Paul – age 26
Arrested: March 7
Released: Not released as of report date (March 11)
Charges: Serving Sentence

Oderson, Floyd Lee – age 29
Arrested: March 7
Released: March 7
Charges: Temporary Hold

Taylor, Leslie Lee – age 26
Arrested: March 7
Released: Not released as of report date (March 11)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Walkingstick Jr., Mike Daniel – age 31
Arrested: March 7
Released: March 7
Charges: Simple Possession
Schedule II Controlled Substance

Lambert, Allyson Denise – age 41
Arrested: March 8
Released: Not released as of report date (March 11)
Charges: Drug Trafficking (two counts), Possession or Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts), Providing or Possessing Contraband

Messick, Erick Morgan – age 32
Arrested: March 8
Released: March 9
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or

Obstructing Officers

Sramek, Kyle – age 31
Arrested: March 8
Released: Not released as of report date (March 11)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Williams, Becky Renee – age 49
Arrested: March 8
Released: Not released as of report date (March 11)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Hornbuckle Jr., George Davis – age 50
Arrested: March 9
Released: March 10
Charges: Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray; Communicating Threats

Lossiah, Brent James – age 31
Arrested: March 9
Released: Not released as of report date (March 11)
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Sharp, William Andrew – age 40
Arrested: March 9
Released: March 9
Charges: Temporary Hold

Driver, Tom Edward – age 39
Arrested: March 10
Released: Not released as of report date (March 11)
Charges: Larceny, False Pretenses, Providing or Possessing Contraband, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Eplin, Steven Dale – age 43
Arrested: March 10
Released: Not released as of report date (March 11)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Probation Violation



Moments in time

• On **April 1, 1988**, a federal judge in Little Rock, Arkansas, dismissed a sexual harassment case against President Bill Clinton, stating it had no “genuine issues” worthy of a trial. Although Clinton had denied any wrongdoing, a unanimous ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in May 1997 allowed the case to proceed, establishing a precedent permitting sitting presidents to be sued for personal conduct that allegedly occurred before they took office.

• On **April 2, 1863**, a bread riot occurred in the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, when angry people demanded bread from a bakery wagon before wrecking nearby shops. The mob only dispersed after Confederate President Jefferson Davis made a personal plea and threatened to use force to break it up.

• On **April 3, 1944**, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 8 to 1 that African Americans could not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic primaries. The court stated that discrimination against Blacks violated the 15th Amendment and that political parties were not private associations.

• On **April 4, 1802**, American social reformer Dorothea Dix was born in Hampden, Maine. Dix founded a home for girls in Boston while she was still just a teenager and later passionately campaigned for humane conditions in jails and insane asylums.

• On **April 5, 2008**, actor Charlton Heston, who won an Oscar for his starring role in “Ben-Hur,” died of his Alzheimer’s disease at his home in Beverly Hills. Heston notably played Michelangelo, El Cid, and other heroic figures in Hollywood movies of the 1950s and 1960s.

• On **April 6, 1917**, following a vote by Congress approving a declaration of war, the U.S. entered World War I in Europe. Four days earlier, President Woodrow Wilson cited Germany’s violation of its pledge to suspend unrestricted submarine warfare in the North Atlantic and the Mediterranean, as well as its attempts to entice Mexico into an alliance against America, as his reasons for requesting the declaration.

• On **April 7, 1712**, a rebellion of 27 Black slaves took place in New York City, with nine whites shot as they attempted to put out a fire started by the slaves. The state militia was called out to capture the rebels, and 21 were executed while the remaining six committed suicide.

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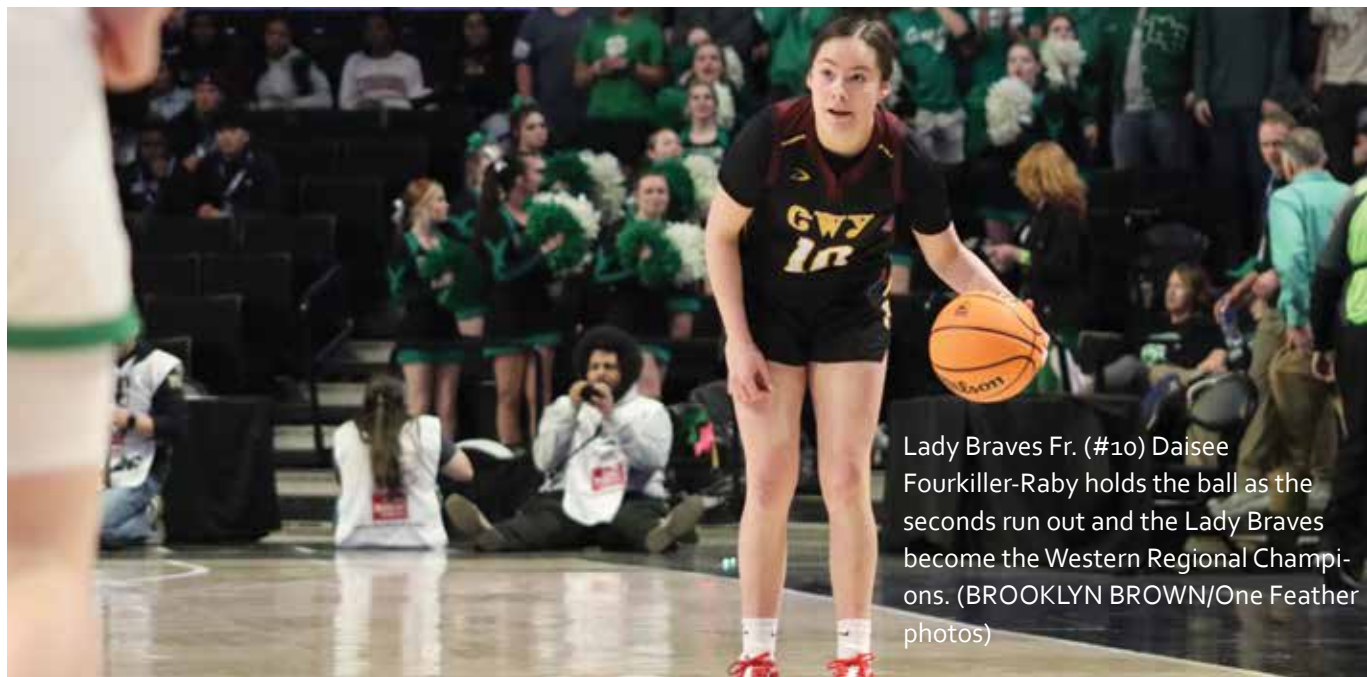
BASKETBALL

Lady Braves win Western Regionals

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - On the evening of Monday, March 11 in Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial (LJVM) Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C., the (#3) Lady Braves basketball team defeated (#1) Mountain Heritage, earning the title of North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) 1A Western Regional Champions, with a final score of 64 -51.

In Wake Forest University's arena, LJVM Coliseum, the Lady Braves entered a big stage. The



Lady Braves Fr. (#10) Daisee Fourkiller-Raby holds the ball as the seconds run out and the Lady Braves become the Western Regional Champions. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)



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The Lady Braves celebrate a forced turnover.

bright lights and collegiate court ramped up the pressure of the regional championship, but the Lady Braves stepped onto the court with confidence, and the Lady Braves' fans packed the arena like it was their own, as to be expected.

The tone was set early, as Lady Braves Head Coach Ann Gardner reiterated in the NCHSAA post-game press conference.

"They came out from start to finish with a defensive presence that set the tone for the game. All year long we've put such an emphasis on buying in to our defensive pressure. We know that's kind of where our bread is buttered," Coach Gardner said.

"A lot of times this year we haven't been able to press the entire game, but here lately we've been able to work on it and keep our stamina up and create some offense off of our defense."

The Lady Braves led early with a score of 20-8 in the first quarter,

forcing turnovers and dominating the boards at the onset. With defense locked down, the offense seemed to come easy, with the Lady Braves knocking down two clean three-pointers early from Sr. (#12) Loshi Ward and Fr. (#10) Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, shooting "lights out" as Mountain Heritage Head Coach Susie Shelton noted in the post-game press conference. Fourkiller-Raby had an impressive game coming off the bench, tying with Sr. (#23) Creedon Arch with 10 points, following lead scorer Jr. (#32) Whitney Rogers who scored 17 points.

Fourkiller-Raby hit a three at the buzzer to send the Lady Braves into halftime leading 37-22.

In the second half, the Lady Braves continued to play with composure, making the most of their lead and maintaining the pace they set, which is a pace most teams cannot keep up with.

Along with speed, depth on the

bench is one of the strengths of the dynamic Lady Braves team, "We have depth all the way down. I feel comfortable putting anybody in at any time. The games that we've had this year have afforded me an opportunity to play a lot of bodies, so they get used to that time and that running and being able to contribute in many ways. It's just a credit to them and their effort," Coach Gardner said.

Soph. (#4) Dvdaya Swimmer appreciates the dependability of her teammates, whom she has played with for as long as she can remember. "I think playing together for so long, all of us playing together since we were peewees, there's just a trust that we have in each other. For anybody coming in, we just know that they're all going to step up and feel the shoes that they've replaced on the floor."

Coach Gardner credits Cherokee basketball youth programs for creating a culture of success to

carry into high school, and now to a state championship game. "They bought into what it means to be a Lady Braves basketball player. And this is not just me, this started in youth. This is a style of play that they've been playing since they were little kids, and I credit the youth programs all the way up to the time I get them."

Behind the Lady Braves is a community who has raised them, a nation of people known as Aniyvwiya, the Principal People. This is an aspect of the Lady Braves' success not lost on Coach Gardner and her team, "We have a tremendous fan base. They're like our sixth man and they make every court, no matter where it is, a home court advantage for us. They're family. They help pick us up when we get down, and they're there to shout at us and get us right back into it. These girls play for them, they play for their tribe and there's nothing sweeter."

TRACK & FIELD

Cherokee participates in meet at Montreat College

One Feather Staff Report

BLACK MOUNTAIN, N.C. – The Cherokee High School (CHS) track and field team participated in the Swain County High School Invitational meet held at the Montreat College track in Black Mountain, N.C. on the afternoon of Thursday, March 14. A.C. Reynolds won both the men's and women's team events.

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

Men's Events

Team Scores

- 1 – A.C. Reynolds 148
- 2 – Swain Co. 102
- 3 – Franklin 76.5
- 4 – Hayesville 53
- 5 – Avery Co. 51.5
- 6 – Polk Co. 51

- 7 – Robbinsville 44
- 8 – Owen 42
- 9 – Cherokee 40
- 10 – Mountain Heritage 31
- 11 – Clyde A. Erwin 26
- 12 – Andrews 25
- 13 – Hiwassee Dam 12

High Jump

- 1 – Jacob Morales, Franklin, 5-10
- 2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5-10
- 3 – Brogan Elsen, A.C. Reynolds, 5-8

Pole Vault

- 1 – Owen Craig, Swain, 13-0
- 2 – Evan Hall, Swain, 11-6
- 3 – Logan Brown, Avery Co., 11-6

Long Jump

- 1 – Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 20-6
- 2 – Aaron Dickey, Polk Co., 20-2.50
- 3 – Cedric Walker, Clyde A. Erwin, 19-2.50
- 23 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 13-5.75
- 25 – Xavier Sanchez, Cherokee, 13-2.75

Triple Jump

- 1 – Samuel Preston, Andrews, 43-1
- 2 – Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 40-7.50

- 3 – Braxton Deal, Franklin, 40-3.50

Shot Put

- 1 – Nse Uffort, Swain, 54-10.50
- 2 – Taylor McClure, Hayesville, 48-7.50
- 3 – Grayson Hoilman, Avery Co., 42-0
- 7 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 39-5.75
- 19 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 34-9
- 31 – Johnny Long, Cherokee, 31-8

Discus Throw

- 1 – Nse Uffort, Swain, 180-40
- 2 – Brandon Guest, A.C. Reynolds, 132-90
- 3 – Andrew Scaggs, Swain, 130-20
- 7 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 117-8
- 18 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 94-2

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Owen 8:40.25
- 2 – Swain 8:43.07
- 3 – A.C. Reynolds 9:07.25

110M Hurdles

- 1 – Jake Ramage, A.C. Reynolds, 15.32
- 2 – Silas Garceau, Avery Co., 16.05
- 3 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 16.25

100M Dash

- 1 – Max Guest, A.C. Reynolds, 11.07



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2 – Cavalli Montgomery, A.C. Reynolds, 11.14
3 – Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 11.29
12 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 12.02
18 – Jonathan Saylor, Cherokee, 12.30
24 – Tayvin Bark, Cherokee, 12.85
26 – Carlito Perez, Cherokee, 13.24

4x200M Relay

1 – A.C. Reynolds, 1:31.90
2 – Polk Co. 1:33.54
3 – Owen 1:33.62
7 – Cherokee 1:41.50

1600M Run

1 – Gus Simmons, A.C. Reynolds, 4:39.43
2 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 4:44.56
3 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 4:52.36
7 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5:13.89

4x100M Relay

1 – A.C. Reynolds 43.13
2 – Polk Co. 44.11
3 – Owen 44.89
8 – Cherokee 47.55

400M Dash

1 – Cedric Walker, Clyde A. Erwin, 52.10
2 – Dylan Dahlberg, Mountain Heritage, 52.50
3 – Nathanel Martinez, Polk Co., 52.69
21 – Will Ellwood, Cherokee, 1:00.31
28 – Brandon Santiago, Cherokee, 1:05.23
31 – Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 1:13.36

300M Hurdles

1 – Jake Ramage, A.C. Reynolds, 42.97
2 – Braylen Dezarn, Franklin, 43.44
3 – Silas Garceau, Avery Co., 44.16

800M Run

1 – Connor Brown, Swain, 2:01.13
2 – Abhi Patel, Swain, 2:05.07
3 – Elliot Kohn, A.C. Reynolds, 2:05.83
6 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:09.86
29 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 2:43.97
36 – Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 3:06.66

200M Dash

1 – Justin Rodriguez, Franklin, 22.83
2 – Will Stanford, Avery Co., 23.02
3 – Cavalli Montgomery, A.C. Reynolds, 23.06
24 – Reggie Hyatt, Cherokee, 28.39

3200M Run

1 – Salinas O'Malley, Andrews, 10:14.81
2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 10:54.94
3 – Davis Young, Polk Co., 11:02.08

4x400M Relay

1 – A.C. Reynolds 3:37.49
2 – Mountain Heritage 3:40.21
3 – Polk Co. 3:41.48

Women's Events

Team Scores

1 – A.C. Reynolds 121
2 – Franklin 112
3 – Avery Co. 97
4 – Hayesville 92
5 – Swain Co. 90
6 – Owen 51
7 – Andrews 34
7 – Polk Co. 34
9 – Robbinsville 22
10 – Clyde A. Erwin 20
11 – Mountain Heritage 9
12 – Cherokee 6
13 – Bethel Christian Academy 5

High Jump

1 – Jaylee Monteith, A.C. Reynolds, 5-2
2 – Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 5-0
3 – Sierra Honeycutt, Owne, 5-0

Pole Vault

1 – Abby Burleson, Avery Co., 10-0
2 – Alden Thomas, Swain, 9-6
3 – Carden Oetting, Swain, 9-0

Long Jump

1 – Audrey Pressley, Franklin, 17-3.25
2 – Talley Kinsland, Franklin, 16-1
3 – Kylie Donaldson, Andrews, 15-2.50
16 – Sara Toineeta, Cherokee, 10-10
17 – Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 10-8.25

Triple Jump

1 – Kylie Donaldson, Andrews, 33-3
2 – Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 32-10
3 – Kamden Reis, Franklin, 32-2

Shot Put

1 – Charley Seagle, Franklin, 37-2.50
2 – Samantha Woodard, Swain, 34-1
3 – Akeela Cunningham, Polk Co., 30-3
17 -Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 24-5
28 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 20-1
34 – Jennifer Escabar, Cherokee, 18-1

Discus Throw

1 – Lily Trout, Hayesville, 104-11
2 – Charley Seagle, Franklin, 98-10
3 – Callie Capps, Mountain Heritage, 97-2
17 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 59-2
19 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 56-2
20 – Annie Tramper, Cherokee, 55-10
34 – Jennifer Escabar, Cherokee, 43-7

4x800M Relay

1 – A.C. Reynolds 10:49.63
2 – Owen 10:54.83

3 – Hayesville 10:57.61

100M Hurdles

1 – Maddy Barrett, Avery Co., 15.65
2 – Melani Linton, Swain, 16.93
3 – Talley Kinsland, Franklin, 17.32
13 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 22.72

100M Dash

1 – Jaylee Monteith, A.C. Reynolds, 12.73
2 – Stella Chudomel, A.C. Reynolds, 12.96
3 – Ashley Currie, Owen, 13.07
29 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 15.80
33 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 17.43

4x200M Relay

1 – A.C. Reynolds 1:47.81
2 – Avery Co. 1:47.94
3 – Swain 1:54.84

1600M Run

1 – Sydney Greenstone, Hayesville, 5:50.64
2 – Karsyn Huskey, Polk Co., 5:57.24
3 – Breanna Pendergrass, Franklin, 6:09.71

4x100M Relay

1 – Avery Co. 52.82
2 – Franklin 54.18
3 – Andrews 54.90

400M Dash

1 – Renn Herdklotz, Avery Co., 1:01.21
2 – Ava Shook, Hayesville, 1:03.99
3 – Ava Grant, Owen, 1:05.11

300M Hurdles

1 – Maddy Barrett, Avery Co., 45.00
2 – Melani Linton, Swain, 49.70
3 – Narayana Haukka, A.C. Reynolds, 52.02
15 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 1:05.10

800M Run

1 – Annie Lewis, Swain, 2:22.20
2 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 2:23.86
3 – Nevaeh Perkins, Owen, 2:26.96

200M Dash

1 – Jaylee Monteith, A.C. Reynolds, 26.78
2 – Ashley Currie, Owen, 26.96
3 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 27.28
31 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 37.50

3200M Run

1 – Sydney Greenstone, Hayesville, 13:05.47
2 – Raelynn Wood, Hayesville, 14:04.26
3 – Julia Lang, A.C. Reynolds, 14:15.69

4x400M Relay

1 – Avery Co. 4:16.08
2 – Swain 4:23.65
3 – A.C. Reynolds 4:25.71



"These girls play for them, they play for their tribe and there's nothing sweeter."

- Cherokee High School Lady Braves Head Basketball Coach Ann Gardner after the Lady Braves won the NCHSAA 1A Western Regional Championship against Mountain Heritage on March 11



SOCCER: Lady Braves win 1-0 over Mountain Heritage

With a goal by Selu Swayney (shown driving past two defenders en route to her goal) in the first half, the Cherokee Lady Braves defeated the Mountain Heritage Cougars 1-0 at the Cherokee H.S. Soccer Field on the afternoon of Thursday, March 14. With a strong defense and several crucial second-half saves by Azure Gaston, shown below, Cherokee was able to hold Mountain Heritage for a clean sheet. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

8th Annual Spring Garden Fair

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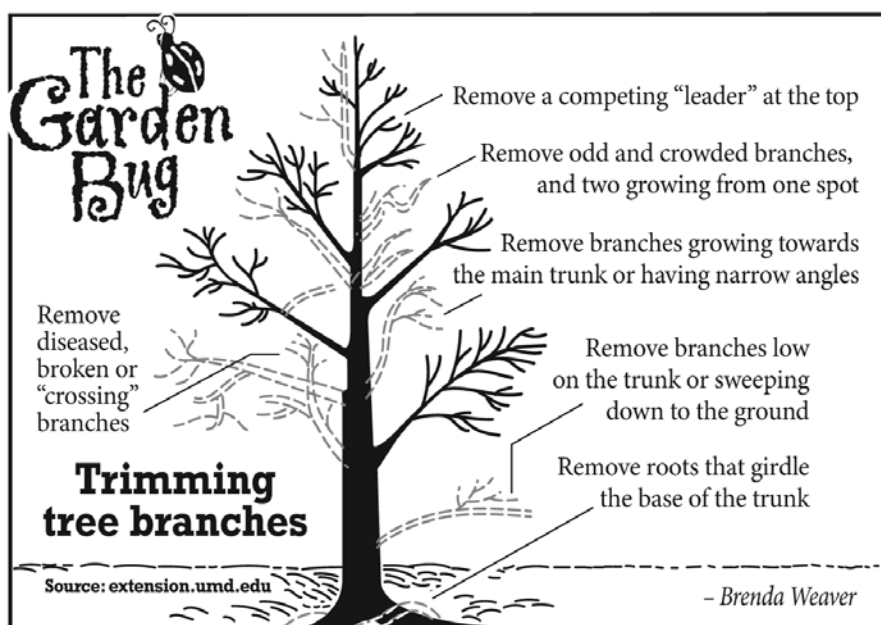
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JV SOCCER: Franklin tops Cherokee

Maxine Lossiah-Rice (#12) brings the ball up field as the Cherokee JV Lady Braves hosted the Franklin JV Lady Panthers at the Cherokee H.S. Soccer Field on the afternoon of Thursday, March 14. Final Score: Franklin 6 Cherokee 0. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

70 gallons of ramps wanted for Festival

The EBCI Destination Marketing Dept. will be purchasing ramps at the parking lot behind the Ginger Lynn Welch Building in Cherokee, N.C. until they reach their goal of 70 gallons. The ramps are being purchased for the upcoming Rainbows & Ramps Festival. Requirements to sell ramps are as follows: 18-years-old or older, must have EBCI enrollment card with you, white ramps no more than 2" of green, green ramps no more than 4" of green, no frozen ramps, no cutting the green off, no roots, and must have Social Security Number and fill out a W-9 form.

- EBCI Destination Marketing
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 honorary 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*

CIHA Foundation accepting nominations for Lula Owl Gloyne Award


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

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


actions and contributions have improved the healthcare of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.


The inaugural Lula Owl Gloyne Award was presented in memoriam to Lula's daughter, the late Mary Wachacha in June 2022. Dr. Henrietta Victoria Harlan was announced as the 2023 award recipient in recognition of her leadership within the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's Emergency Department. Dr. Harlan served as the Nurse Manager of CIHA's ER for 13 years. In addition to her genuine intuition, empathy, compassion, and leadership within the ER, Dr. Harlan advocated for self-care during the COVID19 pandemic and set an example by being the first tribal member to receive the COVID19 vaccine.

"The Cherokee Indian Hospital



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- Tonya Carroll, Miss Cherokee 2010

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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

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Blue Ridge Parkway specialty license plate sales top \$570,000

ASHEVILLE, N.C. - North Carolina drivers raised \$574,461 to enhance the Blue Ridge Parkway by purchasing or renewing the national park specialty license plate in 2023. It is the largest amount raised for the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation’s work through the tag program in more than a decade.

“We are incredibly grateful to receive support for the Parkway from so many North Carolina drivers,” said Carolyn Ward, chief executive officer of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. “Purchasing the tag is an easy way to help the national park and also show your love for this amazing place to play and explore in your own backyard.”

The specialty plate fee is \$30, of which \$20 helps fund key improvements along the Parkway, including repairs at trails, campgrounds, and picnic areas. Proceeds also support projects such as wildlife studies, historic preservation, and educational programs. Personalized plates are available for \$60. The Parkway tag can be purchased for cars and motorcycles.

To learn more, visit GetThePlate.org or request the plate at an N.C. tag office.

Last year, the park welcomed more than 16.7 million visitors, which is more visitors than Yosemite, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon,

and Grand Tetons national parks combined for the same year. Unlike many large national parks, there is no admission fee to support park operations. Past shortfalls in government funding have led to maintenance backlogs and facility closures along the Parkway. Proceeds from the license plate provide critical funding to address needs and improvements within the park.

The Foundation’s past projects in North Carolina include the addition of restrooms and expanded parking at Graveyard Fields, reconstruction of the viewing platform at the summit of Mount Pisgah, trail improvements at Craggy Flats Bald, construction of a shower house at Price Lake campground, extensive repairs to historic Flat Top Manor at Moses H. Cone Memorial Park, and the rehabilitation and reopening of The Bluffs Restaurant at Doughton Park.

- Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation release

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vendors sought for Greening Up the Mountain Festival

Artisans, Crafters, and Food and Beverage Vendors are invited to submit their application for the Greening Up the Mountains Festival to be held on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Greening Up The Mountains Festival is the premiere spring festival for western North Carolina. The festival, sponsored by the Town of Sylva, will once again take place in historical downtown Sylva. Visit the festival’s website, www.greeningupthemountains.com to review the 2024 Vendor Policies and download your application. Applications will be accepted through March 15. Info: greeningupthemountains@town-of-sylva.org

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Ribbon cutting held for EcoForesters in Sylva

The Jackson County Chamber and Visitor Center Ambassador Team held a grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony for the new members at EcoForesters, Inc. located at 569 Mill Street in Sylva, N.C. on Tuesday, March 12. EcoForesters is a non-profit professional forestry organization dedicated to conserving and restoring our Appalachian forests through education and stewardship. Shown, left to right, are chamber ambassadors Michele D. Smith, John Hagdorn, Patricia Wink-Bryson, Marne Harris, EcoForesters' Josh Parris (EBCI Forest Manager), Andy Tait (EcoForesters' Co-Executive Director), Andrew Danner (EcoForesters' Forester in Sylva), Desirae Kissell-Abella (EBCI Conservation Outreach Coordinator & USDA-NRCS Liaison), ambassadors Matt Saenger, Steve Baxley, and Matthew Ridley. For more information, please visit their extremely informative website at www.ecoforesters.org, call (336) 972-7444 or email adanner@ecoforesters.org. (Photo courtesy of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce)





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Cherokee High School 3rd quarter Honor Roll

9th grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Nayaa Addo, Martin Arteaga, Sage Bark, Dillon Beam, Emilee Brady, Livia Crowe, Kymani Foalima, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Kayla Guillen, Carlito Huerta-Perez, Reginald Hyatt, Kyitan Johnson, Chloe Locust, Johnny Long, Christian Luna-Martinez, Emily Maney, Chaz Martens, Spencer Moore, Elizabeth Myers, Denver Porterfield, Philip Saunooke, Utsela Saunooke, Addison Stewart, O-Ga-Na Swimmer, Auron Taylor, Journey Watty, Kingston Welch, Madigan Welch
Alpha Honor Roll: Carter Bird, Brandon Blankenship, Elias Blankenship, Jarvis Brady, William Ellwood, Alexis Grimes, Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Levi Oocumma, Jade Palomo, Dawson Panther, Russell Reed, Kylan Sneed, Zaynon Squirrel Taylor, Joscelyn Stamper, Ava Teesatuskie-Walkingstick, Annie Tramper

Beta Honor Roll: Arden Arkansas, Dante Bigwitch, Trennan

Calhoun, Chloe Cooper, Marley Crowe, Layla Cucumber, Ayaisha Driver, Jezakiah Driver, Nicholas Ensley, Courtney Hitt, Aleiyah Hull, Ayanna Lambert, Drallen Ledford, Ajalah Locust, Jamee McMillan, Brooklyn Panther, Lilliana Pheasant, Rodrigo Santiago, Nicholai Solis, Luke Stamper, Kaden Stephens, Mia Velazquez-Lossiah, Lucas Wildcat, Abigail Witt, Kaden Wolfe, Dalton Yates

10th grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Marleigh Aguilera, Tayvin Bark-Cruz, Logan Biddix, Talan Crowe, Jayvin George, Conner Junaluska, Isaiah Ledford, Josilyn Ledford, Leilah Lossie, Dailin Panther, Chaske' Raines, Timber Sampson Rattler, Jonathan Saylor, Gabriella Smith, Keith Smith, Cecily Swimmer, Dayton Wilnoty
Alpha Honor Roll: Javan Garcia, Hailey Owle, Jaime Panther, Alicia Sampson, Nia Sequoyah, Samantha Toineeta, Sara Toineeta
Beta Honor Roll: U-sgwa-nigdi A-kwi-na, Francesca Armachain, Brihana Burgos Delgado, Traelin Carey, Julian Castro-Wachacha, Zayden Crowe, Da-Wo-Ni Dv-di-s-di, Oscar Guillien-Swayney, Taylor Kazhe, Shawnee Kirkland, Trinity Martinez, Kayla Morgan, Mato Nierenhausen, Ayden Queen, Calvin Roan Ea-

gle-Littlejohn, Yvonne Saunooke, Izabella Terrell, Dominic Williams

11th grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Kendra Arch, Paytyn Barker, Lillian Blythe-Ramos, Kennica Bradley, Noqwisi Crowe, Alexis Davis, Savian Davis, Gideon Freeman, Matthew Garcia Wahnetah, Cameron Jackson, Amiya Lequire, Amila Lossie, Ayosta Lossie, Kyla Moore, Nevayah Panther, Thomas Sequoyah, Ella Sokol, Elijah Squirrel, Marilyn Swayney, Tyruss Thompson, Mica Tiger-Harlan, Addyson Welch, Kieran Wolfe
Alpha Honor Roll: Cole Bradley, Tricyus Calhoun, Isabelle Fourkiller-Raby, Waushila Grant, Kiri Hill, Zackery Johnson, Ismael Matamoros, Sadie Rivera-Gomez, Lakota Russell, Ariyanna-Ali Toineeta, Haylie Woodard
Beta Honor Roll: Keaton Arch, Tazavian Byfield, Sophie Cooper, Jada Cruz, Emery Driver, Brett Elders, Azure Gaston, Michel Gayosso, Aubree Lossiah Rice, Maxine Lossiah Rice, Kallup McCoy III, Hannah Morgan, Vincent Owle, Joseph Porter, Aaliyah Reed, Xavier Sanchez, Kai Saunooke, Elliott Shell, Luke Smith, Alvin Swayney, Addi Taylor, Josiah Teesateskie, Hailee Velazquez-Lossiah, William Welch, Abbygail Wildcatt, Kaniah Wolfe

12th grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Mariabel Armachain, Roxi Bark, Aizen Bell, Hayden Coats, Nicholas Cole, Jayle Creson, Jenna Cruz, Taliyah Eaglestar, Breydan Ensley, Carys Holiday, Destyni Johnson, Collin Ledford, Madison Ledford, Mason Long, Laura Martinez, Dalaina Mills, Evan Nations, Alitama Perkins, Dayvian Pheasant, LittleHawk Reed, George Saunooke, Daulton Sneed, Shelby Solis, Dante Taylor, Keeifer Taylor, Tahlaya Thompson, Hermione Ward, Bayley Wright
Alpha Honor Roll: Christian Alfaro, Creedon Arch, Ericka Brady, Boie Crowe, Leondes Garcia, Janna Girty, Elias Griffin, Kaiden Lambert, Aliah Locust, Ezra McGaha, Niyahi Mora, Brianna Reynolds, Mason Salazar, Kyleigh Sherman, Coco Wells, Ann Winstead Toineeta
Beta Honor Roll: Adrian Armachain, Dillon Bigwitch, Kayd-Lynn Bradley, Letsi Burgos Delgado, Jimya Driver, Jennifer Escobar-Mancilla, Mato Grant, DJ Hornbuckle, Kaella Hornbuckle, Carl L. McCoy Jr., Sara Beth O'Kelley, Samuel Postoak, Makenzie Rattler, Evonne Stamper, Emily Swayney, Kyria Swayney, Olivia Swayney, Gabriel Terrell, Luke Climbingbear, Ostani Youngdeer



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- Site Inspection application process begins at Tribal Realty by the property owner.
- The property will be inspected by five tribal departments and will be determined buildable or not buildable.

PROPERTY SURVEY, TRANSFER & RIGHT OF WAYS

- Surveying requests for approved buildable sites will be done by the Tribal Surveying dept.
- Property transfers will be done by the owner to the home buyer at Tribal Realty.
- The home buyer must own the property for financing purposes.
- All road and utility right of ways or utility easements must be in place before any site work begins.

PRE-APPROVAL

PRE-QUALIFICATION

- Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed.
- Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender.
- Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount.
- Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed.
- Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included.
- Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.

HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE

- Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved.
- Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home.
- After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator.
- Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure.
- Simultaneously, HBS Coordinator will submit same plans to the lending institution, as well as financial documents to keep loan active. Financial documents are updated with lender every 30 days.

DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS

- Homebuyer Services Coordinator will process documents to request Down Payment Assistance for 20% of sales contract amount, up to \$50,000.00, and will request \$2,500.00 in Rate Buy Down (RBD) gift funds simultaneously.
- Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will recommend for approval or denial.
- Approved applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature.
- Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature.
- The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator.
- Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.

CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands

- After receiving signed loan approvals, the Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send DPA firm commitment to Tribal Realty to initiate Ownership Statement (OS), Lease and Assignment.
- Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD.
- Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution.
- Lending Institution will contact client to "lock in" their interest rate, taking into consideration the gift funds to purchase discount points.

DPA funds – Off Trust Lands

- After loan approvals are received, Coordinator will send letter notifying lender the borrower has been approved for DPA and RBD funds and request closing attorney information.
- Coordinator will complete the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust to be signed at closing and recorded at Register of Deeds in the county of purchase.
- Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator.
- Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.

LOAN CLOSE

- Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing.
- Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed.
- Home construction may start after loan close.
- Client will begin working with Lender's Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.

–SITE PREP SCHEDULING

- Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure.
- If 1 acre or more will be disturbed during site prep construction, a SWPP (Storm Water Protection Plan) must be completed by our contractor before any work can begin.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW HOMES

- For qualified EBCI enrolled members residing on trust land, Infrastructure provides:
- Site Prep, Footers, Block Foundation, Block Underpinning, Vinyl Underpinning, Gutter System and Final Grade to prevent erosion.

FACTORS IN CONSTRUCTING A HOME

There are numerous parts and programs that play a part in constructing a home. Information provided on this brochure describes ideal basic steps to a successful completion from beginning of the Housing application process to the Construction process to loan close and final grade. Time period can range from 12-18 months in ideal situations. Circumstances that can affect this timeline include:

- Inclement weather preventing site work.
- Availability of contractors to perform site work.
- Sufficient staffing in relevant positions.
- Parcel does not have necessary Rights-of-Way.
- Insufficient acreage requiring transfer.
- Bat moratorium.

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Dorothy Briggs Hart

When speaking to her, you were the only one that mattered. She heard you, loved you, and continued to keep your concerns close until they were resolved. Of her many good traits, this perhaps, above all others, is what lead to such a quiet soul touching the lives of so many in impactful ways.

Dorothy Briggs Hart, born to Roy L. and Loula W. Briggs, passed on to her next life Tuesday, March 12, 2024. She leaves behind her best friend and husband of nearly 71 years, Richard D. Hart, Sr. Their bond was special and adored by so many. Countless times we have heard how much folks loved to see them, hand in hand, walking into or out of church or simply down the avenues to which life took them.

Born Nov. 21, 1932 in Asheville, N.C., Dot leaves behind four children, really eight as she counted spouses as kids of her own: Jan (Hart) and Bob Busey of Asheville; Richard and Rebecca Hart of Clover, S.C.; John and Robin Hart of Oak Park, Ill.; and David and Judy

Hart of Mills River, N.C.

DottieMama, as she was affectionately known by the younger generations of her family, also leaves behind twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Dot left Asheville for Meredith College, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1954. For many years she taught elementary and middle school in the Asheville City School System, and her last stop was as librarian at Ira B. Jones Elementary. Once her kids were raised and educated, she left teaching and ventured into real estate. Her goal was never to sell you a house but rather to find you a home.

One of Dot's greatest joys was the decades she and Richard spent nurturing young couples and families at church. She loved this so much primarily because she loved them so much. Many of those folks remained quite dear to her throughout the rest of her life. We will celebrate her life on Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Asheville. A time for fellowship and receiving of friends will be held afterward in the church

chapel.

If you wish to do something in memory of Dorothy, please direct a contribution to the Building Fund at the First Baptist Church of Asheville. The address is 5 Oak Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

Groce Funeral Home's Lake Julian team is assisting the family, and a guest register is available online via Dot's obituary page at www.grocefuneralhome.com.

Willa Celeste Goodson

Willa Celeste Goodson, 13, of Bryson City, N.C., busted the gates of Heaven wide open Friday, March 15, 2024. A native of Haywood County, she was the daughter of Ellen Koch Finger of Bryson City and the late Tony Goodson.

She belonged to the family of the Bryson City Church of God and attended Swain County Middle School.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Dustin Goodson; maternal grandparents, Gardner and Betty Threatt Koch; paternal grandparents, John and Leona Locust Goodson; and two uncles, Steve and Robert Goodson.

In addition to her mother,

she is survived by sister Leona Goodson; brother, Daniel Reagan; aunts and uncles, Lane Koch and wife Leeanna, Eric Koch and wife Teresa, Mike Goodson, Patricia Hoyle, Randy Goodson, and Kathy Deaver; special family friends, Michelle Macpherson, and Tammy and Brian Powers.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 18 at the Bryson City Church of God. Pastor Marty Pressley officiated with burial in the Jenkins Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Matt Parise, Steve Goodson, Kadin Webb, Brian Powers, Sal Gualemi, and Joseph Duggan.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to all her exceptional children's teachers, classmates, and all her medical professionals through the years.

We are thankful for this special gift from God and for all the lives she touched.

Flowers may be sent, or donations may be made to the Bryson City Church of God's Children's Ministry. PO Box 621, Bryson City, NC 28713.

April 13, 2024

The predicted day of the last killing frost of the season, according to the Farmer's Almanac.



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Tuckaseegee 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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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

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MARCH 18**
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**TUESDAY,
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**WEDNESDAY,
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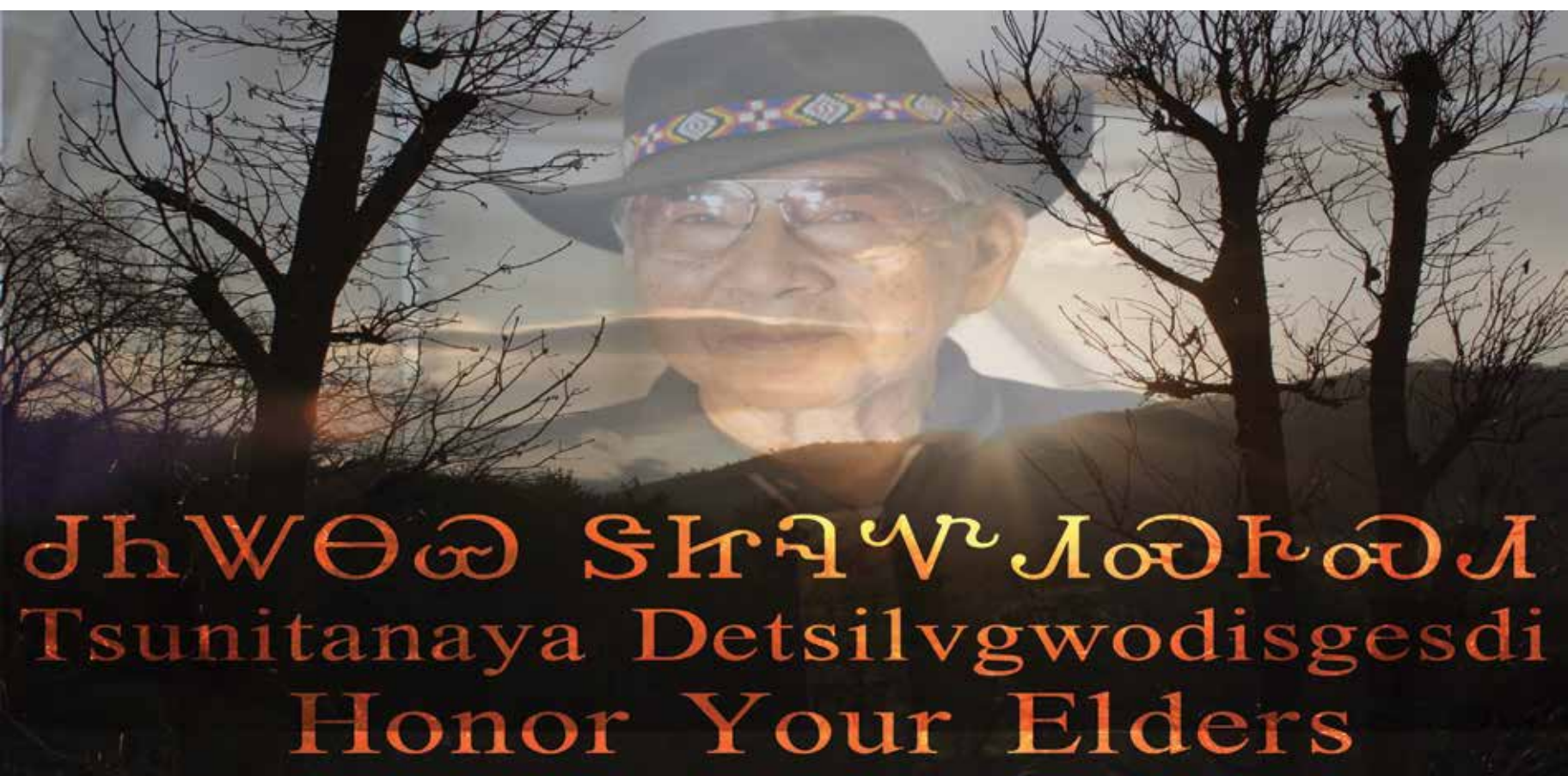
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COMMENTARY

Cherokee Green

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

Ecotourism. Sounds like a truly scientific word with deep meaning. The premise of this philosophy isn't rocket science. It is a merging of two words: ecology and tourism. Ecology is "the study of relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment; it seeks to understand the vital connections between plants and animals and the world around them. Ecology also provides information about the benefits of ecosystems and how we can use Earth's resources in ways that leave the environment healthy for future generations (Ecological Society of America)." Tourism is "the act and process of spending time away from home in pursuit of recreation, relaxation, and pleasure while making use of the commercial provision of services (Britannica)."

A big difference between ecotourism and other forms of tourism is communities that invest in it also invest in the long-term health of their cultures and neighborhoods. The goal of most ecotourism efforts is low-impact, sustainable economic development. Both cultural and environmental protection are factored into ecotourism efforts. Typically, regarding this type of tourism, the community benefits not only from increased revenue and people traffic in their community, but also sees long-term communal benefits,

like healthy air, water, and land.

The International Ecotourism Society state, "Offering market-linked long-term solutions, ecotourism provides effective economic incentives for conserving and enhancing bio-cultural diversity and helps protect the natural and cultural heritage of our beautiful planet. By increasing local capacity building and employment opportunities, ecotourism is an effective vehicle for empowering local communities around the world to fight against poverty and to achieve sustainable development. With an emphasis on enriching personal experiences and environmental awareness through interpretation, ecotourism promotes greater understanding and appreciation for nature, local society, and culture."

The tourism industry has seen a significant shift in the habits and wants of the traveling public. Along with green energy, the tourism industry has seen a significant shift in its clientele's perspective on what they would like to see and experience. Interestingly, visitors care much more about the "how's" of an experience. For example, this generation of tourists actively seeks out "eco-friendly" hotels. "An eco-friendly hotel, often referred to as a green or sustainable hotel, is an establishment that prioritizes environmental sustainability and social responsibility throughout its operations. These hotels adopt a holistic approach to minimize their carbon footprint, conserve natural resources, support local communities, and enhance guest experiences in an eco-conscious manner (Hospitality World)". So, a Qualla Boundary hotelier a couple of decades ago might expect a customer to ask what amenities they could expect,

like "Is there a heated pool?"

Now, the business operator might get the question, "How is your pool heated?". It matters to this tourism generation that they don't contribute to pollution or erosion of the environment in their daily lives, and that includes where their products come from and how they are produced, right down to materials used to build their rented hotel rooms and the chemicals used to clean it.

Smart entrepreneurs are taking their cues from those they are trying to attract. And, in the tourism industry that has a trickle-down effect, if not a direct impact, on what amenities a town like Cherokee and the Qualla Boundary plan to provide.

Greenways, walking and bike trails, bike lanes on public thoroughfares, LED streetlights in parks, and a whole host of other green amenities are due to the acknowledgment of environmental conservation, and the public's desire (both local and tourist) to be more mindful of conservation and environmental protection. A major theme of the Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby, from its very inception, was the conservation and protection of natural resources, like the Oconaluftee River.

Tribal planning, in recent years, has expanded its vision beyond greenways to include bike trails, bike lanes on roadways, and other outdoor, low-environmental impact activities to get back to some pretty traditional views of our tribe regarding the protection of the land for future generations. For example, bike lanes as part of road planning are a nod to the environment as much as it is to road safety. These lanes make bicycling as a form of transportation more appealing, whether that

is the Cherokee people going about their day-to-day activities or the ecotourist here to enjoy the beauty of our Boundary. It keeps the cyclists safer as they aren't in the line of faster-moving, more powerful vehicles. It also keeps the cyclists off the pedestrian sidewalks, which reduces another potential health hazard.

Cyclistsauthority.com states, "Far from being just about individual health or environmental consciousness, bike lanes can drive economic growth. Cyclists, typically, are more inclined to shop locally. Areas with thriving bike lanes often report increased footfall in local businesses. Moreover, cities save on road maintenance costs because bikes, being lighter, wear down roads slower than cars. Tourism too gets a shot in the arm. Cities like Amsterdam or Copenhagen draw tourists in large part due to their cyclist-friendly reputations."

Having eco-friendly amenities in our community helps not only tourists but also our community members lead a healthier lifestyle. Walking, running, biking, swimming...anything that gets us up and moving will make us more physically, spiritually, and emotionally fit. Frankly, that is how, when you look at old photos and drawings, our ancestors were so lean and fit. They may or may not have eaten more healthy foods, but they surely as a people moved, at work or play, more than we tend to do now.

I wanted to get some input from those who are responsible for the stewardship of our tourism efforts, both on and off the Boundary. One of those chosen few is Nick Breedlove. Nick has been the executive director of the Jackson County Tourism Development Au-

thority for eight years and before that was the Mayor of Webster, N.C. Nick shared this about his organization's efforts on behalf of Jackson County (much of the tribal trust and real property, like Sequoyah National, is also in the municipality of Jackson).

"The majority of our visitors are drawn to ecotourism, a form of travel that focuses on nature-based travel, where flora, fauna, and cultural heritage are the primary attractions. Jackson County serves as a prime base for many who come to explore two of the nation's most loved national park sites: the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway. They are renowned for their unparalleled biodiversity, housing thousands of species and, with the arrival of spring, showcasing vibrant wild-

flowers dotting the hillsides.

"Welcoming an increasing number of visitors each year is both a privilege and a responsibility, challenging us to manage tourism sustainably. On our website, in our visitor guides, and across our social media platforms, we emphasize the importance of responsible tourism and educate our visitors on how to travel sustainably. This includes advocating for Leave No Trace® principles and providing essential pre-visit knowledge to minimize environmental impact, such as the importance of staying on designated trails to prevent erosion, reduce encounters with wildlife, and protect our ecosystem.

"We encourage visitors to take the Outdoor NC pledge, a statewide initiative aimed at preserving our cherished locales. Our com-

munity appreciates and supports this conscientious approach, playing a pivotal role in safeguarding our beautiful region for future generations.

"In our commitment to conservation, we support numerous organizations dedicated to environmental stewardship. This includes assisting with funding Western Carolina University's Tuck River Cleanup, which is the nation's largest single-day river cleanup and is happening April 20 this year. We also fund initiatives like Cleaning Up the Mountains and groups like Friends of Panthertown, the Pinnacle Park Foundation, the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, and Smokies Life (formerly the Great Smoky Mountains Association) who all work to maintain our natural assets. Through these collaborations, we work to ensure that visitors in years to come will get to experience this beautiful place we call home."

Sean Ross, the newly-appointed Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Secretary of Commerce, who previously contributed to the tribe's adult gaming operations marketing as the regional marketing vice president, expressed that he is completing evaluations to plan and execute a well thought out strategy to tourism on the Boundary, including ecotourism.

"Having evaluated the breadth of opportunities within the Qualla Boundary, I find the possibilities extremely encouraging for our tribe. We have a plethora of natural assets within our borders. Our tribe will create reasonable, relevant, and responsible projects that attend to the mental and physical well-being of our people and the visitors who come to our lands.

"In addition to all of that, we must initiate a widespread

mindset within our leadership to manifest sustainability initiatives that encourage the realization of the full potential of the resources we are fortunate to have all around us.

"This cannot be applied piecemeal. We must take further steps to align all the projects in a systematic and calculated manner that addresses all the tribal initiatives to preserve culture, protect resources, grow assets, catalyze greater visitation, and bolster economic prosperity.

"There has been years of planning and information gathering many times over. These ideas or concepts are nothing new. I feel the time is now to dust these plans off and put projects into motion with the proper level of scope and financial support. We have applied an effective measure of diligence and believe we have a strategy that will achieve the objectives of our tribe."

As Native Americans, as Cherokee people, we have always been ecology minded. As Cherokee people, we have always been a welcoming people. Ecotourism should be a no-brainer for us, at least the vision of it. As Nick and Sean have well stated, it takes education, enthusiasm, and effort. We need to take stock in what we have, enjoying those resources with an eye toward protection and conservation. It should be at the core of sustainable visitation planning. Our community has been brought up to revere nature and our natural resources. Now travelers are catching up with us and appreciating communities who pay attention to nature and culture. And it all comes to our people naturally. All we must do is remember it and apply it.



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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Rest in the Righteousness of Jesus

By TIMOTHY L. MELTON

Pastor, Cherokee Pentecostal
Holiness Church

Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate

Reference: Psalm 23:4-6, Hebrews 4:1-6 & 9-12

I came by today to say the Righteousness is Jesus. He's our Righteousness and as He said, it is just for the sake of that Name. Known as the Name about every name, verse 4 brings us to another whole place, because it seems the psalmist David wrote this psalm to declare a couple of things here today.

Oh, I feel the presence of the Holy Ghost and that we are about to be blessed! Here's what we see that He shows up and says there's a God in Heaven whose Name is Righteous. He knows how to restore me. He knows how to give me rest. He knows how to take care of me, so I want for nothing, and He knows how to get me where I need to be, and then He gets to verse 4 and says but I am still walking through the valley of the shadow of death.

Why would He write it out of order? If it had been me, I would have had to start in the valley of the shadow of death. It is full of evil, and I humbly need You to be there to comfort me.

I know the enemy is about to rise up and act a fool and he is about to do his best to have his way with me.

Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Yes, and it is amazing to me.

We were in Israel so many years ago and we went to the literal "Valley of the Shadow of Death". I have heard it preached over the years that this is a spiritual valley where the shadow of death passes over it, but I found it there. It is a real place. It is still a dangerous place. Even today one just wouldn't go down there unescorted, not making it by oneself there. People still avoid the area. Why is that? It is because there are still robbers and others who would harm or even take a person's life.

I realized a long time ago that the Lord will sometimes carry us through a dangerous place

to get us through to another place. How many of us realize today that God never called us to live a life of ease?

He never called us to live a life of nothing but joy. Sometimes one must fight a fight. Sometimes one must go through a valley. Sometimes, one must meet the enemy head-on. Why? It is so that for His Name's Sake, He can show the earth who He is within that person's life.

In verse 5, He says something interesting, "For Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

Isn't that an amazing statement in that the enemy comes along to break a person and yet, God shows up to bless that person? Amen. If I were the devil, I would sure be frustrated today. I've had him pour out every single thing that he could think of pouring out over our lives and all he did was squeeze out a brand-new praise, a new song. Only it was squeezed out of the Glory of the Lord and the Righteousness of Christ. Why? It was because we learned this important lesson. Amen! The lesson of the Valley! Hallelujah! He told us it was only at that time that one is Anointed. Don't miss what I am saying to everyone. Sometimes one must go through the Valley to find the place of one's greatest Anointing, and to prove this to themselves and others.

The issue is when a person gets squeezed what's on the inside will make its way outside

and that's when all will know, including that person, what one is made of and what's really on the inside. When all hell breaks loose in the valley, does one's head go down and their hands go up in surrender? In the middle of a trial? Do a person's knees go to the floor? Does their back bend over? I don't know about everyone knowing this, but there is a God in heaven who really has a Rod and a Staff. When He brings them out, the enemy cowers and moves back!

He showed me it was during that time that my cup runneth over. It is as David said, "His goodness and Mercy will follow me everywhere I go." David understood this as the Truth that I'm about to share with everyone out of the New Testament; until one prepares their own heart to receive this truth, until each one knows who God really is until they begin to understand and appreciate fully His stalwart, unstoppable, unchanging promises in knowing they are sure, even if it may not look like it at the time, one's battles will defeat a person every time.

The psalmist David was able to declare these fine words because he had been through some battles. Every time God brought him through with Power and a testimony that just won't end! This is why when David entered a city, the people would sing, "Saul has killed his thousands, but David, his tens of thousands." Why was this? It was because of this testimony



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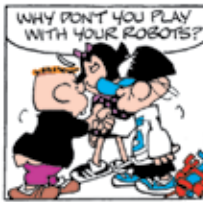
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels



Differences: 1. Fishing line is different. 2. Branch is higher. 3. Hat is different. 4. Mountain is added. 5. Cloud is larger. 6. Cap is different.

Trivia Test Answerst

1. Florn; 2. Mountbatten-Windsor; 3. "The Big Bang Theory"; 4. Arizona; 5. Loose lips; 6. Andorra; 7. Hypothalamus; 8. The head; 9. Red; 10. Tegula.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Gold-loving king
6 Soviet space station
9 Actress Dennings
12 "That — I ask"
13 Longoria of TV
14 Writer LeShan
15 "What — mean?"
16 Journal
18 Singer Timberlake
20 Monster
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41 Prefix with gender
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| 53 | Swiss canton | 8 | Shaft of light | 34 | Gym unit |
| 54 | Bellini opera | 9 | IRA relative | 36 | Nails the test |
| 55 | Feminine side | 10 | Worship | 38 | Rice field |
| 56 | Favorite | 11 | Greedy sort | 39 | Arcade pioneer |
| 57 | Idyllic spots | 17 | Plant science | 40 | Senior member |
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| 3 | Nine-to-five gigs | 24 | Discoverer's call | 48 | Young dog |
| 4 | Matty of baseball | 26 | Photo collections | 50 | LBJ's successor |
| 5 | Melting snow | 28 | Doubter | 51 | Prof's aides |
| | | 30 | Notable time | | |

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1. **LITERATURE:** What is the name of the kingdom in "The Princess Bride"?
2. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In British royalty, what is King Charles' family name?
3. **TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom features Sheldon's catchphrase "Bazinga!"?
4. **U.S. STATES:** Which U.S. state is home to the Awatovi Ruins, a national historic landmark?
5. **HISTORY:** According to a WWII government slogan, what sinks ships?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the name of the small principality that lies between Spain and France?
7. **ANATOMY:** Which part of the brain controls hunger?
8. **LANGUAGE:** The Latin word "caput" refers to what part of the human anatomy?
9. **SCIENCE:** Which color has the longest wavelength in the visible spectrum?
10. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is the primary alcohol used in margaritas?

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NAIWA Fundraiser. March 22 at 11 a.m. at the Yellowhill Community Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Indian Dinners \$12/each. Info: Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

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

- March 23 at 10:30 a.m., Jesse Welch Junior, 10 round shoot

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 Gaudugi 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.

Cherokee High School Class of 1974 reunion planning meeting. March 27 at 11 a.m. at Qualla Java in Cherokee, N.C. Info: Bear Taylor (828) 269-5007 or Jan Smith 507-1519

Dinner Event for First Language Speakers and Second Language Learners for Indigenous Languages Month. March 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Cher-

okee Central Schools Central Office at 86 Elk Crossing Lane in Cherokee, N.C. This is evening dedicate to speaking Indigenous languages.

Rainbows & Ramps Festival.

March 30 at the Donald "Kool-Aid" Queen Wolftown Gym 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

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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

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Cherokee Girls

well. Info: Pastor Scotty Chekelelee (828) 735-2713

Cherokee Spring Rod Run. April 26-27 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Convention Center. Info: (828) 226-6853

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

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



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The last lingering days of winter leave the rambunctious Ram more restless than usual. Put all of the extra energy into strengthening a long-neglected relationship.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The clever Bull will ignore outward appearances and dig a little deeper to find important hidden facts before making a decision. Meanwhile, a friend needs you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to reorganize around your home and on the job. Missing items will seem to magically reappear once you discard the clutter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Tame that skeptical nature of yours. Be open to well-intended advice from a family member. A co-worker also has a suggestion that can be beneficial to the both of you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A so-called bargain could turn out to be a mite more risky than you thought. Keep your purse closed for now. A better deal is just down the line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A sudden romantic overture emerges out of the past and catches you off guard. Respond with your usual honesty. This is not the time for coyness.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Romantic aspects are especially

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

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favorable this week. A career move also holds positive potential. Check out possible drawbacks before making a final decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You dislike changing plans, but it could be a wise move to be a little more flexible than usual. The reason will become apparent very soon.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A loved one may feel left out of your life as you pursue your objectives this week. Take time to offer reassurances that your priorities haven't changed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to stop nursing your wounded pride and start repairing a strained friendship. Take the first step now and let the healing process begin.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Expect good news about a particular health problem. Then go out and celebrate with friends and family. There's good news about your financial health as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A state of confusion marks the early part of this week, but explanations will come in time to clear things up for you. Be cautious about making promises.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love being with people, whether it's a crowd or the company of just a few friends. You have strong family loyalties and can be counted on in crisis situations.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Small Punishments for Scammers

What always stands out, at least to me, are the low penalties for the criminals who steal from veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The number of scams seems to grow, and one wonders if it's because thieves don't perceive there to be much punishment if they should be caught.

An example: A veteran threatened to blow up a VA medical facility. He verbally told the crisis line and even identified the person he specifically wanted to kill and when. He was found and arrested for making threats and even made additional threats after the arrest. Now, he hasn't gone to court yet, but the evidence is pretty strong. Why, one wonders, would he only be in line for five short years in the slammer? Yes, there could be a hefty fine, but it's the time behind bars that would keep society safe.

Another example: There was the VA employee who stole prescription drugs that were mailed to VA patients. He knew where they were going, of course, since the drugs were shipped from the VA pharmacy and he therefore had the addresses. He and his pals would break into the mailboxes to steal the drugs, which he would then sell for big profits. I think about cancer patients when I learn of something like this, cancer patients who need their drugs on time, not to mention the likely pain medications. The main thief in this scam only received a sentence of 42 months in prison; his scammer pals got sentences of 12 and 35 months. Not long enough, not nearly long enough.

Then there was the guy who convinced everyone that he was blind and therefore 100% disabled and needed some benefits. Turned out he had both a driver's license and a gun carry permit and could see well enough for those activities. Not so blind after all, but his punishment was a few years of probation and some cash restitution.

So where is the deterrence to thieves and scammers when the punishment is so light?

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Headline

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My little dog Barnsey is quite a barker for a terrier, but for the past several days his bark has been very hoarse. He sometimes snorts or sneezes, too. I make sure he has plenty of water, but I'm not sure what else to do. It doesn't seem to be getting better. — **Faye H., Hartford, Connecticut**

DEAR FAYE: This is a perfect time to take Barnsey to the vet. Chronic hoarseness when barking can have several different causes, and the veterinarian can better evaluate him to see what's happening.

I'll go over some of the reasons for a barker suddenly getting hoarse. Laryngitis is a common diagnosis, but it's important to figure out the cause. A bacterial or viral infection may be the culprit, or gastroesophageal reflux (where stomach acid flows up into the esophageal tract, causing irritation and inflammation).

Less common causes are masses or tumors growing on or near the dog's larynx, or other conditions affecting the larynx. These may require surgery, and the vet will discuss this option with you.

The vet will evaluate Barnsey to see if he has an infection, acid reflux, or if the hoarse barking has another cause. They'll then be able to recommend an effective treatment. For example, a bacterial infection would likely be treated with antibiotics. A viral infection has to run its course, but Barnsey would be treated with medications to make him comfortable and reduce inflammation.

If acid reflux is the suspected culprit, the vet may recommend changes to his feeding schedule and the amount of food at each meal. You can also try different varieties of dog food.

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

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

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

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

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Testing Event.

March 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the bonfire area at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. Free testing for HIV, syphilis, and Hep-C; door prizes, and health information. This event is being hosted by Tsalagi Public Health.

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 Cen-

ter. 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 Tour-

namement. 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



Brandon Dean Hummel

Enrolled with The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Height: 6' 0" Weight: 180 lbs Male Age: 28 Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown
Date of last contact: January 24, 2024 Last Known Location: Atoka, OK

Circumstances of Disappearance: Hummel was last seen on 1/24/24. He normally wears a trimmed mustache and goatee. No prescription glasses nor contact lenses.

If you have seen or have information about Brandon Dean Hummel, contact Mike Woodruff, Criminal Analyst, Choctaw Nation Lighthouse Police (580) 920-1517

Source: Namus.gov

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

Cherokee

Cherokee Boys Club
Qualla Co-op
Museum of the Cherokee People
Cherokee Welcome Center
Talking Leaves
Qualla Java
Front Porch Cakery & Deli
Cherokee Indian Hospital
River Valley
Big Cove Grocery
Grand Hotel
Rics Smoke Shop #1
Bearmeats Indian Den
Food Lion
Hungry Bear
Jenkins Grocery

Bryson City area

Coopers Creek Store
IGA Bryson City
Marianna Black Library

Sylva

Harold's Supermarket IGA
Jackson County Public Library
City Lights Bookstore
WCU Bardo Arts Center

Snowbird Community

Jacob Cornsilk Center
Snowbird Senior Center
Robbinsville Ingles

Great Smoky Mtns. National Park
Oconaluftee Visitor Center
Sugarlands Visitor Center

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 general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. \$10,000 in cash prizes. Registration deadline is Friday, July 12. 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>

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>

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

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Indivisible Swain County meeting. March 25 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. The agenda will be on environmental issues Swain County is facing. All are welcome to attend. Info: indivisibleswain@gmail.com for a Zoom link or for questions

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.native-plant101 or call WCU Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397

WCU Spring Literary Festival. April 1-5 in Hinds University Center’s theater on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. The festival has a long tradition of bringing writers to the community and university, highlighting both Appalachian literature and national talent. There will be approximately three events per day, including book signings, panels, readings, and more. All events are free and open to the public. The festival is made possible by local and national supporters, including the North Carolina Arts Council, WCU’s 2023-2024 Community and Belongingness campus theme, South Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of English Studies. Info: www.litfest.org or contact WCU’s Department of English Studies (828) 227-7264

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

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the community building; potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Dwayne “Tuff” Jackson (828) 788-4088, dwayne4251@gmail.com

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

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

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

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Pastor Tim Barker

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., Wednes-

day Prayer Meeting (bi-weekly) 7 p.m., Monthly Business Meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor - James Esser

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

Bigwitch Baptist Church. 2290 Bigwitch Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday service 6 p.m. Pastor James “Jimbo” Sneed. All are welcome.

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

Cherokee Baptist Church. 812 Tsalagi Road. Sunday School 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 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 497-1611, mbccherokee@outlook.com, Website: www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

updates. Email: 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.

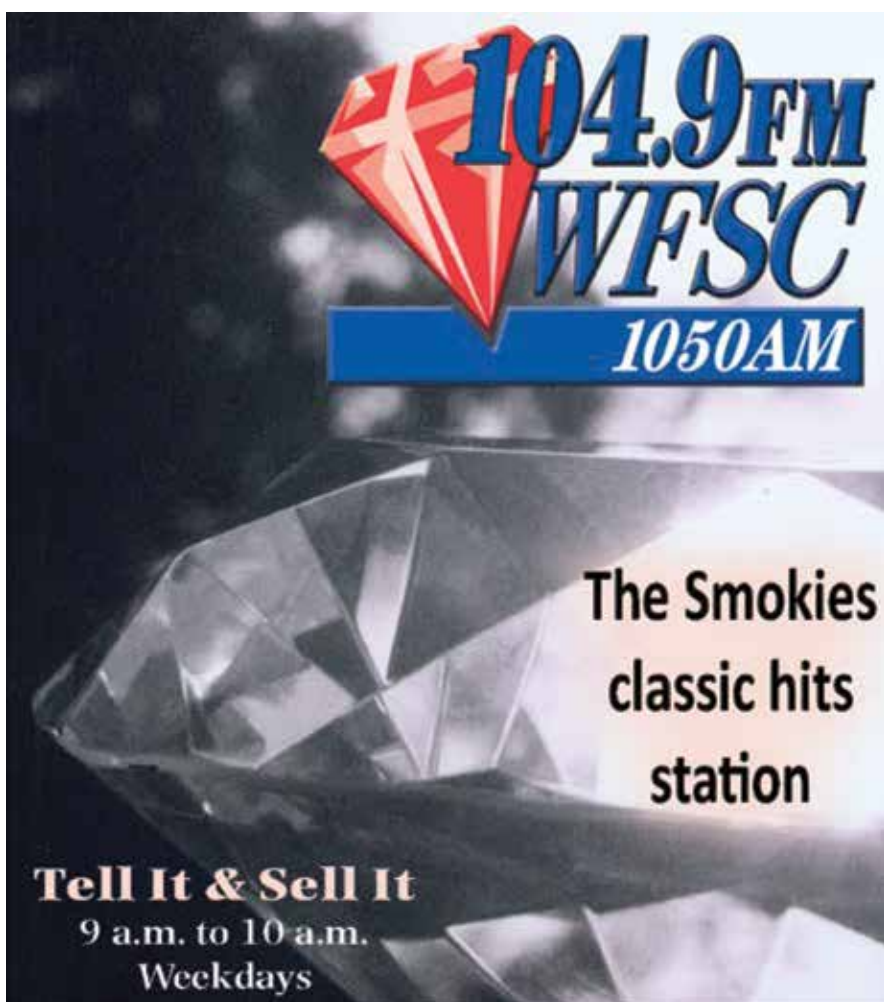
Waterfalls Baptist Church. 82 Waterfalls Church Rd., Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 5 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Scotty Chekelelee, pastor.

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



CLASSIFIEDS

Puppies For Sale. White Maltipoo puppies with apricot trimming \$450. Rare Maltipoo puppies solid black and black and white \$800. Asking price is way below usual value. All are designer puppies. For more information, please contact Rose Prince (828)-226-9417 or (828)-845-3739. **3/20**

Tilling gardens. Do you need your garden tilled? Call Robbie Criag at 788-4799. **4/24**

Looking for greens and mushrooms. I would like to buy canned sochan greens and canned or fresh mushrooms slicks or wish you can call or text (256) 708-7066. **3/27**

Freezer for sale. New Frigidaire upright freezer. \$700. It would need to be picked up at Tsali Manor. Ino: 586-0448 or 421-9783. **3/27**

EMPLOYMENT

Looking For Caregiver/Nanny, Part time, 5 hours per day, \$25.00 per hour flexible days. The primary duties will include; light housekeeping, assistance with bathing/ grooming/ toilet, companionship and assistance with getting groceries. If interested please email mateoaaron84@gmail.com **3/20**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 24-021
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
RONALD TAYLOR

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

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

Jessica Dawn Santos
325 Meeting House Cove Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
3/20

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:



Employment Opportunities

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

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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

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



Job Fair

When: Thursday, March 21
9am - 2pm

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

Pro Tip: Bring a valid photo ID & Social Security Card

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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 Defen-

dant 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.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading 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
3/27

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 fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.
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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
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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; Robinson, 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**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (Bertha Saunooke and Bill Lambert Drive)

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals for the rehab and renovation of 2 houses located at 241 Bertha Saunooke Heights and 129 Bill Lambert Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719. This project is demo and restore to new condition. The scope of work will be provided at the site visit. The bid is for labor only. All bids are due by the close of business on April 10th, 2024. Bids are to be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at 687



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.

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OVERVIEW
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Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North Carolina, 28719. Bids are to be 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 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**

Request for Proposals 112th Cherokee Indian Fair Elders Day Meal 2024

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Destination Marketing Department invites qualified catering services and consultants to provide quality catering for the 112th Cherokee Indian Fair Elder's Day meal, October 3, 2024.

The Complete scope of work to be provided by the catering service to be hired is part of a complete RFP document which may be obtained by contacting Veronica Bradley, Aaron Parker Destination Marketing at the EBCI Commerce Office at 828-359-6490 or verotayl@ebci-nsn.gov or aaropark@ebci-nsn.gov

Complete proposals are due in the office of the EBCI Destination Marketing Department by the close of business on Monday, July 15, 2024. They should be sent to Veronica Bradley or Aaron Parker, Destination Marketing Commerce Department, 498 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC. 28719 or verotayl@ebci-nsn.gov or aaropark@ebci-nsn.gov.

Proposals must be submitted as required in the proposal package. **3/20**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (Blackberry)

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals for the rehab and renovation of 1 house located at Blackberry Apartments on Teesateskie Rd. in Birdtown, Cherokee, NC 28719. This project is demo and restore to new condition. The scope of work will be provided at the site visit. The bid is for labor only. All bids are due by the close of business on April 10th, 2024. Bids are to be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North

Caroline, 28719. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Peanut Crowe. Project name, "Blackberry" and , 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 9:30am. **4/3**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SITE PREPARATION AND FINAL GRADING PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION is for all interested contractors for the construction of single- family house sites and driveways, and final grading for positive drainage to prevent erosion. The service is for EBCI members residing on trust lands and receiving assistance through the Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) Infrastructure Program. Contractors will be selected, and contracts will be awarded based on per- project basis and competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by CIHD-Site Prep coordinators and CIHD also reserves the right to add additional contractors as needed based on scheduling demands. CIHD reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under the bid process is subject to TERO guidelines. Any project not completed in FY24 will rollover into FY25 until complete. These projects are time sensitive.

Contact person for this RFQ is Denny Ensley, Infrastructure Manager, (828) 359-6841 or dennensl@ebci- nsn.gov. **3/27**

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Patient Access Specialist Supervisor - \$26.52 - \$30.31

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

HR Generalist \$50,723 - \$63,404

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

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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

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

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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**

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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)
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Monday, March 25 at 9 a.m.
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.



These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A.

Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date.

**The final date for public comment will be
Monday, March 18, 2024**



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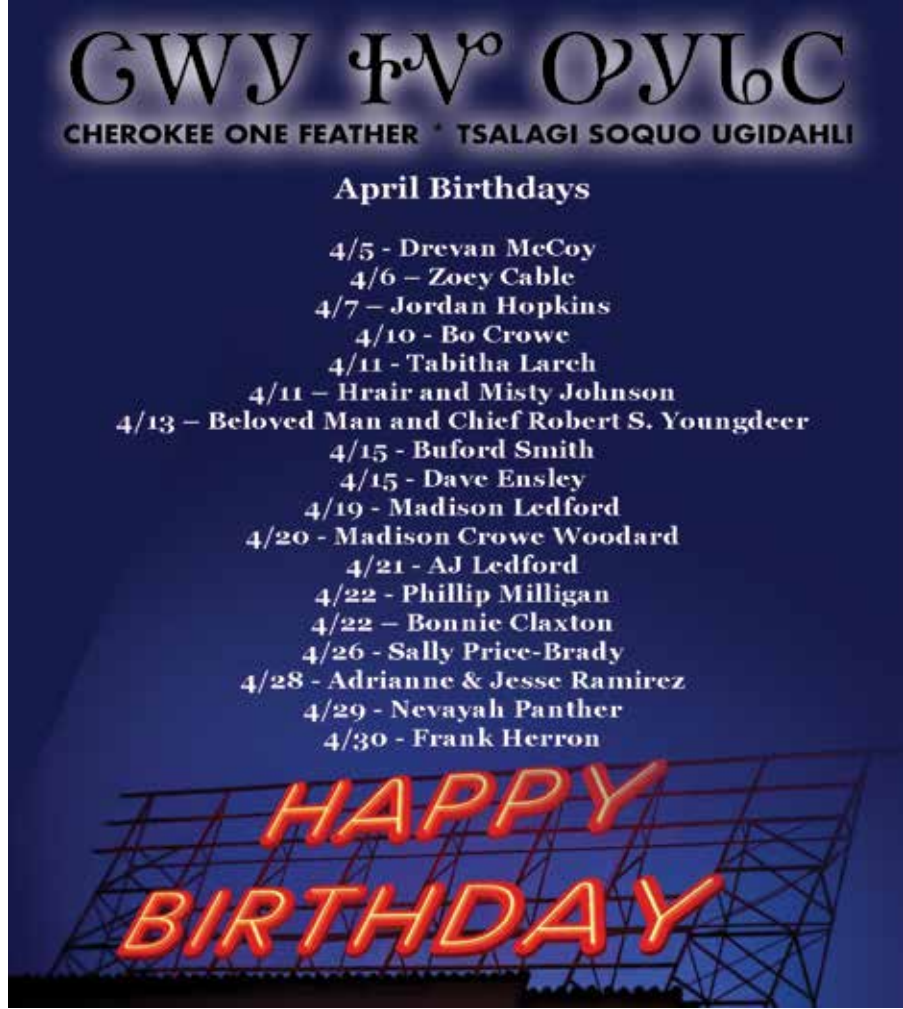
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