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Katelynn Ledford-McCoy, executive director of RezHOPE, reads an excerpt from Sherman Alexie's "You Don't Have To Say You Love Me" at the Gadugi House ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, March 22.

GADUGI: from front page

tor Katelynn Ledford-McCoy, Principal Chief Michell Hicks, former Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, RezHOPE Founder Kallup McCoy II, CEO of Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Casey Cooper, and Earl Ammons.

Opening remarks began with a reading from Katelynn Ledford-McCoy, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and executive director of RezHOPE, who was instrumental in the establishment of the Gadugi House. Ledford-McCoy recited out of Sherman Alexie's "You Don't Have To Say You Love Me", including a line that reads, "And maybe as I sing, maybe, maybe I can teach other Indians, the clan of the ashamed, to leave that clan and start anew."

After Ledford-McCoy's powerful recitation, Principal Chief Michell Hicks invited former Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed to speak, stating, "Before I say a few words, Chief, I want you to come up. We're all part of how this tribe grows and the foundation that we've created."

Sneed spoke directly to Kallup McCoy II and Katelynn Ledford-McCoy, husband and wife, who founded RezHOPE and formed the Gadugi House. "Kallup, Katelynn, for all these years, we've watched you guys grow. We've watched your journey of recovery from the beginning. We've seen you go through deep valleys and high mountain peaks, and this is really the culmination of years and years of the vision that God gave you," Sneed said. "I think what we see today demonstrates that it takes a community. It takes all of us to have something like this come to fruition."

Chief Hicks congratulated RezHOPE on the opening of the Gadugi House as an additional resource for the EBCI. "I'm really happy with the work you guys have done. I know it's been hard. I know that you probably felt isolated at times, but again, you have a lot of support. We know that you're going to be successful," Chief Hicks said.

"We all have the Lord's mercy and we have the Lord's grace and things can change for the betterment of our people. We just have to believe, we have to be

confident not only in ourselves, but in our community and in our tribes.”

McCoy II, member of the EBCI and founder of RezHOPE, reflected on the path to founding the Gadugi House. “I can’t believe that this day is finally here. The journey that led us to this point has been one filled with doubt and certainty, fear and courage, wrestling and acceptance. I honestly did not know if this dream would ever come to pass, but I want to give a shout out to all those who have believed in us and supported us throughout this whole process. We wouldn’t be here today without that unwavering support.”

Casey Cooper, chief executive officer of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, spoke to the importance of community and Tohi, the Cherokee value of peace, balance, and harmony, in the continued success of RezHOPE, the Gadugi House, and the EBCI. “The community has to be healthy. All the organisms within the community have to be healthy, and we have to have tohi in that community, in that ecosystem. In order for us to have tohi, we all have to be contributing to the community.



Earl Ammons shares his story of recovery at the RezHOPE ribbon cutting ceremony for the Gadugi House on March 22.

We’re going to be here for each other. I’m so proud of you guys, and I’m so proud that we have a grassroots initiative here that is being led by the community.”

With courageous vulnerability, Earl Ammons shared his story of recovery and faith. “I give God the glory and I know He is real. He brought my son back to life. He got me out of 20 something years of addiction. I just give all the glory to God because He is real, and

He wants to save each and every person here.”

Ledford-McCoy explained the importance of the name of the recovery house, Gadugi, which is the Cherokee value of community. “We were just calling it the RezHOPE Men’s Transitional Home. And then one day, I was out at Kituwah running and it just hit me. I was like, ‘Why not the Gadugi House?’ The community has come together. Every single

one of you guys have added something to this home, whether it was through a monetary donation, or maybe you picked up a paintbrush and you helped paint the sides of this house, or maybe it was simply praying over the home.”

“Gadugi is coming together, helping one another whenever no one else is there, no matter the circumstance, no matter the situation. It has taken every single one of our community members coming together to make this possible. I’m just so grateful and so humbled and thankful because so many helping hands have come together, and it’s going to continue to take that moving forward collectively.”

The ceremony ended with a prayer and the cutting of the deep blue ribbon, which is a symbol of recovery awareness.

RezHOPE is holding a fundraiser for the Gadugi House called the Buy A Brick Program. The bricks will be used for flower beds and signage. If you are interested in buying a customizable brick for the Gadugi House, email RezHOPE_Recovery@icloud.com

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Planning Board discusses Agricultural/Recreational multi-use facility

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On the morning of March 18, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Planning Board met in the Tribal Council chambers to provide project updates. A major project of discussion was an agricultural center on the old Cherokee High School grounds that could also be used as a recreational sports facility.

EBCI Secretary of Commerce Sean Ross shared that EBCI Commerce is in the early stages of planning a multi-use facility to house agricultural events and sports tourism events on the grounds of the old Cherokee High School site. Ross assured the board that the location would remain the site for the annual Cherokee Indian Fair, even after completion of the multi-use facility.

"We were looking at this ag center that would facilitate several things that we would want to do with our initiatives. We want to have rodeos, we want to have monster truck races, we want to have any sort of livestock events that we can have there. This property will have the flexibility to do things like powwows, rodeos, all the things of that nature, and adjacent to that we were looking at a multi-use facility along the lines of a facility that would house 4 to 6 courts—basketball courts, volleyball courts, things of that nature all within that footprint," Secretary Ross said. "We're looking at structures right now to minimize the cost to that. We're looking at

sprung structures, we're looking at various structures that are cost effective for what we're trying to do for this facility to have the capacity to scale up or down as we see fit."

Principal Chief Michell Hicks mentioned the idea of a basketball and indoor track facility that could compete with other complexes. "We talked about sports recreation and sports tourism in just thinking about a multi-use facility that maybe kind of weaves a couple opportunities together from a cultural and recreational sports tourism perspective."

"I did talk to some folks that are in the basketball business and I know there's a lot of other things—wrestling, volleyball, etcetera—but I think that to some level we've proven that there's a very capable market here," Chief Hicks said.

Chief Hicks added that one of his contacts who runs basketball tournaments believes that with a facility that houses four basketball gyms, Cherokee could bring in 40 to 60 teams over a weekend, while six to eight gyms could bring in 80 to 100, and eight or more gyms could bring over 100 teams.

"If we get to a hundred plus, his perspective was we'll compete with Rock Hill, we'll definitely compete with Knoxville and their convention center, and we can start bringing a lot bigger events into the area."

Chief Hicks also mentioned the potential of a 200-meter track on the inside of the facility to host indoor track events.

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley referenced the Lawrence Joel

Veterans Memorial (LJVM) Coliseum where the Cherokee High School Lady Braves recently won the NCHSAA 1A State Basketball Championship as a location with similar facilities and events. "Right behind the Wake Forest coliseum that the girls played ball in there's a great facility with exactly what you described."

Secretary Ross shared that he was aware of the facilities at LJVM, and he wants to create something similar, but with a single facility rather than multiple. "There's an ag center there and there's a multi-use complex right beside Lawrence Joel Coliseum and they do a lot of the same things there. They have hockey events, they have basketball tournaments, they have all kinds of basketball tournaments there. They have rodeos, they have monster truck races, a lot of things that we're trying to do. Now, those are two separate facilities, and we would like to try to put something together that's more along the lines of one facility."

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee Co.) Tribal Council Rep. Adam Wachacha asked if a market study would be conducted for this project. Ross said that they are "initiating that process to assign that study to someone."

Secretary Ross also addressed the issue of accommodation and parking. "A lot of the feedback that I've heard is when we have events, that sometimes some of the hoteliers bump those rates up and make it cost prohibitive to have some of these people stay locally. So, we're working with Kituwah, LLC. to manage those rates and get reasonable aggressive rates for Hampton, which currently holds 60 rooms."

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Tribal Council Rep. Tom Wahnetah asked about an on-site hotel.

Secretary Ross responded that an on-site hotel is not in the initial plan but could potentially be built if needed. "I think if we do a study and if we see that it warrants to have something on a larger scale, we do have the footprint to bring something like that in that space." "Might as well put a Sports Illustrated resort in," Rep. Wahnetah noted, referencing the EBCI's current business partnership with Sports Illustrated resorts.

Secretary Ross said that the facility would have enough parking if adjacent lots were to be used, and he does not think they need to purchase more property as it stands now. Tribal Council Chairman and Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Mike Parker suggested an on-site parking deck as an option as well.

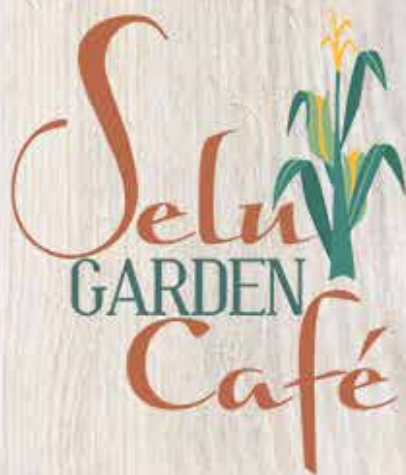


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Cherokee Police Commission holds Feb. meeting

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.— The Cherokee Police Commission meeting was held on the afternoon of Feb. 8 in the Ginger Lynn Welch Large Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 12 p.m. by Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe. Commissioners in attendance were Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown), Vice Chairman Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove), Secretary Anita Lossiah (At-Large), Frank Dunn (Wayohi, Wolfstown), Lisa Taylor (Aniwodihi, Painttown), Kym Parker (Elawodi, Yellowhill), and Hillary Norville (Tutiya, Snowbird and Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.).

Law enforcement representatives in attendance were Jonah Bird from Natural Resource Enforcement (NRE), Kyle Efird (NRE), and Cody White, Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) attorney. had an excused absence. There is one vacant “At-Large” seat. The Commission unanimously approved the agenda for the meeting and the minutes from last month’s meeting.

Guests in attendance Chris Siewers, associate counsel from the Office of the Attorney General, and Holly Kays, Smoky Mountain News.

Norville motioned to approve the January minutes with the addition of names of guests in attendance. The motion was seconded by Parker and unanimously approved.

White presented the CIPD report for January:

Calls for Service: 1,084 (average 35 per day)
Arrests: 29
Accidents: 38
Citations: 49
Tutiya, Snowbird / Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee County:
Calls for Service: 116 (average 4 per day)
Arrests = 1
Accidents = 8
Citations = 11
Complaints from Public:
Patrol - 1 under investigation

White also discussed the recent job fair held at CIPD, which now has approval to send individuals to Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) and pay them a little over \$18 an hour. Parker asked what happens to the money if trainees drop out of BLET. White said they will be required to pay it back. Parker and Johnson both noted that they stopped by the job fair and noticed a good turnout. Johnson asked if there will be another job fair, and White responded that he is sure they will have them as long as positions remain open.

Norville asked about transportation of cannabis from the farm to the dispensary. White said Qualla, LLC. and the Cannabis Control Board (CCB) would be the people to ask. Crowe stated that it would be beneficial for Brian Parker and the CCB to provide another report to the commission, prompting Lossiah to request their attendance.

Efird and Bird presented the January NRE report:

Citations: 6
Citation charges included:
3 fishing or hunting violations
2 traffic violations
1 other

Parker asked if the NRE was fully staffed. Efird and Bird stated they have three vacant positions.

The commission went into a closed session for executive purposes with a motion by Norville seconded by Parker and approved unanimously. The commission exited closed session, and the meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m. with a motion by Parker seconded by Norville and approved unanimously.

Cherokee Police Commission meeting discusses first 72-hour hold for elder abuse

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—The Cherokee Police Commission was held on the afternoon of March 18 in the Ginger Lynn Welch Large Conference Room.

Commissioners in attendance were Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown), Vice Chairman Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove), Frank Dunn (Wayohi, Wolfstown), Lisa Taylor (Aniwodihi, Painttown), Kym Parker (Elawodi, Yellowhill), and Hillary Norville ((Tutiya, Snowbird and Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.). Secretary Anita Lossiah (At-Large) had an excused absence.

Guests in attendance were Chris Siewers, associate counsel from the Office of the Attorney General; Robert Jumper, Cherokee One Feather editor; Kyle Perrotti, Smoky Mountain News; Cody White, Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) attorney; and Shelli Buckner, senior prosecutor from the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor (OTP)

Parker motioned to approve the Feb. 8 minutes, seconded by

Norville and approved unanimously.

Parker motioned to make a public comment, “I just want to say congratulations to the Cherokee Lady Braves on the State 1A Championship.”

White presented the February CIPD report. White noted that CIPD Chief of Police Carla Neadeau was out on sick leave, and former Assistant Chief of Police Josh Taylor is now executive director for Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE). White also provided an update on the pending Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Graham County. White said he believes discussions surrounding the MOU are going well and they are about 95 percent complete.

Buckner presented the OTP report from Jan. 1 to Feb. 29. OTP obtained convictions in connection with 79 incidents. The nature of the convictions are shown below:

Alcoholic Beverages: 3
Banishment/Exclusion: 3
Bodily Injury: 7
Controlled Substances: 7
Domestic Violence: 4
DWI: 2
Elder Abuse: 1
Obstruction of Justice: 25
Property: 14
Public Peace: 1
Public Safety: 1
Probation Violations: 11

Buckner noted that in one bodily injury charge, OTP secured their first death by distribution conviction. Buckner also noted that in the elder abuse charge, the 72-hour hold was enacted for the first time since the Police Commission’s resolution passed to require the hold. Buckner said the 72-hour hold was crucial in protecting the safety of the victim.

The commission entered a closed session with a motion by

Johnson seconded by Taylor to discuss the resolution put forth by Tribal Council Rep. Dike Sneed (Aniwodihi, Painttown) to dissolve the commission.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11 in the Ginger Lynn Welch Large Conference Room.

CIPD Arrest Report for March 11-17, 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.

Morgan, Kyle Adam – age 37
Arrested: March 11
Released: Not released as of report date (March 18)
Charges: Elder Abuse and Neglect; Simple Possession of a Controlled Substance; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Vazquez, Roberto Ivan – age 61
Arrested: March 11
Released: March 11
Charges: Temporary Hold

Maney, Siceria Marquita – age 35
Arrested: March 12
Released: March 14
Charges: Theft of Property, Lost, Misplaced, or Delivered by Mistake; Obstruction Governmental Functions; Resisting Lawful Arrest; Probation Violation

Sherrill, Tameka – age 32
Arrested: March 12
Released: Not released as of report date (March 18)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Probation Violation

Swimmer, Ashley Davada – age 39
Arrested: March 12
Released: March 14
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Watty, Todd M. – age 31
Arrested: March 12
Released: March 14
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive, Obstructing Government Functions, Resisting Public Officer

Reed, Tamara Ann – age 29
Arrested: March 13
Released: March 13
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Rice, Daniel – age 49
Arrested: March 13
Released: Not released as of report date (March 18)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Jason Shane – age 49
Arrested: March 13
Released: March 14
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Davis, Camille Yvonne – age 33
Arrested: March 14
Released: March 14
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Wolfe, Keleeta Lynn – age 42
Arrested: March 14
Released: Not released as of report date (March 18)
Charges: Death by Distribution of Certain Controlled Substance, Drug Trafficking

Crowe, Billy Jack – age 39
Arrested: March 15
Released: March 15
Charges: Simple Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance

Hill, Jonathan Scott – age 31
Arrested: March 15
Released: March 15
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (Aggravated Possession of Marijuana)

Komenda, Melissa Blanch – age 33
Arrested: March 15
Released: Not released as of report date (March 18)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Wilnoty, Megan Dawn – age 30
Arrested: March 15
Released: Not released as of report date (March 18)
Charges: Temporary Hold

Calderon, Arnold – age 31
Arrested: March 17
Released: March 17
Charges: Temporary Hold

Pheasant, James Leroy – age 40
Arrested: March 17
Released: Not released as of report date (March 18)
Charges: Domestic Violence

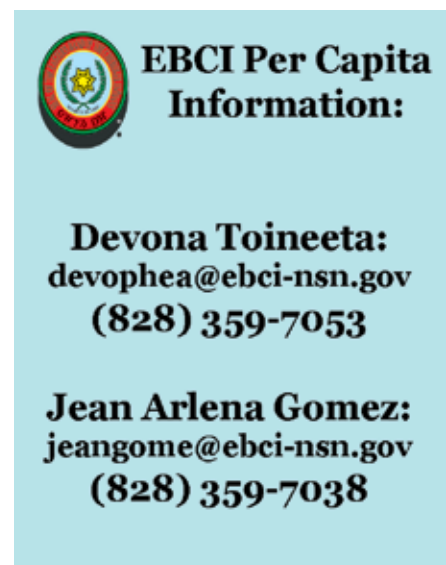


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FOOTBALL

Grant signs to play at Mars Hill University

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Another member of the Cherokee Braves football team is headed to play at the next level. Mato Grant, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and a senior at Cherokee High School (CHS), signed a letter of intent on Friday, March 22, 2024 to play football this fall at Mars Hill University.

He told the crowd at Friday's signing, "I want to thank everybody for being here and thank everybody for supporting me through all these years playing football. I want to thank my coaches - Coach Hawkins, Coach Gator, Maney, Barker, and Coach Westbrook. Thank you all for pushing me."

"I'm excited. I'm really excited for it."

Grant played in the 2023 Indigenous Bowl on Dec. 21, 2023 in San Jacinto, Calif., and he also played in the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl on Jan. 29, 2024 in the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Raymond James Stadium.

Prior to the signing, Craig Barker, CHS assistant principal, said, "Today is a very special day for us at Cherokee High School. We've got one of the finest young men I've ever had the privilege of coaching here today, Mato Grant, signing with Mars Hill University."

"He's a fine young man. He has a great support system...this is probably the biggest crowd we've ever had for a signing. That's

a testimony to you all and the support you've provided for him. Mato is a top-notch student. He's a hard worker. I'm a firm believer in 'you always get what you deserve' and 'you get what you work for'. He's put the work in, the time in."

Tim Hawkins, CHS head football coach, said, "Mato has got a lot of skill at what he does. He's got good size. He runs well. He's strong in the weight room. He's very physical on the football field, never afraid of contact. I've never one time had a teacher call me about any complaints with Mato. Never."

"Here's the two things, to me, as I've thought about Mato and this day that stand out, that set Mato to where he's at today. One, he's a great teammate. I've never heard a player on our team, and I've been here as an assistant and as a head coach, come and say anything negative about Mato. Never...all of his teammates, if they were to be asked, I guarantee would have nothing but good things to say about Mato because he's a great teammate."

He added, "Mato is a great team player. What I mean by that is, as a coach, - and all these coaches would say the same thing if they were talking - whatever you need for Mato to do, he'll do it...that was always his attitude. I know Mato is like all of us. He's got favorite positions that he would like to play, but he will do whatever you ask him to do. So, those two things for me, as a coach personally, stand out about Mato."



Mato Grant, seated center, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Cherokee High School, signed a letter of intent on Friday, March 22 to play football this fall at Mars Hill University. He is shown with his mother, Natalie Grant, seated left, and father, Zahay Grant, seated right, and siblings (standing) Koa and Iya. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



Grant scores a touchdown in the first half of an away game against the Cosby (Tenn.) Eagles on Aug. 25, 2023.

Starting Friday



Holy Thursday. The Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other. *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."* John 13:34

Good Friday. When we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (1 John 1:10). The suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save his people from their sins. For Christians, Good Friday is an important day of the year because it celebrates what is believed to be the most momentous weekend in the history of the world. Ever since Jesus died and was raised, Christians have proclaimed the cross and resurrection of Jesus to be the decisive turning point for all creation.

Easter Sunday. When Christians glorify and give thanks for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. After His crucifixion, death, burial, Christ rose from the grave three days later. By this, He conquered death and redeemed us from sin. We strive to celebrate God's victory over the grave on this holiday. That great moment was announced by angels at the empty tomb of Christ. *"He is not here, but HE HAS RISEN. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise?"* Luke 24:6-7

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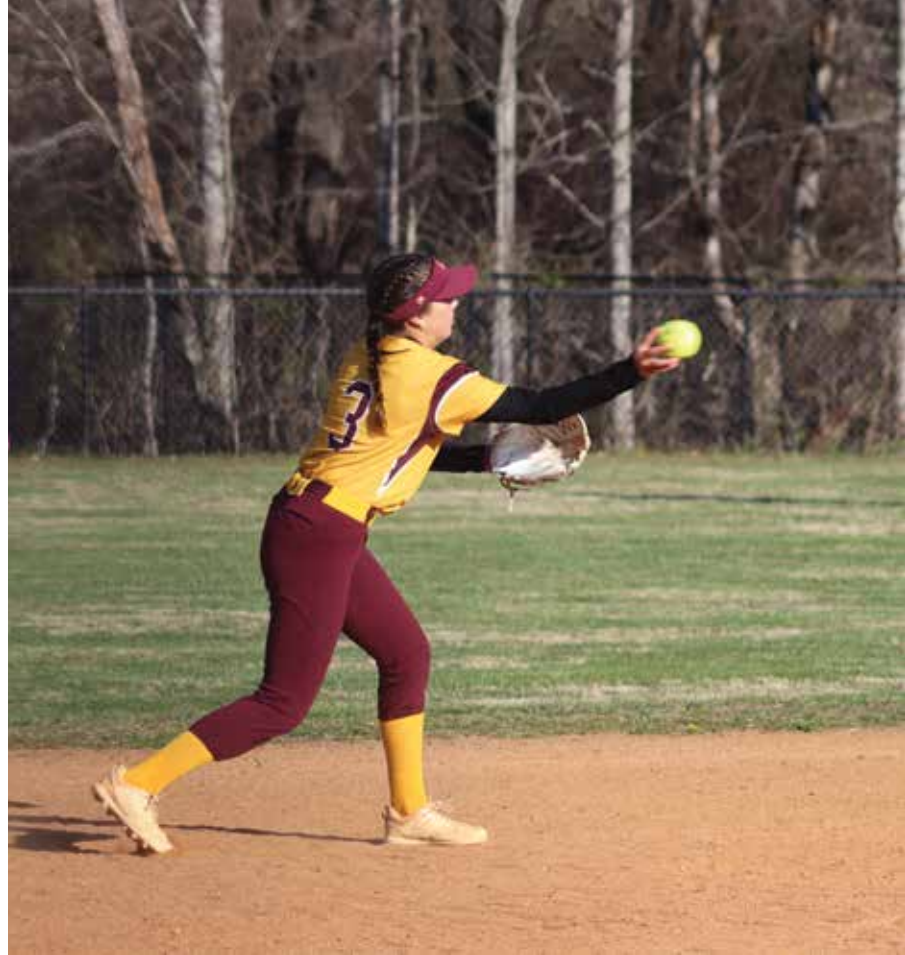
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SOFTBALL: Robbinsville 14 Cherokee 2

ABOVE: Cherokee Fr. (#3) Livia Crowe fields the ball at short stop in the Cherokee Lady Braves home game against Robbinsville on Tuesday, March 19.

BELOW: Cherokee Jr. (#00) Amila Lossie hits a line drive
(BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)





BASEBALL: Robbinsville 9 Cherokee 6

ABOVE: Cherokee Jr. (#6) Josiah Teesateskie makes the play at short stop in the Cherokee Braves home game against Robbinsville on Tuesday, March 19.

BELOW: Cherokee Jr. (#4) Dalton Burgess steals second (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)



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MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD

Cherokee Middle participates in Hayesville meet

One Feather Staff Report

HAYESVILLE, N.C. – The Cherokee Middle School (CMS) track and field team participated in a multi-school meet at the Hayesville High School track in Hayesville, N.C. on the chilly afternoon of Monday, March 18. Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top three finishers in each event and all CMS finishers:

Boy's Events

Team Scores

- 1 – Hayesville Middle 130
- 2 – Andrews Middle 56
- 3 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger Middle 55
- 4 – Cherokee Middle 51
- 5 – Heritage Christian 2

100M Dash

- 1 – Brett Hanna, Hayesville, 12.38
- 2 – Jonah Dockery, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 12.50
- 3 – Tristen Cody, Hayesville, 12.90
- 5 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 12.98
- 11 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 13.90
- 14 – Marek Brown, Cherokee, 15.11
- 15 – Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 15.28

200M Dash

- 1 – Brett Hanna, Hayesville, 26.29
- 2 – Kabe Shaheen, Hayesville, 28.74
- 3 – Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 31.68
- 4 – Jordan Panther, Cherokee, 32.63
- 6 – Marek Brown, Cherokee, 33.99

400M Dash

- 1 – Brett Hanna, Hayesville, 59.19
- 2 – Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 1:02.93
- 3 – CJ Finn, Hayesville, 1:03.85
- 6 – Jordan Panther, Cherokee, 1:10.52
- 7 – Odie Owle, Cherokee, 1:15.80
- 11 – Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 1:38.69

800M Run

- 1 – Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 2:21.45

- 2 – Micah Moss, Hayesville, 2:26.95
- 3 – Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 2:56.41
- 5 – Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 2:59.39
- 14 – Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 3:25.35

1600M Run

- 1 – Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 5:22.19
- 2 – Elliot Salinas, Andrews, 5:25.48
- 3 – Maverick Hawley, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 5:42.49
- 5 – Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 6:01.02
- 13 – Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 6:59.40
- 16 – Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 7:08.08
- 17 – Drayzin Beheler, Cherokee, 7:11.53

110M Hurdles

- 1 – Jonah Dockery, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 19.97
- 2 – Korbin Hicks, Andrews, 41.44
- 3 – Tristen Cody, Hayesville, 21.55
- 6 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 22.48

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Hayesville 56.04
- 2 – Cherokee 56.20
- 3 – Andrews 56.21

4x200M Relay



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1 – Hayesville 1:56.92

2 – Cherokee 2:07.70

3 – Andrews 2:17.80

4x400M Relay

1 – Hayesville 4:29.55

2 – Andrews 4:57.76

4x800M Relay

1 – Andrews 10:30.29

2 – Hayesville 10:48.80

High Jump

1 – Jonah Dockery, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger,

5-10

2 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 5-04

3 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 5-02

5 – Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 4-10

8 – Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 4-04

Long Jump

1 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 16-02

2 – Jonah Dockery, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger,

15-01

3 – Jayce Donaldson, Andrews, 14-11.20

5 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 14-03

7 – Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 14-00

Triple Jump

1 – Jayce Donaldson, Andrews, 30-01.75

2 – Eli Cheeks, Hayesville, 29-07

3 – C.J. Finn, Hayesville, 28-06

4 – Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 23-06

Discus Throw

1 – E.J. Mapusua, Hayesville, 105-10

2 – Wayne Fullmer, Hayesville, 98-05

3 – Malachi Bateman, Andrews, 85-05

6 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 76-06

8 – Sunny Foalima, Cherokee, 70-07

Shot Put

1 – E.J. Mapusua, Hayesville, 43-01.50

2 – Caden McClure, Hayesville, 34-03

3 – Wayne Fullmer, Hayesville, 34-01

7 – Joe Perry Saunooke, Cherokee, 27-06

8 – Sunny Foalima, Cherokee, 26-11.70

10 – Theron Parker, Cherokee, 24-07.25

Girl's Events

Team Scores

1 – Hayesville Middle 132

2 – Cherokee Middle 111

3 – Andrews Middle 45

4 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger Middle 6

100M Dash

1 – Lariah Carr, Hayesville, 14.05

2 – Juliet Holloway, Andrews, 14.11

3 – Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14.20

8 – Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 15.69

9 – Makeena Armachain, Cherokee, 15.98

12 – Piper Owen, Cherokee, 17.68

200M Dash

1 – Marlo Joyce, Hayesville, 31.22

2 – Lariah Carr, Hayesville, 32.12

3 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 32.49

8 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 35.15

9 – Emma Milholen, Cherokee, 35.46

11 – Amelia Holiday, Cherokee, 38.44

400M Dash

1 – Micalynn McClure, Hayesville, 1:10.67

2 – Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 1:14.69

3 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 1:15.57

7 – Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 1:21.57

11 – Laylauna Allison, Cherokee, 1:37.24

800M Run

1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 2:54.78

2 – Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 3:01.22

3 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 3:11.42

5 – Janessa Owl, Cherokee, 3:20.40

6 – Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 3:22.16

8 – Phoebe Littlejohn, Cherokee, 3:25.57

10 – Savannah Hornbuckle, Cherokee, 3:27.42

15 – Viola Williams, Cherokee, 3:38.75

16 – Aurora Crowe, Cherokee, 3:40.42

18 – Khrystyna Armachain, Cherokee, 3:41.49

24 – Abelia Mahan-Flores, Cherokee, 4:43.87

1600M Run

1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 6:08.53

2 – Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 6:20.80

3 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 6:51.38

4 – Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 6:56.26

6 – Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 7:01.82

7 – Ko'dee Wolfe, Cherokee, 7:16.64

13 – Uliahna Beheler, Cherokee, 7:40.95

15 – Story Martens, Cherokee, 7:50.66

100M Hurdles

1 – Khylei Alberta, Hayesville, 19.74

2 – Emily Dowling, Hayesville, 20.04

3 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 21.19

4x100M Relay

1 – Hayesville 58.77

2 – Cherokee 1:02.03

3 – Andrews 1:03.11

4x200M Relay

1 – Hayesville 2:06.11

2 – Cherokee 2:07.33

3 – Andrews 2:11.33

4x400M Relay

1 – Hayesville 5:07.26

2 – Cherokee 5:40.57

3 – Andrews 5:56.40

4x800M Relay

1 – Cherokee 12:30.50

2 – Hayesville 13:11.80

High Jump

1 – Ellie Black, Hayesville, 4-02

2 – Summer Borchardt, Hayesville, 4-02

Long Jump

1 – Lucy Trout, Hayesville, 16-06.50

2 – Juliet Holoway, Andrews, 13-01

3 – Marlo Joyce, Hayesville, 13-00

5 – Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 11-06

6 – Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 11-06

7 – Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 11-02

Discus Throw

1 – Briann Teesateskie, Cherokee, 70-09

2 – Beth Beasley, Andrews, 62-07

3 – Khloe Cucumber, Cherokee, 61-07

5 – Kiarra Caley, Cherokee, 56-06

10 – Roxy Solis, Cherokee, 44-05

Shot Put

1 – Audrey McClelland, Andrews, 35-01.25

2 – Beth Beasley, Andrews, 28-10.50

3 – Mais Lane, Cherokee, 28-00.25

4 – Eleanor Smith, Cherokee, 27-03.50

6 – Briann Teesateskie, Cherokee, 23-09

11 – Jayla Pheasant, Cherokee, 7-04.50

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TRACK & FIELD

Cherokee team participates in meet at Murphy

One Feather Staff Report

MURPHY, N.C. – The Cherokee High School (CHS) track team participated in a multi-school meet held at the Murphy High School track on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 20.

The Cherokee Braves team placed second with 89 points behind first place Murphy with 134. Luke Smith won both the discus throw (135-00) and shot put (40-03) and Aizen Bell won the high jump (6-00). The Cherokee team also won the 4x800M relay with a time of 9:22.30.

The Cherokee Lady Braves took first place in the 4x400M Relay with a time of 4:51.16, and Joscelyn Stamper won both the discus throw

(105-7) and shot put (31-11).

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

Men's Events

Team Scores

- 1 – Murphy 134
- 2 – Cherokee 89
- 3 – Robbinsville 81
- 4 – Hiwassee Dam 24
- 5 – Nantahala 1

100M Dash

- 1 – Brady Grant, Murphy, 11.95
- 2 – Chandler Nernes, Murphy, 11.95
- 3 – Cameron Clem, Murphy, 12.06
- 6 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 12.45
- 8 – Tayvin Bark, Cherokee, 13.23
- 9 – Santiago Brandon, Cherokee, 13.39

200M Dash

- 1 – Hunter Stalcup, Murphy, 24.40
- 2 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 24.63
- 3 – Cale Harger, Murphy, 24.80
- 5 – Reggie Hyatt, Cherokee, 27.91
- 6 – Tayvin Bark, Cherokee, 29.94

400M Dash

- 1 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 53.83
- 2 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 54.37
- 3 – Austin Bohn, Robbinsville, 54.75
- 6 – Will Ellwood, Cherokee, 59.57
- 7 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 1:04.14
- 9 – Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 1:16.61

800M Run

- 1 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 2:11.70
- 2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 2:15.00
- 3 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:20.94
- 9 – Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 2:32.94
- 10 – Russell McKay, Cherokee, 2:44.03

1600M Run

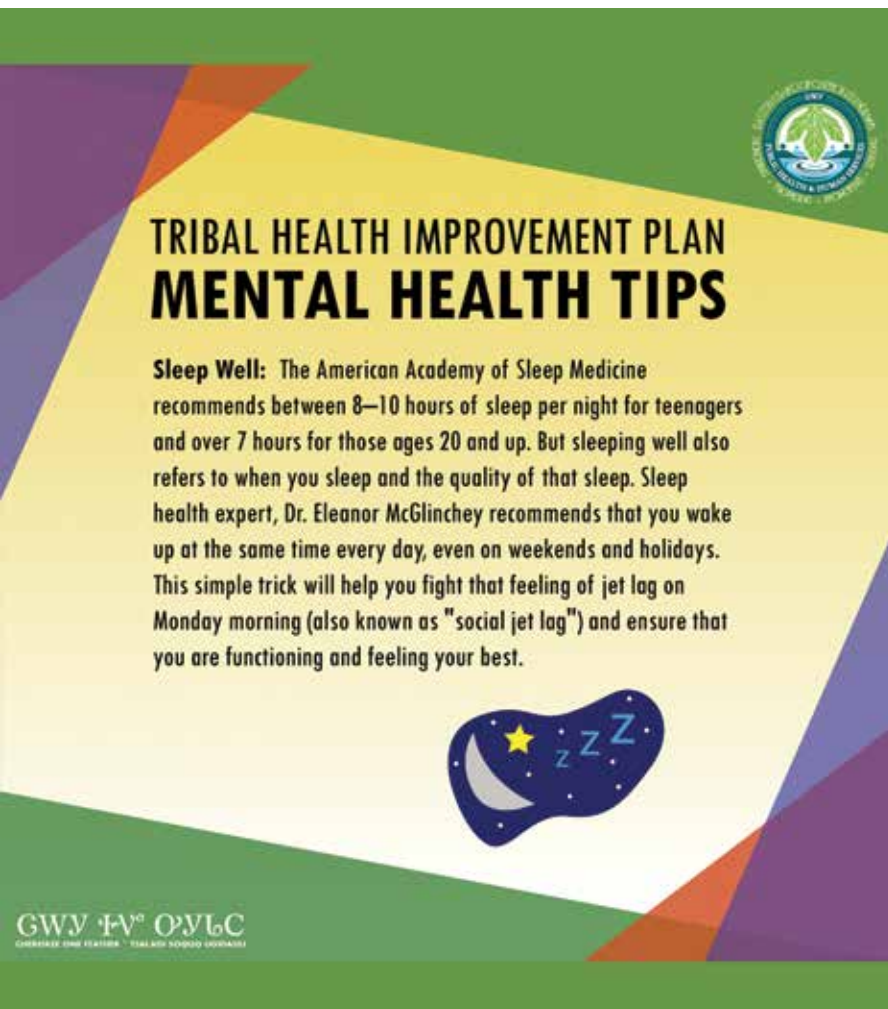
- 1 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 4:46.60
- 2 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 4:56.28
- 3 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 5:25.14

3200M Run

- 1 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 10:44.18
- 2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 11:45.49
- 3 – Braden Edwards, Murphy, 12:52.63


110M Hurdles

- 1 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 16.45
- 2 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 17.44



TRIBAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN
MENTAL HEALTH TIPS

Sleep Well: The American Academy of Sleep Medicine recommends between 8–10 hours of sleep per night for teenagers and over 7 hours for those ages 20 and up. But sleeping well also refers to when you sleep and the quality of that sleep. Sleep health expert, Dr. Eleanor McGlinchey recommends that you wake up at the same time every day, even on weekends and holidays. This simple trick will help you fight that feeling of jet lag on Monday morning (also known as "social jet lag") and ensure that you are functioning and feeling your best.



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3 – Darion Ledbetter, Robbinsville, 18.24

300M Hurdles

1 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 44.59

2 – Will Shore, Murphy, 45.62

3 – Kenyon Swimmer, Robbinsville, 49.04

4x100M Relay

1 – Murphy 46.13

2 – Robbinsville 48.11

3 – Cherokee 48.26

4x200M Relay

1 – Murphy 1:36.09

2 – Robbinsville 1:40.62

3 – Cherokee 1:41.82

4x400M Relay

1 – Robbinsville 3:53.99

4x800M Relay

1 – Cherokee 9:22.30

2 – Murphy 10:33.80

High Jump

1 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 6-00

2 – Tillman Adams, Robbinsville 5-06

3 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy 5-04

4 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 5-04

6 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 5-02

Long Jump

1 – Hunter Stalcup, Murphy, 19-06

2 – Cale Harger, Murphy, 18-04

3 – Cameron Clem, Murphy, 18-03.50

6 – Mackenzie Rattler, Cherokee, 15-00

7 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 13-07.25

8 – Xavier Sanchez, Cherokee, 12-11

Triple Jump

1 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 38-07

2 – Chandler Nernes, Murphy, 35-07.50

3 – Jonah Hedden, Murphy, 33-01

Discus Throw

1 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 135-00

2 – Isiac Collins, Robbinsville, 115-02

3 – Aaron Harger, Murphy, 114-08

5 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 92-00

Shot Put

1 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 40-03

2 – Aaron Harger, Murphy, 37-10

3 – Isiac Collins, Robbinsville, 37-03.50

5 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 35-10.50

12 – Johnny Long, Cherokee, 21-04

Women's Events

Team Scores

1 – Robbinsville 128

2 – Murphy 120

3 – Cherokee 58

4 – Nantahala 7

5 – Asheville Christian 1

100M Wheelchair

1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 44.26

100M Dash

1 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 13.94

2 – Patience Garrett, Murphy, 14.33

3 – Rylee Tabor, Murphy, 14.65

5 – Ella Sokol, Cherokee, 15.21

7 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 16.09

10 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 17.91

200M Dash

1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 27.08

2 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 27.59

3 – Rylee Tabor, Murphy, 29.49

6 – Izzy Raby, Cherokee, 34.03

7 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 38.54

400M Dash

1 – Corinne Cotton, Murphy, 1:03.90

2 – Katie-Lynn Gross, Robbinsville, 1:10.79

3 – Chloe Crooks, Murphy, 1:22.71

800M Run

1 – Corinne Cotton, Murphy, 2:43.90

2 – Abby Wehr, Robbinsville, 2:47.96

3 – Laura Martinez, Cherokee, 2:59.34

1600M Run

1 – Abby Wehr, Robbinsville, 6:15.07

2 – Breeze Hinton, Murphy, 7:14.65

3 – Anna Leatherwood, Murphy, 7:14.90

100M Hurdles

1 – Ivy Werner, Murphy, 19.41

2 – Chasity Jones, Robbinsville, 19.91

3 – Ella McGuire, Robbinsville, 21.60

4 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 22.72

5 – Sara Toineeta, 22.90

300M Hurdles

1 – Chasity Jones, Robbinsville, 57.96

2 – Delaney Brooms, Robbinsville, 59.08

3 – Ella McGuire, Robbinsville, 1:01.63

4x100M Relay

1 – Murphy 54.93

2 – Robbinsville 55.79

3 – Cherokee A 56.84

5 – Cherokee B 1:05.49

4x200M Relay

1 – Murphy 1:57.48

2 – Cherokee A 1:57.61

3 – Robbinsville 1:58.26

4 – Cherokee B 2:20.13

4x400M Relay

1 – Cherokee 4:51.16

High Jump

1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 5-0

2 – Breeze Hinton, Murphy, 4-10

3 – Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 4-4

Long Jump

1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 17-0

2 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 15-9

3 – Ella Sokol, Cherokee, 13-4

5 – Deanna Long, Cherokee, 11-5

7 – Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 11-1

Triple Jump

1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 36-5

2 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 34-4

3 – MyKayla McGuire, Robbinsville, 28-2

Shot Put Wheelchair

1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 8-3

Shot Put

1 – Joscelyn Stamper, Cherokee, 31-11

2 – Gabby Lloyd, Murphy, 29-11

3 – Aubrie Wachacha, Robbinsville, 29-1

6 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 26-4

13 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 18-11.5

14 – Jennifer Escabar, Cherokee, 17-2

Discus Throw Wheelchair

1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 14-5

Discus Throw

1 – Joscelyn Stamper, Cherokee, 105-7

2 – Aubrie Wachacha, Robbinsville, 92-7

3 – Kaden Howell, Robbinsville, 91-7

10 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 65-9

13 – Annie Tramper, Cherokee, 54-7

16 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 52-7

17 – Jennifer Escabar, Cherokee, 45-6



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EBCI COMMUNITY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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



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John Parkinson began his apprenticeship to a London apothecary in 1585. He went on to have a distinguished career as a medical practitioner. In 1622, he gave up this career to concentrate on his garden in London's Long Acre. He started researching and writing his first book, *Paradisi in sole paradisus terrestris*. The book included descriptions and illustrations of hundreds of plants, their origins, alternative names and medicinal properties. Parkinson was given the title "First Botanist to the King" by King Charles I. – Brenda Weaver

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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

Whiteoak Sink group size limited for wildflower viewing

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced group size limits for the popular wildflower season at Whiteoak Sink. Individuals and small groups of eight or fewer people may access the Whiteoak Sink area throughout the wildflower season Monday, April 1 through Sunday, May 5.

Whiteoak Sink is a unique, sensitive area that hosts many rare plants. Park managers limit group size to protect sensitive wildflower species from trampling. Overuse of the area causes impacts like damage to plants and soil compaction when large groups crowd around plants off-trail to take photos or closely view flowers. Parking is limited, so visitors should plan ahead and come prepared with alternative destinations in case they do not find parking available at Whiteoak Sink. Parking is not allowed on road shoulders.

A team of volunteers on site will provide wildflower viewing information and collect monitoring data. Park managers have monitored sensitive wildflower species in the Whiteoak Sink area since 2016.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is world famous for its wildflower diversity and has more kinds of flowering plants than any other North American national

park.

- National Service Park release

More than \$10 million in improvements coming soon to Great Smoky Mountains National Park

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - In the first year since Great Smoky Mountains National Park launched the Park it Forward program, the park generated over \$10 million in recreation fee revenue, which includes parking tag sales and camping fees. The park is using this money to improve visitor safety, increase park ranger presence, and repair, enhance and maintain public park facilities. The park's second year of the parking tag program began this month.

"Our team at Great Smoky Mountains National Park is grateful for the support of our partners, our neighbors and the millions of visitors who are helping us take care of one of the country's most visited national parks," said Superintendent Cassius Cash. "We're already using this funding to increase our search and rescue program, add parking spaces at Laurel Falls trailhead and we are in the process of hiring more than 25 new park rangers."

Launched in March 2023, Park it Forward was designed to provide critical support to protect and enhance the visitor experience at Great Smoky Mountains National Park, now and into the future. Park users directly contribute to protecting the park when they purchase a \$5 daily, \$15 weekly, or \$40 annual parking tag. The park also increased frontcountry and backcountry camping fees starting in March 2023. One hundred percent of the funds generated by park fees stays in the Smokies.

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is using recreation fee revenue funds to:

Improve visitor safety. They've started the park's first Preventative Search and Rescue (PSAR) team. These seven rangers aim to reduce search and rescue missions through visitor preparation, education and information. They are also highly trained medics and EMS professionals who will respond to search and rescue incidents throughout the park.

The park is also bringing on a team of arborists to quickly remove hazard and downed trees that may block roads or create unsafe conditions, especially after major storms.

Increase park ranger presence. They've hired eight roving park rangers who travel across the park providing information to visitors. Since they were hired in March 2023, these rangers have made more than 117,000 visitor contacts, picked up over 612 pounds of trash, and assisted with dozens of search and rescue missions, motor vehicle accidents and wildlife incidents.

Improve roads and facilities. They're hiring additional maintenance employees to help us better maintain roads, bridges, and tunnels in the park. These crews will be able to repair road shoulders, patch potholes, and replace damaged signs and fences more quickly across the park. They will also use recreation fee revenue for campground and picnic area maintenance, to replace horse stalls at Tow String Horse Camp, resurface the Cosby access road and replace sidewalks in the Cosby picnic area. Future recreation fee funds will allow us to continue to make improvements at several campgrounds throughout the park.

Enhance visitor experience. Recreation fee revenue will fund the construction of 50 new parking places at Laurel Falls Trailhead that will begin later this year. Revenue will also be used to rehabilitate

Mingus Mill, a historic gristmill near Oconaluftee Visitor Center, and provide accessible amenities and campsites at Look Rock Campground. We are also replacing steel bear-proof dumpsters across the park and will increase the cleaning cycle at some of the park's most used restrooms, like at Sugarlands Visitor Center.

"There's so much more to come—our team continues to plan fee-funded projects for future years to address needed maintenance and to improve your experience in the park," said Superintendent Cash. "We look forward to continuing to demonstrate the value of this historic investment in Great Smoky Mountains National Park."

The \$40 annual parking tags are available for purchase online through Smokies Life. The \$5 daily and \$15 weekly parking tags are available for purchase at recreation.gov or by credit card at more than 30 kiosks located in parking lots across the park. All parking tag types are also available for purchase at Smokies Life store locations. Annual tags are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

- National Park Service release

Carlos Campbell Overlook on Newfound Gap Road temporarily closed

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Carlos Campbell Overlook on Newfound Gap Road is closed temporarily while maintenance crews assess cracks in the pavement and sidewalk.

The overlook will reopen as soon as NPS and Federal Highway Administration crews make assessments and any needed repairs.

Carlos Campbell Overlook is located about two miles south of the Sugarlands Visitor Center near the Chimneys Picnic Area.

- National Park Service release

Cherokee Middle School 3rd Quarter Honor Rolls

8th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Lilly Bradley, Zoe De Los Reyes, Jean Layno, Lilly Lossiah, Roxy Pheasant, Wakinyan Raines, James Smith Jr.

Alpha Honor Roll: Zai Blythe, Khloe Cucumber, Kimo Sokol, Briann Teesateskie, Thomas Tramp-er, Zeke Welch, William Welch

Beta Honor Roll: Alexander Antone, Ander Antone, Tsalagi Brady, Marek Brown, Kim Crowe, Mason Crowe, Kahya Cucumber, Eloise Frady, Colton French, Gabrielle George, John Gloyne,

Morgan Hernandez, Eva Hill, Nanette Hull, Olivia Huskey-Morales, Felix Lossiah, Jae McMillan, Camaron Oocumma, Derick Owle, Nic Paramo, Jayla Pheasant, Kiara Sneed, Roxy Solis, Kylea Swayney, Aliyah Watty, Armani Watty, Cain Welch

7th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Ta-Wo-Di A-Kwi-Na, Jaylee Arch, Kellin Blankenship, Tyson Calhoun, Jeron Martens

Alpha Honor Roll: Lolo Bell, Savannah Hornbuckle, Maya Lossiah, Kennedy Moore, Ava Murphy Walkingstick, Kalia Reed, Hailey Winchester, Devyn Wittman, Mason York

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Daza, Jordin Eaglestar, Paseto Foalima, Joey Fredrick, Geor-jia Girty, Dominique Gonzalez, Alaina Hull, Kodesgi Jackson, Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Abigail Lambert, Pheobe Littlejohn, Collin Lossie, Riley McCoy, Nina Montelongo, Janessa Owle, Mathias Palomo, McKyan Panther, Nakai Pheasant, Daryl Raya, Galvin Reed, Kirk Reed, Josue Rivera, Taytem Saunooke, Blake Sequoyah, Cambry Stamper, Joslynn Thompson, Brayon Tucker, Nashoba Tushka, Julius Walkingstick, Tahquette Wallace, Viola Williams, Colton Wilnoty, Marissa Wilson

6th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Laylauna Allison, Nahnie George, Kody Gloyne, Makai Hernandez, Amelia Holiday, Kenleigh Hornbuckle, Curren McCoy, Piper

Owen, Odie Owle, Gabriel Read, Lily Robertson, Adrian Santos, Adalynn Taylor, Lilly Toineeta, Ahniah Wildcatt,


Alpha Honor Roll: Kirsten Anderson, Xavion Davis, Tai Folima, Nicolas Holder, Rylan Jenkins, James Ledford, Emma Milholen, Lucas Myers, Selina Yanez

Beta Honor Roll: Rhema Anders, Brannon Arch, Makeena Armachain, Tybee Back, Drayzin Beheler, Uliahna Beheler, Uriah Ben, Elliot Brown, Samuel Browning, Ayden Calhoun, Ava Davis, Chotky Davis, Michael Driver, Udohiyu Jackson, A-ge-yv Jenkins, Kealan Jumper, David Kalonaheskie, Carolyn Lillard, Jeshua Lossiah, Jack Maney, Story Martens, Hunter McMillan, Azura Miles, Kaelyn Montelongo, Joey Panther, Aryahnie Pheasant, Jace Postoak, Sean Schultz, Kody Smith, Riley Standingdeer, Landon Swayney, Kynleigh Taylor, Serenity Teesateskie, Nickyle Teesatuskie, Channing Toineeta, Jace Toineeta, Dustin Tramp, Sophia Tremko, Jaxon Wade,


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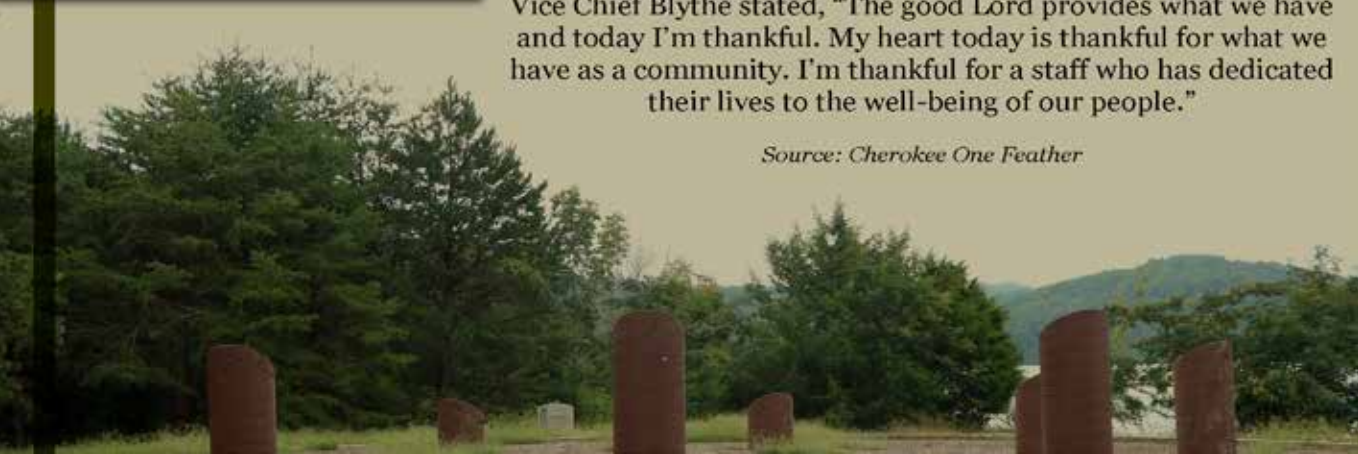


Vice Chief Larry Blythe and EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Governing Board chairperson, operated bulldozers to move the first dirt for the new Cherokee Indian Hospital during a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

“It’s the first hospital that our community has had a say in,” said Beloved Woman Monteith.

Vice Chief Blythe stated, “The good Lord provides what we have and today I’m thankful. My heart today is thankful for what we have as a community. I’m thankful for a staff who has dedicated their lives to the well-being of our people.”

Source: Cherokee One Feather



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COMMENTARY

What will it take?

By ROBERT JUMPER
One Feather Editor

During the campaign seasons, the word “transparency” gets worn out. Candidates drive home their desire to keep the people informed and that they have a “right to know”. Well, we actually don’t have a right to know because we don’t have a constitution. And the Charter and Governing Document doesn’t mention any rights other

than to have a communal census every 10 years, which hasn’t happened (or maybe it has).

The purpose stated in the Charter for the census is to ensure that the tribal communities (six) have equitable representation on Tribal Council. The census is supposed to determine the respective voting weight of each Tribal Council seat. The more people you have in your community, the bigger percentage weight your Tribal Council representative is supposed to have. The census is supposed to help adjust that weight if population shifts occur from community to community.

People may move around quite a bit in a decade. People are born.

People pass away. People decide that they want to move to one community or another. So, when you miss a census or two, it may have a significant impact on those seats and your representation. There was at least an attempt at a tribal census in 2023, but there seems to be some confusion as to exactly what took place. I have made several requests for information on that effort, but the response is either that they don’t know or, more often, there is no response at all. The effort was approved by Tribal Council and ratified by the then administration, in the form of a resolution. The constituency was given a hundred bucks per response to the

census/survey. I sometimes forget forms that I fill out, but I always remember when I receive a C-note for filling out one.

We’ve talked about it till we are all blue in the face: In the absence of facts, the community, or many members of it, will speculate. An information vacuum breeds gossip. Putting up a wall between people and information, particularly information that they are entitled to know, only pushes people to attempt to breach the wall or find a different, dangerous path around it.

The Public Records Ordinance (Cherokee Code Chapter 132) and the Free Press Act (Cherokee Code Chapter 75 Article 2) were

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established with the thought in mind that an informed populus is an empowered populus. Now, we have also discussed what I call “situational truth”, which is our tendency to form our belief based on our perception of facts. For example, a government might think it is being very forthcoming with information for its people because they see it from a governmental perspective. Some things are necessarily not-for-public consumption. However, the determination of what is indeed not-for-public can and will be defined differently by each sitting elected official. And it will be the majority of the sitting officials who decide what we as a community will see and what we will not.

Which brings us back to the weighted vote of Tribal Council. As we have stated previously (many times) the Charter does not provide for civil rights in our community, except for a census to facilitate proper representative voting power for elected officials from each community, and, by reference only, the membership’s right to vote. The Charter discusses elections to be held but does not identify you and me as voters. That is done in the Cherokee Code (Section 161 Article 2). The Code section of law is primarily created by elected officials, which may be modified without a tribe wide referendum. I am not saying that is wrong. I am saying that those privileges outlined in Code are just that, and not rights. By definition, a right is something that cannot be taken from you without your consent.

Many people look at driving in the state of North Carolina as a “right”. After all, it is in the North Carolina state statutes. But your ability to legally drive in North Carolina is dependent on your

adherence to the statutes created by the government. If you would like to test whether driving in NC is a right or a privilege, just violate one of the many stipulations in state statutes that are a requirement to keep that ability to legally drive. For example, say you decide you no longer want to drive in the right lane and instead choose to exercise your “right” to drive in the left lane. Do as the Aussie’s do, so-to-speak. You will quickly learn that what you thought was a right was actually a privilege granted by the government and what the government giveth, it can and will taketh away.

Virtually every law we have as a tribe is via the privileges of Cherokee Code. The discussions in Tribal Council when Charter and Code are debated typically end with “Charter always trumps Code”. Well, the Charter doesn’t necessarily depict accurately our “rights” either, because we are operating government with no surety that the voting weights of the Council seats are accurate. And, because of that, you and I do not know if we and our individual communities are being properly represented in government. And I don’t know if I am hearing a virtual yawn of apathy or seeing a virtual shudder of fear when I ask you all what it will take for us to demand what has been laid out as a right of the people. What value is a right that is ignored without consequence? Just my opinion, it becomes just another privilege that probably should be relegated to the Code or removed from law at all. Either the community gets it, or they don’t.

We need, the government needs, more stringent accountability. It was amazing to me that a tribe of 16,000 could not mount a tribe-wide census when, at the

time of the second 10-year missed deadline for a census, the federal government mounted a census of 331,900,000 American citizens, and some unknown number of non-citizens. And they didn’t offer a hundred dollars each to get folks to participate. Twenty years plus behind, which equates to roughly 11 Tribal Council and five Executive election cycles. The last ratified tribal census was in 2001.

There is no way that the tribal census should be a back burner issue. There is no way that referendums on elected official terms and a tribal constitution should be back burner issues. And discussions of our government and community should not be hidden behind walls of secrecy unless that meet specific criteria in law that are set by the people. We, the Principal People, should have a Bill of Rights, whether added to the Charter now or incorporated into a constitution later. We show a warrior spirit in many other things that are far less important and pressing.

I understand the challenges that are ahead regarding the people’s right to know versus the protection of the people’s information. We need to move cautiously forward, in a transparent process, that will ensure that all tribal members have ready access to the information that should be public and have decisive input in the process of law governing how, when, and where we receive information. Decisions should not be made based on fear or individual instant gratification, but as part of a sober strategy to position and protect our tribe for a better future. And we must strive to find the place that is closest to both the government’s and the community’s perception of truth.



Moments in time

• On **April 8, 1930**, baseball legend Babe Ruth signed a two-year contract for a then enormous sum of \$160,000 with the New York Yankees, prompting the team’s general manager, Ed Barrow, to predict (with, of course, now laughable inaccuracy) that “No one will ever be paid more than Ruth.”

• On **April 9, 1860**, French inventor Édouard-Léon Scott de Martinville used his phonograph, the earliest known sound recording device, to capture himself singing the French folk song “Au Clair de la Lune.”

• On **April 10, 2001**, mercy killings became legal in the Netherlands following the Dutch senate’s controversial approval of a bill legalizing euthanasia for patients with unbearable terminal illness.

• On **April 11, 1951**, President Harry Truman fired Gen. Douglas MacArthur as commander of the United Nations and U.S. forces in the Far East after he made public statements calling for an attack on mainland China if Communist forces failed to lay down their arms in Korea.

• On **April 12, 1877**, with a well-justified fear of ricocheting foul balls (not to mention being hit by a bat), Harvard’s Alexander Tyng wore a converted fencer’s mask for a baseball game in Lynn, MA, becoming the first-known player to don a catcher’s mask. While the new gear initially drew taunts from fans, designer Fred Thayer’s patent for the device was approved the following January.

• On **April 13, 1964**, Sidney Poitier became the first Black actor to win the coveted Best Actor Oscar for his role as laborer Homer Smith, who assists a group of poor East German nuns with building a church, in “Lilies of the Field.” Three years later, he was Hollywood’s top box office draw.

• On **April 14, 2010**, Neil Armstrong criticized the Barack Obama administration’s stripped-down space plans in an open letter co-signed by Apollo commanders James Lovell and Eugene Cernan, describing the president’s proposals as “devastating.” Supporters, however, insisted that the accelerated rocket program would set new goals for American efforts in outer space.

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COMMENTARY

Good Friday and victimization

By Lew H. Harding

There is a real irony for Christians and veterans that Vietnam Veterans' Day falls on Good Friday, March 29. This is a day sacred to Christians. It is also a day set aside by bureaucrats to memorialize the 58,267 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam and those of us that survived. We were victimized by false promises and poor leadership.

The monumental ineptitude and career focused short-sightedness of the Johnson, McNamara, Rusk, Wolfowitz, and Westmoreland decision makers is now exposed for history to judge.

They showed us all that they were perfectly willing to sacrifice our warriors to try to cover up their deceit.

President Johnson finally quit. McNamara and Rusk wrote books admitting their errors of judgment. General Westmoreland, our leader while we were over there, was haunted until the end for the part that he shared in misleading the war effort.

I flew many alpha strikes over Hanoi. We passed over the port of Haiphong on each mission. Greek billionaire Aristotle Onassis had ships unloading war supplies for the North Vietnamese there. Our squadron had air drop mining capabilities. Not once did we get the chance or the orders to close the port. It would have shortened the war and saved many American lives. A seventh grader could

have figured that out. I lost a lot of squadron mates, and it is painful to this day to realize that it didn't have to be. We as veterans have a duty to speak out.

Embrace the meaning of Good Friday's significance of March 29; of the son of the mighty Creator of the universe as He rode a donkey toward His destiny of sacrifice for us all. Live the reality of "love ye one another." Speak out against elitism, cultism, hypocrisy, racism, bigotry, and hate. Help those that have need in our community. If you can't or don't know how, open the One Feather, and select one of our faith-based congregations that show love to each other and to those who have need. There are two pages of them. If that doesn't appeal to you, call our American Legion Post, and ask to speak to one of our chaplains.

Remember to vote on Nov. 5. Vote against the dissolution of our democracy. The history of our tribe is replete with instances of treachery and heroism. We as a people have an opportunity in November to send the would-be authoritarians, the corruptors of our freedoms and their representatives back to their scheming. Honor the veterans of Vietnam and all wars. Send our corrupt former convicted leader who has called our fallen brothers and sisters "suckers and losers" away from us all.

On this Good Friday, believe in yourself and in your own God given powers of discernment. Believe in your veteran brothers and sisters whose victimization is being healed by the example of the Galilean riding the lonely donkey toward his destiny.

MISSING

Dezerae Kay Adams

Enrolled with The Chicksaw Nation

Height: 5' 2" Weight: 160 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Age: 17 Female

Last date of contact:

March 14, 2024

Last Known Location:

Ardmore, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Dezerae was last seen on

3/14.2024. No other information provided.

If you have seen or have information about Dezerae Kay Adams, contact Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police (580) 436-1166.

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Quote of the Week

"We hope that it's enriching for the community. It's something that we haven't really talked about here."

-Dakota Brown, Museum of the Cherokee People director of education on the museum's current exhibit: "sov*er*ign*ty: Expressions in Sovereignty of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI)"

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SUB Bus Driver
Greg Owle

Eleven years ago, I began my career at the Cherokee Boys Club. Driving on the road gives me immense joy, especially when I see the happy faces of kids getting on and off the bus. It's heartening to hear them shouting and thanking me for the ride. I work in a tourist town, which means I have to be extra cautious while driving, as I share the road with visitors. It's like playing an intense ball game, where everyone is cheering in the background, and I am standing at the plate with all the responsibility on my shoulders. My job involves making multiple stops throughout the day, traveling varied distances, and carrying anywhere from thirty-five to fifty kids on my bus, sometimes even more.

I leave for my afternoon run around 2:30 p.m. and finish the afternoon run around 4:00 p.m. Plus, I inspect my bus before my afternoon run. I clean my bus after my run and ensure no students are left on the bus.



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

A: Sense of Pride! For generations, members of my family have worked as school bus drivers for the Cherokee Boys Club, and this tradition continues. Our top priority is ensuring the safety and well-being of the children we transport. At the Cherokee Boys Club, being a school bus driver is considered a highly important job, and we take great pride in the work we do.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Real change comes from time alone in His Presence

By TIMOTHY L. MELTON

Pastor, Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate

Reference: Joshua 1:8-9, Proverbs 7:1-3, Isaiah 54:17, Matthew 24:6-14, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

"I said you'd be changed in My Presence," saith the Lord, "If you have not experienced change in your life, if your old ways are still prevailing, if your old man is still in evidence, you have not spent time with Me that I desire.

"It isn't a matter of self-control or disciplining your flesh with no help from Me" saith God. "If you will spend time in My Presence, you will be changed. Your pattern of life will be changed, your old man will begin to pass away. Your new man will begin to rise in the image of My Son. Your life will begin to bear much fruit. The evidence of your walk with Me will change because of spending much time in My Presence.

"If you're having trouble getting rid of an old habit, if you are having trouble with your marriage, if your family relationships aren't changing, you're not spending the time with Me that would enable that change to come to pass. Your desire and the motivation of your heart to walk uprightly before Me is a product of becoming so close to Me that you do not want to bring hurt to Me. In natural relationships, when you love someone, you want to do the right things for them. You don't want to hurt them.

"Well, as you spend time with Me," saith God, "as you spend time in My Presence, we'll develop a relationship that is closer than any earthly relationship. It will shape the pattern of your living. You'll want to conform your ways to My Word simply because it's the desire of your heart. Your life will change; but it will be a product of your spending time with Me." (Lynne Hammond, 2007, Life Christian University, A Prophecy-2/7/1993)

When asked to set up a counseling session, I always ask that person what Scripture verse

or verses they have been standing on in their prayer time. They can always be found in His Living Word.

We are to make our demands based on what we find is declared in His Word. We can have. What He has said He is giving to us. If a person wants to start a business, they should learn what is needed. Don't beg for it, declare it, so God knows they know what is to be required of them as a seeker. Declare it for the Word of God is given to all who believe Him for it. The Word of God belongs to each person following His leading. What He has said, one can have. They should also know they have to obey His Word and that one's demand pulls on the Anointing.

God can show up and fulfill all wants and desires. A person can even ask Him to make us hungry to hear Your answers until we want no more. Spend time in conversation with God, expecting Him to answer the questions. God can do this. He can tell or show us. He may even just want to talk with us! Is there a heartache He wants to help us get over first? Only the person can determine how much of Jesus is wanted by them. It should be more and more!

If God gives one a revelation, it permits the person to ask for it. He may tell a person things nobody else knows or believes.


Know what this Word of Life, The Holy Bible, says, so that a person can agree with the Word. Know these days are the Days of Noah. This Word in Revelation says this is more "powerful than any two-edged sword." The Church is to be the Most Blessed. These days are shown to be as days of evil, ones that give us, not what we deserve, but what He has promised if one knows enough to place a demand on it. Stand on it. We get only what we deserve and only what He has said we can have.

He is a Big God. He is Who He said He is! To be ready today, we aren't waiting on that sweet by-and-by for He's the "Now and Now!" Obey Him, and in humility speak what's needed into the world. Become that Word. As days get darker, we need more of the Glory of You, Lord, to see every plan of the enemy comes to nothing. (In Isaiah 54:17) No weapon. So, unbelief is replaced with Faith in You, Lord, and burdens are lifted.



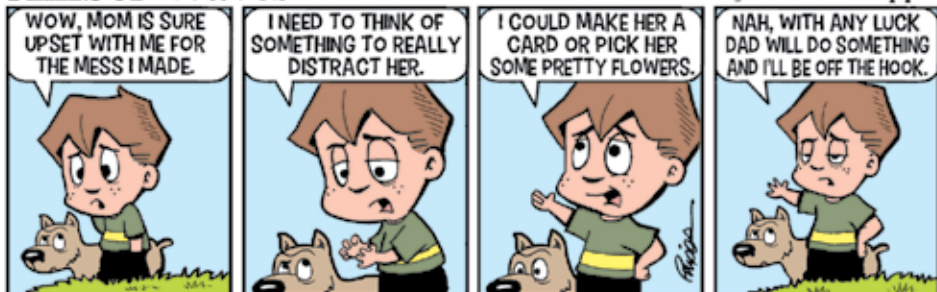
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If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

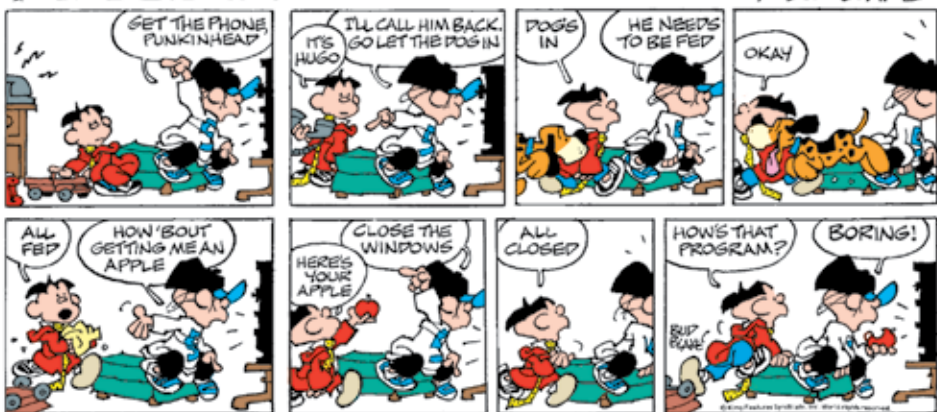
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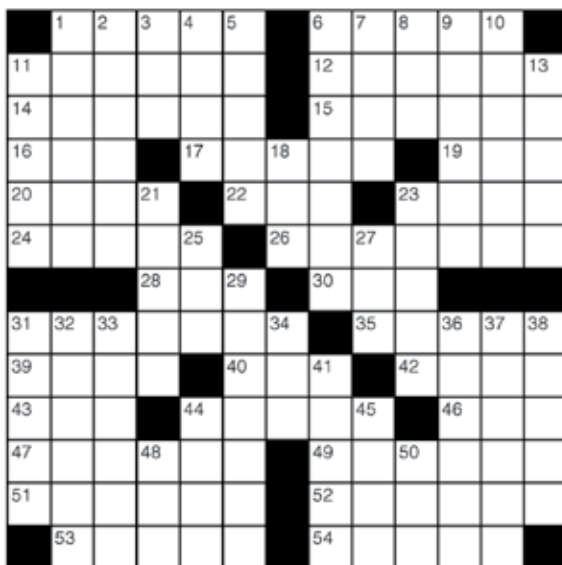
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Neck opening of undershirt is lower. 3. Pocket is different. 4. Cabinet door is wider. 5. Bottle on counter is moved. 6. Watch is added.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia Test Answers
1. Indian Ocean; 2. "Seinfeld"; 3. A small pickle; 4. "... and carry on"; 5. Rooster Cogburn; 6. The knee; 7. One; Rhode Island; 8. Smallpox; 9. Anne Sullivan; 10. Pineal gland.



HAPPENINGS

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

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Bingo Fundraiser for Big Injun Racing. April 6 at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Complex in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 3 p.m. and games start at 4 p.m. Adults: \$20, Kids: \$10. Concession will be available. All money raised will go towards entry fees, gas, parts, etc.

Turkey Shoot. April 6 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, N.C. Travel fundraiser for Evan Hill who plays for Smoky Mountain Blitz. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 Cherokee 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

Kolanvyi Flea Market. March 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Big Cove Community Building at 8765 Big Cove Road in Cherokee, N.C. Concession will be open. Shop new and pre-owned items. \$10 table rental. Info: Venita Wolfe (828) 554-1199

JC Wachacha Memorial Bingo. March 30 at 6 p.m. at the Wolftown Community Building at 12 Burgess Drive in Cherokee, N.C. \$20 per pack. Some games will be called in Cherokee language. This is a collaboration with the Cherokee Language Consortium. Info: Myrtle (828) 341-0007 or Lynn 736-6150

Easter Egg Market. April 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Lunch by Melitia. Lots of local vendors and crafts. Info: Denise Walkingstick (828) 508-2211

Kolanvyi Community Club Easter Egg Hunt. April 6 at 11 a.m. at the Big Cove Stickball Field in Cherokee, N.C. Ages 0-3 at 11 a.m., ages 4-6 at 11:30 a.m., ages 7-10 at 12 p.m., ages 11-13 at 12:30

p.m., and ages 14+ at 1 p.m.

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.

"A Century of Cherokee Mask-making" gallery talk with Driver Blythe and Davy Arch. April 11 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Mountain Heritage Center at 1 University Drive in Cullowhee, N.C. Light refreshments will be served.

Week of the Young Child Children's Fair. April 18 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the old Cherokee High School site at 1501 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. Free food, games, door prizes, and more. Bring a

canned food item to be entered into a drawing for a prize. All donations will go to the Dora Reed Food Pantry. This event is free to all.

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

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

SŌHĭ ʌD RVLTʌJ DʒʌYL



Koda, an 11-month-old Pembroke Welsh Corgi, lives with her human, Dahne Lopez, in Elawodi (Yellowhill).



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How do you say that in Cherokee?

	Irʌ Tsiya Otter
	DʌWʌ Adawoa He is swimming/ He is bathing
	Dʒʌʌ Amayi River

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(828) 736-5285 or Tammy Jackson
788-0878

Cherokee Autism Celebration.

April 25 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the old Cherokee High School site at 1501 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. This is being hosted by the Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start to engage, celebrate, and bring together an important part of the Cherokee community that is under-represented. Info: Candy Ross (828) 359-2203, candross@ebci-nsn.gov or Amanda Bradley 359-2204, amanbrad@ebci-nsn.gov



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel a little sheepish about admitting your feelings for a certain someone. But do it anyway. Your sincerity will make the right impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to clean out the clutter in your home. It's also a good time to sort out personal priorities and make decisions about certain relationships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Avoid getting caught up in conflicting advice, even from trusted friends and family members. You need to dig for your own facts and make choices accordingly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Conflicting aspects cause some confusion, both on the job and in your personal life. Try to keep your balance as you work things out to your benefit.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters become especially taxing for many Leos this week. Pay careful attention to details so that you can avoid more complicated financial problems later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't let regret for a past, rash act keep you from moving on. Meanwhile, a good friend reaches out to help you, and a family dispute needs to be resolved quickly.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone you thought was an ally

Waterfalls Baptist Church

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

Cherokee Spring Rod Run.

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

Fire Mountain Inferno. May 3

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suddenly creates on-the-job problems. Wait for the fuss and fury to end before going ahead with your plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're moving into a more favorable period in your personal life. Continue to be patient and allow those pesky problems to work themselves out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Ask questions about a financial matter in your family. Don't rely on reassurances. Insist on proof that all is as it should be. And if isn't, why not?

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Personal relationships continue to improve. Vital information comes in about a matter that you almost gave up on. Ask a trusted friend for advice on a major purchase.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your financial situation continues to improve. Meanwhile, a family member makes demands on your time. Give what you can, but save some for yourself. You need it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That romantic attraction you've tried to ignore grows stronger. In addition, a former business associate turns up with important news that could affect your financial future.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a quiet strength that often surprises people. You are sensitive to the needs of others, even if you sometimes ignore your own.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Help for Financial Stresses

If your debts are so bad the stress of it is making you physically ill, you're not alone. And if the weight of it all is stressing you mentally, you're not alone there either. The past several years, with the economy and COVID and everything else, have made many of us wonder if there's hope.

But yes ... there is hope. The Department of Veterans Affairs has created the National Veterans Financial Resource Center (FINVET).

The purpose of FINVET is to help veterans learn to manage finances and handle the mental uncertainty of debt — and lower the risk of suicide, which can come with the stresses of finances.

The website (www.mirecc.va.gov/vsn19/finvet) has tools, videos, calculators and resources for five different money-related issues: paying for essentials, saving money, increasing your income, managing debt and protecting your money.

Depending on your situation, one of those might be more important than the other right now, but they all have value.

Protecting your money can be a big one, with scammers on the line each time you answer the phone. Dozens of scams are identified, from payday lending to identity theft and scams aimed directly at veterans. Get familiar with all that the page has to offer so you're not caught unaware.

Managing debt sometimes takes more than just additional income. Often it requires good information with advice and tools or learning ways to improve your credit score so you qualify for lower interest rates on big purchases like vehicles.

Paying for essentials can be a serious problem as well. Check the website for the many sources of help, ranging from emergency food assistance, to the national hunger hotline, to housing counselors.

The whole FINVET website is very well done, with mountains of good information no matter your financial situation, everything in one place. Bookmark the page so you can find your way back as time goes on and your situation changes.

And don't give up. Sometimes all you need to fix a financial situation is information and a bit of support.

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Flea Onslaught Strikes Early in the Season

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I can't believe it — it's only March, and my cat Flicker is already scratching himself silly with fleas! He has terrible skin reactions to flea bites. How can I get rid of them? — Jesse B., Oak Ridge, Tennessee

DEAR JESSE: Flea infestations are awful, aren't they? As the seasons change and the weather warms up, flea activity rises, and pet owners start seeing more evidence of fleas on their pets and around their homes.

Fleas aren't just annoying. They can carry diseases that are transmissible to pets and humans. Tapeworms and cat scratch disease are just two of the potential ills that a flea infestation can bring into your home.

Tackle a flea problem head-on, and don't wait — because it will continue to get worse as the summer approaches.

Because of Flicker's allergic reaction to flea bites, he needs direct treatment to repel fleas and prevent them from latching on to his fur again. Talk to his veterinarian about the most effective flea treatments. For example, a monthly or quarterly topical flea treatment may be a good option. Oral medication — as pills or chewables — is also very effective. The vet may also recommend medication to clear up his current skin issues.

Reduce the risk of another flea infestation by making your home difficult for fleas to exist in.

—Have your home treated for fleas by a pest control service.

—Pick up clutter from the floor and replace any plush or felted toys with new ones.

—Vacuum twice a week to pick up fleas and their eggs.

—Repair or replace damaged window and door screens.

—Remove any debris piles near your home, and shift wood piles farther away.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAYO Basketball Tournament. March 28-30 in Cherokee, N.C. Team entry fee is \$150 and is due by Friday, March 1. Rosters are due by Friday, March 22. Boys and Girls divisions (14U ages 12-14, 18U ages

15-18). Info: Shannon Bark (828) 736-9538, 359-3345, shanbark@ebci-nsn.gov, or Kelsey Jackson 788-4732, 359-6894, kelsjackson@ebci-nsn.gov

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

Diabetes program starting entitled "What Can I Eat? Nutrition Education for Native People Living with Diabetes or Prediabetes". April 4 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Welch Top Conference Room in Cherokee, N.C. In weekly classes, this program will help you achieve your health goals including: eating healthier, losing weight, lowering blood sugar, feeling better, having more energy, and moving easier. This program is sponsored by the Cherokee Indian Hospital Nutrition Department. Info: (828) 497-9163 ext. 6459 or email nilofer.couture@cherokee-hospital.org


Community Baby Shower. April 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrell Recreation Center. Food, diapers, gift cards, raffles, and more. First 50 people get a t-shirt. Info: Trish Carver at triccarv@ebci-nsn.gov or Candy Martin at candmart@ebci-nsn.gov

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

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




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Welcome Center. Info: <https://fish-chokekee.com>

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WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

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

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. April 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City, N.C. "Raising Judson: Resurrecting the Life of a Drowned Mountain Community" is the title of the presentation by Wendy Myers. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. Attendance is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Autism Support Group Meet-

ing. 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, roger-smoker@yahoo.com

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

Wolftown Community meets

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

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

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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

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

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

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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 embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., Wednesday services 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brent Stewart. Search Grace Bible Church NC on Facebook. Check the page as some Wednesdays there are no services. Also, Sunday worship service is live-streamed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Olivet United Methodist Church. 811 Olivet Church Road.

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

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

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

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

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 3755 Big Cove Road.

Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 1 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor Tim James 497-7644

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

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

inclement weather updates. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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Veteran preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will be accepted in conjunction of all applications. **4/3**

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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

LEGAL NOTICES

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 circu-

lated in the area where the party to be served is believed by the serving party to be located and, in support thereof,

IT IS SHOWN the Court as follows:

1. That a hearing was held on September 5, 2023, after proper service on all Parties, Sybil Mann Attorney for the Family Safety Program, Stephanie Lepre Attorney for the mother, Mara Nelson the Attorney for the Father Dennis Bumgarner, and the Attorney for Bob and Theresa Keber (Movants).
2. That the father's last known address was on the Qualla Boundary, as lies inside the County of Jackson, North Carolina.
3. That Pursuant to North Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 4(jl), as adopted by the Cherokee Code, the Attorney for the Movants Bob

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and Teresa Keber has exercised due diligence and made great efforts to effectuate service on the father and to locate the whereabouts of the father consisting of Facebook searches, conducted an internet search, mailed a certified return receipt letter of the filing to the last known address which was returned unaccepted, attempted civil service by the Cherokee Tribal Police which was unsuccessful, regular mail on April 10, 2023 which was not returned to the sender, and contacted the Swain and Jackson County Detention Centers which resulted in no such person as known as Dennis Bumgarner was present.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Venita K Wolfe
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Cherokee, North Carolina
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Trista Lane Welch
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Tara Leigh McCoy, Executrix of the Estate of Clifton M. Owle
c/o Agatha B. Guy
Carpenter & Guy, PLLC
559 West Main Street
Sylva, North Carolina 28779
4/17

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-022
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
Louise Reed
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53 Boyd Chekelelee Rd
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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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(828) 359-0012

RE: Unclaimed Money

The following individuals have
unclaimed money at the Cherokee
Court. If your name or business
is on this list, please come to the
clerk's office at the Cherokee Court
by June 10, 2024 and fill out the
appropriate paperwork so that the
monies can be returned to you:
Anders, Jama; Arch, Treannie;
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Shannon; Brady, Dnaiel; Catt,
Mattie; Cope, Sally; Crowe, Ed-
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Tatum; Halm, Christine; Hodock,
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buckle, Joniah; Keel, Aaron; King,
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Owle Sr., Alfred; Owle, Leigh;
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gins, Benjamin; Rivera, Domingo;
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Gregory; Welch Sr., James; Welch,
Anthony; Welch, Thomas; Wolfe,
Terry. 5/29

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

(Bertha Saunooke and Bill Lambert Drive)

Cherokee Indian Housing Di-
vision 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
Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North
Caroline, 28719. Bids are to be
submitted in a sealed envelope ad-
dressed 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 PROPOSAL (Blackberry)

Cherokee Indian Housing Di-
vision is seeking proposals for the
rehab and renovation of 1 house
located at Blackberry Apartments
on Teesateskie Rd. in Birdtown,
Cherokee, NC 28719. This proj-
ect 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
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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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Application and job description can be picked up from the receptionist at the Boys Club information window between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

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Cherokee Boys Club
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-Behavioral Specialists - \$55,000 - \$67,500
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- K-5 Special Education Teacher
- School Psychologist
- 9-12 English Teacher
- 9-12 Lifeskills Teacher
- 9-12 Special Education Lifeskills Teacher Assistant
- 9-12 Student Support Specialist
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Behavioral Health Consultant Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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3. Carpenter – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Part-Time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Field Technician I – Water & Sewer – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
6. Housekeeper I – Housekeeping – Operations (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
7. Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

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2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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6. School Resources Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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8. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
9. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
11. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour)
12. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
13. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
14. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
15. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
16. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
17. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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23. NFP Nurse (Home Visitor) – Nurse Family Partnership – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
24. Rounds Tech/Operator – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
25. Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
26. Evidence Based Intervention Specialist – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)



BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WaterCorps Program

APPLY TODAY TO OUR WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM!

Interested in gaining water resources experience? The WaterCorps program - administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Stewards Individual Placements - is a 26-week long AmeriCorps service term that includes professional training and hands-on learning in the field of water resources. WaterCorps members are exposed to a broad array of subjects ranging from basic surface and ground water hydrology, hydropower, flood-control, data collection & analysis, population studies, and more!

Who can apply?

Applicants must be ages 18-34 and a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe, Band, and/or Village (will need to complete a Form 4432), with a HS diploma or GED.

What are the benefits?

- \$600 living allowance per week
- \$3,447 AmeriCorps Education Award
- Professional Development Funds for site specific training
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Where is the program?

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When is the program?

Positions will start between May-June 2024 and last 26 weeks.



Stewards Recruiting Staff

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Cherokee Boys Club Employee of the Month March 2024

Meet **Ms. Grace Martin**, an employee of the Cherokee Boys Club who works at Cherokee Children's Home (CCH). She has been chosen as the Employee of the Month for March due to her exceptional work with the youth. Grace joined CCH in November as a part-time Resident Counselor, but due to her dedication and hard work, she quickly transitioned to a full-time position.

Grace is known for her relatable, encouraging, and compassionate nature. She is an attentive listener and is always willing to lend a hand and provide support in caring for residents and de-escalating situations when needed. Her intelligence is also highly appreciated; she completed three years of study in linguistics at Chapel Hill and is bilingual in English and Spanish. Additionally, she can speak bits and pieces of 12 different languages, making her a valuable asset to the team at CCH.

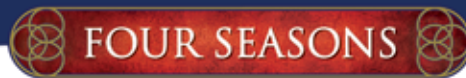
We are fortunate to have Grace as a part of our team, and we congratulate her on her well-deserved recognition as Employee of the Month. Thank you, Grace, for your outstanding service and dedication to the residents at Cherokee Children's Home!



Picture Grace Martin (left) and Heather Sneed (Right)

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WNC Elite wins tournament in Tennessee

The WNC Elite team were the varsity champions in the TN Tip-Off Classic basketball tournament held in Sevierville, Tenn. on March 15-17. The team is shown, left to right, including - Luke Smith, Matix Stamper, Jailen Powell, Aidan Bennett, Head Coach Ethan Passmore, Cameron Rattler, Javian Martin, Collin Ledford, Michael Driver, Savian Davis, Zach Skogen, and Assistant Coach John Fulford. (Photo contributed)



Tribal member places in marathon

Kallup McCoy II, left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, took third place overall at the recent Asheville (N.C.) Marathon with a time of 2:41.12. He is shown with his wife, Katelynn Ledford-McCoy. (Photo contributed)



Tribal member volunteers time in Boone

Connor McCoy, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a junior at Appalachian State University, was one of several students from Appalachian State University's Student American Indian Movement (SAIM) which organized and ran an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, March 23 for children at the Hospitality House – a homeless shelter in Boone, N.C. Allen Bryant, SAIM faculty advisor, said, "There are lots of ways for a college student to spend their Saturday, and Connor chose to spend his working with homeless children. He's awesome." (Photo courtesy of SAIM)

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