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Expressing sovereignty

sov*er*eign*ty exhibit to open at Museum of the Cherokee People

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Museum of the Cherokee People is examining many sides of the issue of tribal sovereignty in a new exhibit, entitled “sov*er*eign*ty: Expressions in Sovereignty of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI)”. It will open to the public on Friday, March 15, 2024 and is scheduled to run through the end of February 2025.

“sov*er*eign*ty is about some expressions of sovereignty

throughout Eastern Band history,” said Dakota Brown, Museum of the Cherokee People director of education. “So, it takes a look at some of the different ways that we’ve expressed sovereignty throughout the years. Our focus, mainly, though, is the 20th and 21st centuries. We do focus a lot on how we built an economy here in this community and how it’s transformed over the years.”

“I think, with our visitors, there is always a conversation about, or a misunderstanding about what sovereignty is for a tribal nation and what that looks like. Being able to talk about that with our visitors is something I’m excited about as well. We hope that it’s enriching for the community. It’s something that we haven’t really talked about here.”

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This photograph, which will be featured in the new “sov*er*eign*ty: Expressions in Sovereignty of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians” exhibit at the Museum of the Cherokee People, shows a man wearing a Bear Dance Mask. He is standing next to the house of the late Will West Long in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in 1936. (Image courtesy of the Penn Museum)

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EXHIBIT: from front page

On the theme for the exhibit, Evan Mathis, Museum of the Cherokee People director of collections and exhibitions, said, "With our community outreach that we did, the community listening sessions, that's one of the themes that continually comes up over and over and over again is that people don't know the history of the Eastern Band's sovereignty, separate from the Cherokee Nation, so that's a motivation to tell the story."

"I mostly started looking at things that were associated with previous chiefs or previous council members or leaders in the community."

One item is a soapstone carving entitled "The Life of Tsali" that was made by the late Lloyd Carl Owle, an EBCI tribal elder. Of the piece, Mathis noted, "The reason I selected this piece was Tsali's contributions to the sovereignty of the Eastern Band are kind of misunderstood and misinterpreted by a lot of people. So, this is a really beautiful piece of art that will help people to kind of contemplate and research more about what his real story was. Also, it's a good way to honor Lloyd Carl Owle who just passed away. The other thing is that the only other object in the Museum that we have that was associated with Tsali before was the gun that killed him. So, it's cool to have a piece that reflects on his life and what that would've looked like rather than his tragic death."

Brown commented, "A lot of our changing exhibits have been very art-focused so to be able to tell a story in this way is a little bit different for us...a theme-based approached exhibit is something that we want to move towards to be able to tell our stories and this is an example of this. And, I think that this is an opportunity for us to kind of explore what that's going to look like and what a theme-based approach can be towards an exhibit. I think we're excited to do that and especially explore sovereignty." Mathis expounded on the exhibit's



This wrestling robe will be featured in the exhibit. It was worn at professional wrestling events by the late Osley Bird Saunooke, former Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. (Image courtesy of the Museum of the Cherokee People)

theme, "What Shana (Bushyhead Con-dill) says all the time is that we're not a history museum, we're not an art museum, we're not a natural history museum, we're all of those things. So, there's so many ways to tell important stories other than just being a history timeline."

"We do have a lot of objects that have never been exhibited before that have been donated within the last two years... so we're really excited to show some of the pieces that have never been exhibited before."

Some of the items contained in the exhibit focus on tourism – a mainstay of the economy of the EBCI for decades – with some items having been made at

The Cherokees, a now-defunct company that made items for the tourist trade.

Brown noted, "I think it (items from The Cherokees) gives us an opportunity to have some conversations about the intentionality that we took with developing The Cherokees as a way to generate not only jobs for the community but also a product that came out of our community that we then sold in this community. Although it was based heavily on stereotypes, I think one of the things that we really want to focus on is telling the story about why that was important and why that was the decision that was made for our community at that time - how it impacted us and impacted our community from then on. At that point, it completely changed how we were able to make a living here in this community."

This exhibit aims to explain the concept of sovereignty, but at its core, it is about storytelling. Brown said, "We say a lot that we're a museum of a people and that telling those stories that haven't been told before is something that we're interested in doing. And, I think that this story hasn't been told in this way yet for our organization. So, I'm excited that we're thinking about new ways to approach that conversation and to approach telling our story as a people."

"This is the first changing exhibit that

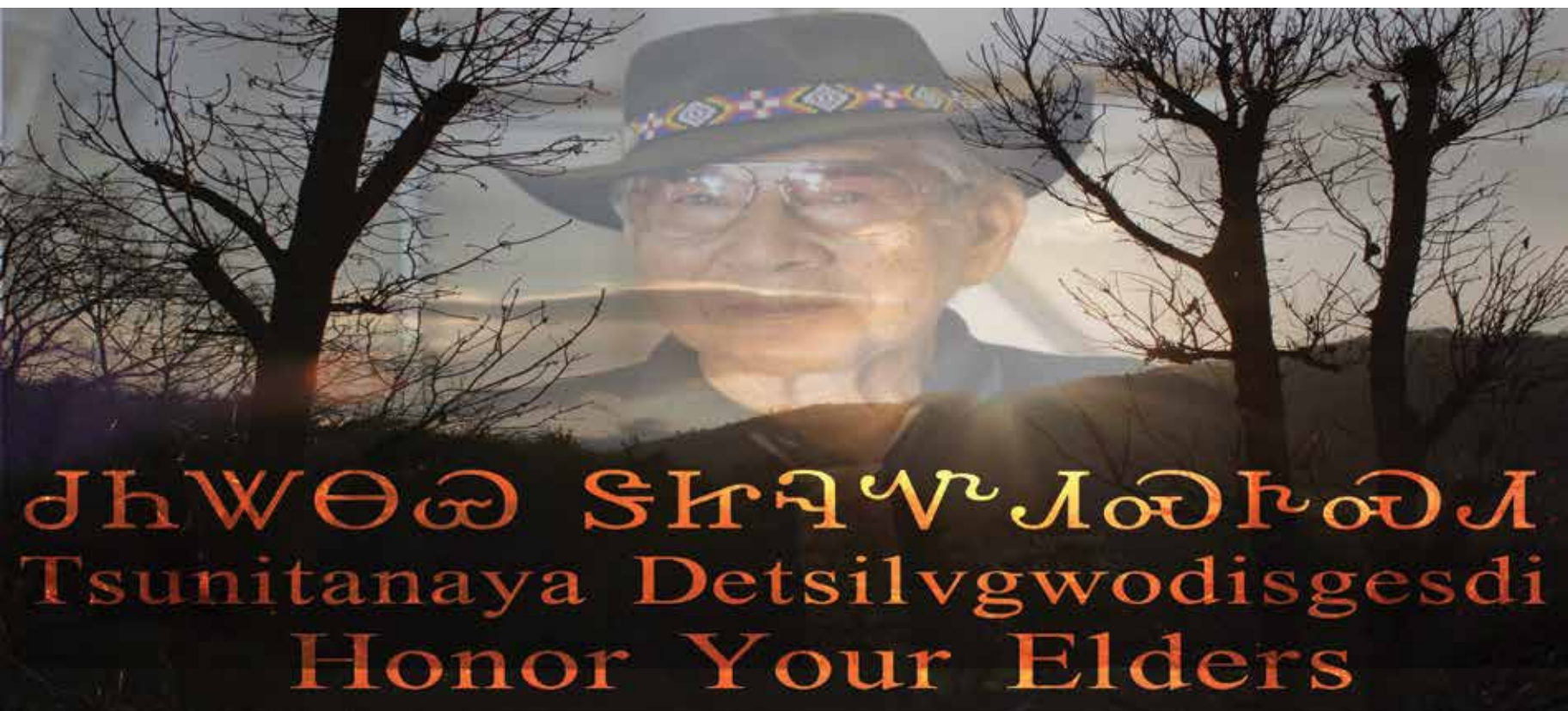
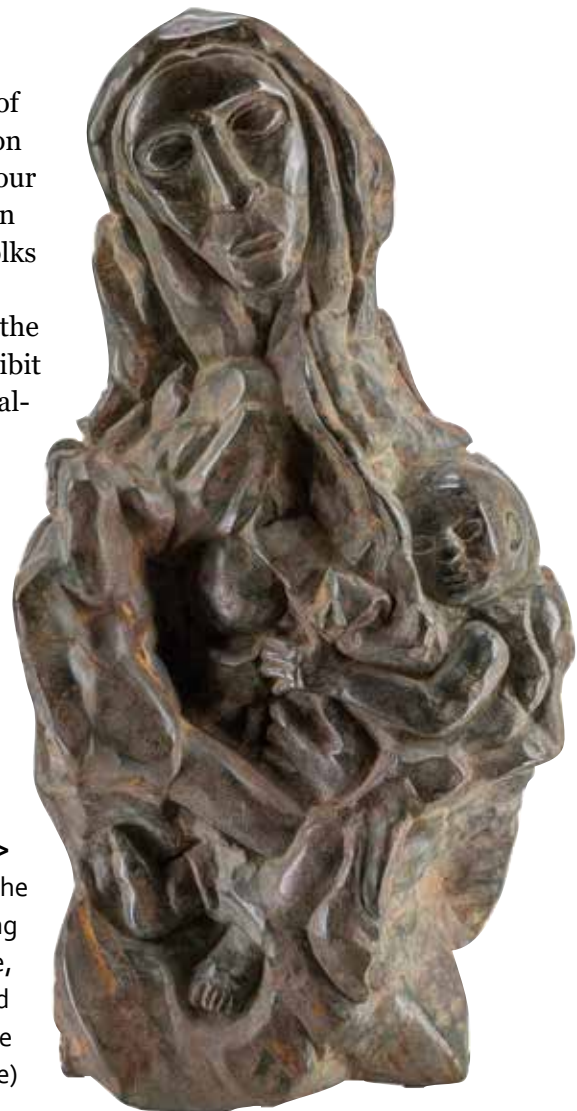
we've only featured our collections. Most of our changing exhibits have been focused on showing mostly contemporary art within our community, but we've had a lot of pieces in the past that were loaned to us by other folks and things like that for us to show in our changing exhibit spaces. So, this is one of the first times that we've done a changing exhibit that's entirely from our collections. I'm really excited about that because some of the items that we're exhibiting I didn't even know that we had in our collections."

Mathis said, "There's going to be a lot of interesting objects to look at and consider sovereignty from various perspectives."

For more information about the Museum of the Cherokee People, visit: <https://motcp.org>

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Tribe's cannabis dispensary set to open on 4/20

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The first cannabis dispensary in the State of North Carolina will open next month in Cherokee, N.C. The Great Smoky Cannabis Company, operated by Qualla Enterprises, LLC, an entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will open on Saturday, April 20 (4/20).

Lee Griffin, Qualla Enterprises human resources director, confirmed the opening date to Tribal Council during a work session on Wednesday, Feb. 28. “That’s the National Cannabis holiday,” he said.

Griffin spoke mainly about staffing for the new dispensary which is located at 91 Bingo Loop Road – the site of the now-defunct Cherokee Tribal Bingo operation. He told Tribal Council that they’ve received over 1,400 applications from people desiring to work at the dispensary.

The number needed and hired will depend on one key factor – whether the dispensary will open as a medical cannabis facility or an adult use facility.

“We’ve got two models that we’ve been going through – a medical and an adult model,” said Griffin. “Right now, we’ve been really conservative as far as the medical model. We’re looking at about 78 positions. That’s 23 different job titles.”

That number increases more than four times if looking at the adult model. “Now, if we open to an adult market, the hiring model looks much different. It’s over 350 positions. So, we hope to open to an adult market on opening day.”

The idea of a medical market



The Great Smoky Cannabis Company, operated by Qualla Enterprises, LLC, an entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will open on Saturday, April 20 (4/20). This photo shows a portion of the dispensary which is in the former Cherokee Tribal Bingo Building. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

versus an adult market was the impetus for the work session on Wednesday. The session was held to discuss Tabled Ord. No. 63 which seeks to amend Cherokee Code Chapter 17, which is currently titled ‘Medical Marijuana’, and changing it to be titled ‘Cannabis’ and making all of the changes within the ordinance to allow for adult use, sometimes referred to as recreational use, of cannabis.

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahnetah asked Griffin, “If we’re late to getting all of this passed into the adult use, you can still open with the limited amount of employees you’ve got right?”

Griffin answered, “We can. That’s why we built two models.”

Rep. Wahnetah then said, “And, if we start really taking off

like the projections say, then we can hire more.”

The following referendum question appeared on the 2023 EBCI General Election ballot, “Do you support legalizing the possession and use of cannabis for persons who are at least twenty-one (21) years old and require the EBCI Tribal Council to develop legislation to regulate the market?”

The referendum, which was held on Sept. 7, 2023, passed 2,464 (yes) to 1,057 (no).

Currently, Qualla Enterprises, LLC employs 69 people – 74 percent of whom are EBCI tribal members. That number increases to a whopping 91 percent of employees at the cannabis farm in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) are EBCI

tribal members.

“We’re very proud of that,” Griffin told Tribal Council on Wednesday. “And, we hope to continue that trend as we move forward.”

In July 2023, the One Feather toured the cannabis farm and spoke with many of the employees. One was Erica Watty, an EBCI tribal member working in one of the hoop houses doing plant audits. She told the One Feather at the time, “I feel awesome everyday just to wake up and know this is my job. This is the only job that I’ve never woken up and dreaded thinking ‘oh, I’ve got to go to work. I’m growing medicine. I’m going to help people on our land. I think it means everything in the world to me.”

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MMIW: Ruby Sky Montelongo

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—With help from the International Women’s Media Foundation’s Fund for Indigenous Journalists: Reporting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit and Transgender People (MMIWG2T), the Cherokee One Feather is detailing each of the 35 documented Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) cases in a monthly article.

Ruby Sky Montelongo, a 16-year-old member of the EBCI, was found beaten to death in April 2023. Her uncle, Gerald “Lij” Britton, discovered her body in a field in Mendocino County, Calif.

Ruby’s body was discovered three weeks after Nicholas Shehli Whipple was found murdered on the Round Valley Indian Reservation. In response to the killings, Round Valley Indian Tribes declared a state of emergency on April 16, 2023, one day after Montelongo was found dead.

A 15-year-old female has

been charged in the murder of Montelongo. The investigation is ongoing.

Lou Montelongo, a cousin of Ruby Sky, shared the story of travelling with her family to Ruby’s funeral in Covelo, California. “When my family arrived in Covelo for Ruby’s funeral, we were told to be aware of our surroundings and that fights would most likely break out. The community of Round Valley are in a constant state of grief,” Montelongo said.

“We drove out to California in prayer, with dirt from our grandma Nora’s sweat lodge, and water from the spring up Wrights Creek. We sang “Guide me, Jehovah” in Cherokee and everyone seemed to settle. There were no fights. There were no arguments. Just pure love for Ruby. It was so beautiful to see.”

At the MMIW Walk held by the Qualla Boundary Chapter MMIW NC Coalition in May 2023, Montelongo and other family members of Ruby carried signs and wore t-shirts to honor her memory, including a sign that read, “Ruby Sky Montelongo. Forever 16.”

This reporting was supported by the International Women’s Media Foundation’s Fund for Indigenous Journalists: Reporting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit and Transgender People (MMIW-G2T).



Lou Montelongo, an EBCI tribal member and cousin of Ruby Sky Montelongo, holds a sign in her memory at the 4th Annual Missing and Murdered Relatives Walk in Cherokee, N.C. on May 5, 2023. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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

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



Driving change - EBCI's advocacy push in legislation

By PRINCIPAL CHIEF
MICHELL HICKS

During the past week, I had the privilege to journey to Raleigh, N.C. alongside my staff, Tribal Council Chairman, and Tribal Council members. Our goal was to engage with North Carolina legislators, sharing insights and priorities of our new administration and outlining the future stance of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) on critical issues.

Our day began with a meeting with Attorney General and gubernatorial candidate Josh Stein, followed by a session with N.C. House Minority Leader Robert Reives. Throughout these discussions, we delved into various topics, including updates on critical issues such as healthcare, which holds significant importance for our tribal members and extends its impact beyond the Qualla Boundary.

We met with Governor Roy Cooper, where we presented him with general tribal updates that included the proposed Arthur Wade Bridge, WWII Veteran Reuben Taylor's housing situation, and highlighting the strong relationship of our tribal government.



Leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians met with North Carolina leaders recently in Raleigh, N.C. They are shown, left to right, front row – Sheyahshe Littledave, EBCI public relations officers; Bill Taylor, EBCI governmental affairs liaison; Principal Chief Michell Hicks; N.C. Governor Roy Cooper; Tsiqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle; TCGE Board Chair Tommy Lambert; TCGE Board Member Skooter McCoy; back row – Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper; Tribal Council Chairman Mike Parker; and Paxton Myers, EBCI chief of staff. (Photo courtesy of EBCI public relations)

The objective of this trip was to strengthen our connections with various North Carolina legislators and collaborate towards enhancing the well-being of not only our EBCI enrolled members but all North Carolinians.

We express our gratitude to the North Carolina legislators for their time and look forward to continuing our partnership in the future. It is our hope that as we continue our legislative efforts, we ensure that EBCI enrolled mem-

bers remain well-informed and that we maintain transparency within the community regarding our visits and advocacy efforts on behalf of our tribe.



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Qualla Boundary Civil Preparedness meeting held

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The local Planning Committee Quarterly Meeting was held at the Shawn Blanton EOC Building on Tuesday, Feb. 27. The meeting was conducted by Mollie Grant, from EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Emergency Services, and Yona Wade, EBCI interim director of training and development. Several programs attended the meeting including EBCI Facilities, Cherokee Fire Dept., Cherokee Indian Police Dept., EBCI Emergency Medical Services, Cherokee Central Schools, the Principal Chief's office, Cherokee Community Club Council, EBCI Parks and Recreation, and the EBCI Agricultural Extension Office.

It was noted that, as of Jan. 19, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Local Emergency Planning Committee had been reviewed and declared active, along with many North Carolina County committees by the NC Department of Public Safety.

Grant and Brett Robinson gave an update on the outdoor warning siren system, stating that they are installed and active. Robinson spoke more directly to the Cherokee Central Schools participation. A test of the system is planned for the March 6 (9:30 a.m.) statewide tornado drill and as part of the statewide Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 3-9. According to a release from the National Weather Service-Greenville-Spartanburg Forecast Office, "Every school, business, workplace, and family across the state

is strongly encouraged to participate in this drill."

NOAA Weather Radio will broadcast the drill and will be part of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) protocol via the Required Monthly Test (RMT) for the tornado drill. No actual Tornado Warning will be issued. Not all weather radios will operate the same as refinements have been made to the units over the years, so it is recommended to turn your NOAA radio on so that when the messaging comes through, you will be able to participate in the drill. This drill will take the place of the weekly radio test that would typically occur that day between 11 a.m. and noon.

If there is actual severe weather on March 6, the statewide tornado drill will be postponed. Should the drill have to be postponed, the alternate date for the drill is Friday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Grant also gave updates on her attendance at the FEMA Regional Interagency Steering Committee Meeting.

Wade recognized each entity represented in the room to get any updates from those departments. Lyndsey Henderson, from EBCI Public Health and Human Services, also discussed emergency service coordination and planning, reviewing a calendar of events. Jae Winchester spoke on behalf of Cherokee Central Schools, particularly concerning getting information materials out about the drill.

The primary focus of the meeting was planning and information release about the Severe Weather Preparedness week and statewide Tornado Drill. Each day of the week will have a particular focus. Sunday will be an overview of the week. Monday will be focused on severe thunderstorms and torna-

dos. Tuesday's focus will be ways to receive severe weather alerts, and information about the State-wide Tornado Drill. Wednesday will center on staying safe when high winds, hail, and tornados strike. Thursday lightning safety will be the central concern. Friday will focus on flash flood safety. And Saturday will be an encouragement to make a plan and encouraging others to do the same.

Allen appointed Jackson County Board of Elections director of elections

The Jackson County Board of Elections has announced the appointment of Amanda Allen as the new director of elections effective Monday, Feb. 26. The decision to appoint Allen was a unanimous decision of the Board.

Allen is a Jackson County native and a graduate of Smoky Mountain High School. Allen holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Guilford College and a Master of Science in Human Resources from Western Carolina University.

Allen most recently served seven years as the Human Resources Administrator at Southwestern Community College and five years as an Administrative Assistant.

Allen states she joined the Board of Elections in 2018 out of curiosity to learn more about the election processes. She was particularly impressed with the transparency and high standards of service provided to Jackson County candidates and voters.

Over the past five years, Allen has taken on a variety of roles with increasing responsibilities, starting as a precinct worker, then advancing to precinct judge and chief judge. Allen welcomes the opportunity to serve as Director of

Elections for Jackson County.

Kirk Stephens, Chairman of the Board of Elections, stated "Amanda's organizational skills and dedication to ensuring fair, impartial, and well-coordinated elections clearly made her stand out as the top candidate. We are delighted to have such a capable individual on board."

- Jackson Co. Board of Elections
release

13 million visit Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 2023

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - Last week, the National Park Service announced that 400 national parks reported a total of 325.5 million visits in 2023, an increase of 13 million or 4 percent over 2022.

At Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP), 2023 visitation was 3 percent higher than 2022. With 13.3 million visits, it is the second highest year on record at the park, after 2021. June through October were the busiest months, with over 1 million visits each month. Over the last decade, the park has averaged nearly 12 million visits per year.

"This year's data shows that Great Smoky Mountains National Park continues to resonate with millions of visitors," said GSMNP Superintendent Cassius Cash. "People come here to build deeper connections with the park, seek adventures, and make new discoveries."

Visitation figures and trends guide how the National Park Service manages parks to ensure the best experience possible for park visitors. The NPS Visitor Statistics Dashboard provides recreational visit statistics for every park in the US for 2023 and also for previous years, dating back to 1979 for

some parks. There are 429 parks in the National Park System, and 400 parks counted visitors in 2023. For the first time, there are now parks reporting their visitation numbers from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and four US territories. Five national parks began reporting in 2023, and this is the first year a park from Delaware is included.

- National Park Service release

CIPD Arrest Report for Feb. 19-25, 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.

Chavez, Esgardo Saucedo – age 30
Arrested: Feb. 19
Released: Feb. 19
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Foster, Casey Tyler – age 24
Arrested: Feb. 19
Released: Feb. 20
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Guerrero, Aron – age 32
Arrested: Feb. 19
Released: Feb. 19
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Norton, Christopher Michael – age 52
Arrested: Feb. 19
Released: Feb. 20
Charges: Resisting, Obstructing, Delaying Officers

Driver, Richard McAdoo – age 49

Arrested: Feb. 20
Released: Feb. 20
Charges: Assault on a Government Employee

Kiser, Charles II Bernard – age 37
Arrested: Feb. 20
Released: Feb. 20
Charges: Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer

Crowe, Dallas Edward – age 50
Arrested: Feb. 21
Released: Feb. 22
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts)

Bradley, Nichole Dominique – age 31
Arrested: Feb. 22
Released: Feb. 23
Charges: Probation Violation

McCoy, Norman Dale – age 66
Arrested: Feb. 22
Released: Feb. 22
Charges: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Morales, Alexander – age 21
Arrested: Feb. 22
Released: Feb. 22
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Newell, Carolyn Ann – age 71
Arrested: Feb. 23
Released: Feb. 23
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Century, Andy Angelo – age 50
Arrested: Feb. 24
Released: Feb. 24
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Ensley, William Nathaniel – age 45
Arrested: Feb. 24
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 26)
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court;

Tampering with Witnesses

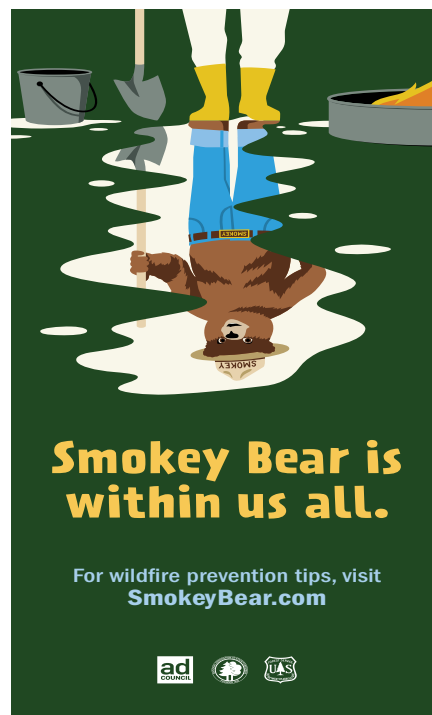
Gloyne, Marian Heather – age 42
Arrested: Feb. 24
Released: Feb. 24
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Hampton Jr., Paul – age 26
Arrested: Feb. 24
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 26)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Jalen Robert – age 30
Arrested: Feb. 24
Released: Feb. 24
Charges: Breaking and Entering, First Degree Trespass, Second Degree Trespass

Smoker, Kaleb Spencer – age 22
Arrested: Feb. 25
Released: Feb. 25
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Sramek, Kyle – age 31
Arrested: Feb. 25
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 26)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor



Moments in time

- On March 18, 1971, a 100-foot tsunami, caused by a massive rock avalanche that crashed into Lake Yanahuani from a height of 1,300 feet, destroyed a Peruvian mining camp and killed hundreds of people.

- On March 19, 1954, Willie Mosconi, aka Mr. Pocket Billiards, set a new world record for running the most consecutive pool balls without a miss — 526, in fact! — during an exhibition in Springfield, Ohio. A handwritten and notarized affidavit with the signatures of more than 35 eyewitnesses served as proof of his feat.

- On March 20, 1648, King Charles I of England attempted an initial escape from his captivity at Carisbrooke Castle on the Isle of Wight by climbing out of a window, but the effort proved fruitless when he got stuck between its frame and an iron bar, and had to retreat to his room.

- On March 21, 1984, New York City's Central Park designated a section of its grounds as "Strawberry Fields" to commemorate former Beatle John Lennon, who was shot dead in front of his nearby residence by Mark David Chapman.

- On March 22, 1946, the United States Army made its first successful launch of an American-built rocket out of the atmosphere, using a combination of American and German scientists in adapting the German V-2 rockets seized after the Allied victory in World War II. The rocket reached an altitude of about 50 miles.

- On March 23, 2022, New Zealand's prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, announced the country would relax COVID mandates for some of its workforce, allowing restaurants and similar hospitality venues to increase their indoor capacity from 100 to 200 people. Vaccine passes were no longer required to get into shops, and visitors no longer needed to scan the venue's location using their COVID-19 tracer apps.

- On March 24, 2017, 560 people dressed as ghosts to set a world record for the largest such gathering. But these spooks at the Mercy School Mounthawk weren't trying to scare anyone — rather, their aim was to highlight the invisibility of arthritis.

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CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Puppy Wolfe is a 5-year-old Dachshund and Jack Russell mix.

He lives in Aniwodihi (Painttown) with his human, Martha Wolfe.



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The Jones - Bowman Leadership Award Program is currently accepting applications for the 2024 - 2025 program year.

The Jones - Bowman Leadership Award Program is a culturally based leadership program for EBCI college undergraduates. EBCI members that are attending college Fall 2024-Spring 2025 may apply. Fellowships of up to \$4000 are awarded annually to assist with completing leadership and cultural goals.

To apply, please visit www.rkli.org/jones-bowman or visit the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at 171 Boys Club Loop, Cherokee, Applications are due by March 29th, 2024 at 4:30pm



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Gabriel Thor Crow is still missing.

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MISSING

GABRIEL THOR CROW



Date of Birth: 1/21/97
Age: 27
Sex or gender: Male
Race: Native American - Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black
Height: 5'11
Weight: 170
Identifying Characteristics:
Neck tattoos of green claw, skull and crossbones

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN POLICE DEPT. IS OFFERING A CASH REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO HIS LOCATION.

If you have information, please contact the Asheville Police Department with anonymous tip using the TIP2APD smartphone application (search Asheville PD in your app store) or by texting TIP2APD to 847411. You can also contact APD at 828-252-1110 or the Cherokee Police Department by calling 828-359-6612.

Art of Self Care Support Group

Tuesday 10am – 11am Virtual Support Group – Begins September 5, 2023 Contact Keahana Lambert 359-6193 or keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov

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Self Defense Workshop

Monday March 25th 5-7pm Open to everyone 16 and older - for under 18 they must be with a guardian. Taught by Rocky Frizzell/Fx Self Defense @ Cherokee Choices Community Room – 806 Acquoni Road Cherokee, NC (include CC, PHHS and FX logo on both flyers) Contact Robin or Keahana to sign up. Robin robibail@ebci-nsn.gov 359-6785 or Keahana keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6193

Women's Self Defense Class Series

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2024 Summer Camp Applications

Peaceful Warriors Camp 1: Ages 9-11 Date: June 10th-June 21st

Peaceful Warriors Camp 2: Ages 9-11 Date: July 8th – July 19th

Activities for each camp include: Yoga, Nutrition Education, Rafting, Horseback Riding, Crafts, Swimming, and much more! For more info or to get an application you can contact Yo at yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6784 or contact Tori at victram@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6778. You can also stop by the Cherokee Choices office for a paper copy at 806 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee NC 28719

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Cherokee's Loshi Ward goes for a shot inside as Highland's Mackenzie Woods (#23) and Aislynn Wyatt-Luck (#2) defend during a first round game of the NCHSAA 1A State Playoffs on Tuesday, Feb. 27. The Lady Braves defeated the Lady Highlanders 93-25. On Friday, March 1, Cherokee defeated the North Stokes Lady Vikings 92-29 to advance to the third round. Both games were played at the Charles George Memorial Arena (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



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Me-Li Jackson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Lenoir-Rhyne University, excelled in weighted throw with a personal best of 15.57 and took second place in the event at the South Atlantic Conference indoor track and field championship. The event was held Feb. 24-25 in Winston-Salem, N.C. Jackson was named Outstanding Conference Tournament Athlete. (Photo contributed)



POWERLIFTING

Damian Solis, right, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, competed this past weekend in Columbus, Ohio at the Arnold Sports Festival in the Xtreme Powerlifting Coalition (XPC) Worlds event. He placed first in the Sub Masters 308 weight class division. Pictured is Nicholai Solis and Damian Solis. (Photo contributed)

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8th Annual Spring Garden Fair Youth "Repurpose It" Contest

at the Yellowhill Activity Center, Saturday, April 20, 2024
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

To encourage the youth of our community to get involved in our Annual Spring Garden Fair we invite them to participate in our "Repurpose It" contest for Youth

Ages 5-8, 9-12, 13-17 and Groups (4 or more)

1st Prize \$100.00, 2nd Prize \$75.00, 3rd Prize \$50.00

The Goal: Our goal is to help the youth of our community to think about different ways they can recycle and repurpose items they often throw away. By repurposing an item, they can help our environment, reduce waste, and help make the Earth a greener place.

Guidelines: Make an item for the garden or yard from non-toxic, durable objects that are safe for children and animals. Make a list of materials used in the project and turn it in with your repurposed item to the "Repurpose It" table at the Spring Garden Fair from 9:00 am - 12 noon on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Prizes will be awarded at 1:00 p.m.

For more information on this contest contact these NAIWA ladies Carmaleta Monteith at carmaleta@msn.com or Lucille Wolfe at 828-736-5285

Speakers' Consortium holds quarterly meeting in Cherokee

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—The quarterly Cherokee Speakers' Consortium meeting between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), the Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (UKB) was held from Feb. 13-16 in Cherokee. The meeting included Cherokee translation work, visits to Cherokee Central Schools and Robbinsville, a church service at Rock Springs Baptist Church, and a meaningful adjournment at the grand opening of the Cherokee Speakers Place (kalvgviditsa tsalagi aniwonisgi tsunatsohisdihi).

The consortium is a group of Cherokee first language speakers dedicated to the creation of new words and the revival of uncommon Cherokee words. Meetings have been held quarterly, alternating between Cherokee and Tahlequah, for over 17 years. Some second language learners also attend to facilitate, take notes, and transcribe meetings.

"The tribes worked independently on the creations of words but saw the need to collaborate on new words to address the disparity created by dialectal differences," said Renissa McLaughlin, EBCI youth and adult education director.

"The purpose of the meetings



David Crawler, a Cherokee Nation citizen and fluent Cherokee speaker, works on Biblical translations at the Cherokee Speakers' Consortium held in Cherokee from Feb. 13-16. (Photo by Zhana Michelle Long/New Kituwah Academy)

is to examine and determine new modern vocabulary like chrysanthemum, brachiosaurus, magnet and plasma," said Bo Lossiah, New Kituwah Academy curriculum and instruction supervisor.

After a week of speaking in Cherokee language and discussing important Cherokee language concepts for the future of the language, the speakers were able to finish their week of work at the grand opening of the Cherokee

Speakers Place on Feb. 16. The Speakers Place stands adjacent to New Kituwah Academy, the Cherokee language youth immersion school. The Speakers Place will serve as a hub for Cherokee fluent speakers and second language learners to converge on the language.

"Once the crowd had left, Marie Junaluska, Chairwoman of the Speakers' Consortium asked the speakers to join in prayer to bless

the building. With heads bent, the speakers began praying in Cherokee. The sound of their whispered prayers was comforting, a blessing, and a reminder of the good work that has been done and will continue to be done," McLaughlin said.

A list of the new words created at the most recent meeting was requested, but not submitted by press time.



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By NILOFER COUTURE,
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CIHA (Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority) clinical nutrition manager

National Nutrition Month® is an annual campaign established by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

This year's theme is "Beyond the Table," which addresses the farm-to-fork aspect of nutrition, from food production and distribution to navigating grocery stores and farmers markets. It also describes the various ways we eat and includes sustainability. We

are encouraged to look Beyond the Table when thinking about our health and the environment and reminded that the choices we make daily, including what we eat and drink, can make a big difference — both now and in the future.

School and family meals are important, but healthy choices go beyond the foods and drinks we enjoy while sitting at the lunch or dinner table. They include our snacks, breakfasts on the go, eating out with friends, and even where foods are grown and how they're prepared.

Here are a few tips to help look beyond the table:

First, focus on a healthy eating routine. Making healthy food choices may seem difficult at times, especially when eating away from home, but it doesn't have to be. Many eating places provide

nutrition information right on the menu or online to help you choose healthier options. When purchasing food from a store, use a grocery list and pay attention to sales.

Second, learn what's involved in growing your food. Visit local farms or farmers markets and talk to people who are growing and harvesting your food. You can also grow your own fruits and vegetables at home. If you want to try gardening but have limited space, grow herbs and vegetables like tomatoes in pots. If you're not ready to get your hands dirty, you can participate in a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) for a season to receive weekly prepaid food boxes.

Join the Nutrition Department at the hospital to participate in Meatless Monday choices in the cafe, win a prize on Nutrition

Trivia Tuesday, attend a cooking demo on a Wednesday, taste a unique and/or healthy food in the café during lunch on Taste Test Thursday and Ease into Exercise on your lunch break on Fridays! Have you kept up with your New Year resolutions? You could do it this month! Join us!

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The Cherokee Boys Club celebrated nine bus drivers who have logged over one million miles driving during a ceremony on the morning of Monday, Feb. 26 at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Shown, left to right, front row - EBCI Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Cherokee Central Schools Board Member Kristina Hyatt, June Wolfe (who has over two million miles), Joseph "Jody" Saunooke, Jason Owle, Clyde Dull, Sam Crowe, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Cherokee Central Schools Superintendent Consuela Girty, Robert Price (who has over three million miles), Tribal Council Chairman Mike Parker; back row – Randy Lossiah, Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Dike Sneed, Chad Swayney, Wayohi (Wolfstown) Rep. Bo Crowe, Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle, and Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

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BIE official meets with Cherokee Central Schools

Director Tony Dearman, left, and the Central Office team of the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) convened with the Cherokee Central Schools administrative team recently. This gathering was a part of the Bureau's ongoing series of tribal consultations focused on deliberating the BIE's Strategic Direction, a roadmap shaping the Bureau's initiatives for the 2024-29 school year. The Cherokee High School Student Council also participated in a Student Engagement Session with Director Dearman, allowing them to articulate their aspirations and desires for themselves and the future. Shown, left to right, are Director Dearman; CHS Student Council members Leo Garcia, Ava Walkingstick, Victoria Palmer, Timber Sampson, Abreana Hornbuckle, Tyruss Thompson; and Tracy Goodluck, senior advisor assistant secretary - Indian Affairs. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools)



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by Jody Bradley Lipscomb - 1998

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Speaking from a watery grave.
Long forgotten, long gone
And I wonder how many of my ancestors
walked the valleys and mountains
Before they were covered in this great
green water.
What lies forgotten and lost forever?
Were there villages, were there babies?
And though the ancient voices speak,
I do not understand.
It is too great.
It is too long forgotten.

Source: Cherokee High School Shifting Winds
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John Allen Bigmeat

John Allen Bigmeat, age 50, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024. John is the son of the late Robert Edward and Nancy Jane (Blackfox) Bigmeat.

He is survived by brothers, Noel "Coon" Bigmeat and Wesley Wildcat; uncle, Wiggins Blackfox; and aunt, Sarah (Blackfox) Wildcat.

John is also preceded in death by brothers, David Jeff Blackfox

and Justin Blackfox; and sisters, Christine Lynn Bigmeat and Carrie Leigh Bigmeat.

John loved the outdoors. He loved to fish, hunt, dig ginseng, and gather polk salad and wishi. He was a great cook. He also loved all his nieces and nephews. John will be missed by many.

A direct burial took place on Thursday, Feb. 29. John was buried in Inoli Cemetery.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



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**Tsali Care Community
Photo Display**

TurningArt and the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) are inviting the community to contribute their photographs for a captivating photo display to be housed at the new Tsali Care Center Facility, set to open this Fall. This initiative aims to represent the vibrant community served by the facility and will be prominently featured in one of its main corridors. The Tsali Care Community Photo Display project aspires to spotlight and honor each EBCI township while fostering a sense of home within the healthcare

facility.

This community-driven initiative is an opportunity for residents to share the beauty, culture, and pride of their EBCI townships with the Tsali Care Facility and its visitors. By contributing your photos, you can play an active role in creating a welcoming environment that honors the rich tapestry of the community.

Residents and community members are encouraged to participate by submitting their photos via a Google form before the deadline on Friday, March 1. Each person is limited to a maximum of five image submissions. To ensure the best quality for the final display, please make sure that the image files are large, high-resolution photos, with a file size not exceeding 10MB per image.

The final selection of images

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

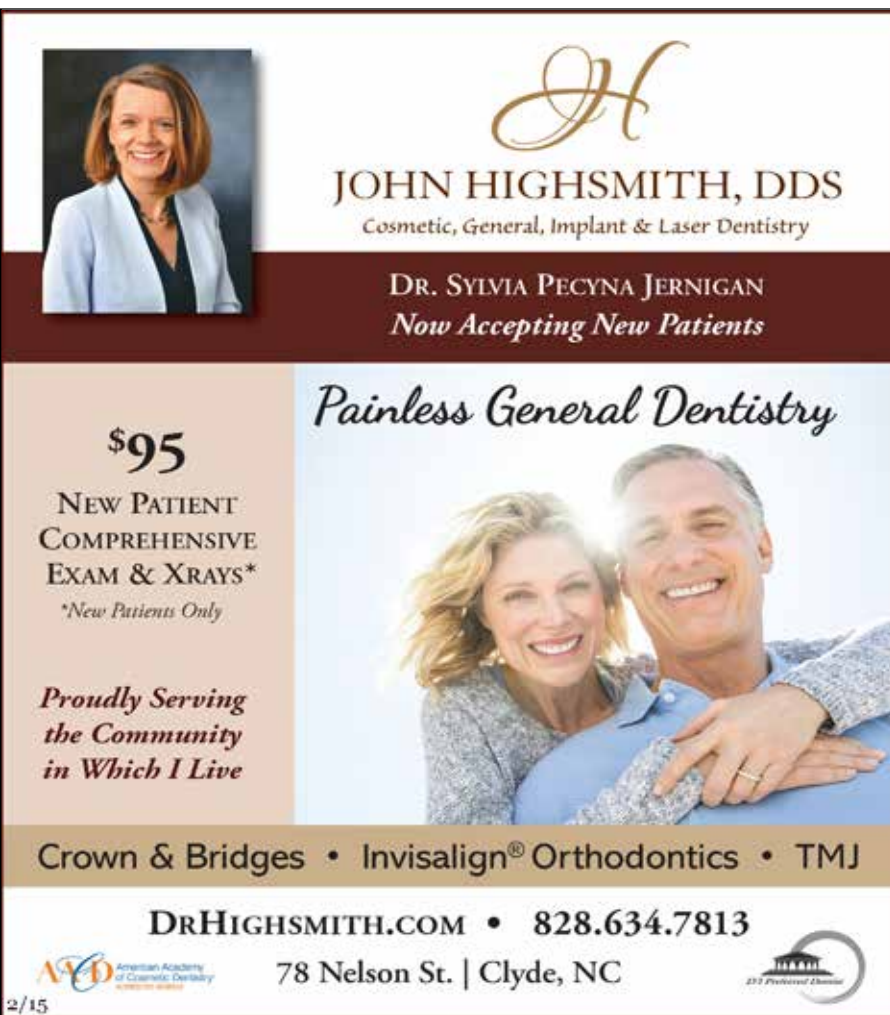
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Thank you to Ann French and Big Cove Pentecostal Church. Dad loved God and his church family. Thank you to all the singers who made his setting up special and full of praise through gospel. Rock Springs singers, Lane and David Smoker, Echota Baptist Church singing group, Straight Fork singers, and Robert Runningwolf accompanied by family members. Ava and J-Le Walkingstick, our dad loved hearing you sing, thank you for singing his favorite gospel songs.

Thank you to Chief Hicks and Vice-chief Ensley for the meals to feed the family during our time of mourning and the beautiful flowers in our dad's favorite colors. Thank you to everyone who provided food dishes, flowers, kindness, words of encouragement and condolences, calls/text; and everyone who kept our family in your thoughts and prayers during our time of sorrow.

Long House Funeral Home for the wonderful job assisting us with the arrangements, preparing him for viewing, and providing excellent guidance especially Mary Ann for responding quickly to our questions and needs.

Thank you to the following for your help: Cherokee Tribal EMS, Cherokee Dispatch, Tribal Police, Sam Reed, Harris Regional, Mission Hospital, CIHA PT and dad's care team. If I forgot someone, my apologies. WE appreciate all the love and prayers given to

our family. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by our wonderful Cherokee community and community members.

With kind regards, Sgi!
Venita, Tara, and family

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vendors sought for Greening Up the Mountain Festival

Artisans, Crafters, and Food and Beverage Vendors are invited to submit their application for the Greening Up the Mountains Festival to be held on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Greening Up The Mountains Festival is the premiere spring festival for western North Carolina. The festival, sponsored by the Town of Sylva, will once again take place in historical downtown Sylva. This year's festival seeks artisans and crafters selling their own hand-made products. Arts, Crafts, and Food Vendors from the expanded Appalachian area are encouraged to apply. Visit the festival's website, www.greeningupthemountains.com to review the 2024 Vendor Policies and download your application. Applications will be accepted through March 15. Info: greeningupthemountains@townofsylva.org

- Town of Sylva

CIHA Foundation accepting nominations for Lula Owl Gloyne Award

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

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

the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

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

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

Nominees are expected to reflect the following core values: Contributions to Healthcare: Nominee has made significant contributions to the advancement

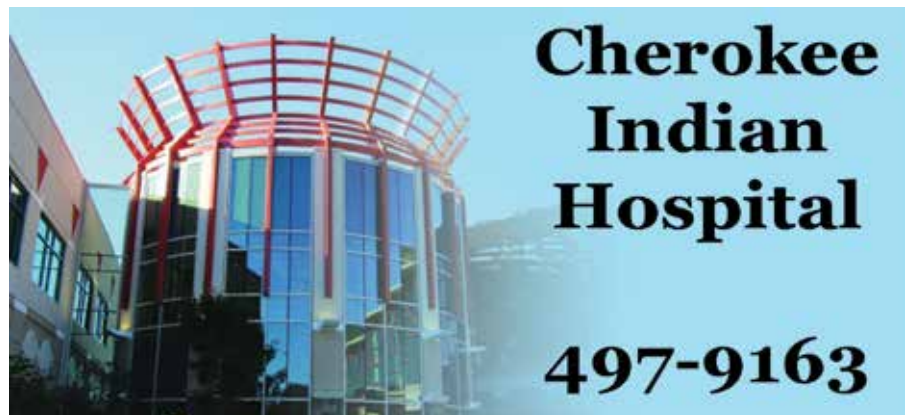
of healthcare on behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Selflessness: Nominee acts in the best interests of others and promotes their health & wellness.
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Resilient: Nominee is an advocate on behalf of others to ensure the prosperity of the next seven generations of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

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

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

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

- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Foundation



COMMENTARY

Not all is vanity

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

When I first heard members of the community discussing their desire to have their own vehicular license plate, I thought they were talking about a tribal tag like many other federally recognized tribes now produce and regulate.

Back in 2018, after negotiating

with the state for it, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was granted a “specialty” plate. Some refer to them as “vanity” plates. That put us right up there with watermelons, shag dancing, and NASCAR Race fans, which each have their own specialty North Carolina plate. We, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in the alphabetical listing of 200 options available, are nestled nicely between “East Carolina University” and “Elizabeth City State University”.

And what the state giveth, it can taketh away. Just ask the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV). Their long-held specialty tag featured the Confederate battle flag

and was deemed inappropriate by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in 2021. The NCDOT sent the organization a letter saying it would “no longer issue or renew specialty license plates bearing the Confederate battle flag or any variation of that flag” since the plates “have the potential to offend those who view them”.

Now, I am not saying whether the NCDOT was right or wrong in its determination. I am just making the point that it didn’t matter about the status of the SCV. When the NCDOT decided it was time for their specialty tag to go, it went. But they would never do that to a sovereign federally recognized

tribal nation, right?

One of the itchy-twitchy issues with federally recognized tribes participating in state licensing programs is where the monies are going. Many tribes have opted to exercise their sovereignty through the creation of their vehicle licensing programs, including the Cherokee Nation.

According to a spokesperson for the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles, “All DMV fees are established by (state) statute, and all vehicle property taxes are assessed by local county tax offices. Money that is collected from vehicle registration fees goes to the North Carolina Highway Trust Fund and the state’s General Fund. That

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

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, MARCH 4	TUESDAY, MARCH 5	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6	THURSDAY, MARCH 7	FRIDAY, MARCH 8	SATURDAY, MARCH 9	SUNDAY, MARCH 10
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BETTER++	BEST++	SEASON'S BEST
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money is then used to improve roads in North Carolina.”

So, whether in Big Cove or Pembroke, the money that tribal members pay into the NCDOT is used to primarily maintain roads in the whole of the state. And even though there is no additional cost to EBCI members for the option of the tribal specialty tag, regular fees do apply, and Cherokee dollars still go into the general fund for the state.

Don't get me wrong, I think it was a noble effort by our leadership to get a tribal license plate on the books and those who achieved it did so with the best intentions. But when I heard the clamor for a tribal tag from the Cherokee community, I was pretty sure I heard it saying something more than a vanity plate. Having the tribal seal on a North Carolina license plate is very cool, but it doesn't scream "sovereignty!" in my opinion.

In a 1990 article in the Washington Post, columnist Susan Stanich noted, "A patchwork of Native American color is appearing on the nation's highways, as state vehicle license plates make way for tribal counterparts emblazoned with eagles, shields, horses, and symbolic thunderbirds.

"Since the Red Lake Chipewyan was issued the first tribal plate in 1974 and were upheld by the Minnesota Supreme Court, more than a dozen Native American tribes have followed suit, most in the last three years.

"They regulate registration, design, and issue plates and seek reciprocity agreements with states. Where a state's name normally appears on the standard 7-by-12-inch plates are tribal names such as Menominee, Absentee Shawnee, Kiowa, and Turtle Mountain.

"Most of the nation's tribes may well have such plates within

the next decade, and this prompts strong resistance by some states and delight among license plate collectors. "They are really in demand," said Milton Hill, a collector here. "People from as far away as Australia write, asking me to assist in making swaps—country plate for tribal plate." European aficionados regularly order collector plates from the Devil's Lake Sioux tribe, according to tribal registrar Maxine Foss.

"The greater value of tribal plates, however, is that they are a public declaration and practical exercise of tribal government sovereignty, said Roger Jourdain, former Red Lake tribal chairman who developed the license-plate idea in the 1950s.

"Red Lake residents, he said, were spared the higher cost of the state plate and the 6 percent state sales tax for transferring titles, and the tribe, not the state, received the registration fee."

Tribes that go for a true tribal tag surely face a bumpy road when it comes to states recognizing because of the necessity of getting one sovereign entity to provide reciprocation or recognition of another. "In South Dakota, for example, Oglala Sioux who drove off the reservation with only tribal plates were likely to be arrested, said Gerald Big Crow, a tribal councilor. So, members display state and tribal plates, he said. "South Dakota doesn't want to recognize us. They think of us as nobodies. They treat us like kids." At the same time, South Dakota was honoring tribal plates from other areas, where state-tribal reciprocity agreements were in place."

Our tribe has been and will likely continue to disagree with those who wish to appropriate Native culture and tradition, whether that is through the misuse of our

images, language, and heritage, or the degradation of our tribal identity and sovereignty from groups and clubs who claim indigenous heritage who are not.

In 2013, Principal Chief Michell Hicks spoke at the UNC-Asheville new Native American Speaker series. "(Protection of the tribe's sovereignty) whether it's our court system, dealing with taxation issues, or simply educating on why we're still sovereign (is a perpetual pursuit). There's a battle every day, if you will, related to protecting who we are as a sovereign nation. We're in a protection mode all the time."

In a commentary last month, Principal Chief Hicks reminded us of the tribe's position. "As keepers of our traditions and sovereignty, we vehemently oppose any attempts to exploit or appropriate the rich cultural legacy of Cherokee people. Our identity is deeply rooted in our history and connection to our land. Yet, despite our resilience, we face persistent challenges from individuals and groups who seek to exploit our culture and history for their own ends. This is not about defending ourselves; it's about defending what is right. It is imperative to recognize that the protection of Cherokee land and identity is not a trend. It is a sacred part of who we are as a people. Falsely claiming Cherokee and other Indian identity and culture not only dishonors our ancestors but also perpetuates harmful stereotypes and erases the lived experiences of genuine Native communities."

If the North Carolina EBCI specialty plate was a stepping-stone to move the tribe to the ultimate goal of developing and implementing a truly autonomous sovereign vehicle licensing system, then it should be celebrated

and fully leveraged. If it was just to appease the masses who were clamoring for a tribal plate, then shame on us, for we participated in the degradation of our own sovereignty. After all, it has been roughly six years since the granting of that vanity plate. For now, it is comforting to know that we are right up there with the watermelons and shag dancing.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. How many points did basketball star Epiphanny Prince score in Murry Bergtraum High School's 137-32 win over Brandeis High School in 2006?
2. What racehorse won the 1981 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes but finished third in the Belmont Stakes?
3. A 1958 plane crash at Germany's Munich-Riem Airport killed 23 people, including players, staff and supporters of what English football team?
4. The NHL's Adams Division (1974-93) was named in honor of Charles Francis Adams, founder of what NHL franchise?
5. What WNBA franchise, one of the league's original eight teams in 1997, ceased operations in November 2009?
6. Name the American brothers who won gold and bronze medals in figure skating at the 1956 Cortina d'Ampezzo Winter Olympics.
7. First presented in 2002, the Ted Hendricks Award honors the year's top college football player in what position?

Answers

1. 113.
2. Pleasant Colony.
3. Manchester United.
4. The Boston Bruins.
5. The Sacramento Monarchs.
6. Hayes Alan Jenkins (gold) and David Jenkins (bronze).
7. Defensive end.

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A close call

(Part 2 of 3)

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

WHY ME? Far too many people have looked up at the ceiling in pain with that question on their minds. Fortunately, they are the ones who did not suffer the worst. A minister never wants to become morbid about it, but instead, they must stay compassionate for those who are hurt. Never become numb with continually being amid those who are faced with tribulation and need to call on a Savior that can help with His divine grace and mercy. The mission of BikerDown-LiftedUp is to lead them to Jesus and His strength, His comfort, and His healing, both physically and spiritually. Sometimes God provides an opportunity to help them answer that ultimate question they all ask eventually. WHY ME? Ask them if they think they have had...a Close Call when they ask that.

Have you ever had a Close Call?

Have you have ever had a close call with death?

That is what a close call means to many of us. But, has the angel of death ever knocked on your door sometime in your Life and nearly called you away?

There are many ways we face death – Again, I do not mean to get all doom and gloom. It is not a favorite topic for most people. But we see it all the time, don't we? We do not like talking about it much. We even take it for granted sometimes. We cheapen what death is. Like on TV or the movies, we see people getting killed or murdered

and amuse ourselves with the story, the drama...even comedy. We make jokes when we see the hero kill hundreds of bad guys and save the world.

How many kills did you count? Do you know what movie has the most kills in it? Someone has kept count. The actor, writer, producer, and director, Mel Gibson, is best known for the number of ways a director can film, in complete detail, a person being killed in battle or by nature.

We get all enthralled by the plot, the means, the impact on the lives of those in the story. Sometimes it excites us, and sometimes it brings a tear to our eye. Sometimes it is very unpleasant.

Have you ever watched those crime drama documentaries about the murder of someone or overdosed or become enthralled with the autopsy of some celebrity and how they died? The mystery of their last hours. I have heard more passion from a backyard mechanic working on their truck.

Do those shows bring you to 'Face Death?' Or were you bored with the details or disgusted with how people just threw away their lives on dangerous living, drugs, vanity, or lust? Amusing, isn't it how we can watch sin so unfazed these days?

I heard a quote the other day that rings true. "What was once shunned and hidden in the dark alleys is now openly displayed in our living rooms and broad daylight on Main Street."

Dramas and movies about the tragedies of war and catastrophes of nature are sometimes entertaining; they might even be accurate and historically relevant, but rarely does it draw us face to face with our mortality.

Let us talk about real life and death that are relevant to us.

Personally. Tragic deaths and tragic stories of death. The ones we read about – Are you moved by the deaths you hear about on the news? The car accidents, shootings, murders, tree fallings, drownings – I mean even with all the deaths from hurricanes or tornadoes, floods – or those who lost their lives in the California fires. What about all those who died of Covid 19? Did any of those deaths come close to you? Did or do you know any of the victims? Do you have family or friends, or even a friend of a friend who was affected by one of those kinds of tragedies? Did any of those deaths touch your heart?

My son and his family escaped the dangerous onslaught of a recent storm. They were in a remote beach house on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. But, if they had not heeded the potential danger, and if they had not listened to the warnings, and if they had waited just another hour before they left while the tide and storm surge was rising if they would not have got out and swept by the storm if they could not find gas...IF...IF...IF. We all have someone we love, and when we see them faced with death, we think about the separation that will come from a death of a loved one, even if it is ourselves – it makes most of us sad to think about that.

And now we are getting close to home. The death we face in Life. The most intimate kind. Actual

death – the kind that impacts us personally. Sometimes we face death when it involves a close friend, a loved one, a family member, or someone we knew at work or school who was here one day and gone the next. A classmate, military buddy, or an old friend or relative you grew up with. We know people who have had a close call, an accident, or hospitalization due to an illness of some kind. You know that whoever that person was, they faced death. Some of us may be facing death right now. So, how do you face death? Maybe we need to realize we are all faced with death every day. God makes no promises to us for tomorrow. 1Thessalonians 4:13 says, "But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope."

I have hope – My hope is in Jesus. That is how I face death. With hope. Do you have hope? What is your hope?

We have biblical examples of facing death, and one of the best is how Jesus faced death.

I believe He saw it wherever He was, wherever He went. He saw it all around Him. He talked about death as much as He spoke of Life. And like us, when He faced His death, He showed us much about Himself through the Word left for us to see how to face our death. He prayed in the garden.

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ACROSS

- 1 Not suitable
- 6 "Sorry to intrude ..."
- 10 Capricious ideas
- 15 Cartoonist Addams, informally
- 19 Payments to the IRS
- 20 Oscar winner Robert De —
- 21 Capital of Vietnam
- 22 Sword handle
- 23 Fifth Avenue skyscraper
- 26 Other, in Acapulco
- 27 Identity hider
- 28 Altitudes: Abbr.
- 29 — -C (PC copy command)
- 30 What a groom may toss
- 32 "Uh-huh"
- 34 Pioneer Boone, informally
- 35 Orthodox Jewish movement
- 37 Rapper — Rida
- 40 Technique for viewing a slow process quickly
- 43 Cattle farm
- 45 Prefix with nourished
- 46 In a daze
- 47 First first lady of the U.S.
- 51 Gets close to
- 55 Sesame seed paste
- 56 Pucksters' org. with the Calder Cup
- 57 Newspaper think piece
- 60 Born as
- 61 Toon sheet
- 62 Hedy of "Ecstasy"
- 66 Rome's — Fountain
- 67 Dollar bill
- 68 Advance inquiry into a crime, e.g.
- 72 Israeli city close to Ben Gurion Airport
- 73 Big name in life insurance
- 74 Decrease
- 75 Doc for the neck up
- 76 D-H linkup
- 77 FDR or HST

- 78 Former "Idol" judge
- 79 Bob of play-by-play
- 82 Wolfed down
- 84 Launching of people into orbit
- 88 Insurance payment
- 92 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper
- 93 Was overlong
- 94 Dual-focus course about bodily structures
- 100 Some kitchen appliances, for short
- 101 From a northwest Italian port
- 102 Certain South African
- 103 Arena level
- 105 "Hallelujah Chorus" composer
- 106 Rough- — wood
- 107 City vehicle
- 108 Gas brand
- 112 Water, in Acapulco
- 113 What love is, per a Four Aces #1 tune, with "a"
- 118 Crate piece

- 119 Capital of South Korea
- 120 Actress Best
- 121 Really mad
- 122 The "T" of 66-Down
- 123 Day divisions
- 124 Bargain
- 125 Restaurant notice that's applicable to this puzzle's seven longest answers?

- 18 Tempestuous
- 24 Spicy cuisine
- 25 — Reader (magazine)
- 31 Carrier based in New Delhi
- 33 Hawke of film
- 34 Salvador of surreal art
- 35 Spicy
- 36 From — Z
- 37 Sig Nu, e.g.
- 38 Video game tomb raider
- 39 Teetering
- 41 — -di-dah
- 42 Attila follower
- 44 Refrigerate
- 48 More artful
- 49 — a soul
- 50 "— in Manila" (Ali-Frazier fight)
- 52 Consecrating airport
- 53 Nevada
- 54 In view
- 57 Mining finds
- 58 Sampras of the court
- 59 Show plainly
- 63 Poker cost
- 64 Supplies with personnel
- 65 Coach Parseghian
- 66 LG or RCA products
- 68 Petition
- 69 "Thumbs-up!"

- 70 Gas in signs
- 71 Gasless car
- 78 Tipoffs in hoops, e.g.
- 80 Christie's "A Pocket Full —"
- 81 Depots: Abbr.
- 83 Not old-fashioned
- 84 Cabinet dept. since 1965
- 85 Twosome
- 86 Abbr. on military mail
- 87 Societal
- 89 It might have mascara on it
- 90 Pas' mates
- 91 Opal ending
- 94 Horror-struck
- 95 All-Star pitcher Denny
- 96 Yearly
- 97 Gordie of hockey
- 98 Itched (for)
- 99 Seine feeder
- 104 Trendy again
- 106 Stimulate
- 107 — fide
- 109 Phony
- 110 Creates a lap
- 111 Blood type, for short
- 114 Prefix with pagan
- 115 Part of TTYL
- 116 HST follower
- 117 Loud noise

DOWN

- 1 Bit of news
- 2 Wine valley
- 3 Allies' rival
- 4 Sprightly
- 5 Mao — -tung
- 6 Object of hate
- 7 Thwacks
- 8 Before
- 9 Woman's quaint headpiece
- 10 Jacuzzi, e.g.
- 11 Recital venue
- 12 Not Rep. or Dem.
- 13 Mimi's "me"
- 14 Celebrates with a tune
- 15 Animal with a backbone
- 16 Relative of a shout-out
- 17 Anew

See answers on page 26

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which large U.S. city is nicknamed Rip City?
2. MOVIES: Which movie features the quote, "She doesn't even go here!"
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which national capital city is the northernmost in the world?
4. TELEVISION: Which long-running sitcom features a dad named Phil Dunphy?
5. GAMES: In chess, how many knights does each player have at the beginning?
6. GEOLOGY: What natural phenomenon is associated with igneous rock?
7. LANGUAGE: How many official languages are in the United Nations?
8. MUSIC: David Grohl was a drummer in which band before he became the frontman for the Foo Fighters?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of alligators called?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of meat is used in Hasenpfeffer, a traditional German stew?

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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

Spaghetti Plate Fundraiser. March 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pam Taylor Painttown Gym. Spaghetti, corn, salad, toast, and a drink for \$10. Proceeds go to 2024 travel softball expenses for Ele Smith, Makeena Armachain, and Ehko Lossiah. For advance orders, call or text: (601) 562-7698 or (828) 508-2077

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

March Madness Market. March 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Lots of vendors, lunch by Melitia, and Girl Scout cookies. Info: Denise Walkingstick (828) 508-2211

Cherokee Elementary School's production of "The Jungle Book (Kids)". March 7 at 5:45 p.m. at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center in Cherokee, N.C. Tickets are \$5.

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

MANNA Foodbank Community Market. March 21 from 12 p.m.

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

Cherokee Community Easter Event. March 25 at 1441 Acqoni Road (old Cherokee High School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-7007

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 Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Complex in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6471

8th Annual Spring Garden Fair. April 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity

Center in Cherokee, N.C. Featuring seeds, plants, yard art, education, and a Re-Purpose It contest for youth ages 5-17. Vendor tables available for \$20 for two days or a door prize donation. Vendors tables are free for informational, educational, and activities for children. EBCI/NC Cooperative Extension Garden Kits will be given out at this event on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. NAIWA will be serving breakfast and lunch. For more information, or to reserve a table, call Lucille (828) 736-5285 or Tammy Jackson 788-0878

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

Fire Mountain Inferno. May 3

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

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

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

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

Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby. Aug. 3-4 at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Chero-

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) John the Baptist, 3) Seven days, 4) Damascus, 5) Be born again, 6) Peter

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

- Portland, Oregon.
- "Mean Girls."
- Reykjavik, Iceland.
- "Modern Family."
- Two.
- Volcanic eruption.
- Six.
- Nirvana.
- A congregation.
- Rabbit.

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

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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

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

see **EVENTS** next page



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A once-close associate reemerges with news that could cause you to reconsider a recent decision. But don't make a move before consulting a trusted adviser.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel pressured to reveal a colleague's secret. But you can rely on your strong Scorpion sense of rectitude to help you continue to do the right thing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A pesky situation is still creating problems. But you are moving ahead with it, and it should soon be successfully resolved in your favor.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A spate of indecision leaves you susceptible to doubt. But you'll soon regain your emotional sure-footedness and be back leading the way as usual.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules the week with new romances favored for single Aquarians looking for partners. Cupid also targets renewed commitment for wedded Water Bearers.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A surge of creativity keeps you happily busy through the week. But set aside some quiet time to share with loved ones. Some long-awaited news finally comes through.

BORN THIS WEEK: People rely on you whenever they need someone they can trust to be caring, considerate and also discreet.

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by Freddy Groves

Put a "Pause" on Your Surgery at the VA

The Department of Veterans Affairs is expanding an initiative designed to hold off rushing a veteran to surgery. The purpose of the Surgical Pause is to give a good going over with veterans destined for surgery to screen them for risk of frailty.

Already taking place at 50 of the VA facilities, the program seeks to identify veterans who would likely experience post-operative complications, loss of independence and even death. The stats are grim: Too many very frail patients die within six months of surgery, even when that surgery is considered low stress.

The test doesn't take long. The Risk Analysis Index (RAI) is a screening that only takes 30 seconds and gives the medical staff an opportunity to weigh the potential risks before they move ahead.

Apparently, the pause in the rush to surgery is working. A recent study of 50,000 patients showed that a three-year mortality rate dropped significantly.

If you're scheduled for surgery at the VA, ask for this Surgical Pause assessment, even if you don't consider yourself to be frail. Ask about potential long-term recovery after surgery. Also to be considered: You might ask whether there is non-surgical treatment for your condition. If surgery is definitely in your future, ask, too, whether a three-six week exercise regimen before surgery would let your body beef up and give you some physical reserves.

To read more about the Surgical Pause, go to marketplace.va.gov/innovations/preoperative-frailty-screening-prehabilitation. When you read down to "Successful adoptions," view the list of innovations each hospital has started. Scroll to the "Surgical Pause" in each one to see if they were successful. There is also an "In-progress adoptions" section for hospitals that are still working on their programs. Know in advance how your hospital rates.

Of course, you need to do what your doctor says. But if you ask good questions (Do I need a Risk Analysis Index?), you'll make a better health advocate for yourself.

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Leveling Up: Walking With Multiple Dogs

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I walk my neighbors' dogs every day after school. It takes time because I have to walk one dog at a time, then go to the next house, and then the third one. I'd like to make this job a little more efficient by walking all three dogs at the same time. What's the best way to do this? — Colin R., Smyrna, Georgia

DEAR COLIN: I can see your dilemma! Walking three dogs separately takes at least one hour, probably two, when you add in the time spent accessing each home, leashing up the dogs and unleashing.

It is possible to walk all three dogs at once, but you have to do two important things first: One, get permission from each neighbor to walk the dogs together, and two, make sure the dogs will get along before you commit.

You may be able to only walk two of them together and the third one alone. And if the neighbors don't agree, then you're stuck walking all three separately.

If you do get permission to walk them together, do it on a trial basis. Here are a few tips from professional dog walkers:

— Don't use retractable leashes when walking multiple dogs. You need full control at all times.

— Leashes can easily get tangled; hold two in one hand and one in the other, or buy a 3-way leash coupler to minimize tangles.

— If one or more dogs gets aggressive or bullying, walk them separately to prevent the problem from getting worse.

— Avoid walking them in areas where a lot of other dogs are present. If all three bolt toward another dog, you may not be able to hang on to them.

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

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

Trout Fishing Opening Day Tournament. March 30-31 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. Info: (828) 359-6110

Memorial Day Fishing Tournament. May 25-26 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. (828) 359-6110

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

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

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. March 7 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. Don Casada will do a presentation entitled “Big Bear (aka Yonah Equah): Our Early Forebear”. Attendance at the meetings is free of charge, but donations are appreciated. Conversation and refresh-

ments will follow the presentation.

Memorial for Larry “Phil” Maney. March 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Qualla Community Club Building. All that knew him are welcome to attend.

Swain County Democratic Party hybrid in-person/remote meeting. March 11 at 7 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope St. in Bryson City, N.C. and via Zoom. The group will be discussing community events and planning future activities. All are welcome. For a link to join the virtual meeting or for more information, call (828) 488-1234 or email SwainCountyDems@gmail.com

Lucky LEGO STEAM. March 13 at 4 p.m. at the Jackson County

Public Library in Sylva, N.C. St. Patrick’s Day STEAM (Scientists, Technicians, Engineers, Artists, and Mathematicians) events. Info: JCPL (828) 586-2016, www.fontanalib.org

Rain & Rainbows Family Night. March 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Light refreshments along with some fun science experiments and activities. Info: JCPL (828) 586-2016, www.fontanalib.org

WCU Organic Gardening Workshop series. Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. from Feb. 20 to March 26 on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. The series is entitled “Getting the Most Out of Organic Gardening” and will


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Quote of the Week



“That’s just an acumen to them, just a testament to the work those boys put in. Everything I’ve thrown at them, even the kitchen sink, they took it and ran with it. I can’t ask for any better kids.”

- Raymius Smith, Cherokee Braves head basketball coach, following the Braves winning the Smoky Mountain Conference tournament on Friday, Feb. 23




**Cherokee Boys Club
Weekly Highlighted
School Bus Driver**

**Bus #15
Aaron Tuttle**

I started my job five years ago. When I am driving it’s like you’re watching a circus. I drive in a tourist town and share the road with visitors. It’s like playing tag or leapfrog. I have twenty-four stops during the day, I travel around twelve miles per day, and I have forty kids on my bus and sometimes more.

I leave for my morning run around 6:45 a.m. and finish my morning run around 7:35 a.m. I leave for my afternoon run around 2:40 p.m. and finish the afternoon run around 3:45 p.m. Plus, I inspect my bus before my morning run, and I inspect my bus before my afternoon run. I clean my bus after my run and



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

A: PROUD! I will always know that I will have a job because of all the students who attend Cherokee Central Schools.

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

be facilitated by local garden and native plant expert, Adam Bigelow, through Western Carolina University's Division of Educational Outreach. The cost is \$89 per person and spots are limited. To register, visit www.learn.wcu.edu/nativeplant101 or call WCU Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397

SUPPORT GROUPS

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 Riv-

ercane Room at Analenisgi. Info: Analenisgi (828) 497-9163 or visit: <https://cherokeehospital.org/locations/analenisgi>

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

Cherokee County Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building; potluck at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Joe Palmer (828) 361-9219, joepalmer1013@yahoo.com

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

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

Tow String Community meets the second Tuesday of each month

at the community building at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Raymond Matthews (828) 506-8572

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

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

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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

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

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor Danny Lambert

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m and 7 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Youth Meeting Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Logan Parton.

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road.

Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m., Sunday Afternoon Service 3 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting (bi-weekly) 7 p.m., Monthly Business Meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor - James Esser

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

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

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

Cherokee Baptist Church. 812 Tsalagi Road. Sunday School 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

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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/Olivet-UMC, 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

The Garden Bug

Flowers for Easter

Lilies represent hope, love, divinity, purity and gratitude. Daffodils are one of the first signs of spring; they often symbolize romance. Tulips are another early sign of spring and the rebirth of the season after winter. They often indicate feelings of love. Daisies are considered cheerful, and are available in white, yellow, pink and purple. Hyacinths have incredible fragrance and showy, delicate blooms. – Brenda Weaver

Source: www.easternfloral.com

Hyacinths

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., Wednes-
day evening Fellowship Meal 6
p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer
Service 6:30 p.m., Choir Practice 7

p.m. Dr. Mickey Duvall, Pastor

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

Straight Fork Baptist Church.
Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10
a.m. Sunday morning worship
11 a.m. Sunday evening worship
6 p.m. Wednesday night prayer
service 7 p.m. Youth group meet-
ings 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., Whitti-
er, N.C. 28789. Sunday worship
service 10 a.m. Pastor Rob Griffin
(828) 582-0564

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thom-
as 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) sing-
ing, bible study and crafts: 6 p.m.
Pastor: Johnny Ray Davis

**Wrights Creek Baptist
Church.** Wrights Creek Rd.
Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday
Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday

Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday
Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Visitors
welcome. Pastor Eddie Sherrill
488-0363

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-011
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
James Wesley Long
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Jamie Sutton
23 Rathbone Dr
Bryson City, NC. 28713
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-016
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
Charles Thomas Lambert
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make im-

mediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Billy R Lambert
128 Sycamore Dr
Whittier, NC. 28789
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
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Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
Sandra Maples Bradley
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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Barbara Lorraine Lambert
P.O. Box 801
Cherokee, NC. 28719
3/13

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-015
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
Sarah Lou Swayney
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Lillie Tolley Cline
418 Johnny Allen Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-021
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
RONALD TAYLOR
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Jessica Dawn Santos
325 Meeting House Cove Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
CHEROKEE COURT
FILE NO. CVJ-18-038
IN RE: K.B. D.O.B. 8/6/19
A MINOR CHILD
ORDER FOR LEAVE TO SERVE BY PUBLICATION

COMES NOW, this Honorable Court for Leave to Serve, the Defendant father, Dennis Bumgarner, and moves, in the above-captioned matter by Publication in a newspaper that is qualified for legal advertising in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §1-597 and N.C. Gen. Stat. §1-598, as adopted

Harrah's
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CASINO RESORT

Job Fair

When: Thursday, March 7 from 1pm - 6pm

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

Pro Tip: Bring a valid ID & Social Security Card

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Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casinos value diversity, inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. Must be 21 or older to enter casino floor and to gamble, and must present a valid state or federal photo ID upon request. Know When To Stop Before You Start. * Gambling Problem? Call 1-800-522-4700. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. ©2023, Caesars License Company, LLC.

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

IT IS SHOWN the Court as follows:

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

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

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

the EBCI.

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

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

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

1. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties to this action.
2. The Movants have made diligent efforts to try to identify the name and location of the father.
3. To perfect service, it is appropriate to serve the father by publication.
4. It is in the best interest of the minor child that the Movants be allowed to publish notice of the petition.

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

1. The Movants shall serve notice of the Petition on the father Dennis Bumgarner by publication in a paper of circulation on the Qualla Boundary and in the Sylvia 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

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PRESENTER –

FINANCIAL LITERACY

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

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

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

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the



Employment Opportunities

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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

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

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

**Request for Proposals
General Notice**

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

* Complete HVAC system installs for new construction, subcontractor will provide all materials and equipment.

- * Installation of drywall with knock down finish on ceiling and walls. Prime and paint walls and ceilings.
- * Installation of LVT flooring.
- * Installation of all interior doors and interior trim (must set nails, putty, caulk, and paint).
- * Installation of kitchen cabinets, vanities, and countertops.
- * Installation of electrical components, rough-in and trim-out.

QHS reserves the right to reject all submissions. QHS reserves the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under this RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Bid packages can be picked up at the warehouse or e-mailed to interested parties.

Deliver sealed proposals to the QHS warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is March 21, 2024, at 4:00 P.M. Please contact Robert Welch at robewelc@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6344. **3/13**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Guardrail Installation /
Repair
CDOT-GR-2024**

Project Guardrail Installation & Repair on the Cherokee Indian Reservation

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT office is requesting sealed bids for Guardrail Installation & Repair. Date and time of bid is listed in the RFP (Request for Proposal). Please have bids submitted to the CDOT office by March 15, 2024 by 10:00 am


Be advised that all Tribal Procurement Policies, applicable State and Federal Rules, Regulations and Laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full RFP and bid requirements for these proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Maceta Bradley at 828-359-6531 or mbradley@ebci-nsn.gov. **3/6**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Guardrail Installations /
Repair
CDOT-STRP-2024**

Pavement Markings (Striping) on roadways of the Eastern Cherokee Indian Reservations
Eastern Band of Cherokee

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

Bus Department:
Multiple PT Truck Drivers

Cherokee Children's Home:
2-Overnight Resident Counselor (11:30pm - 7:30am)
2-Weekend Resident Counselor (Friday 11:30pm - Sunday 11:30 pm)
2-2nd Shift Resident Counselor-(3:30pm - 11:30pm)

Child Development:
2 - Behavioral Tech
1 - Behavioral Specialist

Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute:
1 - Jones Bowman Specialist
1 - Grants Specialist/Fundraiser

Garage/ Shop
1 - Parts Counter/ Service Writer
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Cherokee Boys Club
P.O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC. 28719 828-497-9101

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

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

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

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

Indians CDOT office is requesting sealed bids for Pavement Markings (Striping) on Roadways. Date and time of bid is listed in the RFP (Request for Proposal). Please have bids submitted to the CDOT office by March 15, 2024 by 10:00 am

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Request for Proposals

General Notice

Qualla Housing Services (QHS) of the Cherokee Indian

Housing Division is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for the following:

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

QHS reserves the right to reject all submissions. QHS reserves the right not to award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under this RFP

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

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MISSING



Thomas Adrian Worcester American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5' 6" Weight: 140 lbs Male Age: 16 Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown
 Date of last contact: January 24, 2024 Last Known Location: Norman, OK

Circumstances of Disappearance: Worcester was last seen on 1/24/24. Tattoo: "ABIGAIL" above right eyebrow; moneybag above left eyebrow, broken heart on front of neck. Last seen wearing gray sweatshirt, blue sweats, and white shoes.

If you have seen or have information about Thomas A. Worcester, contact Norman Police Department (405) 321-1444.

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EVS Supervisor \$21.13 - \$23.98
EVS Technician \$15.00 - \$16.77

FINANCE:

PRC Customer Service - \$19.66 - \$22.25

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child - \$58,332 - \$72,915
-*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
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Targeted Case Manager – Analenisgi - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Residential Technician – Women’s Home - \$17.12 - \$19.26
PTR Residential Technician – Men’s Home - \$17.12 - \$19.26
PTR Residential Technician – Kanvwotiyi (Female) \$17.12 - \$19.26
Inpatient Technician – FT and PTI - Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Adult Outpatient Services Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Behavioral Health Consultant Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Medicated Assisted Treatment Program Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72
Behavioral Health RN – Kanvwotiyi - \$33.68 - \$38.68
Outpatient Nurse Supervisor – Analenisgi - \$36.56 - \$42.11
Peer Support Specialist – Analenisgi - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Peer Support Specialist – Kanvwotiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Kanvwotiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Behavioral Health Data Analyst - \$67,082 - \$83,852
BFA Event/Training Supervisor – Analenisgi - \$58,332 - \$72,915
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OPERATIONS

Dentist – Dentures & Partial Dentures - \$131,405 - \$164,256
Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 – \$20.67
Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Medical Laboratory Technician - \$22.76 - \$25.89 *\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
PTR Phlebotomist - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Information Security Specialist - \$77,144 - \$96,430

Clinical Pharmacist - \$102,023 - \$127,528
Operations/PR Administrative Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25
Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II (3rd Shift) \$44,107 - \$55,134

MEDICAL

Physician – Pediatrics \$157,686 - \$197,108
Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108
Physician – Immediate Care Center - \$157,686 - \$197,108
Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time - \$227,068 - \$283,835
Psychiatrist – Analenisgi - \$227,068 - \$283,835

NURSING

Case Management Support – Primary Care \$18.32 - \$20.67
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Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent – Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72
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Specialty Services Registered Nurse – Procedure Suite - \$33.68 – \$38.72
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CNA/PCA - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - *\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (C.N.A. only)
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Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89
Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - *\$10,000 Hiring Bonus
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Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent - \$31.06 - \$35.64
Social Worker-Tsali Care-- \$44,107 - \$55,134

Tribal Option

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1. Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
2. Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
3. Administrative Assistant – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour)
4. Evidence Based Intervention Specialist – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
5. Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. NFP Nurse (Home Visitor) – Nurse Family Partnership – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
7. Biological Technician – Fisheries & Wildlife Management – Operations (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Animal Control Assistant – Animal Control – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
9. Rounds Tech/Operator – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
10. Administrative Assistant – Higher Education – Education (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour)
11. Recreation Aide – Cherokee Life Recreation – Education (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour)
12. Member Services Representative – Cherokee Fitness Complex – Education (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour)
13. Tribal Prosecutor II – Criminal Law Department – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)

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1. Corrections Officer (Multiple) – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Juvenile Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

Open Until Filled

6. School Resources Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
9. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
11. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour)
12. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
13. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
14. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
15. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
16. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
17. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
18. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
19. Environmental Compliance Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
20. Education Tutor/Grades 3-5 – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
21. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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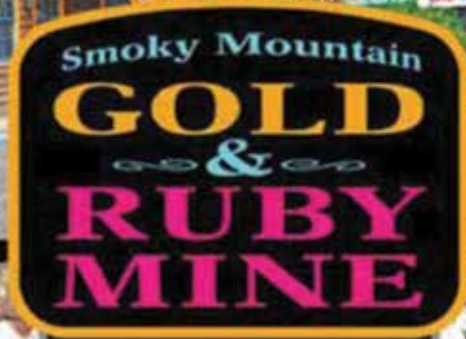
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Sticker designer
Kaniah Wolfe, a junior at Cherokee High School, designed one of the "I Voted" stickers (shown in photo) that was used in the March 5 primary election by the Swain Co. Board of Elections (BOE). (Photo contributed)



Big catch
Riley Taylor, of Aniwodihl (Painttown), age 5, caught a 16-inch rainbow trout at the KOA ponds in Cherokee, N.C. on Sunday, Feb. 25. (Photo contributed)

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