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# I believe. I believe you.

Sexual Assault Awareness Walk held in Cherokee

By BROOKLYN BROWN

One Feather Reporter

HEROKEE, N.C. - On the morning of April 3 beginning at the Water Beetle Stage of the Cherokee Welcome Center, the Office of the Principal Chief and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Domestic Violence-Sexual Assault Program (DVSA) held a joint Sexual Assault Awareness event and walk in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The event was called Agwohiyu, meaning "I Believe."

The event began with an opening prayer by Roger Smoker, an elder of the EBCI and chairman

of the Cherokee Speakers Council.

Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks gave opening remarks. Chief Hicks shared this statement, "It's crucial to acknowledge the disproportionate impact of sexual assault on Indigenous peoples. Indigenous women and girls experience sexual violence at alarming rates, with statistics revealing that they are two and a half times more likely to experience assault than any other demographic in the United States. Moreover, according to the Department of Justice, more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime, including sexual violence."

Ugvwiyuhi Hicks noted the necessity of collaborating with EBCI tribal programs and fore-front-

see AWARENESS WALK next page



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#### **AWARENESS WALK:** from front page

ing Cherokee voices to address sexual violence in the Cherokee community. "As we observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month, it's imperative to amplify Indigenous voices and work collaboratively to eradicate sexual violence in all its forms, ensuring safety and justice for all individuals."

Kayla Bigmeat, EBCI member and former EBCI DVSA intervention project coordinator, shared her journey in implementing the national Start by Believing campaign for the EBCI, which promotes the importance of believing victims of sexual assault to encourage justice-seeking and healing.

"The reason the Start by Believing campaign means so much to me is

because I remember those that believed me. That powers over the hurt and pain of the ones that still don't believe me today," Bigmeat said.

Marsha Jackson, EBCI member and former EBCI DVSA manager, shared her testimony as a survivor of sexual assault, and encouraged other survivors to take the difficult first steps of acknowledging and sharing their story. "I believe you. I will always be an advocate," Jackson said.

The group marched and held signs with statements like "I believe you," "Start by believing," and "Listen. Believe. Support." 2023-24 Miss Cherokee Scarlett "Gigage" Guy held a sign that read, "Agwohiyu, Gvyohiyu," which means, "I believe, I believe you."







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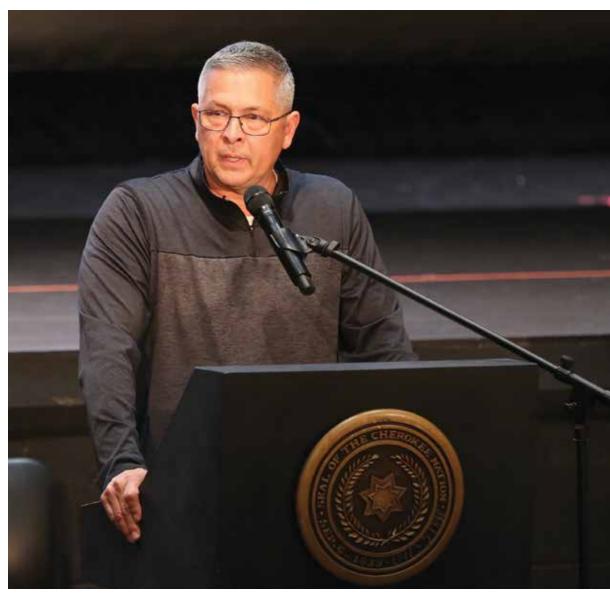
# Chief's Report for A-nv-yi (D0%)

By UGVWIYUHI (PRINCIPAL CHIEF)
MICHELL HICKS

March proved to be another busy month as we reached the six-month milestone of our new administration. March kicked off with a Community Town Hall meeting, hosted by Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley, as we aspire to ensure that transparency and feedback from our tribal members guide our decision -making processes. This gathering, led by Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Ensley with Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) participation, was held at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Center at Cherokee Central Schools and served as a platform for public engagement, focusing on projects and initiatives under consideration across tribal divisions and programs.

During this meeting, I was able to address the recent attacks on Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) sovereignty by Senator Tillis and Senator Budd, particularly regarding the opening of medical cannabis. These attacks, which are concerning, and a shameful diversion tactic aimed at deflecting attention from their primary agenda. Not only are Senator Tillis and Budd withholding the progress of vital legislation, but they are also doing so contingent upon support for granting federal recognition to the Lumbee, a self-identified group seeking this status by bypassing OFA. This group unfairly holds in their hands the passing of the Wounded Knee Memorial Bill, Truth & Healing Bill regarding Residential Boarding Schools, and the Historic Lands Requisition

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approved a resolution designating March as Indigenous Language Month, a momentous decision that has sparked enthusiasm among our tribal members. We are witnessing a resurgence of our language, with children, adults, and elders greeting one another and sharing their language with pride. It's a time when we hear the



Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks speaks at the opening of the Cherokee Town Hall Meeting held at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of March 4. (SCOTT MCK-IE B.P./One Feather photo)

echoes of our ancestors in our language, a precious inheritance nearly lost amidst the assimilation efforts of residential boarding schools. It is an important reminder that the passing of the U.S. Truth & Healing Commission Bill is imperative as it offers a promising avenue for advancing truth, justice, and healing as it aims to address the deep-rooted injustices and systemic inequalities faced by Indigenous peoples throughout U.S. history, specifically the generational trauma from residential boarding schools.

On March 12, I participated in the 2024 Reservation Economic Summit in Las Vegas, organized by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED). This prominent annual gathering brings together tribal leaders from across the United States, alongside members of Congress, federal agency representatives, state and local officials, and esteemed CEOs, providing a national platform for collaboration and discussion. Additionally, I had the opportunity to meet with Caesars Entertainment to discuss the financial position of our Danville property as well.

During this event, I had the privilege of joining a panel of esteemed Tribal leaders, including Mo Brings Plenty, an advocate, actor, producer, and American Indian storyline consultant in film and television, Stephanie A. Bryan, Tribal Chair & CEO of Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Aaron Leggett, President and Chair of Native Village of Eklutna, Governor Stephen Lewis of Gila River Indian Commu-

nity, Dr. Buu Nygren, President of Navajo Nation, and Crystal Williams, Vice-Chair of Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana. Our panel, titled "Guiding Voices: Tribal Leadership in a Changing World," provided an opportunity to address significant issues affecting Indian Country and shed light on the ongoing challenges faced by the EBCI, particularly regarding the recent attacks from Senators Tillis and Budd.

I recently attended the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma (UINO) Quarterly meeting on March 19 with the goal of speaking to Tribal Nations about the complexities of state recognition for groups falsely claiming Indigenous identity. During the gathering, I shared insights into the benefits that are available to state-recognized groups while addressing the mounting threat posed to our sovereign abilities in managing Tribal resources.

The United Indian Nations of Oklahoma is a great organization dedicated to Tribal Nations and enhancing the sovereignty of

the Tribal Nations in Oklahoma. With one Washington State and 19 Oklahoma federally recognized tribes present, I had the privilege to share our advocacy efforts as issues surrounding state recognition has impacts not just on the EBCI but to all federally recognized tribes across the country.

The Vice Chief, Tribal Secretaries Anthony Sequoyah, Sky Sampson, Sonya Wachacha, and I dedicated time on March 21 to visiting various programs, aiming to deepen our understanding of the needs within our Snowbird community. This visit provided us with valuable insights into the dynamics of these programs and identify avenues through which we can offer our support. We regret that we couldn't visit every program during our time, but rest assured, we will reach out to the programs we missed to ensure we connect with them soon. A heartfelt thank you to the dedicated staff at Kanvwotiyi, the Snowbird Youth Center, Graham County Indian Education and Jacob Cornsilk Complex that included the Library,

H.E.L.P/Housing, Housekeeping, Administration, Family Support, Building Maintenance and Recreation. We sincerely appreciate your hospitality and the opportunity to engage with your teams—special gratitude to the Senior Center for extending an invitation for lunch and a visit.

I had the privilege of meeting with the Western Carolina University (WCU) Athletic Director Alex Gary and Chancellor Dr. Kelly Brown to explore ongoing collaboration between the EBCI and Western Carolina University. Our discussions encompassed potential enhancements to the curriculum, alignment with workforce development initiatives, and opportunities for academic and athletic pursuits for our enrolled students.

Capital Projects work sessions continued with Tribal Councill to work on prioritizing projects that needed immediate addressing. We understand that there are projects that our community members would like to see completed, however, our goal is to phase out projects over an extended period,

to allow us to focus on the immediate and long-term needs of our Tribe. These needs include much needed renovations to Cherokee Central Schools infrastructure, continuation of the water/sewer groundwork that is already in progress, reopening a newer and better Cherokee fairground, and expanding much needed infrastructure of the Old High School and Elementary sites.

On April 4, the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) gave its approval for the Five-Year Strategic Plan, outlining the years 2024-2028. A strategic plan provides a roadmap for success, guiding us with clarity and purpose towards our goals. It forwards our focus, alignment, and informed decision-making. I want to thank the Vice Chief, Tribal Council, EBCI Secretaries, and Directors/Managers for their dedication during the past few months, working through numerous work sessions and meetings to ensure our efforts are directed effectively for long-term growth and sustainability.

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



## Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approves resolution opposing construction at Moccasin Bend

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) has passed a resolution opposing new construction at a Tennessee site that is historically and culturally significant to Cherokee people. Res. No. 175 (2024) was passed unanimously during the regular Dinilawigi session on Thursday, April 4.

Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief)
Michell Hicks said in discussion
on the legislation during Thursday's session, "It's been an ongoing issue...I think we need to be
as strong as we possibly can about
protecting historic sites in any way
that we possibly can."

Res. No. 175 was submitted by Ugvwiyuhi Hicks, Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley, and Dinilawigi (Tribal Council). The legislation describes the historical significance of the area to the EBCI. "Historians and archaeologists believe the first contact between Europeans and American Indians in the area was during the year 1513, and American Indians occupied the Tennessee River peninsula known as Moccasin Bend for thousands of years, and there is evidence of ancient villages and burial mounds at the site."

It continues, "In the early 1800s, travelers crossed the Tennessee River at Moccasin Bend by using Brown's Ferry which was owned and operated by the Brown family who were mixed (Cherokee and European) ancestry, and in 1805 the United States government built what is known as the 'Federal Road' across Moccasin Bend, at the site of Brown's Ferry, and this road is well-documented as being a part of the Trail of Tears."

The legislation states, "...the Tribe (EBCI) opposes new construction activities on the Tennessee River peninsula known as Moccasin Bend, in Hamilton County, Tennessee, and the Tribe supports efforts to present Moccasin Bend's natural, historic, and cultural resources."

According to the legislation, "...efforts to preserve Moccasin Bend began in the early 20th century with a vision that it would become a National Park. That effort was abandoned in 1953 by Tennessee Governor Frank Clements, and Moccasin Bend has seen multiple developments since then: the State of Tennessee built the Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute there in 1961; and local officials and businesses have built a law enforcement firearms training range, radio towers, a golf course, and a wastewater treatment facility on Moccasin Bend."

In September 2023, the Tennessee Building Commission approved a plan for a \$260 million replacement facility for the Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute.

A group known as National Park Partners has released a statement on this plan stating that they believe that the new facility can be built as well as protecting the Moccasin Bend historical area. "We do not accept the State of Tennessee's proposal to build the new mental health hospital on its current campus, which lies within a National Historic Landmark boundary and

is completely surrounded by a National Park site meant for public benefit. While a state legislative committee approved the concept of new construction on Moccasin Bend to rebuild the now 61-year-old hospital, that decision can and must be reversed."

The group has started an online petition at: https://www.change.org/p/save-moccasin-bend

The petition states in part,
"Moccasin Bend holds 12,000
years of human history and is one
of Chattanooga's most treasured
natural and cultural landmarks.
Generations have fought to preserve its incredible resources,
leading to designations like the
National Historic Landmark status
in 1986. Building a new mental
health institute on Moccasin Bend
would irreparably damage this
historic site."

An archaeological study, of the site where the new construction is planned, began in October 2023.

## EBCI voices support for Wounded Knee legislation

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is standing in support of federal legislation that will protect a sacred site in South Dakota. During the regular session of Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) on Thursday, April 4, 2024, representatives unanimously passed Res. No. 177 (2024) that states the EBCI "supports the Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act (S. 2088, H.R. 3371)

and calls on federally recognized tribal nations across the United States to support the Act and calls on the U.S. Senate to pass the Act and move forward enacting it into law".

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep.
Richard French said he met
recently with Frank Star Comes
Out, Oglala Sioux tribal president.
"They asked for our support in
this because they mentioned our
Senator (Thom Tillis) and how he
was blocking all these bills."

"When we met with them in D.C., they even went to speak with him, and he told them that they needed to go check with the chairman of the Lumbee – asking their permission and it didn't set well."

Rep. French added, "President Star Comes Out's words were, 'We will not give in. They will not hold us hostage. We'll wait them out. We'll be here longer than they will. We've been here for years, and we're not going anywhere."

H.R. 3371 was agreed to by a voice vote on Sept. 20, 2023. The following day, it was read in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

In a column on his website, Congressman Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.), who submitted the legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives, called the Wounded Knee Massacre "a dark stain on our nation's history".

He describes the events in the column, "On Dec. 29, 1890, a group of Lakota Indians led by Chief Spotted Elk made camp near Wounded Knee Creek on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. There, U.S. Army 7th Cavalry troops were sent to disarm the Lakota. A struggle occurred between the U.S. Army and some of Chief Spotted Elk's band – a majority of which consisted of women and children. A shot rang

out, and the U.S. Army opened fire on the largely unarmed group, tragically massacring an estimated 350-375 Lakota Indians."

The Act calls for the Secretary of the Interior "to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe" meaning it will be owned by the tribes, made subject to the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and cannot be transferred without consent of both tribes and Congress.

The Act also has the support of the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association (GPTCA), and the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT).

Res. No. 177 states, "The EBCI has federal legislation called the Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act (H.R. 548) that would transfer historic Cherokee lands in Tennessee to the EBCI in trust, and Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) is blocking both the Wounded Knee Sacred Site Act and the EBCI's Historic Lands Act to force tribes to give up their opposition to the efforts of the Lumbee group in North Carolina to become a federally recognized Indian tribe."

The legislation continues, "Sen. Tillis is also blocking other federal legislation important to federally recognized Indian nations as punishment for insisting that groups of people who claim to be American Indians and tribes should be required to go through the existing regulatory process developed by the Department of the Interior over many years, to achieve federal recognition, and that these groups should not be allowed to circumvent this process through federal legislation."

The Senate Committee of

Indian Affairs approved the Act on Nov. 15, 2023. Following a hearing on the Act, Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Committee vice chairperson, commented, "This legislation will ensure that the sacred lands of the Wounded Knee Massacre will be forever protected by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. Memorializing this land in no way absolves the U.S. Army of its actions in one of the deadliest massacres in our nation's history, but it is an important step in honoring those who were lost on that dark day and promoting healing for their descendants."

## Travel report for Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) for March 2024

**Submitted by Tosh Welch** EBCI Tribal Council public relations

#### March 9-13 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Richard French traveled to the Reservation Economic Summit. He attended the Quarterly Meeting for the Coalition of Large Land-Based Tribes (COLT), an organization of which the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is an Associate Member. He also attended several meetings that week with Leadership from other federally recognized tribes. His work involved 1) Development Tribal ally-ship, 2) Protection of EBCI sovereign interests, 3) Economic development for EBCI.

#### March 13-14 in Washington, D.C.

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle, along with Tribal

Council Employee Tosh Welch, hosted a reception at the EBCI House for the National Charter Signing for the National American Indian Veteran's Association. The signing was aired on C-SPAN and was done in a Congressional Assembly Room near the EBCI House. Veteran's associations and Warrior Societies from several federally recognized tribes, including members of the American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 attended the EBCI-hosted event. This work involved 1) Development of Tribal ally-ship, 2) Recognition of Native Veterans on a national level.

#### March 20-21 in Carlton, Minn.

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Chairman Mike Parker spoke at the Chippewa Federation Meeting held at Black Bear Casino in Minnesota. His work involved 1) Development of Tribal ally-ship, 2) Legislative interests on the federal level.

### D.A. statement on upcoming cannabis dispensary opening

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch, 43rd Prosecutorial District, released the following statement on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 3 regarding the upcoming opening of the Great Smoky Cannabis Company in Cherokee, N.C.:

The mission, duty, and privilege of the 43rd Prosecutorial District is to enforce state laws. We do not pick certain laws to enforce and ignore others.

On April 20, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will open a marijuana, cannabis dispensary on tribal land. Tribes have inherent authority as sovereign nations, subject only to federal, not state, law. We respect tribal sovereignty, and we respect the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' right to enact tribal laws.

In North Carolina, the cultivation, distribution, and possession of marijuana remains illegal, and we will continue to enforce state law off Qualla Boundary.



by Ryan A. Berenz

- 1. In August 2023, the London Capitals defeated the London Mets to claim the championship in what baseball league?
- 2. Tim Grgurich resigned as head coach of what college basketball team after just seven games and a 2-5 record in 1994?
- 3. How many times was drag racer Doug Kalitta the NHRA Top Fuel season runner-up before he finally won a championship in 2023?
- 4. What Minnesota Vikings player set the NFL record for longest kick return touchdown with a 109-yard score on the opening kickoff vs. the Green Bay Packers in 2013?
- 5. What two golfers made holes-inone in consecutive groups in the final round of the 2004 Masters?
- 6. Who was the first American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in boxing?
- 7. What Iowa Hawkeyes women's basketball star surpassed LSU's Pete Maravich as the all-time career NCAA Division I scoring leader?

#### Answers

- 1. The British Baseball Federation's National Baseball League.
- 2. The UNLV Runnin' Rebels.
- 3. Six.
- 4. Cordarelle Patterson.
- 5. Padraig Harrington and Kirk Triplett.
- 6. Claressa Shields (2012).
- 7. Caitlin Clark.
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### CCS students give presentation on Hawaii trip to CCS School Board

#### By BROOKLYN BROWN

One Feather Reporter

THEROKEE, N.C. – The School **○**Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, April 1, in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:47 p.m. by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson. The meeting included a presentation from CCS students Madison Ledford, Roxi Bark, Levi Winter, and George Saunooke on their recent trip to Hawaii, discussions for a competitive fly-fishing tournament, Parisi Speed School, Cherokee language introductions from CCS staff, and more.

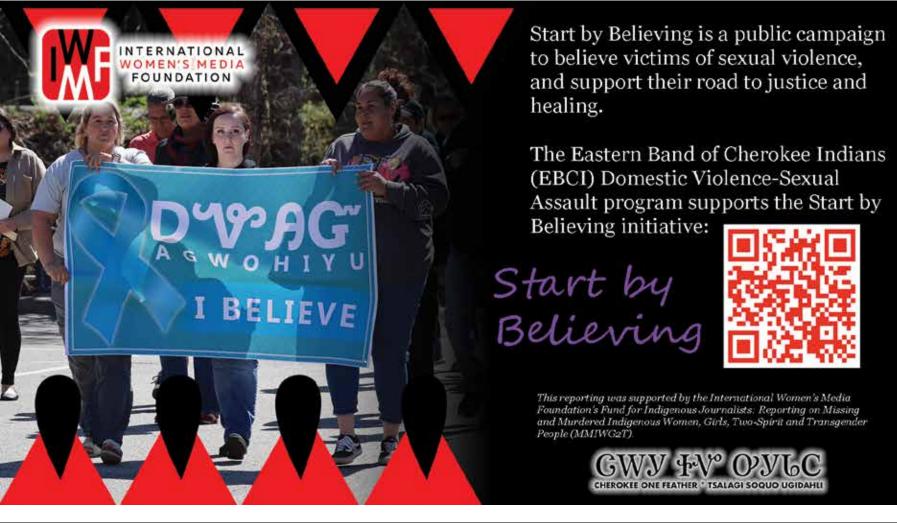
Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Widagalinidisgy (Big Y) rep.; Micah Swimmer, Aniwodihi (Painttown) rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) rep.; Melanie Lambert, covice chairperson and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wayohi (Wolftown) rep.; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Dr. Jo Ray, HR director; Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; and Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent. Michael Stamper, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) representative, had an excused absence. Guests in attendance were Brooklyn Brown, Cherokee One Feather reporter; Travis Climbingbear, Youth Sports Performance coordinator at Cherokee Fitness Complex; and Damian Solis, manager

at Cherokee Fitness Complex;
Dr. Heath Robertson, CCS CTE/
STEAM director; CCS students
Madison Ledford, Roxi Bark, Levi
Winter, and George Saunooke;
Cherokee High School teacher
Sonya Edwards; Jennifer Martens,
CCS director of curriculum and instruction; Cherokee Middle School
teacher Christopher Davis; and
Cherokee High School principal
Debora Foerst.

The opening prayer was led by Girty. The previous meeting minutes from March 4 and March 18 were approved unanimously.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert and approved unanimously.

In the good news portion of the meeting, Robertson, and his students in the Tsunisgwanigosdi Tsunihyohi (Explorers Program) gave separate presentations on the recent trip to Hawaii to explore cultural incorporation for other Indigenous schools and cultures. The students shared their presentation first. Saunooke shared that they were able to visit several memorial sites including Pearl Harbor, and two local schools, Wai'anea High School, and Kamakau Laboratory Public Charter School, which is an immersion school. Saunooke also shared that he was able to gift a pair of stickball sticks and a ball to Wai'anea High School. Winter expressed an appreciation for the steps Wai'anea High School and Kamakau Laboratory Public Charter School are taking in revitalizing



and strengthening their culture through culture and language activities in their schools. Bark noted that Wai'anea High School has fish hatcheries where students raise local fish to feed their community. Bark expressed an interest in creating fish hatcheries for CCS. Ledford said CCS would benefit from more Cherokee culture and language incorporation, as Hawaiian culture and language seemed to permeate the schools they visited, and the students were engaged and excited to learn and share their knowledge.

Robertson shared that in both the schools they visited, the morning began with a traditional Hawaiian greeting ceremony. Robertson said that at Wai'anea High School, their agriculture class included three garden plots with native plants, traditional foods, bananas, papayas, breadfruit, and livestock. He also noted that the gardens and livestock seemed to be cared for primarily by the students. At Kamakau Laboratory Public Charter School, the kindergarteners shared their traditional movements and chants, the 8th grade class shared their legend of Maui, and the high schoolers shared broad cultural knowledge. Robertson, Saunooke, Ledford, Bark and Winter all agreed that they were underprepared in sharing their Cherokee cultural knowledge and language with the students who seemed eager to know Cherokee legends. Robertson said that if this trip takes place again, they will be prepared to share more Cherokee culture and language. Overall, Robertson and his class reiterated that the trip was a good opportunity to learn more about another culture and how they are finding ways to incorporate their culture everyday in their classrooms.

Martens and CCS staff recently participated in an 8-week, afterschool Cherokee language certificate program. They joined the school board meeting to share what they learned and introduce themselves in Cherokee. They were also awarded their certificates of achievement at the meeting.

Davis and Martens shared the prospect of a competitive fly-fishing tournament in July for students from CCS and New Kituwah Academy. Davis is working with Team USA Fly Fishing Champion Michael Bradley to establish rules, regulations, training, and instruction for interested students. Kevin Primo will also provide training and instruction. Martens is applying for the Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund for prizes and sponsorship for the tournament. The event will take place in the trophy section waters of Cherokee with help from the tribal hatchery and EBCI Natural Resources. Swimmer asked about the age range for the event. Davis said they are still determining interest and will decide on age range soon.

Climbingbear and Solis are developing an afterschool program with Parisi Speed School to develop speed skills for students interested in elevating their agility. Reed-Cooper asked if Climbingbear and Solis would be communicating with CCS weightlifting coach Jama Anders to ensure that participating students are not experiencing competing workouts. Climbingbear assured the board that the Parisi Speed School would not compete but only elevate workouts. Climbingbear also noted that he has a good working relationship with Anders. Climbingbear also said that he and Solis are working on a Smoky Mountain Conference combine for student

athletes. Climbingbear said almost all the Smoky Mountain Conference coaches are on board for the combine.

The consent agenda was unanimously approved as amended after the board agreed to pull Resolution 24-134: Cherokee Central Schools disestablish the Cherokee High School JROTC program and move forward with the development and offering of a new character and leadership course (or courses) that are adventure-based and culturally relevant, for further discussion. The following resolutions were approved:

24-131: Cynthia Guilford is approved as an Administrative Assistant for the Athletics Department. 24-132: Josie Edwards is approved as a Teacher for the Cherokee Elementary School.

The board entered a closed session at 6:42pm with a motion by Toineeta seconded by Lambert. The board exited closed at 8:23pm.

In new business, the board voted unanimously to approve car wraps for the School Resource Officers (SROs).

In other announcements,
Brown shared with the board that
the Tribal Health Improvement
Plan wants CCS to forward any
upcoming mental health and
wellness events to Dawn Arneach,
Cherokee One Feather advertising sales coordinator. The events
will be promoted on Cherokee
One Feather websites, papers and
social media. Arneach will also
shares those events with EBCI
Public Health and Human Services
(PHHS) for promotion.

On April 21, the school board will fund dinner at Ruth's Chris Steak House for the 2023-24 NCHSAA 1A State Championship Lady Braves Basketball team. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Swimmer.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 15 at the Central Office Board Room.



## Moments in time

- On April 22, 2000, 6-year-old Elián Gonzalez, who was the sole survivor of an abortive attempt by 13 other Cuban citizens to enter America as illegal immigrants, was taken by a S.W.A.T. team from his Miami relatives. Following a number of court battles, the child was returned to his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez.
- On April 23, 1898, Spain declared war on the U.S. after rejecting its ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba. Following the declaration, the American Asiatic Squadron, under Commodore George Dewey, engaged the Spanish Pacific squadron under Admiral Patricio Montojo y Pasarón in the Philippines' Manila Bay, and decimated the Spanish squadron.
- On April 24, 1942, singer/actress/film producer Barbra Joan Streisand was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Considered "the girl on the block with the good voice" in her youth, and determined to be a star, her breakthrough came with the lead role in the 1964 Broadway musical "Funny Girl." In 1968, the movie version of the role earned her an Academy Award for Best Actress. To date, Streisand has sold more than 140 million albums and won 10 Grammys.
- On April 25, 2006, Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said that his country was happy to share its nuclear technology with other nations, during a meeting with the visiting Sudanese president. U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice condemned the comments, and Iran's top nuclear negotiator threatened to suspend its cooperation with the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog if the country was threatened with sanctions.
- On April 26, 1928, Filipino immigrant Pedro Flores opened the Yo-yo Manufacturing Company in Santa Barbara, CA. By November 1929, he was operating two additional factories in Los Angeles and Hollywood, which together produced 300,000 yo-yos daily.
- On April 27, 1971, eight members of the Welsh Language Society were accused of conspiring to damage, remove or destroy English-language road signs in Wales.
- On April 28, 1789, Fletcher Christian led a mutiny against William Bligh aboard the HMS Bounty and set him and 18 loyal crew members adrift in a 23-foot open boat, but the men survived a 47-day voyage to the Dutch East Indies and returned to England to report the mutiny. Christian and the rest of the crew eventually settled on Pitcairn Island and Tahiti.

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## CCS School Board holds joint meeting with Swain Co.

#### By BROOKLYN BROWN

One Feather Reporter

BRYSON CITY, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, March 4, 2024, in a joint, special called meeting with the School Board of Swain County Schools (SCS) in the Swain East Media Center. The meeting was called to order at 4:52 p.m. by SCS Board Member Cody White and CCS Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

CCS members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Yellowhill rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Big Y rep.; Micah Swimmer, Painttown rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Big Cove rep.; Melanie Lambert, co-vice chairperson and Birdtown rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wolftown rep.; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; and Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent.

SCS members present were Mark Sale, superintendent; Cody White; Mitchell Carson; Gerald McKinney; Lisa Loftis; Robert "RL" Taylor; and Sarah Bradley.

The opening prayer was led by SCS Superintendent Mark Sale.

Payne shared program updates for CCS, including two Cultural Days of Caring for the CCS staff in the fall and spring, and an upcoming five-day overnight camp for 12-15 students to learn life skills such as meal prepping, budgeting, gardening, auto maintenance, and Cherokee cultural values.

Girty shared that four students for CCS Career and Technical Education (CTE) recently travelled to Hawaii learn more about cultural incorporation in CTE curriculum. Girty added that teachers are receiving cultural activities, blended learning and language classes to help them incorporate Cherokee culture in classrooms.

Girty also noted that CCS is partnering with the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) and CIPD Attorney Cody White to revise and change CCS policies. Sale shared that SCS is glad to have Sarah Bradley on board working with kindergarten through fifth grade students once a week in Cherokee culture, language and history.

The boards reviewed the Swain County Schools and Cherokee Central Schools cooperative agreement. White motioned to approve the agreement, and SCS school board unanimously approved. Reed-Cooper motion to approve, with a second by Lambert, with CCS school board also approving unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.

# CCS School Board holds meeting on March 18

#### By BROOKLYN BROWN

One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, March 18 in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:44 p.m. by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Yellowhill rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Big Y rep.; Micah Swimmer, Painttown rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Big Cove rep.; Melanie Lambert, co-vice chairperson and Birdtown rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wolftown rep.; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Dr. Jo Ray, HR director; Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; Ashley Leonard, attorney; and Michael Stamper, Tribal Council representative. Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent, had an excused absence.

The opening prayer was led by Hyatt. The previous meeting minutes from Feb. 20 were approved unanimously with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Toineeta.

The agenda was approved unanimously with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Toineeta.

Candi Ross, family services manager for Qualla Boundary Head Start (QBHS), and Amanda Bradley, parent coordinator for QBHS, shared information regarding the transition from Head Start to kindergarten for children with disabilities and autism and promoted their upcoming Cherokee Autism Celebration on April 25 from 4 p.m. to 6 p,m.

Michele Galloway, Hope
Center director, shared that Nicole
Efird, CCS Pre-K teacher received
the 2024 North Carolina Ag in the
Classroom Teacher of the Year
Award. Efird will attend the National Farm Bureau Convention in
June and will be in the running for
National Teacher of the Year.
Galloway also shared the books
that she and Laura Pinnix, CCS
Cherokee language director, collaborated on that are written in

Cherokee language titled, "Creatures of the Smokies." Galloway gave a copy to the board members and said this is the first of many books they plan to create to feature Cherokee faces, stories and language.

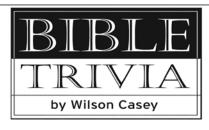
The consent agenda was approved unanimously with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Hyatt. The following resolutions were approved from the consent agenda:

24-129: Brianna Smith Bynum is approved as the Varsity Women's Softball Volunteer for the 2023-24 season.

24-130: Laura Bottchenbaugh be approved as the CMS Softball Assistant Coach.

Reed-Cooper made a motion to enter closed session at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Lambert. The board exited closed session at 7:42 p.m.

The board adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



- 1. Is the book of 3 Corinthians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. Who was praised for his beauty "from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head"? Absalom, Elisha, Pekah, Tola
- 3. What camp saw 185,000 of its soldiers slaughtered by an angel of the Lord? Assyrian, Midianite, Philistine, Persian
- 4. From Genesis 1:30, what is the first color mentioned in the Bible? *Purple, Red, Green, Yellow*
- 5. Which city's wall fell down flat at the shout of Joshua's army? *Tarsus, Jericho, Corinth, Sardis*
- 6. From 2 Kings, who became king of Judah at age 8? Abijam, Rehoboam, Marcus, Josiah

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Absalom, 3) Assyrian, 4) Green, 5) Jericho, 6) Josiah

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#### CIPD Arrest Report for March 25-31, 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.

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 46 Arrested: March 25

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

Charges: Breaking and Entering; Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult, Elder and Vulnerable Protection Criminal Code

Blackfox, Kristan Lea – age 31 Arrested: March 26

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor

Brady-Cole, Jullian Kaye – age 34

Arrested: March 26

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

Charges: Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Probation Violation

Reed, Samuel Enoch – age 34

Arrested: March 26 Released: March 26

Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Con-

trolled Substance

Ensley, William Nathaniel – age

Arrested: March 27

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

Charges: Court Order

Littlejohn, Emery Lee - age 38

Arrested: March 27

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

**Charges: Probation Violation** 

Ramirez, Karina Bridget - age 41

Arrested: March 27

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

Charges: Pre-trial Release Viola-

tion

Robinson, Denerio Rodrecus - age

Arrested: March 27

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor

Wolfe, Russell McKinley – age 46

Arrested: March 27 Released: March 30

Charges: Elder Abuse and Neglect

Brady, Dusty Daniel – age 43

Arrested: March 30 Released: March 30

Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or

**Obstructing Officers** 

French, Joshua Dwayne – age 23

Arrested: March 30 Released: March 30

Charges: Driving While Impaired

Jackson, Alexandria Jade – age 31

Arrested: March 30 Released: March 30

Charges: Possession of a Con-

trolled Substance I-V

Locust Jr., Luke Kerry – age 36

Arrested: March 30

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor

Queen, Justin – age 22

Arrested: March 30

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

Charges: Communicating Threats; Intoxicated and Disruptive in

Public; Resisting, Delaying, and

**Obstructing Officers** 

Ross, Cassandra Dawn – age 37

Arrested: March 30

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdmeanor

Saunooke, Jonah Lee – age 47

Arrested: March 30 Released: March 30

Charges: Resisting Lawful Arrest;

Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer; Weapons Offense (two counts)

Bradley, Kyren Jade – age 20

Arrested: March 31

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

Charges: Domestic Violence and

**Dating Violence** 

Martin Jr., George David – age 42

Arrested: March 31

Released: Not released as of report

date (April 1)

Charges: Probation Violation

Reed, Donavan Eric – age 31

Arrested: March 31 Released: March 31

Charges: Driving While Impaired

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# SPORTS DΛK

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

## Cherokee Middle participates in meet at Murphy

#### One Feather Staff Report

MURPHY, N.C. – The Cherokee Middle School track and field team participated in a three-school meet hosted by Murphy Middle School at the Murphy High School track on the afternoon of Monday, April 1. Several team members won their events including:

- Cambry Stamper: Girls 400M Dash (1:10.74)
- Austin Fourkiller-Raby: Girls 800M Run (2:42.90), Girls 1600M Run (5:51.35)
- Girls 4x800M Relay team Lolo Bell, Ko'dee Wolfe, Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Lilly Lossiah (11:47.78)
- Lolo Bell: Girls Triple Jump (28-8)
- Kimo Sokol: Boys High Jump (16-4), Boys

Long Jump (16-4)

- Greyson Ledford: Boys Shot Put (33-9)

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

#### **Boy's Events**

#### **Team Scores**

- 1 Murphy 71
- 2 Andrews 43
- 3 Cherokee 39

#### 100M Dash

- 1 Amari Morgan, Murphy, 12.48
- 2 Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 12.60
- 3 Blake Davis, Murphy, 12.64
- 4 Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 14.12
- 5 Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 14.49
- 8 Marek Brown, Cherokee, 14.69

#### 200M Dash

- 1 Rylan Scroggs, Murphy, 27.11
- 2 Will Phillips, Andrews, 27.60
- 3 Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 29.41
- 5 Marek Brown, Cherokee, 31.31

#### 400M Dash

- 1 Donta Barber, Murphy, 57.79
- 2 Levi Clark, Andrews, 59.81
- 3 Jordan Panther, Cherokee, 1:02.98
- 9 Odie Owle, Cherokee, 1:15.28
- 11 Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 1:32.72

#### 800M Run

- 1 Elliot Salinas, Andrews, 2:21.53
- 2 Jaden Rice, Murphy, 2:24.22
- 3 Derek Wood, Murphy, 2:39.74
- 5 Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 2:46.03
- 7 Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 2:53.01

#### **1600M Run**

- 1 Elliot Salinas, Andrews, 4:59.53
- 2 Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 5:52.48
- 3 Cody Carr, Murphy, 6:09.18
- 4 Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 6:17.68
- 8 Drayzin Beheler, Cherokee, 6:56.31
- 9 Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 7:24.18

#### 110M Hurdles

- 1 Korbin Hicks, Andrews, 21.14
- 2 Peyton Bain, Murphy, 21.36
- 4 Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 23.15

#### 4x100M Relay



- 1 Murphy, 51.60
- 2 Cherokee, 54.30
- 3 Andrews, 1:00.22

#### 4x200M Relay

- 1 Murphy, 1:44.51
- 2 Andrews, 1:57.34
- 3 Cherokee, 1:59.74

#### 4x400M Relay

- 1 Murphy, 4:07.95
- 2 Andrews, 4:16.70

#### 4x800M Relay

- 1 Andrews, 10:15.23
- 2 Murphy, 11:00.87

#### High Jump

- 1 Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 5-02
- 2 Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 5-00
- 3 Peyton Bain, Murphy, 5-00

#### Long Jump

- 1 Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 16-04
- 2 Amillio Johnson, Andrews, 15-03
- 3 Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 14-08.25
- 5 Odie Owle, Cherokee, 13-11.50
- 9 Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 13-04.50

#### Triple Jump

- 1 Anthony Catuto, Murphy, 31-11
- 2- Jayce Donaldson, Andrews, 30-10.50
- 3 Amillio Johnson, Andrews, 30-02.50
- 4 Odie Owle, 30-00.50
- 6 Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 24-11.75

#### **Discus Throw**

- 1 Trenton Cook, Murphy, 110-01
- 2 Anthony Catuto, Murphy, 102-07
- 3 Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 88-04
- 12 Joe Perry Saunooke, Cherokee, 56-01

#### Shot Put

- 1 Greyson Ledford, Cherokee, 33-09
- 2 Trenton Cook, Murphy, 32-09
- 3 Korbin Hicks, Andrews, 32-00.50
- 11 Joe Perry Saunooke, Cherokee, 24-06

#### Girl's Events

#### Team Scores

- 1 Murphy 60
- 2 Cherokee 55
- 3 Andrews 35

#### 100M Dash

- 1 Kenzly Yarbro, Murphy, 14.29
- 2 Cambri Sneed, Andrews, 14.31
- 3 Juliet Holloway, Andrews, 14.33
- 6 Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14.81
- 8 Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 15.47
- 10 Makeena Armachain, Cherokee, 16.30
- 11 Piper Owen, Cherokee, 18.80

#### 200M Dash

- 1 CJ Yarbro, Murphy, 28.91
- 2 Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 29.92
- 3 Kenzly Yarbro, Murphy, 30.10
- 8 Emma Milholen, Cherokee, 33.34
- 9 Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 34.63
- 11 Amelia Holiday, Cherokee, 36.99

#### 400M Dash

- 1 Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 1:10.74
- 2 Khloe Mayfield, Andrews, 1:11.00
- 3 Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 1:11.61
- 5 Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 1:15.45
- 11 Laylauna Allison, Cherokee, 1:36.34

#### 800M Run

- 1 Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 2:42.90
- 2 Rylei Howard, Murphy, 3:00.13
- 3 Savannah Hornbuckle, Cherokee, 3:01.22
- 6 Janessa Owl, Cherokee, 3:08.10
- 7 Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Cherokee, 3:10.54
- 8 Phoebe Littlejohn, Cherokee, 3:18.32
- 11 Viola Williams, Cherokee, 3:24.72
- 12 Khrystyna Armachain, Cherokee, 3:31.30
- 13 Aurora Crowe, Cherokee, 3:32.07
- 14 Ahniah Wildcat, Cherokee, 3:34.61
- 17 Abelia Mahan-Flores, Cherokee, 4:14.50

#### **1600M Run**

- 1 Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 5:51.35
- 2 Ko'dee Wolfe, Cherokee, 6:47.86
- 3 Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 6:55.05
- 4 Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 6:57.76
- 6 Uliahna Beheler, Cherokee, 7:21.55

#### 100M Hurdles

- 1 Sandie Cornwell, Murphy, 18.61
- 2 Valorie Jordan, Murphy, 20.86
- 3 Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 21.30
- 6 Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Cherokee, 26.23

#### 4x100M Relay

- 1 Andrews, 58.63
- 2 Murphy, 58.94
- 3 Cherokee, 59.46

#### 4x200M Relay

- 1 Andrews, 2:01.00
- 2 Cherokee, 2:01.08
- 3 Murphy, 2:11.31

#### 4x400M Relay

- 1 Murphy, 5:04.19
- 2 Andrews, 5:05.27
- 3 Cherokee, 5:06.30

#### 4x800M Relay

- 1 Cherokee, 11:47.78
- 2 Murphy, 13:58.69

#### **High Jump**

- 1 Bella Kent, Murphy, 4-06
- 2 Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 4-04
- 3 Kinlee Herr, Murphy, 4-02

#### **Long Jump**

- 1 Juliet Holloway, Andrews, 14-01
- 2 CJ Yarbro, Murphy, 14-00
- 3 Kenzly Yarbro, Murphy, 12-09
- 8 Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 11-00.75
- 9 Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 10-08.25
- 10 Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 10-03

#### **Triple Jump**

- 1 Lolo Bell, Cherokee, 28-08
- 2 Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 27-11.50
- 3 Sadie Mustin, Andrews, 21-04

#### **Discus Throw**

- 1 Amelia Joyner, Murphy, 78-01
- 2 Beth Beasley, Andrews, 75-11
- 3 Khloe Cucumber, Cherokee, 72-05
- 4 Briann Teesateskie, Cherokee, 65-06
- 6 Roxy Solis, Cherokee, 61-01
- 7 Kiarra Caley, Cherokee, 60-00

#### **Shot Put**

- 1 Morgan Oliver, Murphy, 26-09
- 2 Maia Lane, Cherokee, 26-04
- 3 Beth Beasley, Andrews, 26-02
- 4 Eleanor Smith, Cherokee, 26-01
- 5 Jayla Pheasant, Cherokee, 24-096 Briann Teesateskie, Cherokee, 20-06



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# Natives on the runway

EBCI models walk in Native Fashion in the City Fashion Show

By BROOKLYN BROWN

One Feather Reporter

ENVER, Colo. - Eight Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) models walked in the 10-year anniversary fashion show of Native Fashion in the City (NFITC) in Denver, Colo. on March 14 and 15. NFITC a modeling and fashion organization for Native American First Nations designers and models.

Kimberly Smith, EBCI tribal member and fashion designer in the Kananesgi Fashion Show, provided a synopsis of the trip:

"The trip, sponsored by Kananesgi, was an opportunity for EBCI models to participate in the fashion extravaganza in Denver in a journey filled with cultural enrichment, advocacy, and celebration. Amidst snowstorm delays - 20 inches in some areas - the EBCI models, including Jasmine Smith, Janee Smith, Rebecca Welch, Danica Hill, Delaney Wildcatt, Hope Long, Rosa Reyes, and Aleshia Tisho, seized the opportunity to engage in meaningful discussions with National Geographic photographer Micheli Oliver, shedding light on Indigenous invisibility in art, photography, and fashion. Some supported a local all-Indigenous restaurant Tocabe, and had bison ribs, frybread, and chokeberry jam. Additionally, they connected with Cheyenne Arapaho tribal elders to delve into Indigenous place name renaming campaigns like Mount Blue Skies, reaffirming the importance of reclaiming Indigenous heritage. Of course, some ventured to the mall to explore there, too."

She added, "The Native Fashion in the City fashion shows were the crowning moments of the trip, held at the prestigious Denver Arts Museum, where EBCI models showcased their heritage and style with grace and confidence. This year's event marked the 10th anniversary



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of the show, underscoring a decade of trailblazing Indigenous fashion and nurturing talents. It was particularly noteworthy as it featured the inaugural Youth Fashion Show segment, reflecting the commitment to empowering the next generation of Indigenous fashion creators. In the Youth Fashion Show, four EBCI models, including Jasmine Smith, Janee Smith, Rebecca Welch, and Danica Hill, walked the runway, captivating the audience with their blend of tradition and innovation. Some even received a highlighted shoutout from the emcee. Following this, another four models graced the catwalk in the adult show, including Delaney Wildcatt, Hope Long, Rosa Reyes, and Aleshia Tisho, further amplifying the vibrancy and diversity of Indigenous fashion.

Overall, the trip was a testament to the resilience, cultural pride, and talent of the EBCI community and a significant milestone in advancing Indigenous representation in the fashion industry."

The list of featured designers included:



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ALTRN8V by Courtney Little Axe, Beadiful Vibes by Raynie Hunter, 'Nchi.wana by Lulu Henry, Oh Kiyo by Anna Frye, Bitterwater for Redhouse by Michelle Luna & Snowy Baby/ SNO, and Dentalium Dreamz Scape Collection by Jillian Waterman

EBCI youth model Jasmine Smith shared appreciation for the opportunity to model in NFITC.

"I'm proud to have made the casting call and deeply grateful to Kananesgi for its sponsorship, allowing us to proudly represent the EBCI community in the fashion show. Working alongside fellow tribal models and designers was an unforgettable experience."

Smith also received an internship opportunity while on the trip. "During the event, I met a hairstylist who also contributes to University of Michigan's Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) initiatives. Her internship offers to further my NAGPRA knowledge was unexpected. Sgi, Hope Huskey for doing so much to make this trip a success."



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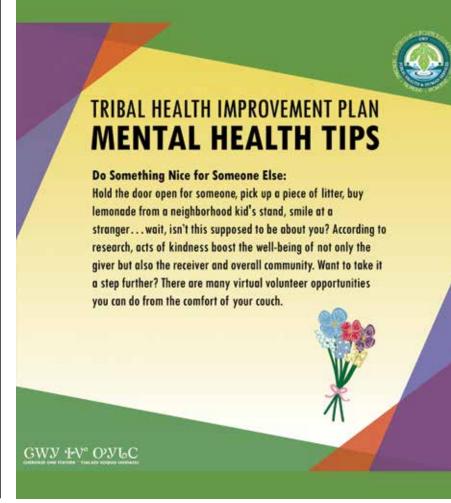


The Duyugodv'i Right Path Leadership Program is taking nominations for it's 2024-2025 program year until May 30th. If you know of an EBCI member (18+) that has admirable leadership traits and is interested in learning and living Cherokee culture, feel free to nominate him/her for the program. Visit https://rkli.org/2022/05/16/right-path-membership-form/ for more information and to complete the nomination form.

> Any questions please contact: Tara McCoy Right Path Leadership Specialist 828-359-5542

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# NATIONAL PARK NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### American Sign Language Day programs to be offered at Cades Cove April 13

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Great Smoky Mountains National Park's Signs of Spring event celebrating National American Sign Language Day will be back for the second year in Cades Cove on Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's theme will be "A Peek Behind the Scenes." Stations throughout Cades Cove will feature presenters from both the park and the deaf community discussing the work that goes into protecting our shared heritage. Stations will include demonstrations and activities by the park's historic preservation crew, Preventative Search and Rescue team,

curator, educators, and by park partner Discover Life in America. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn about the park's accessibility initiatives, including adaptive bicycles and wheelchairs that are now available in the park. Maryville High School students will host a cultural connections table featuring the work of regional deaf artists, and deaf community members will share information about deaf culture and history.

Certified ASL interpreters and students from the University of Tennessee, Maryville College, Knoxville Center of the Deaf, and Partnership for Families, Children and Adults will be on hand at all stations to help with the activities. Visitors can stop by the stations anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Resource education ranger

Jeanine Ferrence, Cades Cove volunteer Judy Matuszewski, Maryville High School ASL teacher Michelle Norman, UT Educational Interpreting Program Coordinator Megan Potts, Director of the Knoxville Center of the Deaf Chrissy Davis, and Kris Davis, Director of Deaf Services at the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults planned the event.

For more information about National American Sign Language Day events at Cades Cove, please contact Jeanine Ferrence (jeanine\_ferrence@nps.gov).

- National Park Service release

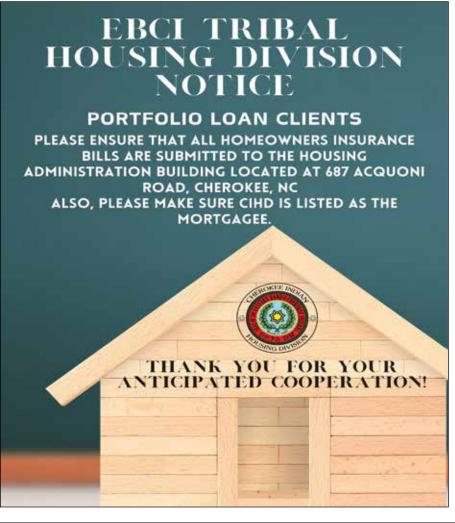
#### Lakeview Drive road construction project to conclude this spring

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Great Smoky Mountains National Park, with funding from the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund, will finish the approximate \$15.7 million repair and rehabilitation of Lakeview Drive that started last year. Work will began April 8 and is expected to end in early July.

Project at a glance:

- Final paving of the 6.5-mile road.
- Paving and sidewalk construction in the Noland Creek trailhead parking area, including Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard (ABAAS) accessible parking.
- Deck repair on the Noland Creek Bridge.
- Rehabilitation of road shoulders.

Throughout the project, visitors should expect temporary single-lane closures. Noland Creek Bridge will be closed April 15-18 while crews repair the bridge





deck. Parking will be available at Noland Creek trailhead during the closure. Noland Creek cemetery will also be accessible.

The work is part of a parkwide Great American Outdoors Act project to rehabilitate Lakeview Drive, Newfound Gap Road, Heintooga Ridge Road and Balsam Mountain Campground Road.

The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) is part of a concerted effort to address extensive deferred maintenance and repair needs in national parks. Supported by revenue from energy development, GAOA provides the National Park Service with up to \$1.3 billion per year for five years to make significant enhancements in national parks to ensure their preservation and provide opportunities for recreation, education, and enjoyment for current and

future visitors.

- National Park Service release

#### National Park Service invests \$11 million to improve Newfound Gap Road at Gatlinburg entrance

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Great Smoky Mountains National Park received approximately \$11 million in funding from the Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund to rehabilitate a two-mile section of Newfound Gap Road near Gatlinburg. The rehabilitation project will include single-lane closures starting as early as April 15.

"We greatly appreciate the support from the Great American Outdoors Act in getting this major project funded," said Superintendent Cassius Cash. "This has been one of our priority projects for years and will help ensure safe visitor and community access at one of the busiest road sections in the park."

Project overview:

- Rehabilitation of Newfound Gap Road from the Gatlinburg boundary to the gate just past the Fighting Gap Creek intersection near Sugarlands Visitor Center.
- Rehabilitation of Sugarlands Riding Stables entrance road and parking area with two new Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard (ABAAS) compliant parking spaces.
- Rehabilitation of River Road and parking area near the park entrance and Gatlinburg Trail.
- Rehabilitation of roadside paved parking areas in the two-mile section.
- Reconstruction of Park Headquarters Road.
- Rehabilitation of the Gatlinburg Bypass Bridge closest to Newfound Gap Road.
- Rehabilitation of park entrance sign parking, which will include a new sidewalk and a designated ABAAS parking space.
- Repair stone masonry and drainages and replace timber guardrails.

Closures and what to expect:

- Single-lane closures will start the week of April 15 while the contractor installs temporary traffic signs and erosion control.
- From June 15 through August 15 there will be no daytime closures. There will be no construction work on weekends or national holidays.
- To reduce impact to daytime traffic, the contractor is required to complete much of the work during the evening hours. Motorists should be prepared to encounter construction work 24 hours a day between Sunday evenings and Friday mornings.

- River Road between Newfound Gap Road and the park boundary and the parking area at the Gatlinburg Trail will be closed to vehicles throughout the project. Pedestrians will be able to access the trailhead via a short detour. Some parts of the Gatlinburg Trail will close during the project for visitor safety.
- The commercial vehicle turnout south of the park entrance sign will also be closed. Commercial vehicles that enter the park without permission will follow detour signs and be directed to turn around at Sugarlands Visitor Center parking.
- Rehabilitation of the Bypass Bridge will require 20 days of single-lane closures, followed by a full closure for four days. Another news release will announce the timing of that closure.
- Construction is anticipated to end by September 27.
- Road and trail closures and current information will be posted on the park website.

The work is part of a parkwide Great American Outdoors Act project to rehabilitate Lakeview Drive, Newfound Gap Road, Heintooga Ridge Road and Balsam Mountain Campground Road.

The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) is part of a concerted effort to address extensive deferred maintenance and repair needs in national parks. Supported by revenue from energy development, GAOA provides the National Park Service with up to \$1.3 billion per year for five years to make significant enhancements in national parks to ensure their preservation and provide opportunities for recreation, education, and enjoyment for current and future visitors.

- National Park Service release



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#### **OBITUARIES** JHHER



#### Isaiah Jeremaine Hornbuckle

Isaiah Jeremaine Hornbuckle, 6 months, passed away Monday, April 1, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born Sept. 28, 2023, to Houston and Channel Hornbuckle, Isaiah was a true blessing and joy for his family. His smile was contagious, and when he smiled it was really shown in his eyes. He was loved by and truly loved his brothers and sisters. Isaiah also really enjoyed Dinosaurs and watching "Family Guy" with his mom.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Nora George; two aunts, Loretta Queen and Tracey Rickman; and a great-grandmother, Jane Rogers. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his siblings, Houston, Savanna, Hesoli, Alex, John, DJ, Ava, and Jasmine; maternal grandparents, Diane Woolverton and Ben Welch; paternal grandmother, Rosie Hornbuckle; and he is also survived by a host of extended family including cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

He was loved by his parents and family and has now returned to God's Garden to make it even more beautiful.

A Celebration of Life was held Monday, April 8 at 12 p.m. at the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home.

#### **Donald Smith Raby**

Donald Smith Raby, 88, of Whittier, went home to be with the Lord Friday evening March 29, 2024 after a period of declining health. A native and a lifelong resident of Jackson County, he was the son of the late Ted and Evelyn Raby.

Donald retired from the house-keeping department at the Holiday Inn. He faithfully attended Hyatts Chapel Baptist Church in Whittier until his health declined. He enjoyed farming and spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings, John Raby, Thomas "Tink" Raby, Lorraine Beck, Janie Waldroop, Buford Raby, and JD Raby.

He is survived by his sisters, Lottie (Jack) Beck of Cherokee, Opal Johnson of Easley, S.C., Linda Hughes of Pickens, S.C., Ruth Ammons of Bryson City, Brenda (Henry) Jones of Whittier; brothers, Roger (Helen) Raby of Cherokee, Jerry (Missy) Raby of Whittier, and Robert (Mary) Raby of Pickens, S.C.

36 Nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, April 4 at Hyatts Chapel Baptist Church with Pastor Eugene Ridley and Rev. Eddie Stillwell officiating. Burial followed in Sherrill Cemetery.

The family would like to give special thanks to Tsali Care Center and Brandy Helton, Skyland Care Center, Four Seasons Hospice and Harris Regional Hospital nursing staff on the 2nd floor, for all their love and caring support and prayers.

#### Nicodemus Bushyhead

Nicodemus Bushyhead, age 28, passed away on Monday, April 1, 2024.

He is survived by his wife,
Jeriesha Bushyhead; children, Zaiya Bushyhead, Mielda Bushyhead,
Jamar Outland, Jeremiah Outland,
Tanasi Standingdeer, Jadaiden
Bushyhead, and Julian Bushyhead;
mother, April Grindstaff; sisters,
Kayleigh Bushyhead of Greenville,
S.C. and Chyanne Bushyhead of
Kanona, New York; paternal grandparents, Jeff and Regina Crowe;
and maternal grandparent, Patricia
Grindstaff.

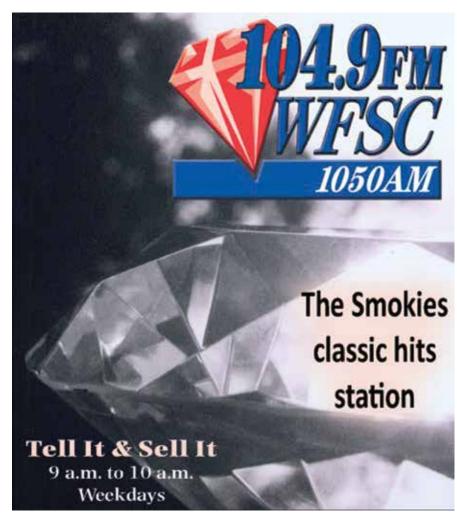
Nicodemus is preceded in death by his father, David Bushyhead II and maternal grandfather, Robert Grindstaff.

Long House Funeral Home is assisting the family with final arrangements.

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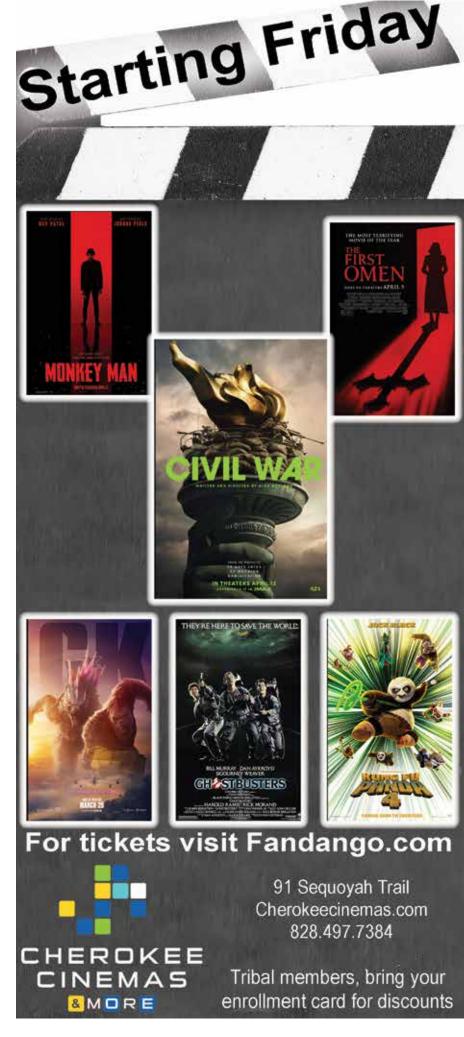
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# **NOPINIONS**

### commentary StrongHearts advocacy critical in Indian Country

Submitted by StrongHearts Native Helpline

Eadan, Minn. - April is sexual assault awareness month, when the justice system, law enforcement, helpers and advocates lift the voices of victim-survivors and create a safe space for them to share their stories. It's about a loss of innocence as happens so often with children and young adults; and it's about stories of survival and the unrelenting strength and

resilience of survivors.

"No other ethnicity faces the same high rates of sexual violence as do our relatives in Indian Country," said Lori Jump, chief executive officer of the StrongHearts Native Helpline.

#### Violence Against Native Women and Men

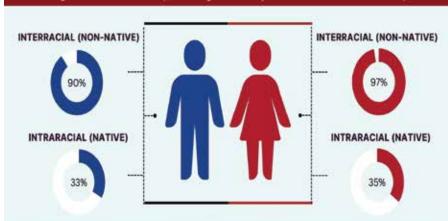
According to the National Institute of Justice, Native women experience some of the highest rates of violence across the nation and the highest rates of sexual violence in America. The vast majority (97 percent) of perpetrators are non-Native.

Widely-known statistics include:

• More than 4 in 5 Native women

# Interracial and Intraracial Violence Against Native American Women and Men

Percentage of Native Victims Experiencing Violence by an Interracial | Intraracial Perpetrator



Note: Samples are restricted to American Indian and Alaska Native victims of stalking, sexual violence, psychological aggression, and physical violence by intimate partners. Some victims experienced violence by both interracial and intraracial perpetrators.

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(84.3 percent) have experienced violence in their lifetime.

- More than half have experienced sexual violence (56.1 percent) by an intimate partner.
- Native women face homicide as a leading cause of death. In some counties, Native women are murdered at 10 times the national average.

#### **Rape Culture and Man Camps**

Rape culture exists where prevailing social attitudes have desensitized and normalized sexual assault and abuse. Types of sexual assault include: rape, sexual coercion, reproductive coercion, sexual exploitation, unwanted sexual contact, sexual harassment, child sexual abuse, incest, exposure or masturbating in public and voyeurism.

Making matters worse, the extractive industry has a history of

setting up "man camps" near Native American reservations where complex jurisdictional issues create a massive legal loophole where non-Natives perpetrators escape prosecution.

"In most cases, Tribal courts do not have jurisdiction over non-Natives who commit crimes against Native people," Jump explained. "This is where the criminal justice system largely fails to protect Native women and girls and jurisdictional gaps allow perpetrators to commit crimes on tribal land with impunity."

#### When justice is denied

Lisa's story is about a single mother who moved back to her reservation with two baby girls. She was just 25 years old when she met a dangerous man who befriended one of her relatives. Late one evening, he showed up on her doorstep claiming to be injured. She agreed to call someone to help him and left him standing on her porch. When she returned to tell him no one had answered, he had twisted her porch light off, covered his face and burst through the door.

Lisa's injuries were substantial and required two weeks of recovery in hospital. She nearly lost sight in one of her eyes and left a gaping wound on her face where he had bitten her. Justice was denied when federal prosecutors refused to prosecute him because, "the perpetrator did not use a weapon."

"If not for complex court jurisdiction issues between Tribal, state and federal governments and a severe lack of resources, Native people might have a clearer path toward justice," said Jump. "Instead, our relatives continue to be traumatized by domestic and sexual violence - an ongoing source of trauma.

High rates of sexual violence, coupled with a severe lack of resources and opportunities for healing make the services offered through StrongHearts Native Helpline even more critical. Our relatives deserve healing and StrongHearts is committed to help our relatives find it.

StrongHearts Native Helpline serves all individuals who reach out for their services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor protected by local, state, or federal law. Call or text 1-844-762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org.

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be collected and sown in the fall, if you desire spring blooms.

Other than watering following planting, and occasional watering throughout the growing season, wild violets require very little care. Their foliage is occasionally affected by spider mites in dry weather.

Brenda Weaver

Source: gardeningknowhow.com

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### Family remembers Nicodemus Bushyhead (Dec. 13, 1995 - April 1, 2024)

Nicodemus, 28, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away unexpectedly Monday, April 1, 2024 at his place of residence. He was born in Sylva, N.C. on Dec. 13, 1995, and is the son of the late David (lil Dave) Bushyhead II. In addition to his father, those gone before him are his Uncle Jimmy Bradley, Great Aunt Rowena Bradley, Great Aunt Janie Bradley, Great Aunt Carlotta Crowe, Aunt Kimberly Crowe, Cousin Shawn

Blanton, Cousin Casey Bradley, Cousin George Bradley, Cousin Andrew Aguilar, Grandfather Robert Grindstaff, Uncle John Silver, and Aunt Melanie Carr.

In addition to his mother, April Grindstaff; he is survived by his wife, Jeriesha Bushyhead; children, Zaiya, Meila, Tanasi, Jadaiden, Julian Bushyhead; two step-sons, Jamar and Jeremiah Outland, Sisters; Chyanne Bushyhead of New York, Kayleigh Bushyhead of South Carolina, Grandparents; Regina and Jeff Crowe, Grandmother Patricia Grindstaff, Aunts; Edith Hobbs and Bunny George; and Uncle Deweese

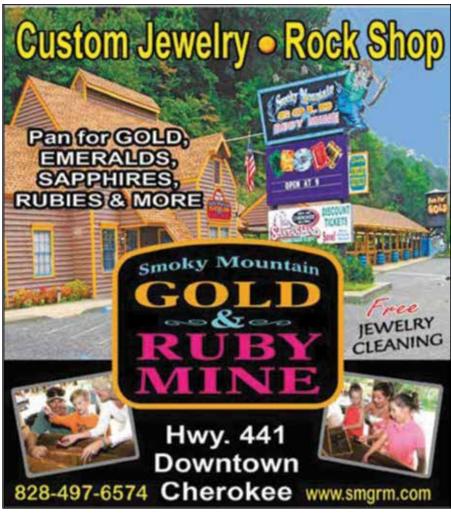
Bushyhead. In addition to his surviving family members is a special Aunt Nikki Nations, a Great Aunt Edna Bradley, and a special brother David Bushyhead. Nic had several special cousins that he grew up with like siblings.

"You will always be our Big Gurl; we love you and we will meet again." -special cousins Mareena and George Hernandez, James Cucumber, and Natasha Bigmeat.

Nicodemus was one of a kind with a kind, loving heart and a smile that could light up a room.







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- \*Window replacement
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6 - \$60,420

7 - \$68,130

8 - \$75,840

#### SPEAKING OF FAITH

## A soldier's perspective (Part 1 of 2)

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

There may be people I'm speaking with today who, at some point in their lives, joined the military and went through what most services call "Boot Camp." I'm a veteran, and I went through boot camp. I can tell you it changed my life. If you haven't been in the military and can't relate to this experience, maybe you know someone close to you or a school buddy or friend who did join and became a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine. Did you see a change in them? I assure you – everyone is changed. The military has a unique way of taking any man or woman from any walk of life, color or nationality, background, or part of the country, rich or poor and changing them with a military bearing within an average of 12 weeks, more or less. They become different people. Within the chest of most military members is a heart that beats with patriotism, dedication, and a mission in life. That was the intent of the training, and people who went through it know that they have changed. This Spur is about the correlation and comparison between the military and being a soldier for Christ.

When we consider the life of a Christian Soldier, one might consider Ephesians 6:10-20. It is easy to extend the references to many other parts of our lives as Christians. In thinking about them with a military bent, we broaden our understanding of dedication, honor, and victory in Jesus.

What if we consider our Church building as a soldier would consider their fort? I am not talking about shooting from the twenty-foot barricade walls, but a place to gather the troops for recovery, nourishment, training, drill, practice, and the continuous honing of skills. This fort compound teaches doctrine and plans with strategic goals and tactical mission objectives. Imagine the church building a safe place where the injured are cared for and others are refreshed and empowered to go out and fight another day. Our churches should reflect this

kind of education and preparedness. Our present-day problem is that too many churches kill and finish off their wounded instead of bandaging them and helping them to heal from their injuries received on the battlefield.

The garrison is where we live, home. It is always close to the fort and relatively safe from the battlefield. This place surrounds peaceful people who share the same friendly ways of life. Your home is your fort or protection where you can feed yourself and care for yourself and study on your own. Your home should be a place of rest, love, family, and peace. This might not always be true for some, but you should probably stay in the fort if you cannot go home to be safe.

The World is the Front Lines. No doubt this is the battlefield. The battlefield is where you need to put on all your armor, as written about in Ephesians 6. The enemy is out there, and the enemy is prepared to attack you and fight you over every good deed that glorifies God and for every soul, you might lead to Christ. The enemy will use every trick and lie to penetrate, infiltrate, and annihilate you and your efforts. Sometimes (too often), he will break down the walls and walk in the front door of the fort or your place of safety in garrison. If satan (I will not capitalize that name) cannot kill you, he will do everything to make you ineffective in battle.

Being a good soldier requires dedication -

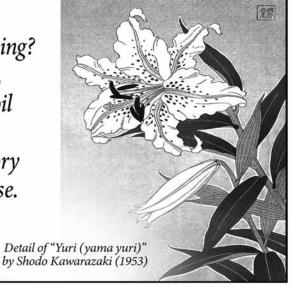
a good soldier is dedicated and takes an oath to protect and defend. When good soldiers take an oath, they literally write a blank check to give their lives if needed to honor the duty they have volunteered to do. Have you taken an oath to give your life in service to God?

Commitment – with any sworn dedication is a mental commitment to live a life worthy of a good soldier. Many soldiers never let down their guard and are always faithful to behave and live as the military doctrine requires. Some carry the commitment of that integrity into their civilian lives after they have served. I can attest to the adage of Once a Marine, Always a Marine. Few ever take on a private life that leaves behind the ingrained Marine integrity and dedication taught from the first day of basic training. As Christians, we, too, can and should carry our commitment to Jesus for our entire lives. Good soldiers obey, take orders, and fight to the death for what they believe. Surrender - soldiers also know what it means to surrender. When ordered, they will submit to the authority of those who hold their lives in their hands. Surrender is seldom a choice, and it is rarely a negotiation; it is not an agreement or a bargain. Surrender is giving oneself over to total control of your life to a greater power. God wants each of His soldiers to have surrendered to only One, the One and Only – God. Surrender is an All-In sum of one's life.



So why do you worry about clothing?
Consider the lilies of the field,
how they grow: they neither toil
nor spin; and yet I say to you
that even Solomon in all his glory
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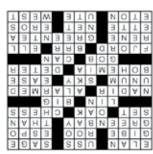
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MOVIES: What is the name of the island terrorized by a shark in "Jaws"?

4. U.S. STATES: Which state capital has the highest elevation in the United States?

ANATOMY: Where is the corpus collosum located?

6. LITERATURE: Who wrote the children's book "Where the Wild Things Are"?

7. TELEVISION: Which 1970s TV show had a spinoff hit with "Laverne & Shirley"?

MATH: How many sides does a dodecagon

have? 9. ASTRONOMY: Which one of the planets in

our solar system has the Great Red Spot? 10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president ended the military draft?

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# **IAPPENINGS**

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

#### BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

1st Annual Back the Braves Steak Dinner Fundraiser. April 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cherokee Central Schools Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Price: \$50. Menu: Steak, salad, baked potato, tea/water, and dessert. All proceeds will go towards Braves football summer camp expenses. Tickets are available in the Cherokee High School (CHS) front office or are available for purchase from a CHS Football Player or CHS Football Coach. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event. Jerry Moore, former Appalachian State University head football coach with multiple national titles, will be the guest speaker.

#### **EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS**

"A Century of Cherokee Maskmaking" gallery talk with Driver Blythe and Davy Arch.

April 11 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Mountain Heritage Center at 1 University Drive in Cullowhee, N.C. Light refreshments will be served.

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

will go to the Dora Reed Food Pantry. This event is free to all.

North Carolina Symphony free concert. April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center in Cherokee, N.C. To reserve your free tickets, visit: https://www. ncsymphony.org/events/605/concerts-in-your-community/

#### 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 Autism Celebration.**

April 25 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the old Cherokee High School site at 1501 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. This is being hosted by the Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early

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Head Start to engage, celebrate, and bring together an important part of the Cherokee community that is under-represented. Info: Candy Ross (828) 359-2203, candross@ ebci-nsn.gov or Amanda Bradley 359-2204, amanbrad@ebci-nsn.gov

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

**Cherokee Spring Rod Run.** April 26-27 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Convention Center. Info:

(828) 226-6853

**Cherokee High School of 1974** 

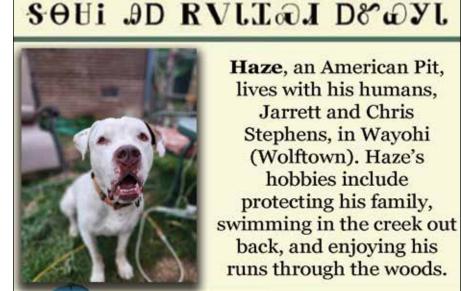
#### reunion planning meeting.

April 30 at 11 a.m. at Qualla Java Coffee Shop in Cherokee, N.C. Come plan, visit, and drink coffee. The reunion is scheduled for Aug. 10 at 5 p.m. at the Tsali Manor picnic area.

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

#### Cherokee Elementary School Kindergarten Registration.

May 7 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Gathering Place on the Cherokee Elementary School campus. To enroll your child in kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year, please bring copies of the following items to turn in at this event: CES Kindergarten enrollment packet, tribal enrollment card, birth certificate,



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Social Security card, Kingdergarten Health Assessment form, updated immunization record, custody/court documents, parent/guardian's enrollment card, parent/guardian's driver's license or ID card. The CES Kindergarten Enrollment packet can be picked up in the CES Front Office or printed from the CES tab at www.ccs-nc.org. Info: Ahli-sha Stephens (828) 554-5021 or ahlisha. stephens@ccs-nc.org

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



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Rumors of a change in the workplace could make you a mite uneasy about going ahead with implementing your ideas. Best advice: Ignore the talk and proceed as planned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Everyone has an opinion on how to handle a recent business suggestion. Thank them for their advice, then go ahead and follow your own fine instincts.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) While home is your main focus this week, new issues in the workplace need your attention as well. Take things step by step. Pressures will ease in time for weekend fun.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be less rigid when handling a relationship problem. You might believe you're in the right, but try to open your mind up to the possibilities of facts that you're currently unaware of.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas run at a hectic pace throughout much of the week. But by the 22nd, the Lions' dens become a "purrfect" place for you Fine Felines to relax in over the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Change is favored early in the week. This should make it easier for you to reassess your plans for handling a troubling professional relationship. Good luck!

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

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

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

see **EVENTS** next page

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion from a colleague could give your professional project a long-needed boost. Meanwhile, someone close to you still needs your emotional support.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Before complying with a colleague's request, check to see that the action benefits all, not just one person's agenda. Continue firming up any travel plans.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your social life is on the upswing, and the only problem is deciding which invitations to accept. Enjoy yourself before settling down for some serious work next week.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) With your creative aspects on high, you might want to restart your work on a project that you put aside. Your efforts will bring a surge in your self-esteem.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) While you're generous with others, be sure that you're not overlooking your own needs. Take time to assess your situation and make adjustments where necessary.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being applauded for your achievements is great, but watch out that you don't start acting like a star. It could lose you valuable support with your next project.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your strong belief in justice along with your leadership qualities help you protect the rights of others.

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by Freddy Groves

#### VA by the Numbers

The Department of Veterans Affairs has been going all out to provide expanded access to care to veterans. They're calling it Access Sprints, and it means they're scheduling more appointments at night and on weekends, as well as scheduling more veterans into their daily schedule.

The effort seems to be showing progress. Just this year so far the VA has had 25,000 more new patients than they did during the same period last year. Appointments increased by 11%.

Per the stats, 12% fewer new patients had to wait over 20 to 28 days to get an appointment, and 14% fewer new patients are having to wait to see community providers because of wait time eligibility.

This is on top of the care they provided in 2023 in over 116 million appointments

Other 2023 stats are equally impressive. The crisis line took over 1 millions calls, over 33,000 veterans received emergency care in suicide crises and 5.5 million dental procedures were completed for over 560,000 patients.

Nearly 5 million veterans were screened for toxin exposure, an important step in monitoring their health. (As of March 5, 2024, veterans exposed to toxins and meeting other requirements have become eligible for VA health care, even before enrolling for other VA benefits. This means those who were in the Vietnam War, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror or any other combat zone since Sept. 11. Any who weren't deployed but who trained and were exposed here in the U.S. are included in eligibility.)

Even the non-medical efforts saw success: Ten million veterans have individual pages in the online digital Veterans Legacy Memorial website, with over 5 million of those being created in the last year, and 5.6 million policyholders got life insurance coverage.

The VA was able to hire over 61,000 staffers to provide care to the increased number of veterans seeking health care, bringing the total to over 400,000.

Not a bad year for the VA ... and veterans.

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#### This Little Dog Has a Lot of Moxie

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I adopted a small mutt from the local shelter and named her "Moxie." She's adorable but really energetic. She'll actually jump straight up in the air as high as my waist! She also tugs hard at the leash when we walk. How do I tame all of this energy? — Janice F., Hyde Park, New York

DEAR JANICE: Congratulations on your new pet! Moxie sounds like a bundle of joy. But I can understand that all her energy can be tiring.

In addition to walks twice a day (or more, if you can swing it), give Moxie plenty of puppy toys to play with at home, and spend time with her on the floor just playing fetch and helping her work off more of that energy.

She may also respond very well to a consistent schedule of walks, feeding and bedtime (yes, bedtime). Build certain predictable routines around each of these events. When it's time for a walk, call Moxie and have her sit while you put on her leash. During walks, keep the leash short and work on the "heel" command. But when in a safe, open area, give Moxie more room on the leash to explore. When it's bedtime, create a routine that is the same every night — one that is positive, with a little play time and a signal to settle down and rest (such as turning down the lights).

Now, if Moxie's energetic behavior is morphing into something more serious, like destroying furniture or being aggressive toward other dogs or humans on walks, that's a problem you'll need to address as soon as possible. Talk to Moxie's vet about ways to reduce her hyperactivity and anxiety (if those are the causes). If she isn't responding to basic behavioral training, hire a trainer to help.

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

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

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

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

#### Cherokee Christmas Parade.

Dec. 14 in downtown Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6490

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

(All meetings are held in the Cherokee Tribal Council House in Cherokee, N.C. unless otherwise noted.) **Lands Committee.** April 11 at 9 a.m.

**Parks & Rec. Committee.** April 11 at 1 p.m.

**Roads Commission.** April 15 at 9 a.m.

**Timber Committee.** April 15 at 10:30 a.m.

**Planning Board.** April 15 at 1 p.m. **Lands Acquisition.** April 16 at 1 p.m.

**Health Board.** April 17 at 8:30 a m

**Qualla Housing.** April 18 at 8:30 a.m.

**Lands Committee.** April 25 at 9 a.m.

**Kituwah, LLC Vision Session.** April 29 at 2 p.m.

**Budget Council.** April 30 at 8:30 a.m.

**HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS** 

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

Smokey Mountain Elementary Heart of Gold 3K Run and

Walk. May 4 at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. Check-in at 8 a.m., race starts at 9 a.m. Cost: \$25 includes t-shirt and race bib; \$20 for 18 and under. All proceeds go to support the American Heart Association and Smokey Mountain Elementary. Info: Coach Graafsma, rgraafsma@jcpsmail.org, (828) 497-5535 ext. 1709

**Mother's Day 5K.** May 11 at Kituwah. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Walk/run begins at 9 a.m. General fee is \$15 but will increase to \$20 on May 1. \$10 for youth ages 1-12 and elders 59+. Sign up at: https://runsignup.com/mothersday5K. Info: Yolanda Saunooke (828) 359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

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

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Tim Hill Memorial Fishing Tournament. July 13-14 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. \$10,000 in cash prizes. Registration deadline is Friday, July 12.Registration fee is \$15. Paid fish permit fee covering both tournament days is \$17. Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Tag turn-in time is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each respective tournament day. Turn in your tags at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee, N.C. (across from the Cherokee Welcome Center. Info: https://fishcherokee.com

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

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

#### WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Happy B-Earth Day event.
April 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. The event will explore renewable sources of energy through experiments and demonstrations, including a water sensory bin and other activities. Info: JCPL (828) 586-2016

Smoky Mountain Spring Fest.

April 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center at 121 Schoolhouse Road in Robbinsville, N.C. This is a free, community event focused on outdoor activities and recreation with a selection of quality arts and craft vendors. There will also be food vendors, fly fishing cast demonstrations, guided nature walks, crosscut saw demonstrations, airing of the quilts, music, and much more. Info: https://stecoahvalleycenter.com, (828) 479-3364

#### **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 kid. All are welcome. Info: Chris McMillan (828) 788-5410

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: www.AAwnc8o.com

#### **Cherokee Cancer Support**

Group, potluck dinner with a speaker the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Betty's Place, 40 Goose Creek Rd, Cherokee, N.C. Anyone is welcome to attend the potluck. The group provides educational and emotional support to clients and families of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians members with cancer. The group can provide financial assistance for fuel, lodging, and transportation and also can assist with mastectomy items, nutritional supplements, wigs, and related products. The group can volunteer to take a client to their appointment if it is requested in a timely manner. Betty's Place is open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (828) 497-0788

**MARA (Medication-Assisted** 

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

#### **CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS**

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

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

bunsey.crowe@kituwahllc.com

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

#### **Cherokee County Community**

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

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

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

**Tow String Community** meets

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

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

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

#### **CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

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

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

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

#### Bethabara Baptist Church.

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

#### **Big Cove Missionary Baptist**

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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 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.

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

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

Old Antioch Baptist Church.

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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 82 Lambert Branch Road. Sunday Mass at 8 a.m. Pastor Peter Shaw 736-5322

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

#### **Rock Springs Baptist Church.**

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

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

#### **Shoal Creek Baptist Church.**

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

#### **Spruce Grove Baptist Church.**

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

grovebc.1920@gmail.com

#### Straight Fork Baptist Church.

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

#### Waterfalls Baptist Church. 82

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

#### **Whittier United Methodist**

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

Wilmot Baptist Church. 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) singing, bible study and crafts: 6 p.m. Pastor: Johnny Ray Davis

#### Wrights Creek Baptist Church.

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

#### Yellowhill Baptist Church.

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





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#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 24-026

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: JOHN CALVIN STANDINGDEER

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

fudicary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Sheila K Standingdeer
P.O. Box 1823
Cherokee, NC. 28719
4/17

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 24-032

#### Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: KENNETH L. WELCH

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

fudicary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Trista Lane Welch
93 Sam and Ellen Dr
Cherokee, NC. 28719
4/17

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 24-030

#### Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: Clifton M. Owle

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

fudicary(s) listed below.

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

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 24-022

#### Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: Louise Reed

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred



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from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-CATION

Tommy Chekelelee/Samantha Hinojosa

53 Boyd Chekelelee Rd P.O Box 1762

Robbinsville NC, 28771

4/17

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 24-001

HENRY LITTLEJOHN,
SPIRIT BRADLEY LITTLEJOHN,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JASMINE WARD BRANDON WARD, UNKNOWN FATHER, Defendant TO: UNKNOWN FATHER

TAKE NOTICE THAT a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is CHILD CUSTODY, filed January 2, 2024, in EBCI Tribal Court. A written answer to the complaint must be filed with the EBCI Clerk of Court within 40 days of the first publication of this Notice of Service of Process by Publication. You are required to make a defense to this pleading not later than May 20, 2024. Your Failure to do so will result in the Plaintiff, Henry Littlejohn and Spirit Bradley Littlejohn, receiving the relief they seek.

This is the 2nd day of April 2024. 5/1

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 24-037

JEAN ARLENEA GOMEZ vs.

ISIDRO HERNANDEZ \
HERNANDEZ
IN RE: I.J.C (D.O.B

12/8/2010)

# TO: ISIDRO HERNANDEZ HERNANDEZ:

TAKE NOTICE THAT a Custody complaint has been filed against you. The court has ordered that circumstances warrant service by publication.

To address this matter, you are required to make a defense in this pleading with in 30 days of the first publication of this matter. Upon failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. 5/1

This is the 5th day of April 2024.
Attorney for the Petitioner
Mara Nelson
P.O. Box 521
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-788-2041
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#### BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians

The Cherokee Court
PO Box 1629, Cherokee NC 28719
Telephone: (828) 359-6221 Fax
(828) 359-0012

#### **RE: Unclaimed Money**

The following individuals have unclaimed money at the Cherokee Court. If your name or business is on this list, please come to the clerk's office at the Cherokee Court by June 10, 2024 and fill out the appropriate paperwork so that the monies can be returned to you: Anders, Jama; Arch, Treannie; Arneach, Jefferson; Blanton,

Shannon; Brady, Dnaiel; Catt, Mattie; Cope, Sally; Crowe, Edward; George, Michael; Grady, Tatum; Halm, Christine; Hodock, Joshua; Honeycutt, Mark; Hornbuckle, Joniah; Keel, Aaron; King, Dalericka; Leonardo, Anthony; Lineberry, Jeffrey; Little, Joshua; Locust III, William; Martin, Mary; McCoy, Kyle; O'Donovan, Patrick; Owle Sr., Alfred; Owle, Leigh; Radford, Hunter; Ratcliff, David; Reed, Addie; Reed II, Gary; Riggins, Benjamin; Rivera, Domingo; Robbinson, Derrick; Rodriguez, Rivera; Simpson, Sheryl; Smith, Adam; Smith, Heather; Smith, Zackary; Thomas, Avery; Toineeta, Marlene; Tomas, Sergio; Vincint, Gregory; Welch Sr., James; Welch, Anthony; Welch, Thomas; Wolfe, Terry. 5/29

#### **Bid Proposals**

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

The Canopy Bar Redesign at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Cherokee, NC.

The following scopes of work are available to bid:
Demolition, Concrete, Drywall & ACT, Flooring, Painting, Specialties, Millwork, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Doors & Frames, Specialties, Kitchen Equipment, Fire Protection, Fire Alarm, Testings & Inspections, Commissioning, Signage, Solid Surface Materials, Audio Visual, Security.
Proposal due date for The Canopy Bar will be ongoing depending on the scope of work and early package release.

We are looking at a May 01, 2024 start for demo and under-slab plumbing.

Please contact Bob Legler at bob.legler@robinsmorton.com or 205-803-0178 office or cell 808-



349-2209 for further information regarding this request for propos-

Every bidder is responsible for reviewing all contract documents and including all costs associated with the contractor's scope of work. Any questions regarding discrepancies, conflicts or insufficient information are to be directed to Bob Legler bob.legler@robinsmorton.com. The project is to be bid per plans and specifications. Voluntary alternates, methods and/or substitutions are encouraged, but must be identified and quoted separately from your base bid. **4/10** 

# NOTICE OF SECOND PRIMARY ELECTION

JACKSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The statewide second primary will be held on Tuesday, May 14,

2024.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Voters must go to their assigned precinct on Election Day.

Voters will be asked to show photo ID when they vote. All voters will be allowed to vote with or without ID. Voters who lack ID can get one for free from their county board of elections. Find out more at BringItNC.com.

Early voting will be held at the following locations from Thursday, April 25, 2024, to Saturday, May 11, 2024:

• County Board of Elections office: 876 Skyland Drive – Suite 1, Sylva, NC 28779 Hours of operation are M-F 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. April 25 – May 10 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them as soon as they are available. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at VoteByMail.ncsbe.gov, or by filling out a request form provided by the board of elections. The request must be received through the website or by the Jackson County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. May 7, 2024.

All voters who are registered with the political party of the candidates on the ballot are eligible to vote in the second primary. Additionally, voters who are not affiliated with any party and who either didn't vote in the first primary or voted the ballot of the party for which the second primary is being held are eligible to participate. For example, if a second primary is held for the Republican nomination for lieutenant gover-

nor, then all registered Republicans and unaffiliated voters who did not vote or voted the Republican ballot in the first primary would be eligible.

Questions? Call the Jackson Board of Elections Office at 828.586.7538 or send an email to AmandaAllen@JacksonNC.org. Kirk Stephens, Chairman Jackson County Board of Elections 4/10

# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Housing & Community Development is releasing this RFQ to solicit proposals from professional firm(s) for ARCHITECTURAL Consulting Services (ECS) for a multi-family complex and retail space. The term of the indefinite delivery/infinite quantity (IDIQ)

### PROPERTY IS ONLY PURCHASABLE BY ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS



A peaceful rustic cabin nestled in the mountain oasis with 29.602 untouched acres, boosting a stream flowing down the mountain. A paved driveway makes this cabin easily accessible. The home will be sold as is.

3689 Joe Brown Hwy, Murphy, NC. 28906 Listing Price \$200,000 Contact Joey Reid 828.361.3439 sjreidinc@gmail.com

## Cherokee Boys Club Weekly Highlighted School Bus Driver

#### SUB Bus Driver Dee Dee Bradley

I started my job Eleven years ago. When I am driving it's like you're looking at your mirrors and checking the road. I drive in a tourist town and share the road with visitors. It's like playing a concentration game by keeping your eyes on other people and your kids on the bus. The scariest thing for me is how big the bus is, we cannot stop like a normal vehicle when someone pulls out in front of us. I have variable stops during the day, I travel around variable miles per day, and it varies with the number of kids on my bus and sometimes more.

I leave for my morning run around 6:20 a.m. and finish my morning run around 7:45 a.m. I leave for my afternoon run around 2:30 p.m. and finish the afternoon run around 4:00 p.m. Plus, I inspect my bus before my morning run, and I inspect my bus before my afternoon run. I clean my bus after my run and ensure no students are left on the bus.



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

A: It means a lot to me. I am an assistant teacher and enjoy taking care of kids. I have gotten to know kids personally and through families. My dad was a bus driver for the kids, and I wanted to take over where my dad left off by taking care of the children. I like seeing the smiles on all the kid's faces in the morning and afternoon runs and I also like how they greet me, "Good morning, Miss Dee Dee" and also when they tell me "goodbye: as they get off the bus even the older kids do the same.

Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC. 28719 828-497-9101 agreement will be a three (2) year contract with two (2), one (1) year renewal options upon mutual consent of both parties.

- 1. Proposals shall be delivered to the office of HCD at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719 or mailed to PO Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719, not later than 12:00 PM on April 26th, 2024, at which all proposals will be given to Housing Bid committee for review. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, and the outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked, "ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES". It is sole responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid is received in proper time. Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time shall be rejected.
- 2. Any bidder may withdraw his or her bid, either personally or by written request at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposal, but no bidder may withdraw his or her bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening thereof.
- 3. All proposals submitted shall include a completed "Proposal", identifying unit costs and qualifications to do the work. The work performed under this contract must conform to requirements of the specifications, which are included in the bidder package. 4. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose work, in the opinion of the Tribe will best meet the requirements of the Tribe. It is clearly understood by all bidders that the Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposal and to waive informalities in said propos-
- 5. A Bidder's Package, including bidder specifications, special requirements and sample contract and forms may be viewed and an electronic copy can be obtained

at the HCD Office, located at 756 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719.
6. The contact person for technical questions concerning project specifications, the bid process and general project information should be directed to Robert Gahagan, Tribal Housing Production Manager, via e-mail at Robogaha@ ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at (828) 359-6903. 4/17

# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ENGINEERING SERVICES Cherokee Indian Housing

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is releasing this RFQ to solicit proposals from professional firm(s) for Engineering Consulting Services (ECS) for a multi-family/retail space. The term of the indefinite delivery/infinite quality (IDIQ) will be a two-year (2) contract with two (2), one (1) year renewal options upon mutual consent of both parties.

- 1. Proposals shall be delivered to the office of Cherokee Indian Housing Division at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 or mailed to P.O. Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719, not later than 12:00 p.m. on April 26th, 2024 at which all proposals will be given to Housing Bid committee for review. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, and the outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked, "ENGINEERING SER-VICES". It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid is received in proper time. Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time shall be rejected.
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#### **Request for Proposals**

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for a Guardian ad Litem Attorney Advocate. The GAL Attorney Advocate will assure the protection of a child's legal rights by taking all action necessary to zealously represent the child's best interest. This service will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court.

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following:

- 1. Name and Contact Information
- 2. Copies of Certificates and Licenses
- 3. Relevant Work Experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before April 30, 2024, will receive priority over later submissions.

Please mail or email proposals to:
Amber Shuler, Court Administrator Cherokee Tribal Court
PO Box 1629
Cherokee, NC 28719 ambeshul@ ebci-nsn.gov

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **4/24** 

#### **Request for Proposals**

Tribal Realty Services is seeking proposals from qualified Environmental firms to conduct Phase I Environmental Assessments. If interested, a more detailed description of the scope of work can be obtained by calling Nelson Lambert with Tribal Realty Services at (828) 359-6949 or by email: patrlamb@ebci-nsn.gov. 4/17



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# WE ARE HIRING

# Job Opening

### ALE AGENT - CHEROKEE COUNTY

We are seeking a dedicated and experienced individual to join our team as an Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) Agent. The ALE Agent will be responsible for enforcing alcohol-related laws, regulations, and ordinances within our tribal community. This position plays a critical role in promoting public safety, reducing alcohol-related incidents, and upholding the values and regulations of our tribal government.

Interested candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and any relevant certifications to Aisha Owle at the TABCC Main Office. Please include "ALE Agent Application - Murphy, NC" in the subject line of application.

Join our team and make a difference in promoting safety, compliance, and well-being in our tribal community. We look forward to welcoming a dedicated ALE Agent who shares our commitment to upholding the law and serving our community with integrity.

Application Deadline - Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 4:00pm

ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DEADLINE!



following job opportunities, all jobs are open until filled unless otherwise indicated

**Cultural Department Coordinator** Elementary Teacher (Multiple) K-5 Social Worker

K-5 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant (Self Contained) K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant K-5 Special Education Teacher

School Psychologist

9-12 English Teacher 9-12 Lifeskills Teacher 9-12 Special Education Lifeskills Teacher Assistant 9-12 Student Support Specialist 9-12 Special Education Occupational Course of Study (OCS) Teacher Assistant

6-8 Science Teacher 6-8 Special Education Teacher 6-8 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant (Self Contained Classroom) 6-8 Integrated Classroom Teacher Assistant



# **WE ARE HIRING**

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55 ECHOTA CHURCH RD, CHEROKEE, NC

\*Certified Nursing Assistants --\$5,00 Hiring Bonus

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\*Licensed Practical Nurses

\*Full & Part Time Positions

Walk-In anytime for an on the spot interview with our HR Team!

\*Bring photo identification, relevant certifications and documentation

For more information, call: 828.497.9163 ext. 6456 CHEROKEEHOSPITAL.ORG



# Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

**HUMAN RESOURCES** 

Cherokee, NC 28719 828-359-6388

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

#### Closing Sunday, April 14, 2024

 Information Technology Coordinator – Information Technology – Office of Information Technology (L13 \$48,738 - \$60,923)

 Dispatcher/Substitute Driver – Transit – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per nour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

3. Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE

4. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start - Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

#### Open Until Filled

1. Corrections Officer (Multiple) - Corrections - EBCI Law Enforcement (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI

aw 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

3. School Resources Officer - Cherokee Indian Police Department - EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION Bailiff - Corrections - EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

 B. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (11 \$19.13 -23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

9. Teacher (Multiple) - Qualla Boundary Early Head Start - Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)

 Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)

Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services

L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19

\$100,232 - \$133,643)

 Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6) \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)

 Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17) \$73,927 - \$98,570)

15. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) - Tsalagi Public Health - Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)

 Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)

 Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment - Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSI-TION

 Environmental Compliance Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources -Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)

 Education Tutor/Grades 3-5 – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)

 Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

 Remember the Removal Bike Ride Group Fitness Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)

 Part t Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

 NFP Nurse (Home Visitor) – Nurse Family Partnership – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)

24. Rounds Tech/Operator – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77

 Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)

 Evidence Based Intervention Specialist – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)

 Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53) per hour)



### Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507, herokee, N.C. 28719 828-497-9101

**CBC - Bus and Truck Department** 

-Multiple Bus Driver Positions

PT Bus Driver - \$14.00 per hour (\$16.00 per hour driving without benefits) - Guarantee 4-hours driving per day FT Bus Driver - \$12.00 per hour (\$14.00 per hour driving with benefits)

CBC - Cherokee Children's Home (CCH)

Residential Counselor Supervisor - \$30,000 - \$37,000 per year with benefits

-6 FT Residential Counselors - \$30,000 - 37,000 per year

-6 PT Residential Counselors - \$14.00 - \$18.00 per hour without benefits

**CBC** - Child Development

-Behavioral Specialists - \$55,000 - \$67,500 per year with

-Behavioral Teacher/Tech - (1) Agelink / (1) Snowbird -\$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits

-(3) Teacher Positions - Agelink - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits

CBC - Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI) Jones Bowman Leadership Specialist & RKLI Events and Promotions Coordinator - \$40,000 - \$50,000 per year with

-RKLI Grant and Fundraising Specialist - \$55,000 - \$67,500 per year with benefits

Complete your Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) with an expert!



Stephanie Langley will be at EBCI Higher **Education Center** 810 Aquoni Rd to assist with FAFSA completion from 10-4 April 23 & 24 May 23 &24

Stephanie Langley langley@utk.edu 865-974-4466



If you need after-hours help, email me to make an appointment



#### **EXECUTIVE:**

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

#### **ENGINEERING:**

Dietary Services Supervisor - \$19.66 - \$22.25 EVS Supervisor – 3rd Shift - \$21.13 - \$23.98 EVS Technician - \$15.00 - \$16.77

#### **FINANCE**

Patient Access Specialist -Emergency Hire - \$17.12 - \$19.26 Patient Access Specialist Supervisor - \$26.52 - \$30.31 PRC Processor - \$19.66 - \$22.25

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

#### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

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

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

Targeted Case Manager – Juvenile Justice - \$44,107 - \$55,134 Residential Technician – Women's Home - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

PTR Residential Technician — Men's Home - \$17.12 - \$19.2

DTR Residential Technician — Kanywotivi (Female) \$17.12

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

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

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

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

Behavioral Health Nurse Manager - \$88,715 - \$110,894

#### **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**

Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II (3rd Shift) \$44,107 -

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

\$55,134 -\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

#### **MEDICAL**

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

#### NURSING

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

Certified Medical Assistant/ Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center \$21.13 - \$23.98 \*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus for LPN Certified Nursing Assistant – Part Time Intermittent - ICC \$17.12 – \$19.26

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

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

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

Registered Nurse – Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72

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

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

Diabetes Educator - \$31.06 - \$35.64

LPN - Primary Care \$21.13 - \$23.98

#### **TSALI CARE CENTER**

Director of Nursing - \$88,715 - \$110,894

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

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

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

Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89

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

Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11

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

#### Tribal Option

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

### To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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



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# What Matters Most to YOU Matters Most to Us.

When David Raymond's mother, Mehri Ettehadieh Stull, needed Four Seasons' Hospice Care, what what was most important was being able to adhere to her Persian traditions and to involve the guidance of a Death Doula. We are grateful to have been a part of what mattered most to her and to have been instrumental in supporting David and his family.

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I am forever grateful for what Four Seasons did for my mother, me, and our family."

- David Raymond, Asheville, NC

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