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New season, new growth

Oconaluftee Indian Village prepares to open for 2024 season

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Oconaluftee Indian Village opened on Tuesday, April 16, for their 2024 season, which will last until Nov. 2. The Cherokee Historical Association (CHA) is collaborating with PGAV Destinations to further develop and grow the socioeconomic impact of the Oconaluftee Indian Village and the Unto These Hills Mountainside Theatre, while maintaining the age-old charm that makes these locations a staple of the Cherokee cultural district.

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Cherokee artisan Karen George prepares finger woven belts for the 2024 opening day of the Oconaluftee Indian Village. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)



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The Oconaluftee Indian Village prepares to open on April 16 for their 2024 season.

VILLAGE: from front page

PGAV Destinations is a destination marketing firm with clients including the Biltmore Companies, National Geographic, SeaWorld, Delaware North, Bass Pro Shops, the Gettysburg Foundation, the Georgia Aquarium, and more.

Laura Blythe, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) member and CHA program director and member of the executive management team, says that PGAV Destinations has developed a master plan for the Village, including ideas for growth that will expand the season, facilitate global impact, and upgrade infrastructure.

“A little under a year ago, we went through some leadership change at CHA. It really made us pull our focus together

and collectively look at the direction the company’s going: What are we missing? What do we need to branch out into? We have high goals of making sure that we give true, authentic, educated material to our guests that come through,” Blythe said.

“PGAV was excited to work with us because they’ve worked with a lot of other Southern Highlands attraction partners like Ruby Falls, Rock City, Nantahala Outdoor Center, the Biltmore House, and they’ve also worked with other Native tribes. They’ve helped them work through multiple phases of revamping their attractions and making them still authentic and consistent with what their vision is, but also what captures today’s audience.”

Chelsey Moore, CHA communica-

tions and development director, is excited for the collaboration between CHA and PGAV Destinations, “Everyone that works here has a lot of great ideas. We have a lot of passion about the organization and what we do, and we’re so excited to work with the people that have the industry expertise to really guide us in the right direction.”

Blythe is anticipating the path forward, “This, to me, is one of the biggest, most exciting things that CHA has done in a very long time, because it shows us the possibilities and the potential that those of us on the inside who have been here for years might not know we’re missing. Now the work begins.”

Some of the new elements CHA hopes to develop include extended cultural staff training,

year-round operation, video production, and global subscriptions. “We’ve met with Cherokee storyteller Kathi Littlejohn, and we are working on a plan to run some Cherokee homeland tours. She wants to do training tours for our staff to show them some of the culturally significant areas that we don’t know that’s in our backyard,” Blythe said. “She was able to do that for our recent staff orientation, and it was probably a six-hour trip just on the Qualla Boundary.”

The Village also wants to develop self-guided, video-assisted tours for late season operation, which could potentially mean year-round operation with an upgraded infrastructure. “We’re hoping to work with a local video production company, Jason Ledford, who works at Western

Carolina University,” Blythe said. “With this video production, we’re also looking at worldwide subscriptions, where school systems from California, or New Zealand, Australia, Europe, could subscribe with a 24-hour access code and learn about the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from wherever they’re at. Part of our mission is sharing Cherokee history and culture with the world.”

The Village is opening early, as they have for the past few years, continuing their goal of expanding their operation. The Village was also recently voted as #3 in USA Today’s Top Ten Best Open-Air Museums.

“We all have an immense amount of passion for what we do and who we’re hoping to be and where we’re hoping to go. I’ve been here since I was 15 years old.

This is the place that I love, and we have to help it continue,” Blythe said.

Tickets are available at <https://cherokeehistorical.org> or by calling (828) 497-2111 during business hours (9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.). Tickets will be discounted at 10 percent off until Sunday, April 14. Use code “kawohni” to book discounted tickets for any day of the season.

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The fun begins with a 5K Race kicking off at 9:00 a.m. Registration is available online at www.greeningupthemountains.com. You can register on the day of the event at 8 a.m. The awards ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. The event starts and ends at 86 Mark Watson Park in Sylva, N.C. All proceeds benefit the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department.

The Greening Up the Mountains Festival is a free festival which draws artisans from within the expanded Appalachian area, spotlighting fine arts and crafts, delicious food, and unique small businesses. Vendors at the festival include local artisans and crafters, local breweries, food vendors, and non-profit organizations. Water stations are provided by Tuckasegee Water and Sewer Authority for both individuals and their four-legged companions. Live music performances from the Bridge Park Stage will take place throughout the day as well as art demonstrations such as blacksmithing and glass blowing taking place on Main Street. There are also activities such as face painting, bubble blowing, and a roaming balloon artist for children throughout the festival. Drawing thousands of visitors each year, the Greening Up the Mountains Festival is for all ages and admission is free.

Ideally located for a day trip from virtually anywhere in the southeast, the Greening Up the Mountains Festival is about an hour west of Asheville, N.C.; two to three hours northeast from Atlanta, Ga., and 1.5 to 2 hours east from Knoxville, Tenn.

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WCU, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority sign agreement for McKee Clinic funding

CULLOWHEE – Throughout Western North Carolina, there is a critical need for pediatric psychologists to conduct testing and provide other resources needed for children to be successful in and out of the classroom.

Continuing a long tradition of partnership and community between Western Carolina University (WCU) and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), WCU and the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) decided to work together to meet the needs of children living in the Qualla Boundary and beyond.

On April 1, WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown and EBCI Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith, CIHA Governing Board Chair, signed an agreement for CIHA to establish a fund to provide programmatic support for WCU’s College of Education and Allied Profession’s McKee Assessment and Psychological Services Clinic.

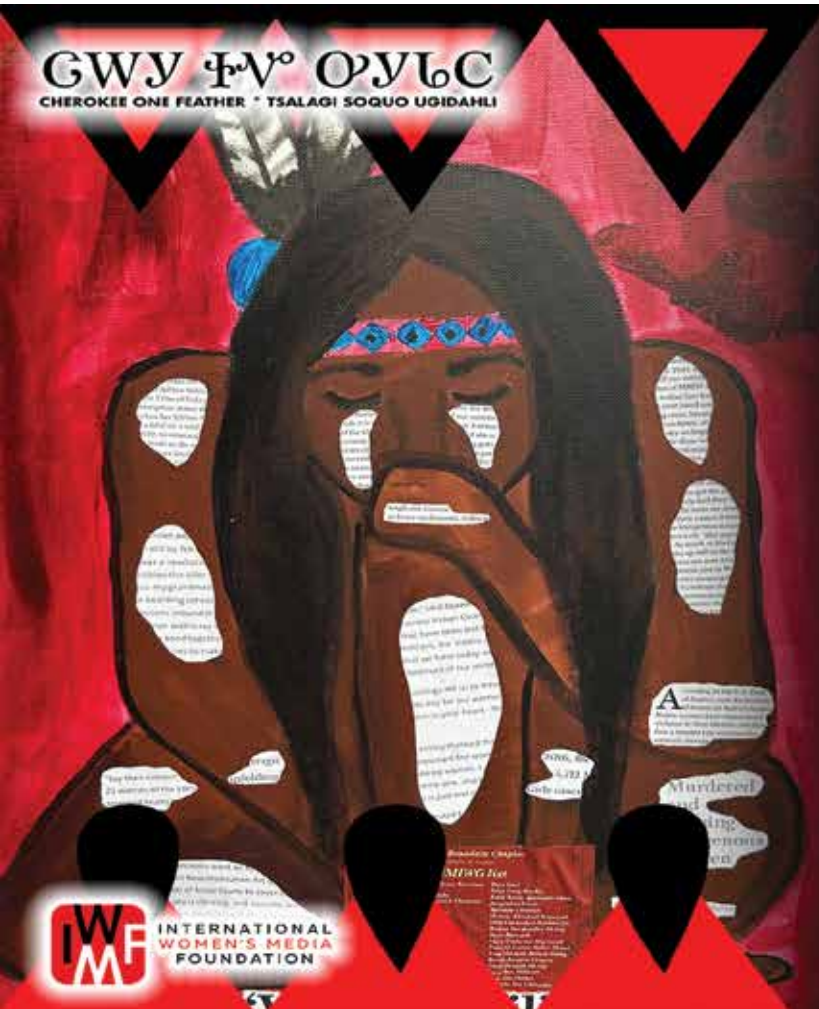
The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority – McKee Clinic Partnership Fund, created with a total grant commitment of \$435,832, will span across three years.

“This partnership is a perfect example of how we are so much better when we work together,” Brown said. “I truly believe that we will all reap the benefits for years to come.”

By adding a fixed-term psychology faculty member to WCU’s psychology program, the univer-



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I am walking out the door
 I say I'll see you soon
 The night turns into morning
 And morning turns to noon
 No messages...I'm not in my bed
 The horrible thoughts begin to fill your heads
 Days go by and not a word is said
 My mother sits by the phone waiting for my call
 My dad stays strong and his fear never shows
 Days turn into weeks
 Weeks turn into months
 You are all still on the hunt
 My missing poster floods the media
 My family pleads for my safe return
 Winter turns to Spring
 Spring turns to Summer
 And Summer into Fall
 My mother is still by the phone
 When they receive the call
 My mother and father are now in shambles
 They know I will never return home
 They plead once more for anyone that knows
 What happened to please come along
I HAVE BECOME
A MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSON

Painting and Poem by Indica Climbingbear-Long

sity will be able to increase the capacity to serve CIHA patients as well as expand training opportunities for WCU clinical psychology master's and doctoral students.

"I've heard from our staff that there is woefully inadequate access to testing, particularly for kids in our region," said Casey Cooper, CIHA chief executive officer and member of WCU's Board of Trustees. "There are kids who are unnecessarily stressed and anxious because they are sitting in a classroom somewhere and no one has identified what they need to be able to learn. Eventually, they just give up when in fact they are bright and beautiful and just need access to the right resources to thrive."

After hearing from Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Chairman Mike Parker about the need for more ac-

cess to testing and after discussing this need with Kim Winter, dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions, things started coming together for the partnership.

"When my grandson was around 5 or 6, we noticed he had a tough time reading and this was during the height of the pandemic, so there was no way to get testing done at that time," Parker said. "My grandson ended up having dyslexia and throughout this process I was asking myself how many other native children in our community are in this situation and what can be done?"

The goal of the fund is to expand assessment and therapeutic services to patients and clients of CIHA, while also scaling services of the clinic in support of expanded training and clinical

experiences for WCU master's and doctoral students in the clinical psychology program. This goal will be achieved through the hiring of a fixed-term faculty member who is a licensed, clinical psychologist with a pediatric focus.

"Our partnership with the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority will allow us to increase access to comprehensive psychological assessment services to youth in Western North Carolina," Winter said. "The McKee Clinic in the College of Education and Allied Professions has long served our region by providing access to assessments that help determine functioning in areas associated with learning, behavior, social skills, mood and anxiety, cognitive processing, as well as mental health."

North Carolina meets only 12.1 percent of its mental health needs,

designating the state as a health professional shortage area.

"We also know that at least 2,670,849 people in North Carolina live in a community that does not have enough mental health professionals and school-aged youth represent an underserved population," Winter said.

Winter emphasized the need for accessible resources for children and their families.

"When there is difficulty accessing assessment services, or those services are cost prohibitive, many of our youth and their families go without," she said. "By adding a provider, we can not only increase access to services, but also allow graduate students in our programs to have quality clinical experiences with professionals and programs at Cherokee Indian Hospital."



Rosemarie Beck, *Orpheus in the Underworld* (detail), 1974-1975, oil on canvas, 50 x 60 inches. Image courtesy of WCU Photo Services. Gift of the Rosemarie Beck Foundation.



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EBCI to host NCAI 2024 Mid-Year Convention in June

Submitted by Office of the Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief)

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is set to host the 2024 NCAI Mid-Year Convention & Marketplace from June 1-6 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, N.C. The Local Planning Committee (LPC), consisting of more than 20 EBCI members representing various entities and groups across the Qualla Bound-

ary, has been actively involved in planning for several weeks. Their efforts have ranged from vetting and approving the NCAI recommended logo and fine-tuning details for a culture night. Andrew Oocumma, who chairs the committee and serves as the director of EBCI Destination Marketing, is thrilled about the chance to connect with NCAI and Indian Country. "Our tribe boasts a wealth of history and culture, and we're eager to showcase what makes the Cherokee so distinct to all Indian Country."

NCAI, which stands for National Congress of American Indians, was founded in 1944 to serve as a unified voice for American Indian and Alaska Native issues.

"The NCAI is an organization created on the core principle of fostering unity in Indian Coun-

try by working to protect Tribal interests and sovereignty through advocacy, educational efforts, events, and various initiatives," said Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks in a statement. "We hope to continue to strengthen the relationships we've established within NCAI, to ensure that the protection of genuine Tribal sovereignty remains a priority. It is imperative that we continue to build our alliances in Indian Country and what a better way to do this than on our Qualla Boundary."

Husband charged with wife's 2013 murder appears in federal court

ASHEVILLE, N.C. - A Swain County man is facing a federal charge for allegedly killing his wife in 2013, announced Dena J. King U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

Ernest D. Pheasant, Sr., 46, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), is charged with one count of first-degree murder in Indian Country. Pheasant made his initial court appearance on Monday, April 8, 2024, before U.S. Magistrate Judge W. Carleton Metcalf.

According to allegations in the indictment, on Dec. 29, 2013, Pheasant killed his spouse, Marie Walkingstick Pheasant, and did so willfully, deliberately, maliciously, and with premeditation. The indictment alleges that the murder occurred on the Qualla Boundary within Indian Country. Pheasant remains in federal custody. His arraignment and detention hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 11:25 a.m., in Asheville.

The defendant is presumed

innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The charges arose from an investigation by the FBI in North Carolina, the Missing and Murdered Unit of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, the North Carolina Highway Patrol, the Cherokee Indian Police Department, and the EBCI Office of the Tribal Prosecutor.

Assistant United States Attorney Alex M. Scott of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville is prosecuting the case.

The Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina continue to prioritize the investigation and prosecution of cases involving Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) and bring justice to victims and their families. For more information about the Justice Department's efforts to address the MMIP crisis, please visit the MMIP section of the Tribal Safety and Justice website at: <https://www.justice.gov/tribal/mmip>

- U.S. Department of Justice release

Medina sentenced to federal prison for firearms offense and assault offenses

ASHEVILLE, N.C. - Martin Medina, 32, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been sentenced to 14 years in federal prison and three years of supervised release for a firearms offense, assaulting federal officers, and assault with intent to commit murder, announced Dena J. King, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina on Friday,



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April 12, 2024. In addition to the sentence imposed for the weapons and assault convictions, Medina was ordered to serve an additional 30 months in prison for violating the terms of his federal supervised release, for a total sentence of more than 16 years.

Medina was convicted of federal charges in 2012 for abusive sexual contact and related offenses. Medina was sentenced to a term of imprisonment followed by a lifetime of supervised release. As a convicted felon, Medina was prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition. Also, among the conditions of Medina's supervision were warrantless searches of his person and his residence.

According to court documents and court proceedings, on June 14, 2022, at approximately 1:10 p.m., federal probation officers and a

deputy with the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) arrived at Medina's residence, located in Swain County within the Qualla Boundary, to conduct a warrantless search. Medina met the law enforcement officers outside, then quickly ran inside his residence. A federal probation officer began to negotiate with Medina to come outside, but Medina did not comply. Officers with Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement, Tribal Natural Resources Enforcement, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs arrived to assist. Law enforcement continued to negotiate with Medina, and over the course of the negotiations, law enforcement observed shell casings in the driveway. This led officers to believe that Medina was armed even though he was prohibited from possessing firearms.

According to court records,

a SWAT team was called to the scene. Law enforcement reported potential gunfire coming from inside the residence. Medina continued to refuse to surrender, even after law enforcement deployed non-lethal gas into the residence. After deploying more gas into the home, law enforcement was again met with gunfire. Medina continued to fire at law enforcement, causing one of the officers to sustain a non-fatal injury. Eventually, Medina agreed to surrender, and he was taken into custody at 5:51 p.m.

Court records show that following Medina's arrest, officers executed a search warrant at Medina's residence, seizing five firearms, including three shotguns, assorted ammunition, extended magazines loaded to capacity for all weapons, two ballistic vests, a ballistic helmet, night vision goggles, a gas mask, various fixed-blade knives, suspected marijuana, and several thousand dollars in cash.

Medina remains in federal custody awaiting transfer to the federal Bureau of Prisons upon designation of a facility.

In making Friday's announcement, U.S. Attorney King commended the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Probation Office, the Cherokee Indian Police Department, Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement, Tribal Natural Resources Enforcement, the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor, and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office for their work on this case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex M. Scott of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville prosecuted the case.

- U.S. Department of Justice
release



Moments in time

- On **April 29, 2004**, the World War II Memorial opened in Washington, D.C. The granite and bronze monument stands on 7.4 acres on the former site of the Rainbow Pool at the National Mall, between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

- On **April 30, 1993**, tennis player Monica Seles was stabbed between the shoulder blades by Gunter Parche during a match in Hamburg. Parche, a fan of German tennis star Steffi Graf, apparently hoped that by injuring Seles, his idol would be able to regain her No. 1 ranking.

- On **May 1, 1963**, Gloria Steinem published the first half of "A Bunny's Tale" in SHOW magazine, recounting her brief stint as a Bunny in Manhattan's Playboy Club. Steinem's undercover reporting revealed a culture of misogyny and exploitation behind the glamorous facade of Hugh Hefner's empire.

- On **May 2, 1924**, Patrick Mahon was arrested at London's Waterloo train station on suspicion of murder. He was executed later that year for killing his pregnant mistress, but an important innovation resulted from the crime scene: The officers, who had no gloves, were forced to handle the victim's remains with their bare hands. After the investigation, rubber gloves became standard equipment at murder scenes.

- On **May 3, 1980**, 13-year-old Cari Lightner of Fair Oaks, California, was walking to a church carnival when she was struck and killed by an out-of-control car driven by an intoxicated Clarence Busch. Her death led her mother, Candy Lightner, to found the organization Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), which would grow into one of the country's most influential nonprofit organizations.

- On **May 4, 1776**, Rhode Island, which was founded by the most radical religious dissenters from the Puritans of Massachusetts Bay Colony, became the first North American colony to renounce its allegiance to King George III. It would also be the last state to ratify the new American Constitution more than 14 years later.

- On **May 5, 1816**, the first published poem by John Keats, the sonnet "To Solitude", appeared in the London journal The Examiner. Keats' sadly brief but overall brilliant span of work includes "Ode on a Grecian Urn," "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" and "Ode to a Nightingale."

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Sochan

Sochan, also known as greenheaded coneflower or cut leaf coneflower, is an herbaceous perennial in the sunflower family. In late summer and fall, it sends up a tall flowering stalk; the yellow, daisylike flower having a green center instead of the typical brown center. But the interest is not in the stalk or the flowers, but in the young greens. Those fresh, tender greens are one of the earliest spring wild foods and were a highly nutritious addition to the diet after a winter of stored foods.

Source: Dr. David Cozzo, RTCAR
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**CIPD Arrest Report for
March 31 to April 7, 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.

Bradley, Kyren Jade – age 20
Arrested: March 31
Released: April 3
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Martin Jr., George David – age 42
Arrested: March 31
Released: April 2
Charges: Probation Violation

Reed, Donovan Eric – age 31
Arrested: March 31
Released: March 31

Charges: Driving While Impaired

Bird, Dillon Jared – age 29

Arrested: April 1
Released: April 4
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Jenkins, Shayna George – age 38
Arrested: April 1
Released: Not released as of report date (April 9)
Charges: Reckless Driving to Endanger, Driving While Impaired

Rubio, Taiya Parra – age 18
Arrested: April 1
Released: April 2
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Bird, Kirsh Douglas – age 28
Arrested: April 2
Released: April 2
Charges: Probation Violation

Hailey, Jennifer – age 39
Arrested: April 2

Released: April 3
Charges: Extradition Warrant

Lossie, Timothy Marc – age 39
Arrested: April 2
Released: April 4
Charges: Contributing to the delinquency, undiscipline, neglect, or abuse of minors; Child Abuse in the Second Degree

White, Brandon Jackson Crawford – age 31
Arrested: April 2
Released: April 2
Charges: Disorderly Conduct, Communicating Threats, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Owl, Sierra – age 37
Arrested: April 3
Released: April 3
Charges: Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Lawful Arrest

Rankin, Angela Alice – age 48
Arrested: April 3
Released: April 3
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Rattler, Austin Moody Terrill – age 29
Arrested: April 3
Released: April 4
Charges: Probation Violation, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Oocumma, David – age 75
Arrested: April 4
Released: April 4
Charges: Probation Violation, Offensive Touching

Lillard, Tynighia Aona – age 19
Arrested: April 5
Released: April 5
Charges: Probation Violation

Sampson, Dustin Vernon – age 38
Arrested: April 5

Released: April 5
Charges: Probation Violation

Sherrill, Tameka – age 33
Arrested: April 5
Released: Not released as of report date (April 9)
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Franey, Reece Edward – age 34
Arrested: April 6
Released: April 7
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Ledford Jr., Allen Theodore – age 31
Arrested: April 6
Released: April 9
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officer; Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Probation Violation

Bigmeat, Kayla Marie – age 29
Arrested: April 7
Released: April 7
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Franey, Reece Edward – age 34
Arrested: April 7
Released: April 7
Charges: Temporary Hold

Garcia, Jamie Luiz – age 23
Arrested: April 7
Released: Not released as of report date (April 9)
Charges: Assault on a Female, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Savage, John Carlan – age 44
Arrested: April 7
Released: April 8
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Wildcatt, Joshua Anthony – age 21
Arrested: April 7
Released: April 7
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

The Garden Bug

Groundcover plants provide dense soil cover, retard weed growth and prevent soil erosion. They can be woody or herbaceous, clumping or running, evergreen or deciduous. With many colors and textures to choose, they can define and unify a landscape, or soften hardscapes such as walks, steps and driveways. - Brenda Weaver

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SPORTS COMMENTARY

Lady Braves join the women's basketball revolution

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

The University of South Carolina (USC) 87-75 victory over the University of Iowa in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's National Basketball Championship was the most watched basketball game—professional or collegiate, men's or women's—since the 2019 NCAA Men's National Championship University of Virginia victory over Texas Tech University averaging 19.6 million viewers. It was also the most watched women's basketball game of all time with a peak viewership of 24 million and an average of 18.7 million viewers.

In the post-game press conference of the women's national championship, USC Head Coach Dawn Staley gave a shoutout to college basketball's all-time leading scorer and Iowa guard Caitlin Clark.

"I want to personally thank Caitlin Clark for lifting up our sport," Staley said. "She carried a heavy load for our sport, and it is not gonna stop here on the collegiate tour, but when she is the No. 1 pick in the WNBA [Women's National Basketball Association] draft. She's gonna lift that league up as well. So, Caitlin Clark if you're out there, you are one of the GOATs [Greatest of All Time] of our game. We appreciate you."

Names like Caitlin Clark, Lou-



Cherokee's Whitney Rogers (#32) plays focused defense in the NCHSAA 1A State Championship game against East Columbus. FINAL SCORE: Cherokee 74 East Columbus 32. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

isiana State University post player Angel Reese, and USC's Raven Johnson who locked down Clark in the national championship with phenomenal defense, have globally dominated social media. Reese announced her entry in the WNBA draft through an exclusive interview with Vogue.

We have entered a new era of women's basketball, and the Cherokee Lady Braves are a part of that.

The Cherokee High School

Lady Braves won the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) 1A State Basketball Championship in Winston-Salem on March 15 for the second time in school history.

NBA stars Julius Erving and Shaquille O'Neal tuned in online to watch the Lady Braves secure the victory. National Public Radio (NPR) recently released a podcast covering the win. The Lady Braves were recognized at halftime of the Charlotte Hornets home game

versus Oklahoma City Thunder, posing center court with NBA star Muggsy Bogues.

The Lady Braves win was more than a state championship—it was a heat wave through the Appalachian Mountains in the storm that has become women's basketball. The Lady Braves cemented themselves in history once again by becoming an ongoing part of a women's basketball revolution, and it is exciting to witness.



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Cherokee History through carving

EBCI members present on mask making at Western Carolina University

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CULLOWHEE, N.C. - On the evening of Thursday, April 11, two Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) members, Davy Arch and Driver Blythe, gave a presentation on the history of Cherokee mask making at the Mountain Heritage Center at Tali Tsigwayahi (Two Sparrows Place) on the campus of Western Carolina University (WCU).

Blythe, a graduate student at WCU pursuing his Master of Arts in History on the Cherokee Studies track, spoke about the importance of preserving the art of mask making.

“This is more than an art. There is cultural, traditional, ceremonial, and spiritual aspect to this art,” Blythe said. “Masks were used for more than just selling at a craft store. They painted a picture in dances, they were doctored for protection, and offered a visual gateway into storytelling.”

Arch, a tribal elder and mask maker for 50 years, shared his experience on what it means to be a mask carver.

Arch started out carving under the mentorship of legendary mask maker, Sim Jessan. Arch stated that he was blessed and fortunate to have his masks featured around the world, spanning from Washington, D.C., to Japan. Arch also shared that he likes the wood to tell the story and determine where the mask design goes.

Blythe presented a mask from renowned mask carver, William Lossie, to Davy Arch as a gift. Additionally, Arch and Blythe were able to bring together three masks from three generations of the Long family: Will West Long, Allen Long, and Will Long.

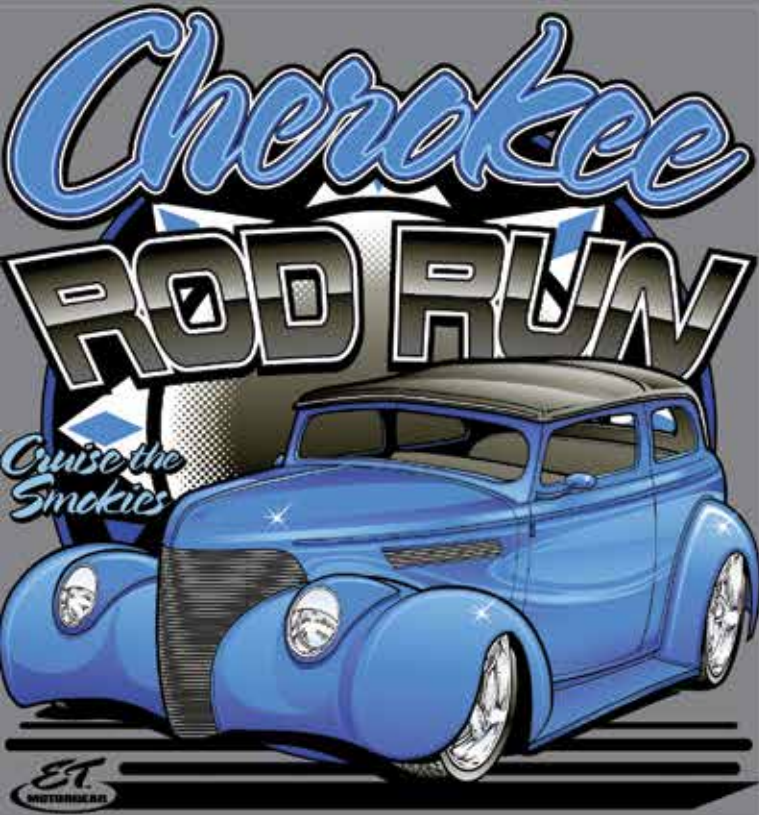
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Three generations of masks from Will West Long, Allen Long, and Will Long, presented by Driver Blythe and Davy Arch.



Davy Arch and Driver Blythe give a presentation on the history of Cherokee mask making at the Mountain Heritage Center at Tali Tsigwayahi (Two Sparrows Place) on the campus of Western Carolina University (WCU) on the evening of April 11. (Photos contributed)





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New Cherokee Agency Superintendent

The Bureau of Indian Affairs welcomed their new superintendent liaisoning with Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Keith Neves on board February 18, 2024. His first day in office was February 19. He has oversight of three BIA branches at the Agency-Forestry, Human Services, and Real Property Management. The Cherokee Agency is the first point of contact between the federal government and EBCI. Office phone for the Cherokee Agency is 828-497-9131.

"Shi-yo, my name Keith Neves. I am from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and my father is from the Narragansett Tribe of Rhode Island. I am the Superintendent at the Cherokee Agency for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I seek to collaborate, cooperate, and communicate to accomplish the mission and goals that enhance the quality of life, promote economic opportunities, and improve the trust assets of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Previously, I served as the Superintendent of the Seminole Agency. Other posts include the Financial Analyst in the Division of Capital Investment, FDIC Program Analyst and Supervisory Program Analyst at the Indian Health Service. I graduated from Fort Lewis College, BA and the Pennsylvania State University, M.Ed. I enjoy spending time with my family and stay active playing a variety of sports including golf. Sgi"

EBCI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Museum and Qualla Boundary MMIW partner for Archiving Event

CHEROKEE, NC: Qualla Boundary MMIW, in partnership with Museum of the Cherokee People, announces a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Archiving Event taking place May 2 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Museum.

Museum of the Cherokee People seeks to provide a safe place to house copies of community materials for its Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Collection. Community members are invited to bring items to be archived, including but not limited to photos, archival materials, newspaper clippings, video

recordings, voice recordings, and any other materials (both physical and digital) that show images or provide information about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Museum of the Cherokee People Collections staff will be available to make digital scans on the spot and return the original material to its keeper. Requests to place access restrictions on relatives' photos will be honored. Lunch will be provided during these sessions.

The event is held during Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Month. It precedes May 5, National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, on which the Qualla Boundary MMIW-organized 5th Annual Walk & Vigil for Missing and Mur-

dered Indigenous Relatives will be held at Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee.

Qualla Boundary MMIW is a group of community members from the Qualla Boundary focused on honoring our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, protecting our relatives, using traditional practices, and educating ourselves and the community. Qualla Boundary MMIW is sponsored by Center for Native Health.

To learn more about the collections scope of the Museum of the Cherokee People, please visit motcp.org/collections. For information on community outreach learning opportunities at the Museum, please visit motcp.org/learn/community-learning.

- *Museum of the Cherokee People release*

NATIONAL PARK NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPS to implement weekday closures of Ramsey Cascades Trail starting April 15

GATLINBURG, Tenn. – As of Monday, April 15, the National Park Service (NPS) will close Ramsey Cascades Trail on weekdays while trail crews finish the full-scale rehabilitation work started in 2022. The rehabilitation of this iconic Smokies trail is part of the Trails Forever program supported by Friends of the Smokies.

The trail will be closed Monday through Thursday each week, except federal holidays. The weekday closures will be in place

from April 15 to Nov. 14. The only weekend closure planned is May 3 through May 5 while trail crews replace a footlog bridge.

Trail crews will repair tread surfaces, improve drainages, construct trail structures such as staircases, turnpikes, and retaining walls and remove trip hazards like exposed roots and rocks. The rehabilitation will improve overall trail safety and protect the park's natural resources. Located in the Greenbrier area, the popular four-mile Ramsey Cascades Trail is the only way to access the 100-foot Ramsey Cascades, the tallest waterfall in the park.

Significant flooding and storm damage caused the NPS to close the trail completely for several months in 2022 and early 2023. Trail crews rerouted 200 feet of trail, built and installed a new footlog bridge and built four new trail structures damaged by the flood.

The Trails Forever program is a partnership established by the Friends of the Smokies and Great Smoky Mountains National Park to fund a permanent, highly skilled trail crew that rehabilitates high-use trails. In 2012, the Friends set up an endowment to support the program. To date, the Friends have contributed more than \$2.6 million to rehabilitate Abrams Falls, Trillium Gap, Rainbow Falls, Alum Cave, Chimney Tops and Forney Ridge trails.

- *National Park Service release*

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Marjorie Yoder Arkansas

Marjorie Yoder Arkansas, “Nee” to her grandchildren, departed her loving family on April 5, 2024.

Marjorie was born in Banner Elk North Carolina on Nov. 17, 1938 to Phillip and Nell Yoder. Loving mother to Regina

(Eddie) Swimmer, Martin Arkansas, Kimberly Arkansas, Carmen (Clay) Nations, Angelena Arkansas, Steven Arkansas and the late Philip Arkansas and John Michael Arkansas. She worked, resided and raised her family in her beloved Cherokee, N.C. for nearly 50 years after living in North Carolina, New Mexico, and Alaska.

No stranger to hard work, Marjorie retired from Cherokee Central Schools where she was the secretary for Special Education. Her hobbies included watching Tarheel basketball, watching professional tennis and golf, watching her children and grandchildren compete in sports and band, gardening, crossword puzzles, bowling and playing the piano. She loved to sit in the warm sunshine and visit the beach. Her pride and joy were her children, grandchild-

dren, and great grandchildren.

Marjorie will leave behind a legacy of love and acceptance.

She is survived by her children, dear friend who she loved like a daughter Ireta Arkansas, eighteen grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

Also proceeded in death by her parents, her husband John Philip Arkansas, brothers Sid Yoder and Sam Yoder, sister Mary Lou Yoder, grandchildren PJ Arkansas and Emily Arkansas.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 9 at the Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Whittier. Graveside services followed the funeral at Sneed Family Cemetery.

Earl Thomas Carroll

Earl Thomas Carroll, age 59, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at Mission Hospital from complications from surgery.

He is the son of the late Fredrick Jackson “Jack” Bradley and Ella Marie Sequoyah-Carroll (Charles).

Earl is survived by his children, Zachary Carroll, Jeremy Carroll, Earl Carroll Jr. “EJ”, Cade Carroll and alleged biological son, Jeremiah Leigh Wolfe (Lindy) of Missouri; eight grandchildren, Cooper Carroll, T.J. Carroll, Dreyton Chavis, Madison Chavis, Payton Chavis, Emily Carroll, J. J. Carroll, and Liam Carroll; sister, Tonya Lynn Carroll (Dave Maney); and special friends, Kermit McDowell and Connie Burke.

In addition to his parents, Earl is preceded in death by his brother, Kermit Gaston “Dugan” Carroll; maternal grandparents, Amoneeta and Ella Mae (Pheasant) Sequoyah; paternal grandparents, General and Julia McCoy Bradley.

Earl enjoyed fishing, boating, and watching NASCAR. His favorite driver was the late Davey Allison. However, his passion was for all things GOLF. From participating in tournaments, hitting the links with his friends, to managing the Pro Shop at Sequoyah National Golf Course, Earl loved golf. In 1997, he was a member of the Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Opening Team as the Warehouse Manager where he worked for over 10 years.

A visitation was held on Friday, April 12 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Following, Earl was taken to his final resting place in Birdtown Cemetery for a short graveside service.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



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 2. The villains Sanballat and Geshem are only mentioned in which book? *2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*
 3. From Ephesians 5, what did Paul recommend as a substitute for wine? *Water, Laughter, Love, Holy Spirit*
 4. Who condemns drinkers who start early in the morning? *Job, Isaiah, Ezra, Esther*
 5. Which king had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen? *David, Jehoash, Solomon, Neco*
 6. Who wrote the book of Revelation? *John, Jude, Matthew, Peter*
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“Test Your Bible Knowledge,” a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Deceased members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (Oct. 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

This is a list of deceased members of the tribe whose estate is entitled to a pro rata share of the deceased members per capita distribution of net gaming revenues for the period Oct. 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024, pursuant to Section 16C-5 of the Cherokee Code.

This section does not apply to deceased minors. Distribution to the estate of a deceased member may be made only to the authorized, or court appointed fiduciary, affiant, executor or administrator of the estate. These documents must be received within one year of the date of death. Please mail to the Tribal Enrollment Office, PO Box 2069 Cherokee, NC 28719.

Each person is shown with their date of death, full name and executor(s):

- 10/4/23 - Michael James Hunter Reed
Executor Mickala Dale Carver
- 10/9/23 - Henry Alan Ben
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- 10/10/23 - Ernest Eugene Taylor, Jr.
10/10/23 - William Arthur Moles
Executor Glenn Clark
- 10/15/23 - Helen Carol Parker
- 10/16/23 - John Delsin Tyee Queen
Executor Lisa L. Queen
- 10/17/23 - Maurice Kalonaheskie
Executor Patricia T. Kalonaheskie
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Executor Jamie Sutton
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Executor Joyce C. Dugan
- 11/3/23 - Dahleaskee Charles Climbingbear
Executor Tohisgi Climbingbear
- 11/7/23 - Richard William Plummer
Executor James Eli Plummer
- 11/7/23 - Myra Nell Bruneel
- 11/8/23 - Cynthia Cheyenne Morales Saunooke

- 11/8/23 - Anna Sue Owle
- 11/14/23 - Marvin Andrew Wolfe
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- 11/14/23 - Charles Edwin McCoy
Executor Crystal Ann Jenkins
- 11/14/23 - Edith Marie McCall
Executor James Ellis McCall
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Executor Elizabeth Dawn Phillips
- 11/17/23 - Mac Keith Owle
- 11/22/23 - Robert James Kanott
Executor William Lawson Smith
- 11/24/23 - Crystal Gay Cooper
Executor James D. Cooper
- 11/24/23 - J.C. Wachacha
Executor Jeanne Burgess Wachacha
- 11/30/23 - Charles Thomas Lambert
Executor Billy R. Lambert
- 12/1/23 - Linda Faye Jumper
Executor Tammy Jumper Gibby
- 12/1/23 - Ronald Ray Walker
- 12/3/23 - Thomas Thompson
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- 12/10/23 - Larry Phillip Allen Maney
- 12/10/23 - Clifton McKinley Owle
Executor Tara L. McCoy
- 12/17/23 - Mary Lou Ellington
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Executor Sandra Russell Rasnake Raper
- 12/27/23 - Katie Rebecca Hensley
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- 12/28/23 - Rafael Cruz Ramirez
- 12/30/23 - Julia Ardell Biddix
- 12/30/23 - Helen Wahnetah Bottchenbaugh
- 12/31/23 - Kathy West
Executor Marian Century
- 1/2/24 - Louise Reed
- 1/5/24 - Kendall Milburn Miller
- 1/6/24 - Sandra Marie Bradley
- 1/9/24 - Sarah Lou Swayney
Executor Lillie Tolley Cline
- 1/12/24 - Freddie Dion Youngdeer
- 1/16/24 - Gregory Lee Whitetree
- 1/16/24 - Rachel Maxine Bumgarner
- 1/19/24 - Emily Suzanne Shields
- 1/29/24 - Barbara Allen Rusterholz
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- 3/30/24 - Janice Sue Crutchfield

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



COMMENTARY

We need to move cautiously forward

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

I am not going to cover new ground here. We have for literally a decade tried to promote the importance of this community being informed and that there is

an inherent imperative that the government be transparent in its dealings with the community. Like the professor who was asked why he kept going over the same material every class, we feel obligated to keep reminding our community until we all “get it”.

“An informed citizenry is a prerequisite to maintaining the social contract between the established government and those governed by it. The people who constitute nations, states, or localities require unimpeded access to information to continually assess and evaluate their governments. The government must accept the responsibility to provide its citizens unrestricted access to public

information on government activities. This responsibility includes providing information regardless of the geographic location or mobility of those who require it. Public information must be made available to the public without impediment through deliberate policies, charging fees that intentionally or unintentionally limit access by those unable to pay, or by limiting access through the use of format(s) that are not equally accessible to all citizens.” (www.ala.org)

As the current government moves closer to a tribal information portal, these are thoughts that every community member needs to consider. Our tribe has not been

“transparent” since the pre-adult gaming days. In those days, there was less concern about telling the people what was happening because much of our income was federal and state grants, both of which are mandated to be public information by the laws governing the individual state and federal grantors. The laws outside the Qualla Boundary, in those cases, protected the community’s right to information. Even today, any information about government-to-government contracts or grants that might be unavailable through tribal government that flows through state or federal government channels may be accessed by the general public by the party

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that is outside of the tribe.

“The free flow of information between the government and the public that it serves is essential to maintaining an informed citizenry. The public’s right to know about government operations and functions is essential in holding government accountable to its citizenry. To facilitate accountability, it is the government’s responsibility to collect and maintain all information on its policies, program, debates, deliberations, and legislative, judicial, and executive activities, limit classification, regularly review for declassification, and disseminate unclassified information to the public.” (www.ala.org) One of the significant challenges of creating a person-specific, coded access to information is the defining of who gets the information and who does not. To paraphrase a former U.S. president, it all depends on what your definition of “public” is.

Our government has created two distinct definitions. One “public” is everyone (which is the definition most of us understand). The other definition of “public” is enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians only. The tribe is at the beginning of a journey to electronically filter public information, allowing access to certain information only to be disseminated via an internet portal that presumably will have tight restrictions on who may access that information, namely, if you ain’t on “the roll”, you are restricted from accessing the portal and the information held there. In its infancy, this portal purports to be the answer to disseminating information to the tribal masses while keeping the rest of the world in the dark.

Tribal portals have been a challenging concept for Native

newspapers and those concerned about public information access across the continent. On the surface, restricted information access looks attractive. After all, we are a sovereign nation, and that information belongs to us. And if we want anyone else to know about those things, we will tell them. But may we? Tell them?

One of the purposed purposes of the tribal portal is to prevent “them” from having access to it. “Them” has been defined as those who seek gain at our expense. We never have had a session of laying all that on the table, that is, who specifically is out to get us.

One previous elected official went so far as to say that explaining information on the high-level workings of business and government was too much for the average member to digest and make decisions on and that releasing that type of information would only cause confusion and misunderstanding. One tribal attorney stated that they were not in favor of allowing the membership to vote on a tribal constitution because the average citizen does not have the education or experience to decide how they should be governed. We once questioned an action by a tribal entity, requesting and not receiving information from them, and a tribal member derided us stating that if law enforcement “wants you to know something, I guess they will tell you.” These situations illustrate what can happen when the community is taken out of the authority equation when it comes to decisions about public information.

Lastly, the recent denial of the people’s ability to vote on a constitution and elected term questions, both of which were unanimously added to the ballot by leadership at the time, reinforces the percep-

tion that the people have only one avenue of exerting their authority, and that is at the ballot boxes during tribal elections every two years.

Elected officials are tribal members too. They come from varied backgrounds. Some have worked in the private sector, while others have been government employees, appointees, or politicians for the entirety of their careers. Their jobs are not pie-in-the-sky positions. If they are doing it right, they know that they are public servants. They are there to plan and use our resources to make a better life for us and generations of Cherokee people to come. They are the conduits of the people’s will, not necessarily their own. While they may ask us what direction they think we want to go (as in the cases of the referendums on cannabis and alcohol in the last election), unless they are transparent and share as much information with us as possible, our opinions and recommendations are going to be skewed by a trickle of information influenced by a mountain of gossip and speculation. As I have said before, the absence of information breeds gossip.

“Just as the government has a responsibility to collect and disseminate information to the public, the government must also guarantee that information collected by the government is presented to the public in its entirety, without editing or omissions that may change content or interpretation. Government information is a public resource collected at public expense. A comprehensive catalog describing all government information and information services, regardless of their format, is necessary to ensure that the public has knowledge of and access to the resource. The catalog must provide

sufficient information to identify and access government information.” (www.ala.org)

Putting a tribal portal in place is a tall order. Our leaders are doing the best they can to find the balance between “public”, “tribal public” and “private”. Not an easy task. An example of the task ahead is that for many years, there have been laws and protocols in place regarding executive sessions of public meetings - Dinilawigi (Tribal Council), School Board, Police Commission, etc. Of those, the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) is the only meeting disseminated via live broadcast. Also, on the books for Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) sessions is a law that allows part or all the open sessions of Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) to be conducted with the cameras and internet streaming turned off. While it is true that the chambers remain open in these open, off-air, sessions, most of the viewing public, including a majority of our tribal members, are blinded to whatever is going on during those sessions. It must be an enormous challenge to decide what you will see, what some will see, and what no one gets to see.

As the tribal portal is rolled out to the membership, take every opportunity that the administration gives you to provide input. Don’t sit silent while decisions are being made about the portal and seek answers from your leaders about what your rights are regarding obtaining and releasing information you get from the portal. I know our immediate response is that it is a good thing that will keep our stuff from “them”. But, as in most things, there is good and bad to be had, even in this case.

Cherokee needs to prepare for NCAI

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**

Tsisgwohi (Birdtown)

On the morning of April 11, the Office of the Principal Chief released the following press release:

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is set to host the 2024 NCAI Mid-Year Convention & Marketplace from June 1-6 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, N.C. The Local Planning Committee (LPC), consisting of more than 20 EBCI members representing various entities and groups across the Qualla Boundary, has been actively involved in planning for several weeks. Their efforts have ranged from vetting and approving the NCAI recommended logo and fine-tuning details for a culture night.

Andrew Oocumma, who chairs the committee and serves as the director of EBCI Destination Marketing, is thrilled about the chance to connect with NCAI and Indian Country. "Our tribe boasts a wealth of history and culture, and we're eager to showcase what makes the Cherokee so distinct to all Indian Country."

NCAI, which stands for National Congress of American Indians, was founded in 1944 to serve as a unified voice for American Indian and Alaska Native issues.

"The NCAI is an organization created on the core principle of fostering unity in Indian Country by working to protect Tribal inter-

ests and sovereignty through advocacy, educational efforts, events, and various initiatives," said Principal Chief Michell Hicks in a statement. "We hope to continue to strengthen the relationships we've established within NCAI, to ensure that the protection of genuine Tribal sovereignty remains a priority. It is imperative that we continue to build our alliances in Indian Country and what a better way to do this than on our Qualla Boundary."

In November 2023, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), the Shawnee Tribe, and the Ute Indian Tribe proposed two amendment changes for NCAI's membership eligibility requirements, which would restrict voting and individual membership to federally recognized tribes. This effort by the EBCI was taken primarily to exclude fraudulent "Cherokee" tribes with state recognition who currently have membership and voting power in NCAI. The amendments were voted on at NCAI's 80th Annual Conference and denied.

Though the amendments raised debates over state versus federal recognition, my deep concern was, and still is, the continued membership and power of those Cherokee tribes who make a mockery of what it means to be Cherokee.

There are over 200 fake Cherokee tribes. There are six fake Cherokee tribes who are members of NCAI:

- * Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama (Pinson, Ala.)
- * Echota Cherokee Tribe of Alabama (Falkville, Ala.)
- * Four Winds Tribes, Louisiana Cherokee (Rosepine, La.)
- * Georgia Tribe of Eastern Cherokee (Cumming, Ga.)

- * United Cherokee Ani-Yun-Wiya Nation (Guntersville, Ala.)
- * Cherokees of Southeast Alabama (Dothan, Ala.)

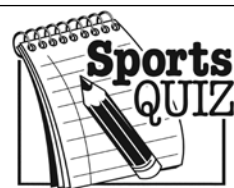
NCAI was founded in 1944 with the intent of serving the broad interests of Indian Country in unity. It is the oldest and largest organization of its kind. NCAI has been and can continue to be a powerful agent for change in Indian Country, but it stands amiss in allowing six fraudulent Cherokee tribes to be dues paying and voting members. This is an issue that the Office of the Principal Chief and the EBCI are currently discussing in depth with the organization, and it will take an extended effort to ensure a resolution is found. For now, what I find troublesome is that those six groups will have an open invitation to the NCAI Mid-Year Convention & Marketplace held in Cherokee in June.

I understand and appreciate the decision to invite NCAI to the Qualla Boundary for discussion on moving towards resolution and respect of the three Cherokee tribal nations in their rich culture and history, but I am extremely wary of the six "tribes" who may come in June to take pictures, sell art in the marketplace, learn our sacred histories, and perceive, though deluded, a stamp of approval for their authenticity as real Cherokees in the Cherokee homeland.

The fact remains that there are only three Cherokee tribes, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (UKB), the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), and the Cherokee Nation. What sets these tribal nations apart as "real" is an act of sovereignty rooted in sacred history, kinship, language, culture, historical record, and a set of ancient mountains with graves, pottery fragments, mounds, footprint-in-

dedented trailheads from the Trail of Tears, village post holes, a boarding school site, caverns that hid the Cherokees resisting removal, and the Cherokee people descended from these mountains.

I urge the community to show up in full force at the NCAI Mid-Year Convention & Marketplace to let our voice be heard and our representation be felt, but I also urge you to be cautious and aware of the cultural appropriation that may take place. Ask to whom you are speaking with when you share knowledge, or when you take pictures, or engage in debates over the contemporary issues of Indian Country. Let your voice be heard, but do not let them steal it.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. In 2002, first baseman Hee-seop Choi became the first Korean-born position player in Major League Baseball when he debuted with what team?
2. Australia's Vern Schuppan won what prestigious sportscar endurance race in 1983?
3. Six days after winning the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, what Detroit Red Wings defenseman's hockey career was ended by injuries sustained in a limousine crash?
4. What Southern Miss Golden Eagles running back was named Offensive MVP of the 2024 East-West Shrine Bowl? (Hint: His father played running back for 16 NFL seasons.)
5. What team selected Notre Dame quarterback Rick Mirer with the second overall pick in the 1993 NFL Draft?
6. Kenyon Martin, the New Jersey Nets' No. 1 pick in the 2000 NBA Draft, played for what college basketball team?
7. Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston was cited in 2014 for shoplifting \$32 worth of what seafoods from a Tallahassee, Florida, grocery store?

Answers

1. The Chicago Cubs.
2. The 24 Hours of Le Mans.
3. Vladimir Konstantinov.
4. Frank Gore Jr.
5. The Seattle Seahawks.
6. The University of Cincinnati Bearcats.
7. Crab legs and crawfish.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to “Cherokee needs to prepare for NCAI” Commentary

I wanted to write to you regarding your recent article referring to the six “fake Cherokee Tribes”. While I cannot speak for any of the tribes officially, I’ll say that I am a proud citizen of the Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama and that is why I am writing to you as merely a tribal citizen.

I want you to know that you blasted a tribe that has language speakers, tradition keepers, and distinct sovereignty from the EBCCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee In-

dians), UKB (United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians), and CNO (Cherokee Nation). I would like to ask you what are you so afraid of from us. How do you feel knowing you blasted a tribe that has fluent language speakers? Do you speak our Kituwah language? How many citizens of our tribe have you ever sat down and shared a meal with and got to know? Just a few thoughts that came to my mind as I read the article numerous times and discussed it with fellow tribal citizens.

If you ever wanna talk cordially or get to better understand each other I’d be happy to sit down and talk. I think we would share a lot in common in the ideas of protecting sovereignty and eliminating fraudulent groups that do exist out there: But I must say that I don’t appreciate us (The Cherokee

Tribe of Northeast Alabama) being labeled as fake or my elders disrespected like you have done.

Maybe someday we can become friends, I have no desire to be you or your people’s enemy or steal anything from you. I am not a citizen of EBCCI, UKB, or CNO and have never claimed to be, I am a proud enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama. I was born and will die a proud Cherokee regardless of anything you or anyone else may say about me or my people.

In closing, I hope you always remember the following. You nor

anyone else can take the language off the tongues of our elders, the stories of our ancestors, the medicine from our hearts, or the blood that runs through our veins no matter how much you may wish you could. Your pen can unite or divide our tribal nations, there’s power in your words, so choose them wisely for many are watching and you have an opportunity to be something great if you choose to be.

Sincerely,
Seth C. Penn
Cullowhee, N.C.



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**TRIBAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN
MENTAL HEALTH TIPS**

Go Outside: No matter how busy you are, experts say one of the best things you can do for yourself is to make it a habit to lace up your walking shoes and step outside for a breath of fresh air each day. “Doing this, even for a short increments at a time, provides you with many health benefits—both physical and mental,” says Emily Cosgrove, a licensed therapist and life coach in Ontario. Research suggests spending time outside helps you sleep better at night, reduces stress levels, boosts mental health, and stimulates the immune system.

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CHEROKEE TRIBE - THE ONE FEATHER

A soldier's perspective (Part Two of Two)

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed. D.,

excerpt from "Preacher Spurs" Christian Faith Publishers, 2022

"Thou, therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 2:1-3

And verse four says, "No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of this life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier."

This verse seems strange, and I often wonder what Paul is saying, implying, or teaching. I get the part about pleasing the one who enlisted him, referring to each of us as we who have accepted Jesus' aim to please the one who enlisted us, but what do you suppose he means about "No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits?" When I served in the military, I knew I was really at work and under the control of my superiors 24/7. We could be called into battle or war at any time, and we knew we had better show up or be declared a deserter. Sure, during peace, they gave us time off and facilitated making our lives as normal as possible, but it was not that way in Paul's time. In Paul's day, a soldier was indeed a soldier 24/7. Soldiers (not commanders or generals) but the soldiers in the field, garrison, and fort were always on call and on duty. They did not go to the store; they did not have weekends with their wife and kids; they did not work a part-time job, enjoy hobbies, or take time off to go sightseeing or go to a favorite restaurant. If they did any of that, they did it when they were on duty. Even today, the life of a soldier in some military organizations, as then, is a total commitment. They never partook in civilian affairs because they were not civilians. They often were ordered against civilians because most of the military in the time of Paul was occupation forces.

I know you did not come for a history

lesson on the life of a Roman soldier, but now think about what Paul was saying when he wrote this. As soldiers for Christ, we must be willing and ready as dedicated and enlisted soldiers for His work 24/7 and not be distracted by our civilian life. We are to live "All In" as Christian soldiers in our civilian life. That is dedication, devotion, and surrender.

In consideration of everything Paul is saying, people should commit to that intensive kind of enlistment.

Consider what Jesus said to his disciples. In Mark 8, written in red letters beginning with verse 34, "And he called unto him the multitude with his disciples, and said unto them If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it. For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? For what should a man give in exchange for his life? 38 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Now the context and the meaning of what Paul writes about being a soldier gets real. The people Jesus was speaking to knew exactly

what it meant to follow Him.

Do you have that kind of commitment? Living a Christian life takes courage. It takes considerable fortitude to step up or step out and say – I will. I understand many cannot or will not make that decision for fear of what that kind of enlistment might do to the lives they love to live right now.


So, take the other road and surrender. Yeah, that is what I said; surrender to Jesus and let him stand you up to be His soldier. Give yourself over to the higher power – to Jesus and let Him take your life. You may not be ready for battle. You may need to get in shape. You need to learn how to use spiritual weapons; you need to know and understand the battle plan. You may need to stop some civilian activities that hinder your relationship with God. He will guide you. Once accepted, the Spirit that dwells within you will train you and protect you. The Spirit will work on you over time and help you understand what you need to do to become more Holy. Have faith in God to clean you up and change the things you know are not right in your life.

The military takes civilians just as they are and makes them soldiers. Jesus and the Spirit do precisely the same thing. It is a lifetime commitment and a new way of life, but it is a life that is an eternal reward in Heaven. So, save your life; give it to Jesus today.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

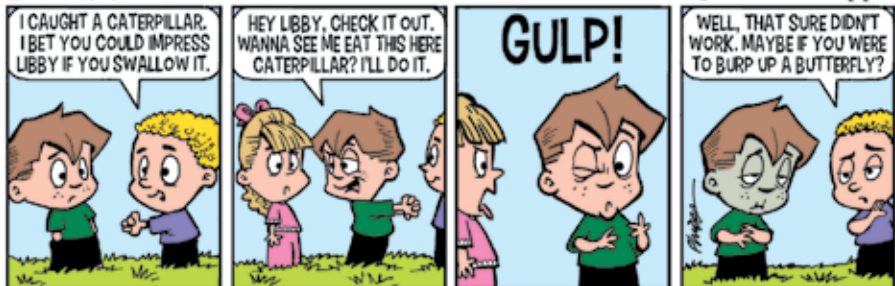
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One side of a denarius coin portraying Julius Caesar, dated 42 BCE

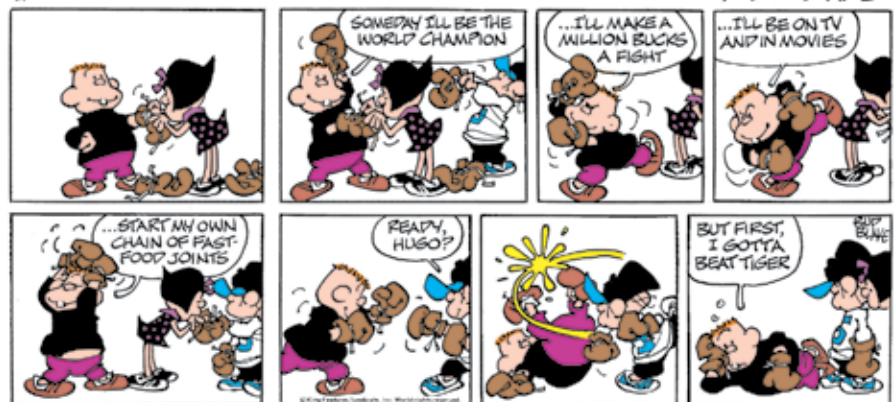
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

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- 40 Salty expanse
- 41 Leave an impression?
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- 25 Multi-family dwelling
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- 30 Ecol. watchdog
- 32 Toronto's province
- 34 Emphasizes
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- 42 "Monopoly" buy
- 44 Appearance
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- 48 Word of warning
- 49 Author Bagnold
- 50 Bygone fliers
- 53 Punk-rock subgenre

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- 9 Curly strands
- 10 Oklahoma tribe

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Spoon is missing. 2. Box is different. 3. Collar is missing. 4. Mouth is different. 5. Refrigerator handle is not as long. 6. Oven handle is missing.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Which dramatic film features the character "V"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Luzon belongs to which island nation?
3. LANGUAGE: What is the Latin phrase for "before the war"?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state has the most national parks?
5. LITERATURE: Which 1950s novel includes the line, "Nothing behind me, everything ahead of me, as is ever so on the road."?
6. CHEMISTRY: What kind of gas makes a drink bubbly?
7. TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a mom named Debra Barone?
8. MUSIC: What was the former name of the English band Muse?
9. SCIENCE: What are the gaps between nerve cells called?
10. THEATER: Who wrote the play "The Crucible"?

1. "V for Vendetta" (2005); 2. The Philippines; 3. Antebellum; 4. California, with Raymond; 5. "On the Road" by Jack Kerouac; 6. Carbon dioxide; 7. "Everybody Loves"; 8. Rocket Baby Dolls; 9. Synapses; 10. Arthur Miller.

Trivia Test Answers

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, Social Security card, Kindergarten 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 ahli-sha.stephens@ccs-nc.org

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

NAIWA Strawberry Festival. May 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Community Activity Center. Featuring strawberry pancakes and strawberry shortcake. Vendor tables are \$10/each. To reserve a table(s) or for more information: Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

Eastern Band of Cherokee Annual Pow Wow. July 5-7 at 1441

see **EVENTS** next page

ber 22) Expect to be called on once again to act as the peacemaker in a long-simmering dispute that suddenly flares up. Offer advice, but be careful to stay out of the fray.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your organizational skills help you line up your priorities so that you get things done without added pressure. The weekend could hold a special surprise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) New ventures are favored, but don't launch yours before rechecking all the facts and sources. Also, be sure that you can rely on support from certain people.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't be pushed into renegotiating an agreement, even though it might help avoid a potential impasse. Get legal advice before you sign or agree to anything.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Helping others is what Aquarians do so well. But this time, someone wants to help you. Expect to hear some news that will both surprise and delight you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things go so swimmingly by mid-week that you're tempted to take on more tasks. Best advice: Finish what you have now, then enjoy a well-earned relaxing weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your understanding of human nature helps you make wise decisions that are appreciated by all. You would make a fine judge.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves
Compensation for Service-Related Conditions

Service-connected injuries and conditions for which you can receive compensation can be either physical or mental. But there's no one-size-fits-all when it comes to how much compensation you can receive. Whether it's hearing loss or depression, or cancer or PTSD, each one has a different rating, which results in a different level of compensation.

The Department of Veterans Affairs disability rating you are assigned after being approved is based on the severity of your condition. Your compensation will be based partially on that and partially on whatever else might increase that compensation, such as having a family or a disabled spouse, or if you've suffered severe disability or loss of limbs.

And from there it gets even more complicated.

It's possible for your rating to change over time if your condition worsens, but even when combining multiple ratings (conditions) it's nearly impossible to reach 100% disability.

Increasing your final rating by combining smaller ratings (for multiple conditions) is difficult because there are rules, charts and math to consider. There is combining the numbers, converting, rounding up or down to the nearest 10. For example, you can't take a 20% rating and a 60% rating and come up with an 80% rating. In this case, the actual combined rating equates to 68%, but it's rounded up to 70% ... because the chart says so.

Combining three or more disabilities is even more complicated. And nowhere on that chart is a rating of 100% disability.

A 100% disability rating, if given, can be temporary (until your condition clears up or gets better) or permanent if given for severe conditions such as blindness or loss of limb. But reaching that level without those severe conditions is difficult enough that whole legal websites across the internet are devoted to that one effort: getting a 100% disability rating.

To wade through the disability compensation ratings and benefits, go to www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/rates-index.asp#howcalc.

The ratings calculator can be found at www.va.gov/disability/about-disability-ratings.

The VA is currently taking 158 days to make decisions about claims.

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When Tick Removal Goes Wrong

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: After taking my Terrier "Hank" for a walk around my subdivision yesterday, I noticed when taking off his leash that a tick had attached itself to the back of his neck! I don't even know where it came from; we stayed on the sidewalk. I quickly tried to remove it with tweezers, but Hank is kind of a wiggly guy, and just as I tugged on the tick, he moved and the body of the tick broke off! It looks like the tick's head is still embedded in his skin. What can I do? Will this hurt Hank? — Joe K. in Sarasota Springs, New York

DEAR JOE: Since the tick's body was removed, and you noticed it pretty quickly, Hank's risk of contracting a tick-borne illness is low. However, an infection might develop where the tick's head is still embedded.

Treat the bite spot with an over-the-counter antibiotic ointment. Monitor the spot for a few days. There may be a little redness around the bite area as the skin reacts to the foreign object, and with luck, the head may be pushed out enough for you to grab it with the tweezers and remove.

When should you contact Hank's veterinarian? If you aren't able to remove the tick head after a few days, it's time to make an appointment with the vet. Or, if the redness spreads or if Hank seems distressed, lethargic or otherwise out of sorts, get him to the vet right away.

Removing a tick as soon as it's found is important, because even though dogs can be vaccinated against Lyme Disease, other tick-borne diseases can be transmitted to your pet. Ticks are becoming active earlier in the year, so consider starting flea and tick prevention earlier, too.

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A little wool-gathering is OK, but don't let that dreamy state linger beyond mid-week, when you'll want to be ready to take on new workplace responsibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Love rules the week for single Bovines seeking romance. Attached pairs also find new joy in their relationships. The 29th should bring news about a business opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home becomes the center of a new social whirl, as you show off your talent for hosting great parties. You can expect to impress a lot of people who've never seen this side of you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child might have to raise those powers of persuasion up a notch to get a still-wary colleague to agree to go along with your plans. Finding more facts to back up your position helps.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Hold off trying to fix the blame for an apparent mishandling of a work situation. A full investigation could reveal surprising facts on how and why it really happened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your ability to see the details that others might overlook gives you an advantage in assessing an offer that possibly seems too good to be true. A trusted colleague has advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-

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Acquoni Road (old Cherokee High School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-6490

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

(All meetings are held in the Cherokee Tribal Council House in Cherokee, N.C. unless otherwise noted.)

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 Squirrel 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 yolas aun@ebci-nsn.gov

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

Tim Hill Memorial Fishing Tournament. July 13-14 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. \$10,000 in cash prizes.

Registration deadline is Friday, July 12. Registration fee is \$15. Paid fish permit fee covering both tournament days is \$17. Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Tag turn-in time is 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each respective tournament day. Turn in your tags at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee, N.C. (across from the Cherokee Welcome Center. Info: <https://fish-cherokee.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://fish-cherokee.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

Smokey 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

Sounds of Spring: A Piano Recital. April 20 at 3 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. The program, presented by the Piano Department of the Western Carolina University School of Music, will showcase the talents of WCU student musicians and features a wide range of classical and jazz selections. Info: (828) 586-2016

Beaded Earring and Necklace Set Class. April 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. In this class, taught by Tonya Dockery of Tellico Plains, Tenn., you will learn how to make a pair of beaded hoop earrings with a matching necklace. The cost is \$40 per person and materials are included. Space is limited to 10 people. Call to register for the class. Info: (423) 884-6246

Branton and Lower Noland Creek Cemetery Decorations. April 28. In cooperation with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the North Shore Cemetery Association will be hosting decorations at Branton and Lower Noland Creek Cemeteries. For help with carpooling or a more detailed description, the latest information, or cancellations, please visit www.facebook.com/NorthShoreCemeteryDecorations or call (706) 896-2183.

Springtime in Haynesville – A Civil War Reenactment. May

4-5 at the Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site at 2620 South Road St. in Johnson City, Tenn. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Members of the site are free. The historic home of the Haynes family will be open for visitors to tour through. Explore the cave and feel it's cool air on a warm spring day. Take a relaxing stroll along the site's quarter mile nature trail. Several local food and craft vendors will also be at the site on both days. Info: (423) 926-3631 or email tiptonhaynes@outlook.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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

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

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

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

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road.

Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m., Sunday Afternoon Service 3 p.m., 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 Ser-

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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 Conti-

ental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m. Pastor P.D. Hampton, Assistant Pastor Branton Loftis

Echota Baptist Church. 1274 Birdtown Road. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Service: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service: 6 p.m. Pastor David Hall (828) 508-1906

Ela Baptist Church. 4450 Ela Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Wednesday 6 p.m. Pastor Justin Hunt (828) 736-1155

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Conference Center. Full season starts Aug. 4. Sunday School 10 a.m. and Morning Worship 11 a.m. Year-round services – church online live streamed from the 24/7 church channel, Embassy TV <https://embassytv.net> Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Will Chambliss, Thursday Night Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., Wednesday services 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brent Stewart. Search Grace Bible Church NC on Facebook. Check the page as some Wednesdays there are no services. Also, Sunday worship service is live-streamed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

evening service 6 p.m.

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 82 Lambert Branch Road. 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/increment weather updates. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAIWA Raffle Fundraiser

Tickets are \$10 each
Each ticket enters you into 3 separate drawings.

Drawing will be on
April 20th at 2pm

See NAIWA Ladies for Tickets

Items will be on display during the garden fair April 19th and 20th at the Yellowhill Activity Center

- 1st drawing Youth Ribbon Shirt (size 12)
- 2nd drawing Youth Ribbon Skirt (Medium)
- 3rd drawing Spring Basket - made from reed, dyes are walnut and bloodroot

*Each drawing contains a Cheesecake by OD Swayney, chocolate dipped strawberries (food items added day of drawing), an art & craft piece by one of our local artisans/ crafters.

Starting Friday



For tickets visit [Fandango.com](https://www.fandango.com)



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& MORE

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[Cherokeecinemas.com](https://www.cherokeecinemas.com)
828.497.7384

Tribal members, bring your enrollment card for discounts

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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 PUBLI-
CATION

Sheila K Standingdeer
P.O. Box 1823

Cherokee, NC. 28719

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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 PUBLI-
CATION

Trista Lane Welch
93 Sam and Ellen Dr
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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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

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Tara Leigh McCoy, Executrix of
the Estate of Clifton M. Owle
c/o Agatha B. Guy

Carpenter & Guy, PLLC
559 West Main Street
Sylva, North Carolina 28779

4/17

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

Notice to Creditors and

Debtors of:

Louise Reed

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



Employment Opportunities

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

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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

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



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 filing of this position.

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

Cherokee Boys Club
P.O. Box 507
Cherokee, NC. 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 with benefits
- 4 PT Residential Counselors - \$14.00 - \$18.00 per hour without benefits

CBC - Child Development

- Behavioral Specialists - \$55,000 - \$67,500 per year with benefits
- 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
- Food Service Worker - Cook - Agelink - \$18,000 - \$24,000 per year with benefits
- Summer Intern (OJT) - (2) Agelink / (2) Snowbird - \$7.50 per hour without benefits

CBC - Information Technology

- Summer Intern (OJT) - \$7.50 per hour without benefits

CBC - Shop and Garage

- Summer Intern (OJT) - \$7.50 per hour without benefits

CBC - Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI)

- Jones Bowman Leadership Specialist & RKLI Events and Promotions Coordinator - \$40,000 - \$50,000 per year with benefits
- RKLI Grant and Fundraising Specialist - \$55,000 - \$67,500 per year with benefits

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

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

Tommy Chekelelee/Samantha Hinojosa

53 Boyd Chekelelee Rd

P.O Box 1762

Robbinsville NC, 28771

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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.
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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 within 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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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 24-034

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

SIMPSON QUEEN, JR.

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

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

Mary Wolfe

91 John Bull Mountain Rd

Cherokee NC, 28719

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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; Ratchiff, 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

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

Housing & Community Development is releasing this RFQ to solicit proposals from professional

Harrah's
CHEROKEE
CASINO RESORT

JOB FAIR

When: Thursday, April 25
12pm - 5pm

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

Pro-tip: Bring a valid photo ID & Social Security Card

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

firm(s) for ARCHITECTURAL Consulting Services (ECS) for a multi-family complex and retail space. The term of the indefinite delivery/infinite quantity (IDIQ) 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 proposal.

5. A Bidder's Package, includ-

ing 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 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 SERVICES". 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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receipt of proposal, but no bidder may withdraw his or her bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening thereof.

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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.

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ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, 2024, in the office of Todd Gibbs, Director of Auxiliary Services for Macon County Schools, 1202 Old Murphy Road, Franklin, North Carolina 28734 for the Macon Middle School Track Replacement. The time and place for opening the proposals shall be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, 2024, in the Board Room located on the 2nd floor of the Macon County Schools Board of Education, 1202 Old Murphy Road, Franklin, North Carolina 28734.

Bidders who mail their proposals SHALL address them to Mr. Todd Gibbs, Director of Auxiliary Services, Macon County Schools 1202 Old Murphy Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

To prevent accidental opening, ALL Proposals shall be enclosed in a mailer and be clearly marked on the mailer "BID FOR MACON MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK REPLACEMENT. DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY MAY 7, 2024."

A Pre-Bid meeting will be held on site, Macon Middle School, 1345 Wells Grove Road, Franklin, NC 28734, at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday April 23, 2024. It is strongly suggested that interested bidders attend.

Requirements adopted by Macon County Schools for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) will be part of this project. All minority businesses and historically underutilized businesses are hereby encouraged to submit proposals for this project.

Complete plans and specifications for this project can be obtained from the Architect, LS3P Associates, LTD, by contacting Elizabeth Friedl by phone or email: elizabethfriedl@ls3p.com, 828-254-1963. Plans and specifications will be available beginning April 15, 2024.

Macon County Schools reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals. **4/24**

New enrollees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (Oct. 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024)

This is a list of new enrollees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who were officially enrolled between Oct. 1, 2023 - March

31, 2024, who, unless otherwise prohibited by law, are eligible to receive a per capita distribution of distributable net gaming revenue for the period of Oct. 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024. This list is being published according to Cherokee Code Section 16C-4.

Amira Jane Adams
Lillian Gayl Adams
Dani Shea Arnold
Isiah Damon Bahe
James Tommie Bahe
Jeremiah Duane Bahe
Joshua Bahe
Jaxon Tawodi Barrett
Gianna Cecelia Bernhisel
Luca Anagalisgi Bernhisel
Tsali Casiah Bird
Stetson Shawn Blanton
Ethan Robert Bowman
Fred Bradley
Briar Houston Branks
Joseph Ross Brothers
Oaklynn Rae Chambers
Lily Walela Cline
Camryn Marie Cody
Baylin Hayze Cole
Emery Dawn Cope
Ellie Jacquelyn Corral
Joseph Briggs Cox
Leighton Lucile Curtis
Azarael Caleb Davis
Mia Rae Dorr
Mads Anderson Dry
Dawson Cole Eagle
Elliette Grace Eagle
Maurice Dion Elbert, Jr.
Maliyah Elaine Leona Elbert
Mauriel Ja'Nay Elbert
Gavin Leslie Klay Ensley
Adam Barrett Escalante
Ava Eden Grace Flippo
Aubree Lynn George
Katalina Tatiana Gonzalez Medford
Elisha Kent Gordon, Jr.
Myra Ann Guffey
Aiden Ralph Guyon
Cora Gayle Harris

Lainey Ann Harris
Dilagalisgi Hadaya Holmes
Saunooke
Alionna Nokosi Hooper
Okhish Tushka Hornbuckle
Leia Tehya Mei Isbill
Kaleo Eloheh Jackson
Arthur Leelann Bradley John
Eleanor Grace Jones
Emma Faye Junaluska
Awohali Arthur Leatherwood
Harper Larae Ledford
Ezra Reba Lewis
Axius Kenzen Little
Novah Shai Littlejohn
Anhelica Rebecca Lomax
William Jason Lomax
Matteo Ezekiel Lopez
Dyani Koda Maciel
Basil Adohi Magoun
Selu Magoun
Mila Mark
Bodie Kash McCoy
Mason Vaughn Truman McCoy
Linley Mae McKim
Isla Sage McMillan
Calloway Ryatt Medford
Henry Maxwell Rage Murphy
Lillith Fancea-Lynn Redbird Murphy
Loralei Ray-Ann Owle
Walker James Owle
Mason Luke Edgar Paschal
Kitt Ruby Poe
Robin Jasmine Radford
Asa Karen-Lenee Ramirez
Drayden Terrill Rattler
Jayda Avani Rattler
Nevaeh Mae Rattler-Owle
Destiny Gwyneth Rednour
Adonis Zion Reyes
Raylan Jeremiah Roach
Walela Dawn Roach
Harley Ray Robbins
Tycho Alexander Rogers
Blayze Richard Ross
Ryleigh Raelynn Royal
Asher Bowen Saunooke
Elliott Eliana Saunooke
Jethro Ellis Savage-Sneed
Mia Jean Loraine Schulze

Violet Clementine Seay
Opal Neeta Sequoyah
Justin Tidus Ragnar Shell
Nefeli Mercy Sides
Azaylee Jay Smith
James Louis Arrow Smith, Jr.
Tallence John Smith
Coleton Ray Stanberry
Aysia Lily-Marie Swayney
James Edward Swayney, Jr.
Nikkia Lachae Swayney
Bodhi Stone Chekelelee Swimmer
Jhett Cruz Chekelelee Swimmer
Oliver Ahdosy Kvhe Tafoya
Laeklynn Nevaeh Taylor
Logan Truman Taylor
Syrus Kane Teesateskie
Macy Pierce Thompson
Zaylee Lynn Trampler
Klayton Ryder Tucker
Esai Myles Twitty
Wadigi Manzil Walkingstick
Opie Baby Washington
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Navan Cole Watty
Finnick Drew Welch
Lawson Elizabeth White
Mason Vinal Whitefield
Kyle Jeanine Widman
Carisi June Wiggins
Kaison Utlanigida Wildcatt
Saber Atvsdi Woodard
Daeohna Dalaine Youngdeer
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Now Accepting Resumes For **The Chief Justice of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians**

We are currently accepting resumes for the position of Chief Justice. The position will commence immediately upon nomination from the Principal Chief and confirmation from the Tribal Council.

Please send in your resume and letter of interest to:

The Office of the Principal Chief
c/o Rae Queen, Executive Assistant
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, NC 28719

NOTICE

The EBCI Tribal Realty Services Office is proposing the adoption of administrative rules pursuant to Cherokee Code (C.C.) 47D-23 and 150-4. These rules are proposed to implement EBCI Health Act Regulations as approved by the U.S. Department of Interior pursuant to 25 USC 415(h). These rules will regulate leasing of Tribal lands held in trust by the United States of America. Written comments may be mailed to the EBCI Tribal Realty Office at Attn: Cruz Galaviz, P.O. Box 1630, Cherokee NC 28719 or emailed to cgalaviz@ebci-nsn.gov. The period for public comment and request for public hearing is 20 days from the publication of this notice.

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

Closing Sunday, April 21, 2024

1. Director of Human Services – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L19 \$100,531 - \$122,664)
2. Chief Data Manager – Health Delivery Administration – Public Health and Human Services (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
3. Environmental Health & Safety Specialist – Health Delivery Administration – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$59,429 - \$74,287)
4. Supervisor (Head Start) – Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
5. Supervisor of Cannery Operations – Cooperative Extension – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52)
6. Commercial Property Specialist – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour)
7. Grounds Maintenance – Public Works – Operations (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour)
8. Maintenance Utility Worker – Qualla Housing – Housing (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
9. Lead Tribal Prosecutor – Criminal Law – Office of the Attorney General (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
10. Lieutenant – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
11. Probation Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 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
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Juvenile Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. School Resources Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (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)
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
11. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour)
12. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
13. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
14. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
15. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
16. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
17. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
18. Environmental Compliance Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
19. Education Tutor/Grades 3-5 – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
20. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
21. Remember the Removal Bike Ride Group Fitness Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
22. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
23. NFP Nurse (Home Visitor) – Nurse Family Partnership – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
24. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
25. Rounds Tech/Operator – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
26. Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
27. Evidence Based Intervention Specialist – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
28. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
29. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
30. Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25

Billing Analyst III - \$22.76 - \$25.89

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

-\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

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

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

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

Residential Technician – Women’s Home - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

PTR Residential Technician – Kanvwotiyi (Female) \$17.12 - \$19.26

Inpatient Technician – FT and PTI - Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Adult Outpatient Services Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852

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

Residential Technician – Kanvwotiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26

OPERATIONS

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

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 – \$20.67

Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II (3rd Shift) \$44,107 - \$55,134 **-\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

Medical Technologist - \$28.68 - \$32.85

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

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

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Blythe gets PMBIA certification

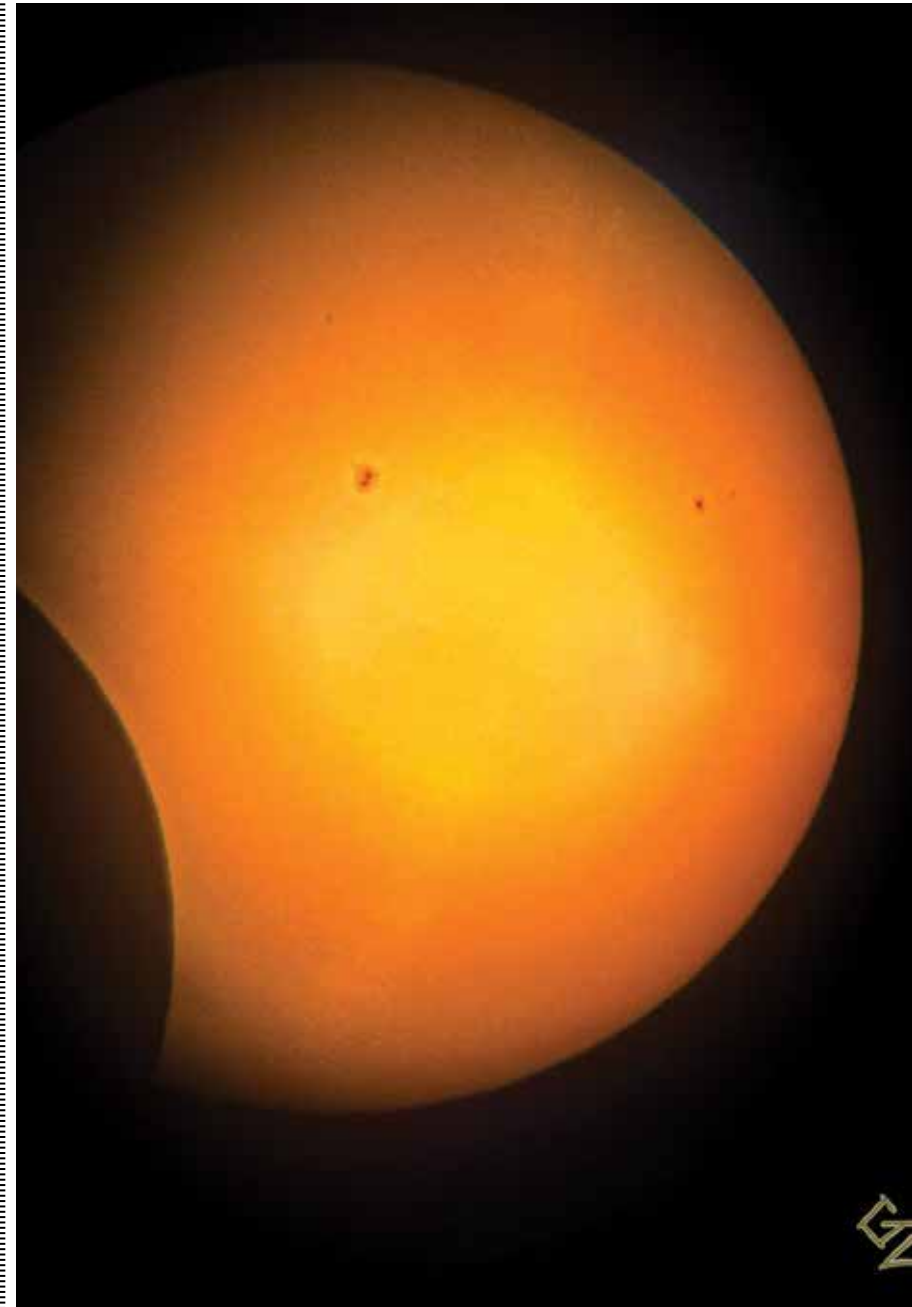
Laura Blythe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, shown third from right, has completed the PMBIA (Professional Mountain Bike Instructor Assn.) 3-Day in-depth course to become a certified mountain bike instructor for the Cherokee community. She is an advocate for Fire Mountain Trails, a Cane Creek Cycling Ambassador, and has recently created the 7 Moons MTB (The name is based on the Cherokee story, Nun'Yunu'Wi - the stone man who was defeated by utilizing 7 women on their moon). Shown in the photo, left to right, are Emra "OK at Bikes" Arkansas, Sara "Muddy Wrench" Jarrell, Janette "Bling Maker" Franich, Hannah "Speed Demon" Owen, Laura "Truly Unruly" Blythe, Corlee "Missile" Thomas-Hill, and Marla "Gnarla" York.

The MTB group helps people interested in mountain biking get into the sport in an easy, progressive manner. Laura plans on offering PMBIA L1 Beginner/Intermediate rider clinics in Cherokee for surrounding communities. Information and updates can be found on the 7 Moons MTB social media sites. @7MoonsMTB. (Photo contributed)



Tribal members inducted into honor societies

Several members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) were inducted into the Alpha Beta Gamma and National Technical Honor Societies at Southwestern Community College on Thursday, April 4. Shown, left to right, are Jeremy Wolfe (EBCI), Suzette Sanchez (EBCI), Alexandra Korenkiewicz, and Kendra Panther (EBCI). Stephanie Toineeta (EBCI) was not present but was also inducted. (SCC photo)



Solar eclipse

This telescope image was taken of the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, taken by Austin "Gus" Zimmerman.

The One Feather wants to hear your good news and/or accomplishments. Send us your "good stuff" such as:

- * birth, engagement, and wedding announcements
- * awards or other accomplishments (both civilian and military)
- * and other areas of life such as finishing restoring an old car, building a new deck, etc.

Send your photos and info to us at:

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