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Medicine from the Earth

Great Smoky Cannabis Company opens on 4/20

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Myrtle Driver Johnson, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), made history by making the first legal purchase of cannabis in the State of North Carolina. She purchased several cannabis products at the grand opening of the Great Smoky Cannabis Company, located in Cherokee, N.C., on the morning of Saturday, April 20. Eric Bird, an EBCI tribal member and employee at the company, showed her products and made the first sale.

The Great Smoky Cannabis

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Myrtle Driver Johnson, left, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), makes the first legal purchase of cannabis in the State of North Carolina as the Great Smoky Cannabis Company, located in Cherokee, N.C., opened officially on the morning of Saturday, April 20 for sales of medical cannabis. Eric Bird, right, an EBCI tribal member and employee at the Great Smoky Cannabis Company, showed her products and made the first sale. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



Celebrating 26 years Saturday, April 27 10am - 4pm Sylva, North Carolina www.greeningupthemountains.com



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Cannabis plants were on display during Saturday's opening event.

CANNABIS: from front page

Company is run by Qualla Enterprises, LLC, an entity of the EBCI. Forrest Parker, Qualla Enterprises, LLC general manager and an EBCI tribal member, said during Saturday's opening, "It's important to remember that our people have always been in communion with our natural resources. These mountains are older and wiser than us, and our elders are too."

"We built this thing with our Tribe and for our Tribe. We all work for the people."

Parker stated that the wording under the company name on its logo is in Cherokee syllabary and translates into English as "Medicine from the Earth".

He added, "We know how much healing exists in plant medicine, but we're not solely in the business of cultivating cannabis. We're in the business of changing lives and creating opportunities for growth where it otherwise is severely limited. For our young people, especially, purpose, belonging, value, and respect are commodities not always

readily available outside of our own homelands. This project will change the trajectory of their lives forever. It will be a conduit for generations of social, economic, medicinal, and spiritual growth unlike anything this region has ever witnessed."

Beloved Woman Johnson commented, "It makes me feel good that now we can add cannabis to our Native American medicines...it is a great day for the Cherokee people today."

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahnetah said, "This is a great day for the Eastern Band and the state of North Carolina."

"We've worked very hard for the past three years to get this opened up. I think it's going to be a great opportunity for the area, for the state, and for all the people that need cannabis to help them with their problems, their illnesses...the studies show it is a great medicine and it has been a medicine for people for thousands and thousands of years. We've been here over 10,000 years and we've used it, we continue to use it, and we hope to teach the rest of the state and the world what a great product it is."



Myrtle Driver Johnson, center, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, cuts the ribbon to officially open the Great Smoky Cannabis Company on the morning of Saturday, April 20.

Parker went on to say, “Qualla Enterprises is setting up the largest cannabis market in the history of the United States right here on our sovereign lands. No one has done it on this scale, much less on a vertical seed-to-sale market scale. No one.”

Carolyn West, Qualla Enterprises, LLC board chairperson and an EBCI tribal member, said, “Qualla Enterprises has acknowledged the Cherokee core values and we’ve taken a strong connection with the land and honoring our past. Since time immemorial, the Cherokee people have used medicine from the earth. The medical cannabis code in policy brings this long-standing tradition into the modern world.”

“I’d like to thank everyone who works on the farm. Without your hard work, your labor, none of this would be possible. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

The entire operation prides itself on being run predominantly

by members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

During a Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) work session last month, Qualla Enterprises, LLC officials reported that the company has a total of 93 employees with 82 percent (76) being EBCI tribal members. The employees work in the following areas: administration (9), cultivation (50), production/processing (4), retail (18), and security (12).

Parker and West both thanked EBCI tribal leadership, past and present; the Qualla Enterprises, LLC board; and the company’s partners, SSC (Sovereign Solutions Carolina).

Of leadership, Parker said, “There’s a lot of discussions. There’s a lot of long days and hard days. I’m so thankful that we have the leaders of our Tribe that are willing to get down with it and put the nose to the grindstone and come up with solutions and opportunities for the greater good of our

people.”

West noted, “Thank you to tribal leadership, past and present, who had the vision to help their people prosper in the future.”

Parker said of the board, “You guys embody everything that we do. You embraced it with us. You push us. You checked us when you don’t feel it happening and we thank you for that. We want you to hold us accountable. We want to make you proud. We’re all in this together and I couldn’t be more thankful to each and every one of you.”

West said the board’s leadership “has kept this project moving forward for the benefit of everyone”.

Parker said that SSC’s vision has been very helpful in creating a business owned by and run by EBCI tribal members. “With over 80 percent tribal members...we’re doing this with our own people every day and that’s because of our partners and how they stepped us

up and how they envisioned this.”

West echoed that sentiment on SSC stating, “Your leadership and expertise are immeasurable. And the way that you have embraced our community and our culture is wonderful.”

In February, a study was released by the University of Iowa College of Public Health stating that 17 percent of American adults aged 50-64 had used cannabis in the past year. The study was published in *The Gerontologist*.

Study authors noted, “We expect cannabis use among late middle age and older Americans will at least double in the decade ahead. As many as one of every five persons over 50 may be using cannabis in the year 2023, and mostly for a medical condition or symptoms.”

For more information on the Great Smoky Cannabis Company, visit: <https://www.greatsmokycannabisco.com>

“The honeymoon’s over:” Planning Board meeting held in April

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—The Planning Board of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) met on the afternoon of Monday, April 15 in the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) House to discuss upcoming projects, including the glider, open-air classroom, and restrooms at Kituwah.

In the meeting, Rebecca Bowe, manager of Project Management, presented renderings of potential designs for the Kituwah glider to host the open-air concept that has been utilized at previous Kituwah events. The renderings included an open-air classroom and restrooms, which Bowe said could be scaled down if needed.

Toward the end of the meeting, Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks shared that he was ready to see these projects kick off, and he would like to see a more detailed agenda for future planning board meetings. “I think we need to start developing a more detailed agenda around existing projects, new projects, and we need to start getting into some detail in our discussions here. The honeymoon’s over for this administration. It’s time to get to work.”

Kim Deas, planning coordinator for Project Management, asked Ugvwiyuhi Hicks what specifically he would like to see on the agenda.

He noted that the agenda needed a complete list of projects,



Shown above and below are renderings of a potential design for the Kituwah glider to host the open-air concept that has been utilized at previous Kituwah events. (Images courtesy of EBCI Project Management)

and status updates on important projects like the old Cherokee High School site and the Fairgrounds site. “This is an expectation our community is looking for.”

Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley shared Chief Hicks’ sentiment, “I agree with the Chief. We’re on our six months of new administration. The honeymoon’s over and we’ve got our work cut out for us. I think the quicker we get at it, the better off our tribe will be, so we’re going to have to burn the midnight oil to get things back on the right track.”

Taline Ugvwiyu Ensley added



that he appreciates tribal programs like EBCI Commerce and Project Management for their readiness to get these projects

started. “A lot of programs are stepping up and they’re eager to get busy, too. We’re a tourist town and we need to get back to that.”



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Saturday, April 27

10am to 4pm

Sylva, North Carolina

As warm weather pulls new leaf growth from magnificent tree tops, the vistas of surrounding mountains return to a familiar and glorious shade of green. To celebrate, the Town of Sylva celebrates the return of Spring with its largest event of the year each April.

This year's Greening Up The Mountains Festival, scheduled for Saturday, April 27, celebrates its 26th anniversary in 2024. The festival hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is organized by the Town of Sylva. Vendor spots were filled in early February after applications were made available in early January, signaling the ever growing popularity of the event.

Slight changes were made due to construction projects beside Bridge Park. Vendors will be located along three blocks of Main Street and in the paved parking lot beside Bridge Park. These improvements will enhance the footprint for festivals in the future as well as other events in downtown Sylva. The festival will host over 150 vendors and attendees from throughout western North Carolina. Arts and crafts and non-profit vendors will be located along Main Street and at Bridge Park. Food trucks and beverage arts vendors will be in the paved parking lot beside Bridge Park.

Water stations, installed by the Tuckaseegee Water and Sewer Authority, will once again be available on Main Street and at Bridge Park. Paper cups will be available at each station. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own personal refillable water containers as the festival does not allow plastic water bottles.

The day will begin with a 5K Race kicking off at 9 a.m. Registration is available online at www.greeningupthemountains.com. 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.

Live music will be performed throughout the day at the Bridge Park music stage. WRGC will be providing live interviews and information from their sponsor booth located at Bridge Park in between performances.

See the Music listed Below:

- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Maggie Valley Band
- 11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.- PMA
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Whitewater Bluegrass Band
- 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Shane Meade & The Sound

Blacksmithing and glass blowing demonstrations by vendors from the Green Energy Park will take place in the Southern and Sunkissed parking lot across from First Baptist Church. Children's activities will also be scattered along Main Street with Fusions Spa being one location of interest. The Jackson Amateur musicians will be performing from the Fusions Spa porch at 11:00 a.m. Other vendor and sponsor booths scattered throughout the festival will also have activities for children.

Some parking spaces will be available around the Sylva pool, the Presbyterian Church, and the old courthouse/library parking lots but most of the available spaces will be found at Mark Watson Park and at the Jackson Plaza. Limited handicapped parking will be available in the lot behind the Sylva Police Department. First Methodist will offer parking spaces in their large parking lot for a \$5 fee which will be used for church mission projects. Pinnacle Relief located across from Bridge Park on Grindstaff Road, will also have parking spaces available for \$5 as well..

Jackson County Transit will offer shuttle service from the Jackson Plaza parking lot between the hours of 11:30 A.M. and 4:30 p.m. Cost for shuttle service is \$1 per person. JCT Policy does not allow children under 80 pounds or under the age of 8 years old to ride without a car seat.

Restroom facilities will be scattered throughout the festival on both Main Street and in Bridge Park.

The festival would not be possible without the support of our great sponsors.

For more information, visit
www.greeningupthemountains.com.

EBCI initiates soft launch for new member portal

Register at:

<http://wayvsdodi.ebci.gov>

Office of the Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Release

The Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has begun implementing the Tribal Member Portal (Kalvgv anitsalagi Duna-dats(i) sgv anadasdelisgi wayvsdodi - EBCI pathway for assistance and services), a digital platform designed to enhance engagement and service delivery for EBCI members.

Key features include:

- **Access to Information:** Members can view relevant informa-

tion, including council sessions and meetings.

- **Digital Applications:** With the new member portal, members can confidently download and fill out digital applications for services such as education, housing, water, and sewer, making the process easier than ever before.

- **User Registration:** EBCI members are invited to register and create an account at <http://wayvsdodi.ebci.gov> to access the member portal.

- o Email verification is required. To verify account registration, Tribal Members must have an active email account on file with the tribal enrollment office.

- o If you do not have an email on file, kindly visit EBCI.com, proceed to the Enrollment tab, and select the Address Change option to complete the form. If you are only adding or correcting your email address, there is no requirement for notarization. You may submit the form via email to enrollment@ebci-nsn.gov or drop it off at the Enrollment office.

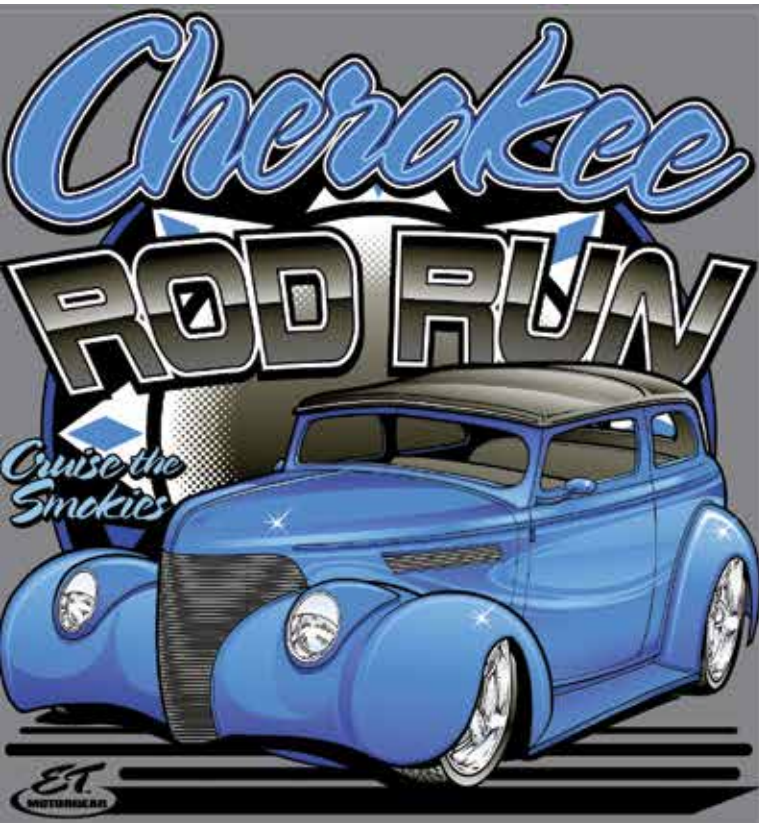
- o Once email verification has been received, the end user will be prompted to create a new password and will gain access to the member portal.

- o For technical support, call the Office of Information Technology at 828-359-6800

- **Continuous Improvement:** The portal will evolve, adding new features and services as they become available.

- **Kiosk Rollout:** The Office of Information Technology is deploying kiosks to the following centralized locations to start a soft implementation: Qualla Library, Snowbird Library, Snowbird Youth Center, Senior Center, Cherokee County, and Tsali Manor.

This initiative aims to provide a transparent and efficient experience for all EBCI members, reflecting the tribe's commitment to effective processes and member satisfaction.



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**CIPD Arrest Report for
April 8-14, 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 at theonefeather.com.

Jumper, Taelon Kenlee – age 22
Arrested: April 8
Released: April 11
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Martin, Julian – age 22
Arrested: April 8
Released: April 12
Charges: Probation Violation

Radford, Robin Jasmine – age 19
Arrested: April 9
Released: April 9
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Vazquez-Colon, Iveliz Mary – age 24

Arrested: April 9
Released: April 11
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Ensley, Trinia Lynn – age 52
Arrested: April 10
Released: April 12
Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions, Providing or Possessing Contraband

Price, Dustin Lee – age 34
Arrested: April 10
Released: April 11
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Robertson, Ryan Edward – age 37
Arrested: April 10
Released: April 10
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Bird, Lewis Emerson – age 37
Arrested: April 12
Released: Not released as of report date (April 15)
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors; Child Abuse in the First Degree (two counts);

Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury (two counts); Malicious Maiming (two counts)

Davis, Jeremiah Israel-Dementric – age 26
Arrested: April 12
Released: Not released as of report date (April 15)
Charges: Possession Schedule I-V Controlled Substance (two counts); Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Jumper, Taelon Kenlee – age 22
Arrested: April 12
Released: Not released as of report date (April 15)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts), Pre-Trial Release Violation

Toineeta, Alisha Kaye – age 32
Arrested: April 12
Released: Not released as of report date (April 15)
Charges: Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code

Owle Jr., Alfred William – age 43
Arrested: April 13
Released: April 13
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property; Theft of Property, Lost, Mislead, or Delivered by Mistake; Extortion; Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Walkingstick, James Richard – age 44
Arrested: April 13
Released: April 13
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Littlejohn, Robert Allen – age 47
Arrested: April 14
Released: April 14
Charges: Hold Until Sober



1. Name the 2011 WNBA Rookie of the Year who won four championships from 2011-17 with the Minnesota Lynx.

2. What Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver caught the game-winning touchdown in overtime to seal the Chiefs' 25-22 victory over the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl LVIII?

3. What golf course on Long Island, New York, hosted the U.S. Open Championship in 1896, 1986, 1995, 2004 and 2018?

4. Tennis player Andre Agassi was married to what model/actress from 1997-99?

5. What motorsports track, site of the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix beginning in 2012, is located in Austin, Texas?

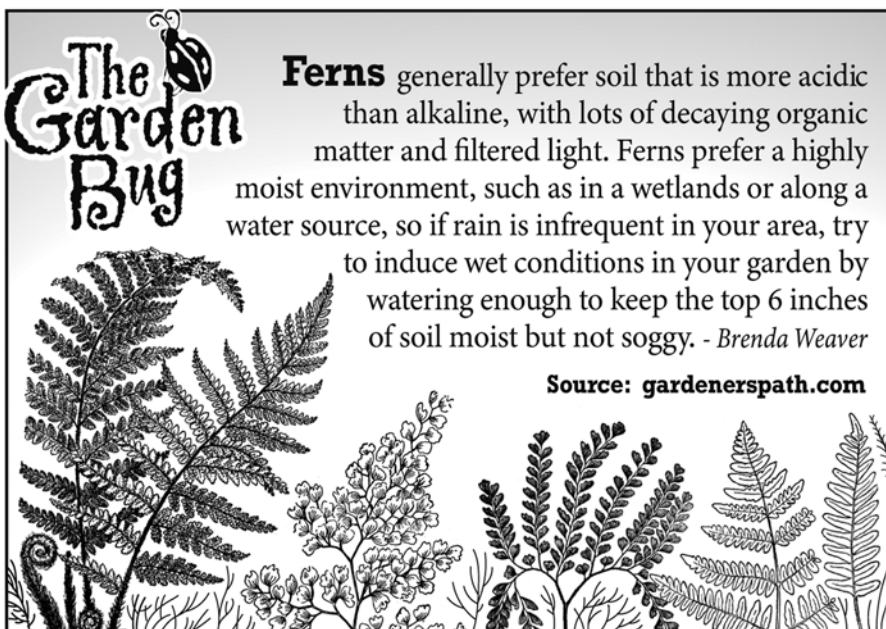
6. Who was head coach of the Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders when the team won Super Bowls XV and XVIII?

7. In the 1970s, sports figures Bob Uecker, Joe Frazier, John Madden, Boog Powell, Bubba Smith, Billy Martin and George Steinbrenner appeared in TV commercials for what brand of beer?

Answers

1. Maya Moore.
2. Mecole Hardman Jr.
3. Shinnecock Hills Golf Club.
4. Brooke Shields.
5. Circuit of the Americas.
6. Tom Flores.
7. Miller Lite.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

CMS travels to meet at Swain

One Feather Staff Report

BRYSON CITY, N.C. – The Cherokee Middle School (CMS) track team traveled to a multi-school meet held at Swain Co. High School on the afternoon of Monday, April 15.

Several CMS athletes won their event including:

- Kimo Sokol, Boys 100M Dash, 13.01; Long Jump, 17-05.50
- Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Girls 800M Run, 2:47.20; Girls 1600M Run, 6:06.65
- Cambry Stamper, High Jump, 4-02
- Maia Lane, Shot Put, 30-04
- Boys 4x100M Relay
- Girls 4x200M Relay
- Girls 4x400M Relay

• Girls 4x800M Relay

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

Boy's Events

Team Scores

- 1 – Swain Middle 203
- 2 – Andrews Middle 90
- 3 – Cherokee Middle 77
- 4 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger 54

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Andrews, 10:00.16
- 2 – Swain, 10:24.58

110M Finals

- 1 – Jonah Dockery, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 19.30
- 2 – Cristian Solano Jumper, Swain, 19.56
- 3 – Coleman Green, Swain, 20.20
- 6 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee 23.01

100M Dash

- 1 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 13.01
- 2 – Jonah Dockery, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 13.33

- 3 – Amillio Johnson, Andrews, 13.57
- 4 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 14.20
- 5 – Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 14.21
- 6 – Marek Brown, Cherokee, 14.44

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Swain A, 1:47.99
- 2 – Cherokee A, 1:57.83
- 3 – Swain B, 2:06.27

1600M Run

- 1 – James Loftis, Swain, 5:00.54
- 2 – Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 5:04.35
- 3 – Elliot Salinas, Andrews, 5:05.94
- 5 – Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 6:00.61

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee, 53.57
- 2 – Swain A, 54.67
- 3 – Andrews A, 1:03.11

400M Dash

- 1 – Levi Clark, Andrews, 1:01.71
- 2 – Aiden Davis, Swain, 1:02.16
- 3 – Jordan Panther, Cherokee, 1:07.94

800M Run

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- 1 – Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 2:32.77
- 2 – James Loftis, Swain, 2:37.15
- 3 – Sawyer Nichols, Swain, 2:49.08
- 4 – Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 2:51.84
- 5 – Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 2:52.09
- 7 – Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 3:00.21

200M Dash

- 1 – Will Phillips, Andrews, 27.27
- 2 – Cristian Solano Jumper, Swain, 27.90
- 3 – Wyatt Outlaw, Swain, 28.15
- 6 – Marek Brown, Cherokee, 30.09
- 7 – William Welch, Cherokee, 31.70

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Swain A, 4:21.83
- 2 – Andrews A, 4:37.96
- 3 – Andrews B, 4:58.24

High Jump

- 1 – Jonah Dockery, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 5-08
- 2 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 5-00
- 3 – James Loftis, Swain, 4-10
- 4 – Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 4-08
- 11 – Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 4-02

Long Jump

- 1 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 17-05.50
- 2 – Jonah Dockery, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 17-02.25
- 3 – Ayden Kirkland, Swain, 16-08
- 7 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 15-01
- 10 – Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 14-02

Triple Jump

- 1 – Ayden Kirkland, Swain, 33-06.75
- 2 – Cristian Solano Jumper, Swain, 33-00.25
- 3 – Amillio Johnson, Andrews, 32-08

Shot Put

- 1 – Colton Shuler, Swain, 41-03
- 2 – Bentley Coday, Swain, 35-04
- 3 – Koen Smith, Swain, 35-03
- 6 – Greyson Ledford, Cherokee, 33-10
- 8 – Sunny Foalima, Cherokee, 30-03
- 12 – Joe Perry Saunooke, Cherokee, 27-10

Discus Throw

- 1 – Colton Shuler, Swain, 127-07
- 2 – Koen Smith, Swain, 102-07
- 3 – Malachi Bateman, Andrews, 96-05
- 6 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 85-09
- 8 – Sunny Foalima, Cherokee, 70-07

- 12 – Joe Perry Saunooke, Cherokee, 56-00

Pole Vault

- 1 – Colton Shuler, Swain, 7-06
- 2 – Blake Lambert, Swain, 6-06
- 3 – Brooks Deitz, Swain, 6-00

Girl's Events

Team Scores

- 1 – Swain Middle 158
- 2 – Cherokee Middle 153
- 3 – Andrews Middle 97
- 4 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger 14
- 5 – Nantahala 10
- 6 – Bethel Christian Academy 4

100M Dash

- 1 – Kazandra Cooper, Swain, 13.97
- 2 – Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14.62
- 3 – Cambri Sneed, Andrews, 14.71
- 9 – Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 15.96

200M Dash

- 1 – Juliet Holloway, Andrews, 28.87
- 2 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 29.76
- 3 – Kazandra Cooper, Swain, 29.81
- 6 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 32.26
- 9 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 33.46

400M Dash

- 1 – Kazandra Cooper, Swain, 1:06.81
- 2 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 1:09.85
- 3 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 1:13.84

800M Run

- 1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 2:47.20
- 2 – Khloe Mayfield, Andrews, 2:59.91
- 3 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 3:05.66
- 6 – Savannah Hornbuckle, Cherokee, 3:14.80
- 8 – Janessa Owle, Cherokee, 3:17.58
- 9 – Phoebe Littlejohn, Cherokee, 3:19.85
- 14 – Khrystyna Armachain, Cherokee, 3:39.86
- 17 – Viola Williams, Cherokee, 3:59.17

1600M Run

- 1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 6:05.65
- 2 – Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 6:46.40
- 3 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 6:53.07

100M Hurdles

- 1 – Alaya Fuller, Swain, 20.81
- 2 – Mattie Mustin, Andrews, 21.31
- 3 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 21.32

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Andrews, 59.29
- 2 – Cherokee, 1:00.29
- 3 – Swain, 1:03.28

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee, 2:03.68
- 2 – Andrews, 2:05.20
- 3 – Swain, 2:10.32

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee, 4:56.76
- 2 – Swain, 5:07.29
- 3 – Andrews, 5:22.94

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee, 11:34.59
- 2 – Swain, 12:06.49
- 3 – Andrews, 13:09.25

High Jump

- 1 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 4-02
- 2 – Maddie Izquierdo, Swain, 4-00
- 3 – Anna Plantenburg, Swain, 3-10

Long Jump

- 1 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 14-10
- 2 – Juliet Holloway, Andrews, 14-01.50
- 3 – Soriah Cortes, Andrews, 12-10
- 4 – Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 12-06.50
- 10 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 11-09
- 12 – Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 11-06

Triple Jump

- 1 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 30-09.50
- 2 – Malyiah Carey, Swain, 27-00
- 3 – Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 24-05

Pole Vault

- 1 – Sophia Darnell, Swain, 5-00
- 2 – Madison Riley, Swain, 4-06

Discus Throw

- 1 – Lily Millsaps, Swain, 80-00
- 2 – Brianna Teesateskie, Cherokee, 75-01
- 3 – Laylah Thompson, Cherokee, 73-08
- 6 – Kiarra Caley, Cherokee, 62-03
- 7 – Roxy Solis, Cherokee, 59-03

Shot Put

- 1 – Maia Lane, Cherokee, 30-04
- 2 – Brylee Shuler, Swain, 29-04
- 3 – Eleanor Smith, Cherokee, 26-06
- 4 – Laylah Thompson, Cherokee, 26-06
- 6 – Jayla Pheasant, Cherokee, 23-09
- 8 – Briann Teesateskie, Cherokee, 22-10



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TRACK & FIELD

Cherokee participates in meet at Hayesville

One Feather Staff Report

HAYESVILLE, N.C. – The Cherokee High School (CHS) track team participated in a multi-school meet at Hayesville High School on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 17. Team scores were not available. Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top three finishers in each event and all CHS finishers:

Men's Events

100M Dash

- 1 – Zeke Glaspie, Swain, 11.56
- 2 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 11.79
- 3 – Kaden Sawyer, Swain, 11.94
- 4 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 11.96
- 10 – Jonathan Saylor, Cherokee, 12.49

200M Dash

- 1 – Keyanthae Graham, Swain, 23.24
- 2 – Cale Harger, Murphy, 23.91

- 3 – Elio Murillo, Hayesville, 24.02
- 5 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 24.35
- 14 – Reggie Hyatt, Cherokee, 28.09
- 15 – Zackary Seay, Cherokee, 28.12

400M Dash

- 1 – Seth Leek, Hayesville, 54.54
- 2 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 54.65
- 3 – Nathan Frederick, Robbinsville, 54.97
- 10 – Will Ellwood, Cherokee, 1:00.46
- 16 – Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 1:18.48

800M Run

- 1 – Abhi Patel, Swain, 2:03.11
- 2 – Kane Jones, Swain, 2:03.68
- 3 – Connor Brown, Swain, 2:10.36
- 4 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:10.62
- 8 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 2:21.44
- 13 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 2:35.76

1600M Run

- 1 – Connor Brown, Swain, 4:41.55
- 2 – Carl Baird, Swain, 4:44.14
- 3 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 4:50.65
- 21 – Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 7:29.70

3200M Run

- 1 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 10:32.82

- 2 – Noah Carter, Hayesville, 11:04.07
- 3 – Jackson Dye, Hayesville, 11:32.63

110M Hurdles

- 1 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 15.84
- 2 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 16.60
- 3 – Darion Ledbetter, Robbinsville, 18.44

300M Hurdles

- 1 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 42.77
- 2 – Will Shore, Murphy, 44.95
- 3 – Kenyon Swimmer, Robbinsville, 45.52

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Swain, 44.33
- 2 – Hayesville 45.30
- 3 – Murphy 46.05
- 5 – Cherokee A, 48.07
- 8 – Cherokee B, 55.14

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Swain, 1:32.02
- 2 – Hayesville, 1:34.25
- 3 – Murphy, 1:35.23
- 7 – Cherokee, 1:58.07

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Robbinsville, 3:41.06
- 2 – Hayesville, 3:41.15



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Chase Crowe, a father of 8, died by gun violence on Feb. 25, 2022.

Rider Lucas Sneed was taken into custody on Feb. 26, 2022 and charged with Homicide in the Second Degree. The case is pending.

“He is missed very much. He is always missed.” -Adelia Crowe, daughter of Chase Crowe

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3 – Swain, 3:41.28

4x800M Relay

1 – Swain, 8:51.21

2 – Hayesville, 9:05.63

3 – Cherokee, 9:13.31

High Jump

1 – Logan Shuler, Andrews, 6-02

2 – Kasen Mitchell, Highlands, 6-00

3 – Tillman Adams, Robbinsville, 5-10

11 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 5-00

Long Jump

1 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 19-02

2 – Cale Harger, Murphy, 17-11.50

3 – Josh Collins, Swain, 17-08

14 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 14-05.50

19 – Xavier Sanchez, Cherokee, 12-11

Triple Jump

1 – Samuel Preston, Andrews, 42-04.50

2 – Jack Teesateskie, Cherokee, 38-02

3 – Josh Collins, Swain, 38-00

13 – Xavier Sanchez, Cherokee, 28-00

Pole Vault

1 – Evan Hall, Swain, 11-06

2 – Tillman Adams, Robbinsville, 11-00

3 – Duncan Brown, Swain, 11-00

Discus Throw

1 – Nse Uffort, Swain, 164-02

2 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 122-00

3 – Isaac Collins, Robbinsville, 121-08

14 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 76-06

Shot Put

1 – Nse Uffort, Swain, 56-07

2 – Taylor McClure, Hayesville, 46-00.75

3 – Isaac Collins, Robbinsville, 42-11

4 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 40-05.25

9 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 36-08.75

Women's Events

100M Dash

1 – Kylie Donaldson, Andrews, 13.34

2 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 13.80

3 – Marlee Hicks, Swain, 13.94

Wheelchair 100M Dash

1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 45.98

200M Dash

1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 26.59

2 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 26.99

3 – Ava Shook, Hayesville, 28.23

14 – Deanna Long, Cherokee, 33.63

15 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 37.10

400M Dash

1 – Corinne Cotton, Murphy, 1:01.88

2 – Ava Shook, Hayesville, 1:03.75

3 – Katie-Lynn Gross, Robbinsville, 1:08.41

800M Run

1 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:20.15

2 – Annie Lewis, Swain, 2:21.30

3 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 2:27.26

1600M Run

1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 5:10.13

2 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 5:17.60

3 – Angelian Lomelli, Swain, 5:20.65

3200M Run

1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 11:08.72

2 – Angelina Lomelli, Swain, 11:39.86

3 – Annie Lewis, Swain, 12:05.86

100M Hurdles

1 – Melani Linton, Swain, 17.00

2 – Kaiya Ellis, Andrews, 18.17

3 – Briley Clampitt, Hayesville, 19.05

300M Hurdles

1 – Melani Linton, Swain, 48.61

2 – Mya Burrows-Kurr, Swain, 53.62

3 – Chasity Jones, Robbinsville, 55.29

4x100M Relay

1 – Andrews, 55.04

2 – Robbinsville, 55.54

3 – Murphy, 56.64

5 – Cherokee, 59.81

4x200M Relay

1 – Swain, 1:56.54

2 – Murphy, 1:56.81

3 – Robbinsville, 1:59.20

4x400M Relay

1 – Swain, 4:37.49

2 – Hayesville, 4:47.95

3 – Tri-County Early College, 5:07.10

4x800M Relay

1 – Swain, 10:06.02

2 – Hayesville, 11:17.41

3 – Swain, 11:36.29

High Jump

1 – Gracie Sutton, Swain, 5-02

2 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 5-00

3 – Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 5-00

6 – Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 4-08

9 – Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 4-04

Long Jump

1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 16-04

2 – Kylie Donaldson, Andrews, 15-03.50

3 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 14-09.50

5 – Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 13-09

8 – Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 12-03

10 – Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 11-10

Triple Jump

1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 38-02

2 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 33-08

3 – Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 33-04

Pole Vault

1 – Alden Thomas, Swain, 10-00

2 – Carden Oetting, Swain, 9-06

3 – Hannah Wingate, Swain, 8-06

Discus Throw

1 – Joscelyn Stamper, Cherokee, 107-04

2 – Lily Trout, Hayesville, 98-02

3 – Aiden Smith, Murphy, 86-05

15 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 60-09

20 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 51-02

Shot Put

1 – Samantha Woodard, Swain, 35-11

2 – Joscelyn Stamper, Cherokee, 32-03.25

3 – Alexis Beasley, Andrews, 31-05.50

20 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 18-06.50



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Cherokee's Jamee McMillan, left, works the ball in the midfield as Swain County's Rose Carson defends as the Cherokee Lady Braves hosted the Swain Co. Lady Maroon Devils at the Cherokee High School Soccer Field on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 16. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



SOCCER: Cherokee 2 Hayesville 0

With goals by Letsi Burgos, shown celebrating her goal above, and Jamee McMillan, the Cherokee Lady Braves defeated the Hayesville Lady Yellow Jackets 2-0 in a match played at the Cherokee High School Soccer Field on the afternoon of Thursday, April 18. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



TRIBAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN MENTAL HEALTH TIPS

Get Creative: Research shows that art can help with processing emotions and managing mental health conditions. Getting creative can also improve confidence and reduce the symptoms of anxiety and depression. Some individuals may enjoy learning a new instrument or joining a local choir. Spending time drawing or painting can also help get the creative juices flowing. Photography, sewing, and creative writing are other possible avenues for creative expression.



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Buttermilk Farms Antiques & Auction holds ribbon cutting

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

BRYSON CITY, N.C. - On the morning of Friday, April 12, Buttermilk Farms Antiques & Auction, owned by Susan Dixon Leading Fox, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), held a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening celebration for their new location in the Valley Village Shopping Center of Bryson City, N.C. The antique store also celebrates their 9th anniversary in business, and their one-year anniversary as an auction.

“This is our open house. We were hoping to have a grand opening last year when we moved to this location, which is our new location, but there was so much work to be done in here that we never got around to the grand opening,” Leading Fox said. The store moved from Main Street of Bryson City to the Valley Village Shopping Center, and the business made some new additions as well, including opening an auction.

“March was our ninth anniversary. It’s also the one-year anniversary that we started the auction. That’s one of the reasons I moved. I was downtown for seven years on Main Street and we were busting at the seams with nowhere to expand and start the auction,” she said.

Auctions are held on the first and third Saturday of every month starting at 4pm. The store itself is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“We had like six dealers, and now we have 13 dealer booths. We also added the walk-in humidor where we sell cigars, which is fabulous. We added mercantile, which



Susan Dixon Leading Fox (middle) cuts the ribbon at the grand opening celebration of Buttermilk Farms Antique & Auction in Bryson City on April 12.(BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

is new, and we’re trying to find more locally sourced foods that we can sell. We also got a honey person, so we’re going to start carrying honey,” Leading Fox said.

The shop also holds a unique collection of Cherokee baskets, pottery, and wood carvings. “We have a lot of enrolled members that come down here and shop and support us. We carry some nice baskets, carvings on occasion, pottery when we can find it, and things like that,” she said.

“Everybody needs to come down and check it out.”

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Buttermilk Farms Antiques & Auction boasts 13 dealer booths at their new location.





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Health and safety-related home improvements. Health and safety items may include but are not limited to:

- *Mold assessments and remediation
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7	- \$68,130
8	- \$75,840

TERO Training Center Report

Submitted by EBCI Tribal Employment Rights Office

Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) instructors have been providing classroom training during the first quarter of 2024 on various topics to help our Tribal members develop the skills needed to enter the workforce.

Southwestern Community College (SCC) partnered with TERO to present Forklift operator training in March 2024. This class included classroom instruction as well as hands-on forklift operation. Cherokee Bottled Water assisted with both forklift operator classes by lending its equipment.

Janet Arch leads Flagger training so credentials may be earned to work with highway contractors and others to safely flag traffic during construction projects. Janet led OSHA-

10 safety classes for individuals who work for construction companies, and OSHA-30 for supervisors, managers, construction contractors, and business owners/TERO vendors. These classes are presented to the public, and Tribal employees or employees of Tribal entities as needed.

In partnership with Southwestern Community College, TERO is pleased that Facilities Maintenance classes are available. These classes provide instruction in basic trade practices to prepare students to enter the workforce or to enhance their current skills. The course scope includes basic construction math, blueprint comprehension, plumbing, carpentry, electrical, power tools, hand tools, and safety including OSHA-10, Flagger, CPR/AED, and Forklift certification. The class instructor is an enrolled member, Taylor Davis of Yellowhill.

Julie Howard provides training in Microsoft Office products such as Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Pivot Tables, and Forms. She retired from Tribal IT a few years ago after serving as the trainer for Tribal employees, and she has

extensive experience as an instructor. Basic computer operation and instructions were provided to Snowbird employees for the first three months of 2024, as well.

Soft skills training using Charlotte Works Working Smart curriculum has been taught to classes in Cherokee and Snowbird. The modules in this course are spread out over four to six weeks and include dealing with stress, personal reactions in the workplace, employer expectations, and communication, among others. There are four TERO employees certified to train soft skills under this curriculum.

The TERO Training Center is available for classes and may be reserved by calling Gerri Grady, training coordinator, (828) 359-6365 or by emailing gerrgrad@ebci-nsn.gov.



An advertisement for radio station WFSC. At the top, there is a large red diamond graphic with the text "104.9FM WFSC 1050AM" in blue and white. Below this, the text "The Smokies classic hits station" is written in a bold, black font. At the bottom, it says "Tell It & Sell It 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Weekdays". The background of the ad is a close-up of a large, clear, faceted diamond.

An advertisement for the Cherokee Boys Club Employee of the Month award. At the top, it says "Cherokee Boys Club Employee of the Month April 2024". Below this, there is a photograph of two men standing together; one is presenting a framed certificate to the other. The text describes the recipient, Jay Swimmer, as the sole Fuel Delivery Operator at the Cherokee Boys Club Fuel Delivery Department. It highlights his outstanding work, including providing fuel delivery services to all tribal and local businesses year-round, and serving tribal Elders/Family Support clients during the winter months. The text concludes by stating that Jay delivered over 76,650 gallons of fuel to more than 150 customers during the busiest fuel month. At the bottom, the Cherokee Boys Club address and phone number are listed: "Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC. 28719 828-497-9101".



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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

Murdered 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.

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NATIONAL PARK NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS


Great Smoky Mountains National Park and partners to expand adaptive programs in 2024

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—The National Park Service (NPS), in partnership with Catalyst Sports, Knox County, Kampgrounds of America Foundation, and Friends of the Smokies, is pleased to announce the expansion of adaptive ranger-led programs in 2024. Using assistive technology, the ranger-led programs are designed for visitors of all abilities and their families to learn about the natural and cultural history of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.


“We strive to create equal and accessible experiences for visitors

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Helper of Young Men



Ray Kinsland (1935-2019) was a staple in the Cherokee community and was an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. His Cherokee name was Di-sde-li-sgi-a-ni-wi-ni which translates into English as “Helper of Young Men”.

Instrumental in starting the Cherokee Boys Club, Kinsland served as its general manager for 53 years. On his retirement day, Oct. 1, 2011, he noted, “I just thank the Lord and the Cherokee people for giving the blessing and opportunity live here and to work here. It’s great to see how this Tribe has grown and has been able to take problems and turn them into opportunities.”

He received numerous awards during his lifetime including the Frell Owl Award, the Citizen of the Year Award from the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, the Unsung Hero Award from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine from the State of North Carolina among many others. The football stadium at Cherokee Central School is named in his honor as is the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute.

Source: Cherokee One Feather

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Kings (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 6, which one of the seven “deacons” did great wonders and miracles among the people? *Nicanor, Philip, Timon, Stephen*
3. What apostle was a disciple of John the Baptist when Jesus recruited him? *Andrew, Simon Peter, Thomas, James*
4. From Revelation 6, what color was the sun when it became like a sackcloth of hair? *Red, Black, White, Green*
5. Who was Saul of Tarsus waiting for while he fasted three days in Damascus? *Darius, Zenas, Ananias, Apollo*
6. From Isaiah 63:2, what color garments does the Lord wear? *Purple, Red, White, Gold*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Stephen, 3) Andrew, 4) Black, 5) Ananias, 6) Red

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of all abilities in Great Smoky Mountains National Park,” said Superintendent Cassius Cash. “And we are thrilled to work with our partners to expand the adaptive programs and offer off-road wheelchairs.”

Expanding on the adaptive programs offered in Great Smoky Mountains National Park for the first time in 2023, this year’s lineup includes three opportunities for hiking, two for biking, one for kayaking and one overnight camping trip:

- June 8-9: Hiking Cooper Rd Trail and camping at backcountry campsite #1
- June 22: Kayaking from Fontana Marina
- July 13: Hiking at Hazel Creek Hike/Boat Tour
- Sept. 7: Hiking at Bradley Fork Trail

- Sept. 14: Biking at Deep Creek Trail
- Sept. 15: Biking at Forge Creek Road
- Oct. 5: Hiking at Middle Prong Trail or Little River Trail

Register for the programs and find more information at Catalyst Sports, a non-profit organization that provides outdoor adventures for people with physical disabilities. Registration is required to ensure equipment and volunteers are available for the programs. Registered participants are welcome to bring their own adaptive equipment. Information about volunteering can be found below.

“These programs connect individuals with nature, promoting environmental awareness and stewardship. Expanding offerings and experiences will enhance inclusion for all,” said Eric Gray,

CEO of Catalyst Sports.

Outside of the scheduled programs, four GRIT Freedom Chairs, a type of off-road wheelchair, will be available for visitors to check out and use on park trails evaluated for the equipment, like the Little River trails or Deep Creek trails.

The programs and GRIT Freedom Chairs were made possible through the generous support of Friends of the Smokies, Campgrounds of America Foundation and National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF).

Serving as the philanthropic partner of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Friends of the Smokies raises money to support special park projects, including accessibility initiatives, education opportunities, historic preservation and wildlife manage-

ment.

Would you like to volunteer for the adaptive programs?

The NPS is expanding opportunities for visitors of all abilities with the help of volunteers. Accessibility Awareness and Adaptive Equipment Training is required before volunteering with the adaptive programs. The NPS will offer volunteer training with Knox County and Catalyst Sports on Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sugarlands Visitor Center Training Room, near the Gatlinburg entrance to the park. This volunteer position requires moderate to high fitness levels.

To register to volunteer, contact Katherine Corrigan at katherine_corrigan@nps.gov.

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COMMENTARY

Blessed are the caregivers

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
Tutiya (Snowbird)

“Getting old ain’t for sissies.” This is a statement that you will hear frequently among the older generation, and it refers to many of the challenges of getting older. As we age, things change for us inside and out. Physically, our bones, muscles, and internal organs begin to wear and deteriorate. It starts happening sooner than most of us think (or want to think). WebMD says, “It’s natural to lose about 10 percent to 15 percent of your muscle mass and

strength over your lifetime. This steady decline starts around age 30 and speeds up after you hit 60.”

From personal experience and observation, maintaining and growing muscle and strength is an uphill battle as we age, the only thing that we easily seem to grow in later years is fat (and maybe wrinkly skin).

The team at the National Institute on Aging (nia.nih.gov) says, “The biological aging process isn’t steady and appears to accelerate periodically—with the greatest bursts coming, on average, around ages 34, 60, and 78.” I just thought I would give you all some benchmarks to look forward to. I don’t want to hoard all the inspiring information for myself.

To add to the merriment, the Population Reference Bureau (prb.org) gives the joyful statistic, “On average, people in the United States are happiest and most satisfied with their lives

when they’re young, experience a decline in both metrics in their 40s (often called a mid-life crisis), and then rebound in their 60s.”

I am still waiting for my rebound at nearly four years into the 60s.

Time catches up with us all. Whether we can delay it with medicine, fitness regimens, facelifts, tummy tucks, or herb plasters on our bodies, eventually we will deal with the effects of aging. Any number of maladies can advance us to a place where we are physically and mentally challenged to continue the life quality that we are accustomed to. We start to slow down. And the slow-down process, for the most part, does not compute with you and me. I have heard it said, and I say it myself at times, that we feel like teenagers trapped inside an old body.

There is an old joke that floats around social media that says, “I get up every morning,

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look in the mirror, and wonder where that old guy who is staring back at me came from.” Yet another goes, “I went to my class reunion and could not believe the number of old people in my graduating class.”

And because our minds are trapped in those aging vessels, it can sometimes be difficult to determine when it is time to consider changes in our way of life to accommodate our well-being and the well-being of those around us. “The number of Americans over the age of 65 is projected to more than double in the next forty years, increasing from 40.2 million in 2010 to 88.5 million in 2050. It will become increasingly important to understand the cognitive changes that accompany aging, both normal and pathologic. Although dementia and mild cognitive impairment are both common, even those who do not experience these conditions may experience subtle cognitive changes associated with aging. These normal cognitive changes are important to understand because, first, they can affect an older adult’s day-to-day function and, second, they can help us distinguish normal from disease states.” (National Library of Medicine).

Aging and declining health are tough to deal with on an individual level. Things and functions that have been routine for decades, now have to be evaluated and measured if we are going to maintain our quality of life. When do we stop driving because our skills and faculties have diminished to the point that we may injure ourselves or someone else? When do we build a ramp to enter our homes because our balance is not what it used to be and a fall from a set of steps might mean a trip to the emergency room and joint

surgery? When do we move into an apartment because the living space we have built and loved over the years is just too much for us to physically do cleaning and upkeep? When do we seek assisted living because we can no longer do some of the basic functions needed in daily life?

The truth is many of us will struggle along for as long as we possibly can before making any of these decisions. And many times, it takes a catastrophic episode to push us into making that decision. A moment of distraction or disorientation on a busy highway that causes an accident makes us, hopefully, understand the time has come to give up driving. A tumble down the steps lands us in surgery for a hip replacement and forces us to admit that we need a handicapped ramp. Or we sit in our homes with growing piles of “stuff” that we have accumulated and continue to accumulate because we don’t have the energy to do anything about them forcing us to consider making a residence change. And, many times, even catastrophes will not make us budge from our dangerous lifestyles because we love our freedom and independence so much.

We fail to see the impact of our actions on others when this time comes as well. I spoke with a friend recently who described the golden years of his parents. He talked about how difficult it was to watch his fiercely independent father, refuse help in the care of his mother, who had extreme cognitive and mobility issues. The father, barely able to care for himself, pushed himself to the limit addressing the mother’s needs. No need for detail here. I think we all understand the challenges of caregiving for an infirm person from day to day. The son said the father

tried to take care of the mother until she passed. By that time, the father was so infirm that he had to submit to full-time nursing care. He said his father passed a short time later. My friend carries a load of guilt as he looks back on that situation with his parents, wondering if and how he should have dealt with his parents differently, even if they hated him for making decisions for them.

Whether a family member, friend, a paid or volunteer caregiver, the burden they accept in taking care of the aging and infirm is enormous. In some cases, they may be taking care of people that they once knew as vibrant, energetic, and independent. They may be loved ones whom we must watch decline, sometimes to a place where we are strangers to them in their minds. The mental burden extends into our day-to-day lives. Others may not be able to spend time with us because we are needed to care for someone else. We struggle to incorporate the duty to give care to the elderly into our lives, and our lives seem so full that we cannot spare a moment for ourselves and feel guilty when we try. We feel pressure from our wives, husbands, children, and other family members. They want a piece of our time too, but by the end of a caregiver’s day, there may not be enough day left to spare for anyone else.

The calls for help aren’t always at convenient times, sometimes coming in the dead of night. It can mean cleaning clothes and sheets, giving baths, and cleaning floors and walls. It may be making sure doses of medication get taken on time and calming a disoriented elder to reassure them that things are right and normal. Sometimes the duty of a caregiver is simply to hold a hand or give a hug to let an

elder know that they are not alone in this strange and scary phase of life.

Even if you haven’t had the privilege of being a caregiver, I would encourage you to visit people and places that provide care for those who are at the stage of life where they need someone. Two reasons pop into mind. When I make trips up to Tsali Manor, the staff and volunteers who minister to our elder community give me hope for that day when I may need someone to get me through the day. The staff at places like Tsali Manor in Cherokee, Silver Bluff in Haywood County, and many others where the aged are helped to maintain a good, if not great, quality of life are blessed individuals. I watch them as they address the needs of the elder community, create activities for these individuals to be a part of, be engaged in, and encourage them to interact. And there is movement and laughter. There is joy and happiness. And most of all there is purpose and a sense of that independence that many of those elders might have thought they had lost forever. Caregivers give gifts that might cost them a great personal price, but the results of their efforts are priceless.



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MMIW is not a competition

By BROOKLYN BROWN

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

When I started working at the Cherokee One Feather in October 2023, an immediate goal of mine was to create recurring graphics and articles on the MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women) movement, specifically as it relates to the Qualla Boundary.

I first learned about the MMIW movement as a student at UNC Chapel Hill. Faith Danielle Hedgepeth, a 19-year-old UNC student, was brutally murdered in 2012 in her off-campus apartment.

In 2016, I became a freshman at UNC, and quickly joined the Carolina Indian Circle (CIC), the Native American student group on campus. During my sophomore year, I also joined the oldest and largest Native American sorority, Alpha Pi Omega Sorority, Inc. I learned that Faith was my sorority sister, and she was also a part of CIC. We walked the same paths at UNC. She, like me and so many other Indigenous women, was a young person just trying to find community and make it at Carolina. She lost her life to a senseless act of violence, and now CIC and Alpha Pi Omega hold vigils in her remembrance.

After I graduated from UNC, I attended Western Carolina University (WCU) and received a Master of Arts in History on the Cherokee Studies track. At the time, Sky Sampson was the director of the WCU Cherokee Center. Sky, who continues to be a mentor and inspiration to me in her new role



Cherokee women and girls stand in the fields of Kituwah just before dusk for MMIW. (Photo courtesy of Ashley Evans, WCU Senior Photographer)

as the EBCI Secretary of Community, Education, and Recreation, was a strong advocate for MMIW awareness at WCU. She helped implement an MMIW exhibit at the Bardo Arts Center on campus, which featured photographs and art from the MMIW photoshoot she orchestrated at Kituwah.

That MMIW photoshoot was incredibly powerful. Anyone who was a part of that photoshoot, from photographers Dylan Rose and Ashley Evans to the 40+ people who participated, can testify as to how powerful that experience was. We met at Kituwah in the evening, right before dusk. The sun set into the mountains while we stood in the fields. We wore red paint on our faces, red ribbon skirts and shirts. There were Cherokee women and girls—generations of Cherokee women who knew what it meant that we were still standing there, amongst the graves of the women who had

stood there before us.

It was after that photoshoot that the Qualla Boundary MMIW NC Chapter Coalition was formed by the leadership of Cherokee elder Loretta Bolden and continues with the leadership of Elvia Walkingstick and Atsei Cooper. Cherokee also boasts a MMIW podcast, “We Are Resilient,” created by Ahli-sha Stephens, Maggie Jackson and Sheyahshe Little-dave. We are lucky to have a solid MMIW movement community in Cherokee.

With that said, I’ve seen some bizarre arguments taking place online surrounding MMIW. There is a push right now on a national level for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) or Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR). I agree with highlighting MMIP/MMIR. Indigenous lives matter, no matter the gender. Still, Indigenous women and girls experience violence and

murder at a disproportionate rate. Is it a...competition? It seems to be portrayed that way currently. There are also “competitions” being waged between missing and murdered Indigenous people in general, which is the grossest thing I’ve seen.

Violence against Indigenous people is not gender specific, but it is gender disproportionate. Violence against Native men is violence against Native women. Violence against Native women is violence against Native men. Violence against Native people is violence against Native people. While we discuss semantics, our people are being killed. The goal of the movement is not attention, it is awareness. Awareness for all Indigenous communities. My goal, in my corner of the woods, is to bring awareness for our community, as is the goal, I’m sure, of the MMIW movement here on the Qualla Boundary. Join us.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Control yourself (Part 1 of 2)

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed. D.
excerpt from "Preacher Spurs"
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Scripture References: Romans
8:38-39, Matthew 5:28, Matthew
13:3-9

I have seen most of you after the invitation to the altar has been made; it looks like everyone is saved. That's good. I'm in good company. You may not know everything about me, and I may not know all and everything about you, but we have eternity together to make up for that. By the way, now that we are all saved, when does eternity start? We are eternal right now. Ever thought about that?

Why don't we act like we are saved by Christ all the time? Christ saves us from sin by His grace, cleansed by His blood, right? We should be living a Kingdom life. I mean, you can't kill a Christian - did you know that? We will never die! This earthly body will go to a grave, to dust, but I will live eternally. So, all you can do to me on this earth is change my address. Right?

What do I have to fear being a Christian? I don't have to be tough enough - I have Christ; he's tough enough. I'm His Son, and He's, my Father. Who shall I fear? I wasn't saved to be silent. But I know a few things not everyone is going to tell you.

First off, I'm possessed. Romans 8:38-39 says so. Many places in the Bible assure me of my Salvation, but that's my favorite. The Holy Spirit has me, and nothing can separate me from His love and that possession He holds on me. NOTHING - can separate

His love for me - NOTHING - Not even me.

Secondly, even though I'm saved and possessed by God, I still sin. I do! I admit it. Like Paul, I hate it when I do that, but it still happens when I'm weak, and I ask God to forgive me and help me not to sin anymore. I found a key to help me not sin. And it works.

As Jesus spoke in Galilee, Matthew 5:28, I firmly believe that if you think about doing sin, like adultery, the Lord knows your heart, and He can see your mind, and you have already sinned. My reaction to hearing that the first time was, "That is totally not fair! I just thought about it. I didn't do it. I just kind of had a little fantasy, and hey, no harm, no foul, I didn't do nothing." So, follow me down

this rabbit trail for a minute.

It's all in your head. If you've been a Christian for a while, you've heard the parable of Jesus when he talked about scattering seeds on fertile ground. Preachers, teachers, and evangelists all love that parable. So let me read it to you from Matthew 13:3-9.

Consider how the devil works just like that, too.

I could even rewrite those verses about Satan. Watch.

Satan's 13 - Behold, Satan went forth to sow; and as he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the Angels came and devoured them: and others fell upon places, where Jesus was the Rock and Foundation: and straightway they dissipated when the Son arose, and they were scorched because

they had no root, they withered away. And others fell upon the church; and righteousness grew up and choked them: and others fell upon the wicked fertile soil in thoughtless minds, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He that hath ears, let him hear.

If you give thought to evil and sin in that dark, dirty place you call your mind, that's where Satan finds fertile soil to provide action in making you sin. That's right, and who do you think sows those seeds? Dirty movies, hate, revenge, murder, TV, porn, the Internet, and some advertising all come through your eyes and ears! So be careful little eyes, what you see.



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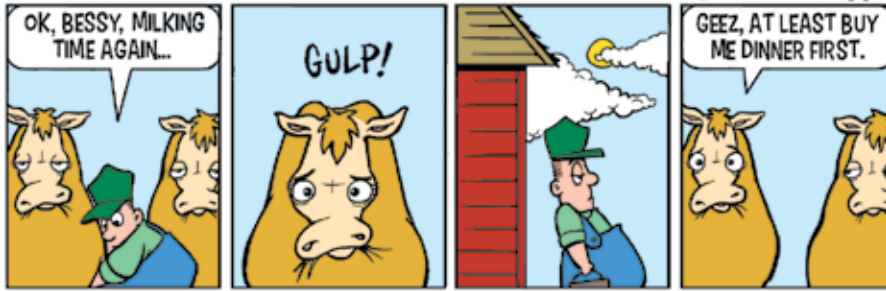
Can the papyrus grow up without a marsh? Can the reeds flourish without water? While it is yet green and not cut down, it withers before any other plant. So are the paths of all who forget God...

JOB 8:11-13

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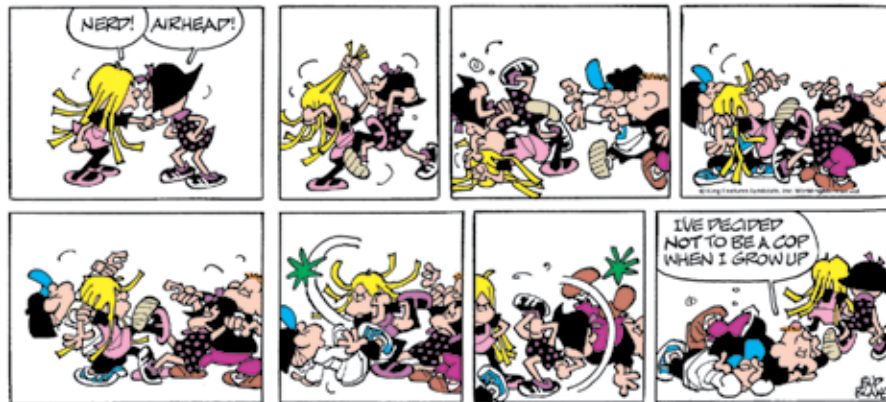
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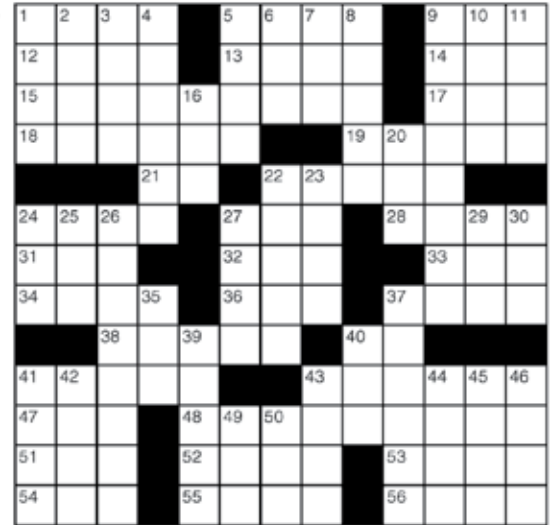
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- 1 "House" actor Omar
- 5 Nick and Nora's dog
- 9 Mountain pass
- 12 Mend socks
- 13 "- to differ!"
- 14 Flamenco cheer
- 15 Marmaduke, for one
- 17 Allow
- 18 Realm
- 19 Protuberances
- 21 French article
- 22 Filled fully
- 24 Gear teeth
- 27 Understood
- 28 Hoodwink
- 31 Scary cry
- 32 Flying saucer
- 33 Perch
- 34 Attempt
- 36 Knock
- 37 School support orgs.
- 38 Object (to)
- 40 Battery size
- 41 Ibsen's Gabler
- 43 Golfer Sorenstam
- 47 Land in la mer
- 48 Bruce Springsteen hit
- 51 JFK regulator
- 52 "Her" actress Rooney



- 53 Taj Mahal site
- 54 Unwell
- 55 Melville mariner
- 56 Detergent
- 9 Pricey powder
- 10 Sheltered
- 11 Favorites
- 16 Three, in Rome
- 20 British ref. work
- 22 To date
- 23 Perched on
- 24 "NCIS" aier
- 25 Sound of delight
- 26 Bargain
- 27 Mentor
- 29 Zadora of "Hairspray"
- 30 Roswell visitors
- 35 Slugger Williams
- 37 Bamboo eaters
- 39 Molten rock
- 40 Some
- 41 LP player
- 42 Israeli airline
- 43 Basra resident
- 44 Shakespeare villain
- 45 Actress Sedgwick
- 46 Pronto
- 49 -di-dah
- 50 Mouths (Lat.)

DOWN

- 1 Rim
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- 3 Ready, as for surgery
- 4 Slowpokes
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by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



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Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: What are the names of the four sisters in "Little Women"?
2. U.S. STATES: Which northeastern state has a desert?
3. MOVIES: Which long-running movie series features the character Legolas?
4. ANATOMY: What does the lacrimal gland produce?
5. GEOGRAPHY: Ellesmere Island belongs to which nation?
6. SCIENCE: Which of the human senses is most closely related to memory?
7. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "ad meliora" mean?
8. TELEVISION: Which TV sitcom features a mom named Rainbow Johnson?
9. THEATER: Who wrote the play "A Little Night Music"?
10. MUSIC: Which alternative rock band went by the name of The Warlocks before becoming famous?

Trivia Test Answers

1. Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy; 2. The 40-acre Desert of Maine; 3. "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" trilogies; 4. Tears; 5. Canada; 6. Smell; 7. "Toward better things"; 8. "Black-ish"; 9. Stephen Sondheim; 10. The Grateful Dead.

HAPPENINGS

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EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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

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

Cherokee High School of 1974 reunion planning meeting. April 30 at 11 a.m. at Qualla Java Coffee Shop in Cherokee, N.C. Come plan, visit, and drink coffee. The reunion is scheduled for Aug. 10 at 5 p.m. at the Tsali Manor picnic area.

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

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

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Night of the Arts. May 9 at 5:30 p.m. Cherokee Central Schools Gallery. Cherokee Middle and High School Art Student Show gallery opening followed by the opening night of Cherokee Central Schools Musical Theatre Department's presentation of "The Addams Family" (see listing below). Light refreshments will be provided during the gallery opening.

Cherokee Central Schools Musical Theatre presents "The Addams Family (School Edition)". May 9 at 7 p.m., May

10 at 7 p.m., and May 11 at 2:30 p.m. at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center in Cherokee, N.C. \$5 general admission.


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


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

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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.

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might do well to reconsider some of your current priorities before you get so deeply involved in one project that you neglect meeting the deadline on another.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) With an important decision looming, you need to be careful about the information you're getting. Half-truths are essentially useless. Get the full story before you act.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Find out what everyone's role is expected to be before accepting a workplace proposal. Getting all the facts now could prevent serious problems later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A flexible position on a workplace matter could be the best course to follow during the next several days. A personal issue also benefits from an open-minded approach.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Involving too many people in your workplace problem can backfire. Remember: Allegiances can shift. Ask trusted colleagues for advice, but don't ask them to take sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Before submitting your suggestions, take more time to sharpen the points that you want to make. The clearer the presentation, the more of a chance it has to get approved when submitted.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your clear sense of who you are gives you the confidence you need for tackling difficult situations.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Stolen Valor, Stolen Benefits

How, one wonders, does something like this happen? How does a civilian collect \$146,000 in VA benefits for allegedly having been wounded and held a prisoner of war in Iraq when he's never even served in the military?

It's one thing to walk around with fake military medals pinned to your chest or to tell tall tales in a bar, but how does all the rest slip by? And for so long?

The story: A civilian has been charged with taking education, health and disability benefits after he claimed to be a Marine who was wounded in combat and held as a prisoner of war in Iraq. He claimed to have been wounded in an IED (improvised explosive device) attack and was then captured. He claimed he'd been awarded the Purple Heart, Prisoner of War medal and several others.

To apply for all those benefits and cash, he would have needed a DD214 as well as other paperwork. To keep from delaying the handing out of benefits and cash, the VA lets veterans use their own documents when they submit applications.

Sometimes people lie and turn in fake documents. Over time he turned in a pile of those fake documents, including the DD214 and certificates for his stack of alleged medals.

But that's where this criminal's story should have fallen apart. I can see accepting a veteran's initial documents to get him started on the benefits, but to let the fraud go on for five long years? Surely someone could have looked up the details to verify the Purple Heart and prisoner of war status? Did no one bother to check to see if he'd even been in the military?

Eventually the criminal got greedy and applied for educational benefits on top of the cash he received each month for his alleged physical injuries, receiving monthly subsistence payments and payments to the university.

If that wasn't enough, he then applied for an increase in the disability payments.

How is it no one spotted this fraud long ago?

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How to Greet Other Dogs on the Street

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I adopted a sweet but somewhat rambunctious little mutt, "Karla," who is about 13 months old. The problem is that she wants to jump and bark at other dogs when we're out for a walk. How can I calm her down? — Jen in Duluth, Georgia

DEAR JEN: Reactivity is natural behavior for a puppy that loves to play with other dogs, but of course, it's not desirable behavior. Jumping and barking can trigger an aggressive response from some dogs, or stress out other dogs. It can scare humans.

Fortunately, it's a behavior that you can moderate with a specific, daily training regime that will teach Karla to stay calm on the leash.

First, gather your tools: A sturdy leash that is about 5 feet long (no retractable leashes allowed), a harness and a pocketful of Karla's favorite treats, cut into tiny pieces. I recommend the harness over a collar because it allows you to strongly control Karla if she starts jumping, without risking an injury to her throat.

Next, teach and reinforce three crucial commands: sit, stay and heel. From the moment you put on Karla's harness and leash, to when you take them off at the end of the walk, she needs to follow your commands. Karla should sit calmly while you attach and remove the leash. During the walk, she should remain next to you, with a little slack in the leash. If she starts to tug ahead, stop, command her to sit and, once she sits, start off again, giving the command "heel."

Keep the training positive, and remember that it will take time and consistency. As she learns what you expect from her, Karla will become a great walking companion.

Readers, how do you keep your dog calm on a walk? Let us know at ask@pawscorner.com.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're doing better on a flexibility issue, but you still need to loosen up a bit to show that you can be less judgmental and more understanding about certain sensitive matters.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your personal aspect continues to dominate this week, but try to make time to deal with important career-linked matters as well. A change of plans might occur by the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Excuses are not really needed for much of the confusion occurring this week. However, explanations from all parties could help in working things out to everyone's satisfaction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A surprising (but pleasant) recent turn of events continues to develop positive aspects. But be prepared for a bit of a jolt on another issue that needs attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss might bring you the attention that you want. But are you prepared for all the explaining you'd have to do? Better to use more subtle ways to make your bid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With education continuing to be a strong factor this week, this could be the time to start learning some new skills that can later be applied to a bid for a potential career move.

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

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

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Lands Committee. April 25 at 9 a.m.

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

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

Work Session on Tabled Res. No. 125 – Financial Reports and Budget Information reported regularly. April 30 at 11 a.m.

Work Session Cannabis. May 7 at 9 a.m.

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 126 – Planning Board would review capital projects that require expenditures of \$50,000 or more. May 7 at 1 p.m.

HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS

Youth Volleyball Fundamental Skills Clinics. April 29 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel Sports and Recreation Complex. May 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Pam Taylor Gym and Community Center. May 14 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel Sports and Recreation Complex. May 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel

Sports and Recreation Complex. Athletes will learn passing, setting, hitting, serving, blocking, and possible introduction to offense, defense, and game play. Clinics are for girls who are entering grades 3-5 for the 2024-25 school year. Register only if you can attend all clinics. Info: (828) 359-6890 or Kelsey Jackson at kelsjackson@ebci-nsn.gov.

Smokey Mountain Elementary Heart of Gold 3K Run and Walk. May 4 at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. Check-in at 8 a.m., race starts at 9 a.m. Cost: \$25 includes t-shirt and race bib; \$20 for 18 and under. All proceeds go to support the American Heart Association and Smokey Mountain Elementary. Info: Coach Graafsma, rgraafsma@jcpsmail.org, (828) 497-5535 ext. 1709

Mother's Day 5K. May 11 at Kituwah. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Walk/run begins at 9 a.m. General fee is \$15 but will increase to \$20 on May 1. \$10 for youth ages 1-12 and elders 59+. Sign up at: <https://runsignup.com/mothersday5K>. Info: Yolanda Saunooke (828) 359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

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

Third Annual Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase. June 7-9 at Truist Park in Atlanta, Ga. The Atlanta Braves will host this third annual event. The top high school baseball players of Native American descent from around North America will participate in a pro-style workout on Saturday, June 8 and a showcase game on Sunday, June 9. Native youth can register at <https://www.mlb.com/braves/community/native-american-community/showcase>. Applications are open through May 30.

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

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

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

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

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

Book Reading by Pamela Volpert. April 27 at 3 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. She will read from her book "The Tribes of the Littles". To order copies of the book in advance, call the store at (828) 586-9499

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.

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City, N.C. Jeff Carpenter will present "Myth and Reality: Discovering the Appalachian Leg-

end of Sasquatch”. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. Attendance at the monthly meetings/programs is free of charge, but donations are appreciated.

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, rogersmoker@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Big Cove Missionary Baptist 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

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p.m. Pastor Ric Eddings 497-2761

Cherokee Bible Church. Olivet Church Road. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Pastor Randy Miller 497-2286

Cherokee Church of Christ. 2350 Old Mission Road and Hwy. 19. Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Every third Sunday they have a fellowship meal to celebrate all the birthdays throughout that month. Everyone is cordially invited for any of the services and meals.

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8 p.m. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. Located behind the Wolfetown Gym. Sunday School: 10 a.m., Sunday worship: 11 a.m., Sunday evening worship: 5 p.m. Wednesday night worship: 6 p.m. Pastor Tim Melton 674-2690

Cherokee United Methodist

Church. Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday night family night starting with dinner at 6 p.m then Bible classes for all ages. Pastor Rob Griffin (828) 582-0564, www.cherokeemission.org

Cherokee Wesleyan Church. Hwy 19 across from Happy Holiday Campground. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Interim Co-Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads. 3501 Hwy. 441, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

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

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

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Con-

ference 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

Upcoming Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Work Sessions in Council House, Cherokee, N.C.

Tuesday, April 30 at 11 a.m.
Tabled Res. No. 125 – Financial Reports and Budget Information reported regularly

Tuesday, May 7 at 9 a.m.
Cannabis Work Session

Tuesday, May 7 at 1 p.m.
Tabled Ord. No. 126 – Planning Board would review capital projects that require expenditures of \$50,000 or more



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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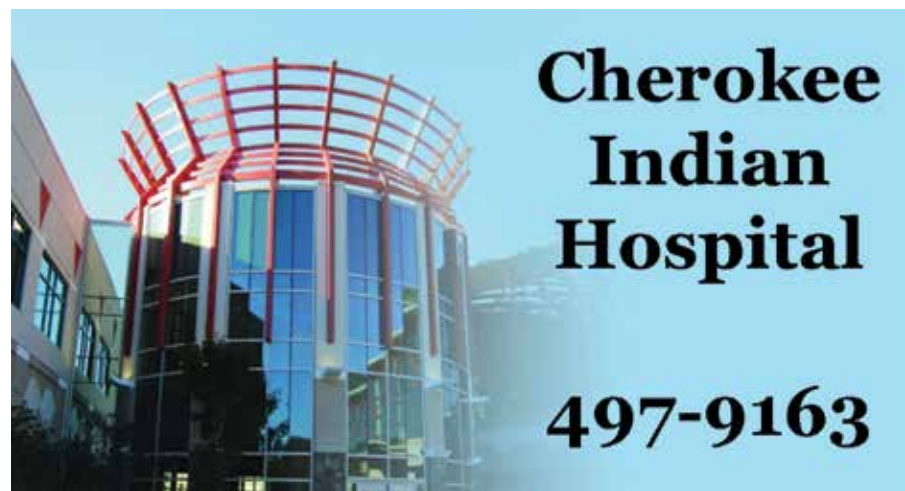
Stephanie Langley will be at EBCI Higher Education Center 810 Aquoni Rd to assist with FAFSA completion from 10-4 April 23 & 24 May 23 & 24

Stephanie Langley
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865-974-4466



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Cherokee Indian Hospital

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LEGAL NOTICES

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 with in 30 days of the first publication of this matter. Upon failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. 5/1
This is the 5th day of April 2024.
Attorney for the Petitioner

Mara Nelson
P.O. Box 521
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-788-2041
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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 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-

MANDARA SPA.

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 Pugh at angieh@mandaraspa.com or 497-8550.

Harrah's CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT

JOB FAIR

When: Thursday, May 2
1pm - 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

EXPLORE JOBS AT HARRAHSCHEROKEEJOBS.COM

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

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Cherokee NC, 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
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of:

Mac Keith Owle

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

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Michelle Owle-Smith
P.O. Box 184
Cherokee, NC 28719
5/15

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-035
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

EARL THOMAS CARROLL

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Earl Thomas Carroll, Jr
P.O. Box 526
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; Horn-

buckle, Joniah; Keel, Aaron; King, Dalericka; Leonardo, Anthony; Lineberry, Jeffrey; Little, Joshua; Locust III, William; Martin, Mary; McCoy, Kyle; O'Donovan, Patrick; Owle Sr., Alfred; Owle, Leigh; Radford, Hunter; Ratcliff, David; Reed, Addie; Reed II, Gary; Riggins, Benjamin; Rivera, Domingo; Robinson, Derrick; Rodriguez, Rivera; Simpson, Sheryl; Smith, Adam; Smith, Heather; Smith, Zackary; Thomas, Avery; Toineeta, Marlene; Tomas, Sergio; Vincint, Gregory; Welch Sr., James; Welch, Anthony; Welch, Thomas; Wolfe, Terry. 5/29

Request for 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@ebei-nsn.gov

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- K-5 Special Education Teacher
- K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- K-5 Teacher Assistant (Multiple)
- School Psychologist
- 9-12 English Teacher
- 9-12 Lifeskills Teacher
- 9-12 Student Support Specialist
- 9-12 Special Education Occupational Course of Study (OCS) Teacher Assistant
- 6-8 Science Teacher
- 6-8 Special Education Teacher
- 6-8 Lifeskills Special Education Teacher Assistant (Self Contained)
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posals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **4/24**

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 speci-

fications 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**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (Sarah Smoker HIP)

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals for the rehab of 1 house located at 33 Sarah Smoker, Cherokee, NC 28719. This project is to restore to new condition. The scope of work will be provided at the site visit. The bid is for labor only. All bids are due by the close of business on May 6th, 2024. Bids are to be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North Carolina, 28719. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Peanut Crowe. Project name, "Sarah Smoker", should be noted in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope. There will be a showing of the property on April 30th, 2024 at 8:30am at the above property. **5/1**

Seeking Proposals

Tribal Natural Resources is seeking proposals from qualified firms to conduct strategic planning for the Tribal Brownfield Grant and office. If interested in more detailed explanation of the scope of work please contact Derek Tahquette with Natural Resources at (828) 359-6141 or by email at johntahq@ebci-nsn.gov. **5/1**

**Request for Proposal
TGC Building Project
Harrah's Cherokee Casino**

Resort is seeking proposals for the Tribal Gaming Commission Building Envelope Water Infiltration issues, the TGC Building is located at 776 Casino Dr., Cherokee NC 28719. This project includes demo, remediation, and restoration of building to new condition. The full scope of work will be provided at the required site visit on Friday May 10th at 9am. The bids are due by May 24th, 2024. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, 777 Casino Drive Cherokee NC 29719, attention David Booth. The TGC Building Project name should be noted in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope. Please note that a TGC Vendor License is required to work for the Casino. Contact David Booth at dbooth@harrahs.com for additional information. **5/1**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPHER

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is looking for a photographer to photograph conference attendees, panel participants, speakers, vendors, and

events during the 2024 Federal Procurement Conference planned for July 30 through August 1, 2024. TERO is requesting proposals from qualified and experienced photographers to photograph conference events and participants over a 3-day period and produce a slideshow to be presented during the final luncheon. The slideshow must be produced in a format that can be emailed to conference attendees and/or that can be saved to a flash drive for distribution to conference attendees.

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

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included in the RFP to Terri Henry, Director-TERO.

Proposals must be received by 05/10/2024 @4:00 PM at which time they shall be opened and evaluated in accordance with tribal procedures. Any proposal received after this time will not be considered. Be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to this solicitation. **5/1**

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

If claiming Indian preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.
Cherokee Boys Club
P.O. Box 507,
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)
-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
AgeLink
-Behavioral Specialists - \$55,000 - \$67,500 per year with benefits
-Behavioral Teacher/Tech - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits
-(3) Teacher Positions - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits
-(2) Summer Intern (OJT) - \$7.50 per hour without benefits
Snowbird
-Behavioral Teacher/Tech - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits
-Teacher Position - \$30,000 - \$47,500 per year with benefits
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CBC - Information Technology
-Summer Intern (OJT) - \$7.50 per hour without benefits

CBC - Shop and Garage
-Parts Counter / Service Writer - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits
-Summer Intern (OJT) - \$7.50 per hour without benefits

CBC - Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKL)
-Jones Bowman Leadership Specialist & RKL Events and Promotions Coordinator - \$40,000 - \$50,000 per year with benefits
-RKL Grant and Fundraising Specialist - \$55,000 - \$67,500 per year with benefits



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

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



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Closing Sunday, April 28, 2024

1. Supervisor (Head Start) – Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
2. Case Aide – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour)
3. Supervisor – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$59,429 - \$74,287)
4. Salesperson (Bottled Water) – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
5. Maintenance Utility Worker – Facility Management – Operations (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour)
6. Manager – Qualla Boundary Public Library – Education (L13 \$48,738 - \$60,923)
7. Office Clerk – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
8. Evidence Technician – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
9. Realty Leasing Specialist (Multiple) – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
10. Land Record Specialist (Multiple) – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)



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Medical Technologist - \$28.68 - \$32.85

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Most Outstanding Thrower

Nse Uffort, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a member of the Swain Co. High School track team, was presented the Buck Buchanan Award for being the Most Outstanding Thrower at the Blue Ridge Classic on Saturday, April 20. He won both the shot put and discus throw events. Uffort is currently the #1 ranked thrower in 1A schools, #2 in all divisions in North Carolina, and holds Top 50 marks in the United States in both events. (Photo contributed)

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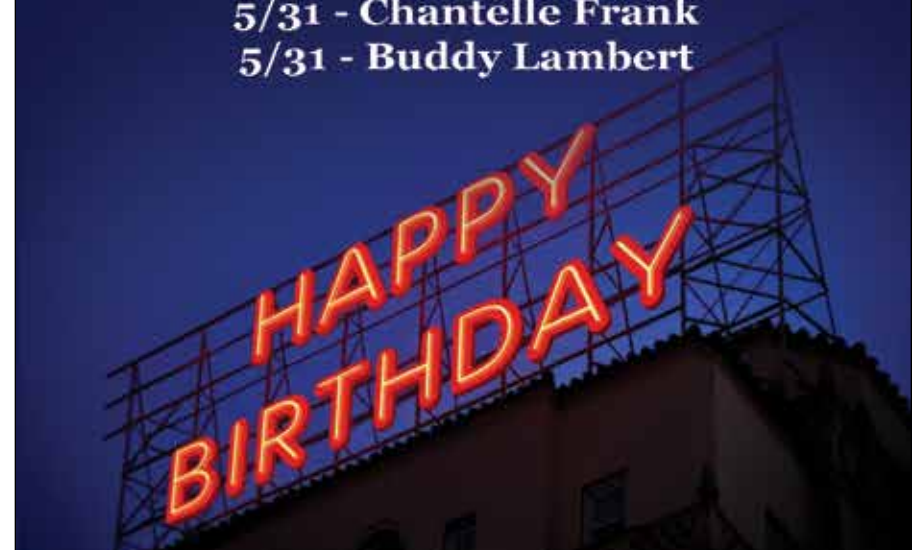
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- 5/2 - Judaiah Littlejohn
- 5/3 - Niyah Taylor
- 5/3 - Gavin Lambert
- 5/3 - Hataya Maney
- 5/4 - Tre Toineeta
- 5/4 - Adam Woodard
- 5/8 - Dre Crowe
- 5/10 - Carla Ballew
- 5/11 - Beloved Woman Ella Bird
- 5/11 - Kimlyn Lambert
- 5/12 - Malchiah Littlejohn
- 5/12 - Sarah Everett
- 5/15 - Champ Maney
- 5/17 - Elliot Bay Myers
- 5/19 - David Wyatt
- 5/19 - Alene Youngdeer
- 5/20 - Boone Brady
- 5/21 - Raven Johnson
- 5/22 - Jess Walkingstick
- 5/24 - Kinley Crowe
- 5/25 - Dempsey Jumper Sr.
- 5/26 - Joe Owle
- 5/27 - Robert Jumper
- 5/28 - Tyler Crowe
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