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# Planning for the future

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approves Executive Committee's Strategic Plan for EBCI

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) are looking four years out in addressing five of the Tribe's most pressing needs. Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approved the 2024-28 Strategic Plan by passing Res. No. 149 (2024), submitted by the EBCI Executive Committee, during a Special-Called Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) session on the morning of Thursday, March 28.

The resolution passed 9-0 with Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County) – Tutiya (Snowbird) Rep. Adam

Wachacha, Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Dike Sneed, and Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper being absent.

Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks said at the beginning of the meeting, "We've been working on a government strategy, strategic plan for awhile."

He thanked the appointed tribal secretaries for their work on the plan. "I want to thank them for spending a significant amount of time of really helping us to create some bumpers for the future of our Tribe. We heard this in the political process this past year is how can we do a better job of planning and really creating some priorities that are impactful not only today but for future generations for all of our communities and all of our people."

I think we have a really good

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Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, shown speaking at the opening of the Cherokee Speakers Place (kalvgviditsa tsalagi aniwonisgi tsunatsohisdihi) last month, presented the Strategic Plan for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians recently. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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### STRATEGIC PLAN: from front page

foundation that we work through.”

EBCI Secretary of Education Sky Sampson presented the five priorities outlined in the plan including: ensuring language and cultural preservation, promoting community engagement across the board, growing tribal health and healing, financial security for our future generations, and tribal sovereignty and government.

“So, these are the big priority areas that we feel like we really need to concentrate on in the next four years and based on feedback from the community as well as the staff for the Tribe.” I’m really looking forward to what they come up with for our actions and how we’re going to meet these goals. We’re really excited about this work and hope you guys are too.”

Secretary Sampson also read the vision and mission statement. “The vision is a nation that honors our culture and traditions while advancing a prosperous and sustainable future. The mission is to strive for cultural integrity, economic prosperity, a healthy and educated community, and a protected natural environment.”

She related that individual program strategies and action plans to achieve the goals in the Strategic Plan will be developed following upcoming meetings with program managers.

Following are the goals as outlined in the Strategic Plan:

**Goal A.1:** Align all language and cultural teaching models, evaluations, and reporting by FY2026

**Goal A.2:** Increase representation of community identity and Cherokee language on all tribal levels by FY2027

**Goal A.3:** Advance archives and technology usage across the board by FY2027

**Goal B.1:** Utilize effective communication pathways that engage the community by FY2025.

**Goal B.2:** The development of the Cherokee experience by FY2028

**Goal C.1:** Increase the utilization of natural resources by FY2027

**Goal C.2:** Increase workforce development and education throughout the community by FY2026

**Goal C.3:** Improve community health infrastructure by FY2028

**Goal C.4:** Prioritize and address community needs by FY2026

**Goal D.1:** Increase the utilization of internal and external resources by FY2025

**Goal D.2:** Create and refine processes for reporting for programs and entities by FY2024

**Goal E.1:** Build and improve relationships at all levels including state, regional, tribal governments, and federal agencies by FY2028

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Chairman Mike Parker thanked Chief Hicks, Taline Ugwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley, Tribal Council, and staff for their work on the plan. “We haven’t had one of these in a long, long time where all parties were involved with the development of it and agree on all these things. So, I just want to tell you guys thank you.”

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell commented, “This has been on many Council in the past, and this one is unique in that we have an experienced Council, you have an experienced executive side of our government as well, but they’re working together. It hasn’t taken place like this I don’t believe in this fluid a manner as it has in this particular term here.”

In speaking of the vision, he noted, “These are all good, noble goals, but to get to this goal there are many steps involved and it involves all our people, not just our tribal government.”

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahn-etah, said, “We have four Tribal Council chairmen sitting on this Council, and every one of us have experience sitting here – so does the executive and majority of the team members they have put together have worked with this tribe, and I think the work that we’ve already done this year, people know that Cherokee are still around.”

# BRAVES ARE BACK

2024  **OPENING WEEK**

at Truist Park is April 5-11



April 5-7



April 8-11

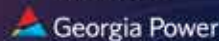
## Enjoy Giveaways & Celebrations All Week



**April 5 & 6**

Magnetic Schedule  
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**April 6**

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**April 7**

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# Sam Owl settles in as chief executive officer of Kituwah, LLC

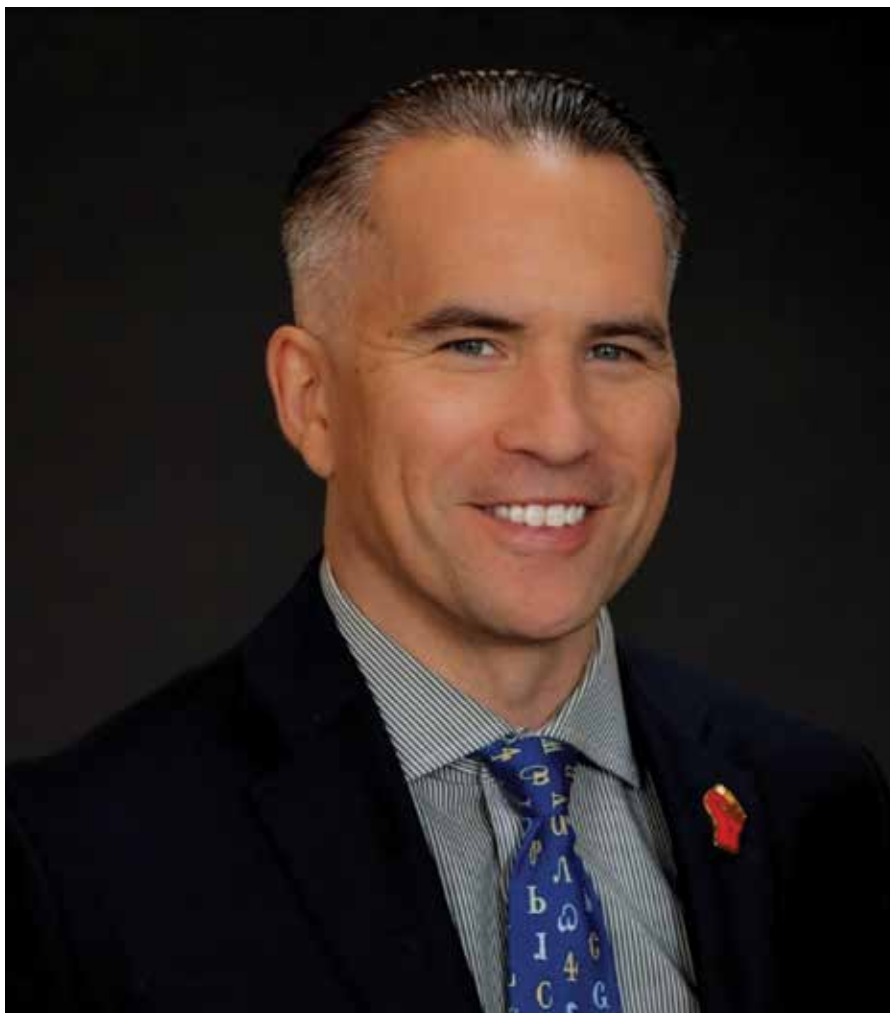
By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Sam Owl, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), from Wayohi (Wolftown), is the new chief executive officer of Kituwah, LLC. Owl was on the Kituwah Economic Development Board (KEDB) since its inception. Owl succeeds Mark Hubble, who served as chief executive officer since the entity was formed in 2018.

Owl is a certified public accountant (CPA) with a bachelor's and master's degree in accountancy from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville (UT). Serendipitously, Owl became a CPA under the guidance of Principal Chief Michell Hicks. "There's a mound on the UT agricultural campus, and at the time, they were talking about building a bridge between the two campuses, and I believe there may have been some encroachment if they went with their plan. So, Cherokee Historical came to UT, when the Bushyheads and Garfield Long Junior worked there," Owl shared.

"I was talking to Lynne Harlan and said, 'I've got this project in accounting, and I have to interview a CPA.' She said, 'Well, Michell's a CPA.' So, I ended up interviewing him and that's how I got my first role with the Tribe. I was an intern for a summer with budget and finance, and whenever I had breaks, I would come back and work, and that's kind of what led me in the trajectory of becoming a CPA."

Prior to becoming chief executive officer of Kituwah, LLC., Owl served for over eight years as the chief financial officer for the Na-



Sam Owl, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), from Wayohi (Wolftown), is the new chief executive officer of Kituwah, LLC. (Photo courtesy of Kituwah, LLC)

tional Congress of American Indians in the Metro DC area. For the past six years, he was employed with CliftonLarsonAllen, most recently serving as the Principal of the Tribal Services practice. Working for Indian Country in economics, Owl saw a need to help his community diversify financially as other tribes were doing. "You have to protect the community and invest in the community locally, but to fully diversify the economy, you've got to make these strategic investments outside of the reservation. That's the power of Kituwah," Owl said.

"Last year was a bit of a tumultuous year for the organization,

and it got me thinking that there needed to be a change. I would've loved to continue to be on the KEDB, but we needed somebody that was much closer to the community, that was from the community and that the community had trust in."

Owl says that for the future success of Kituwah, LLC and the EBCI, the organization needs to shift focus. "We're in a transitional period, and that's going to be the biggest piece is looking at how to retool and shift our focus. I believe the big economic driver of the tribe is diversification. We own a brand, and now it's just getting that brand out there, getting

properties, and then getting those resources back into the company, back to Kituwah and back to the community."

Owl also wants to ensure the community that there will be open communication from Kituwah, LLC. "We've been in front of Tribal Council numerous times on camera. When we go off camera, which will happen in the future and has happened in the past, it's not because of anything nefarious. We have partners that are publicly traded companies, and when you're dealing with information related to publicly traded companies that the company hasn't disclosed to the public, we don't want that to get out there for their protection and for our relationship," Owl said.

"I don't want there to be any misconception that we're trying to hide anything when we have to have confidential conversations, and I'm happy to discuss why if we have to go off camera, some of the underlying reasons. What's confidential today eventually will be public information in the future. When the publicly traded company makes the announcement, then we can go back and say, this is what we've been waiting to hear so that we could share openly."

Owl, from the "old number 4 Owls," as he described it, is looking forward to being back home and serving his community as chief executive officer of Kituwah, LLC. "I'm looking forward to seeing my nieces run track. My daughters are flying down with my wife from Virginia, and I have a lot of plans ahead. We have a lot of really good things here for the community, and I'm thankful for that."

# Great Smoky Cannabis Company to open only for sale of medical cannabis

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is set to open the first cannabis dispensary in North Carolina. The Great Smoky Cannabis Company, operated by Qualla Enterprises, LLC – an EBCI tribal entity – will open to the public for sale of medical cannabis products only on Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m.

The dispensary is located at 91 Bingo Loop Road in Cherokee, N.C. in the same building that housed the now-defunct Cherokee Tribal Bingo.

EBCI voters overwhelmingly approved the idea of legalizing cannabis for adult-use (recreational) in a September 2023 referendum, but it has not been approved into the Cherokee Code yet.

The following question was posed on the Sept. 7, 2023 referendum, “Do you support legalizing the possession and use of cannabis for persons who are at least twenty-one (21) years old and require the EBCI Tribal Council to develop legislation to regulate the market?”

The referendum passed 2,464 (yes) to 1,057 (no).

Tabled Ord. No. 63 (2024) was submitted by the entirety of Dinilawigi (Tribal Council). A work session was held on the legislation on Feb. 28. The ordinance was not on the agenda for the March 7 session of Dinilawigi (Tribal Council), and it is not on the agenda for the scheduled session on April 4.



The Great Smoky Cannabis Company, operated by Qualla Enterprises, LLC – an EBCI tribal entity – will open to the public for sale of medical cannabis products only on Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

A ‘Joint Statement from Tribal Leadership’ was issued by EBCI leaders on the afternoon of Thursday, March 28. It read, “Recently, it was announced that the Great Smoky Cannabis Company will open its doors on April 20, 2024, exclusively for medical cannabis purposes. Since then, we have received several questions about the status of recreational use and where it stands today.

The referendum posed on Sept. 7, 2023, asked tribal members whether they would support legalizing the possession and use of cannabis for individuals aged 21 and older. Additionally, it required the EBCI Tribal Council to pass legislation to regulate the

marijuana market.”

The statement continues, “With 70 percent of voters in favor, we acknowledge the significance of this vote. Since then, we have approached this responsibility seriously so that any legislation concerning cannabis is practical and thoughtful. This is a process that cannot be rushed; there are numerous factors to consider so that we are able to make the best decisions as these are decisions that can have significant long-term impacts on our tribe.

Work is continuing to progress with the executive and legislative branches, and we are committed to make sure that any administrative efforts and legislation con-

cerning recreational cannabis use is implemented responsibly. We will continue to provide updates as we move forward.”

Information from Qualla Enterprises, LLC, the EBCI tribal entity which runs the Great Smoky Cannabis Company, states, “The world-class dispensary is a seed-to-sale operation. Upon opening, this facility promises to revolutionize the landscape of medical cannabis on the Qualla Boundary. With a commitment to quality, compassion, and education, Great Smoky Mountain Cannabis Co. aims to provide patients with safe and regulated access to medicinal cannabis products. The new dispensary will open with high-quality tested products – including flower, vape products, edibles, topicals, and more – carefully curated to meet the diverse needs of patients. Product selection will continue to grow and evolve each month.”

Sales at the store are only for those who are 21-years-old and older who have a medical cannabis card. Qualla Enterprises, LLC states, “The medical cannabis patient cards are issued by the EBCI Cannabis Control Board. They will also extend reciprocity to individuals with out-of-state medical cards or other tribal medical cannabis cards.”

Qualla Enterprises, LLC 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).

# MMIW: Lively Crüe Colindres

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

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

Lively Crüe Colindres, an 8-month-old baby girl and member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), was murdered in February 2022. Lively is the daughter of Elbia Colindres, and granddaughter of Ronda Linda Colindres, who shared powerful words at the 4th Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Walk and Vigil on May 5, 2023, in Cherokee.

“I never dreamed this would happen to me, so I know how you feel who have lost somebody. We’re not looking for sympathy, but we are seeking justice. Until she gets justice, that’s when she can rest in peace,” Ronda Linda Colindres said.

Lively’s father, Corbin Lee Nunez, then 22 years old, was arrested and charged with murder by Graham County on Feb. 21, 2022, nine days after Lively succumbed to her injuries on Feb. 12, 2022.

Nunez was booked into Polk



Ronda Linda Colindres, the grandmother of Lively Crue Colindres who was murdered in February 2022 at the age of 8-months-old, holds a sign honoring Lively during the 4th Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Walk and Vigil which was held on the evening of Friday, May 5, 2023 in Cherokee, N.C. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

County Detention Center on March 7, 2024, under a bond of \$2 million. Polk County lists the charge as “housing for another agency.”

Lively’s case was continued, with the next hearing set for Oct. 28, 2024, in Graham County Criminal

Court.

Lively’s family nicknamed her “Sweets,” for her sweet disposition and smile.

Justice for Lively is still being sought by her family, who marched in her honor on May 5 holding signs adorned with butter-

flies, flowers, and hearts.

This reporting was supported by the International Women’s Media Foundation’s Fund for Indigenous Journalists: Reporting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit and Transgender People (MMIWG2T).



# hinigoliya

An Early Literacy Initiative of the EBCI



## What is ႤhAႦႢ hinigoliya (you and I read)?

- Hinigoliya is a reading program hosted by the Qualla Boundary Public Library and the Snowbird Community Library. The program is designed to promote early literacy among our children and encourage families to read with their child.
- Two of our primary goals are to **increase kindergarten entrance and 4th grade entrance reading scores for each participant**. The second goal is to promote family reading, hence the program title “you and I read”.
- It is designed around the idea of reading a minimum of 10 minutes per day.
- A new study published in the journal Child Development finds that having strong reading skills as a child is a predictor for higher intelligence levels as a young adult.

## How will the program work?

- Parent/guardian must enroll their child at their participating library. Or using the QR code below, you can register your child on your own at any time. Reading is tracked through Beanstack or a reading log. To remain an active participant, reading logs must be submitted every 3 months at your respective library or by logging in to Beanstack.
- At the end of each tri-annual period, there will be a party held at the child’s respective library for all participants that met the minimum required goals, they are: **K-300 minutes, 1st grade-300 minutes, 2nd grade-500 minutes, 3rd grade - 500 minutes.**
- At each tri-annual party, the Top Reader for each grade will receive an incentive prize. They will also be recognized by Tribal Council, on air and in Council Chambers. The 2nd and 3rd place participants in each grade will also receive a prize.
- Thanks to our sponsor, **Harrahs Cherokee Casino Tribal Scholarship Fund and the Atlanta Braves**, we have outstanding prizes to award our top readers!!!

There is still time to register - now until the end of the program May '25!



Register two ways - stop by your local library or use this QR code and register online.

## Read and Win! Check out our wonderful prizes!

Spring Quarter Prizes:  
March 1st - May 31st

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SAMPLE PRIZES



1ST PLACE

2ND PLACE

3RD PLACE



A GRAND PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP READER ON MAY 31ST!  
Tickets for a family of 4 to an Atlanta Braves home game, meals, and accommodations!

There will be a short break for our summer reading programs, but reading logged during those programs can also count towards your Hinigoliya goals!

Fall Quarter Prizes:  
Sept 1st - Nov 30th

Winter Quarter Prizes:  
Dec 1st - Feb 29th

1ST PLACE

2ND PLACE

3RD PLACE

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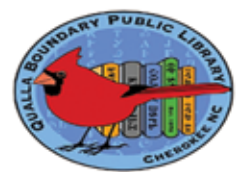
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**CIPD Arrest Report for  
March 18-24, 2024**

*The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonefeather.com.*

Crisp, Darrin Kenneth – age 49  
Arrested: March 18  
Released: March 18  
Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions, Providing or Possessing Contraband

Crowe, Tina Lynn – age 45  
Arrested: March 18  
Released: March 19  
Charges: Resisting, Obstructing, Delaying Officers

Day, Justus Kyle – age 25  
Arrested: March 18  
Released: March 18  
Charges: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle

Edwards, Casey John – age 41  
Arrested: March 18  
Released: March 19  
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officer

Ensley, William Nathaniel – age 46  
Arrested: March 18  
Released: March 24  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court; Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer; Reckless Endangerment; Malicious Conduct by Prisoner; Aggravated Elder Abuse and Vulnerable Adult Protection; Aggravated Weapons Offense; Pre-trial

Release Violation; Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Figueroa, Francisco Kalvloi – age 22  
Arrested: March 18  
Released: March 18  
Charges: Failure to Appear

Henry, Andrew James – age 47  
Arrested: March 18  
Released: March 18  
Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions

Pheasant Jr., Thomas Eugene – age 21  
Arrested: March 18  
Released: March 22  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Yazzie, Michael Lee – age 45  
Arrested: March 18  
Released: March 21  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Alonso, Veronica – age 26  
Arrested: March 19  
Released: March 19  
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Bird, Dillon Jared – age 29  
Arrested: March 19  
Released: March 22  
Charges: Pre-trial Release Violation, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Fortson, Lynquavius Deshon – age 27  
Arrested: March 19  
Released: March 19  
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Lambert, Trevan Holden – age 18  
Arrested: March 19  
Released: March 19  
Charges: Sexual Abuse of a Minor

or a Ward; Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Taylor, Jalen Robert – age 30  
Arrested: March 19  
Released: March 21  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Hornbuckle, Calvin Daniel – age 40  
Arrested: March 20  
Released: March 21  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Leary, David James – age 46  
Arrested: March 20  
Released: March 20  
Charges: Resisting Lawful Arrest

Montelongo Jr., David – age 44  
Arrested: March 20  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 25)  
Charges: Probation Violation

Crowe, Isaiah – age 19  
Arrested: March 21  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 25)  
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, Obstructing Officer; Public Intoxication; Bribery; Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray; Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by persons under 21 years old; Injuring Public Property

Crisp, Darrin Kenneth – age 49  
Arrested: March 22  
Released: March 22  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Eplin, Steven Dale – age 43  
Arrested: March 22  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 25)  
Charges: Violations of Exclusion

Resolutions and Orders (two counts); Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Communicating Threats; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult, Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection

Hornbuckle, Crystal Lynn – age 43  
Arrested: March 22  
Released: March 22  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Smoker, Keri Philana – age 46  
Arrested: March 22  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 25)  
Charges: Filing a False Emergency Report

Wilnoty Jr., Michael Warren – age 32  
Arrested: March 22  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 25)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bradley, Connie Lynn – age 40  
Arrested: March 24  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 25)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Campbell, Brittiny Turner – age 34  
Arrested: March 24  
Released: March 24  
Charges: Hold Until Sober



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## BUILDING HOMES TOGETHER

### SITE INSPECTION APPLICATION

- ☒ Site Inspection application process begins at Tribal Realty by the property owner.
- ☒ The property will be inspected by five tribal departments and will be determined buildable or not buildable.

### PROPERTY SURVEY, TRANSFER & RIGHT OF WAYS

- ☒ Surveying requests for approved buildable sites will be done by the Tribal Surveying dept.
- ☒ Property transfers will be done by the owner to the home buyer at Tribal Realty.
- ☒ The home buyer must own the property for financing purposes.
- ☒ All road and utility right of ways or utility easements must be in place before any site work begins.

### PRE-APPROVAL

#### PRE-QUALIFICATION

- ☒ Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed.
- ☒ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender.
- ☒ Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount.
- ☒ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

- ☒ Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed.
- ☒ Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included.
- ☒ Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.

### HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE

- ☒ Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved.
- ☒ Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home.
- ☒ After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator.
- ☒ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure.
- ☒ Simultaneously, HBS Coordinator will submit same plans to the lending institution, as well as financial documents to keep loan active. Financial documents are updated with lender every 30 days.

### DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS

- ☒ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will process documents to request Down Payment Assistance for 20% of sales contract amount, up to \$50,000.00, and will request \$2,500.00 in Rate Buy Down (RBD) gift funds simultaneously.
- ☒ Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will recommend for approval or denial.
- ☒ Approved applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature.
- ☒ Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature.
- ☒ The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator.
- ☒ Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.

### CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands

- ☒ After receiving signed loan approvals, the Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send DPA firm commitment to Tribal Realty to initiate Ownership Statement (OS), Lease and Assignment.
- ☒ Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD.
- ☒ Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution.
- ☒ Lending Institution will contact client to "lock in" their interest rate, taking into consideration the gift funds to purchase discount points.

### DPA funds – Off Trust Lands

- ☒ After loan approvals are received, Coordinator will send letter notifying lender the borrower has been approved for DPA and RBD funds and request closing attorney information.
- ☒ Coordinator will complete the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust to be signed at closing and recorded at Register of Deeds in the county of purchase.
- ☒ Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator.
- ☒ Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.

### LOAN CLOSE

- ☒ Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing.
- ☒ Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed.
- ☒ Home construction may start after loan close.
- ☒ Client will begin working with Lender's Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.

### –SITE PREP SCHEDULING

- ☒ Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure.
- ☒ If 1 acre or more will be disturbed during site prep construction, a SWPP (Storm Water Protection Plan) must be completed by our contractor before any work can begin.

### SERVICES PROVIDED BY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW HOMES

- ☒ For qualified EBCI enrolled members residing on trust land, Infrastructure provides:
- ☒ Site Prep, Footers, Block Foundation, Block Underpinning, Vinyl Underpinning, Gutter System and Final Grade to prevent erosion.

## FACTORS IN CONSTRUCTING A HOME

There are numerous parts and programs that play a part in constructing a home. Information provided on this brochure describes ideal basic steps to a successful completion from beginning of the Housing application process to the Construction process to loan close and final grade. Time period can range from 12-18 months in ideal situations. Circumstances that can affect this timeline include:

- Inclement weather preventing site work.
- Availability of contractors to perform site work.
- Sufficient staffing in relevant positions.
- Parcel does not have necessary Rights-of-Way.
- Insufficient acreage requiring transfer.
- Bat moratorium.

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## TRACK & FIELD

### Cherokee hosts meet

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CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee High School (CHS) track and field team hosted a five-school meet on Wednesday, March 27. Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top three finishers in each event plus all CHS finishers:

#### Men's Events

##### 4x800M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee, 9:32.00
- 2 – Murphy, 10:21.00

##### 110M Hurdles

- 1 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 15.99
- 2 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 17.09
- 3 – Will Shore, Murphy, 19.59

##### 100M Dash

- 1 – Chandler Nernes, Murphy, 11.58
- 2 – Cameron Clem, Murphy, 11.70

- 3 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 11.78
- 6 – Jonathan Saylor, Cherokee, 12.18
- 8 – Tayvin Bark, Cherokee, 12.70

##### 4x200M Relay

- 1 – Murphy, 1:37.53

##### 1600M Run

- 1 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 4:50.00
- 2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5:01.00
- 3 – Jake Miller, Murphy, 5:38.00

##### 4x100M Relay

- 1 – Murphy A, 46.52
- 2 – Cherokee A, 47.12
- 3 – Murphy B, 52.92
- 4 – Cherokee B, 53.72

##### 400M Dash

- 1 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 54.92
- 2 – Trenton Russell, Murphy, 57.32
- 3 – Will Ellwood, Cherokee, 1:00.92
- 4 – Carlito Perez, Cherokee, 1:05.00
- 6 – Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 1:18.00

##### 300M Hurdles

- 1 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 43.42
- 2 – Corey Wolf, Swain, 46.73

- 3 – Will Shore, Murphy, 51.03

##### 800M Run

- 1 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 2:11.00
- 2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 2:12.00
- 3 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:13.00
- 4 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 2:20.00
- 5 – Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 2:31.00
- 9 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 2:43.00
- 10 – Russell McKay, Cherokee, 2:43.97
- 14 – Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 3:18.00

##### 200M Dash

- 1 – Cale Harger, Murphy, 24.60
- 2 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 25.20
- 3 – Brady Grant, Murphy, 25.60

##### 3200M Run

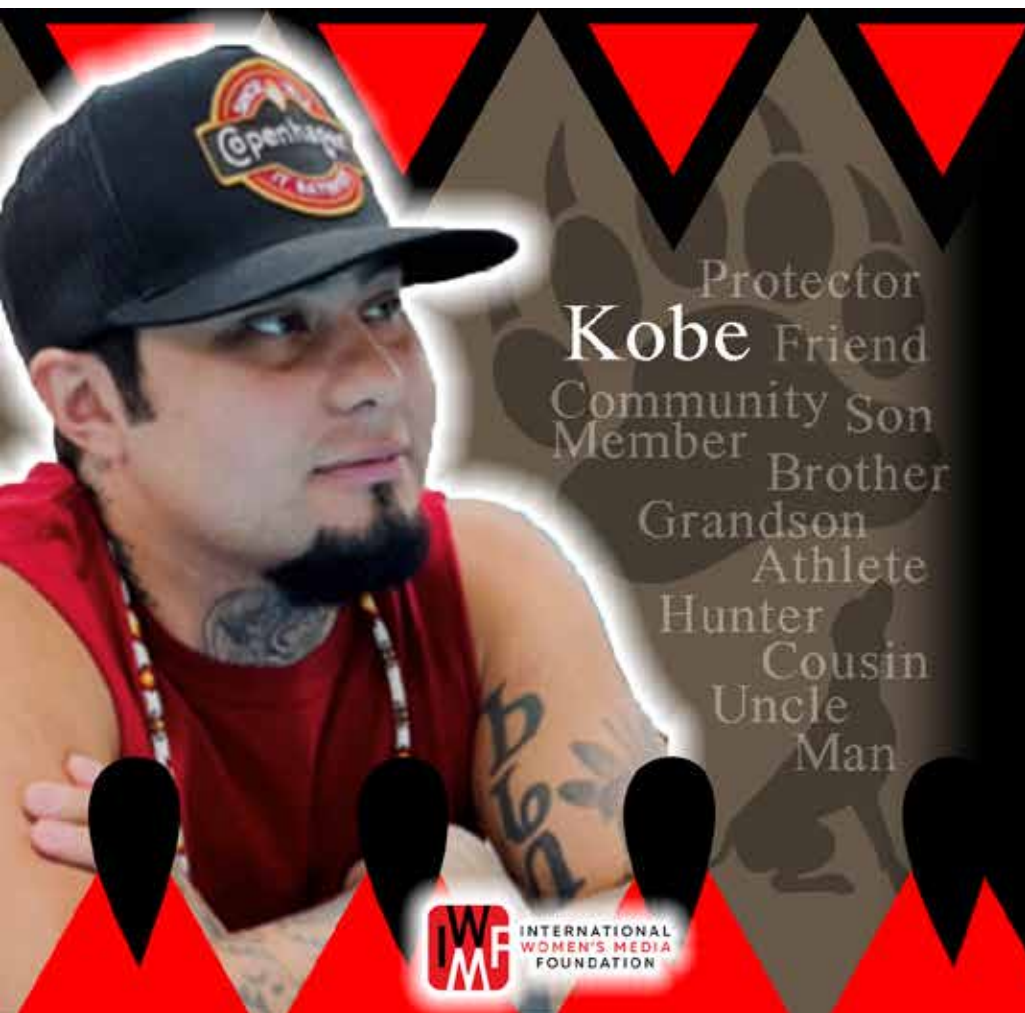
- 1 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 10:58.00
- 2 – Braden Edwards, Murphy, 12:47.00
- 3 – Josiah Niebla, Murphy, 13:22.00

##### 4x400M Relay

- 1 – Murphy, 4:25.00

##### Discus Throw

- 1 – Andrews Scaggs, Swain, 144-11
- 2 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 128-0



## Kobe Gavin Toineeta

Kobe Toineeta, 25, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), was murdered on Nov. 11, 2022.

Brandon Buchanan was charged with homicide in the first degree in the shooting death of Kobe. The next court hearing for Kobe's case is April 10 in Cherokee Tribal Court.

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3 – Aaron Harger, Murphy, 120-5  
10 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 80-4

#### **Shot Put**

1 – Nse Uffort, Swain, 55-2  
2 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 41-0  
3 – Brody Orton, Murphy, 39-3  
7 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 35-3  
10 – Johnny Long, Cherokee, 33-0

#### **Long Jump**

1 – Cale Harger, Murphy, 19-6  
2 – Hunter Stalcup, Murphy, 18-10  
3 – Cameron Clem, Murphy, 18-5.75  
5 – Luke Smith, 16-6  
7 – Xavier Sanchez, Cherokee, 14-5.25  
8 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 13-11

#### **Pole Vault**

1 – Evan Hall, Swain, 11-6  
2 – Duncan Brown, Swain, 11-0  
3 – Obidiah Darnell, Swain, 8-6

#### **Triple Jump**

1 – Nathan Brown, Swain, 38-3.75  
2 – Kaden Cucumber, Swain, 36-10.50  
3 – Chandler Nernes, Murphy, 34-9.25

#### **High Jump**

1 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5-10  
2 – Jack Teesateskie, Cherokee, 5-8  
3 – Derek Gunter, Swain, 5-6  
5 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 5-2  
7 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 5-0

#### **Women's Events**

##### **4x800M Relay**

1 – Swain, 11:20.00

##### **100M Hurdles**

1 – Ivy Werner, Murphy, 20.69  
2 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 21.09

3 – Addison Blankenship, Swain, 24.39

##### **100M Dash**

1 – Marlee Hicks, Swain, 13.69  
2 – Patience Garrett, Murphy, 13.71  
3 – Rylee Tabor, Murphy, 13.99  
6 – Ella Sokol, Cherokee, 14.59  
7 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 15.33  
12 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 17.78

##### **100M Wheelchair Race**

1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 41.62

##### **4x200M Relay**

1 – Murphy, 1:57.00  
2 – Swain, 2:00.00  
3 – Cherokee, 2:01.00

##### **1600M Run**

1 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 5:28.00  
2 – Julianna Meraz-Quijada, Swain, 6:51.00  
3 – Breeze Hinton, Murphy, 7:23.00

##### **4x100M Relay**

1 – Murphy A, 55.68  
2 – Cherokee A, 57.11  
3 – Murphy B, 1:01.00  
4 – Cherokee B, 1:03.00

##### **400M Dash**

1 – Corine Cotton, Murphy, 1:02.00  
2 – Marlee Hicks, Swain, 1:11.00  
3 – Laura Martinez, Cherokee, 1:14.00

##### **300M Hurdles**

1 – Breeze Hinton, Murphy, 58.83  
2 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 1:03.00

##### **800M Run**

1 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:28.00  
2 – Julianna Meraz-Quijada, Swain, 3:05.00  
3 – Laura Martinez, Cherokee, 3:13.00

##### **200M Dash**

1 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 27.60

2 – Rylee Tabor, Murphy, 29.60

3 – Marlee Hicks, Swain, 30.30

4 – Deanna Long, Cherokee, 34.10

5 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 38.71

##### **Discus Throw**

1 – Joscelyn Stamper, Cherokee, 103-6  
2 – Aiden Smith, Murphy, 88-2  
3 – Annasette Cooper, Swain, 84-6  
11 – Annie Trampler, Cherokee, 60-7  
14 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 57-3  
16 – Jennifer Escabar, Cherokee, 43-2.50

##### **Shot Put**

1 – Joscelyn Stamper, Cherokee, 32-10  
2 – Samantha Woodard, Swain, 31-10  
3 – Carley Teesateskie, Swain, 31-2  
12 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 20-9  
14 – Jennifer Escabar, Cherokee, 18-00

##### **Long Jump**

1 – Leilani Queen, Swain, 14-3.25  
2 – Ryan Ellis, Swain, 14-1.50  
3 – Tori Gilliam, Murphy, 13-0.50  
4 – Ella Sokol, Cherokee, 12-6.50  
5 – Izzy Raby, Cherokee, 11-9

##### **Pole Vault**

1 – Aiden Thomas, Swain, 10-6  
2 – Hannah Wingate, Swain, 9-0  
3 – Jany Echeverria, Swain, 7-0  
4 – Sara Toineeta, Cherokee, 6-0

##### **Triple Jump**

1 – Ryan Ellis, Swain, 32-1.50  
2 – Deanna Long, Cherokee, 26-2.25

##### **High Jump**

1 – Breeze Hinton, Murphy, 4-8  
2 – Niya Mora, Cherokee, 4-6  
3 – Addison Blankenship, Swain, 4-2



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# MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD CMS Lady Braves edge Hayesville to win home meet

One Feather Staff Report

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Middle School (CMS) Lady Braves edged Hayesville Middle School by two points (99-97) to win a meet held at the Cherokee High School track on the windy afternoon of Monday, March 25.

The Lady Braves had first place finishes in the following events:

- 800M, Austin Fourkiller-Raby, 2:49.78

- 1600M, Austin Fourkiller-Raby, 6:02.50

- Shot Put, Maia Lane, 23-03.25

- 4x200M Relay (Lolo Bell, Lilly Lossiah, Cambry Stamper, Taytem Saunooke), 2:01.69

- 4x800M Relay (Lolo Bell, Ko'Dee Wolfe, Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Lilly Lossiah), 11:54.16

The CMS Braves took third place in the boys team event. They were led by Kimo Sokol who placed first in the 100M Dash (12.41), high jump (5-02), and long jump (16-01.50).

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 135

2 – Hayesville Middle 81

3 – Cherokee Middle 53

4 – Canton Middle 30

### 100M Dash

1 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 12.41

2 – Jakai Plemmons, Canton, 12.45

3 – Brett Hanna, Hayesville, 12.62

12 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 14.32

13 – Marek Brown, Cherokee, 14.50

### 200M Dash

1 – Brett Hanna, Hayesville, 25.70

2 – Ayden Kirkland, Swain, 27.29

3 – Rylan Graves, Hayesville, 27.40

5 – Jordan Panther, Cherokee, 28.20

8 – Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 28.92

11 – Marek Brown, Cherokee, 30.08

15 – William Welch, Cherokee, 30.85

### 400M Dash

1 – Brett Hanna, Hayesville, 58.56

2 – Kyle Ostrowski, Canton, 59.16

3 – Blake Lambert, Swain, 59.68

8 – Jordan Panther, Cherokee, 1:05.00

11 – Odie Owle, Cherokee, 1:08.76

15 – Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 1:28.09

### 800M Run

1 – James Loftis, Swain, 2:25.57

2 – Elijah Dingle, Swain, 2:40.49

3 – Evan Burks, Hayesville, 2:42.74

4 – Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 2:46.38

6 – Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 2:49.09

12 – Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 2:58.09

### 1600M Run

1 – James Loftis, Swain, 5:17.30

2 – Tag Carson, Swain, 5:46.77

3 – Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 5:51.12

14 – Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 6:30.60

18 – Drayzin Beheler, Cherokee, 6:52.58

21 – Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 7:11.10

### 110M Hurdles

1 – Bryden Gibson, Canton, 18.64

2 – Coleman Green, Swain, 18.89

3 – Cristian Solano Jumper, Swain, 18.97

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6 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 20.41

#### **4x100M Relay**

1 – Hayesville, 53.32

2 – Swain, 57.21

3 – Cherokee A, 57.61

5 – Cherokee B, 1:00.80

#### **4x200M Relay**

1 – Swain, 1:51.91

2 – Cherokee, 1:56.96

3 – Canton, 2:01.97

#### **4x400M Relay**

1 – Swain, 4:05.87

2 – Hayesville, 4:12.91

3 – Canton, 4:16.63

#### **4x800M Relay**

1 – Swain A, 10:33.76

2 – Hayesville, 10:35.72

3 – Swain B, 11:51.80

#### **High Jump**

1 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 5-02

2 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 5-02

3 – Blake Lambert, Swain 5-00

3 – Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 5-00

8 – Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 4-06

#### **Long Jump**

1 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 16-01.50

2 – Ayden Kirkland, Swain, 15-11.50

3 – Colton Shuler, Swain, 15-09

5 – Odie Owle, Cherokee, 14-05

6 – Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 14-03.50

8 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 13-09

12 – William Welch, Cherokee, 11-11.50

#### **Triple Jump**

1 – Cristian Solano Jumper, Swain, 33-07.25

2 – Ayden Kirkland, Swain, 33-02

3 – Eli Cheeks, Hayesville, 32-08.50

4 – Odie Owle, Cherokee, 30-01.50

7 – Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 28-06.50

#### **Discus Throw**

1 – Colton Shuler, Swain, 127-00

2 – EJ Mapusua, Hayesville, 117-03

3 – Koen Smith, Swain, 106-07

8 – Sunny Foalima, Cherokee, 83-10.50

10 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 79-03

#### **Shot Put**

1 – EJ Mapusua, Hayesville, 42-08.75

2 – Colton Shuler, Swain, 37-05

3 – Caden McClure, Hayesville, 33-10

7 – Greyson Ledford, Cherokee, 32-01.50

10 – Sunny Foalima, Cherokee, 29-01

14 – Theron Parker, Cherokee, 25-00

15 – Joe Perry Saunooke, Cherokee, 23-09

#### **Girl's Events**

##### **Team Scores**

1 – Cherokee Middle 99

2 – Hayesville Middle 97

3 – Swain Middle 80

4 – Canton Middle 33

##### **100M Dash**

1 – Kazandra Cooper, Swain, 13.55

2 – Brooklyn Bryson, Canton, 13.69

3 – Summer Borchardt, Hayesville, 14.05

7 – Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14.71

9 – Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 15.57

10 – Makeena Armachain, Cherokee, 15.58

18 – Piper Owen, Cherokee, 17.55

##### **200M Dash**

1 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 28.50

2 – Marlo Joyce, Hayesville, 29.83

3 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 30.49

7 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 32.40

10 – Emma Milholen, Cherokee, 33.24

13 – Amelia Holiday, Cherokee, 35.16

##### **400M Dash**

1 – Kazandra Cooper, Swain, 1:06.36

2 – Micalynn McClure, Hayesville, 1:07.34

3 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 1:08.17

4 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 1:12.79

5 – Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 1:13.08

12 – Laylauna Allison, Cherokee, 1:39.96

##### **800M Run**

1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 2:49.78

2 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 2:58.72

3 – Maliyah Carey, Swain, 3:00.24

5 – Janessa Owl, Cherokee, 3:01.91

10 – Savannah Hornbuckle, Cherokee, 3:08.65

13 – Phoebe Littlejohn, Cherokee, 3:09.87

14 – Kyla Kee-Aguilera, Cherokee, 3:10.82

21 – Khrystyna Armachain, Cherokee, 3:26.67

23 – Ahniah Wildcat, Cherokee, 3:33.78

26 – Aurora Crowe, Cherokee, 3:46.20

29 – Abelia Mahan-Flores, Cherokee, 4:10.75

##### **1600M Run**

1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 6:02.50

2 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 6:28.11

3 – Hannah Francis, Canton, 6:41.17

4 – Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 6:42.31

5 – Ko'dee Wolfe, Cherokee, 6:43.30

8 – Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 6:49.00

15 – Story Martens, Cherokee, 7:17.53

16 – Uliahna Beheler, Cherokee, 7:26.35

##### **100M Hurdles**

1 – Emily Dowling, Hayesville, 19.67

2 – Khylei Alberta, Hayesville, 20.31

3 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 20.96

7 – Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Cherokee, 22.77

#### **4x100M Relay**

1 – Hayesville, 57.71

2 – Cherokee A, 59.98

3 – Swain, 1:04.38

6 – Cherokee B, 1:08.45

#### **4x200M Relay**

1 – Cherokee A, 2:01.69

2 – Hayesville, 2:02.81

3 – Swain, 2:14.04

5 – Cherokee B, 2:17.90

#### **4x400M Relay**

1 – Hayesville, 4:49.57

2 – Swain, 4:53.77

3 – Cherokee, 4:56.63

#### **4x800M Relay**

1 – Cherokee, 11:54.16

2 – Swain, 12:15.51

3 – Hayesville, 12:32.02

#### **High Jump**

1 – Summer Borchardt, Hayesville, 4-06

2 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 4-06

3 – Lyla McClish, Canton, 4-04

#### **Long Jump**

1 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 14-05

2 – Lucy Trout, Hayesville, 13-05

3 – Marlo Joyce, Hayesville, 13-04

5 – Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 12-02.50

7 – Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 11-10.50

8 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 11-09

9 – Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 11-09

#### **Triple Jump**

1 – Brooklyn Bryson, Canton, 30-10.50

2 – Lucy Trout, Hayesville, 30-08.50

3 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 29-05

5 – Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 26-09.50

6 – Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 25-04

#### **Discus Throw**

1 – Lily Millsaps, Swain, 85-03.50

2 – Aleigha Crawford, Hayesville, 69-03.50

3 – Briann Teesateskie, Cherokee, 67-02

5 – Kiarra Caley, Cherokee, 60-11

7 – Roxy Solis, Cherokee, 59-08

8 – Khloe Cucumber, Cherokee, 57-08.50

#### **Shot Put**

1 – Maia Lane, Cherokee, 29-03.25

2 – Eleanor Smith, Cherokee, 26-01.50

3 – Brylee Shuler, Swain, 25-05

4 – Jayla Pheasant, Cherokee, 24-03

5 – Briann Teesateskie, Cherokee, 24-02



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## Sequoyah's Medal

Sequoyah (1770-1843), also known as George Guess and George Gist, was the inventor of the Cherokee syllabary. According to the Encyclopedia of Arkansas, "In 1824, the Cherokee Council at the Cherokee capitol of New Echota, Ga., commissioned a medal to be presented to Sequoyah for creating a written form of their language, but by then he had moved to Arkansas and did not receive it until 1832."

An article entitled "Sequoyah, Inventor of the Cherokee Talking Leaf" on the Explore Claremore History website states that the reverse of the medal had the following inscription, "Presented to George Gist by the General Council of the Cherokee Nation, for ingenuity in the Invention of the Cherokee Alphabet. 1825."

Sequoyah is shown wearing the medal in this painting by Charles Bird King in 1828.



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# Let's hunt eggs!

The Community Easter Event was held at the old Cherokee High School site in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Monday, March 25. The event was sponsored by the Office of the Principal Chief, Office of the Vice Chief, Tribal Council, and the EBCI Tribal Option.

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather Asst. Editor







# Spring eats

The Annual Rainbows and Ramps Festival was held at the Donald "Kool-Aid" Queen Wolftown Gym on the morning of Saturday, March 30.

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# Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

The One Feather is developing a list of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists and craftspeople to help get your name out there for potential buyers. If you would like to be included, please send your name, contact information (phone, email, etc.), and what mediums you are selling to: Scott at [scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov) or message us on our Facebook page.



## REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mission now accepting applications for Kesha Young Scholarship

Mission Health is accepting applications from throughout the community for the Kesha Young Health Careers Scholarship with the aim of supporting the education goals for high school seniors and college students of color from Western North Carolina who are pursuing careers in healthcare. Interested candidates can apply at [MissionHealth.org/Kesha](https://MissionHealth.org/Kesha)

For more than 25 years, Mission Health has been awarding the Kesha Young Health Careers Scholarship, with more than \$1 million given to make college more affordable for high school seniors and college students of color from Western North Carolina who are

pursuing careers in healthcare.

The scholarship is named in honor of Kesha Young, a 22-year-old, bi-racial woman who was born with mental and physical disabilities and underwent multiple surgeries at Mission Hospital. Kesha died just months before she was scheduled to earn her high school diploma. Despite her health struggles, Kesha was described by her adoptive parents as embodying the characteristics that are vital to how healthcare team members engage with patients, families and visitors, with a strong spirit, warm smile and positive encouragement.

At Mission Health, we recognize that having a diverse workforce, especially in healthcare, is very important to provide the best possible care to our patients and communities. This is integral to who we are as a company.

Our mission statement is based around recognizing and affirming the unique and intrinsic worth of each individual: "Above all else, we are committed to the care and improvement of human life."

The completed application, along with all additional materials, must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 12 for consideration.

- Mission Health release

### Harris Regional and Swain Community Hospitals' Service Awards program highlights tenure

SYLVA, NC – Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital held a celebratory luncheon recently in honor of staff members who reached significant milestones in their tenure as employees of the hospitals.

Service awards for staff and

providers are typically given on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, depending upon the timeframe for staff anniversaries. Individuals are honored for their service in 5-year increments.

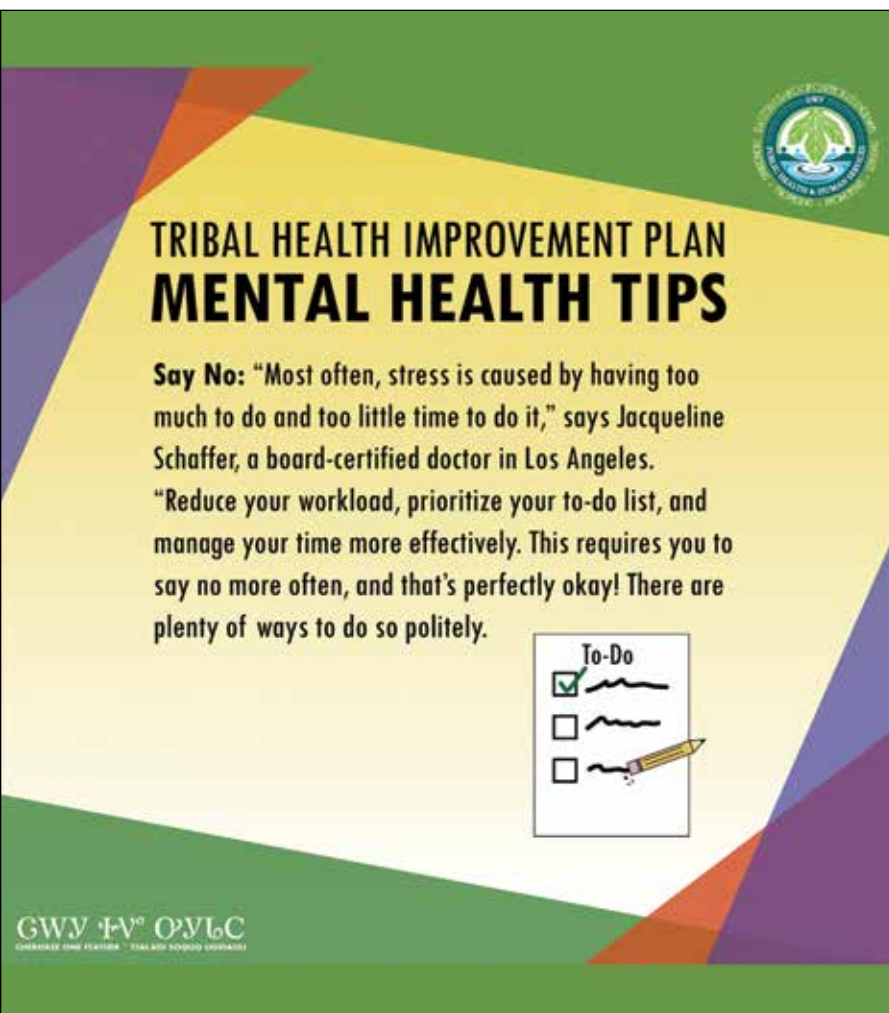
Those honored at this month's celebration included:

**5 Years of Service:** Mark James, Plant Operations and Maintenance; Christine Kryger, NP, Harris Pulmonary and Sleep Center; Kaylee Montgomery, RN, Harris Emergency Department; Austin Stephenson, Security.

**10 Years of Service:** Beth Hodges, RN, Lactation Services; Angela Maxwell, Health Information Management; David Johnston, MD, Swain Family Care; Tammy Johnston, MD, Swain Family Care.

**20 Years of Service:** Kimberly Mason, RN, Harris Pediatrics.





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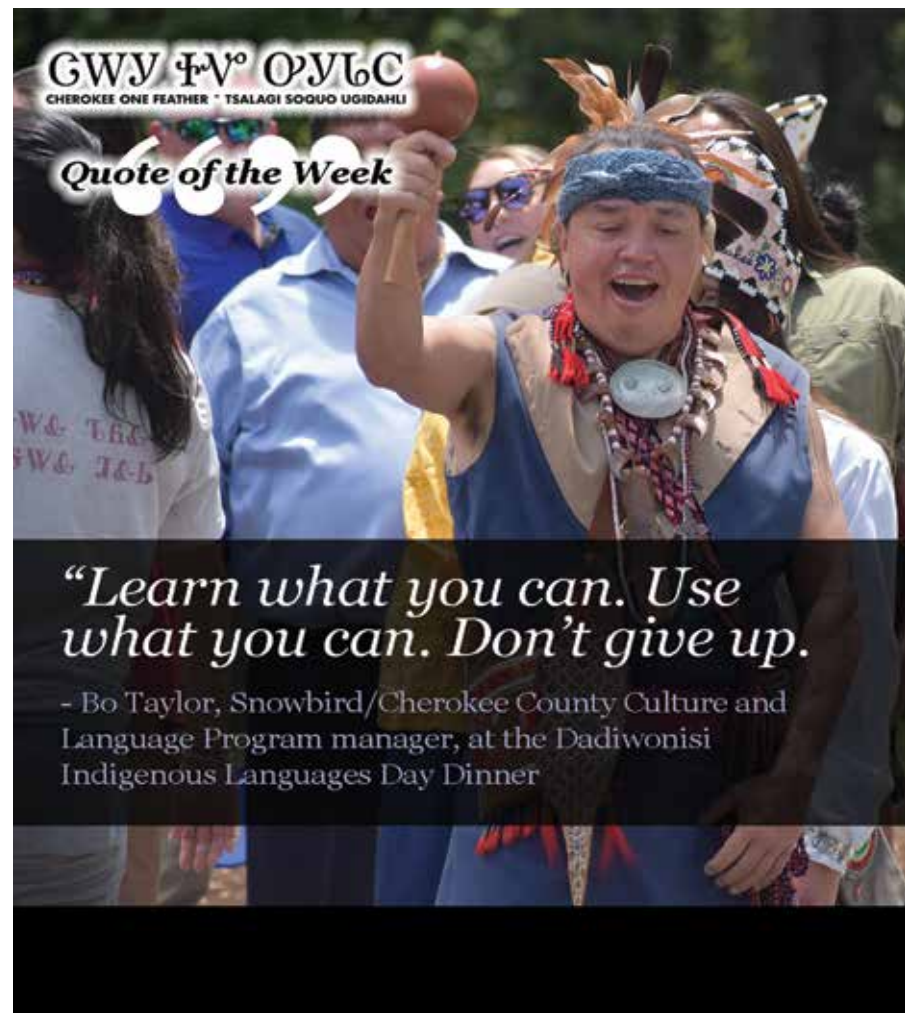
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**Say No:** "Most often, stress is caused by having too much to do and too little time to do it," says Jacqueline Schaffer, a board-certified doctor in Los Angeles. "Reduce your workload, prioritize your to-do list, and manage your time more effectively. This requires you to say no more often, and that's perfectly okay! There are plenty of ways to do so politely."

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**Quote of the Week**

*"Learn what you can. Use what you can. Don't give up."*

- Bo Taylor, Snowbird/Cherokee County Culture and Language Program manager, at the Dadiwonisi Indigenous Languages Day Dinner

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Garrett, RN, Harris Pulmonary and Sleep Center; Debbie Hoyle, Telemetry.

Leaders from the recognized individuals' departments took time to share remarks highlighting their team members' dedication to their role and the organization, after which CEO Ashley Hindman presented each honoree with a plaque signifying their years of service.

"We are blessed to have many individuals who have dedicated their careers to caring for our community by providing compassionate, quality care at our hospitals," said Hindman. "It's my honor to consistently recognize that dedication and show gratitude at each milestone of that commitment."

Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital are committed to the mission of making communities healthier by

embodying core values that ensure our hospitals are places where people choose to come for health-care, physicians and providers want to practice, and employees want to work.

- Harris Regional Hospital & Swain Community Hospital release

### SCC to host Solar Eclipse Viewing Event

SYLVA, N.C. - The Smoky Mountains STEM Collaborative (SMSC), in collaboration with Jackson County Early College, is organizing a solar eclipse viewing party beginning at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 8 in the Balsam parking lot at Southwestern Community College's Jackson Campus.

A total solar eclipse will cross Mexico, North America and Canada on April 8. While western North Carolina (WNC) is not in the path of totality, Sylva, N.C. will be treated to a partial solar eclipse with 87 percent magnitude. The magnitude of a solar eclipse is the

fraction of the Sun's diameter covered by the Moon, which means viewers in the WNC will witness an exciting amount of coverage.

The event will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. with a livestream, activities, food available for purchase from the Iron Wok food truck and Kona Ice and more. A number of solar eclipse viewing glasses will be available for guests.

Matt Cass, principal investigator for the SMSC, stresses the importance of viewing safety during the eclipse. "Here in WNC, you will need certified safe, undamaged glasses in order to view the partial eclipse. Do not stare directly into the Sun without any protective wear."

The next total solar eclipse for the US will be Aug. 24, 2044.

To stay updated on the latest news, follow the SMSC on Facebook or contact Alex Lewis at [j\\_lewis@SouthwesternCC.edu](mailto:j_lewis@SouthwesternCC.edu).

- Southwestern Community College release



## Moments in time

- On **April 15, 1945**, British troops liberated the German Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where they discovered thousands of dead and rotting corpses, and many more thousands of sick and starving prisoners confined to severely overcrowded and dirty compounds. The prisoners were suffering from acute typhus, typhoid and tuberculosis due to a lack of running water. More than 30,000 others had died in the previous months, many from typhus, but even more from starvation.

- On **April 16, 1964**, The Rolling Stones' debut album, "The Rolling Stones," issued in the U.S. as "England's Newest Hit Makers," was released. The band consisted of lead singer Mick Jagger, rhythm guitarist Brian Jones, lead guitarist Keith Richards, bassist Bill Wyman and drummer Charlie Watts.

- On **April 17, 1985**, the U.S. government announced a campaign to increase organ donation awareness with the hope of making the procedure as widespread as donating blood, following similar campaigns from other countries around the world as organ transplants became more common.

- On **April 18, 1997**, major floods in Grand Forks, N.D., caused by the Red River's breaching a dike, necessitated the evacuation of 50,000 residents from their homes. In some areas, only the roofs of their houses were visible.

- On **April 19, 1897**, the world's oldest annual marathon run took place for the first time. Today the Boston Marathon ranks among the world's most prestigious road racing events, with an average of 20,000 participants, and is one of five members of the World Marathon Majors, which also include the cities of London, Berlin, Chicago and New York.

- On **April 20, 2008**, Pope Benedict XVI visited Ground Zero in New York, the scene of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the city's Twin Towers, at the end of his six-day tour of America. He greeted survivors, fire and police workers, and relatives of some of the 2,749 people who died at the scene, and prayed for the rescuers and victims, as well as "those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred," before celebrating Mass at New York's Yankee stadium.

- On **April 21, 1918**, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace pilot popularly known as the "Red Baron" and credited with 80 confirmed air combat victories, was killed in action during World War I.

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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Acts (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Proverbs 30, what will pluck out the eyes of anyone who scorns their parents? *Demons, Ravens, Doves, Quails*

3. How many times is the word "apple" or "apples" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? *2, 11, 37, 51*

4. From Matthew 8, what Roman official asked Jesus to heal his servant? *Marshall, Governor, Centurion, Jailer*

5. Who wrote, "The love of money is the root of all evil"? *Timothy, Isaiah, Moses, Paul*

6. Who was the father of Hosea? *Uzzah, Beerli, Joash, Ahab*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Ravens, 3) 11, 4) Centurion, 5) Paul (1 Timothy 6:10), 6) Beerli

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**Janice Mathews Crutchfield**

Janice Mathews Crutchfield, 73, of the Towstring Community, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, March 30, 2024 at her residence.

A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Seab and Floy Lambert Mathews. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband of 33 years, Ancil Crutchfield; stepson, Sam Crutchfield; siblings, Wayne Mathews, Doug Mathews, Robert Mathews and Rachel Mathis, brother-in-law, Buddy Pilkington, and sister-in-laws, Juanita Mathews and Frances Mathews.

She was a member of the Towstring Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday School Teacher for many years. She was a vital member of the Towstring Community.

She is survived by her children, Michelle Bridges (Kelly) and Chris Crutchfield; daughter-in-law, Kim Crutchfield; grandchildren, Josh and Lexi Bridges, Alyssa and Jenna Crutchfield; brothers and sisters, Bertha Pilkington, Raymond Mathews, and Roy Mathews (Cathy), all of Cherokee; two sisters-in-law, Glenda Mathews and Cindy Mathews; one

brother-in-law, Bobby Mathis, and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, April 2 at Towstring Cemetery.

**Angel Gabrielle Jumper**

Angel Gabrielle Jumper, age 35, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, March 23, 2024. She is the daughter of Glenn Jumper (Karen) and Gussyrobin Zepeda.

Also surviving are children, Cecilia Solano Jumper, Cristian Solano Jumper and Chavella Walkingstick, all of Bryson City, N.C.; brother, Glenn Jumper Jr. of Asheville; sister, Rebecca Parton (Chris); many step-siblings, nieces, nephews, and cousins; special nieces, Caylee and Calayla Parton and Samantha Thomas; special nephews, Cayden Fouts and Nicholas Thomas; aunts, Tammy Jackson (Tuff), Mary Hornbuckle (Paul), and Dinah Harry; uncles, Billy Jumper (Dorothy), Shawne Shell (Kim), and Walania Shell.

Angel is preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Coney and Joyce Shell; paternal grandmother, Nellie Jumper; and paternal great grandparents, Nola and Jess Teleskie.

Funeral services were held at Rock Springs Baptist Church on Friday, March 29 with Pastor Greg Morgan and Bishop Shane Silvers officiating.

Burial was in the Long Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among close family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

**Donna Lee Jackson**

Donna Lee Jackson, 55, of Robbinsville, N.C., passed away, Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Cherokee Indian Hospital in Cherokee, N.C.

She was a native of Graham County and the daughter of the late Clarence and Betty Smoker Jackson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Wanda Jackson Blythe; her brother-in-law, Leland Welch; and her niece, Sydney Jackson.

She is survived by her daughters, Ansley Jackson, Tacey Jackson; son, Tavok Jackson all of Robbinsville, N.C.; grandchild, Jaelyn Betty Jackson; sisters, Jeannie Jackson Welch of Robbinsville, N.C., Michelle Jackson Stamper (Eddie) of Cherokee, N.C., Mary Jackson Pilkington (Dennis) of Fontana Dam, N.C.; brother, Clarence Jackson Jr. of Robbinsville, N.C.; brother-in-law, Larry Blythe of Cherokee, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, March 30, 2024 at Little Snowbird Baptist Church. The Reverend Jim Teasdale officiated. Burial followed the service at the Jackson Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were family and friends.

Townson-Smith Funeral Home served the Jackson family.

**Doris Wilkerson**

Doris “Mom, Mutti, Oma, Pug” Wilkerson, age 90, departed this life on Saturday, March 9, 2024 after a sudden illness.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, Blake and Naomi Sneed of Cherokee, N.C.; sisters, Geneva Jackson and Rita Ann Divilbiss; brother, Sam (Tom) Sneed; and a son, James L Wilkerson.

She leaves behind her son, Charles L Wilkerson; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Wilkerson; a son-in-law, James Long; a grandson, Nicholas Wilkerson; and a granddaughter, Alexandra Wilkerson. She is also survived by her sisters, Emma

Sneed, Sue McManus, Daphne Hambrook (Steve), Judy Cook (Mike); and brother, Keith Sneed (Sandra) as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Doris was born on the reservation in Cherokee, N.C. and left at the age of 17 to enlist in the U.S. Air Force. After completing her basic training in San Antonio, Texas. She was transferred to Sacramento, Calif. It was there she met her future husband, Clarence L Wilkerson (also in the Air Force). While stationed in Sacramento (March AFB), she was assigned to the Air Force Band of the West as a trombone/baritone player.

After marrying, she separated from the Air Force. Doris and Clarence were then transferred to Mt. Home, Idaho. While there they welcomed their first child (Charles). Later they were stationed in Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, where they had their second child (James). Future assignments took them to Spokane, Wash.; Everett, Wash.; Frankfurt, Germany; and San Antonio, Texas where they made their home for many years. In San Antonio, Doris had an extensive career including work as a Department of Defense civilian employee in the Contracting Division at Kelly AFB and retired as a GS-11.

She leaves behind a loving legacy of friends and family from her formative years on the reservation, friends acquired during her husband’s assignments, and her long Civil Service tenure at Kelly AFB.

A celebration of her life was held at Hillcrest Funeral Home on Saturday, March 30.

You may also honor Doris by making donations to VFW Post 8013, Banjo Lane, Cherokee, NC 29719 or the Senior Center on Cherokee Indian Reservation.



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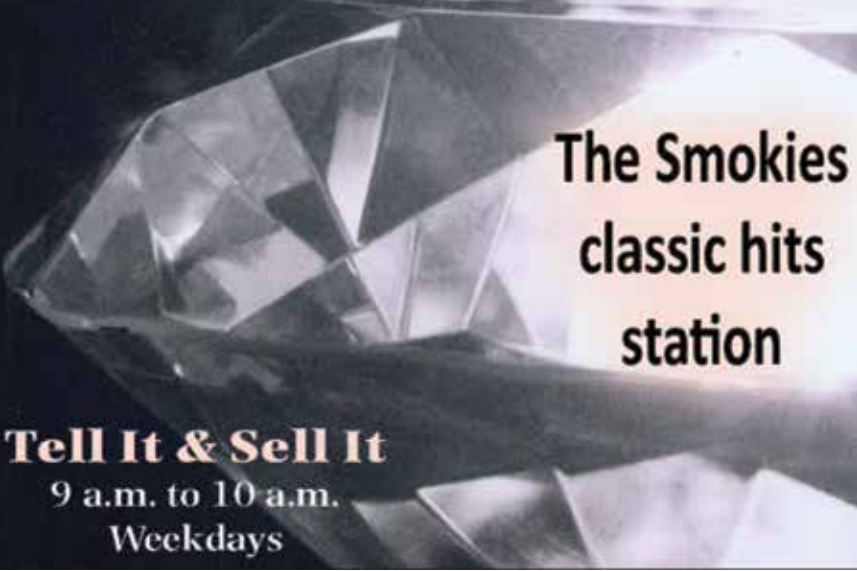


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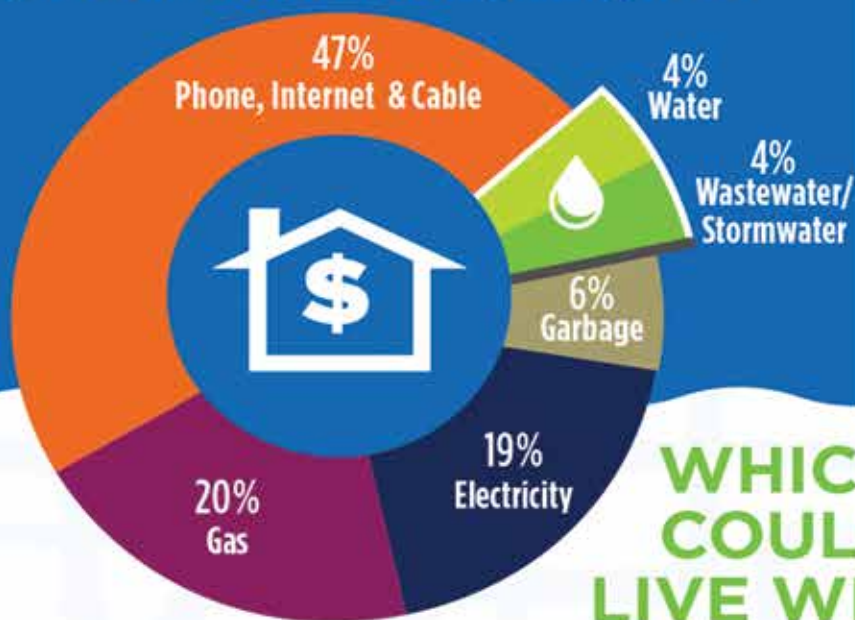
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## COMMENTARY

# How do we learn?

By **ROBERT JUMPER**  
One Feather Editor

We have seen many studies on how people learn. Some learn by listening. Others by seeing. Others by doing.

“According to research, if you really want new material to stick, the best way to study is something called ‘distributed practice.’ That means that if you want to master a new concept, your best bet is to study hard for a short period of time, take a break, and then have another go at it, spreading intense bursts of learning over a long period of time.

“But while research shows this is one of the best ways to practice, it doesn’t necessarily

fit neatly into the usual way school days are planned. Creative teachers could, of course, work around that to incorporate the strategy into their plans, but according to Kent State’s John Dunlosky, who led a team of psychologists to review the evidence for a great variety of learning strategies, many teachers are simply unaware of the benefits of distributed practice (Inc.com)”

I am an avid Bible reader. I love it. I enjoy the wisdom and artistry in words particularly those words from scripture. I have read it through several times. I have heard it as many. When our Sunday School teacher or Church Pastor institutes a reading, I have no problem going right at it. I also find different translations of the Bible worthwhile to read and it doesn’t bother me that the words don’t match from translation to translation. As best as I can, given my limited mental capacity, I will

put in my head and heart the meaning of what is being “said” in scripture, and most of the time, I do get the gist of what is being communicated through the words.

Over decades of hearing and reading those same words, very little memorization has taken place. I am lousy at it. There are some verses, after those years of repetition, I will be able to repeat without butchering them too badly, but, by and large, I am thankful for concordances that allow looking up a keyword or phrase so that a passage may be found quickly if folks need an oratory.

Of course, I am on the elder end of my days, so remembering where my glasses are, even when they are propped up on my head, or my cell phone is, even when it is in my hand, can be challenging some days. Unfortunately, some of my memory issues can’t be blamed on age. I have never been good with names.



“ This is not a “Just Say No” conversation. This is “Just Say Know.” Most kids aren’t seeking fentanyl, they get it by accident. Just knowing that it is hidden in fake pills and other drugs empowers them and helps them stay safe. And it opens the door to conversations about healthier ways to deal with stress.

ED TERNAN, bereaved Dad and President of Song for Charlie



Whether it is a person, place, or thing, I just don't retain it or even attempt to retain it the way that I should. I just don't have the "want to."

Going back to my favorite book, the Bible, one of the reasons I don't retain as well as I should it that I am lazy and rely on the supposition that a Bible will always be available to me. We all do that routinely these days. Do you have a smartphone? And do you have a bunch of friends? I bet you do. How many of you still memorize the phone numbers of friends and family? Another bet is that you probably don't. It is much easier to look up their names in a contact directory on the phone or just say "Hey Google...call Bill" and the phone just does the remembering of that number for you. Can't recall the number to Cherokee

Indian Hospital? "Hey Siri, call the Cherokee Hospital". And almost magically, you are in touch with whoever you want without taxing your memory at all.

I had the opportunity to tour one of the local independent healthcare facilities recently. They help people of all nationalities in this treatment center. I asked what they do when they get someone who doesn't speak their language. Does it hinder them from providing service to someone like that? They answered by taking me to one of their treatment assessment rooms. In it, there was a small computer on a rolling stand (reminded me of C3PO). The guide told me that when someone comes in and does not speak any of the languages the staff speaks, this little robot would serve as a translator for the client and the

staff. Some of these language bots will translate over 100 different languages. The guide said that the staff will ask the question in English, for example, and the bot will say it in the language of the client. The client will speak to the bot in their language and the bot will say it back to the staff in English. Treatment is facilitated by this language robot.

I believe learning will continue to be impacted by new technology, maybe forever changing the way we end up communicating. The new buzzword (or maybe it is a buzz acronym) in the modern lexicon is "AI" or artificial intelligence. "Artificial intelligence refers to computer systems that can perform tasks commonly associated with human cognitive functions, such as interpreting speech, playing games, and identifying patterns. Typically, AI systems learn how to do so by processing massive amounts of data and looking for patterns to model in their own decision-making. In many cases, humans will supervise an AI's learning process, reinforcing good decisions, and discouraging bad ones. But some AI systems are designed to learn without supervision; for instance, by playing a game over and over until they eventually figure out the rules and how to win (builtin.com)."

I have not made a conscious decision to either embrace or reject AI. I know that eventually the decision will be made for me. Like

it or not AI is coming. It is always my practice to use the listen-back function of Microsoft Word to help me proof the material for the One Feather. Over the years, I have gotten used to the tinny, robotic voice that mispronounced words that it didn't have in its memory banks. Last week, I turned on the "Read Aloud" function on MS Word and was greeted by a much less machine-like voice. The computer was using voice inflection like the voice of a human and was getting more words right than wrong. The program was much more conversational like someone sitting in front of me and reading it to me. Others in the office have shown me programs that will allow you to input information about a subject and those programs will create speeches and reports, complete with human flavor and anecdotes.

All this surely makes me wonder what will challenge us to think in the future. What will motivate you and me, for example, to learn a language or perform basic human functions? With certain things done for us, will we have any motivation to create a new vision and mission for ourselves? How do we learn? In the next few months and years, the tale will be told. I just wonder if we will be telling it or if there will be some artificial intelligence sitting in for us. Now where did I put my glasses...

## MISSING

### Angel Murguia-Martinez

Affiliated with Hopland Band of Pomo

Indians Age: 24 Male

Height: 5' 8" Weight: 250 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Green

Last date of contact: February 14, 2024

Last Known Location: Ukiah, California

Circumstances of Disappearance: On 02/14/2024 at approximately 11 pm, Angel Murguia-Martinez walked away from his residence located within the city limits of Ukiah. An emergency ping on Murguia-Martinez's cellular phone was conducted with negative results. Murguia-Martinez was last seen wearing a black zip-up hoodie, black pants, black shoes with a gray hat and glasses.

If you have seen or have information about Murguia-Martinez, Detective Brett Chapman, Ukiah Police Department (707) 463-6262.

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**LETTER**  
**North Carolina residents eager to celebrate dispensary opening**

When I began the Change is Coming movement in 2020, the goal was to tear down the wall forcing cannabis users to die in the dark and allow them to finally grow in the light. In 2021, a few bricks fell with the introduction of

SB711, The Compassionate Care Act. When it passed the Senate that same year, a glimmer of light came through, but was quickly bricked back up by the North Carolina House.

In 2023, hopes were raised again when SB711 was renamed SB3 and passed the Senate a second time. The NC House, brick and mortar in hand, snuffed out the light once more by letting the bill die a second time.

Throughout this fight, "Hold

Fast NC, Change is Coming" was the movement's mantra. Thanks to the compassion of the EBCI, this month I finally changed that mantra to "Hold Fast NC, Change Has Come." The announcement of the 4/20 dispensary opening was the final blow needed to bring the wall crumbling down, and we got to feel the sunlight on our face again.

Since the announcement, hundreds of North Carolina residents have contacted me. From couples

planning a weekend getaway to busloads of cannabis consumers ready for a day trip. I am looking forward to a sea of familiar faces this 4/20 at the Great Smoky Mountain Cannabis Dispensary, and Hold Fast NC, Change Has Come.

Signed,  
**Chris Suttle**  
 Chapel Hill, N.C.



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

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

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Easter Monday Holiday	12pm-5:00pm	9am-12:00pm	12pm-5:00pm	NO VITA APPOINTMENTS
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**“Our true identity is our language. We must save our language and teach the youth coming along. When a child is learning to speak, never make fun of them.”**

*- the late Dr. Jerry Wolfe, Beloved Man of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, speaking at the Tri-Council meeting at Red Clay State Park in Tennessee on Aug. 28, 2015*

# You get what you deserve

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

And what is that, exactly? What do we deserve? Does anyone owe us anything? This nation? This county? Does your mom or your dad owe you anything? Does your brother or your sister? How about your kids? Do they owe you anything? Do those rich folks that have everything owe you something? Does your local church owe you for giving all that money each Sunday? Does God owe us anything? If so, what did you do to deserve it?

My folks brought me into this world, and they should owe me a living, education, money - they owe me all they own. I am their kid. Not really, you are a grown-up and are responsible for yourself.

Why do all those rich folks have everything, and I don't? Good question! What they have is what God gave them, whether they think they earned it or not. He shines on those He chooses and rains on those He chooses. That is called God's sovereignty.

Now we are at the root of it all. Why doesn't God just give it to me? He brought me here. He made me who I am. He put me in this circumstance. He's keeping me here for some reason. Didn't you say He loves me? What is up with that?

You are right. You figured it out. God will give you all you deserve.

Romans 2 tells us that those who judge others and remain in their sin will also be judged and receive God's wrath. Romans 3:23 says "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"; Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death"; You get what you deserve.

You are a sinner, just like me - a sinner. Do you see? It doesn't matter if you work in a high-rise building making six figures a year, voted into office, or drive a fancy car; you could be in prison, working at McDonald's, or a preacher standing in the pulpit. Everyone sins. Everyone

does not sin the same way, but we all fall short of God's glory. Sinners cheat and swindle, lie and steal, beat their wives, abuse their kids, curse the older adult driving slow on the highway, pray to God and maybe even go to church every Sunday. Every day sinners hate and talk about their neighbor like a dog, thinking dirty wicked evil thoughts. I am a sinner, you are a sinner, and everyone else is too. And we will get what we all deserve.

Just because some sinners didn't get caught does not mean God doesn't know what we've done. We cannot fix this. You will get what you deserve. Some will get their punishment here on earth, but everyone will be judged before God in our afterlife.

Do you deserve to be arrested for what you have done? Do you deserve to get slapped around, punched, and kicked? Do you deserve to get spit on and cussed at and accused of stuff you didn't do? Do you deserve to get whipped until your back and every inch of your body is bleeding? Do you deserve to be tied to a tree and nailed through your hands and feet? Do you deserve to hang on that tree for hours until you suffocate and die?

I know someone who didn't deserve any of that. That someone gave himself up to take your place for all that punishment for you and ALL the junk you ever did. You! Your sins. My sins. Her sins. His sins. The sins of the entire

world. Everything we deserve, He took for us. Why? So, you wouldn't get what you deserve - death. See? Let me read you all of Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord". And John 3:17 says, "For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him".

God made way for you to be forgiven of all your sins, so you could be acceptable to Him - for He is Holy, and He gave His Holy Son to pay the price of your sins and to make you Holy. Then He raised Jesus from the dead, and He will do the same for me and everyone who is saved from death through Christ Jesus. Jesus is alive today and listens to our prayers every minute of every day, sitting at the right hand of God. Jesus took the punishment for you, and all you must do is accept the fact he did it, not as a mere man, but as God. He did it to save you, redeem you from your sins, and the ultimate penalty of death.


Do you deserve that? No. You and I can never do anything in this lifetime to deserve what God gives to us through Jesus. That is grace. Grace is what God gives freely to all who will receive it. I'm going to pray for you to make the right choice and that you will accept this gift.

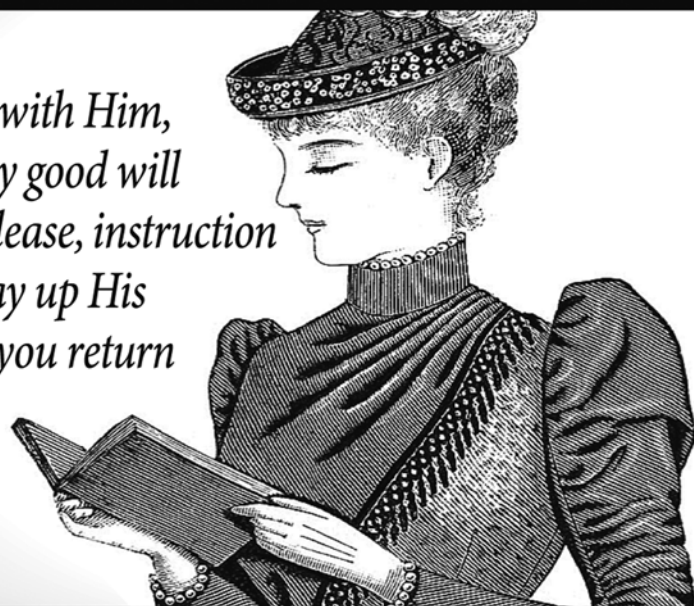
Pray your prayer as the Spirit leads.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Now acquaint yourself with Him,  
and be at peace; thereby good will  
come to you. Receive, please, instruction  
from His mouth, and lay up His  
words in your heart. If you return  
to the Almighty,  
you will be built up...*

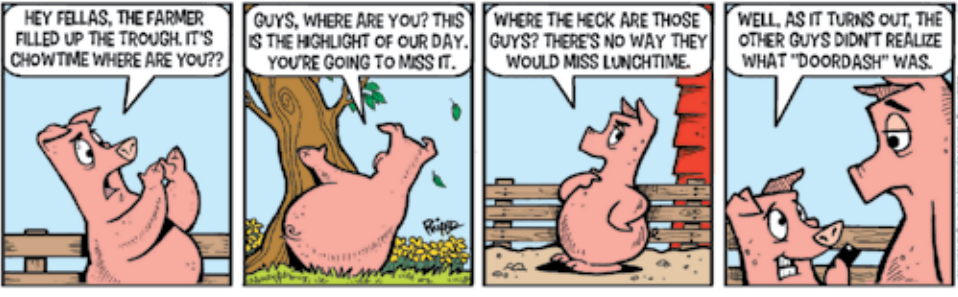
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# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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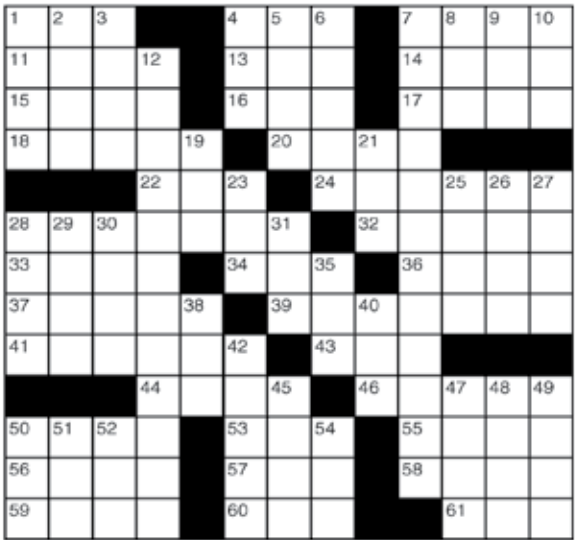
by Jeff Pickering



# King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Goal
- 4 Hosp. hook-ups
- 7 "Peter Pan" pooch
- 11 "Pygmalion" writer
- 13 Use a straw
- 14 Bone-dry
- 15 Teeny bit
- 16 Capita lead-in
- 17 Makes lace
- 18 Tic
- 20 Laptop connection
- 22 Deli choice
- 24 Radiated
- 28 Reach
- 32 Battery part
- 33 King of the jungle
- 34 Dog's foot
- 36 Similar
- 37 Canal vessel
- 39 iPads, e.g.
- 41 "In America" writer Susan
- 43 — Perignon
- 44 Partially mine
- 46 Chip choice
- 50 First light
- 53 Suitable
- 55 Roller coaster feature
- 56 "Zounds!"
- 57 Three, in Rome
- 58 Links org.
- 59 Pear variety
- 60 Storm center



- 61 Designer monogram

- 9 Quibble
- 10 Billboards
- 12 Capital on the Potomac and 7-Down

- 31 Chow down
- 35 Bankroll
- 38 Vichy water
- 40 "— voyage!"
- 42 Shred, as cheese

### DOWN

- 1 Tag sale words
- 2 Breakfast chain
- 3 — Hari
- 4 AOL, for one
- 5 Perspective
- 6 Parsley piece
- 7 Site of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
- 8 Coach Parseghian

- 19 Astronaut Jemison
- 21 Ga. neighbor
- 23 Super Bowl VIP
- 25 Stirred
- 26 Tend texts
- 27 Cozy rooms
- 28 Priestly vestments
- 29 Pisa farewell
- 30 Trumpet

- 45 Agile
- 47 Mimic
- 48 Swine
- 49 October birthstone
- 50 Cotillion celeb
- 51 Previously
- 52 Existed
- 54 Golf peg

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

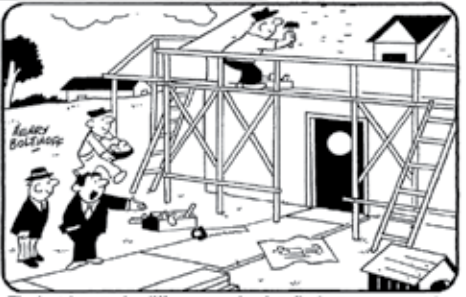
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Door is taller. 2. Toolbox is moved. 3. Man is taller. 4. Corner is moved. 5. Ladder rung is missing. 6. Line in walkway is moved.

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did April Fools' Day come into being?
2. GEOGRAPHY: In which nation is the Great Victoria Desert located?
3. MOVIES: What sport is featured in the movie "The Mighty Ducks"?
4. HISTORY: What is the name of the island where Napoleon was exiled in 1814?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest rodent in the world?
6. LITERATURE: What is the name of Ron Weasley's pet rat in the "Harry Potter" book series?
7. U.S. STATES: Which letter of the alphabet is not in any U.S. state's name?
8. TELEVISION: Which iconic 1960s sitcom inspired two spinoff hits, "Petticoat Junction" and "Green Acres"?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in WWII?
10. ANATOMY: How many pairs of spinal nerves exist in humans?

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Answer

### Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

### King Crossword

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Trivia Test Answers  
 1. Likely in the late 16th century, when calendars changed from Julian to Gregorian.; 2. Australia.; 3. Ice hockey.; 4. Elba.; 5. Capybara.; 6. Scabbers.; 7. Q.; 8. "The Beverly Hillsbillies"; 9. George H.W. Bush.; 10. 31 pairs.

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

### Bingo Fundraiser for Big Injun

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

### Turkey Shoot.

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

## EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Easter Egg Market.

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

### Kolanvyi Community Club

**Easter Egg Hunt.** April 6 at 11 a.m. at the Big Cove Stickball Field in Cherokee, N.C. Ages 0-3 at 11 a.m., ages 4-6 at 11:30 a.m., ages 7-10 at 12 p.m., ages 11-13 at 12:30 p.m., and ages 14+ at 1 p.m.

### Alfred Welch's Birthday Dinner.

April 6 at 2 p.m. at the Snow-

bird Youth Center at 1133 Massey Branch in Robbinsville, N.C. It is a potluck dinner, and everyone is welcome.

### "A Century of Cherokee Mask-making" gallery talk with Driver Blythe and Davy Arch.

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

### Week of the Young Child Children's Fair.

April 18 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the old Cherokee High School site at 1501 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. Free food, games, door prizes, and more. Bring a canned food item to be entered into a drawing for a prize. All donations will go to the Dora Reed Food Pantry. This event is free to all.

### 8th Annual Spring Garden

**Fair.** April 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Featuring seeds, plants, yard art, education, and a Re-Purpose It contest for youth ages 5-17. Vendor tables available for \$20 for two days or a door prize donation. Vendors tables are free for informational, educational, and activities for children. EBCI/ NC Cooperative Extension Garden

Kits will be given out at this event on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. NAIWA will be serving breakfast and lunch. For more information, or to reserve a table, call Lucille (828) 736-5285 or Tammy Jackson 788-0878

### Cherokee Autism Celebration.

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

### Fire Mountain Inferno.

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

### Cherokee Customer Appreciation Day.

May 25 at the Cherokee Welcome Center in Cherokee, N.C.

**CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK**  
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**Storm, a 3-year-old Great Dane, lives with his humans, Amelia and Perry Arkansas.**  
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Info: (828) 359-6490

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Cherokee Christmas Parade.**

see **EVENTS** next page

ingly ignored. Try for a better balance between your home and work commitments. Start with a romantic weekend getaway.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Missed opportunities usually come from miscommunication, but it's not too late to correct the wrong assumptions. A timely call can help reestablish important contacts.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your usually keen sense of direction needs some sharpening this week. Stay focused on your goals despite some pesky distractions. Your efforts will soon pay off.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Don't automatically reject suggestions from friends and family members. Some of their ideas might be helpful. Check them out before you decide to chuck them out.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Expect to be pleasantly startled when a promise from the past finally comes through for you. Use this as an opportunity to restart a long-delayed project.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) An air of conspiracy dominates the workplace. Avoid taking sides. This is one time when you need to concentrate on being your own best friend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You despise hypocrisy. Your honesty is admired, although your friends sometimes feel you could be less blunt and a little more diplomatic. You love living life to the fullest.

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# VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

## The OIG in Our Corner

You hate to learn of it, but per a Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (OIG) report, a former veteran who worked at a VA hospital was found guilty of stealing money out of patient accounts. It came about when the sister of a deceased veteran checked her brother's account and discovered the missing funds. An investigation showed that the thief was stealing from accounts where the veteran was unable to appear in person at the cashier window to withdraw money due to illness and tried to blame the missing funds on someone using fake identification. All he got for his crimes was six months in jail and six months with an ankle bracelet at home.

An elderly veteran lost his foot due to deficient podiatry care. The whole sorry mess involved defective specialty diabetic shoes, blocked blood flow to the leg, a patient fall due to the shoes, lack of patient education, lack of communication among staff ... and ended with amputation of the patient's foot.

There was enough blame to go around, but nobody to throw in jail. The podiatrist didn't adequately instruct on the proper fitting of the shoes. The fall wasn't correctly reported because the safety officer was new. It could not be determined who did/didn't warn the patient about possible amputation. And so on.

But not all OIG investigations are so serious. There was the VA employee auction of VA property, which was for the purpose of gathering funds for employee activities and parties. When purchasing agents placed orders for supplies, sometimes there were freebies or incentives sent by the manufacturer when the order was large enough. The employees would then auction off the extra goods, which were government property. It appears that the auctioning of the freebies had gone on for many years, with nobody admitting to the OIG that the vendor was selected because of the freebies they would get. The bulk of the free goodies were big-name expensive coolers.

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## Bringing an Old Dog to Heel

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** After my aunt passed away, I gladly agreed to take in her dog, "Hunter," a rather squat, obese Beagle. He's a happy old dog of about 9 years, but my aunt gave him little to no training other than housetraining. That makes walking him — something the vet recommended I do twice a day, in addition to a diet — a chore. Hunter will walk a few steps, then sit down and refuse to budge. When he does feel like walking, he either tugs the leash forward or lags behind. How can I correct this? — James T., Plano, Texas

**DEAR JAMES:** Hunter is not used to the new lifestyle yet, and he's reacting in a predictable way. He's also out of shape and probably more stressed than you think. The first thing I prescribe is patience. The second thing I'd prescribe is persistence.

You'll want to gradually lengthen his walks. Each day, always at the same time, put Hunter on his leash and start the walk. As soon as Hunter begins to lag or tug forward, stop walking, adjust the distance so that he's standing or sitting next to you, and start again, saying, "Heel" as you step forward.

When he sits and won't budge, encourage him to go a few more steps by giving him a very small treat. Then turn around and go home. On your next walk, repeat this encouragement, going just a little farther. See what I'm getting at? Make each walk just a tiny bit farther.

As Hunter loses weight, learns to trust you and gains confidence on the leash, he will eventually pull you along. Time, patience and consistency will do the trick.

*Readers, how did you train an older dog? Tell me about it at [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).*

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) New opportunities spring up for the Arians. Kick up those heels and go, go, go for them. Remember, someone special will be rooting for your success.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Indulge in your love of beauty. Buy something marvelous for your home, then plan a romantic dinner at a special place with your special person.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your diligent search for the truth pays off. You can now go ahead and make a decision fully armed with the facts. But expect some resistance to your plans.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Travel is favored, but be prepared to be flexible in planning your trip. A family situation may cause you to delay your original departure date.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Be careful to whom you confide in with your secrets. While you certainly have your admirers, you also have detractors who would love to puncture the Lion's pride.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A certain family problem still needs your attention. It would be unwise at this time to let things slide. Things start to look more promising on the job.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your mate seems to feel increas-

**EVENTS:** from page 35

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.)

**Reports to Council.** April 3 at 9 a.m.

**Work Session – Beloved Woman Committee.** April 3 at 1 p.m. Tribal Council. April 4 at 8:30 a.m.

**Community Services.** April 8 at 9 a.m.

**Lands Committee.** April 11 at 9 a.m.

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

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

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

**Planning Board.** April 15 at 1 p.m.

**Lands Acquisition.** April 16 at 1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

**HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS**

**Diabetes program starting entitled “What Can I Eat? Nutrition Education for Native People Living with Diabetes or Prediabetes”.** April 4 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Welch Top Conference Room in Cherokee, N.C. In

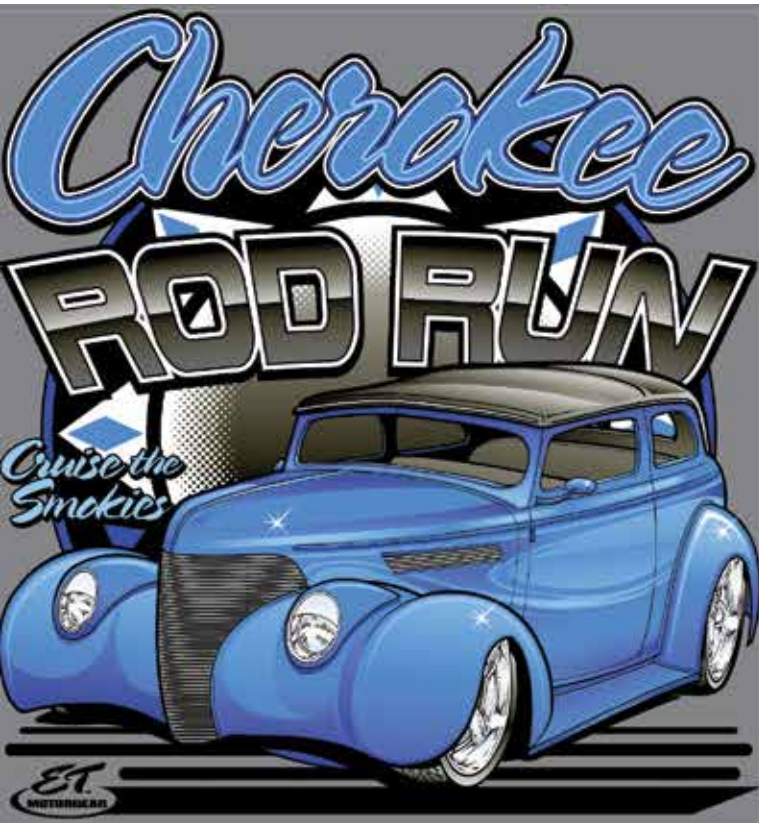
weekly classes, this program will help you achieve your health goals including: eating healthier, losing weight, lowering blood sugar, feeling better, having more energy, and moving easier. This program is sponsored by the Cherokee Indian Hospital Nutrition Department. Info: (828) 497-9163 ext. 6459 or email nilofer.couture@cherokee-hospital.org

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

**Memorial Day Fishing Tournament.** May 25-26 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Bound-

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

**Tim Hill Memorial Fishing Tournament.** July 13-14 in the general fishing waters of the Qualla Boundary. \$10,000 in cash prizes. Registration deadline is Friday, July 12. Registration fee is \$15. Paid fish permit fee covering both tournament days is \$17. Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Tag



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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) 359-6471

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

**WCU Spring Literary Festival.** April 1-5 in Hinds University Center's theater on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. The festival has a long tradition of bringing writers to the community and university, highlighting both Appalachian literature and national talent. There will be approximately three events per day, including book signings, panels, readings, and more. All events are free and open to the public. The festival is made possible by local and national supporters, including the North Carolina Arts Council, WCU's 2023-2024 Community and Belongingness campus theme, South Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of English Studies. Info:

[www.litfest.org](http://www.litfest.org) or contact WCU's Department of English Studies (828) 227-7264

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

**Swain County Democratic Party hybrid in-person/remote meeting.** April 8 at 7 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope St. in Bryson City, N.C. Community events and planning future activities will be discussed. All are welcome. For information or to request the link to join the virtual meeting, call (828) 488-1234, email [SwainCountyDems@gmail.com](mailto:SwainCountyDems@gmail.com)

## **SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Autism Support Group Meeting.** April 9 at 5 p.m. in the Dora Reed multi-purpose room in Cherokee, N.C. Join for autism support, education, and resources. Light refreshments and water will be provided. Info: Candy Ross (828) 359-2203 or Amanda Bradley 359-2204

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets

every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: [www.AAwnc80.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:virginia.shell52@gmail.com)

**CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP**  
**Abundant Life Apostolic Church.** 171 Johnson Br. Road,

see **EVENTS** next page

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Bryson City. Sunday Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship. 7 p.m. Pastor Kevin Linkinhoker 488-8937

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

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

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

**Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church.** 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m., Sunday Afternoon Service 3 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting (bi-weekly) 7 p.m., Monthly Business Meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor - James Esser

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

**Bigwitch Baptist Church.** 2290 Bigwitch Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday service 6 p.m. Pastor

James "Jimbo" Sneed. All are welcome.

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

**Cherokee Baptist Church.** 812 Tsalagi Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Adult Bible Study Wednesday 6 p.m. Pastor Ric Eddings 497-2761

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

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

**Cherokee Church of God.** 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Every third Sunday they have a fellowship meal to celebrate all the birthdays throughout that month. Everyone is cordially invited for any of the services and meals. Pastor, Aaron Bridges (704) 466-1394 Pastor, Aaron Bridges (704) 466-1394

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

Hardesty 497-2819

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Ela Baptist Church.** 4450 Ela

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

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

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

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

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

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

736-9383

**Living Waters Lutheran**

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

**Macedonia Baptist Church.**

1181 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. There are currently no services. Pastor Peter Shaw 736-5322

**The Peaks Church.**

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

**Rock Springs Baptist Church.**

129 Old Gap Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 6:30

p.m. Pastor Greg Morgan 497-9455, 736-1245 (cell)

**Sequoyah Sovereign Grace**

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

**Shoal Creek Baptist Church.**

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

**Spruce Grove Baptist Church.**

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

**Straight Fork Baptist Church.**

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

**Waterfalls Baptist Church.**

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

**Whittier United Methodist**

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

**Wilmot Baptist Church.**

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

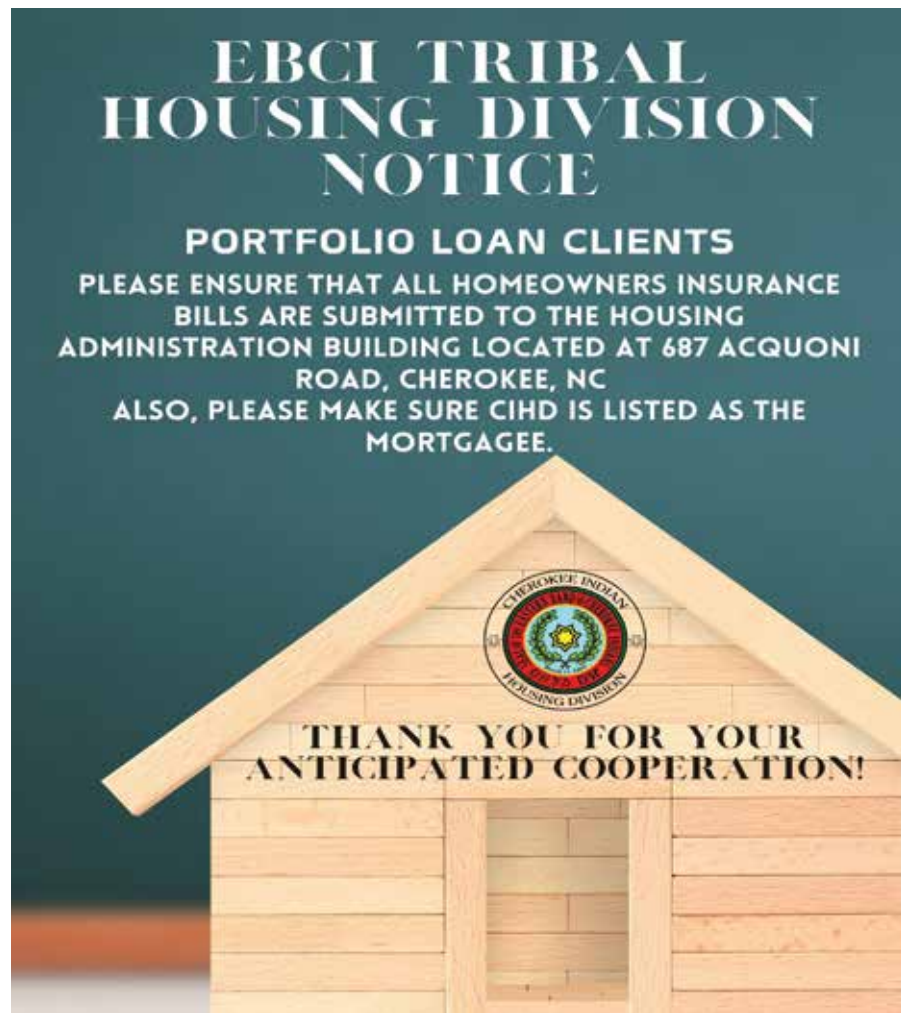
**Wrights Creek Baptist Church.**

Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

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

**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





## EMPLOYMENT



**Kituwah Technologies have the following job(s) available:**

- Electrician
  - Inventory Control Specialist
- Anyone interested should pick up an application and complete position description at the KG3 office building, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, across the street from Waffle House and First Citizens Bank between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or email Maggie Toineeta at [maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com](mailto:maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com) or Patty Buchanan at [patticia.buchanan@kituwahg3.com](mailto:patticia.buchanan@kituwahg3.com). These positions will be opened until filled. Native American and

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

### CLASSIFIEDS

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

### LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-028  
**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**  
**Glenn Gilbert Wolfe**  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit

them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.

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

Venita K Wolfe  
7397 Big Cove Rd  
Cherokee, NC. 28719  
**4/3**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-026  
**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**  
**JOHN CALVIN STANDINGDEER**  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against

this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.

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

Sheila K Standingdeer  
P.O. Box 1823  
Cherokee, NC. 28719  
**4/17**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-032  
**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**  
**KENNETH L. WELCH**  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against



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

Trista Lane Welch  
93 Sam and Ellen Dr  
Cherokee, NC. 28719  
4/17

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tommy Chekelelee/Samantha Hinojosa  
53 Boyd Chekelelee Rd  
P.O Box 1762  
Robbinsville NC, 28771  
4/17

**BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians

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

**RE: Unclaimed Money**

The following individuals have

unclaimed money at the Cherokee Court. If your name or business is on this list, please come to the clerk's office at the Cherokee Court by June 10, 2024 and fill out the appropriate paperwork so that the monies can be returned to you: Anders, Jama; Arch, Treannie; Arneach, Jefferson; Blanton, Shannon; Brady, Dnaiel; Catt, Mattie; Cope, Sally; Crowe, Edward; George, Michael; Grady, Tatum; Halm, Christine; Hodock, Joshua; Honeycutt, Mark; Hornbuckle, Joniah; Keel, Aaron; King, Dalericka; Leonardo, Anthony; Lineberry, Jeffrey; Little, Joshua; Locust III, William; Martin, Mary; McCoy, Kyle; O'Donovan, Patrick; Owle Sr., Alfred; Owle, Leigh; Radford, Hunter; Ratcliff, David; Reed, Addie; Reed II, Gary; Riggin, 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 PROPOSAL (Bertha Saunooke and Bill Lambert Drive)**

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals for the rehab and renovation of 2 houses located at 241 Bertha Saunooke Heights and 129 Bill Lambert Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719. This project is demo and restore to new condition. The scope of work will be provided at the site visit. The bid is for labor only. All bids are due by the close of business on April 10th, 2024. Bids are to be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North Carolina, 28719. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope ad-

dressed to Peanut Crowe. Project name, "Bertha Saunooke Heights" and "Bill Lambert Drive", should be noted in the upper left-hand corner of the envelop. There will be a showing of the properties on April 3rd, 2024 at 8:30am at the above properties. 4/3

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (Blackberry)**

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals for the rehab and renovation of 1 house located at Blackberry Apartments on Teesateskie Rd. in Birdtown, Cherokee, NC 28719. This project is demo and restore to new condition. The scope of work will be provided at the site visit. The bid is for labor only. All bids are due by the close of business on April 10th, 2024. Bids are to be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, North Carolina, 28719. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Peanut Crowe. Project name, "Blackberry" and , should be noted in the upper left-hand corner of the envelop. There will be a showing of the properties on April 3rd, 2024 at 9:30am. 4/3

**NOTICE**

The EBCI Division of Operations and Water and Sewer Operations and Maintenance Program is proposing the enactment of administrative rules pursuant to Cherokee Code Sec. 62-1 and Sec. 150-4. These rules are proposed to regulate cross connections to the Tribe's public water distribution system to ensure the safety of and prevent contamination to the potable water supply. Written comments may be mailed to the Water and Sewer Operations and Maintenance Program at Attn: Russell Bigmeat, Jr., P.O. Box 547, Chero-

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kee, NC 28719 or emailed to russbigm@ebci-nsn.gov. Proposed administrative rules are available to the public for inspection. The period for public comment is 20 days from the publication of this notice. **4/3**

**Bid Proposals**

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

The Canopy Bar Redesign at

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Cherokee, NC.

The following scopes of work are available to bid:

Demolition, Concrete, Drywall & ACT, Flooring, Painting, Specialties, Millwork, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Doors & Frames, Specialties, Kitchen Equipment, Fire Protection, Fire Alarm, Testings & Inspections, Commissioning, Signage, Solid Surface Materials, Audio Visual, Security.

Proposal due date for The Canopy

Bar will be ongoing depending on the scope of work and early package release.

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

Please contact Bob Legler at bob.legler@robinsmorton.com or 205-803-0178 office or cell 808-349-2209 for further information regarding this request for proposal.

Every bidder is responsible for reviewing all contract documents

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



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**Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements**

**CBC - Bus and Truck Department**

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

**CBC - Cherokee Children's Home (CCH)**

- Residential Counselor Supervisor - \$30,000 - \$37,000 per year with benefits
- 6 FT Residential Counselors - \$30,000 - 37,000 per year with benefits
- 4 PT Residential Counselors - \$14.00 - \$18.00 per hour without benefits

**CBC - Child Development**

- Behavioral Specialists - \$55,000 - \$67,500 per year with benefits
- Behavioral Teacher/Tech - (1) Agelink / (1) Snowbird - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits
- (3) Teacher Positions - Agelink - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits

**CBC - Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI)**

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

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



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# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## EXECUTIVE:

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

## ENGINEERING:

Dietary Services Supervisor - \$19.66 - \$22.25

EVS Supervisor – 3rd Shift \$21.13 - \$23.98

## FINANCE

Patient Access Specialist -Emergency Hire - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Patient Access Specialist Supervisor - \$26.52 - \$30.31

PRC Processor - \$19.66 - \$22.25

## HUMAN RESOURCES

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

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

-\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus

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

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

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

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

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

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

\$19.26

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

- \$19.26

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

Behavioral Health Consultant Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852

Medicated Assisted Treatment Program Supervisor - \$67,082 -

\$83,852

Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72

Behavioral Health RN – Kanvwotiyi - \$33.68 - \$38.68

Outpatient Nurse Supervisor – Analenisgi - \$36.56 - \$42.11

Peer Support Specialist – Analenisgi - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

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

## OPERATIONS

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

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 – \$20.67

Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

**Bonus**

PTR Phlebotomist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Phlebotomist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

## MEDICAL

Physician – Pediatrics \$157,686 - \$197,108

Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108

Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time - \$227,068 - \$283,835

Psychiatrist – Analenisgi - \$227,068 - \$283,835

## NURSING

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

Case Management Support – Complimentary Medicine - \$18.32

- \$20.67

Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate

Care Center \$21.13 - \$23.98 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus for LPN**

Certified Nursing Assistant – Part Time Intermittent - ICC \$17.12

– \$19.26

Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent – Emergency Room

\$33.68 - \$38.72

Registered Nurse - Inpatient \$31.06 - \$35.64 - **\*\$5,000 Hiring**

**Bonus (Night shift)**

Registered Nurse (30 Hours per week) – Emergency Room

\$33.68 - \$38.72

Specialty Services Registered Nurse – Procedure Suite - \$33.68

– \$38.72

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

Diabetes Educator - \$31.06 - \$35.64

LPN – Primary Care \$21.13 - \$23.98

## TSALI CARE CENTER

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

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

**Bonus**

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

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

**only)**

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

\$25.89

Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89

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

Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11

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

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

## Tribal Option

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

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



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**Open Until Filled**

1. Corrections Officer (Multiple) – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Juvenile Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. School Resources Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
9. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
11. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour)
12. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
13. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
14. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
15. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
16. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
17. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
18. Environmental Compliance Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
19. Education Tutor/Grades 3-5 – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
20. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
21. Remember the Removal Bike Ride Group Fitness Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
22. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
23. NFP Nurse (Home Visitor) – Nurse Family Partnership – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
24. Rounds Tech/Operator – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
25. Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
26. Evidence Based Intervention Specialist – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)



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**Closing Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

- 1) Registered Nurse: Tribal In-Home Care Services / PHHS (L15 \$27.87 - \$34.84)
- 2) Domestic Violence Intervention Coordinator: DV & Sexual Assault / PHHS (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11)
- 3) Manager: DV & Sexual Assault / PHHS (L15 \$57,982 - \$72,478)
- 4) Stock Clerk: Tribal Foods Distribution / PHHS (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26)
- 5) Teacher Assistant (Multiple): QBHE & EHS / PHHS (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13)
- 6) Data Specialist: QB EHS Education / PHHS (L10 \$17.58 - \$21.98)
- 7) Supervisor: Facility Management / Operations (L13 \$47,552 - \$59,440)
- 8) Manager – Construction: Tribal Construction / Operations (L16 \$64,581 - \$80,727) Safety Sensitive Position
- 9) Manager CDOT: CDOT / Operations (L16 \$64,581 - \$80,727)
- 10) Administrative Assistant: Cherokee Youth Center / Education (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88)
- 11) Grants Analyst: Grants Management Office / Treasury (L14 \$52,349 - \$65,437)
- 12) Firefighter: Cherokee Fire Department / Operations (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92) Safety Sensitive Position

**ATTENTION PLEASE!**

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

The Kituwah Preservation & Education Program would like to hear your ideas to improve the Annual Kituwah Celebration. Will you please give us a few minutes of your time and complete this survey?

Please use the QR code below to access the anonymous survey.

Annual Kituwah Celebration Feedback

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Advertise your item in the Cherokee  
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[Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com](mailto:Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com).



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## Smoky mountains

Tiara Howard, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Elawodi (Yellowhill), snapped a picture of the sunset and a "sea of clouds" as she describes it, over the Great Smoky Mountains National Park recently.



## Perfect attendance

The following students and teachers in the New Kituwah Academy Early Childhood program had perfect attendance for the month of March 2024: back row - ᎠᎹᎹ-Lele Lossiah, ᎠᎹᎹ-Cameron Hemphill, ᎠᎹᎹ-Kaycee Lossiah, ᎠᎹᎹ-Jace Smith, ᎠᎹᎹ-Christiano Ramirez, ᎠᎹᎹ-Tamara Sampson, ᎠᎹᎹ-Karyl Frankiewicz; front row - ᎠᎹᎹ-Blaze Bird, ᎠᎹᎹ-Blakelynn Wachacha, ᎠᎹᎹ-Naavy McKinney, ᎠᎹᎹ-Kuwaya Walkingstick, ᎠᎹᎹ-Leona Ramirez, ᎠᎹᎹ-Naomi Bird, ᎠᎹᎹ-Aria Neadeau, ᎠᎹᎹ-Joella Owle. (Photo by New Kituwah Academy Early Childhood program)

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

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



# FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 | 7:30 PM | GAS SOUTH ARENA  
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STREAM ON **ESPN+** **PEACHTREE** SPORTS NETWORK **TSN+**

