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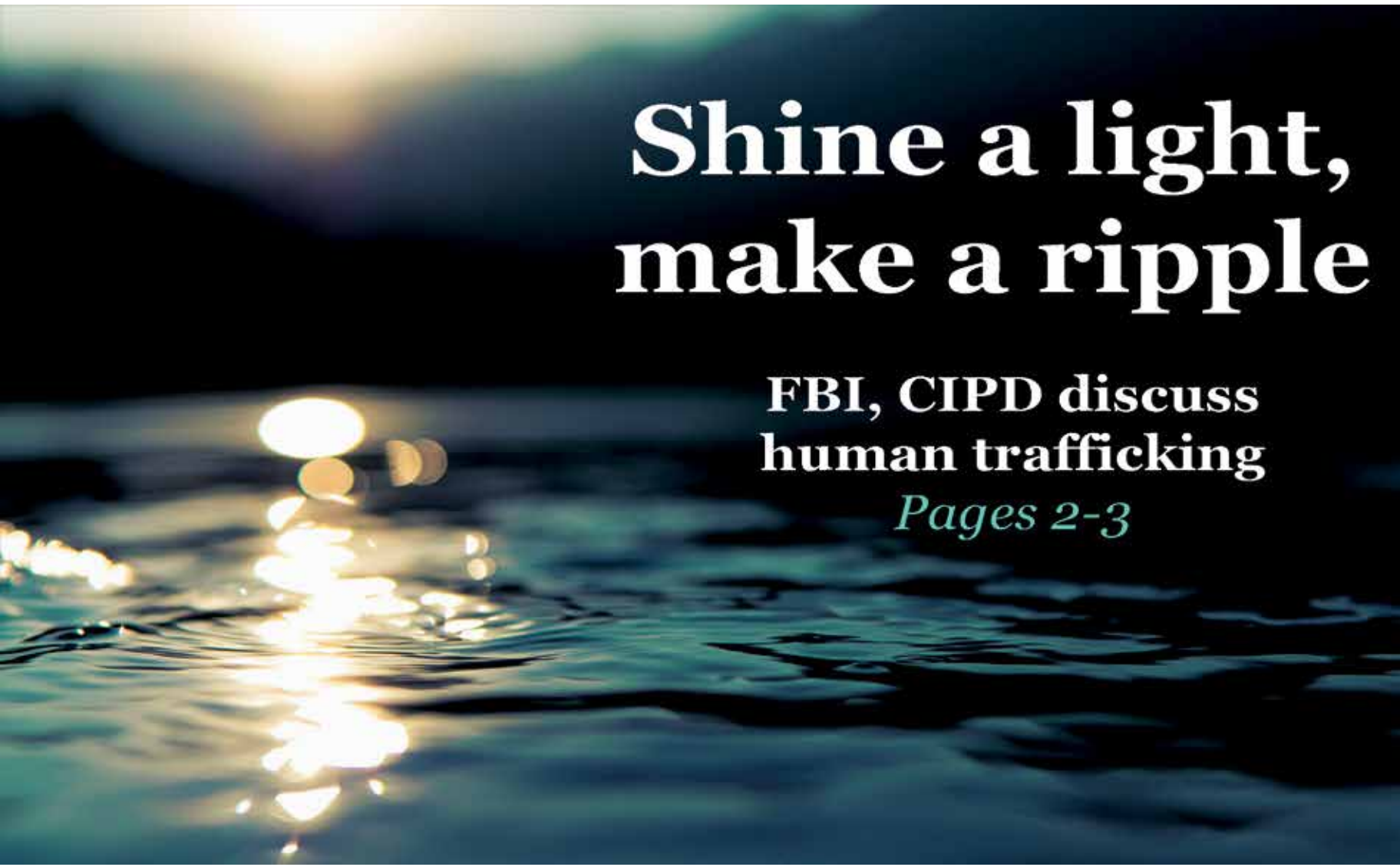
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# FBI, CIPD discuss human trafficking

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**  
One Feather Reporter

**C**HEROKEE, N.C.—On the afternoon of Thursday, April 25, the Cherokee One Feather held a joint meeting with Special Agents Bianca Pearson and Kaley Kowalsky from the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and Cody White, attorney for the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD), to discuss the issue of human trafficking on the Qualla Boundary.

The meeting followed an interview held on Jan. 25 with Shelli Buckner, EBCI senior tribal prosecutor from the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor; Driver Blythe, public relations assistant from the Office of the Principal Chief; Marsha Jackson, then-Domestic Violence Program manager; Kayla Bigmeat, then-intervention project coordinator; Lisa Ivey, RN, BSN, Forensic Nurse coordinator; Brooklyn Brown, Cherokee One Feather reporter; and Robert Jumper, Cherokee One Feather editor. The January meeting discussed social services necessities for combatting human trafficking.

The April meeting discussed law enforcement in human trafficking. Also in attendance at the April meeting were Buckner, Bigmeat, Jumper, and Brown. The meeting included vital information regarding human trafficking investigations, victimology, and prosecution. Sheyahshe Littledave and Driver Blythe from the Office of the Principal Chief were invited but were unable to attend. Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks shared the following statement with the One Feather regarding human trafficking:

“Human trafficking is a grave violation of fundamental human rights,

and it requires collective action from us all to combat it. Raising awareness and empowering individuals to recognize the signs and take action are essential.

We know the disproportionate prevalence of human trafficking within Indigenous communities, and we understand the challenges involved including the historical and systemic factors that contribute to vulnerability. We must acknowledge and address these challenges with sensitivity, understanding, and targeted interventions to effectively combat human trafficking and protect our community.

The Tribal Council, Vice Chief, and I stand united in our commitment to ensure that our community is a place where everyone is safe, valued, and free from exploitation.”

To start the meeting, Special Agent Pearson recalled her first sex trafficking sting with the FBI.

“I started in a small office in Johnson City, Tenn., and there were always rumors around functions like the NASCAR races and big events like the Super Bowl and people being brought in for that,” Pearson said. “We had what’s called an intelligence gap, meaning we couldn’t answer the question: Is there trafficking going on at this function? Because nobody’s ever done any investigative work to figure that out.”

To gain that experience in investigative work, Pearson worked the Indianapolis 500 as her first sex trafficking sting. “If we encounter an adult victim, the goal is not to prosecute them. The goal is not to arrest them because of the history of understanding how people get into this. You don’t have the same victimology in human trafficking like you do in anything else.”

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Pearson developed a class at the Basic Law Enforcement Academy in Tennessee on investigating human trafficking, as the crime is particularly difficult to investigate, especially considering the complex victimology of trafficking victims. “The sex trafficking brain is similar to a prisoner of war. The biggest hurdle initially is understanding that you don’t know what you’re talking about or who you’re dealing with on a psychological and mental behavioral level - surrounding yourself with people who are able to provide that awareness and help you manage or be able to interact with these victims is a key part,” she shared.

“These victims don’t see themselves as victims. To them, this is something that finally provides them stability and consistency that they never had. For an outsider, that stability and consistency doesn’t look like that, but for them it does. They have food, they have money, they have a place to stay. You don’t face a victim that has these same social and psychological factors surrounding their victimization.”

Pearson said investigating human trafficking requires the collaboration of law enforcement and social services with a victim-centered approach. “You can’t law enforcement your way out of this. We’re really ill-equipped to handle the needs of these victims—it’s not a law enforcement function. You need social services.”

All attendees agreed at the April meeting, as they did at the January meeting, that sex trafficking is happening on the Qualla Boundary. Trafficking can and

does happen in any location, but Pearson says casinos are a common location for hotel sex trafficking. “You don’t have to be a trained investigator to know that it happens in every casino throughout the country. It is a very popular way to try to locate traffickers and they’re victims.”

White added, “I think any place that you have money, you’re going to have crime. They feed on each other. Specifically, from the sex trafficking realm, it was sex for money, money for something else. There were steps. They cut all of that out. Now, it’s sex for anything of value, sex for drugs, which is primarily what we see.”

White also spoke to the generational aspect of sex trafficking, which is similar to a subset of sex trafficking called familial trafficking, the trafficking of family members. “Another thing that I have seen numerous times here is either generational trauma associated with sexual abuse or sex trafficking.”

Pearson explained the generational impact associated with sex trafficking. “Victims are more susceptible when they have high Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) scores, involvement in the juvenile justice system, involvement in the foster care system, experiences with physical and sexual child abuse. With sex trafficking victims, you’re going to find a history of all those things because it’s that instability and the need for consistency that makes them vulnerable to traffickers.”

White noted the importance of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Movement

and #MeToo Movement in raising awareness for sex trafficking. “It’s given a platform and a voice to those that have been quiet for a long time, to know there’s this thing that exists that they can be a part of and help facilitate the conversations—that are sometimes very hard conversations that they may not be able to have with family or friends. They have a space to share their story.”

White says acknowledgement is key in moving forward to combat the issue of human trafficking in our community. “I think that it is paramount that we acknowledge that it exists. It is okay to say it’s here. I think that everyone is accepting, ‘Okay, we know it’s here. Let’s move forward.’ Teach your children and tell the officers. It really helps if there’s family and community participation. It helps to have a support system, especially when you have a child victim. If they feel as though their family is behind them, they’re much more likely to be cooperative in the investigation, cooperative in the prosecution, and be able to get through this sometimes-painstaking process that is the criminal justice process.”

There is a complexity in identifying and prosecuting the crime, but White assures the community that CIPD is aware and investigating, even if “sex trafficking” is not the charge that is listed. “You may not see it on charging, you may not see it in certain things, but know that we’re looking for it. Just because not every single case is charged as sex trafficking doesn’t mean it doesn’t exist as part of that case. Sometimes, with that evi-

dence, instead of trying to prove it in a crime itself, it can bear more weight as part of a motive or something else that the prosecutor may present as part of the whole case.”

White shared a harrowing experience from his time in the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor. “There’s a panel of jurors that are sitting in the box, and for us, I think it was 12 at the time, and one of the questions I asked is, ‘Have you or any one of your immediate family ever been a victim of sexual abuse? Please raise your hand.’ And all 12 jurors raised their hand. I always kept that in the back of my mind.”

Special Agents Pearson and Kowalsky want the EBCI to know they are a resource, “I represent something that is the government. I recognize the history of that, and it’s been an important objective of mine to make sure that we had a dedicated person able to work Native American crimes,” Pearson said. “Just for your edification, the way we get involved is three-pronged: 1) It must be a major crime, and human trafficking would fall under that, 2) It could be a native or a non-native victim and/or subject, 3) It has to happen on the Qualla Boundary or Indian Country territory.”

“We work well with the EBCI and CIPD, but if people don’t feel comfortable going to CIPD, you can always make reports online to the FBI at [fbi.gov](https://www.fbi.gov). There’s a way to call in, there’s a way to make an emailed report as well, and we take them very seriously.”



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# EBCI Cannabis Survey: 64 percent 'strongly support'

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Great Smoky Cannabis Company opened its door for the first legal sales of medical cannabis in the State of North Carolina on Saturday, April 20. The day before, officials with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Public Health and Human Services Division (PHHS) released results from a survey regarding cannabis legalization on the Qualla Boundary – the tribal lands of the EBCI.

The Great Smoky Cannabis Company is operated by Qualla Enterprises, LLC, an entity of the EBCI.

The survey respondents were asked, “How do you feel about legalizing cannabis in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Community?” They responded as follows:

- Strongly support – 338 (64.14 percent)
- Strongly oppose – 68 (12.90 percent)
- Somewhat support – 63 (11.95 percent)
- Somewhat oppose – 21 (3.98 percent)
- Neutral – 37 (7.02 percent)

A total of 529 people completed the survey with 394 (74.62 percent) being EBCI tribal members, 13 (2.46 percent) enrolled with another federally recognized tribe, 10 (1.89 percent) EBCI first descendant, 91 (17.23 percent) not a member of a federally recognized tribe, and 20 (3.79 percent) who listed ‘other’. One person skipped this question entirely.

The age range of the respondents was as follows:

- 18-24 years: 31 (5.87 percent)
- 25-34 years: 106 (20.08 percent)
- 35-44 years: 138 (26.14 percent)
- 45-54 years: 122 (23.11 percent)
- 55-64 years: 89 (16.86 percent)
- 65+ years: 42 (7.95 percent)

The overwhelming majority of the respondents (459, 87.77 percent) responded that they work and/or live on the Qualla Boundary.

When asked if they currently use cannabis, 335 (63.33 percent) responded ‘no’.

Respondents were asked, “What are the potential advantages of legalizing cannabis in our community?” A total of 470 people answered this question with 59 choosing not to provide



Cannabis plants are shown in a hoop house at the farm operated by Qualla Enterprises, LLC, an entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. In a recent survey by EBCI Public Health and Human Services, 64 percent of respondents indicated that they ‘strongly support’ legalization of cannabis on EBCI tribal lands. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

an answer. Those results include:

- Increased Tax Revenue – 340 (72.34 percent)
- Reduced crime rate – 218 (46.38 percent)
- Improved medical access – 354 (75.32 percent)
- Increased tourism revenue – 314 (66.81 percent)
- Economic opportunities and job creation – 391 (83.19 percent)
- Reduced burden on the criminal justice system – 300 (63.83 percent)

Respondents were subsequently asked about disadvantages of legalization, and they provided the following answers with 366 people responding and 163 skipping the question:

- Increased youth access and use – 264 (72.13 percent)
- Public safety concerns – 144 (39.34 percent)
- Negative impact on businesses and property values – 103 (28.14 percent)
- Driving safety concerns – 228 (62.30 percent)
- Public health concerns – 166 (45.36 percent)
- Social and ethical concerns – 151 (41.26 percent)

The remaining two questions dealt with information and education on cannabis for the

community.

A total of 490 people responded (39 skipped) to a question asking what information they would like to have regarding cannabis with the top three answers being:

- The role of law enforcement in a legalized cannabis market – 298 (60.82 percent)
- Legal regulations and licensing procedures – 290 (59.18 percent)
- Economic impacts and community development – 287 (58.57 percent)

During opening day festivities for the Great Smoky Cannabis Company, Forrest Parker, Qualla Enterprises, LLC general manager, said, “We know how much healing exists in plant medicine, but we’re not solely in the business of cultivating cannabis. We’re in the business of cultivating people. We’re in the business of changing lives and creating opportunities for growth where it otherwise is severely limited.”

EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson, who purchased the first legal medical cannabis in the state on opening day, said, “It makes me feel good that now we can add cannabis to our Native American medicines...it is a great day for the Cherokee people today.”



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## Tribal Council Agenda for Thursday, May 2

Call to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Item No. 1:** New Ordinance – an ordinance amending Cherokee Code Section 91-8 to state that a pawnbroker cannot take any interest in a possessory holding and any improvements thereon for a loan or resale

**Item No. 2:** New Ordinance – an ordinance amending Cherokee Code Section 117-43.1 through Section 117-43.8 to grant more review authority to the Housing Committee over policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and contracts concerning all housing-related matters within the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

**Item No. 3:** 8:30 a.m. – A resolution for the estate of Phillip Owle Jr.

**Item No. 4:** 8:40 a.m. – A resolution for the estate of Charles Woodrow Cornwell

**Item No. 5:** 8:50 a.m. – Tabled Ord. No. 125 (2024), an ordinance amending Cherokee Code Section 117-46 and Section 117-47 to require tribal entities to provide financial reports and budget information to the Tribe on a regular basis

**Item No. 6:** 9 a.m. – Tabled Ord. No. 127 (2024), an ordinance amending Cherokee Code Chapter 14 Section 14.95.35, confidential discharge and expunction of records for first offense of youthful offenders

**Item No. 7:** 9:10 a.m. – Tabled Ord. No. 129 (2024), an ordinance to dissolve the Cherokee Police Commission

**Item No. 8:** 9:20 a.m. – Tabled Ord. No. 174 (2024), an ordinance to amend hunting dog regulations to clarify inconsistencies contained within

**Item No. 9:** 9:30 a.m. – Tabled Res. No. 176 (2024), a resolution to approve certain amendments to the loan documents related to Revolutionary Racing Kentucky, LLC to reduce the guaranty and liquidity requirements imposed by the Tribe

**Item No. 10:** 9:40 a.m. – Budget Amendment for Housing Property Management FY24

**Item No. 11:** (no time slot given) - A resolution to approve funding requests

**Item No. 12:** (no time slot given) - A resolution to approve capital requests

**Item No. 13:** 9:50 a.m. - EBCI Destination Marketing Program is authorized to accept funds from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation in the estimated amount of \$38,000 for a total estimated project cost of \$76,000 for FY24

**Item No. 14:** 10 a.m. – EBCI Emergency Medical Services is authorized to accept funds from SAMHSA in the estimated amount of \$2,500,000 for FY24-28

**Item No. 15:** 10:10 a.m. – EBCI Natural Resources Program is authorized to accept funds from the First Nations Development Institute in the estimated amount of \$5,000 for FY24

**Item No. 16:** 10:20 a.m. – EBCI Natural Resources Program is authorized to accept funds from

the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the estimated amount of \$200,000 for FY25-27

**Item No. 17:** 10:30 a.m. – EBCI Natural Resources is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the BIA in the estimated amount of \$216,672 for FY24

**Item No. 18:** 10:40 a.m. – EBCI Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start Program is authorized to apply for and accept funds from the Dogwood Health Trust in the estimated amount of \$250,000 for FY25-26

**Item No. 19:** 10:50 a.m. – Donation resolution for the month of May 2024

**Item No. 20:** 11 a.m. – A resolution to explore purchasing land in Big Cove from Gary and Margaret French

**Item No. 21:** 11:10 a.m. – A resolution to approve a new credit agreement for EBCI Holdings, LLC for Caesar's Virginia (Danville, Va.) as authorized in Res. No. 182 (2024)

**Item No. 22:** 11:20 a.m. – A resolution seeking Tribal Council's approval for a research project on vocabulary regarding Cherokee people and politically correct terminology in the Library of Congress Headings

**Item No. 23:** 11:30 a.m. – A resolution requesting that Res. No. 589 (2017) be given immediate effect and all prior military service time shall count and be added to the Tribal Pension Years of Service for Tribal Employee Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Emergency Resolutions and Ban-

ishment Items at end of agenda if necessary



## Moments in time

• On **May 13, 1958**, Vice President Richard Nixon's car was attacked and nearly overturned by an angry crowd shouting anti-American slogans as Nixon traveled through Caracas, Venezuela, during a goodwill trip through Latin America. None of the car's passengers were injured and the driver was able to speed away to safety.

• On **May 14, 1904**, the first Olympic Games to be held in the United States opened in St. Louis, Missouri. The Games had initially been awarded to Chicago, but were later given to St. Louis to be staged in connection with the St. Louis World Exposition. Unfortunately, the Games were poorly organized and overshadowed by the fair.

• On **May 15, 2009**, General Electric, one of America's most prestigious corporations, finally began its government-mandated efforts to clean up New York's Hudson River, after decades of environmental damage and legal wrangling. The company had dumped harmful chemicals into the river for years and spent a fortune trying to avoid a cleanup.

• On **May 16, 1975**, Norma Armistead checked into a Los Angeles hospital with a newborn infant she claimed to have given birth to at home. But when it became clear she hadn't, and another woman turned up dead nearby with the baby she was carrying cut from her body, Armistead was arrested for murder and sentenced to life in prison.

• On **May 17, 1885**, Apache leader and medicine man Geronimo escaped from an Arizona reservation. After a year and a half of running, he and his 38 remaining followers surrendered the following September. Geronimo was relocated to Florida before finally being freed two years later.

• On **May 18, 1593**, an arrest warrant was issued for Christopher Marlowe after fellow playwright Thomas Kyd claimed that "heretical" documents found in his room were actually written by Marlowe. Arrested two days later, Marlowe bailed out but died in a bar brawl on May 30.

• On **May 19, 1943**, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt set a date of May 1, 1944, for the cross-Channel landing that would become D-Day. Due to bad weather, it was rescheduled for June 6 instead.

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**CIPD Arrest Report for  
April 15-21, 2024**

*The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Los-siah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defen-dants 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.*

Bark, Brandon Jordache – age 33  
Arrested: April 15  
Released: April 18  
Charges: Elder Abuse and Ne-glect, Assault on a Female, Crimi-nal Mischief to Property

Calhoun, Chad Lawrence – age

40  
Arrested: April 15  
Released: April 18  
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Providing or Possessing Contraband; Pre-Trial Release Violation

Sequoyah, Reva Claudine – age 62  
Arrested: April 15  
Released: April 17  
Charges: Contributing to the De-linquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Sherrill, Tameka – age 33  
Arrested: April 15  
Released: April 18  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Law-ful Order of the Court, Drug Paraphernalia, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Taylor, Stephanie Nichole – age 33  
Arrested: April 15  
Released: April 15  
Charges: Simple Assault and Battery, Simple Affray; Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Providing or Possessing Contra-band

Crowe, Isaiah – age 19  
Arrested: April 16  
Released: April 18  
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Viola-tion

Crowe, Terrance Rell – age 23  
Arrested: April 16  
Released: April 18  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Littlejohn, Nathaniel Davis – age 25  
Arrested: April 16  
Released: April 16  
Charges: Hit and Run, Leave Scene, Property Damage; Reck-less Endangerment

Welch, Justice Elissa – age 27  
Arrested: April 16  
Released: April 16  
Charges: Domestic and Dating Violence

Wolfe, Terrance Russell – age 26  
Arrested: April 16  
Released: April 18  
Charges: Possession of a Con-trolled Substance, Drug Para-phernalia

Bryant, Dana Brent – age 42  
Arrested: April 17  
Released: April 18  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Hornbuckle, Calvin Daniel – age 40

Arrested: April 17  
Released: April 18  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Maney, Siceria Maquita – age 35  
Arrested: April 18  
Released: Not released as of re-port date (April 22)  
Charges: Possession of a Con-trolled Substance

Bird, Elexia Kayleigh – age 18  
Arrested: April 19  
Released: Not released as of re-port date (April 22)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Law-ful Order of the Court; Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Posses-sion of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons Under 21-years-old

Lambert, Kaiden A. Kristine – age 18  
Arrested: April 20  
Released: April 20  
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Con-sumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21-years-old

Magliolo, Tommy Joe – age 44  
Arrested: April 20  
Released: April 20  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Snee, Calvin Louis – age 43  
Arrested: April 20  
Released: April 20  
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Elliot, Zachary Michael – age 23  
Arrested: April 21  
Released: Not released as of re-port date (April 22)  
Charges: Hold until Sober



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## MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

# Lady Braves win Smoky Mountain Conf. championship

One Feather Staff Report

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Lady Braves Middle School track team edged Hayesville Middle by 3.5 points to win the 2024 Smoky Mountain Middle School Track & Field Championship. The meet was hosted by Cherokee on the afternoon of Monday, April 22. Cherokee's Austin Fourkiller-Raby won both the girl's 800M Run (2:42.02) and 1600M Run (5:46.74), and Cambry Stamper won the girl's high jump (4-04). The Lady Braves won three out of four relay events including the 4x200M (1:58.88), 4x400M (4:36.87), and the 4x800M (11:24.13).

Several other Lady Braves made the podium (top three) including:

- Maya Lossiah, third place, 1600M Run, 6:19.61
- Lady Braves, third place, 4x100M Relay, 59.18
- Maia Lane, third place, shot put, 27-03
- Briann Teesateskie, third place, discus throw, 77-02

Several members of the Braves team made the podium including:

- Braves, third place, 4x100M Relay, 52.43
- Mack Burgess, second place, high jump, 5-02
- Nashoba Tushka, third place (tie), high jump, 4-10
- Kimo Sokol, third place (tie), high jump, 4-10; third place, long jump, 16-02.50

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

### Boy's Events

#### Team Scores

- 1 – Robbinsville Middle 162
- 2 – Swain Middle 116
- 3 – Hayesville Middle 107
- 4 – Murphy Middle 54
- 5 – Andrews Middle 51
- 6 – Cherokee Middle 44
- 7 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger Middle 29

#### 100M Dash

- 1 – Cameron Allison, Robbinsville, 11.62
- 2 – Colton McCoy, Robbinsville, 11.82
- 3 – Brett Hanna, Hayesville, 12.22
- 6 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 12.50
- 10 – Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 13.47
- 12 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 13.93

#### 200M Dash

- 1 – Colton McCoy, Robbinsville, 23.59
- 2 – Cameron Allison, Robbinsville, 24.51
- 3 – Brett Hanna, Hayesville, 25.53
- 10 – Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 28.89
- 11 – Marek Brown, Cherokee, 30.11
- 14 – William Welch, Cherokee, 31.01

#### 400M Dash

- 1 – Brett Hanna, Hayesville, 56.40
- 2 – Cameron Allison, Robbinsville, 57.45
- 3 – Ayden Kirkland, Swain, 57.89
- 9 – Jordan Panther, Cherokee, 1:00.76
- 12 – Odie Owle, Cherokee, 1:05.41
- 16 – Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 1:19.83

#### 800M Run

- 1 – Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 2:11.91
- 2 – Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 2:13.49
- 3 – Benjamin Koeller, Robbinsville, 2:20.18
- 10 – Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 2:39.09
- 12 – Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 2:40.56

#### 1600M Run

- 1 – Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 4:53.34
- 2 – Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 4:56.58
- 3 – Elliot Salinas, Andrews, 5:00.64
- 8 – Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 5:45.31
- 11 – Jeshua Lossiah, Cherokee, 6:11.13
- 16 – Drayzin Beheler, Cherokee, 6:43.16

#### 110M Hurdles

- 1 – Elijah Lambert, Robbinsville, 18.61
- 2 – Tristen Cody, Hayesville, 19.83
- 3 – Austin Angelo, Robbinsville, 19.94
- 9 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 22.76

#### 4x100M Relay

- 1 – Robbinsville, 49.51
- 2 – Murphy, 50.69
- 3 – Cherokee, 52.43

#### 4x200M Relay

- 1 – Robbinsville, 1:46.79
- 2 – Murphy, 1:49.27
- 3 – Hayesville, 1:52.45
- 5 – Cherokee, 1:52.53

#### 4x400M Relay

- 1 – Hayesville, 4:07.05

- 2 – Swain, 4:11.36

- 3 – Murphy, 4:12.26

#### 4x800M Relay

- 1 – Andrews, 9:51.34
- 2 – Swain, 10:18.92
- 3 – Robbinsville, 10:26.27

#### High Jump

- 1 – Jonah Dockery, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 5-08
- 2 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 5-02
- 3 – Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 4-10
- 3 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 4-10

#### Long Jump

- 1 – Colton McCoy, Robbinsville, 18-01.50
- 2 – Ayden Kirkland, Swain, 16-11.50
- 3 – Kimo Sokol, Cherokee, 16-02.50
- 7 – Mack Burgess, Cherokee, 14-09.50
- 8 – Nashoba Tushka, Cherokee, 14-07

#### Triple Jump

- 1 – Colton McCoy, Robbinsville, 37-03.25
- 2 – Ayden Kirkland, Swain, 33-11.50
- 3 – Eli Cheeks, Hayesville, 33-01.50
- 9 – Odie Owle, Cherokee, 29-11
- 10 – Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 28-09.25

#### Shot Put

- 1 – EJ Mapusua, Hayesville, 41-08
- 2 – Braydon Lane, Robbinsville, 38-04
- 3 – Colton Shuler, Swain, 36-07.50
- 7 – Greyson Ledford, Cherokee, 33-01.50
- 17 – Joe Perry Saunooke, Cherokee, 26-03
- 18 – Theron Parker, Cherokee, 23-00.75

#### Discus Throw

- 1 – Colton Shuler, Swain, 129-07
- 2 – EJ Mapusua, Hayesville, 123-09
- 3 – Trenton Cook, Murphy, 116-08
- 11 – Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 84-06
- 13 – Sunny Foalima, Cherokee, 68-08
- 17 – Joe Perry Saunooke, Cherokee, 51-06

### Girl's Events

#### Team Scores

- 1 – Cherokee Middle 123
- 2 – Hayesville Middle 119.5
- 3 – Murphy Middle 108
- 4 – Swain Middle 97
- 5 – Robbinsville Middle 76.5
- 6 – Andrews Middle 41
- 7 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger Middle 10

#### 100M Dash

- 1 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 13.04
- 2 – Cassidy Sudderth, Robbinsville, 13.52



- 3 – Kazandra Cooper, Swain, 13.57
- 8 – Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14.56
- 15 – Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 15.46
- 17 – Makeena Armachain, Cherokee, 15.74

**200M Dash**

- 1 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 27.00
- 2 – Juliet Holloway, Andrews, 28.60
- 3 – CJ Yarbro, Murphy, 28.69
- 5 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 29.72
- 11 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 31.95
- 12 – Emma Milholen, Cherokee, 32.45

**400M Dash**

- 1 – Kazandra Cooper, Swain, 1:04.31
- 2 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 1:06.13
- 3 – Micalynn McClure, Hayesville, 1:07.64
- 6 – Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 1:13.31
- 8 – Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 1:14.05
- 9 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 1:14.43

**800M Run**

- 1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 2:42.02
- 2 – Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 2:49.48
- 3 – Keirstin Westmoreland, Murphy, 2:50.67
- 4 – Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 2:56.47
- 5 – Savannah Hornbuckle, Cherokee, 2:59.30

**1600M Run**

- 1 – Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 5:46.74
- 2 – Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 5:59.24

- 3 – Maya Lossiah, 6:19.61
- 4 – Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee, 6:28.55

**100M Hurdles**

- 1 – Sadie Cornwell, Murphy, 18.49
- 2 – Khylei Alberta, Hayesville, 19.01
- 3 – Emily Dowling, Hayesville, 20.28
- 10 – Eloise Frady, Cherokee, 21.83
- 14 – Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Cherokee, 22.85

**4x100M Relay**

- 1 – Hayesville, 57.69
- 2 – Andrews, 58.19
- 3 – Cherokee, 59.18

**4x200M Relay**

- 1 – Cherokee, 1:58.88
- 2 – Andrews, 2:01.30
- 3 – Hayesville, 2:01.54

**4x400M Relay**

- 1 – Cherokee, 4:36.87
- 2 – Hayesville, 4:44.72
- 3 – Swain, 4:53.69

**4x800M Relay**

- 1 – Cherokee, 11:24.13
- 2 – Swain, 11:55.76
- 3 – Hayesville, 12:24.31

**High Jump**

- 1 – Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 4-04
- 2 – Kinlee Herr, Murphy, 4-04

- 3 – Ellie Black, Hayesville, 4-02

**Long Jump**

- 1 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 16-03
- 2 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 13-09
- 3 – CJ Yarbro, Murphy, 13-04.75
- 7 – Nyra Reed, Cherokee, 11-11.50
- 14 – Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 11-06.50
- 15 – Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 11-06.25

**Triple Jump**

- 1 – Chloe Adams, Robbinsville, 31-08.25
- 2 – Cara Aldridge, Swain, 28-11.50
- 3 – Lucy Trout, Hayesville, 28-05.50
- 5 – Lolo Bell, Cherokee, 27-06
- 7 – Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 26-07
- 9 – Kennedy Moore, Cherokee, 24-02.75

**Shot Put**

- 1 – Piper Dalton, Murphy, 27-07.50
- 2 – Morgan Oliver, Murphy, 27-07
- 3 – Maia Lane, Cherokee, 27-03
- 6 – Eleanor Smith, Cherokee, 25-00
- 9 – Laylah Thompson, Cherokee, 21-08

**Discus Throw**

- 1 – Amelia Joyner, Murphy, 79-09
- 2 – Lily Milsaps, Swain, 78-09
- 3 – Briann Teesateskie, Cherokee, 77-02
- 5 – Khloe Cucumber, Cherokee, 70-07
- 8 – Laylah Thompson, Cherokee, 65-07

**MISSING**

**Antaya Marie McCleland**

American Indian/Alaska Native Female  
 Height: 5' 9" Weight: 170-180 lbs  
 Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Age: 48  
 Last date of contact: March 8, 2024  
 Last Known Location: Gresham, Oregon



Circumstances of Disappearance: Antaya has been living a transient lifestyle since 2019 and has been in the Portland/Gresham area for about a year. She had been staying at a women's shelter in Gresham when she went missing. She always keeps in touch by phone with family and has not been heard from since the first week of March 2024. When family called her cellphone, an unknown male answered and claimed he had bought the phone. Tattoos: Cherry blossoms on upper left arm, angel wings on back, koi fish on left calf, and geometric shapes on left forearm.

If you have seen or have information about Antaya McCleland, contact the Gresham Police Department (503) 618-2318.

Source: Namus.gov



**MISSING**  
**GABRIEL THOR CROW**



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

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**TRACK & FIELD**

# Cherokee hosts multi-school meet

One Feather Staff Report

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Cherokee High School (CHS) hosted a multi-school meet on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 24.

Several CHS athletes took first place in their event including:

- Letsi Burgos, women's 200M Dash, 26.88
- Dvdaya Swimmer, women's 800M Run, 2:27.92
- Joscelyn Stamper, women's discus throw (109-7) and women's shot put (31-0)
- Ogana Swimmer, men's 1600M Run, 4:46.70
- Levi Winter, men's 110M hurdles, 15.69
- Cherokee men's 4x800M team, 8:55.69
- Jack Teesateskie, men's triple jump, 39-4.75
- Luke Smith, men's discus throw, 139-6

Following are results, per nc.milesplit,

showing the top three finishers in each event and all CHS finishers:

**Men's Events**

**Team Scores**

- 1 – Hayesville 179
- 2 – Robbinsville 106
- 3 – Cherokee 100
- 4 – Murphy 92
- 5 – Highlands 26

**100M Dash**

- 1 – Cameron Clem, Murphy, 11.54
- 2 – Kasen Mitchell, Highlands, 11.63
- 3 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 11.78
- 11 – Jonathan Saylor, Cherokee, 12.35
- 15 – Tayvin Bark, Cherokee, 12.66

**200M Dash**

- 1 – Kenyon Rogers-Gibby, Hayesville, 23.78
- 2 – Elio Murillo, Hayesville, 24.26
- 3 – Cale Harger, Murphy, 24.29
- 8 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 25.59
- 13 – Owen Bird, Cherokee, 27.96
- 14 – Reggie Hyatt, Cherokee, 28.25

**400M Dash**

- 1 – Nathan Frederick, Robbinsville, 54.27

- 2 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 55.22
- 3 – Trenton Russell, Murphy, 55.58
- 6 – Will Ellwood, Cherokee, 59.37
- 9 – Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 1:11.31

**800M Run**

- 1 – Nathan Frederick, Robbinsville, 2:17.58
- 2 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 2:20.31
- 3 – Eli Chandler, Hayesville, 2:23.95
- 6 – Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 2:30.87
- 7 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 2:35.28
- 12 – Russell McKay, Cherokee, 2:40.88

**1600M Run**

- 1 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 4:46.70
- 2 – Noah Carter, Hayesville, 4:55.07
- 3 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5:05.95

**3200M Run**

- 1 – Noah Carter, Hayesville, 11:07.03
- 2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 11:31.47
- 3 – Landon Hughes, Hayesville, 11:41.70

**110M Hurdles**

- 1 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 15.69
- 2 – Jacob Jones, Hayesville, 17.16
- 3 – Kenyon Swimmer, Robbinsville, 20.42

**300M Hurdles**

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- 1 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 42.53
- 2 – Jacob Jones, Hayesville, 44.52
- 3 – Kenyon Swimmer, Robbinsville, 46.68

**4x100M Relay**

- 1 – Hayesville, 45.24
- 2 – Murphy, 46.22
- 3 – Cherokee A, 47.06
- 6 – Cherokee B, 51.24

**4x200M Relay**

- 1 – Murphy, 1:33.92
- 2 – Hayesville, 1:33.96

**4x400M Relay**

- 1 – Murphy, 3:38.91
- 2 – Robbinsville, 3:44.91

**4x800M Relay**

- 1 – Cherokee, 8:55.69
- 2 – Hayesville, 9:09.34
- 3 – Murphy, 10: 13.51

**High Jump**

- 1 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 5-10
- 2 – Kasen Mitchell, Highlands, 5-08
- 3 – Isaac Chandler, Hayesville, 5-08

**Long Jump**

- 1 – Cale Harger, Murphy, 18-04.50
- 2 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 18-04
- 3 – Johan Webb, Hayesville, 17-00.50
- 5 – Jack Teesateskie, Cherokee, 16-08.50
- 10 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 14-00
- 11 – Xavier Sanchez, Cherokee, 13-01

**Triple Jump**

- 1 – Jack Teesateskie, Cherokee, 39-04.75
- 2 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 38-00
- 3 – Jacob Jones, Hayesville, 37-03.75
- 11 – Xavier Sanchez, Cherokee, 26-09

**Pole Vault**

- 1 – Tillman Adams, Robbinsville, 11-06

**Discus Throw**

- 1 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 139-06
- 2 – Isaac Collins, Robbinsville, 127-09
- 3 – Aaron Harger, Murphy, 121-06
- 13 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 87-00

**Shot Put**

- 1 – Taylor McClure, Hayesville, 50-06
- 2 – Issac Collins, Robbinsville, 44-08.50
- 3 – Will Brown, Hayesville, 42-09.50
- 5 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 40-09.25
- 7 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 36-11

- 9 – Johnny Long, Cherokee, 36-01

**Women's Events**

**Team Scores**

- 1 – Hayesville 150
- 2 – Robbinsville 149
- 3 – Murphy 98
- 4 – Cherokee 74
- 5 – Highlands 18
- 6 – Haywood Christian Academy 9

**100M Dash**

- 1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 12.55
- 2 – Cayla Greer, Murphy, 13.31
- 3 – Ava Shook, Hayesville, 13.49
- 12 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 15.53
- 14 – Briana Reynolds, Cherokee, 17.49

**200M Dash**

- 1 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 26.88
- 2 – MyKayla McGuire, Robbinsville, 28.28
- 3 – Corinne Cotton, Murphy, 28.65
- 10 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 36.90

**400M Dash**

- 1 – Corinne Cotton, Murphy, 1:00.43
- 2 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 1:02.25
- 3 – Ava Shook, Hayesville, 1:02.57
- 5 – Laura Martinez, Cherokee, 1:14.33

**800M Run**

- 1 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:27.92
- 2 – Savannah Burch, Hayesville, 2:39.04
- 3 – Raelynn Wood, Hayesville, 2:53.55

**1600M Run**

- 1 – Sydney Greenstone, Hayesville, 5:54.65
- 2 – Abby Wehr, Robbinsville, 6:01.32
- 3 – Claire Worley, Highlands, 6:18.78

**3200M Run**

- 1 – Sydney Greenstone, Hayesville, 13:15.34
- 2 – Abby Wehr, Robbinsville, 13:20.40
- 3 – Raelynn Wood, Hayesville, 13:20.70

**100M Hurdles**

- 1 – Ivy Werner, Murphy, 18.90
- 2 – Mallory Shriver, Highlands, 19.52
- 3 – Briley Clampitt, Hayesville, 19.91
- 5 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 21.07

**300M Hurdles**

- 1 – Briley Clampitt, Hayesville, 54.96
- 2 – Chasity Jones, Robbinsville, 56.51
- 3 – Breeze Hinton, Murphy, 57.44

**4x100M Relay**

- 1 – Robbinsville, 55.01
- 2 – Murphy, 55.73
- 3 – Hayesville, 55.82

**4x200M Relay**

- 1 – Robbinsville, 1:56.45
- 2 – Murphy, 1:57.67

**4x400M Relay**

- 1 – Hayesville, 4:39.17

**4x800M Relay**

- 1 – Hayesville, 11:22.65

**High Jump**

- 1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 5-00
- 2 – Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 4-10
- 3 – Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 4-08

**Long Jump**

- 1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 16-11
- 2 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 16-00
- 3 – Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 15-05.5
- 4 – Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 14-05
- 7 – Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 11-11.50

**Triple Jump**

- 1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 38-02.50
- 2 – Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 34-03.50
- 3 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 34-00.50
- 4 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 32-06.25
- 6 – Deanna Long, Cherokee, 25-11

**Pole Vault**

- 1 – Delaney Brooms, Robbinsville, 7-00
- 2 – Caydin Long, Haywood Christian, 6-00

**Discus Throw**

- 1 – Joscelyn Stamper, Cherokee, 109-07
- 2 – Lily Trout, Hayesville, 98-10
- 3 – Kadence Howell, Robbinsville, 98-09
- 13 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 62-11
- 15 – Annie Tramper, Cherokee, 56-02
- 16 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 51-03
- 17 – Jennifer Escabar, Cherokee, 40-00

**Shot Put**

- 1 – Joscelyn Stamper, Cherokee, 31-00
- 2 – Aubrie Wachacha, Robbinsville, 30-06
- 3 – Gabby Lloyd, Murphy, 30-00.75
- 5 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 28-08.50
- 16 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 20-09
- 17 – Jennifer Escabar, Cherokee, 17-07.75



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# Cherokee Indian Housing Division is now accepting applications for:

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Questions please contact Dama Owle at 828.359.6330.

**Priority will be given to tribal elders and tribal members with children under 18 AND have current or long-standing issues with mold.**

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\*Heating/ Air conditioning repairs or replacement  
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7	- \$68,130
8	- \$75,840



### College signings

Ezra Burgess and Seshadri Pratama, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and seniors at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School in Rabun Gap, Ga. signed commitment letters on Wednesday, April 24 to play sports in college. Burgess signed to play football at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark., and Pratama signed to play lacrosse at Georgetown College in Georgetown, Ky. (Photo contributed)

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### Football signing

Nathaniel Gage LeMaster, seated center, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, signed a commitment letter on Thursday, April 25 to play football this fall at Sewanee: The University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. Shown with his parents, David and Shayne LeMaster, Nathaniel is a senior at The Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tenn. (Photo contributed)



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## EBCI tribal member takes top honor at Trail of Tears Art Show

**T**AHLEQUAH, Okla. – The longest-running Native American juried art show and competition in Oklahoma announced its top honors during a special reception on April 5 at the gallery in Cherokee Springs Plaza.

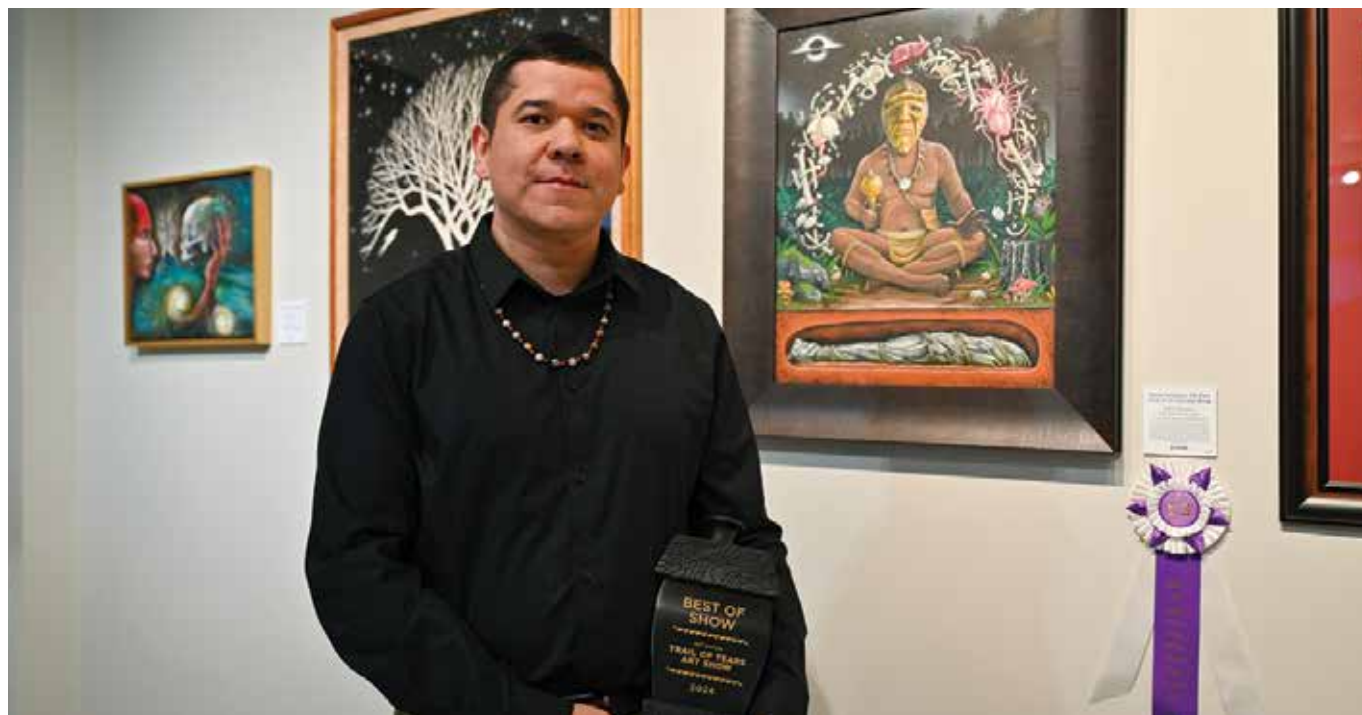
The 53rd annual Trail of Tears Art Show opened to the public April 6 and will run through May 11 and features a variety of authentic Native art, including 173 works from 105 artists, representing 21 tribal nations. Four Cherokee National Treasures were showcased in this year’s show including Harry Oosahwee, Kathy Van Buskirk, Lena Stick, and Troy Jackson.

John Henry Gloyne, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), was recognized as this year’s Best of Show for his piece, “Burial Ceremony: The Four Souls of the Cherokee Being.” The acrylic and gouache painting depicts Cherokee burial rituals and the interconnections of the four souls of the Cherokee being: the liver, heart, brain and bones.

In addition to Gloyne, several other EBCI tribal members received awards at the show including:

- Jacob Long, first place, Photography/Digital Art, “Sun Eater” and winner of the Jennie Ross Cobb Photography Award for “Waymaker”
- Joshua West, second place, Emerging Artists category, “Uktena’s Guard”
- Tara McCoy, second place, Pottery, “Stomp”

The opening reception was hosted by Cherokee Nation Secretary of State Shella Bowlin, with awards distributed by Cherokee National Historical Society Board Chair Christy Neuhoff and Miss



John Henry Gloyne, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is shown with his 53rd Annual Trail of Tears Art Show Best of Show piece, “Burial Ceremony: The Four Souls of the Cherokee Being”. (Anadisgoi - Cherokee Nation News photo)

Cherokee Keeleigh Sanders.

“Each year the Trail of Tears Art Show is a reminder to us all of the importance of Native artwork and the role it plays in cultural promotion and preservation,” said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. “These artists are storytellers and culture keepers. Their work shares the stories of the tribulations and triumphs that have impacted Native nations throughout history and often are a beacon of light into the thriving nations we have become today.”

Through the juried show, artists compete for more than \$18,000 in various categories. The following summary highlights the grand prize, first place and special award winners:

- Best of Show: John Henry Gloyne, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, “Burial Ceremony: The Four Souls of the Cherokee Being”
- Painting, first place: Kenny

Henson, Cherokee Nation, “Clan Spirits”

- Sculpture, first place: Charlie Nichols, Cherokee Nation, “Feathered Indian”
- Basketry, first place: Hattie Lee Mendoza, Cherokee Nation, “Starry Dreams”
- Pottery, first place: Troy Jackson, Cherokee National Treasure, “UP (Persimmon)”
- Jewelry, first place: Tyran Cartledge, Cherokee Nation, “The Guides”
- Textiles, first place: Jamie Bennett, Muscogee Nation, “Winged Serpeant”
- Miniatures, first place: Ronald Mitchell, Cherokee Nation, “Flight from the Homeland”
- Diverse Art Forms, first place: Stanley Charging; Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation; “Unity”
- Drawing, Graphics and Mixed Media, first place: Michael Mounce, Cherokee Nation, “3

Sisters”

- Photography/Digital Art, first place: Jacob Long, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, “Sun Eater”
- Trail of Tears Award: Sayo’kla Kindness Williams, Oneida Nation, “Healing Coat: Remembering the Journey of Onyote a:ka (The People of the Standing Stone)”
- Emerging Artists, first place: Gregory Standridge, Choctaw Nation, “Tu loc Chish ko”
- Jennie Ross Cobb Photography Award: Jacob Long, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, “Waymaker”
- Betty Scrapper Garner Elder Award: Ernie Poindexter, Cherokee Nation, “At the End of the Trail”
- Bill Rabbit Legacy Award: Joseph Byrd; Cherokee Nation, Osage Nation, and Quapaw Nation; “GWY ᎠᎩᎩᎩ (Cherokee Knot)”

- Anadisgoi release with One Feather contribution





**EBCI, SCC sign MOU**

Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks and Dr. Don Tomas, Southwestern Community College president, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the program on Feb. 5 in Cherokee. (Photo submitted)

**Thanks to community for Autism Celebration success**

Siyo,  
I would love to take this time to thank everyone who made our 1st Autism Celebration a success. There were many vendors from near and afar and everyone displayed their love for Autism in a very positive manner. The children and families had a great time. There was a lot of planning, reserving, and donating taking place over the last few months to bring this event together. For everyone who donated, thank you. If you were a volunteer, thank you. If you were a vendor, thank you. If you shared your stories, thank you.

Our plan is to continue hosting events for Autism and sharing resources and support. Don't forget to join us at our monthly meetings held at Dora Reed on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. We will post flyers for meeting and events as well.

Lastly, thank you to the parents/caregivers who dedicate so much of their time advocating for Autism. As a community who cares about our families and children, we can continue to work together to better our resources and support systems to families in need.

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1956 Chevy owned by James Wallace of Cumming, Ga.



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## OBITUARIES JhñFR

### Emma Darlene Owle

Emma Darlene Owle, 63, of Cherokee, passed away after an extended illness on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at Harris Regional Hospital. She was born July 6, 1960, in Gaston County, N.C., to the late Burl Barker and Reba Smith. She was an avid reader, enjoyed gardening and spending time with her blossoms and blooms, and her spaghetti was famous among the family. She worked as a CNA for over 33 years caring for those in the community, and was very proud of the work she did.

In addition to her father, she is preceded in death by a brother, Jeff Barker, and a granddaughter, Natasha Chambers.

She is survived by her husband of 15 years, David Owle; four chil-

dren, Carrie Atkinson (Trey), Jeremy Stanberry (Heather), Archie Stanberry, and Reggie Stanberry; seven grandchildren, Cameron Chambers (Alyssa), Colby Chambers, TJ Atkinson, Katrina Stanberry, Wyatt Stanberry, Keifer Stanberry, and Kaysleigh Reese.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, April 25 at the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home with the Rev. John Orr officiating.

### Kevin Robert Blaine Wahnetah

Kevin Robert Blaine Wahnetah, of Cherokee, passed away on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, in Gainesville, Ga. at the age of 35 after battling a brief illness. Born on Dec. 2, 1988, he is the son of Sandy Welch and Tom Wahnetah (Clara).

He is also survived by one brother, Dylan Wahnetah; sister,

Abbygail Wahnetah; and half-sister, Elle Wahnatah. He is an uncle to Paisley and Christoph Ensley, as well as Aggy Bradley, whom he loved and cherished. He is also the grandson of Glenda Welch, whom he loved dearly.

He is also survived by his aunts, Kandy Welch, Tina Saunooke, Terri Griffin, Hope Garcia (Fernando), and his special cousin, Kitty Taylor. Kevin's surviving uncles are Rob Wahnetah (Nancy), Dave Wahnetah (Evelyn), and Jeff McCoy, in addition to many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Terry Welch; his paternal grandmother, Willie Sue Raby; and aunt, Nancy 'Jim' Taylor (Special Grandmother).

Pallbearers will be Nicolas, Kenzie, and Javan Garcia; Antho-

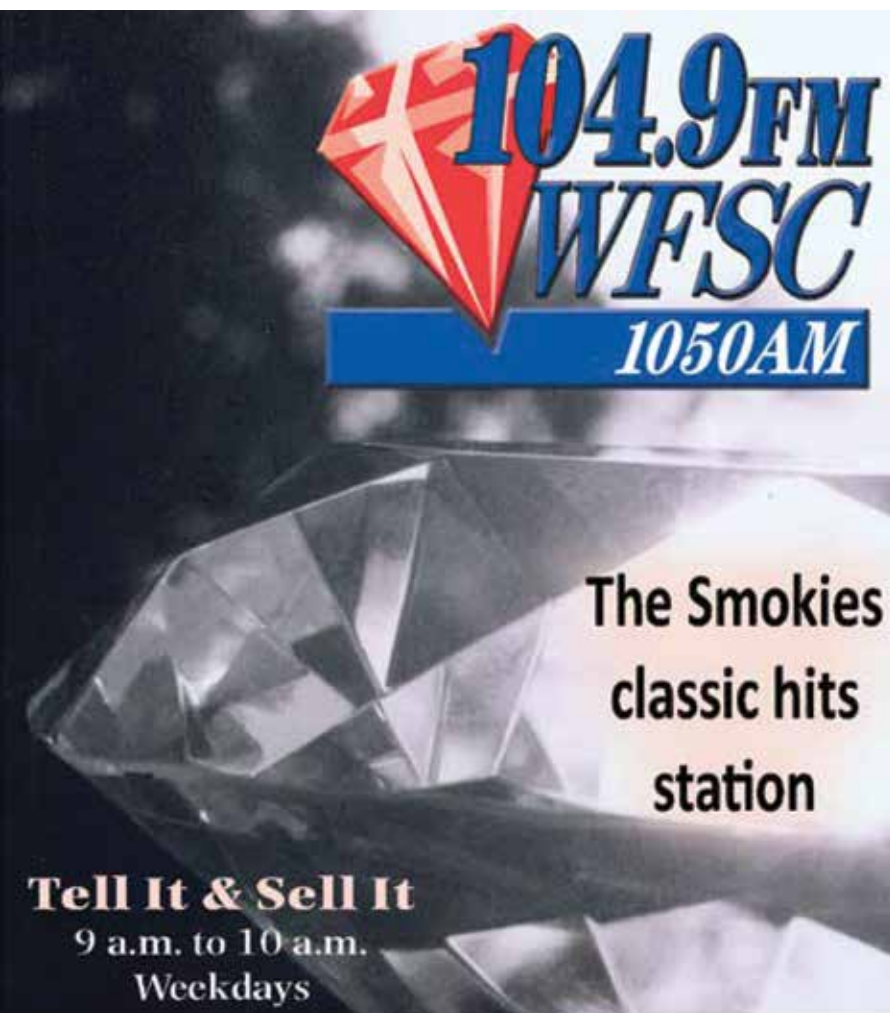
ny Saunooke; Estefan Welch; and Elias Griffin. Honorary pallbearer will be Dylan Wahnetah.

Visitations were Saturday, April 27 at Acquoni Church with Joe Wolfe officiating. The service was Sunday, April 28 at Acquoni Church, followed by a graveyard service at Birdtown Cemetery.

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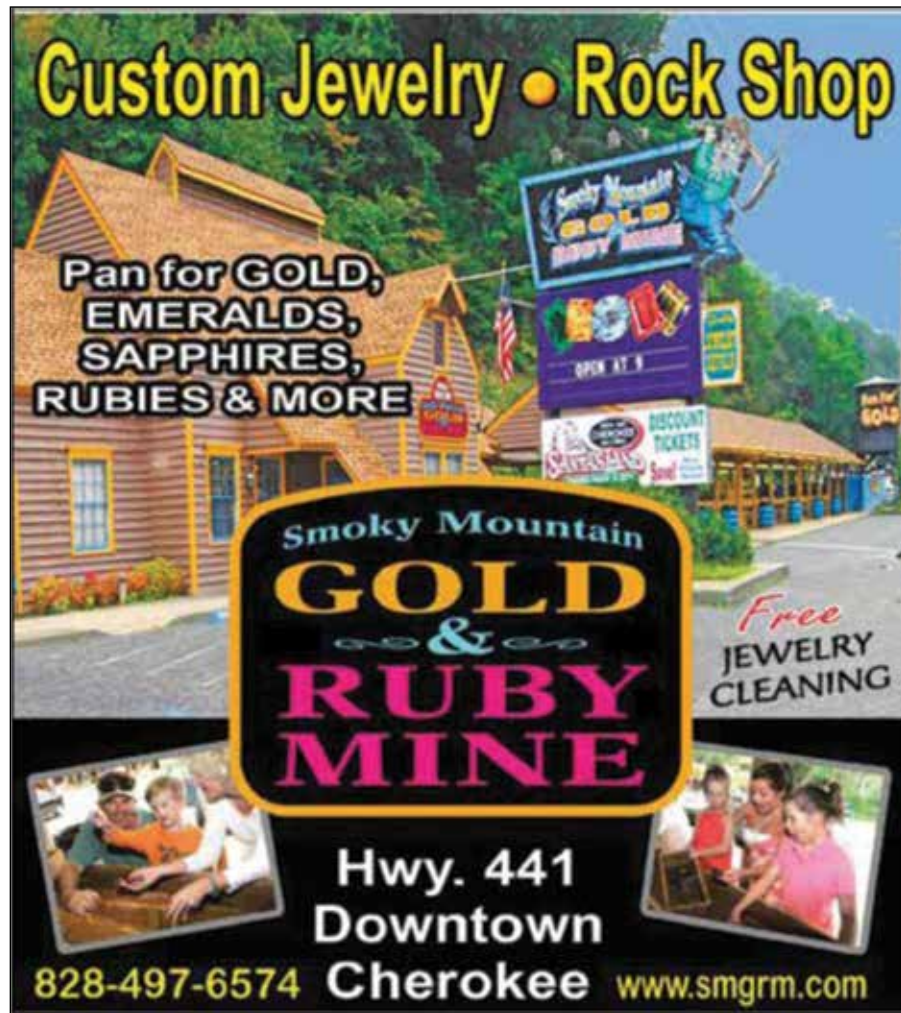
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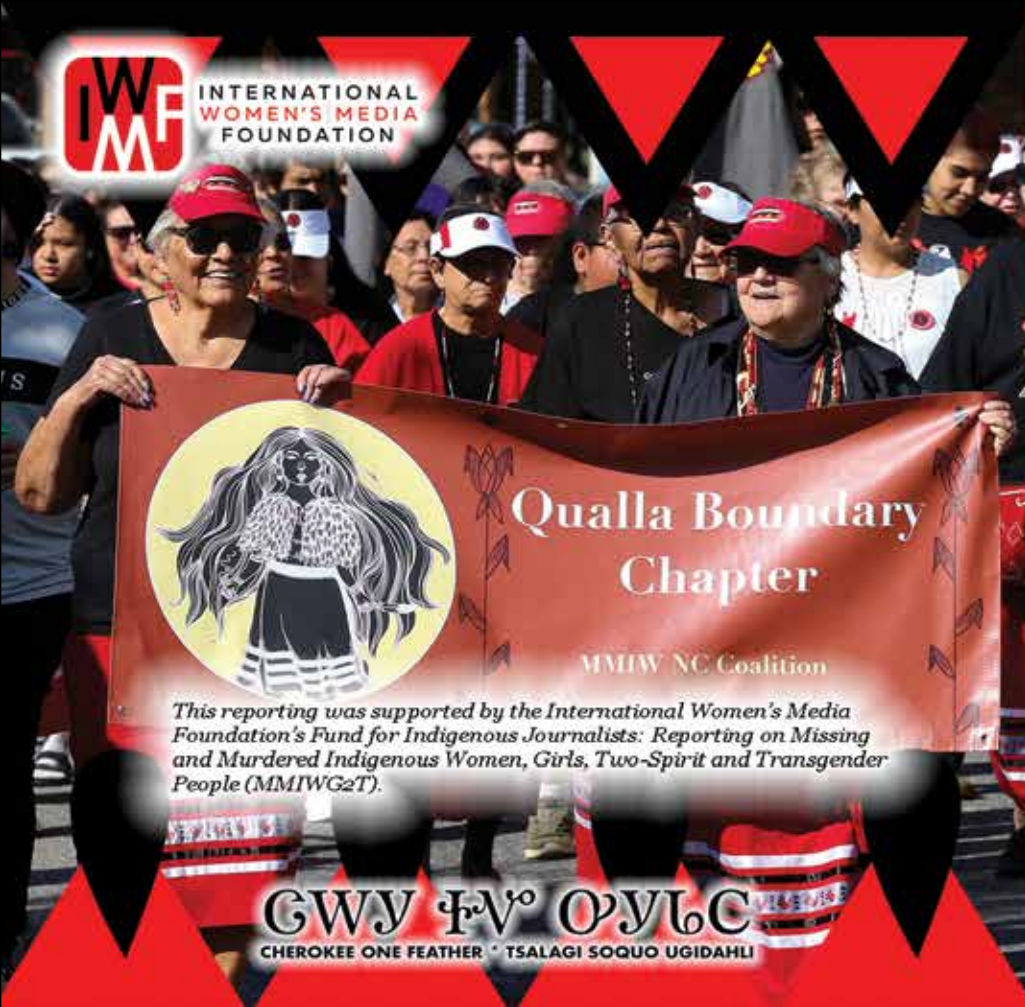
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## EBCI ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Museum and Qualla Boundary MMIW partner for Archiving Event

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

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

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

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

held at Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee.

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

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

- *Museum of the Cherokee People*  
release


## NATIONAL PARK NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Synchronous firefly lottery and viewing dates announced for 2024

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Great Smoky Mountains National Park will host the annual synchronous firefly viewing opportunity at Elkmont from Monday, June 3 through Monday, June 10. The public may apply for the limited viewing opportunity by entering a lottery for a vehicle reservation through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). The lottery opens for reservation applications on Friday, April 26 at 10 a.m. EDT and closes Monday, April 29 at 11:59 p.m. EDT. Using the lottery system ensures everyone who applies for a reservation has an equal chance of getting one. Every year in late May or early

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## Betty's Place


In the photo at left, Cherokee Cancer Support Group members Flora Bradley and Wilbur Paul watch as the new Betty's Place sign is unveiled on Thursday, Sept. 5, 2013. The Cherokee Cancer Support Group's Safe Haven House was renamed in honor of the late Betty Dupree.

The Cherokee Cancer Support Group opened its Safe Haven House in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) in November 2011.

The house itself was donated to the Cancer Support Group by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, who also remodeled the inside, in 2011.

"She was probably one of the strongest people I have ever known," said Warren Dupree, Betty's son. "She may have been short in stature, but she would go toe to toe with anyone if she felt it needed to be. She stood up for people."

Source: Cherokee One Feather



## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Simon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. How many chosen men of Israel did Saul take with him to the wilderness of Ziph to search for David? 12, 100, 200, 3000
3. From 1 Samuel 3, whose voice did Samuel think it was when he first heard God calling him? Jonathan, Saul, Ahiah, Eli
4. The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any ...? Tongue, Knife, Two-edged sword, Wit
5. In Genesis 26, where did Isaac stay when there was a famine in the land? Gerar, Endor, Sychar, Lydda
6. What insect was a plague on the Egyptians? Wasp, Locust, Flea, Cockroach

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) 3000, 3) Eli, 4) Two-edged sword, 5) Gerar, 6) Locust

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June, hundreds of visitors near Elkmont Campground see the naturally occurring phenomenon of *Photinus carolinus*, a firefly species that flashes synchronously. Since 2006, the National Park Service has limited access to the Elkmont area to the eight days of predicted peak firefly activity. This helps reduce traffic congestion, provides a safe viewing experience for visitors, and minimizes disturbances to these unique fireflies during their two-week mating period.

A total of 1120 vehicle reservations, 140 per night, will be issued through the lottery process. The results of the lottery will be available no later than Monday, May 6. Each reservation allows one vehicle with a maximum of seven occupants to park at the Elkmont viewing location. The number of daily reservations is based on parking capacity and the ability to safely accommodate a large number of viewers on site will minimize resource impacts.

Lottery applicants may enter two dates to take part in the viewing opportunity over the eight-day period. The lottery system uses a randomized computer drawing to select applications. All lottery applicants will be charged a \$1 application fee. Successful applicants will automatically be given reservations, and a \$24 reservation fee will be charged to the same credit or debit card used for the application fee. The \$24 fee covers the cost of awarding the reservation, as well as on-site portable restrooms, supplies, and nightly personnel costs for managing the viewing opportunity.

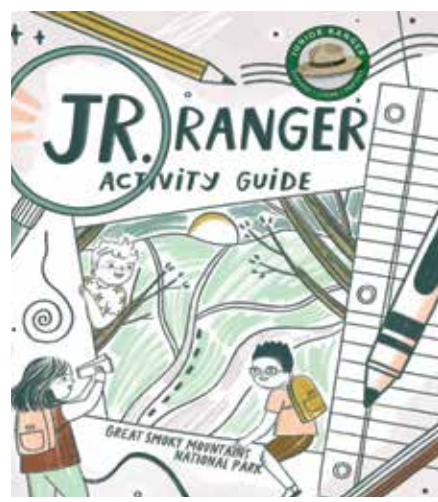
Reservations are non-refundable, non-transferable, and good only for the date issued. There is a limit of one lottery application per household per season. Regardless

of the outcome, all lottery applicants will be notified by e-mail by May 6 if their application was successfully drawn or not.

During the viewing period, access to Elkmont is restricted after 4 p.m. to passenger vehicles with a reservation, registered campers staying at the Elkmont Campground, or backcountry campers with a valid permit. Visitors are not allowed to walk or ride bicycles on the Elkmont entrance road or Jakes Creek Road after 4 p.m. due to safety concerns. Overnight parking at Little River Trailhead, Jakes Creek Trailhead, or the Appalachian Clubhouse is not allowed without a valid backcountry permit for backcountry campsites associated with these trailheads. Search for “Great Smoky Mountains Firefly Viewing Lottery” at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) for more information and to enter the lottery.

- National Park Service release

### **Smokies Life wins national public engagement award for ‘Junior Ranger Activity Guide’**



The “Junior Ranger Activity Guide” serves as the official guide to the Junior Ranger program at Great Smoky Mountains National Park. (Image provided by NPS)

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - This

April, Smokies Life, formerly Great Smoky Mountains Association, received national recognition at the 2024 Public Lands Alliance Partnership Awards for its “Junior Ranger Activity Guide,” which won in a category for Outstanding Public Engagement. Public Lands Alliance (PLA) publicly announced and honored the winners of its annual awards at a virtual ceremony on Thursday, April 18.

Published in 2023, the “Junior Ranger Activity Guide” is an interactive illustrated guidebook packed full of fun activities designed to introduce kids of all ages to the Smokies. It was developed by National Park Service staff at Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP) with support from Smokies Life and assistance from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee Speakers Council.

“We invited input from staff across the park in all different divisions to contribute ideas to this book,” said Jeanine Ferrence, GSMNP resource education ranger. “It took advantage of the expertise of so many people that do so many things in order to protect this park, and Smokies Life’s involvement was pivotal in bringing this information to the public in a fun and inviting way.”

Featuring colorful illustrations by Jesse White and designed by the Smokies Life creative team, the 38-page booklet serves as the official guide to the Junior Ranger program at Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Anyone that helps their team complete at least five activities and five experiences outlined in the guide can be officially sworn in as a Junior Ranger at any park visitor center. The guides are designed to be completed as a team, and there are no age limits on the Junior Ranger program at Great Smoky Moun-

tains National Park.

The PLA Partnership Awards program is designed to celebrate the best in public lands partnerships, recognizing individuals, organizations, publications, products, programs, and services that embody leading-edge achievements in the preservation of public lands and the enrichment of visitors. Through its awards, the program recognizes excellence in public lands partnerships, innovative solutions to challenges, and outstanding programs that enhance visitor experience. The Outstanding Public Engagement Award, in particular, celebrates exemplary products, displays, programs, and/or services that advance meaningful and sustainable connections between individuals and America’s public lands.

“Great Smoky Mountains National Park is such a vast, diverse landscape, with incredible layers of cultural history,” said Stephanie Kyriazis, GSMNP chief of resource education. “We really wanted to make sure that the activities encouraged families — children and adults working together — to get out there in the park, to have experiences that help them connect to natural and cultural park resources.”

The 9-by-12-inch “Junior Ranger Activity Guide,” which includes 38 illustrated pages of park-related activities and a tear-out postcard and bookmark, is available for \$4.50 in the park’s visitor center bookstores and at Smokies Life’s online store, [SmokiesLife.org](http://SmokiesLife.org).

For additional details on the 2024 Public Lands Alliance Partnership Awards, visit [publiclandsalliance.org](http://publiclandsalliance.org) or watch the ceremony stream at [facebook.com/publiclandsalliance](https://facebook.com/publiclandsalliance).

- Smokies Life release

## COMMENTARY

### EBCI shows the NCGA what compassion really means

By CHRIS SUTTLE  
Chapel Hill, N.C.

On 4/20 I arrived at the dispensary at 9:15 a.m. after picking up my medical card from the EBCI CCB (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cannabis Control Board) office, barely able to contain my excitement. That excitement continued to grow as I passed cars decorated with signs, adorned with huge weed leaves drawn in bright green Magic Marker and the words

“we love the EBCI” written next to it. I was finally here, ready to take part in history by purchasing medicinal cannabis legally in my home State for the first time.

As I got closer to the crowd eagerly hovering under pop-up tents to avoid the early morning rain, I started recognizing faces; patients from all over North Carolina I had assisted with getting a medical card, by helping them self-advocate in the absence of a physician’s signature. Seeing such a huge turnout on opening day brought tears of jubilation to my eyes. I had dreamed of this day for 32 years, a day when the wall that kept cannabis patients in North Carolina dying in the dark finally crumbled, and we would be able to feel the sun on our faces again. Now my dream is a reality, and I

am truly humbled to have taken part in such a historic occasion.

When it comes to cannabis confections and gummies, after 32 years there’s not much on the market I haven’t tried. I’ve sold over 100 different brands of gummies in over 10 states as a vendor, and I never had a favorite until I tried the gummies available at the Great Smoky Mountain Cannabis Dispensary.

No unique flavor profile, flavonoid, terpene, or cannabinoid combination can compete with the ingredients that separate the Peach Mango gummies I bought on 4/20 from everything else on the market. Those ingredients are skill, natural talent, and an undying love of the plant. The second the gummy hits your tongue you are overcome with the giddy excitement of the unexpected culinary adventure you are now embarking on. When you instinctively move it to your back molars to chew, it begins to melt in your mouth before you can. You lick your teeth, expecting a lingering residue to find nothing but the delicious aftertaste of the brilliantly balanced natural flavors.

The effects of just 10 mg make themselves known almost as quickly as the gummy dissolves in your mouth. For me, a daily user with a normal starting gummy dose of 50 mg, I was immensely impressed by the rapid release effects of this delectable delight and surprised by the intensity of the high. It wasn’t an overwhelming high, or one that sneaks up on you

but a gentle and graceful lifting into another level of consciousness while still being in control of my cognitive abilities.

You can taste the talent and pure love for finally being able to create these tasty treats master chefs Tori Moore and Ryan Trantner pour into every delicious delight that comes out of the dispensary kitchen. Thank you both for creating such a masterful recipe and for making me fall in love with cannabis all over again.

The haven the EBCI and Qualla Enterprises have created for medical patients across NC is built on the compassion the North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) lacks. SB3 is likely to pass this year, but the limited conditions and extreme over-regulation will leave thousands of patients in need of care. With the ability to self-advocate, the EBCI program will be their only lifeline. Even when a State-licensed dispensary comes to their county, it will be restricted from foot traffic, only accessible by appointment made by your physician, and available only to those that meet one of the State’s 12 qualifying conditions.

North Carolina owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the EBCI for welcoming all patients in the State with open arms. Will the State return that kindness when medicinal cannabis is legalized by SB3? With this being an election year, there will be a lot of new faces at the NCGA in 2025 if they don’t.

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<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	N/A	Morning and evening.	Wild Brown and Rainbow Trout	BWO, Prince Nymph, Stoneflies, Pheasant Tails, Girdle Bugs, Wooly Buggers, Zebra Midge
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Follow posted regulations-wild trout.	Morning and evening.	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Pheasant Tails, Blood Midge, Elk Hair Caddis, Orange Stimulator, Dark Midge, Wooly Bugger, Girdle Bug, prince nymph

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# Control yourself

Part 2 of 2

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed. D

excerpt from "Preacher Spurs" Christian Faith Publishers, 2022

Scripture References: Romans 8:38-39, Matthew 5:28, Matthew 13:3-9

There you are alone in your head, and you're thinking something sinful, like; you must do this, you hate that, somebody wronged you and you want revenge, she's hot and needs me, I must have this or that, I'm addicted and need that. The list goes on and on as Satan has been tempting us for thousands of years. He doesn't have the power to put those thoughts in your head. He only assures you are exposed to those things so YOU can think about them. What grows from there is on you.

That's where you must fight, right there in your head. Nothing has happened yet. Think. Pray to God right then. Ask Him to get these junky thoughts out of your head. Help me, Lord, I don't want to think like that anymore.

Stop it! Be a quitter! Ask for help. Don't let those thoughts make you do it. Wash them out with the power Jesus gave you over sin.

Nip them in the bud right in your head. Read some scripture. Think good thoughts. Good things. If no one ever knows what you thought cause you never let it get out of your head and didn't act on it, the sin stays between you and Jesus. He already knows what you're thinking anyway; just don't

let those thoughts control you and your actions.

I'm not saying it is easy. You can't do it alone. I can't do it by myself, either. But with God, we can! Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me. This application is an excellent way to use this verse. Remember it. Try it. The Spirit of God will remind you while you're thinking about it, you get in the habit of praying about it, and God will be faithful to help you through it. Try. Get closer to God, and He will get closer to you.

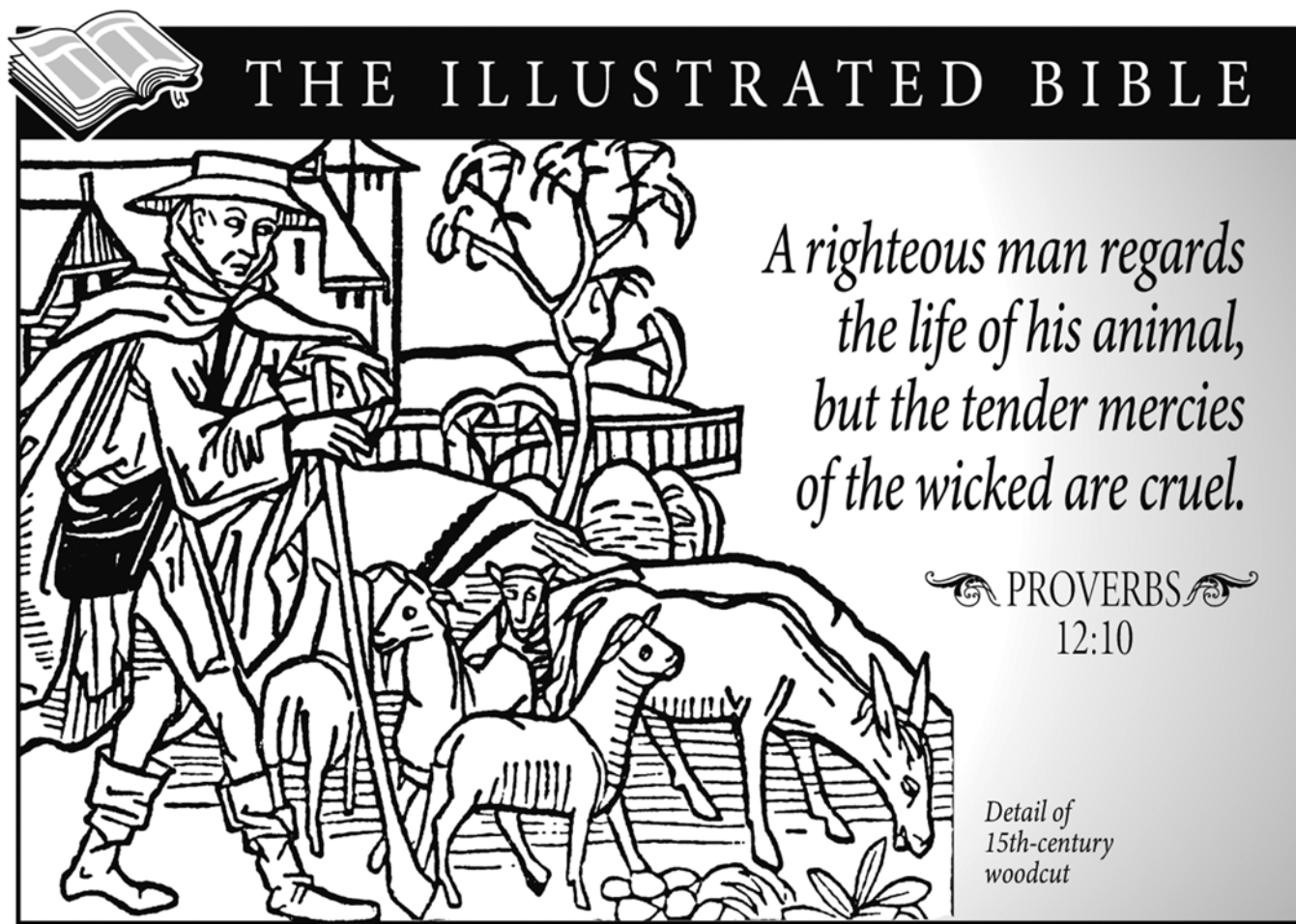
He can only do that if He's in you and possesses you. Is He in you? Have you allowed or asked the Spirit of God to possess you? Only you can know that. If you are not sure He's there to help, let somebody show you how you can be confident and know that you

know God's Spirit is there for you. Have No Doubt. And you will have Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. I once had a friend who partnered with me at work. We spent years working together teaching teachers about technology. At first, she didn't know much about technology, but I did. I knew some about teachers, but she knew more. Sometimes we didn't agree on how to proceed on one subject or another. We were both very stubborn, but I learned something about her that cut our conversations short. I would look at her and ask, do you know what you know? Or, in the middle of the discussion, she'd cut us both short and say, "I know what I know." When she said that, I learned she knew and was sure of her position without a doubt. She was never wrong when she said that. Somewhere in her

mind, she KNEW the truth. Have you ever felt that strongly about something? I do. I learned from her that when you KNOW a fact, you know the truth. You can't be wrong. You can stand up and get in the face of Satan. That's also the strength of FAITH.

It has its assurance. Peace comes over you knowing that you know. You have no doubt. Do you know where you are going after you die? You're going somewhere. The Bible says there are only two places you will spend eternity. Let me give you a clue as to what I'm writing. It's Hell without Jesus! If you don't know what you know, if you don't know the truth, if you don't have God's peace and assurance, you better get right with Him today. Know that you know.

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## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove).** Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit. - May 4 at 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by Delbert Ross. 10 rounds only. No choked guns for this shoot. No sleeved, adapters, or factory choked. Just plain ole shotguns. After the shoot, Big Cove Free Labor will work a little bit, sawing and busting some oak logs. All are welcome to stay and work.

## EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Dandelion Market.** May 2 at 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Lots of local crafts and vendors. Lunch by Melishia. Info: Denise Walkingstick (828) 508-2211

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

## Cherokee Elementary School Kindergarten Registration.

May 7 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Gathering Place on the Cherokee Elementary School campus. To enroll your child in kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year, please bring copies of the following items to turn in at this event: CES Kindergarten enrollment packet, tribal enrollment card, birth certificate, Social Security card, Kindergarten Health Assessment form, updated immunization record, custody/court documents, parent/guardian's enrollment card, parent/guardian's driver's license or ID card. The CES Kindergarten Enrollment packet can be picked up in the CES Front Office or printed from the CES tab at [www.ccs-nc.org](http://www.ccs-nc.org). Info: Ahli-sha Stephens (828) 554-5021 or [ahlisha.stephens@](mailto:ahlisha.stephens@)

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

**Cherokee Central Schools Musical Theatre presents "The Addams Family (School Edition)".** May 9 at 7 p.m., May 10 at 7 p.m., and May 11 at 2:30 p.m. at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center in Cherokee, N.C. \$5 general admission.

## Gadugi Free Labor Indoor

**Flea Market.** May 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Info: Virginia 788-8659, Judy Smith 736-3583, Tari Arneach 736-5089, or Carmaleta 736-9392

**Eco-Explorer Asheville Arboretum "Gardening" Youth Activity.** May 20 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. There will be a light meal at 4:30 p.m. Info: Virginia 788-8659, Judy Smith 736-3583, Tari Arneach 736-5089, or Carmaleta 736-9392

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

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

Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

**Teach What You Know, Share What You Have Annual Conference.** May 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and May 31 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the New Kituwah Academy in Cherokee, N.C. Early Childhood Curriculum ANA Esther Martinez Project, sights and insights from the Hawaiian Immersion Program, the role of archiving and transcribing in language learning, Project Songbird Language Learning through music, theory in Second Language Acquisition, keynote speaker is Namaka Rawlins who is the past chair of the Native Hawaiian Education Council. This event is sponsored by the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program. Info: <https://ebcikpep.com>


## Annual Kituwah Celebration.

May 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Kituwah Mound. This event celebrates the return of the Mother Town to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Stickball demonstration, music, social dances, and dinner. Info: <https://ebcikpep.com>

## 3rd Annual Animal Health


**Clinic.** May 31 – June 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both day at the Yellowhill Activity Center at 1416 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. Dog/cats spay: \$50. Dog neuters: \$30. Cat neuters: \$25. Vaccines (rabies and distemper): \$10 per pet. Horses – West Nile vaccine: \$30, Float: \$50. No appointment necessary. First-come, first-served. Info: Dr. Page Wages (919) 906-1280 or Pastor Scott Hill (828) 508-7836

**CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK**  
*Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida*  
**SŌHi ႰD RVLႰႰJ DႰႰYL**



**Butters was adopted from the Blue Ridge Humane Society by the Bradley Family**

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**2024 Cherokee Recreation Summer Day Camp.** June 3 – Aug. 2 (Monday through Friday 7:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Hosted by Cherokee Recreation, program includes: swimming, sports, outdoor activities, arts and crafts, language and cultural activities, and more. Fee: \$400. Applications are currently being accepted at the Peach- es Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex. Info: (828) 359-6890 or 359-3345 or email Shannon Bark at shanbark@ebci-nsn.gov or Dinah Grant at dinagran@ebci-nsn.gov

**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 Chero-

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22) Looking to blame someone for a workplace problem could backfire if it turns out that you've got the wrong "culprit." Best to get more facts before acting on your assumptions.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Patience might still be called for until you're sure that you finally have the full story, which could have eluded you up until now. Also, a trusted associate could offer valuable guidance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Reflect on your recent behavior to see if you could have caused the coolness that you might now be sensing from a loved one. If so, apologize and set things straight.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Easing up on your social activities allows you to focus more of your energies on a long-neglected personal matter. You can get back into party mode by the weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A dispute with a colleague can be resolved peacefully once you both agree to be more flexible about the positions you've taken and allow the space for more open-minded discussions.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Volunteering to take on added responsibilities could be a risky way to impress the powers that be. Only do it if you're sure that you won't be swept away by the extra workload.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your sense of self-awareness allows you to make bold moves with confidence and security.

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## VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

### Avoiding Foreclosure With VA Help

At the end of May, the Department of Veterans Affairs will start a new program called VASP, Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchase, to help over 40,000 veterans stay in their homes when facing foreclosure.

If you have a VA home loan, and if you're active duty, a veteran or a surviving spouse, you could be eligible for help through VASP if you're in serious financial trouble. VASP will come in and buy out your loan, modify it and then handle it as a direct VA loan. One of the best parts is that you'll get a fixed 2.5% interest rate. (As of this writing, a standard 30-fixed mortgage rate is 7.9%.)

VASP is not something you apply for. Instead, the mortgage companies will put in requests to the VA to help veterans they've identified as having problems with their loans. You'll have to do your part by being in touch with your lender. If VASP is the best option, they will be responsible for submitting your name to the VA. If you have a problem with your lender, call the VA at 877-827-3702 and press 4.

For the specifics of VASP, go to [benefits.va.gov/WARMS/M26\\_4.asp](https://benefits.va.gov/WARMS/M26_4.asp) and select Chapter 9, VA Purchase.

For general information about VA home loans, if you've never had a VA home loan, download the buyer handbook at [www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/index.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/index.asp). Start with the Eligibility section.

If you're just starting the process of buying a home, you'll need your Certificate of Eligibility (COE), which will tell a lender that you have that benefit either for the first time or again after you've paid off a previous VA home loan.

Then send for your credit reports either at [AnnualCreditReport.com](https://AnnualCreditReport.com) or by calling 877-322-8228. If there are any errors in your credit history, the time to get them resolved is at the beginning of your home buying experience, not after you've already picked out a home and have mentally moved in. Get your ducks in a row first.

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### Home Renovations and Pets Just Don't Mix

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** We have a contractor coming soon to renovate our kitchen. I plan to keep my cat, "Freya," out of the way and in a separate room during the day. But at night, she'll want to wander the house. How do I keep her out of the kitchen? — Jim in Portland, Maine

**DEAR JIM:** Cats are pretty wily, and I'm sure Freya will try to find a way around any barriers you set up to keep her out of the kitchen.

The best way to dissuade her from exploring the construction area, therefore, is to tempt her away with better distractions. That means moving her food and water to a new location far from the construction area (but out of heavy foot traffic) and giving her treats and attention whenever she opts to stay in the living room with you or near her bedding and food.

At night, tighten the barriers around the kitchen — if there's a door, close it. If there is plastic sheeting up, tack it to surrounding walls and tape it to the floor. Put a sheet of plywood across the entrance if necessary.

Inside the work area, make sure that the contractors put away all sharp tools and cover any containers tightly. They should clean up any debris at the end of each day and use a wet-dry vacuum to pick up sawdust and dirt. Any spills need to be cleaned completely. This will reduce the risk to Freya if she manages to get into the kitchen, and it's just good practice.

*Readers, how did you keep your pets safe during home renovations? Tell me at [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).*

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might need to do a bit more investigating before making a career move. You do best when you come armed with the facts. Meanwhile, a personal matter still needs tending to.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your creativity plus your good business sense once more combine to give you an important advantage in a difficult workplace situation. Also, an ally proves their loyalty.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Avoid rushing into something just because it offers a break from your usual routine. Take things a step at a time to be sure that you're moving in the right direction.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Bouncing back from a disappointing incident isn't easy, but you should find a welcome turn of events emerging by midweek. Spend the weekend with someone special.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) An incomplete project needs your attention before someone else takes it over and uses it to their advantage. There'll be lots of time for fun and games once you get it done.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Doubts involving a potential career change need to be resolved quickly so that they don't get in the way when you feel like you're finally ready to make the big move.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October



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Cherokee High School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 788-1708

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

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

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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

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

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

**HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS**

**Smokey Mountain Elementary Heart of Gold 3K Run and Walk.** May 4 at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C.

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

**Smoky Mountain Competition Cheer tryouts/evaluations.** May 4 at 3252 U.S. Hwy. 441 in Sylva, N.C. (beside Top Cats Grocery). Children ages 3-18 years old are invited to attend, and no previous cheer experience is required.

Times are as follows: ages 3-6 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., ages 7-9 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., ages 10-12 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and ages 13-18 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Smoky Mountain Competition Cheer is a competitive recreation cheer program with children from Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Graham Counties of North Carolina. Info: (828) 226-9943

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

**Cherokee High School JV and Varsity Cheer Tryouts.** May 13-15 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Returning cheerleaders must turn in uniforms from last year in order to tryout. Tryouts are always judged by individuals outside the CHS Cheer coaching team. Info: Kayla Wood (828) 788-5256 or Brianna McMillan 788-5838

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

**Third Annual Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase.**

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

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

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

**7 Clans Rodeo.** Aug. 31-Sept. 1 at 181 Tsali Blvd. (old Cherokee Ele-

mentary School site) in Cherokee, N.C. Info: (828) 359-64711

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

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting.** May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City, N.C. Jeff Carpenter will present "Myth and Reality: Discovering the Appalachian Legend of Sasquatch". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. Attendance at the monthly meetings/programs is free of charge, but donations are appreciated.

**John C. Campbell Folk School 3rd Annual Friends & Family Day.** May 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Folk School in Brasstown, N.C. Studio activities include blacksmithing, straw loom weaving, sewing quilt squares, hand build an animal sculpture with clay, carving hearts with the Brasstown Carvers, and much more! In addition, there will be demonstrations in the Blacksmithing studio, music and dance, as well as storytelling activities in Community Room all day long. Learn about the Folk School's founding by visiting our History Center, which will be open during the event. This event is free to attend and open to the public. Info: [folkschool.org](http://folkschool.org)

**Springtime in Haynesville – A Civil War Reenactment.** May 4-5 at the Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site at 2620 South Road St. in Johnson City, Tenn. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Members of the site are free. The historic home of the Haynes family will be open for visitors to tour through. Explore the cave and feel it's cool air on a warm spring day. Take a relaxing stroll



along the site's quarter mile nature trail. Several local food and craft vendors will also be at the site on both days. Info: (423) 926-3631 or email [tiptonhaynes@outlook.com](mailto:tiptonhaynes@outlook.com)

**Woody and Hoyle Cemetery Decorations.** May 5. In cooperation with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the North Shore Cemetery Association will be decorating the Woody and Hoyle Cemeteries on Forney Creek. There are no charges for any participation. Decorations consist of placing flowers on the graves followed by a short service in song and a devotion. Please wear sturdy shoes and clothing suitable for hiking. You may bring your own lunch and drinks, or a dish to share with those who 'pot luck'. The Association provides plates and tableware. There are picnic tables near the cemetery. Please 'no pets' in accordance with Park Service regulations. For more information please visit [www.facebook.com/NorthShoreCemeteryDecorations](http://www.facebook.com/NorthShoreCemeteryDecorations)

#### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: [www.AAwnc80.com](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 edu-

cational 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, 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 Max Cochran (828) 341-5801, Church number (828) 497-7770

**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

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a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Adult Bible Study Wednesday 6 p.m. Pastor Ric Eddings 497-2761

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ.** 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located

on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Conference Center. Full season starts Aug. 4. Sunday School 10 a.m. and Morning Worship 11 a.m. 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 11 a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 497-1611, [mbccherokee@outlook.com](mailto:mbccherokee@outlook.com), Website: [www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church](http://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.

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Simon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. How many chosen men of Israel did Saul take with him to the wilderness of Ziph to search for David? *12, 100, 200, 3000*
3. From 1 Samuel 3, whose voice did Samuel think it was when he first heard God calling him? *Jonathan, Saul, Ahiah, Eli*
4. The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any ...? *Tongue, Knife, Two-edged sword, Wit*
5. In Genesis 26, where did Isaac stay when there was a famine in the land? *Gerar, Endor, Sychar, Lydda*
6. What insect was a plague on the Egyptians? *Wasp, Locust, Flea, Cockroach*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) 3000, 3) Eli, 4) Two-edged sword, 5) Gerar, 6) Locust

Find expanded trivia online with Wilson Casey at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy). FREE TRIAL!

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Spruce Grove Baptist Church.** 780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday evening service 7 p.m., third

Saturday singing 7 p.m. Check the church Facebook page for updates/ inclement weather updates. Email: 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



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What Italian manufacturer became the official tire supplier of the FIA Formula 1 World Championship in 2011?

2. What Norwegian female long-distance runner won both the Boston Marathon and New York City Marathon in 1989?

3. Former professional boxer Tony Burton first portrayed trainer Tony "Duke" Evers in what 1976 film?

4. What American swimmer upset Australia's Susie O'Neill to win gold in the women's 200-meter butterfly at the 2000 Sydney Summer Olympics?

5. What Chicago White Sox pitcher recorded the 18th perfect game in Major League Baseball history in a 5-0 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on July 23, 2009?

6. Alan Eagleson, who was convicted of fraud and embezzlement in 1998, was the first executive director of what sports labor union?

7. What Kansas City Chiefs quarterback threw for 504 yards and two touchdowns and ran for one score in a 49-31 loss to the Oakland Raiders in November 2000?

#### Answers

1. Pirelli.
2. Ingrid Kristiansen.
3. "Rocky."
4. Misty Hyman.
5. Mark Buehrle.
6. The NHL Players Association (NHLPA).
7. Elvis Grbac.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
**Estate File No. 24-001**  
HENRY LITTLEJOHN,  
SPIRIT BRADLEY LITTLEJOHN,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JASMINE WARD  
BRANDON WARD,  
UNKNOWN FATHER,  
Defendant  
TO: UNKNOWN FATHER

TAKE NOTICE THAT a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is CHILD CUSTODY, filed January 2, 2024, in EBCI Tribal Court. A written answer to the complaint must be filed with the EBCI Clerk of Court within 40 days of the first publication of this Notice of Service of Process by Publication. You are required to make a defense to this pleading not later than May 20, 2024. Your Failure to do so will result in the Plaintiff, Henry Littlejohn and Spirit Bradley Littlejohn, receiving the relief they seek.  
This is the 2nd day of April 2024.  
5/1  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 24-037

**JEAN ARLENEA GOMEZ**  
vs.  
**ISIDRO HERNANDEZ \**  
**HERNANDEZ**  
**IN RE: I.J.C (D.O.B**  
**12/8/2010)**  
**TO: ISIDRO HERNANDEZ**  
**HERNANDEZ:**

TAKE NOTICE THAT a Custody complaint has been filed against you. The court has ordered that circumstances warrant service by publication.  
To address this matter, you are required to make a defense in this pleading with in 30 days of the first publication of this matter. Upon failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. 5/1

This is the 5th day of April 2024.  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
Mara Nelson  
P.O. Box 521  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
828-788-2041  
5/1

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-034  
Notice to Creditors and Debtors  
of:  
**SIMPSON QUEEN, JR.**  
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed



## Employment Opportunities

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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

\*\*\*contingent on FT/PT and availability status

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- \*Survivor Support Policy and more!!!

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fudicary(s) listed below.

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

Mary Wolfe  
91 John Bull Mountain Rd  
Cherokee NC, 28719

5/8

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 24-017

Notice to Creditors and Debtors  
of:

**Mac Keith Owle**

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

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

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

5/15

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 24-035

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

**EARL THOMAS CARROLL**

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

Earl Thomas Carroll, Jr  
P.O. Box 526  
Cherokee NC, 28719

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**BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians

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

**RE: Unclaimed Money**

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

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

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (Sarah Smoker HIP)**

Cherokee Indian Housing

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

**Seeking Proposals**

Tribal Natural Resources is



## Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club

P.O. Box 507,

Cherokee, NC, 28719 : 828-497-9101

### CBC - Bus and Truck Department

Multiple Bus Driver Positions

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

FT Bus Driver - \$12.00 per hour (\$14.00 per hour driving with benefits)

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

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

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

### CBC - Child Development

#### AgeLink

Food Service Worker - Cook - AgeLink - \$18,000 - \$24,000 per year with benefits

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

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

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

#### Snowbird

-Teacher Position - \$30,000 - \$47,500 per year with benefits

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

### CBC - Information Technology

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

### CBC - Shop and Garage

-Parts Counter / Service Writer - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits

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

### CBC - Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKL)

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

# Cherokee Indian Hospital

## 497-9163



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

**Request for Proposal  
TGC Building Project**

Harrah's Cherokee Casino

Resort is seeking proposals for the Tribal Gaming Commission Building Envelope Water Infiltration issues, the TGC Building is located at 776 Casino Dr., Cherokee NC 28719. This project includes demo, remediation, and restoration of building to new condition. The full scope of work will be provided at the required site visit on Friday May 10th at 9am. The bids are due

by May 24th, 2024. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, 777 Casino Drive Cherokee NC 29719, attention David Booth. The TGC Building Project name should be noted in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope. Please note that a TGC Vendor License is required to work for the Casino. Contact David Booth at dbooth@harrachs.com for additional information. 5/1

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
CONFERENCE  
PHOTOGRAPHER**

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is looking for a photographer to photograph conference attendees, panel participants, speakers, vendors, and events during the 2024 Federal Procurement Conference planned

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

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

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

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

**Request for Proposals  
Mobile Home Manufacturer**

Qualla Housing Services (Q.H.S.) is requesting proposals from all interested qualified Mobile Home Manufacturers, licensed in the State of North Carolina, to provide single-family housing. Services required will include, but may not be limited to, construction and delivery of mobile housing units and installation. The scope of work will include projects on Tribal land in Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, and Graham Counties.

These bid packages can be picked up at the Qualla Housing Services Warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee,

NC, 28719. The Warehouse is open Monday-Friday, from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. All bids/proposals must be submitted to the QHS Warehouse in a sealed envelope. The deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on 05/17/2024. Proposals received after this time and date will be rejected. Please be advised Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of all contracts. 5/15

**EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE  
INDIANS EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

**Assignment of a Name for a  
New Road**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Emergency Management Office at its 9-1-1 Committee meeting held on April 24, 2024 resolved pursuant to EBCI Code of Ordinances Chapter 136A ARTICLE II – UNIFORM STREET ADDRESS AND ROAD NAMING SYSTEM (Ord. No. 332-A, 10-26-1998) that a certain new road in the Wolfetown Big Y Community be assigned the street name as detailed below:

- The existing shared driveway providing access to 2093 and 2095 Wrights Creek Road shall be assigned the name Isaiah Drive along with its eventual continuation.

Inquiries or appeals to this action can be made to the Emergency Management Office located at 282 Seven Clans Lane, Cherokee, NC 28719 during normal business hours. 5/8

**GWY ᏍᏍᏅᏍᏁ ᏍᏍᏅᏍᏁ**  
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**Closing Sunday, May 05, 2024**

- Maintenance Utility Worker – Qualla Housing – Housing (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Carpenter Assistant – Qualla Housing – Housing (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Plumber Assistant – Qualla Housing – Housing (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour)
- Crew Leader (Plumbing) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
- Supervisor (Plumbing) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L13 \$48,738 - \$60,923)
- Cook – Senior Citizens – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
- Lieutenant (Patrol) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Environmental Aquatic Specialist – Office of Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
- Hatchery Technician (Seasonal) – Fisheries & Wildlife Management – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
- Office Administrator – Transit – Operations (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
- Dispatcher/Substitute Driver – Transit – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Housekeeper II – Housekeeping – Operations (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour)
- WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION



All applications and job descriptions are available at  
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**Open Until Filled**

- Corrections Officer (Multiple) – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Juvenile Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- School Resources Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Part-Time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
- Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
- Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour)
- Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
- Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
- Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
- Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
- Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Environmental Compliance Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
- Education Tutor/Grades 3-5 – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
- Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Remember the Removal Bike Ride Group Fitness Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
- Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- NFP Nurse (Home Visitor) – Nurse Family Partnership – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
- Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
- Rounds Tech/Operator – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
- Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
- Evidence Based Intervention Specialist – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
- Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
- Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
- Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Information Technology Coordinator – Information Technology – Office of Information Technology (L13 \$48,738 - \$60,923)



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

**SUB Bus Driver  
Hayes Reed**



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## ENGINEERING:

EVS Supervisor – 3rd Shift - \$21.13 - \$23.98  
Satellite Maintenance Mechanic - \$21.13 - \$23.98

## FINANCE

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25  
Billing Analyst III - \$22.76 - \$25.89  
Supply Warehouse Technician - \$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  
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  
Medicated Assisted Treatment Program Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852  
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72  
Behavioral Health RN – Kanvwotiyi - \$33.68 - \$38.68  
Outpatient Nurse Supervisor – Analenisgi - \$36.56 - \$42.11  
Peer Support Specialist – Analenisgi - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Behavioral Health Data Analyst - \$67,082 - \$83,852  
Integrated Classroom Skill Builder - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Behavioral Health Nurse Manager - \$88,715 - \$110,894  
Residential Technician – Kanvwotiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26

## OPERATIONS

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 – \$20.67  
Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Medical Laboratory Technician - \$22.76 - \$25.89  
Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II (3rd Shift) \$44,107 - \$55,134 **-\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
Medical Technologist - \$28.68 - \$32.85

## MEDICAL

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

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

## 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 – 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

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CNA/PCA – Part Time Regular - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
CNA/PCA - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (C.N.A. only)**  
Licensed Practical Nurse—Part-Time Intermittent - \$22.76 - \$25.89  
Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89- **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - **\*\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**  
Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11  
Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent - \$31.06 - \$35.64  
Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26

## Tribal Option

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

**To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](https://careers.cherokeehospital.org)**

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



# THINKING ABOUT BUILDING A HOME?

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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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## Cherokee Tribal EMS Paramedics complete training program

Cherokee Tribal EMS (CTEMS) Paramedics Lt. Chris McCoy, Lt. Tiff Panther, Paramedic Sara Chovanic, and Paramedic Zac Kirkland graduated from the 80-hour North Carolina EMS Leadership Academy hosted by Blue Ridge Community College and instructed by EMS Wizard. They demonstrated their leadership skills and commitment to the community by attending Session One from Sept. 27 to Oct. 1, 2023 and completed the program in a session from April 16-21, 2024 in Flat Rock, N.C. Shown, left to right, are Terence Sheehy Deputy Chief Dare County EMS, Billy Langston NCOEMS, CTEMS Lt. Tiff Panther, CTEMS Lt. Chris McCoy, Paramedic Zac Kirkland, Paramedic Sara Chovanic, Annie Ryder Training Officer Franklin County EMS, and Chris Pegram Director of Emergency Services Warren County. (Photo contributed)

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*The following narrative is from Maggie Toineeta, Kituwah Global Government Group, LLC human resources manager:*

At the River Valley Casino jobsite on April 5, there was an incident involving an employee of another company. In a moment of urgent need, two of our team members, Emiel Rosando-Gonzalez, right, and Tim Garcia exhibited extraordinary compassion and quick thinking. When a coworker suffered a medical emergency on the jobsite, they didn't hesitate to act. Tim immediately called 911, ensuring that professional medical help was on the way, while Emiel seamlessly bridged the language gap, translating Spanish for the EMS workers and facilitating effective communication and care. Their prompt and decisive actions not only helped ensure the safety of their colleague but also exemplified the spirit of teamwork and humanity that we value so highly in our company. We are incredibly proud and grateful for their exemplary conduct. (Photo by Michael Biggs)



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**Tribal member wins field events award**

Nse Uffort, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a junior on the Swain Co. High School track team, won the Gary Buchanan Award – Most Outstanding Male Field Events Athlete at a meet held at West Ridge High School in Blountville, Tenn. on Friday, April 26. Uffort won both the shot put and discus throw. (Photo contributed)

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