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# The greatest generation

## Cherokee World War II hero honored at event

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – A Cherokee hero was celebrated and recognized for his military service during an event at the Yellowhill Activity Center on the evening of Monday, May 13. PFC Reuben Taylor, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a World War II veteran, was honored at the event which was organized by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 and Auxiliary Unit 143.

Gregory Hunt, Post 143,

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PFC Reuben Taylor, seated, is presented with the "Standing Strong" Pendleton blanket by his daughter, Frances Walkingstick, left, and Sharon French, right, representing the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143, at an event honoring PFC Taylor held at the Yellowhill Activity Center on the evening of Monday, May 13. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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The obverse of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion is shown.

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served as emcee for the event and told the crowd, “It’s imperative that we see and take heed of the service of Reuben Taylor. That service that he exhibited during his World War II military service and his service as a veteran to his community since coming home, we just want to honor and thank our brother Reuben for all that he has done.”

During the event, Hunt presented PFC Taylor with the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion. He told the story of the four chaplains who went down with the U.S.A.T. Dorchester on Feb. 3, 1943 following a German torpedo attack as the ship traveled in icy waters from Newfoundland heading towards Greenland. The chaplains, from four different faiths, worked to calm the sailors, help the wounded, and helped as many get to safety as possible.

Hunt noted, “The calmness of these chaplains during the deadly encounter ensured the sailors were considered first among themselves, or above themselves. This is how I have come to know Reuben through the years. He maintains that quiet, distinguished professionalism and leads with his actions, not needing many words.”

“The Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion is an award given by the Chapel in recognition of exceptional selfless service on the part of an individual which contributes to the wellbeing of others within and outside their communities.”

PFC Taylor served in the U.S. Army from 1942-47 in the 504th Parachute Infantry Division, 82nd Airborne Division. At the age of 16, he entered basic training at Fort Bragg, N.C. on Aug. 13, 1942. He then attended Paratrooper Training at Fort Benning, Ga. after which he was assigned to the then-newly formed 82nd Airborne Division.

In 1943, PFC Taylor was deployed to Casablanca, North Africa after which they went back to Europe. He was a part of Operation Market-Garden, also known as the Invasion of Holland, on Sept. 17, 1944. Several months later, he and his fellow soldiers took part in the Battle of the Bulge.

He received many awards and decorations for his military service including: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, French Croix de Guerre, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Senior Parachutist Badge.

The Cherokee High School Army JROTC obstacle course was named, "Reuben's Run", in his honor on May 2, 2023.

PFC Taylor recently lost his home to a fire. During Monday's event, he was presented with several items to replace ones lost in that fire including a Post 143 leather jacket with various patches, a 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment hat, and a framed U.S. Army Honorable Discharge certificate.

Lake Silver, western North Carolina representative from Congressman Chuck Edwards' (R-N.C.) office, presented PFC Taylor with a U.S. flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol last month. He commented, "I'm a little different from most people my age. I've spent hours and hours reading about World War II. It is something that I'm just an absolute nut about. I worry that people my age and younger, and some folks older than me, can read all the books in the world and we'll never truly be able to understand and know what



Gregory Hunt, left, of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, presents PFC Reuben Taylor, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a World War II veteran, with the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion.

Mr. Taylor and other members of our Armed Forces went through fighting what was truly evil. It was a truly evil force. So, from the bottom of my heart, and as someone who is absolutely a huge fan, a huge fan of you and everyone who fought in that war, thank you so much for your service. Thank you so much"

Silver then read a letter from Congressman Edwards that read in part, "Private First Class Reuben E. Taylor, please accept my sincere appreciation for your service to the United States and the U.S. Army during World War II. Your selflessness is evident in the numerous medals and awards that recognize your sacrifice and

devotion to serving this country. Patriots like yourself valiantly carried on the storied tradition of courage, service, and faithfulness that characterizes our Armed Forces. Your legacy will be remembered in western North Carolina for generations to come. May we never forget the sacrifices made by those in uniform, past and present, and always keep our dedicated service members in our thoughts and prayers."

At the end of the event, PFC Taylor was presented with the "Standing Strong" limited edition Pendleton blanket. A total of 250 were made, and he was given number three.

**"He maintains that quiet, distinguished professionalism and leads with his actions, not needing many words."**

*- Gregory Hunt, Post 143, describing PFC Reuben Taylor*

# PFC Reuben Taylor

These are photos of PFC Reuben Taylor at various events on the Qualla Boundary.

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



Then-Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Richard G. Sneed, right, presents the American Legion Distinguished American Award to PFC Taylor during a Veteran's Day observance at the old Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Nov. 10, 2018



PFC Taylor is shown at the Cherokee Memorial Day observance held on May 30, 2016 at the Yellowhill Veterans Memorial Cemetery.



PFC Taylor, left, and Lew Harding, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 commander, salute the United States flag during an event in their honor at the Cherokee Veterans Park on March 12, 2021.



This portrait-style photo of PFC Taylor was taken at the Yellowhill Activity Center on Nov. 11, 2017.

# Memorial Day 2024 - Remember the Fallen

By L.H. Harding

For many of us who have lost family members in the horrors of war, remembrance is not easy, and it is painful. It is the price we pay for the price they paid. They made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the nation that we love. Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. We venerate their valor and speak of them in hushed tones and reflect on their lives with a spirit of reverence. It is up to us who survive to pause for a short time on Memorial Day. Show gratitude for the human losses of so many, that we may be free.

Come and be with us at the Yellowhill Veterans Memorial Cemetery for our Cherokee program of remembrance. It will begin at 11a.m. An hour of your time for an eternity of theirs. Please come and show them you care.



During the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Cherokee Veterans Park on the morning of Monday, May 29, 2023, the Ringing of the Bell of Honor & Remembrance Ceremony, dedicated to the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who were killed in action, was performed by Col. Bob Blankenship, right, U.S. Army (Ret.), who read the list while Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell, U.S. Army (Ret.), rang the bell in their honor and memory. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Bernadine Hicks George (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), *Untitled*, n.d., ceramic, 7.75 x 11.75 x 5.5 inches. Photo Credit: Tim Burleson, Frontier Photography.



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# Sex trafficking survivor shares story of healing and hope

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Lisa Dugan lives in Tsigwohi (Birdtown) with her dog, Violet, where she is in a new stage of healing from her experiences in sex trafficking and domestic violence. Dugan was taken at the age of 18 and forced into sex trafficking for six years. Following her escape from trafficking, she experienced revictimization through domestic violence relationships. Dugan was able to break free and find purpose in victim advocacy. She now hopes to share her story to shine a light for other victims.

“At the time, nobody really even knew what trafficking was. It was just called prostitution. One of the ways that the trafficker got me when I was 18 working at NAPA Auto Parts was because my parents were on vacation. They came back and I was just gone,” Dugan said.

Dugan shared a harrowing moment when her trafficker broke her spirit, “There was a time when he just dragged me across the concrete by my hair. People stood around. The biggest question I had the whole time this was happening, and I don’t mean to make anybody feel bad about this, but the whole time I was like, ‘Why isn’t anybody helping me? Why are people staring?’” she said. “People need to be a little more open about being nosy and in people’s business because it could be saving a life, but back then nobody was saying or doing anything, so that’s



Lisa Dugan and her dog, Violet.(BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

kind of how I got broken.”

Dugan worked with a victim advocacy center to help other sex trafficking victims escape and begin to heal. “I filled out a form to be an intern for girls 12 to 17 who were trafficked. I just kind of told my story and they were like, ‘Oh my God, we need you. We need you on our staff. We’ll pay you.’ It was a dream job.” Dugan left the center when institutional changes started being made that she didn’t align with.

Dugan was engrossed in a domestic violence relationship before finding her way to the mountains. “He beat me really, really, bad. I found this puppy at the time named Ollie. When he started mistreating the dog, something clicked in me. He could beat me all day long, but he couldn’t hit that puppy. I grabbed the dog, no leash, no shoes, and we just ran.”

“I said look little doggie, you lead me somewhere and I’ll give you the best life.” Dugan and Ollie ended up settled in Cherokee with

the help of community member Barry Craig. “Barry’s wonderful. He saved my life,” she said.

Ollie lived a happy life in Cherokee. He is buried on the mountain. Dugan now has another dog, Violet, who serves as her protector. “She does carry that component of safety. I thought, man, that’s what I’ll do one day. There are women who need a shelter that welcomes their dogs or their cats, I can make that place. That’s my heart, and I don’t know how I’ll ever accomplish that, but it’ll happen somehow.”

Dugan works at Ric’s Smoke Shop, and she also sews dog bandanas. She even sold a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) themed dog bandana to a Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) officer.

She also credits her coworkers at Ric’s with providing support as she settled into life in the mountains. “I love my job and my coworkers. When I first started there, the women were immedi-

ately kind and offered support and friendship. They are instrumental in my current healing,” she said.

“Sewing is very healing as well. My mom is a master quilter. She’s won quilt shows. One of the quilts she made from Depression Era fabric, and she made a replica of a Depression Era quilt, and she titled the quilt, ‘Depression.’ It was during the time I was missing, and she won second place in a national quilt show. She’s 89 years old and still holding onto it.”

Dugan wants to write a book about her experiences. “I have been working on this healing journey for a long time, but I want to write a book. I’ve written some small parts already. I want to call it, ‘Unleashed Souls: How a Girl and her Dog Found Healing on Cherokee Land.’”

Dugan says the western North Carolina mountains are special. “Just the nature of the sound of the water, all the healing properties. You have the answers to heal your community right here.”



# EBCI Higher Education Prog. launching Student Portal

Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks and the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Higher Education Program have announced the official launch date of the new Higher Education Student Portal which will go live on Saturday, June 1.

The Higher Education Program (Program) has been working with the EBCI Office of Information Technology “OIT” team since May 2023 to create a new student database. The new database’s main priority was an online student portal for document submission and improved communication.

The selection process for the database developer began in May 2023. With guidance from OIT, the Program met with several developers before deciding to partner with Microsoft. Since October 2023, the Program has met weekly with OIT and the developer to establish the new database’s goals, flow, look, and functionality.

Brittany Beck, manager of Higher Education stated, “The student portal is important to us [program]. We want the students to see their electronic files and be able to access them at any time. This will enable us and, more importantly, the students to see what they have submitted in real-time.”

This ease of access to your Higher Education file is just one of the features students and their families can look forward to, here are some of the staff’s favorite features:

- Fully online application
- Upload and access required documents



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- Update contact information easily
- Identify your Education Specialist and email them directly from the student portal
- The portal will send reminder emails with links to upload directly to the portal

The Higher Education Program is grateful for the assistance of Kevin Jackson, director of OIT; Jeremy Brown; and Brandon Ledford, for their persistent work on this project. The Program believes the new database with multiple reporting features will provide valuable statistics to improve how the EBCI and its entities prepare the workforce now and in the future. Important information for current and future students:

- You can access the student portal after June 1 at <https://ebcihighered.com>.

- The new student portal will go live on June 1 for newly enrolled students.
- Currently funded students’ information will be preloaded into the system, a link will be sent to set up a username and password.
- Staff are trained and available to assist with login or system issues.
- Video tutorials will be provided at <https://ebcihighered.com>.
- If you or your parent/guardian would like in-person assistance, contact our office at 828.359.6650, Monday – Friday 7:45 – 4:30 p.m. after June 1.

Student Portal email [EBCIHigherEdu@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:EBCIHigherEdu@ebci-nsn.gov)

- The Qualla Boundary Public Library, located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex has a computer lab and free wi-fi.

- EBCI Higher Education Program release

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- Brittany Beck,  
EBCI Higher Education manager

# Chief's Monthly Report for April

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Submitted by the Office of the Principal Chief

We kicked off April by kicking off the 2024 Senior Games at the Peaches Squirrell Sports and Recreation Complex! The Vice Chief and I were excited to see the impressive turnout, with over 170 seniors participating. This year holds special significance as it is a qualifying year for the National Senior Games in Des Moines, Iowa, in 2025.

On April 3, we participated in the "I Believe" Sexual Assault Awareness Event as part of Sexual Assault Awareness month. It's crucial to acknowledge the disproportionate impact of sexual assault

on Indigenous peoples. Indigenous women and girls experience sexual violence at alarming rates, with statistics revealing that they are two and a half times more likely to experience assault than any other demographic in the United States. Moreover, according to the Department of Justice, more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime, including sexual violence.

As part of our ongoing efforts to advocate for the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), the Tribal Council and I hosted a WNC Delegation Breakfast on April 5 at the Cornerstone Restaurant in Asheville. We aimed to strengthen ties with the North Carolina House Reps and Senators representing the western North Carolina area. This event provided a fantastic

opportunity to enhance communication and foster partnerships.

On April 8, I was privileged to address the 2024 North Carolina Museums Council Conference held at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. This year's theme, "Weaving Our Voices," presented an opportunity to spotlight the exceptional efforts of The Museum of the Cherokee People team. Their efforts have significantly improved the community's visibility and engagement within the museum and have contributed to further educating visitors on who we are, where we've come from, and what makes us uniquely Cherokee.

We're thrilled to announce an exciting new project on the horizon: the StoryWalk Project, in collaboration with the EBCI Tribal Option. This project is designed to combine physical activity and literacy, creating a unique and engaging experience for our community members. The StoryWalk will feature signs or "pages" from a children's picture book set up in an outdoor space allowing the reader to follow along with the story by walking. This project was approved during the planning board session on April 15.

I traveled to Raleigh for discussions with North Carolina Representatives Destin Hall and Karl Gillespie and the team of House Speaker Tim Moore. During this time, I also had the chance to have dinner with two EBCI college students, Colby Taylor and Carson 'Nuney' Taylor. It was at this dinner that I was impressed to see a photograph of Chief Saunooke displayed on the wall of 42nd St Restaurant. I want to thank Paxton Myers, EBCI Tribal Council Reps. Michael Stamper and Bo Crowe, TCGE Board members Scooter McCoy and Tommy Lambert for their continued advocacy

in advancing the EBCI's legislative priorities.

The 8th Annual Spring Garden Fair was held on Friday, April 19, and marked the 20 years of the Garden Kit program. The ongoing distribution of garden kits our communities demonstrates a sustained effort to ensure access to fresh, nutritious produce and strengthen food security within the tribe.

From April 22-23, I traveled to Florida accompanied by Bill Taylor (Government Liaison), Paxton Myers, and Tribal Council Members Boyd Owle, Jim Owle, Perry Shell and Richard French. Our purpose was to reconnect with the Seminole and Miccosukee tribes, working to rebuild and strengthen our relationships.

On April 24, the Vice Chief, Tribal Council, and I hosted an FY2025 Entity Budget Kickoff meeting at Cherokee Central Schools. We focused on assessing the tribe's financial standing, forecasting revenues, and reviewing new budget workbook processes. Among the attendees were the EBCI Secretaries, EBCI Holdings, L.L.C., Kituwah, L.L.C., Qualla, L.L.C., Cherokee Indian Hospital, Cherokee Central Schools, T.G.C., TCGE, Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, and Tribal A.L.E. Our aim for this gathering was to ensure consistency and transparency across the diverse entities and organizations within our tribe.

On April 25, I attended the first Cherokee Autism Celebration, an event that is working to end stigma and provide resources for individuals with autism and their families.

On April 30, I, along with Tribal Council Members and TERO representatives, visited the Oconaluftee Job Corps Center (OJCC)

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to explore collaboration and workforce development. Following discussions, we toured the center, meeting students in diverse fields like electrical work and firefighting, where we witnessed their passion firsthand. Our aim is to provide similar opportunities for our young members, highlighting the value of trade jobs as alternatives to traditional college paths.

## Kituwah, LLC – Who We Are and What We Do

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Formed in the spring of 2018, Kituwah, LLC was created to facilitate non-gaming economic development for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and offset negative impacts to gaming revenues

due to competition in the market. Wholly owned by the EBCI, Kituwah, LLC is governed by the Kituwah Economic Development Board (KEDB) that consists of five members appointed by the Principal Chief and confirmed by Tribal Council.

Our current KEDB members include:

- Chrissy Arch/EBCI, Chairperson
- Adam West/EBCI
- Stacy Leeds/Cherokee Nation
- Lance Morgan/Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Former KEDB member Sam Owl, an EBCI tribal member, was hired into the chief executive officer's role in March 2024 leaving one KEDB seat vacant. Each KEDB member has at least twenty years of experience in relevant fields including business, hospital operations, finance, accounting,

economic development, and law.

The KEDB is responsible for oversight of Kituwah, LLC, while the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is responsible for the day-to-day operation.

Kituwah, LLC currently has five (5) major lines of business or LOBs including:

- 8a Governmental Contracting via Kituwah Global Government, LLC (KG3)
- Passive and Placed Investments – Short-term Lending and Markets
- Property Management – Chestnut Tree Workforce Housing
- Modular Housing and Commercial Manufacturing
- Hospitality/Development– Ela Campground, Cherokee Cinemas, Cherokee Inn, The 407, SI Resorts

CEO Sam Owl is committed to transparency and stated “Over the coming weeks, Kituwah, LLC will be releasing a series of public communications, via the Cherokee One Feather, to aid our tribal community in better understanding our organization, mission and how we operate. One facet of these communications is to educate the community on business and

economic development, our strategies, and how we are accountable to EBCI tribal government. We'll take a deeper dive into each of our LOBs and how those efforts generate returns (profits). Our goal is education and awareness of our organization and how it benefits the EBCI.”

Established in 2018, Kituwah, LLC is an economic development enterprise, wholly-owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). With brick-and-mortar offices in Cherokee, N.C. and a reach that extends globally, Kituwah, LLC is dedicated to creating an innovative future. Our Mission is “To create or acquire profitable businesses and investments that provide substantial opportunities for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.” Our Vision is “To be a world class company, driving sustainable growth for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, grounded in ethical stewardship for the next seven generations.” For more information, please visit our websites at [www.kituwahlc.com](http://www.kituwahlc.com) [www.kituwah3.com](http://www.kituwah3.com).

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- ☒ 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.

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- ☒ 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.

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- ☒ Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed.
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- ☒ Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved.
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- ☒ 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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# CCS School Board holds May meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**

One Feather Reporter

**C**HEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, May 6 in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:44pm by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Widagalinidisyv (Big Y) rep.; Micah Swimmer, Aniwodihi (Painttown) rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) rep.; Melanie Lambert, co-vice chairperson and Tsisgwohi (Birdtown) rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wayohi (Wolftown) rep.; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; and Michael Stamper, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) representative.

Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent, and Dr. Jo Ray, HR director, had an excused absence.

The opening prayer was led by Swimmer. The previous meeting minutes from April 15 were approved unanimously with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Stamper.

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

In good news, Girty announced that there were 12 days of school remaining in the semester. Toineeta gave a shoutout to Cherokee Braves basketball Head Coach

Raymius Smith and his team for helping out at the MANNA Food Bank in Wayohi (Wolftown). She said the players were nice, helpful, and worked really hard.

Lambert shared that she attended a steak dinner fundraiser for the Cherokee Braves football team. She said the players waited on and served everyone there, they cleaned tables, and were well mannered.

Reed-Cooper said that she attended the Cherokee High School athletic banquet, and she thanked Girty for taking the board's feedback on recognizing all players on each sports team. All players were called to the front and recognized in each sport. Reed-Cooper also noted that it was nice to have the banquet in the Charles George Memorial Arena as opposed to the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center, as there was more room to move around and it did not feel crowded.

Thompson added that she enjoyed having the athletic banquet in Charles George Memorial Arena as well. She said those that were not eating had the option to sit in the stands and visit with others. Swimmer asked if student athletes could start receiving a certificate of participation for each sport they participate in, as a memento from the banquet to look back on and show their children someday. Girty shared that Special Olympics athletes received letterman jackets, but they are not permitted to use the Qualla Boundary Special Olympics patches on their jackets. Girty asked if the board would like to come up with a patch for the athletes to wear. She suggested a "Braves Special Olympic" patch. She shared that this would be a way to honor the athletes. The board agreed. Girty said she would look into it.

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

24-139 Samantha Treadway is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-140 Jocelyn Flake is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-141 Leona Ruthig is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-142 Michelle Stephens is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-143 Lisa Livengood is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-144 Cara Grogan is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-145 Emily Thurmond is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-146 Courtney Haggard is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-147 Alla Johnson is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-148 Maggie Welch is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-149 Trista Williams is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-150 Colleen Muench is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-151 Dyna Robinson is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-152 Tasha Cochran is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-153 Seth Whitesel is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-154 Zane Edwards is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-155 Amelia Schriener is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-156 Rachel Hanes is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-157 Leah Stover is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-158 Alexa Oocumma is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-159 Anne Link is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-160 Vickie Hensley is approved to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-161 Vicki Bradley is approved

to work STEAM CAMP '24.  
24-163 Tom Westbrook is approved as a Life Skills Teacher Assistant for Cherokee High School.  
24-164 Carly McGinn is approved as a Substitute Teacher for the Cherokee Elementary School.  
24-165 Sonya Edwards is approved to work at Academic Summer School '24.  
24-166 Tiffany Grindstaff is approved to work at Academic Summer School '24.  
24-167 Carla Layno is approved to work at Academic Summer School '24.  
24-168 Ronda Denton is approved to work at Academic Summer School '24.  
24-169 Robbi Pounds is approved to work at Academic Summer School '24.  
24-171 Tori Teesateskie is approved to work at Academic Summer School '24.  
24-172 Kelly Driver is approved to work at Academic Summer School '24.  
24-173 Cody Williams is approved to work at Academic Summer School '24.  
24-174 Sarah Hopkins is approved to work at Band Camp '24.  
24-175 Kari Read is approved to work at Band Camp '24.  
24-176 Candy Lossiah is approved to work at Academic Summer School '24.  
24-177 Pam Bryant is approved to work at Academic Summer School '24.  
24-178 Chris Davis is approved to work ESTEAM CAMP '24.  
24-179 Megan Barnes is approved to work ESTEAM CAMP '24.  
24-180 Frosti Adams is approved to work ESTEAM CAMP '24.  
24-181 Scott Freeman is approved to work ESTEAM CAMP '24.  
24-182 David Pringle is approved to work ESTEAM CAMP '24.  
24-183 Tina Ray is approved to

work ESTEAM CAMP '24.  
24-184 Bette Fitzgerald is approved to work ESTEAM CAMP '24.  
24-185 Teresa Morgan is approved to work ESTEAM CAMP '24.  
24-186 Laura Bottchenbaugh is approved to work ESTEAM CAMP '24.  
24-187 Shaye Ledford is approved to work ESTEAM CAMP '24.  
24-188 Dre Crowe is approved to work ESTEAM CAMP '24.  
24-189 Kayla Payne is approved to work ESY Summer '24.  
24-190 John Roper is approved to work ESY Summer '24.  
24-191 Gale Johnson is approved to work ESY Summer '24.  
24-192 Paulette Clark is approved to work ESY Summer '24.  
24-193 Janie Wheeler is approved to work ESY Summer '24.  
24-194 Ameka Cole is approved to work ESY Summer '24.  
24-195 Gail Wachacha is approved to work ESY Summer '24.  
24-196 Tyson Deal is approved to work ESY Summer '24.  
24-197 Angie Parton is approved to work ESY Summer '24.  
24-198 Pam Bryson is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-199 Janna Girty is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-200 Catuce Tiger is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-201 Dean Reed is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-202 Mary Maney is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-203 Lauren Luther is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-204 Gail Panther is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-205 Butch Goings is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.

24-206 Louise Goings is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-207 Nellie Jones is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-208 Dorine George is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-209 Bernice Bottchenbaugh is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-210 Jeanne Wachacha is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24.  
24-211 Malia Crowe is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24 as a volunteer.  
24-212 Anna Wilke is approved as the Cherokee High School English Teacher for the 2024-2025 School year.  
24-213 Kahawis is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24 as a volunteer.  
24-214 Phyll Reed is approved to work Cultural Summer School '24 as a volunteer.  
24-215 Christopher Davis is approved to fill the position of Instructional Facilitator for Cherokee Central Schools.

Resolution 24-170, which reads "Travis Climbingbear is approved to work at Academic Summer School '24," was administratively pulled from the consent agenda.

In new business, Swimmer expressed concern with the Cherokee "C" logo recently appearing unintelligible on an order of jackets. He asked if there was a way the board could approve future use of the logo. Thompson said it may be an issue with the vendors used to create the jackets.

Girty shared that there will be a Net Cutting and Poster Signing community event on May 22 at 4:00pm in Charles George Memorial Arena for the 2023-24 Cher-

okee Lady Braves state basketball team. She said there will be shirts available for purchase.

Girty added that the CCS budget reports were not ready but should be available by the end of the week. She said the budget is not balancing out. She has been meeting with staff to review their budgets and their vacant positions. If they express that they can do without the vacant positions, then they will cut them for now. They may add them back to the budget later if necessary.

Girty said she was going to call Stacy Ledford and Secretary of Public Health and Human Services Sonya Wachacha about a mental health grant for CCS.

Thomspon mentioned speaking with Michelle Houston about the budget for Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) to help understand the CCS budget.

Rep. Stamper said Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) is looking at the CCS budget and asked if CCS is reviewing the budget and accounting for each dollar. He added that Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) will be anticipating a projected budget. Girty said CCS is looking at other funding sources to help with the CCS budget.

Rep. Stamper asked about the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines and why CCS did not follow those guidelines. Girty and Thompson explained that CCS moved away from USDA guidelines because students were not getting enough to eat and were going home hungry. They added that the food they were getting served was not the type of food they were used to eating. Students were also not able to get seconds if they wanted. They also mentioned that since that change has been made, the board has not received any complaints

like they used to when following USDA guidelines.

In other announcements, Toineeta asked why senior banners were not hanging up for the Cherokee varsity softball seniors. Reed-Cooper shared that CCS Athletic Director Chase Sneed indicated that not all the banners had been received yet, and he did not want to hang them up just yet. Toineeta asked if seniors would be recognized during their last games. Girty said Spring sports seniors would be recognized on May 8, except for softball and baseball as they had already hosted their senior nights.

Hyatt shared that she had a CIHA employee express their gratitude for being a part of the CCS family.

Girty shared that there will be a staff retreat on June 13 and 14 for CCS staff. She asked the board to let her know if they had any questions they wanted asked to the staff at the retreat.

Lambert mentioned that her mother, Debbie Lambert, is retiring from CCS after 45 years of service. As of now, there are six retirees for this school year.

The next CCS board meeting will take place on June 3 at 4:45pm in the Central Office Board Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m. with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Stamp-



**CIPD Arrest Report for  
May 6-12, 2024**

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

Day, Justus Kyle – age 25  
Arrested: May 6  
Released: May 9  
Charges: Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle

Mason, Dexter Dirk – age 53  
Arrested: May 6  
Released: May 9

Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Public Intoxication

Pierce, Stacy Annett – age 53  
Arrested: May 6  
Released: May 9  
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Teesatskie, Davisia Zaki – age 18  
Arrested: May 6  
Released: May 7  
Charges: No Operator's License, Driving While Impaired, Driving After Consuming Under 21, Failure to Reduce Speed

Tomas, Kelby Weldon – age 22  
Arrested: May 7  
Released: May 10  
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Child Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts);

Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of a Minor (three counts); Assault on a Female; Aggravated Reckless Endangerment; Probation Violation (two counts)

Sequoyah, Reva Claudine – age 62  
Arrested: May 9  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 13)  
Charges: False Imprisonment (four counts), Aggravated Reckless Endangerment, Criminal Conspiracy (four counts)

Locust, Andrew – age 42  
Arrested: May 10  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 13)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Second Degree Trespass, Possession of a Controlled Substance Classified in

Schedules I-V, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Locust, Randi Lee – age 40  
Arrested: May 10  
Released: May 10  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Sherrill, Tameka – age 33  
Arrested: May 10  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 13)  
Charges: Possession with Intent to Create, Delivery, Counterfeit Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Sneed, Samuel Paul – age 32  
Arrested: May 11  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 13)  
Charges: Probation Violation, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor


Taylor, Jason Shane – age 49  
Arrested: May 11  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 13)  
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive, Indecent Exposure

Wahnetah, Dylan Keith – age 38  
Arrested: May 12  
Released: Not released as of report date (May 13)  
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public


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### Memorial Day 2024



Each year, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians honors its fallen warriors (list below) with the Ringing of the Bell of Honor & Remembrance Ceremony at the annual Memorial Day observance. This year's event, hosted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, will be held Monday, May 27 at 11 a.m. at the Cherokee Veterans Park in Cherokee, N.C.

**World War I:** Steve Youngdeer (U.S. Army), Joe Kalonaheskie (U.S. Army)

**World War II:** Boyd Catt (U.S. Army), Jacob Cornsilk (U.S. Army), Adam West Driver (U.S. Marine Corps), James R. Lambert (U.S. Army), Samuel William Otter (U.S. Navy), Blaine Queen (U.S. Army), Mark Rattler (U.S. Marine Corps), Isaac Ross (U.S. Army), Joshua Shell (U.S. Army), Sheridan Smith (U.S. Marine Corps), Vernon George Sneed (U.S. Army), William Taylor (U.S. Navy), Enos Thompson (U.S. Army), Jeremiah Toineeta (U.S. Army), Robert Austin Wahneeta (U.S. Marine Corps), Clarence Albert Murphy (U.S. Army)

**Korea:** Charles Arch (U.S. Marine Corps), Charles George (U.S. Army, Medal of Honor recipient)

**Vietnam:** John Burgess (U.S. Army), John Edward Oocumma (U.S. Army)

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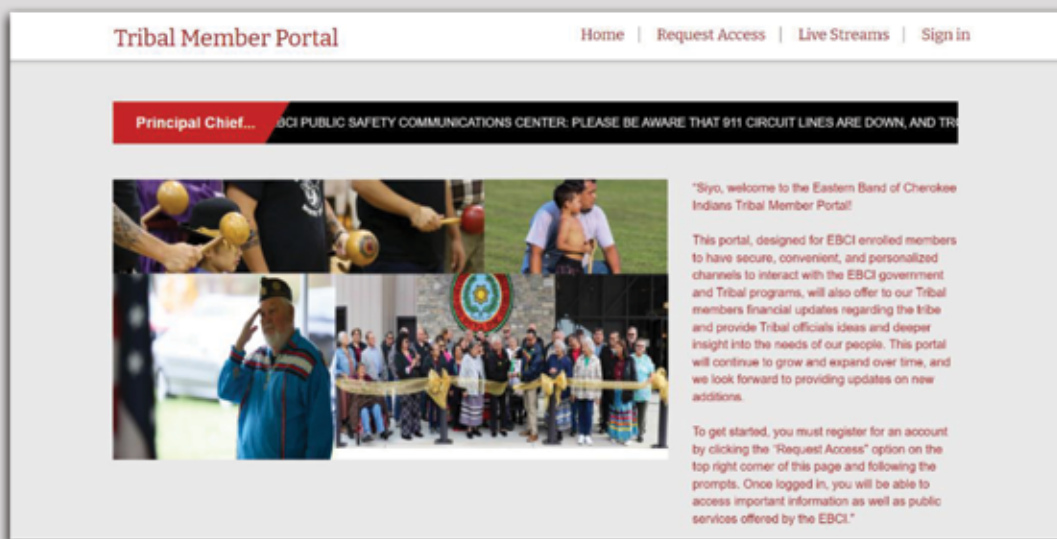
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- \* Email verification is required. To verify account registration, Tribal Members must have an active email account on file with the tribal enrollment office.
- \* If you do not have an email on file, kindly visit EBCI.com, proceed to the Enrollment tab, and select the Address Change option to complete the form. If you are only adding or correcting your email address, there is no requirement for notarization. You may submit the form via email to [enrollment@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@ebci-nsn.gov) or drop it off at the Enrollment office.
- \* Once email verification has been received, the end user will be prompted to create a new password and will gain access to the member portal.

“The Office of Information Technology has successfully addressed the backlog of users attempting to register on the portal. Additionally, we collaborated with the Enrollment Office to rectify issues related to duplicate emails and resolved parent-child email discrepancies. We are currently focused on enhancing the registration process by implementing improved error-checking mechanisms.

- Furthermore, our team is actively developing workflows for various service requests, including the long form. These efforts aim to streamline processes and enhance user experience on the portal.
- OIT is actively pursuing strategies to gain support from tribal membership. Our initial step toward securing backing and involvement involves the creation of a user-friendly design for the portal. This approach prioritizes simplicity and ease of use, incorporating clear navigation, intuitive interfaces, and easily identifiable buttons to enhance accessibility, particularly for older users.
- Training Sessions tailored specifically to the elder population are next on our agenda. These sessions aim to acquaint them with the portal's features and functionalities. They will be conducted in various settings, including community centers, Tsali Manor, and virtually.
- In collaboration with the Tribal Enrollment Office, OIT has devised a triage process to address member portal access and sign-in issues, providing personalized support through help desks, helplines, or online guides.
- We will work closely with Tribal Communication to provide multimedia guides such as tutorial videos or step-by-step instructions, catering to different learning styles and reinforcing understanding.
- Utilizing inclusive language and avoiding technical jargon ensures that the portal remains approachable for all users unfamiliar with technology terms.
- Promotion through trusted channels, such as the One Feather and community clubs and updates to Tribal council and the executive offices, is crucial for building credibility and fostering participation.
- Implementing feedback mechanisms enables all users to voice their experiences and suggest improvements, fostering a sense of involvement and ownership in the portal's development.
- By implementing these strategies, we are confident that the member portal can effectively engage and empower the entire tribal population in accessing services and information.”

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### On to the regional finals

The Robbinville Lady Knights advanced to the 1A West Regional Championship in softball with a 4-3 win over Uwharrie Charter Academy on Friday, May 17. Several members of the team are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) or another federally recognized tribe. The team is shown, left to right, front row - Sydney Adams, Suri Watty (EBCI), Delaney Brooms, Ruthie Aguirre Roque, Ella Atwell, Payton Odom; middle row - Claire Barlow; back row - Olivia Lewis, Ella McGuire, Dreylee Webster (EBCI), Memory Frapp (Citizen Band Potawatomi), Sophie Roberts, Presley Caylor, Baby Shuler, Zoie Shuler (EBCI), Naomi Watiyeli Taylor (EBCI), Anna Williams, and Liz Carpenter.

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**Soccer: Lady Braves named All-SMC**

Several players on the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity soccer team were named to the Smoky Mountain All-Conference team including: Letsi Burgos (photo above), All-Conference; Lily Blythe-Ramos (right), All-Conference; and Laura Martinez (at right in photo below), Honorable Mention. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather photos)



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# Cherokee Indian Hospital celebrates excellence, announces 2024 award recipients

Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority has announced this year's recipients of its prestigious annual awards. Dr. Winona Houser has been named Employee of the Year, and Lisa Hoyle has earned the esteemed Hayes Award for Quality and Safety.

Each year, these awards recognize individuals within our organization who exemplify our core values—integrity, responsiveness, teamwork, and innovation—and who have made significant contributions to the safety and quality of the healthcare services we provide.

CIHA officials commented, "Dr. Winona Houser has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication to patient care, embodying the highest standards of integrity and compassion in her role. Her proactive involvement in patient care and continuous efforts to improve healthcare delivery have earned her the admiration



Dr. Winona Houser has been named Employee of the Year by the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority. (CIHA photos)

and respect of her colleagues. Dr. Houser's outstanding contributions span various facets of hospital operations, from patient care to mentoring and education. Her commitment to excellence not only



Lisa Hoyle has earned the esteemed Hayes Award for Quality and Safety.

enhances patient outcomes but also strengthens our community."

CIHA officials said, "Lisa Hoyle's dedication to advancing our hospital's safety and quality initiatives has left a substantial impact on our operations. Her role in spearheading the implementa-

tion of an electronic Performance Appraisal System and enhancing the oxygen referral process exemplifies her commitment to operational excellence and patient safety. Lisa's strategic approach and innovative problem-solving have significantly contributed to improving our healthcare services, marking her as a leader in fostering a culture of continuous improvement within our organization."

"These awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication of all our staff," said Casey Cooper, chief executive officer of Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority. "Both Dr. Houser and Lisa Hoyle serve as inspirations for all staff members to strive for excellence and uphold the highest standards of patient care and safety."

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Erica Bradley is the new PRC Customer Service representative at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. (CIHA photo)

## Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority opens new PRC Customer Service Desk

Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) has announced the addition of a new dedicated Purchased and Referred Care (PRC) Customer Service Desk and staff, aimed at enhancing services for patients needing care outside of CIHA. The new desk is conveniently located across from the Physical Therapy department within the hospital's main campus.

Purchased and Referred Care provides critical support for patients who require medical services beyond what is available within the CIHA facilities. To ensure that our community receives the best care possible, the PRC Customer Service Desk will assist with billing issues and manage requests for copies of referrals necessary for seeking external care.

To qualify for PRC, individuals must be eligible for direct care and meet specific criteria:

Membership in the Eastern

Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) or residence within the Purchased and Referred Care Delivery Area (PRCDA). Non-EBCI members must be part of a federally recognized tribe and either live on Indian reservation land or reside within the CHSDA, maintaining close economic and/or social ties with the EBCI. The determination of close economic and social ties for eligibility is governed by tribal guidelines and may include factors such as employment with the EBCI or familial relationships with eligible EBCI members.

This initiative underscores CIHA's commitment to improving patient access to necessary medical services and ensuring a seamless healthcare experience. The new PRC Customer Service Desk will play pivotal roles in facilitating effective care management for our community members.

For further information or assistance, patients are encouraged to visit the PRC Customer Service Desk at Cherokee Indian Hospital or contact them at (828) 497-9163, ext. 6885.

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# CCS Student Art Show Award recipients

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Cherokee Middle School (CMS) and Cherokee High School (CHS) held their Student Art Show on the Night of the Arts at Cherokee Central Schools on Thursday, May 9. The following students were awarded first, second, or third place for their art in visual arts, woodworking, and/or Cherokee arts and crafts.

## Visual Arts, taught by Reba Elders:

### First Place

- Brett Elders/Marker Figure
- Isaiah Ledford/Pencil Cartoon
- Hailey Owle/Pastel Portrait
- Nyree Thompson/Ink Figure
- Isaiah Ledford/Marker Abstract
- Ezequiel Martinez/Ink Abstract
- Madison Teesateskie/Pencil Portrait
- Sara O'Kelley/Pencil Grid
- Ezequiel Martinez/Pencil Portrait
- Hailey Owle/Colored Pencil Portrait
- Lily Pheasant/Pastel Landscape



Cherokee Middle School (CMS) and Cherokee High School (CHS) held their Student Art Show on the Night of the Arts at Cherokee Central Schools on Thursday, May 9 and featured many forms of art such as a paper splint basket, far left, by Janna Girty that was named Best of Show in the Cherokee Arts and Crafts division. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

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Cassius Murphy/Pastel Landscape  
Laura Martinez/Pencil Figure  
Madison Teesateskie/Pencil Landscape  
Brett Elders/Crystal Dot  
Unknown/Acrylic

### **Second Place**

Brett Elders/Colored Pencil Figure  
Lexy Ortiz/Pencil Landscape  
Bayley Wright/Acrylic Still Life  
Evan Standingdeer/Pencil Figure  
Lily Pheasant/Pastel Landscape  
Hailey Owle/Pastel Landscape  
Laura Martinez/Pencil Grid  
Unknown/Ink Abstract  
Laura Martinez/Pencil Grid  
Nyree Thompson/Pencil Portrait  
Evan Standingdeer/Pencil Portrait

### **Third Place**

Jennifer Escobar/Ink Abstract  
Creedon Arch/Pencil Grid  
Cassius Murphy/Pastel Landscape  
Hailey Owle/Pastel Landscape  
Nyree Thompson/Pencil Figure  
Unknown/Acrylic  
Lily Pheasant/Pencil Portrait  
Awee Walkingstick/Pencil Portrait

### **Woodworking, taught by Joshua Adams:**

#### **Duck**

First Place: Ostani Youngdeer, senior  
Second Place: Larindo Ben, sophomore  
Third Place: Mychaela Lambert, sophomore

#### **Owl**

First Place: Boie Crowe, senior  
Second Place: Jenna Cruz, senior  
Third Place: Victoria Palmer, senior

#### **Large**

First Place: Matix Stamper, sophomore  
Second Place: George Saunooke, senior  
Third Place: Ezra McGaha, senior

#### **Small**

First Place: Gabe Crowe, senior  
Second Place: Kiri Hill, senior  
Third Place: Kiri Hill, senior

#### **Wood/Pine**

First Place: Ariyanna Toineeta, junior



A mask by CHS senior Gabe Crowe was named Best of Show in the Woodworking division.

Second Place: D.J. Hornbuckle, senior  
Third Place: Yvonne Saunooke, sophomore

#### **Masks**

Best of Show/First Place: Gabe Crowe, senior  
Second Place: Javian Martin, senior  
Third Place: Laura Martinez, senior

#### **Cherokee Arts and Crafts, taught by Lori Reed:**

##### **Baskets**

Rivercane Design and Corn  
First Place: Josh Hornbuckle  
Second Place: Janna Girty  
Third Place: Janna Girty

##### **White Oak**

First Place: Kennica Bradley  
Second Place: Awee Walkingstick  
Third Place: Livia Crowe

##### **Paper Splint Rivercane Weave**

First Place: Janna Girty  
Second Place: Roxi Bark  
Third Place: Roxi Bark

##### **Paper Splint White Oak Weave**

First Place: Janna Girty  
Second Place: DJ Hornbuckle  
Third Place: Mychaela Lambert

##### **Mats**

Paper Splint  
First Place: Payton Driver  
Second Place: Ayosta Lossie  
Third Place: Conner Junaluska

#### **Finger Weaving**

Belts and Keychains  
First Place: Ayosta Lossie  
Second Place: Kennica Bradley  
Third Place: Kennica Bradley

#### **Pottery**

Paddles  
First Place: Ariyanna Toineeta  
Second Place: DJ Hornbuckle  
Third Place: Yvonne Saunooke

#### **Pots**

First Place: Mychaela Lambert  
Second Place: Kennica Bradley  
Third Place: Zayden Crowe

#### **Masks**

First Place: Ariyanna Toineeta  
Second Place: Ayosta Lossie  
Third Place: Journey Watty

#### **Beadwork**

First Place: Kennica Bradley  
Second Place: Marleigh Aguilera  
Third Place: Journey Watty

#### **Other (moccasins, skirt)**

First Place: Janna Girty  
Second Place: Ayosta Lossie  
Third Place: Conner Junaluska

#### **BEST OF SHOW:**

Janna Girty, Paper Splint Basket, Chain Link Design

## OBITUARIES JhñFR

### Betsy Lou Taylor

Betsy Lou Taylor, age 87, passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at Tsali Care Center. She is the daughter of the late David and Martha (Junaluska) Taylor.

She is survived by her daughter, Kareen "Kay" Swayney (Robert); three grandchildren, Natalie Swayney (Robert Welch), Ellisa Swayney (Jon Hill), and Roxy Swayney (Brandon Rice); nine great-grandchildren, Jaden Welch (Shaylon), Avlin Welch, Isaac Welch, Madigan Welch, Alvin Swayney, Dominyk Arch, Ella, Bubby, Elliot Smith; and brothers, Jonah Taylor (Jody) and Truman Taylor (Bea).

In addition to her parents, Betsy is also preceded by brother, Sam Taylor, and grandsons, Michael Taylor and Cody Swayney.

Funeral services were held at Bethabara Baptist Church on Tuesday, May 14. Burial was in the Birdtown Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jaden Welch, Isaac Welch, Dominyk Arch, Alvin Swayney, Roxy Swayney, and Todd Taylor.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### Christine C. Toineeta

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Christine Cucumber Toineeta, 77, passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2024 at Mountain View Manor.

Christine was born in Jackson County and a daughter of the late David and Rachel Queen Cucumber. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Albert Toineeta; one daughter, Sherry Toineeta; and three siblings. Christine loved her flowers and cross stitching.

She worked in Human Resources as a clerk for Cherokee Hospital for many years.

She is survived by a daughter, Deborah Jean Toineeta of Cherokee; seven grandchildren, Taryn, Paige, Gina, Nicolette, Albert, Shooter, and Lillianna; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 16 at Cherokee Church of God with the Reverend Charles Griffin officiating. Burial followed at the Toineeta Family Cemetery just above the church.

Appalachian Funeral Services of Sylva was in charge of the arrangements.

### Sarah M. Eller Rochester

Sarah M. Eller Rochester, 76, of Bryson City, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Wednesday May 15, 2024. She was born June 8, 1947 to the late Everett and Leona Jumper Eller.

An avid reader, she enjoyed working Jigsaw Puzzles. Sarah was a true homemaker. She loved to garden, can, and cook. Her biscuits and gravy were a family favorite.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Carl Edward Rochester; a son, Scott Nathaniel Rochester; and a brother, Steve Eller.

She is survived by her son, Chuck Edward Rochester; a daughter-in-law, Wendy Rochester; two grandchildren, Krisna Rochester Ashe (Jeffrey), Matthew Rochester (Emily); a granddaughter of the heart, Kayla Fortner Arellano (Jose); a great-granddaughter, Koralline Eliza Arellano; and a great-grandson who will be making an appearance shortly.

She is also survived by seven

siblings, David, Johnny, Kenny, Raymond, Joyce, James, and Ricky; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Funeral Services were held Monday May 20 at the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home with the Rev. Justin Ledford and Bro. Johnny Mitchell Officiating. The family received friends an hour prior to the services with burial following at Swain Memorial Park.

### Jacqueline Smith Tesky

Nov. 11, 1945 – May 10, 2024

Jacqueline Smith Tesky, of Johnson City, Tenn. and Sebastian, Fla. passed away Friday, May 10, 2024. Jackie was a resident of Johnson City for the past 20 years, spending winters in Sebastian for the past 10 years.

She was the daughter of Gilbert and Lucille Smith of Cherokee, N.C. Jackie had an ever-present smile, an engaging personality, and an unending desire for a new adventure. She was proud of her Native American heritage and both her children still reside on or near the Cherokee Reservation.

After graduating from the Cherokee High School, Jackie got a job in a local plant producing hair accessories for Vassar Corporation. After several years Jackie moved to the local office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. With experience gained in working in the BIA Reality Office she sought to increase her advancement opportunities by moving to Washington DC. Despite never completing college, she became a Budget Analyst with the Department of Health and Human Services. A testament to her work ethic was that before retirement she rose to the position of Branch Chief, competing in a world of Master's and PHDs.

After retirement, Jackies

favorite pastime was traveling and camping. Jackie visited 23 countries and camped in almost every state and Canada, sleeping in everything from a tent, a yurt, or a motor home. She was interested in anything from primitive camping in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota to a luxury hotel in Miami. In addition to her parents, Jackie was preceded in death by brothers, Denny Smith, Allen Boyd Crowe, and Perry Sequoyah.

Survivors include her husband of 28 years, Montie Tesky; sons, David Scott Cooper, Brant Tesky and wife Amy; daughter, Connie Cooper; brothers, Barry (Barbara) Robie and Gilbert Biello; sister, Kim Sequoyah; one grandchild; three great grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces. She also leaves behind a multitude of friends from Washington DC to Arizona and most states in between.

No viewing or funeral services will be held.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.tetrickfuneralservices.com](http://www.tetrickfuneralservices.com). Tetrick Funeral Services, 3001 Peoples Street, Johnson City, TN 37604, is honored to serve the Tesky family. (423) 610-7171



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## Cherokee Boys Club Weekly Highlighted School Bus Driver

**Bus Driver  
#3 Randy Lossiah**



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

**A:** It is a great privilege. It is my calling, so I have been doing it all my life. I take my job seriously by safely transporting the kids to and from school and making sure they get there and back home. The job offers good benefits and great pay.

I started my job thirty years ago. When I am driving it's like you're watching the road and children. I drive in a tourist town and share the road with visitors. It's like playing Hopscotch. I have 16 stops during the day, I travel around 10 miles per day, and I have thirty-five kids on my bus and sometimes more.

I leave for my morning run around 6:40 a.m. and finish my morning run around 7:50 a.m. I leave for my afternoon run around 2:30 p.m. and finish the afternoon run around 4:15 p.m. Plus, I inspect my bus before my morning run, and I inspect my bus before my afternoon run. I clean my bus after my run and ensure no students are left on the bus.

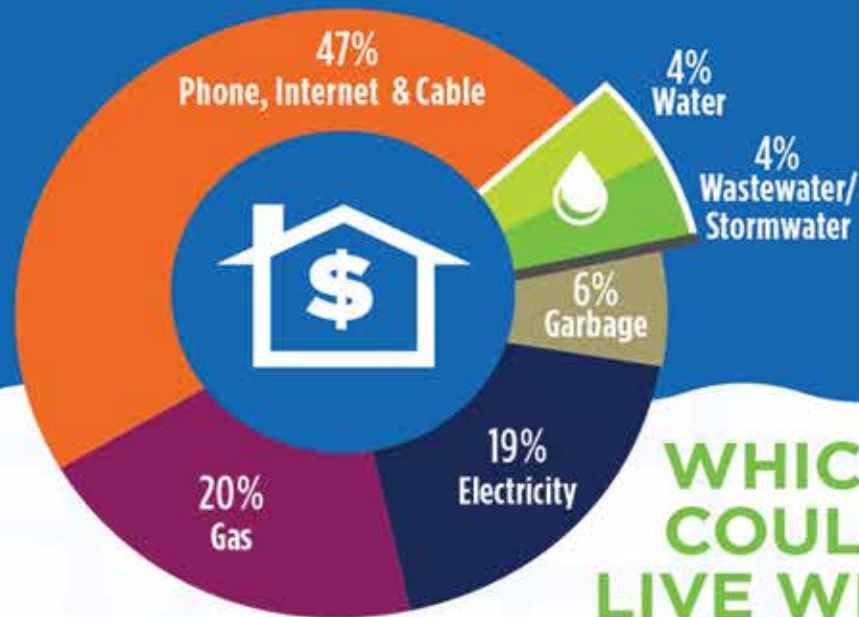


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## COMMENTARY

# The Bridge to Nowhere

By ROBERT JUMPER

Community members were confused. The tribe (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) announced that a pedestrian bridge was being installed in the area that many call the downtown business “horseshoe” in Cherokee, N.C. The bridge, proposed to cross the Oconaluftee River beside some quasi-functional water features, became an object of speculation. Since there was no sidewalk, greenway, or public building on the “other side” of the river, people were left wondering why a bridge

to nowhere was being constructed. In February 2022, then Cherokee One Feather reporter Jonah Los-siah wrote an article titled, “The Bridge over the River, Why?”, using a play on words from a 1950s novel and movie titled “The Bridge over the River Kwai”. Unlike the bridge in the Academy Award-winning movie, the bridge over the Oconaluftee River didn’t seem to have a purpose. After all, you build bridges to facilitate getting to a destination, right?

As we found out in Jonah’s report, there was indeed a purpose for our bridge as well. It had very little to do with facilitating access to “the other side”, at least not for pedestrian foot traffic. The objective, we learned, was to address a worn-out and undersized sewage line that crossed the river under a

log suspension bridge. The higher capacity pipeline and bridge will serve the community into the future. It is apparently common for city planners to use bridges to conceal infrastructure like water and sewer lines. Mounted to this high, 45-ton metal bridge, the sewer line is out of the floodway and less likely to be damaged.

Thanks to Jonah and the leadership at EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Water and Sewer, a very puzzling situation was easily explained to the community. While the bridge is fast becoming an attraction enjoyed by visitors to the business horseshoe area, not many were made aware of the real benefit to the community, the repair, and the safeguarding of an essential tribal service. Sometimes, it is not about the bridge.

We, as a tribe, and as a government, are not the best at explaining ourselves. It has been suggested that, since knowledge is power, many of us don’t want to give up the power we have or think we have. It isn’t just us; many municipalities have a difficult time coordinating the release of information. For them, some of it is a broken or non-existent public information/communications office.

To the tribal government’s credit, the Office of the Ugvwi-yuhi (Principal Chief) is making strides toward a more organized public information system, and the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) has its own public relations person. But with an operational scope of 100 programs and maybe as many partnerships, organizational entities, and cooperative agreements, the effect of public information release efforts isn’t near its full potential. Add to that the need, real or perceived, to keep information releases on a “need to

know” basis, and a public records law that tightly regulates what is in the public domain (considerably more restrictive than similar government systems). It is no wonder that information flows to the community and the public is sometimes slow to no-go.

Confidentiality is a needed tool of our tribe to protect tribal members and employees from having their personal information in public view and to protect the tribe from liability. It is also necessary to secure, as best as possible, the economic health of our community. The media and the community must ask how much protection is too much protection.

As tribal members, we share ownership of every asset of our tribe. I have heard officials say that we should be grateful for various services that we enjoy, and indeed we should. But I sometimes wonder if those officials remember that, along with them, we own those services. When someone tries to convince you that you are receiving a particular tribal service, say a home, for example, because of the goodness of government, do they realize that that service exists because of the assets that you and every tribal member own fund for that service? Call us shareholders or stakeholders or whatever you want, but the truth of it is that every one of the 16,000 plus members of our tribe has a vested interest in the decisions that are being made on our behalf in partnerships with companies and governments.

Ugvwi-yuhi Hicks has triggered what may be a significant step forward in the ability of the masses to get critical information that has previously either been suppressed or hidden altogether. His push to initiate tribal portals

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## Hallie Standingdeer



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**Love,  
Mom & Lauren**



to allow tribal member access to information can be a step in the right direction. These portals, used for the right purpose of educating both the citizenry of critical information and educating the government on the will of the people, will move our tribe forward in ways yet to be envisioned. Our Ugywiyuhi, Taline Ugywiyu (Vice Chief), and Dinilawigi should be applauded for at least making that effort.

The more we know, the less speculation and assumption will take place. Speculation breeds fear and fear fuels bad decisions. The Office of Information Technology has a big job ahead because each of the 16,000 plus members of the

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians must have easy and equal access to these portals. From the youngster to the elder, to the computer literate to the novice, every man, woman, and child who is a tribal member should have equal opportunity. At the same time, information that must be safeguarded from others must be clearly spelled out. It will not do to tell all our tribal members that everything uploaded to the tribal portals is for "their eyes only" unless they may be educated on the legitimacy of that need. Public relations pieces need to be distributed with details on the progress, where access points will be, and step-by-step guides to ac-

cess and use. And all done in a way that will be understandable to the most and the least learned.

The bridge over the river was a harmless misstep in communication that was readily corrected with a little follow-up to grab and distribute information. We reacted to tribal comments about the confusion over the bridge and were able to inform the public about a very good thing that a tribal program was and is doing for our people. The upgrade of that sewer line at the bridge has led to the water and sewer overhaul occurring from downtown Cherokee to Big Cove. These installations will help our community into the future as

the tribe eyes continued business and residential growth.

I have long advocated for a public information officer network within the tribe to parse information to the public and media. The government may have come up with a viable supplement and stop-gap measure with the new tribal portals. The more information we as a community are afforded, the more we can support the efforts of our public servants. The more information we all have will allow us to be less reactive and more proactive in all of our dealings, doing less following and more leading.

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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
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Last Known Location: Ardmore, Oklahoma



Circumstances of Disappearance: Kaylyn was last seen on May 12, 2024 in the Ardmore area. She has a tattoo on the right side of her neck, the word "Blessed" and prayer hands on the right forearm. Last seen wearing black jogging pants, blue shirt. She went missing earlier in the year and this is a new report on federal missing persons listing.

If you have seen or have information about Kaylyn Kent contact the Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police (580) 436-1166.

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Quote of the Week

*"Once a year when the last leaf of autumn falls, we gather to honor the great cycle of life and death. Come, every member of our clan - living, dead, and, undecided - and let us celebrate what it is to be an **Addams**."*

- Gabe Terrell, Cherokee High School senior, as Gomez Addams in Cherokee Central Schools Musical Theater's rendition of The Addams Family

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## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# Friends, isn't it great when you know you have a faithful friend?

## Part 1 of 3

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

I remember a song I often sang in church as a kid. It was, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Does anyone remember that one? It seems so long ago. I believe that was a different time and attitude of the church and Christian devotion.

*What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness.  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*

(What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
> Lyrics | Joseph M. Scriven,  
1855)

I am not a kid anymore. I am retired, but I believe in the power of prayer and my friend, Jesus.

Do you realize the next generation of youth is taking over? They are the next working generation that is about to become the signifi-

cant wage earners of America. The new leaders. They are Generation Y. Born between 1981 and 1996. (I have two children born in this era.) I am happy they do not fit this description of their generation, but the statistics about this group are disturbing. (Study.Com | Take Online Courses. Earn College Credit. Research Schools, Degrees & Careers, 2021)

By the way, I need to point out that 89 to as much as 93 percent of people who use statistics to make an argument – LIE. Think about that for a minute (Big Smile).

Though not all people who fall into this identified group are the same in all respects, many have enough similar traits they can be

identifiable. For example, Gen Y people have been identified with characteristics of being independent but capable of working and enjoying teamwork. Most are technically literate and use media technology fluently.

A significant minority of Gen Y people are lonely and lost. While they have the most 'friends' of any generation, they also have an increasing sense of loneliness. How can that be? Social theorists think that social media has a lot to do with it by redefining a friend. You can read too much of this, but it is vital in the way we live and what our future holds.

I use Facebook. I use it a lot. I have many so-called 'Friends,'

but I can tell you that I also have never met many of them. However, I have often run into some of them at events at churches I visit or at events I attend, and when I recognize the name of someone, I say, "Wow, I know you from Facebook. Nice to meet you." Or people come up to me and say, "Are you that guy on Facebook with Biker Down?"

Before social media, how many people did you call friends you had never met before social media? Maybe a pen pal. Oh! A pen pal – does anyone remember those? There is no substitute for authentic face-to-face friends.

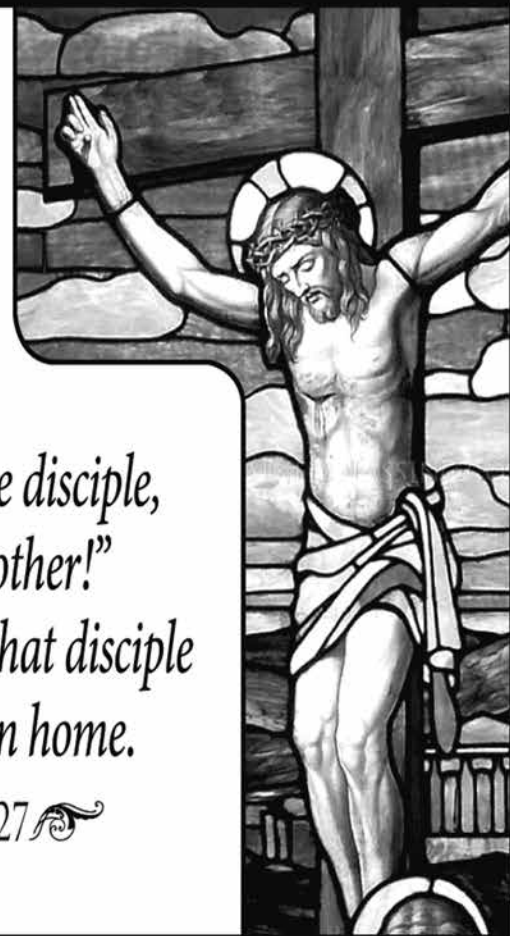


## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and  
the disciple whom He loved standing by,  
He said to His mother,  
"Woman, behold your son!"*

*Then He said to the disciple,  
"Behold your mother!"  
And from that hour that disciple  
took her to his own home.*

JOHN 19:26, 27



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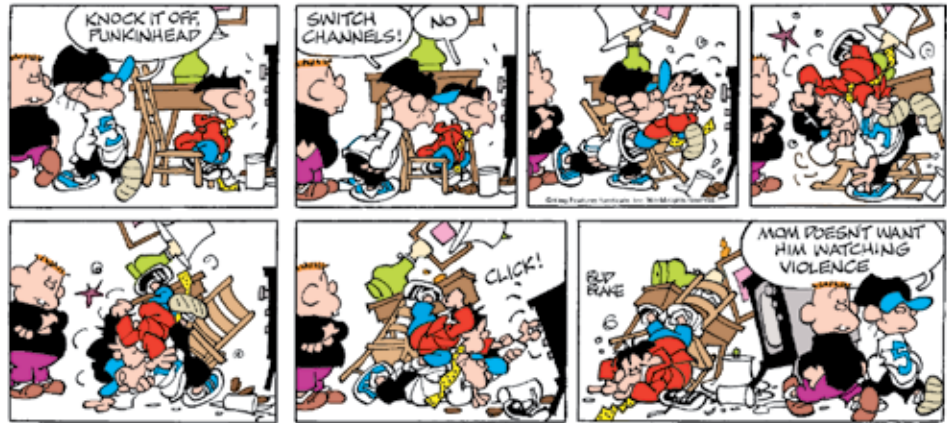
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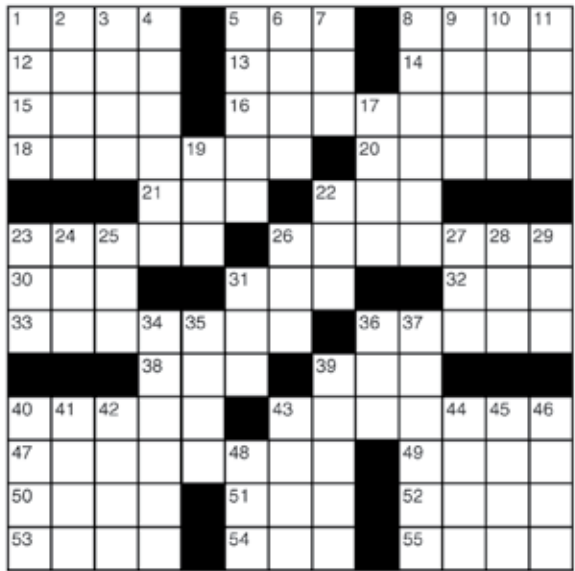
by Jeff Pickering



# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Make over
- 5 Lucy of "Kill Bill"
- 8 Sch. for tots
- 12 Flair
- 13 Leb. neighbor
- 14 Bart's sister
- 15 Suffix for million
- 16 Kipling poem
- 18 "Even Now" singer
- 20 "Old MacDonald" refrain
- 21 French article
- 22 PC linkup
- 23 Type of wheat
- 26 Prayerful chants
- 30 Commotion
- 31 Do sums
- 32 "As I see it," to a texter
- 33 "How-to" books
- 36 Dull
- 38 Boy king
- 39 Mandible
- 40 Gold mold
- 43 Capital of Nicaragua
- 47 Work force
- 49 Reddish brown
- 50 Jai —
- 51 Flamenco cheer
- 52 Pedestal part
- 53 — Hari



- 54 Quirky
- 55 Swindle

- 11 Deck in the ring
- 17 Campus big-wig
- 19 Permit
- 22 Young fellow
- 23 "Cheers" bartender
- 24 Hi-tech organizer
- 25 Very long time
- 26 Rx writers
- 27 Shred
- 28 "— dream- ing?"
- 29 Turf
- 31 Flight stat
- 34 Perfect place

## DOWN

- 1 500 sheets
- 2 Director Kazan
- 3 Mend a sock
- 4 "Anna Christie" playwright
- 5 Long rides?
- 6 Caesar's "vidi"
- 7 Coffee vessel
- 8 Lament
- 9 Anger
- 10 Actor Morales
- 35 Car
- 36 Mover's vehicle
- 37 Prizes
- 39 Hollywood's Leto
- 40 Mosque VIP
- 41 "The Lion King" lioness
- 42 Bitty biter
- 43 Blend
- 44 Avocado dip, for short
- 45 Fed. food inspector
- 46 Physics bit
- 48 Romance

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Crutch is shorter. 2. Leg is different. 3. Coat is smaller. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Sign in window is different. 6. Pole is thicker.

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers



1. ANATOMY: What does the human vestibular sense do?
2. MOVIES: The phrase "As you wish" is key to which 1987 movie?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest island in the Caribbean?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are Chinese astronauts called sometimes in the West?
5. TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a character named Phoebe Buffay?
6. MEASUREMENTS: What is the square footage of an acre?
7. SCIENCE: What are the four states of matter?
8. HISTORY: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave women the right to vote?
9. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel contains the line, "I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship"?
10. MONEY: In the old British monetary system, how many pennies were equal to a pound?

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# HAPPENINGS

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

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

### Golf Fundraiser Tournament.

May 27 at 9 a.m. at the Sequoyah National Golf Course at 79 Cahon's Mt. Rd. in Whittier, N.C. \$125 for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (per player), \$150 for non-enrolled. Four-man teams, Best Ball, first 25 years.

Proceeds will go to the Luftee River 16U boys basketball team traveling to Mesa, Ariz. for the Junior National Basketball Tournament June 21-23. Inf: Karina Squirrell (828) 736-4049

## EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Museum of the Cherokee People Member Appreciation Night.

May 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Museum in Cherokee, N.C. Enjoy behind-the-scenes tours, refreshments, and conversation at this exclusive after-hours event. If you're not currently a member, you can join at <https://motcp.org/support-motcp/>. RSVP to Jeremy Hyatt, Museum development specialist, at [Jeremy.hyatt@motcp](mailto:Jeremy.hyatt@motcp) by May 16. Info: Museum of the Cherokee People [www.motcp.org](http://www.motcp.org)

### Didanisisgi Gadagwatli: A Showcase of Pottery from the Mud Dauber Community Workshop Opening Reception.

May 24 from 5:30 p.m. to

7:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. Enjoy the very first look at the Museum's new exhibition featuring work by emerging Cherokee potters. Shop at a pop-up market. The workshop was led by Cherokee potter Tara McCoy. The exhibiting artists include: Mona Taylor, Faith Long-Presley, Steven Long, Chelsea Hemphill, Hope Long, Jake Stephens, Lori Sanders, Monique Taylor, Juanita Paz-Chalacha, Kaliya Wachacha, and Adelia Crowe. Info: Museum of the Cherokee People [www.motcp.org](http://www.motcp.org)

### Cherokee Customer Appreciation Day.

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

### NAIWA Strawberry Festival.

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

### Cherokee High School Class of 1974 Reunion planning meeting.

May 29 at 11 a.m. at Qualla Java in Cherokee, N.C. Anyone is invited to help plan the reunion which is set for Saturday, Aug. 10

at 5 p.m. at the Tsali Manor outside picnic area.

### 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 days 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 ʌD RVLTŌJ DŌWYL



**Shaggy is a 9-year-old Shepherd mix who lives with Rose Arch in Kolanvyi (Big Cove).**

**“Rose and I grew up together. I love getting ear scratches and playing with my family. I like going on car rides and walks.”**



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Agwadvnvisdi  
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Tsigowatiha  
I see it.

GWY FV ʌVLC

**Kolanvyi Day.** June 1 at 10 a.m. at the Kolanvyi Stickball Field. Kids craft corner, face painting, door prizes. 50/50 raffle, silent auction, music, exhibition stickball games, ribbon skirt contest, and more. Info: Lisa Hardesty (828) 788-1646, Butch Hill 506-8936, or Venita Wolfe 554-1199

**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



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your sense of adventure is energized by a challenge you've been hoping for. A loved one has some reservations, but can be persuaded to support your move.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your recently unsettling period has passed. Move ahead with those plans you put on hold. An offer needs careful study before you decide to accept or reject it.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A career move could be in the works, but you might want to question facts that recently came to light. A Libra emerges as a likely romantic prospect.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Tense moments in relationships ease up by week's end. In the meantime, be careful not to react in a way that will aggravate the situation.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Children or other kin present problems that you need to deal with. Your strong protective nature reaches out to reassure them that all will soon be well.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You've earned the right to enjoy some fun time with friends and family. Someone from your past remembers you with fondness. Expect a call.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might feel the urge to change

and cultural activities, and more. Fee: \$400. Applications are currently being accepted at the Peaches 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

**Books on the Boundary: "The Berry Pickers".** June 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. The Museum of the Cherokee People Reading Circle will meet in the Museum Store

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your surroundings. If you're not up to a major move, you could get the same effect by redecorating your home.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Changes in your workplace could test your decision-making ability. Rely on your self-confidence to help you make the right choice at the right time.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Resist the urge to rush to judgment about friends who might appear to have let you down. You need to hear their sides of the story before you act.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The times favor a change for the better in your private life. However, you still might have some sticky wickets to deal with on the job. Stay alert.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A friendship could suddenly move from platonic to passionate. The decision for any change in this situation is ultimately yours to make. Consider it thoroughly.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You still might be reacting to a stunning revelation from a friend, but it's time to move on. Travel offers a chance to bring someone new into your life.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You're a loyal friend. You enjoy singing and love the arts, especially when you find yourself collecting beautiful things.

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by Freddy Groves

## Fighting back against the drug companies

You have to love it when a drug company gets nailed for their role in the opioid drug crisis.

In this case, our favorite government department, Office of Inspector General for the VA, was involved in bringing down a huge drug manufacturer for distributing a misbranded opioid. The result: The drug company was hit with the second largest penalty ever against a pharmaceutical manufacturer: \$1.536 billion (that's billion, not million) in fines and forfeiture.

The manufacturer's list of crimes and deceptive business practices is long. Among other things, they declared that the drug was tamper- and crush-resistant. Sales reps went so far as to hit pills (although not the drug in question) with hammers to prove they were crush-proof and therefore did not have an abuse potential. (Being crush-proof is key when prescribing opioids because there is a risk of misuse such as snorting crushed pills.) They hid the effects of their drug and the fact that it was highly addictive. Additionally, the label that went out with the drugs didn't give correct directions for usage.

To make it even worse, the manufacturer targeted medical providers they knew were prescribing the drug off label (for non-medically accepted reasons), thereby adding to the opioid drug crisis, all in the name of greed. They even held sales contests so the sales reps would be sure to target for sales those who were prescribing the highest level of opioids.

Part of that \$1.5 billion includes \$450 million that will go to state, municipal and Tribal groups to fund drug programs. On top of that is a fine of \$475.6 million for civil liabilities.

Now the VA will be able to recoup some of its expenses (\$8.5 million) for all the drug interventions and treatment they had to do over the years because of that drug — and the OIG was right there in the middle of it.

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## How to train an excited, reactive dog

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My 1-year-old puppy, "Shellie," gets very excited when she sees another dog approaching. Because she's already 26 pounds, I'm worried that she'll soon break away from me while on walks. What can I do? — Glen H., Plattsburgh, New York

**DEAR GLEN:** Keeping control of your dog on the leash is such an important skill — and there is a way to achieve that with Shellie.

First, work on curbing overall reactivity. Does Shellie get really excited when the leash appears? Does she practically drag you out the door for walks? Get control of that first:

— Bring out the leash, but don't put it on Shellie right away. Wait until she's calm, then attach the leash.

— Next, walk away from the door. Lead Shellie around the house. She'll be pretty confused, and that's fine.

— Stand at the door and have her sit. Open the door slightly, then close it. Repeat. Repeat again until Shellie is staring at you like, "are you nuts?"

— Now, exit the house, but only if Shellie stays by your side or slightly behind you. If she tries to rush out, repeat the door exercise.

Now, let's address that reactivity on walks. Here are a few tips that can help:

— A sturdy, short leash is essential to maintaining control.

— Train Shellie to walk at your side with a little slack in the leash.

— Work on core commands when no other dogs are around: Come, Sit, Stay, Heel.

— Place yourself between Shellie and an approaching dog. Move her to your other side and keep her slightly behind you. You're her protector right now.

— Avoid practicing "meet and greets" with other dogs until Shellie is no longer reactive on sight.

These training methods are just a start, but they'll put you both on the right track. Most importantly, be consistent with training and daily walks.

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

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to discuss “The Berry Pickers” by Amanda Peters (Mi’kmaq). The Reading Circle is a quarterly book club that discusses the best fiction, nonfictions, and poetry written by Indigenous authors. Books are available for purchase in the Museum Store. Info: Museum of the Cherokee People [www.motcp.org](http://www.motcp.org)

**Eastern Band of Cherokee**

**Indians Pow Wow.** July 5-7 at the old Cherokee High School site in Cherokee, N.C. Emcees: Rob Daugherty and Dennis Bowen. Arena Director: Darrell Goodwill. Head Dance Judge: Will Tushka. Head Northern Drum Judge: Osceola Redshirt. Head Southern Drum Judge: Perry Cheevers Toppah. Invited Northern Drums: Wild Rose, Little Bear Singers, Iron Swing, MGM. Invited Southern Drums: Cozad, Blazing Bear, Southern Slam, South Side. Over \$150,000 in prizes. Must be a member of a federally recognized tribe or First Nations (Canada) People to contest. Info: Daniel Tramper (828) 399-0835, [dtramper@gmail.com](mailto:dtramper@gmail.com)

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

**The Way We Connect with the World event.** Aug. 2 at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort Events Center in Cherokee, N.C. Since 2022, Museum of the Cherokee People’s “The Way We” events have been an opportunity for the Museum to honor and highlight Native pop culture and showcase timely perspectives for Cherokee people, primarily by, Cherokee people. These community-centered events put Native self-representation in the spotlight and uplift the

work that Native people are doing to explore identity through artistic expressions in film, music, visual art, and more. Info: Museum of the Cherokee People [www.motcp.org](http://www.motcp.org)

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

**Confluence: An Indigenous Writers’ Workshop.** Sept. 20-21 in the Museum of the Cherokee People Multipurpose Room. Created in partnership with Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and author of the award-winning novel “Even As We Breathe”, this series of workshops offers EBCI tribal members and members of other federally recognized tribes access to high-quality writing instruction from the world’s top Indigenous writers at no cost. Workshops are open to the public if space is available. Visiting writers and registration opening date is to be announced. Info: Museum of the Cherokee People [www.motcp.org](http://www.motcp.org)

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

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

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

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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

**Health Board.** May 15 at 8:30 a.m.

**Qualla Housing Committee.** May 16 at 8:30 a.m.

**Roads Commission.** May 20 at 9 a.m.

**Timber Committee.** May 20 at 10:30 a.m.

**Planning Board.** May 20 at 1 p.m.

**Lands Committee.** May 23 at 9 a.m.

**HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS**

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

**2024 Cherokee Youth Football and Cheerleading registration.** Early Bird registration of \$25 is open now until June 5. Late registration of \$50 is for June 6 – July 2. Football: July 1, first day of conditioning; July 15, first day with helmets; July 22, first day with full gear. Cheerleading: Practice days/times will be determined by the coaches, but it will not start earlier

than July 1. Register at: <https://registration.teamsnap.com/form/7226> Info: Peaches Squirrel Sports and Recreation Complex (828) 359-6890 or Kelsey Jackson at [kelsjackson@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:kelsjackson@ebci-nsn.gov)

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

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

**15th Annual Season of Concerts on the Creek.** Every Friday night (starting May 24 through Labor Day) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bridge Park in Sylva, N.C. Everyone is encouraged to bring a chair or blanket. These events are free, but donations are encouraged. Dogs must be on a leash. No smoking, vaping, coolers, or tents are allowed. There will be food trucks on site for this event. These concerts are organized and produced by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Sylva and the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department. Info: Jackson County Chamber (828) 586-2155, visit <https://www.mountainlovers.com/concerts-on-the-creek/> or Concerts on the Creek's Facebook page.

**Native American Arts Festival in the Smokies.** May 25 at the Great Smoky Mountains Event Park at 1130 Hyatt Creek Road in Bryson City, N.C. Gates open at 9 a.m. Traditional dances at 10 a.m., grand entry at 12 p.m. Closing at 6 p.m. Native American arts and crafts, food, dances - traditional and pow wow. Info: [infonativeartsncrafts@gmail.com](mailto:infonativeartsncrafts@gmail.com)

**Venezuelan Cooking & Culture series.** May 30 at 6 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. The program will be "Los Papas de Los Helados: A Legacy of Dictatorship" honoring the national

dish of Venezuela, Pabellon Criollo (stewed beef with spices, sweet plantains, rice, and black beans), while acknowledging the history of authoritarian rule and its influence in the culture. Registration is required. Call (828) 586-2016 or email [JCPL-Adults@fontanalib.org](mailto:JCPL-Adults@fontanalib.org)

**Paranormal Investigation at Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site.** May 31 and June 1 at the Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site at 2620 South Road Street in Johnson City, Tenn. The haunted and historic buildings of Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site will be opened to the public for two nights. The S.R.S Paranormal team is back to guide the hunt as they use their investigative equipment and teach the public the methods of their profession. Each night will begin at 6 p.m. and end around 11 p.m. There will be a limit of 20 participants each night that must be 12 years or older. Tickets can be found on the S.R.S Paranormal Facebook page or by emailing [tiptonhaynes@outlook.com](mailto:tiptonhaynes@outlook.com). Cost is \$35 per participant plus fees.

**6th Annual Blue Ridge Heritage Weekend.** Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Aug. 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Shelton House at 49 Shelton St. in Waynesville, N.C. Food trucks, live music on the porch, and around 75 crafters. Info: (828) 452-1551

**Gatlinburg Farmers Market.** Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. through Oct. 19 at 1222 E. Parkway next to City Hall in Gatlinburg, Tenn., across from Food City. Free parking. Still accepting new vendors. Info: Glo (865) 640-7190, [glotreecastle@gmail.com](mailto:glotreecastle@gmail.com), or [www.TheGatlinburgFarmersMarket.com](http://www.TheGatlinburgFarmersMarket.com)

### **SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Autism Support Group meeting.** June 4 at 5 p.m. at the Dora Reed Multipurpose Room in Cherokee, N.C. Join for autism support, education, and resources. Info: Candy Ross (828) 359-2203 or Amanda Bradley 359-2204

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

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

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

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

locations/[analenisgi](http://analenisgi.com)

### **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

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(828) 506-8572

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

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

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

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

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

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

vice 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

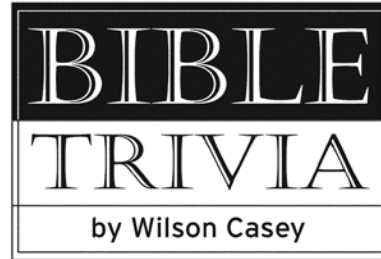
**Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads.** 3501 Hwy. 441, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday

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



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

2. From John 20, by what other name was the apostle Thomas known? *Caleb, Naaman, Omri, Didymus*

3. Which book begins, "And the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness"? *Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Joel*

4. For what did Jesus and Peter pay for with a coin found in a fish's mouth? *Tax, Bread, Lodging, Sandals*

5. From Proverbs 11, what word did Solomon use to describe soul winners? *Warm, Wise, Wealthy, Wonderful*

6. Which prophet was saved from death by a talking donkey? *Balaam, Ezekiel, Joel, Samuel*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Didymus, 3) Numbers, 4) Tax, 5) Wise, 6) Balaam

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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

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

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

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

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

**Living Waters Lutheran Church.** 30 Locust Road. Sunday

Service 11 a.m. Pastor Jack Russell (918) 868-4166

**Macedonia Baptist Church.** 1181 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 497-1611, [mbccherokee@outlook.com](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.

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

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

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

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

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





## CLASSIFIEDS LOOKING FOR

Wanted to buy, Pottery by Tiny Bigmeat Bradley. Good condition, no cracks or chips. Contact Teresa at Queen House Gallery 828-497-3272. **6/26**

**Do you need your banks weeded or grass mowed?** Call 828-735-3586. **5/29**

**One brand new acoustic/electric Ortega with case.** 6 string nylon or steel. Paid \$500. Make an offer. One used acoustic/electric Ovation with case. 6 string nylon or steel. \$300. (470) 641-2578. **5/29**

**For rent/lease -** Mobile home spaces/lots, 2 minutes from the Casino. Nice quiet, secure neigh-

borhood. (828) 736-8731. **5/29**

## EMPLOYMENT Museum of the Cherokee People Now Hiring Summer Interns

Museum of the Cherokee People is hiring for four summer opportunities: Division of Education Internship, NAGPRA Internship, Genealogy Internship, and Communications Internship. Internships take place on-site at Museum June through August 2024 (dates are flexible and can be adjusted to accommodate the candidate's academic schedule). This internship requires 120 work hours, with a compensation rate of \$15/hour. Interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter by June 7 via [motcp.org/about/employment-opportunities](http://motcp.org/about/employment-opportunities).

**5/29**

## Now Hiring - Assistant Director

1 Family Services in Indian Country - Tribal Child Support/TANF/Representative Payee has an opening for an Assistant Director. This position assists in overseeing the division programs. This position works in child support financials, implements computer system requirements, designs and test standards and solutions to improve performance. Duties also include working with the TANF Program to determine eligibility or clients for services. The Assistant Director works closely with the Director to complete case audits, prepare financial reports and supervise staff. Travel is required for this position.

Education: Associate degree with experience in field. Bachelor's Degree preferred.

Knowledge of computers and Microsoft Office software and applications.

Salary: Hourly pay depends on experience, minimum \$30.00 per hour.

A full job description and application may be picked up at the Tribal Child Support/TANF office located at 1526 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC.

Indian Preference does apply. Application deadline is May 24, 2024 **5/22**

## Now Hiring - Child Support Agent

1 Family Services in Indian Country - Tribal Child Support Services

**Harrah's  
CHEROKEE  
CASINO RESORT**

**JOB FAIR**

**When: Thursday, May 23  
9am - 2pm**

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

Pro Tip: bring a valid photo I.D. & Social Security Card

**EXPLORE JOBS AT  
HARRAHSCHEROKEEJOBS.COM**

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



## 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

- \* CBC - Bus & Truck Department\***
  - \*Multiple Bus Driver Positions
  - \* FT Bus Driver - \$12.00 per hour - \$14.00 per hour driving bonus with benefits
  - \* PT Bus Driver - \$ 14.00 per hour - \$16.00 per hour driving bonus without benefits (Guaranteed 4 hours driving per day)
- \* CBC Children's Home Department (CCH)\***
  - \* 4 FT Resident Counselors - \$30,000 - \$37,000 per year with benefits
  - \* 2 FT Overnight Resident Counselors (1130 PM - 730 AM) - \$30,000 - \$37,000 per year with benefits
  - \* 4 PT Resident Counselors - \$14.00 - \$18.00 per hour without benefits
  - \* 1 PT Weekender Resident Counselor (1130 PM Friday - 1130 PM Sunday) - \$14.00 - \$18.00 per hour without benefits
- \* CBC - Child Development Center\***
  - \*Agelink
  - \* FT Food Service Worker/Cook - \$18,000 - \$24,000 per year with benefits
  - \* Behavioral Specialist - \$55,000 - \$67,500 per year with benefits
  - \* (3) FT Teachers - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits
- \* CBC Shop & Garage\***
  - \* Parts Counter/Service Writer - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits
- \* CBC Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI)\***
  - \* RKLI Grant and Fundraising Specialist - \$40,000 - \$50,000 per year with benefits
  - \* Jones Bowman Leadership Specialist/RKLI Events/Promotions Coordinator - \$40,000 - \$50,000 per year with benefit

is seeking to hire a Child Support Agent I. This position locates, establishes paternity and child support orders as well as enforcing orders and modifications of orders. Agent is involved in court hearings for cases. Applicant must be computer literate.

**Education:**

Associate degree in business law or paralegal is preferred. Bachelor's Degree in Legal Studies, business or public administration. Must possess knowledge of computers and Microsoft Office software and applications.

**Salary:**

Hourly pay depends on experience, minimum \$15.00 per hour. A full job description and application may be picked up at the Tribal Child Support/TANF office located at 1526 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC.

Indian Preference does apply. Application deadline is May 24, 2024. **5/22**

**Now Hiring - TANF Caseworker**

1 Family Services in Indian Country/Tribal TANF is seeking to hire a Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Caseworker. This position conducts in-depth interviews with applicants for program eligibility. This caseworker will be responsible for intensively and comprehensively assisting TANF families from initial intake through transition off TANF. This position requires data entry and paperwork within the Tribal TANF timeframes.

**Education:**

Associates Degree with experience in field. Bachelor's Degree preferred Knowledge of computers

and Microsoft Office software and applications

**Salary:**

Hourly pay depends on experience, minimum \$15.00 per hour. A full job description and application may be picked up at the Tribal Child Support/TANF office located at 1526 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC.

Indian Preference does apply.

Application deadline is May 24, 2024. **5/22**



**Kituwah Services, LLC have the following job(s) available: Project Coordinator II**

Anyone interested should pick up an application and complete position description at the KG3 office building, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, across the street from Waffle House and First Citizens Bank between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or email Maggie Toineeta at [maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com](mailto:maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com) or Patty Buchanan at [patricia.buchanan@kituwahg3.com](mailto:patricia.buchanan@kituwahg3.com). Native American and Veteran preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted with all applications. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2024. **5/29**



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

- **Director of Operations**
- **Telephone Technician**

Anyone interested should pick up an application and complete position description at the KG3

office building, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, across the street from Waffle House and First Citizens Bank between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or email Maggie Toineeta at [maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com](mailto:maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com) or Patty Buchanan at [patricia.buchanan@kituwahg3.com](mailto:patricia.buchanan@kituwahg3.com). Native American and Veteran preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted with all applications. Deadline to apply is May 31, 2024. **5/29**

**Now Hiring - Child Support Investigator**

1 Family Services in Indian Country – Tribal Child Support Services is seeking an investigator. Position has two primary functions:

1. Carry out all investigations and process of service as required by the Tribal Child Support Services.
2. Assistant probation officer supervising defendants on probation from the Tribal Court. Duties are serving child support papers, orders of arrest, conducting investigations of cases for the purpose of locating a client or non-custodial parent, and all other duties as required.

This position is Monday – Friday, 7:45 am to 4:30 pm. Applicant must possess a NC BLET with 2 years preferably of experience as a sworn law enforcement officer. Salary:

Hourly pay depends on experience, minimum \$22.00 per hour. A full job description and application may be picked up at the Tribal Child Support/TANF office located at 1526 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. Indian Preference does apply. Application deadline is May 24, 2024. **5/22**



## Now Hiring

- **Finance Specialist**
- **Full-Time ABC Store Clerk**
- **Part-Time ABC Store Clerk**

**REQUIREMENTS – FINANCE SPECIALIST:**

- A bachelor's degree - in finance, accounting, business administration, or a related field is typically required.
- Strong analytical skills are necessary to assess financial data, prepare reports, and make strategic recommendations. Experience with financial modeling, forecasting, budgeting, and variance analysis is valuable.
- Knowledge of audit procedures, internal controls, and compliance standards is crucial for ensuring financial accuracy and regulatory compliance within the alcohol industry.
- Effective communication skills, both written and verbal, are important for preparing financial reports, presenting findings to Commissioners, and collaborating with internal teams or external agencies.
- High ethical standards and integrity are essential, especially when handling financial data and regulatory matters.

**REQUIREMENTS – STORE CLERK:**

- MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD.
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Prior retail or customer service experience preferred.
- Ability to work flexible hours, including weekends and holidays.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Attention to detail and accuracy in handling transactions.
- Knowledge of ABC laws and regulations (training provided).
- Must be able to lift a minimum of 50lbs.

Please direct all applications to Aisha Owie at the TABCC Main Office – 738 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee NC 28719.

**DEADLINE: May 29, 2024, at 4:00 PM – ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE.**

## Now Hiring

Cherokee/Great Smokies KOA Holiday is seeking local employees, for front desk, housekeeping, grounds, and Cafe' positions. To apply go to indeed.com. **5/22**

## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-041  
Notice to Creditors and Debtors  
of:

### HELEN WAHNETTA BOTTCHENBAUGH

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(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 fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

Richard Bottchenbaugh  
47 Fullmoon Drive  
Cherokee NC, 28719  
**6/19**

## 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; Horn-  
buckle, Joniah; Keel, Aaron; King,  
Dalericka; Leonardo, Anthony;  
Lineberry, Jeffrey; Little, Joshua;  
Locust III, William; Martin, Mary;  
McCoy, Kyle; O'Donovan, Patrick;  
Owle Sr., Alfred; Owle, Leigh;  
Radford, Hunter; Ratcliff, David;  
Reed, Addie; Reed II, Gary; Rig-

gins, 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**

### Invitation to Bid

Cherokee Indian Hospital  
Authority (CIHA)  
Project: Cherokee County Clinic –  
Construction Services  
CIHA is requesting bids (Sin-  
gle Prime Contract) from licensed  
general contractors for the con-  
struction of the new Cherokee  
County Clinic, located at 2355 To-  
motla Road, Marble, North Caroli-  
na, 28905. The deadline for sealed  
bids is June 6th, 2024 at 2:00pm  
local time.

You may request the full bid  
requirements and specifications  
through Diamond Brown, CIHA  
Performance Improvement/Engi-  
neering Administrative Assistant  
at 828-497-9163, ext.6403 or di-  
amond.brown@cherokeehospital.  
org. Communication shall refer-  
ence project # CIHA-2024CCC.

TERO Laws and regulations,  
and CIHA and EBCI procurement  
laws and regulations apply. **5/22**

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: CHEROKEE CENTRAL SCHOOLS 'R' BUILDING RECLADDING

BIDDER PRE-QUALIFICA-  
TION REQUEST: Vannoy Con-  
struction has been selected as the  
Construction Manager at Risk by  
EBCI Facilities & Cherokee Cen-  
tral Schools and is seeking TERO  
Pre-Qualified Contractors to  
submit bids for furnishing labor,  
materials, tools & equipment for  
the R Building Remediation and  
Recladding.

Tribal Business Preference  
(TERO) participation is encour-  
aged.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:  
The R Building Recladding project  
will entail removal of all exteri-  
or cladding of the 'R' Building.  
The exterior wall will be replaced  
where deteriorated in-kind with  
like materials including Metal Stud  
Framing and Structural Insulated  
Panels. Windows will be removed  
and reinstalled to facilitate new  
weather barrier installation. New  
cladding will be installed once the  
structure is repaired including  
Stucco, Cement Fiber Siding and  
Masonry Veneer. Minor sitework  
and sidewalks to be replaced to  
facilitate remediation.

Tribal Business Preference  
(TERO) participation is highly  
encouraged. PREQUALIFICA-  
TION FORMS AND FURTHER  
PROJECT INFORMATION CAN  
BE OBTAINED by contacting Kevin  
Aull kevin.aull@jrvannoy.com.  
**5/22**

### RFP Museum of the Cherokee People Annual Finance Statement Audit and Related Filings

The Museum of the Cherokee  
People is requesting proposals  
from experienced, capable, and  
qualified firms to prepare annual  
audited financial statements and  
related filings for Fiscal Year 2023.  
Our organization does not current-  
ly require a single audit. The audit  
of MotCP's financial statements  
must be performed in accordance  
with generally accepted auditing  
standards. To request full bid  
requirements and specifications,  
please contact Eden Brown, Direc-  
tor of Finance, at eden.brown@  
motcp.org or 828-735-2791.  
Deadline for submissions is June  
3. **5/29**

## Trying to sell a couch, a lamp, etc.?

Advertise your item in the Cherokee  
One Feather classifieds.

All items under \$25,000 are **FREE**  
of charge. Send your listing -  
up to 30 words -  
to Indica Climbingbear at  
indiclim1@ebci-nsn.gov or  
Cherokeefonefeather1966@gmail.com.





Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
**HUMAN RESOURCES**

PO Box 553  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
828-359-6388

All applications and job descriptions are available at  
[www.ebci.com/jobs](http://www.ebci.com/jobs)

Closing Sunday, May 26, 2024

1. Utility Worker (Multiple) – Tribal Construction – Operations (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour)
2. Pipe Fitter (Multiple) – Tribal Construction – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
- SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
3. Utility Worker (Sanitation) (Multiple) – Solid Waste – Operations (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour)
4. Utility Worker (Recycling) – Solid Waste – Operations (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour)
5. Receptionist – Health Delivery Administration – Public Health and Human Services (L5 \$15.00 - \$19.50 per hour)
6. Stock Clerk – Tribal Food Distribution – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
7. Manager (Financial Analysis) – Budget and Finance – Treasury (L16 \$66,193 - \$82,741)
- Open Until Filled**
1. Corrections Officer (Multiple) – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
3. Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
4. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
5. Juvenile Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
6. School Resources Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
7. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
8. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
9. Part-Time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
11. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
12. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour)
13. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
14. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
15. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
16. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
17. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
18. Environmental Compliance Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
19. Education Tutor/Grades 3-5 – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
20. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
21. Remember the Removal Bike Ride Group Fitness Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
22. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
23. NFP Nurse (Home Visitor) – Nurse Family Partnership – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
24. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
25. Rounds Tech/Operator – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
26. Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
27. Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
28. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
29. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
30. Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
31. Information Technology Coordinator – Information Technology – Office of Information Technology (L13 \$48,738 - \$60,923)
32. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
33. Environmental Aquatic Specialist – Office of Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
34. Cook – Senior Citizens – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)

**Cherokee Central Schools**  
**Job Openings**

Apply online at  
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or  
visit: [www.ees-nc.org](http://www.ees-nc.org) for more information.

Cherokee Central School is currently taking applications for employment for the following job opportunities, all jobs are open until filled unless otherwise indicated

**English Learner Teacher/Coordinator**  
**Cultural Department Coordinator**  
**Varsity Wrestling Coach**  
**School Psychologist**  
**Full Time Custodian**  
**Security (Part time)**

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

**9-12 Special Education Lifeskills Teacher**  
**9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant (Multiple)**  
**9-12 Special Education Lifeskills Teacher Assistant**

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



**GROUNDBREAKING**

*Please join the EBCI HIP Committee and celebrate the first phase of construction in the Birdtown HIP Community*

**DATE:** May 31, 2024     **TIME:** 1:00 pm

**LOCATION:** 84 Recreation Park Road

Cherokee NC 28719



**TO RSVP**  
**PLEASE CALL: 828-359-5520**  
**OR EMAIL:**  
[cindi.squirrel@cherokeeboysclub.com](mailto:cindi.squirrel@cherokeeboysclub.com)

*Beginning a New Way of HIP Housing for the community.*



# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## ENGINEERING:

EVS Technician - \$15.00 - \$16.77  
EVS Supervisor – 3rd Shift - \$21.13 - \$23.98  
Satellite Clinic Maintenance Mechanic - \$21.13 - \$23.98

## FINANCE

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25  
Supply Warehouse Technician - \$19.66 - \$22.25  
Senior Accountant - \$67,082 - \$83,852  
Patient Access Manager - \$58,332 - \$72,915  
Correspondence Technician - \$22.76 - \$25.89

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child - \$58,332 - \$72,915  
**-\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
Targeted Case Manager – Analenisgi - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
Targeted Case Manager – Juvenile Justice - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
PTR Residential Technician – Men’s Home - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Inpatient Technician – FT and PTI - Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Outpatient Technician – Analenisgi - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
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 Nurse Manager - \$88,715 - \$110,894

## 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  
Chief Information Officer - \$117,326 - \$146,658

## 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  
Telemetry Nursing Assistant – Inpatient - \$19.66 - \$22.25

## TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
Certified Nursing Assistant – Part-Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
CNA/PCA – Part Time Regular - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
CNA/PCA - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus (C.N.A. only)**  
HVAC Technician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$22.76 – 25.89  
Housekeeper - \$15.00 - \$16.77  
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  
Skilled Nursing Facility Billing Specialist - \$50,723 - \$63,404

## 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.





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