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“We’ve got to do more”

MMIR Walk & Vigil held in Cherokee

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – “His presence mattered,” said Mary “Missy” Crowe, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Elawodi (Yellowhill). She was speaking of her relative, Gabriel (Gabe) Thor Crow, a noted Cherokee basket maker, who has been missing since early this year.

“We’ve got to do more...we’ve got to do more. We have to look at our fair and equal rights and protection for everybody. It starts with our inherent right...no one put us on this land but Creator.



Lou Montelongo, center, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Elawodi (Yellowhill), speaks during the 5th Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Walk & Vigil held at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Sunday, May 5. She is shown with Atsei Cooper, Qualla Boundary MMIW group and event coordinator, left, and Mary “Missy” Crowe, Lou’s mother, shown holding a poster of their missing relative, Gabe Crow. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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MMIR: *From page 1*

And no one should be able to take us off of this land known as the Qualla Boundary.”

She spoke during the 5th Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Walk & Vigil which was held at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Sunday, May 5. The event was hosted by the Qualla Boundary MMIW group.

Crowe, one of several EBCI community members to speak at the event, further commented, “ We can’t be adding any more names to this list. That’s enough. So, we ask you, please, let’s start really organizing. Come out collectively as relatives, as sisters, as brothers, as friends. The animosity that’s taken control of our community is driving a wedge to our relatives. It needs to stop because 90 percent of it is petty. I hope and pray that we find Gabe.”

Atsei Cooper, a member of the Qualla Boundary MMIW group and a coordinator of Sunday’s event, thanked the crowd who showed their support for the Walk. “This truly has been an act of gadugi. We have worked with so many people in the communities to help make the 35+ honor walk banners...a lot of love went into these.”

She added, “Gadugi is looking out for each other, taking care of each other and we have to be stingy with one another. We have to look out for our relatives who are suffering from domestic violence. We have to look out for our relatives who have been kicked out of their homes, who may be struggling with addiction. We have to keep us safe.”

Ugwyiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks told the crowd, “There’s always going to be continued prayers in regards to every one of our families that have been impacted. The trauma that we’ve endured as a tribe, the trauma that many of our families have endured is something that...just continual prayers is where we have to be as a tribe. I know that there’s



While doing the MMIR Walk, Citrus Bigwitch, an EBCI tribal member, holds a photo of her mother, Stacy Ann Bigwitch, who was murdered in 1989.

resources, there’s follow-up, there’s communication, not only with local agents but outside agencies, and those things are extremely, extremely important to make sure that we never forget these individuals.”

He put forth the idea of creating a MMIR Memorial for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. “As we come together as a community, it’s time for us to identify a location to memorialize all of the names - all the men, all the women - so that families can have a place of prayer. They can have a place to visit and a place of remembrance.”

Lou Montelongo, an EBCI tribal member from Elawodi, said, “So much of this work that we do for our missing and murdered loved ones is physical, spiritual, and emotional labor. It is work that, once we step into, we must accept that our community will ask us for help. We must acknowledge that while our intentions can be good, we must also make sure our impact is positive as well. And when our impact does not match our intention, we must strive to make that right.”

“This work, at its core, is communal. In order for us to make an impact, we all have to participate in creating a safer environment for all of us.”

She went on to say, “None of us are disposable and we have to start seeing the significance in each other. None of us deserve to live in fear.”

Ahli-sha Stephens, Maggie Jackson, and Sheyahshe Little have started the “We Are Resilient” podcast a few years ago to raise awareness for the MMIR issue. Stephens said on Sunday, “We saw a need to tell these stories from an indigenous perspective because these stories aren’t told. We want to bring that to light because this is a silent epidemic here and across the country.”

“On the Qualla Boundary, we are fortunate to have a community

that has rallied together to address and combat these injustices. However, keeping this momentum requires our collective commitment, engaging an open dialogue about the challenges facing our people. We can ensure that these issues remain at the forefront.”

Jackson spoke and said, “Today, as we gather to commemorate the National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, it is important to realize the magnitude of this issue. While our podcast is primarily focused on raising awareness regarding missing and murdered indigenous women cases, we recognize that these issues do not only affect women and girls. The MMIP crisis is a national epidemic that can affect any indigenous person.”

She said that four out of five Native American women have

experienced some form of violence in their lifetime. “The statistics around violence against indigenous women are not just numbers. They represent the lives or the lived experience of our sisters, daughters, and mothers.”

Two days prior to MMIW/MMIR Awareness Day, U.S. Attorney General Merrick B. Garland released a statement on the issue. “There is still so much more to do in the face of persistently high levels of violence that tribal communities have endured for generations, and that women and girls, particularly, have endured. In carrying out our work, we seek to honor those who are still missing, those who were stolen from their communities, and their loved ones who are left with unimaginable pain. Tribal communities deserve safety, and they deserve justice.



Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, right, speaks at the start of the event. He is shown with Atsei Cooper, Qualla Boundary MMIW group and event coordinator.

This day challenges all of us at the Justice Department to double down on our efforts, and to be true partners with tribal communities as we seek to end this crisis.”

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Dora Owl's daughter, Kathy Rose, is shown holding her favorite picture of her mother. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

“It took away from all of us.”

MMIW Profile: Dora Owl

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

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

Dora Owl, a member of the EBCI, was a 24-year-old mother of two when she was murdered on April 1, 1947. Dora’s killer, Loye Brock, served five years for her murder. The Cherokee One Feather is currently researching Dora’s case, searching through court documents, arrest records, and newspaper articles from 1947, 1948, and 1949 to unearth the trial



Photos of Dora, her children, and a handwritten letter penned by Dora. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

that left Dora's family with an injustice of five years for cold-blooded murder.

Dora was shot in the stomach on April Fools' Day. Her mother, Callie Owl, believed the news of her daughter's gunshot wound to be a bad April Fools joke.

"They said Callie was out in the garden working with her flowers or something, when one of Dora's brothers told her that she had been shot. She said, 'This better not be an April Fools' joke.' They said, 'No, Mama, it's true.' She went to the Cherokee Hospital and Dora was still alive, but she didn't live," said Kathy Rose, Dora Owl's daughter who was only eight months old at the time of her murder.

"The doctor said if they'd got her there maybe 30 minutes earlier, she probably could have lived. She just lost so much blood. That woman kidnapped her and Edith McCoy, I guess around the bus station. Dora worked at the bus station. That woman took them to Panther Creek, shot my mother, and refused her medical attention until it was too late."

Rhonda Rose, Dora's granddaughter, is saddened by the pain her grandmother had to experience in her death. "I always heard gut shots were one of the slowest and most painful ways to die because you just slowly bleed to death," Rose said. "They say she was real petite and small, but they said she was a spitfire. She wouldn't take crap off anybody."

Kathy, Kathy's children Rhonda and Albert Rose, and Albert's son, Dylan Rose, say they continue to feel the generational impact of Dora's murder. "I never got to meet my grandmother and mom never really got to meet her mom. We were robbed of the generational knowledge she could have



Dora Owl (Photo courtesy of Owl Family)

passed down to us," Albert said.

Kathy was adopted by Willie Owle and Stella McCoy Owle upon her mother's death. "Our grandma and grandpa, Willie and Stella, were the best grandparents you could have, and we loved them, but not knowing Dora was such a loss," Albert added.

"It took away from all of us. It took away from mom, it took away from me and Albert, now it took away from Dylan," Rhonda said.

"I feel like Nana didn't get to experience memories with her family because that was taken away from her. It makes me mad," Dylan said. "It's just one of those things you just got to deal with. I think seeing Nana turn into the woman she is pretty dope."

Kathy's brother, Johnny George, was 3 years old when their mother was murdered. Kathy and Johnny were separated and raised in separate families, creating a reverberating fracture in their families. Kathy and her family have since rekindled their connection with their other family.

Dora George-Cyphers, Kathy's niece and Johnny's daughter, was overjoyed to meet Kathy and the rest of her family whom she had been separated from for years. "I met my father's family when I was 27 years old. My Aunt Kathy welcomed me with such open arms, and she was just so happy to meet me, and I was so happy to meet her. It was like I finally knew who I was, and then to be

named after my grandmother and how special that was," Dora said. "I believe her brothers always felt that, too. They would just stare at me because I guess I resembled her a lot. That was very special to me. My aunts would tell me stories about her, that she was the feisty one, but she was such a sweet, kind, and loving person."

Dora Owl is Dora George-Cypher's namesake. "I'm so honored. I'm just so honored, and I just feel so bad because her death affected my father tremendously. My mother always told me that my father never got over his mother's death. She said at times when he was going through down periods he would cry for his mother," she said.

"I was not raised with my father. I met my father when I was 14. I asked him, 'You don't know who I am, do you?' And he said, 'I sure do.' And I said, 'How do you know that?' And he went back into his house, and he brought out a picture of Dora, and he goes, 'She looked just like you.'"

Dora George-Cypher has felt the pain of losing Dora through generations, just like her Aunt Kathy's family. "It's just been so sad to know that such a wonderful, beautiful person was taken so young and how it affected my Aunt Kathy and my father and many others. I believe she was very loved."

The Cherokee One Feather hopes to continue reporting the facts of Dora Owl's case as more information is discovered.

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CCS School Board to discuss budget with Tribal Council

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, April 15 in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:46 p.m. by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Yellowhill rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Big Y rep.; Micah Swimmer, Painttown rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Big Cove rep.; Melanie Lambert,

co-vice chairperson and Birdtown rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wolftown rep.; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Dr. Jo Ray, HR director; Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; John Henning, attorney; Michael Stamper, Tribal Council representative; and Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent..

The opening prayer was led by Swimmer. The previous meeting minutes from April 1 were approved unanimously with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert.

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

Howard Wahnetah, CCS Finance director, and Rhonica Via, CBC Finance director, provided financial reports for April. Wahne-

tah said the total spending for the April school board budget was 61.5 percent, with a target spending of 83.3 percent, meaning the board is on target with no significant amount of spending. Via shared that the overall budget for CCS was on target.

In good news, Girty shared that there will not be a football game scheduled during the annual Cherokee Indian Fair in October, and CSS Athletic Director Chase Sneed is working on making sure no other sporting events are scheduled during fair week.

No items were on the consent agenda.

The board entered closed session at 5:52 p.m. with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert. The board exited closed at 8:02 p.m.

The board voted unanimously to approve policy revisions to Policy 7820 Personnel Files with a motion by Lambert seconded by Toineeta.

The board also held a first reading of revisions to Policy 7490 Classified Personnel: Suspension and Dismissal.

Girty shared that she attended a work session with Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) and other tribal entities to discuss the cannabis ordinance. Girty said she voiced concerns from CCS staff at the work session. She reiterated that CCS is

a no-tolerance drug free workplace as it is stated in the policy.

Girty also shared that Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) would like to meet with the board to discuss the budget for the upcoming school year. A meeting date and time is forthcoming.

The board unanimously approved for CCS 12-month employees to have the same days off for Spring Break, Fourth of July week, and Christmas Break as 10- and 11-month employees, with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert.

Girty announced that Cherokee High School Principal Deborah Foerst pulled Resolution 24-134: Cherokee Central Schools disestablish the Cherokee High School JROTC program and move forward with the development and offering of a new character and leadership course (or courses) that are adventure-based and culturally relevant, which was tabled at the April 1 meeting. Foerst spoke with JROTC representatives who requested the resolution hold off to consider enrollment numbers for the upcoming school year. The next board meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, in the Central Office board room. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Toineeta.

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EBCI Cooperative Extension Landscape Beautification Contest

The EBCI Cooperative Extension Center is hosting a Landscape Beautification Contest for homeowners of the Qualla Boundary. Judging will be the week of May 20-24. The deadline to enter is Friday, May 10 at 4 p.m. Judging criteria is as follows: cleanliness; overall appearance; landscaping (lawn, shrubs, trees, flowers, and yard); use of stone, retaining walls, fencing, and other manmade features to create a visually pleasing landscape is a plus). Awards will not be given to yards with fake, plastic, nor artificial flowers. To enter, call the Extension Office (828) 359-6939

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CIPD Arrest Report for April 22-28, 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.

Nash, Charles Michael – age 35
Arrested: April 22
Released: April 23
Charges: Temporary Hold

Owle Jr., Alfred William – age 44
Arrested: April 22
Released: April 25
Charges: Breaking and Entering, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Childers, Lucinda Faye – age 42
Arrested: April 23
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Resisting Lawful Arrest; Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts); Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer

Garcia, Jamie Luiz – age 23
Arrested: April 23
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Probation Violation

Jenkins, Randall – age 40
Arrested: April 23
Released: April 25
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Probation Violation

Reed, Tamara Ann – age 30

Arrested: April 23
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Probation Violation

Welch, Anthony Dirk – age 54
Arrested: April 23
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Drug Trafficking, Probation Violation

Bradley, Nichole Dominique – age 31
Arrested: April 24
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Taylor, Jalen Robert – age 30
Arrested: April 24
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bark, Brandon Jordache – age 33
Arrested: April 25
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Assault Inflicting Serious Injury

Price, Dustin Lee – age 34
Arrested: April 25
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Pre-Trial Release Violation

Yazzie, Michael Lee – age 46
Arrested: April 25
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Tolley, Lawrence – age 52
Arrested: April 26
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Probation Violation

Foster, Casey Tyler – age 24
Arrested: April 28
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Girty II, Jeffrey Scott – age 25
Arrested: April 28
Released: April 28
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Leyva-Palomo, Jesus Rafael – age 45
Arrested: April 28
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Leyva-Palomo, Juan Carlor – age 40
Arrested: April 28
Released: April 28
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Myers, Mark Hamilton – age 33
Arrested: April 28
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Simple Assault and Battery, Simple Affray; Second Degree Trespass

Sampson, Austin Russell – age 40
Arrested: April 28
Released: Not released as of report date (April 29)
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers



Moments in time

• On **May 20, 1506**, the Italian explorer Christopher Columbus died in Valladolid, Spain. The first European to explore the Americas since 10th-century Vikings set up colonies in Greenland and Newfoundland, he traveled the West Indies, South America and Central America, but died feeling he had been mistreated by his patron, King Ferdinand of Spain.

• On **May 21, 2000**, the bones of President James Garfield's spinal column, showing where one of two assassin's bullets had passed through it in 1881, were displayed for a final day at the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Washington, D.C., in an exhibit featuring medical oddities from the museum's archives.

• On **May 22, 1856**, South Carolina Representative Preston Brooks, wielding a cane he used after suffering injuries in a duel fueled by a political debate years before, savagely beat Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner during a meeting of Congress when tensions escalated over the expansion of slavery.

• On **May 23, 1900**, Army sergeant William Harvey Carney became the first Black American serviceman to receive the Medal of Honor, for heroically protecting the American flag during the Civil War.

• On **May 24, 1797**, Thomas Jefferson wrote to his friend Angelica Church with a casual inquiry about their mutual friend, Maria Cosway, a woman who'd once captured his heart and inspired a romantically themed essay. Her marriage, his desire to maintain integrity and their physical distance had helped cool his hopeless passion for her some years before.

• On **May 25, 1977**, China's communist government lifted its decade-old ban on the writings of William Shakespeare, providing additional evidence that the Cultural Revolution initiated by Mao Zedong in 1966 had ended. Officials also announced that a Chinese-language edition of the Bard's works would soon be available.

• On **May 26, 1962**, clarinetist Bernard Stanley "Acker" Bilk's instrumental single "Stranger On the Shore" provided an initial, but false, hint of the British Invasion to come when it went to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100. Despite its popularity, it was Bilk's only significant hit.

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EBCI forming new intertribal organization with other USET founders

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) was one of four federally recognized tribes that founded what would become the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) – founded originally as the Inter-Tribal Council of United Southeastern Tribes. Now, those four tribes (EBCI, Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida) are forming a new intertribal organization they feel will better serve their needs.

The EBCI Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passed Res. No. 202 (2024) during their regular session on Thursday, May 2 that will

set this plan into action. It passed 11-0 with Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Bo Crowe being absent.

The legislation, submitted as an emergency resolution by EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, states, “On Oct. 4, 1986, leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida met in Cherokee, N.C. to build ‘Strength in Unity’ between those four sovereign nations.”

The legislation goes on to state that the four tribes are “committed to work on issues such as protection of tribal sovereignty, economic development opportunities, protection and reclamation of sacred lands, and coordination on

political action”.

Ugvwiyuhi Hicks commented during discussion on the legislation on Thursday, “I think this is a good move forward for the Eastern Band and the founding four of USET. I don’t think it takes anything away from the USET organization. But, I think it is pretty clear that USET is moving in a little bit different direction than us as the founding four. I think we can strengthen our relationships with the founding four tribes, and I think there’s a lot of opportunity for us to work together in better scenarios – especially on some of the national policy issues.”

He added, “I think our thought process and what we’re attempting to protect and promote is more in alignment than some of the other smaller, newer tribes that are part of USET. It’s not to take anything away, but it is to make us stronger as the four founding tribal nations.”

Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley commented, “We’ve discussed the major differences over the past 10, 15 years with the USET organization. We’ve talked about the things that the four founding tribes envisioned when they set up the USET. We kind of grew away from that somewhat. I think this is good timing for this with all of the national issues going on, and it sends a message that Native tribes will stand together.” USET states its purpose as follows, “USET is dedicated to enhancing the development of tribal nations, improving the capabilities of tribal governments, and improving the quality of life for Indian people through a variety of technical and supportive programmatic services.”

USET is comprised of 33

federally recognized tribes. In addition to the four founding members, USET consists of the following: Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Seneca Nation of Indians, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Penobscot Indian Nation, Passamaquoddy Tribe – Pleasant Point, Passamaquoddy Tribe – Indian Township, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Onedia Indian Nation, Mi’kmaq Nation, Catawba Indian Nation, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, The Mohegan Tribe, Cayuga Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Rappahannock Tribe, Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indian Tribe – Eastern Division, Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe, Nansemond Indian Nation, and Monacan Indian Nation.

Per Res. No. 202, which states the EBCI will remain a part of USET, “The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians continues to support the work being done by USET and intends to remain an integral part of the organization.”



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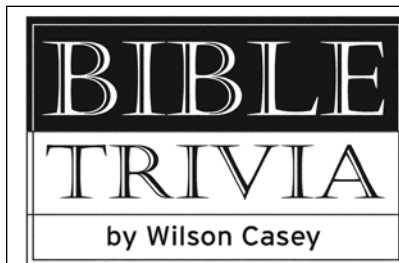
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TRACK & FIELD

Cherokee hosts Smoky Mountain Conference championship

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Cherokee High School (CHS) played host to the Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) track and field championship on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 1. Swain County won both the men’s team (third consecutive) and women’s team (fourth consecutive) titles.

Cherokee’s Joscelyn Stamper was named the SMC Female Field Athlete of the Year. She took first place in the women’s discus with a throw of 110-2 and second place in the women’s shot put with a distance of 33-08. Swain’s Nse Uffort was named the SMC Male Field Athlete of the Year with wins in the men’s discus throw (165-08) and men’s shot put (59-01.50). Swain’s Arizona Blankenship was named the SMC Female Track Athlete of the Year with wins in the women’s 1600M (5:00.82) and the women’s 3200M (11:16.56). Swain’s Zeke Glaspie was named the SMC Male Track Athlete of the Year with wins in the men’s 100M (11.17) and men’s 200M (22.73).

In addition to Stamper, several other CHS athletes placed in the top three in their events including:

- Letsi Burgos, first place conference champion, women’s 200M Dash, 26.64
- Dvdaya Swimmer, first place conference champion, women’s 800M Run, 2:19.31; second place, women’s 1600M Run, 5:15.79
- Levi Winter, first place conference champion, men’s 110M Hurdles, 15.40
- Aizen Bell, third place, men’s 3200M Run, 11:08.45; second place, men’s high jump, 6-0
- Cherokee 4x800M Relay team, second place, 8:51.03
- Jack Teesateskie, third place, men’s triple jump, 39-6.75

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



Joscelyn Stamper, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a member of the Cherokee High School (CHS) track team, was named the Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) Female Field Athlete of the Year at the SMC Championship Meet held at the CHS track on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 1. She took first place in the women’s discus with a throw of 110’2” and second place in women’s shot put with a throw of 33’08”. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Men’s Events

Team Scores

- 1 – Swain County 198.5
- 2 – Hayesville 124.5
- 3 – Murphy 98
- 4 – Robbinsville 83
- 5 – Andrews 65.5
- 6 – Cherokee 59
- 7 – Highlands 18.5
- 8 – Tri-County Early College 15
- 9 – Hiwassee Dam 14

100M Dash

- 1 – Zeke Glaspie, Swain, 11.17
- 2 – Cameron Clem, Murphy, 11.40
- 3 – Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 11.41
- 9 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 11.99
- 15 – Tayvin Bark, Cherokee, 12.86

200M Dash

- 1 – Zeke Glaspie, Swain, 22.73
- 2 – Kenyon Rogers-Gibby, Hayesville, 23.23
- 3 – Cale Harger, Murphy, 23.54
- 9 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 24.43

400M Dash

- 1 – Seth Leek, Hayesville, 52.88
- 2 – Josiah Glaspie, Swain, 52.89
- 3 – Nathan Frederick, Robbinsville, 53.49

- 10 – Will Ellwood, Cherokee, 58.30
- 18 – Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 1:14.66

800M Run

- 1 – Abhi Patel, Swain, 2:02.85
- 2 – Kane Jones, Swain, 2:03.88
- 3 – O’Malley Salinas, Andrews, 2:06.71
- 8 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 2:15.84
- 14 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 2:29.46
- 17 – Russell McKay, Cherokee, 2:32.69

1600M Run

- 1 – Carl Baird, Swain, 4:28.24
- 2 – Connor Brown, Swain, 4:28.42
- 3 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 4:33.20
- 5 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 4:44.24

3200M Run

- 1 – Carl Baird, Swain, 10:15.71
- 2 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 10:23.41
- 3 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 11:08.45

110M Hurdles

- 1 – Levi Winter, Cherokee, 15.40
- 2 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 16.31
- 3 – Jacob Jones, Hayesville, 16.65

300M Hurdles

- 1 – Camden Breazeale, Murphy, 43.30
- 2 – Jacob Jones, Hayesville, 43.30
- 3 – Will Shore, Murphy, 44.07

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Swain, 44.10
- 2 – Hayesville, 44.59
- 3 – Murphy, 46.47
- 4 – Cherokee, 46.79

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Swain, 1:31.98
- 2 – Hayesville, 1:33.43
- 3 – Murphy, 1:33.73
- 7 – Cherokee, 1:49.50

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Swain, 3:36.20
- 2 – Hayesville, 3:36.64
- 3 – Murphy, 3:49.50

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Swain, 8:28.91
- 2 – Cherokee, 8:51.03
- 3 – Hayesville, 8:55.15

High Jump

- 1 – Logan Shuler, 6-02
- 2 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 6-00
- 3 – Kasen Mitchell, Highlands, 5-10

Long Jump

- 1 – Samuel Preston, Andrews, 21-04.50
- 2 – Cuttler Adams, Robbinsville, 20-11.25
- 3 – Cooper Adams, Robbinsville, 19-01.75
- 11 – Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 14-09.50
- 13 – Xavier Sanchez, Cherokee, 13-08.50

Triple Jump

- 1 – Samuel Preston, Andrews, 43-05
- 2 – Josh Collins, Swain, 40-01.25
- 3 – Jack Teesateskie, Cherokee, 39-06.75
- 14 – Xavier Sanchez, Cherokee, 25-09.25

Pole Vault

- 1 – Owen Craig, Swain, 13-00
- 2 – Evan Hall, Swain, 11-06
- 3 – Tillman Adams, Robbinsville, 11-06

Discus Throw

- 1 – Nse Uffort, Swain, 165-08
- 2 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 139-01
- 3 – Brody Orton, Murphy, 124-01
- 14 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 75-09

Shot Put

- 1 – Nse Uffort, Swain, 59-01.50
- 2 – Taylor McClure, Hayesville, 49-07.50
- 3 – Isaac Collins, Robbinsville, 44-06
- 8 – Zaynon Taylor, Cherokee, 35-08
- 9 – Luke Smith, Cherokee, 35-08
- 12 – Johnny Long, Cherokee, 34-09

Women's Events**Team Scores**

- 1 – Swain County 229
- 2 – Robbinsville 111
- 3 – Hayesville 103
- 4 – Murphy 90
- 5 – Cherokee 60
- 5 – Andrews 60
- 7 – Tri-County Early College 21
- 8 – Highlands 5

100M Dash

- 1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 12.62
- 2 – Cayla Geer, Murphy, 13.30
- 3 – Kylie Donaldson, Andrews, 13.34
- 14 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 15.54
- 16 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 17.45

Wheelchair 100M

- 1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 38.60

200M Dash

- 1 – Letsi Burgos, Cherokee, 26.64
- 2 – Ava Shook, Hayesville, 27.31
- 3 – Corinne Cotton, Murphy, 28.00
- 16 – Brianna Reynolds, Cherokee, 36.75

400M Dash

- 1 – Corinne Cotton, Murphy, 1:00.15
- 2 – Ava Shook, Hayesville, 1:02.86
- 3 – Audrey Monteith, Swain, 1:06.90
- 7 – Laura Martinez, Cherokee, 1:11.95

800M Run

- 1 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 2:19.31
- 2 – Annie Lewis, Swain, 2:20.92
- 3 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 2:29.41
- 9 – Laura Martinez, Cherokee, 2:57.90

1600M Run

- 1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 5:00.82
- 2 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 5:15.79
- 3 – Angelina Lomelli, Swain, 5:26.77

3200M Run

- 1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 11:16.56
- 2 – Angelina Lomelli, Swain, 12:01.74
- 3 – Annie Lewis, Swain, 12:10.09

100M Hurdles

- 1 – Melani Linton, Swain, 17.09
- 2 – Kaiya Ellis, Andrews, 17.53
- 3 – Briley Clampitt, Hayesville, 18.23
- 9 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 21.44

300M Hurdles

- 1 – Melani Linton, Swain, 48.88
- 2 – Mya Burrows-Kurr, Swain, 52.02
- 3 – Addison Blankenship, Swain, 53.11
- 9 – Roxi Bark, Cherokee, 1:03.91

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Andrews, 54.12
- 2 – Robbinsville, 54.55

- 3 – Hayesville, 55.01

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Swain, 1:51.86
- 2 – Murphy, 1:53.37
- 3 – Robbinsville, 1:56.56

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Swain, 4:28.97
- 2 – Hayesville, 4:37.50
- 3 – Tri-County Early College, 5:07.12

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Swain, 9:56.59
- 2 – Hayesville, 11:36.69

High Jump

- 1 – Gracie Sutton, Swain, 5-02
- 2 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 5-02
- 3 – Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 5-02
- 4 – Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 5-00
- 9 – Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 4-00

Long Jump

- 1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 16-11
- 2 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 16-07.25
- 3 – Kylie Donaldson, Andrews, 15-09.50
- 7 – Loshi Ward, Cherokee, 13-10.75
- 8 – Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 13-06.50

- 18 – Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 10-09.25

Triple Jump

- 1 – Zoie Shuler, Robbinsville, 37-11
- 2 – Claire Barlow, Robbinsville, 36-00.50
- 3 – Ella Matheson, Hayesville, 34-11.75
- 5 – Dvdaya Swimmer, 32-08
- 12 – Deanna Long, Cherokee, 25-00.75

Pole Vault

- 1 – Alden Thomas, Swain, 10-00
- 2 – Carden Oetting, Swain, 8-06
- 3 – Hannah Wingate, Swain, 8-06

Discus Throw

- 1 – Joscelyn Stamper, Cherokee, 110-02
- 2 – Lily Trout, Hayesville, 103-10
- 3 – Aubrie Wachacha, Robbinsville, 98-02
- 15 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 66-07
- 19 – Ava Walkingstick, Cherokee, 59-05

Wheelchair Discus Throw

- 1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 18-09

Shot Put

- 1 – Samantha Woodard, Swain, 35-00.50
- 2 – Joscelyn Stamper, Cherokee, 33-08
- 3 – Alexis Beasley, Andrews, 32-01.50
- 10 – Chloe Cooper, Cherokee, 28-02.50
- 20 – Jennifer Escabar, Cherokee, 17-10

Wheelchair Shot Put

- 1 – Jordan Oliver, Murphy, 9-02.50

Ward signs to play basketball, volleyball at Johnson & Wales

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CHEROKEE, N.C. – Loshi Ward, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Cherokee High School (CHS), will be a two-sport athlete at the next level. During a ceremony held at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Tuesday, April 30, she signed a letter of intent to play basketball and volleyball at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte.

Ward was a member of several very important teams in CHS school history including the 2023-24 varsity basketball team that won the 1A State Championship. She was also a member of the 2023 varsity volleyball team that won the regular season Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) title and the SMC Tournament – both wins being the first in school history.

She was named to the All-Conference teams for volleyball for the 2023 season and basketball for the 2023-24 season.

“I can’t say enough good things about her,” Craig Barker, CHS assistant principal, told the crowd gathered for Tuesday’s signing. “Most importantly, she’s a high character young lady. She’s done great things here. I’m just excited for this next phase of your life. I’m excited for what you’re going to accomplish.”

Pam Sumner Price, CHS varsity volleyball head coach, commented, “She has been phenomenal ever since she came in.



Loshi Ward (seated center in blue shirt), a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Cherokee High School, signed a letter of intent to play both basketball and volleyball next season at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, N.C. The signing ceremony took place at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 30. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

She was a hitter. She was a middle. She’s a right side. Then we moved her to setter. Loshi never ever complained. She just said, ‘whatever you need me to do, I will do’. So, very, very proud of her.” She added, “For you to be going for two sports, that is amazing... you are just who you are. Johnson & Wales is beyond blessed to have you for two sports. This is a rarity.”

Ann Gardner, CHS women’s varsity basketball head coach, said, “Loshi has been with me for four years, and I could not be more proud of her and her accomplishments. I feel like she’s going to do great things not just on the athletic field or court, but once she comes back and is going to give back to the Tribe. I think she’s just a tremendous athlete. She’s a utility player, if you will...she didn’t care how big, how small, how quick,

how slow, it didn’t matter. She was up for the challenge. She’s a state champion.”

“She set the tone for our defense and then that got everybody else falling into our defense and took care of business. That was indicative of our scores throughout the year. Super proud of you. I know you’re going to do great things.”

CHS Principal Dr. Debora Foerst commented, “We are super, super proud of Loshi and all that she’s accomplished. She’s also quite accomplished in the classroom. She doesn’t want to give herself credit for that, but she is a very good student, makes the honor roll.”

Johnson & Wales competes in the USCAA (United States Collegiate Athletic Association) Division II.



Ward (#12) brings the ball up the court during a game against the Mt. Tabor Spartans on Dec. 29, 2023 as part of the Holidays on the Hardwood tournament at the Charles George Memorial Arena.

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Phyllis Ann Lambert Tomlinson

Phyllis Ann Lambert Tomlinson, 77, of Cherokee, passed away Friday, April 19, 2024, after an extended illness in Haywood Regional Hospital.

She was the daughter of the late Amos and Lalah Bales Lambert. She was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. She lived in Lakeland, Fla. for many years. After she moved home to Cherokee, she retired from Harrah's Cherokee Casino as a Cage Cashier Supervisor.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Fred Thorn, and her husband of 40 years, Charles Ronald Tomlinson; her sisters, Beulah Lambert Young and Sharlett Marie Lambert; brothers, Charles

Willard Lambert and Grady Amos Lambert; sister-in-law, Mary Lambert; and four nephews.

She is survived by her daughter, and her only child, Patricia Thorn Sikes; her grandchildren that she loved and adored, Steven Ray Ricks and Monica Anthony (Dennis); the absolute treasure of her heart, her great grandchildren, Rayna Ricks (Terrell) and Houston Reed and Dallas Ricks; sister, Shirley Reagan (Everett); brother, William "Willie" Lambert; a special niece, Erin Kirkland (Stephen); sister-in-law, Wanda Lambert; brother-in-law, Charles "Cotton" Young; and many nieces and nephews that she loved.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 23 at Long House Funeral Home with Reverend Randall Miller officiating. She was laid to rest in the New Tow String

Cemetery beside her husband. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Mary Frances Rose Booth

Mary Frances Rose Booth went to heaven on Friday, April 19, 2024 to see her Dad (Ted Rose); Mom (Mildred Warren Rose); brothers, Don, Dale, and Teddy Rose; her sisters, Phyllis Rose Coons, Nancy Rose Long; and her sister and best friend, Alice Rose Lambert.

Mary loved spending time with her remaining siblings, Brenda Rose Johnson (Larry), Vivian "Lib" Rose Kieffer (Dan), Linda Rose Carter, and baby brother, Ray Rose (Cathy). Mary was always so proud of her very large Rose family and worked hard to bring them all together every year for the Rose Family Reunion.

Mary was born March 17, 1936 to Ted and Mildred Rose. She was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and raised with 11 other siblings on Stillwell Branch Rd in Cherokee, N.C. Mary lived in humble surroundings with no running water or electricity until she was in her teens. She always said she never knew she was poor because her family was happily living in a loving home.

Mary was an avid square dancer in her teenage years and quite the looker. She caught the eye of a Florida boy (Bill Booth) who had come to the Cherokee Fall Festival.

After some long-distance courting and a promise that he wouldn't take her from her North Carolina mountains, she accepted his proposal and they were wed at Cherokee Baptist Church in 1957. They were happily married for 67 years and worked side-by-side operating their rock and gem shops and the many projects they did together. Mary was always Bill's "right-hand man".

Mary was extremely proud of her children, Arlene Booth Price (Terry), Sherri Booth (Bob), and David Booth, and bragged to her siblings that "she had the best kids". She raised her children with love and taught them to be kind, honest, fair, faithful, hard workers, and most importantly introduced them to her savior, Jesus Christ.

Mary was blessed with five wonderful grandchildren, Emerald Booth, Zain Rigsby, Leah McKinney, Luke Price and Jill Price, as well as her four great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Jackson, Kate, and Knox, whom she loved so very much.

There is a hole left in the hearts of many family and friends at Mary's passing. She was loved and cherished by all who knew her. The world will never be the same!

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 23 at Long House Funeral Home. Burial was in the Towstring Cemetery.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Family with final arrangements.



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- The home buyer must own the property for financing purposes.
- All road and utility right of ways or utility easements must be in place before any site work begins.

PRE-APPROVAL

PRE-QUALIFICATION

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

INFRASTRUCTURE

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

HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE

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

DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS

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

CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands

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

DPA funds – Off Trust Lands

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

LOAN CLOSE

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

–SITE PREP SCHEDULING

- Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure.
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COMMENTARY

Don't be ignorant about wildlife

By ROBERT JUMPER

One Feather Editor

The Qualla Boundary is a wonder of nature. We are a gateway to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway. While Gatlinburg and Tennessee have successfully marketed themselves as the “Gateway to the Smokies”, we have at least an equal claim to that moniker. Much of Cherokee land remains undeveloped, primarily due to buildability issues. One of the reasons for the housing crunch, not enough homes for Cherokee people who need homes, has to do with the topography of our land.

While the Boundary is challenging for human habitation, it is near perfection for wildlife. The incredible Oconaluftee River winds through land on the Cherokee town side of the Boundary, a river teeming with wildlife, both native and imported. For example, in the 30-mile stretch of river and its tributaries, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Natural Resources stocks over 250,000 hatchery-raised trout. From brook, brown, and golden to rainbow, quantity and quality fish are abundant in our streams. Native strains, brook, or speckled trout, live primarily in the headwaters and tributary streams that feed the river, and many of those are restricted to only being fished by tribal members.

River otters play in our river. Weighing between 10 and 30 pounds, these are playful creatures that survive and thrive by

eating fish and freshwater clams, crawfish, and invertebrates (when they can be found). Mink, turtles, lizards, opossums, raccoons, weasels, and polecats also hug near the river for their sustenance. The river is a primary source of life for most wildlife, whether they have gills, wings, or legs. Cherokee has long been a haven for migratory birds like Canadian geese and Mallard ducks. And while the tribe has made significant strides in redirecting large flocks of these birds, particularly the geese, and ducks from heavily trafficked greenways, you will still find a considerable amount of “evidence” of their presence plopped on the sidewalks on and near the Oconaluftee Island Park. There is a healthy population of wild turkeys on the Boundary. You will also see the occasional Wood Duck, Osprey, Kingfisher, and many songbird species. You may even be privileged to get a glimpse of a Bald Eagle. And if an animal has been unfortunate enough to be killed on or along these gateway roads, you could witness a wake of turkey vultures.

Wild hogs, deer, bears, rabbits, and squirrels forage tribal lands in abundance. Jim Stafford's girlfriend did not like spiders and snakes (1974 Jim Stafford album). She would be on constant alert on the Qualla Boundary, as we are home to copperheads, rattlesnakes, black, rat, garter, milk, brown, ring-necked, eastern hog-nosed, and Northern water snakes. We are so famous for our snakes that we get credit for one that isn't even in our mountains, the water moccasin or cottonmouth. Apparently, Northern water snakes (non-venomous) look very much like the moccasin/cottonmouth (kinda venomous).

And don't get me started

on spiders. According to North Carolina State University, “There are roughly 700 species of spiders across North Carolina in all different habitats (including your home).” One, *hogna carolinensis*, more commonly known as the Carolina wolf spider gets pretty big (not big like the exaggerated size my wife tells me when she sees a spider). Female Carolina spiders can reach 1.4 inches. Also, among those spiders that live among us on the Boundary are the black widow and the brown recluse, both spiders are customers you would not want to meet in a dark alley. They both have a nasty, and poisonous, bite.

And then there are the elk. Missing from our landscape for 200 years, elk were reintroduced in 2001, beginning with a small herd released at the Cataloochee Valley in Haywood County, which is adjacent to the Qualla Boundary. Since their reintroduction, the elk have grown in population and have routinely visited the land of the Cherokee. These natural wonders are a mixed blessing, drawing tourists and their dollars to the Boundary, but also causing traffic backups and headaches for tourists and locals alike. Locals complain of the inability to navigate the roads freely. Farmers and homeowners who take pride in their landscaping find the elk a nuisance to be overcome or eliminated. In some cases, the tribe has offered fencing, trying to mitigate the losses local landowners are experiencing from elk damage.

All this to say we need to educate ourselves on the joys and perils of the multitude of species that we are blessed to have on our Boundary. And those visiting the Boundary should be aware of regulations protecting our wild-

life and themselves from harm. For example, when elk gazing, partakers should not attempt to feed, pet, or take a close-up selfie with their subject. On the nearby Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Park Rangers routinely must correct the behavior of people attempting to do all three.

Regulations for the GSMNP state, “Willfully approaching within 50 yards (150 feet), or any distance that disturbs or displaces the elk, is illegal in the park. Violations of this federal regulation can result in fines and arrest.”

Even the possibility of being assaulted by a 1.5-ton animal with a three-foot antler span does not sway some individuals from trying to get the “money shot” with an elk or an elk herd. I have witnessed folks coming as close as three feet from local elk to attempt to get a selfie with the cell phone. Not only are they within striking distance of the elk, but these geniuses also turn their backs on the elk.

There is no limit to how ignorant we will act when it comes to nature. Something as seemingly harmless as catching the wrong fish, dumping your waste liquids or trash in the creek or river, straight piping your sewage, or rearranging the river rocks could have disastrous effects on wildlife and their native habitats. Water quality and conservation are essential to the efforts to retain the Sicklefin Redhorse, a Cherokee food staple fish that the Cherokee named “jungihitla”.

North America's largest salamanders, the Mudpuppy and Hellbender, reside in our Oconaluftee River and its tributaries. N.C. Wildlife says their populations have decreased “mainly due to declining water quality and habitat degradation, and to a

lesser degree, ill-treatment from anglers who mistakenly think they decrease trout populations. And then there is the native freshwater mussel.

EBCI Natural Resources states, "Unfortunately, several of the mussel species native to Cherokee have been eradicated from the upper Oconaluftee River, likely due to various sources of pollution. You may not have noticed their absence, but mussels play a crucial role in the river's clean water, and their loss ultimately threatens the resiliency of the entire ecosystem". EBCI Natural Resources is working with Western Carolina University and the North Carolina Resources Commission to "restock and restore native mussels in Cherokee waters."

It is truly disheartening to see

stories in the news about the complete ignorance, naivety, and in some instances, maliciousness of individuals engaging with wildlife. Mid-April in Candler, N.C. (approximately 35 miles from the Boundary), "a group of people at an apartment complex found a pair of black bear cubs in a tree. They went to the tree, pulled both the bears out of the tree, and then started taking pictures and videos with them" - WTVD-TV.

From the video, you can tell that this group was totally self-absorbed and either ignorant of the potential damage they were doing (and the potential danger they were putting themselves in had the cubs' mother appeared) or they simply didn't care. By the time wildlife officials got to the scene, only one cub remained.

The cub was taken to Appalachian Wildlife Refuge where Executive Director Savannah Trantham commented, "If all the turtles, snakes, rabbits, opossums, squirrels, birds, raccoons, and fawns got the same reaction when people harass, steal, and harm them, then we would be winning. Unfortunately for us, this cub is only one of the many animals that we rehabilitate due to the negative impacts of inappropriate human interactions" - ABC11 Raleigh-Durham.

Another example of human-wildlife ignorance is the incident at Yellowstone National Park on April 21. A Yellowstone, Montana resident allegedly got drunk approached, and kicked a bison in the leg. Park officials have charged the man and did not release the extent of his injuries. On the other

hand, in a July 2023 incident, a 47-year-old Arizona woman was gored by a bison during the mating season after she turned to walk away from a too-close encounter. "In 2022, a woman who approached a bison near the Old Faithful geyser was tossed 10 feet into the air and was gored." - The Guardian.

Learning about wildlife, pre-contact is a very smart thing to do. It is also some of the most fascinating research you may do. The wonders of this world are incredible to behold when experiencing it in the right and safe way. When we ignorantly engage nature and wildlife, we endanger the animals, the habitat, and ourselves. Don't be ignorant. Be smart. Respect, protect, and preserve wildlife.

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

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Eagle feathers are a sign of sovereignty

By Cherokee One Feather
Editorial Board

Eagle feathers are federally regulated and prohibited from possession by anyone but federally recognized Native American tribes.

The federal government regulates the possession of eagle feathers. No one may possess an eagle feather or any other part of an eagle except someone from a federally recognized tribe. Eagles are protected by laws (the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act) and everyone is prohibited from killing or capturing them.

The right to possession of eagle feathers and parts is very clearly spelled out in federal law. “Enrolled members of federally recognized tribes may obtain a permit from the (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) authorizing them to receive and possess eagle feathers and parts.”

This right does not extend to state-recognized bodies and others that claim native history and heritage and do not have full federal recognition. There are 574 American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives who are recognized by the federal government and have the rights of sovereign nations. It is because the federal government acknowledges tribal sovereignty that the exception for federally recognized tribal members to possess eagle feathers exists.

Size matters, if you are a politician. It is easy to conjecture why certain senators might be inclined to support a special interest group that purports 55,000



Rick Bottchenbaugh, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Kolanvyi (Big Cove), wears an eagle feather bustle at the 2023 Eastern Band Cherokee Pow Wow in Cherokee, N.C. He and other members of federally recognized tribes have the legal right to obtain and wear eagle feathers for spiritual and traditional reasons. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

members, with a good percentage of that number of voting age. For politicians who depend on votes to continue their livelihood and power, a voting block of that size could cause people to change their points of view on any number of issues, regardless of the ethical appropriateness of their actions. Turning a blind eye to violations of law because someone might get mad at you is another ethical di-

lemma for the federal government.

It is also easy to see why other organizations, including indigenous representative organizations, would back away from upholding the traditional determination standards for federal recognition if an organization failed or decided not to meet those.

It is apparently not hard to decide between doing what is right with doing what is expedient when

political influence is at stake. Ethics frequently fall to a “strength in numbers” mentality, or in political circles, it might be phrased as “might makes right”.

After the Obama administration gave direction in 2012, the Department of Justice established a policy for the possession of eagle feathers. A Washington Post article (Feb. 22, 2013) said, “The Justice Department said in October that it would allow Native Americans to possess or use eagle feathers for religious or cultural purposes. But there was a catch: The new rule applies only to members of federally recognized tribes, and the Lumbee Tribe is not one of them. Consequently, the Lumbees and members of other non-federally recognized tribes who own feathers are violating the Bald Eagle Protection Act, which makes it a crime to possess a feather without a federal permit.”

A few of the Lumbee organization members spoke out on the issue, expressing no issue with violating federal law and weakening the sovereignty of tribal nations who have successfully worked through the process of federal recognition. One said that he owned 150 (eagle) feathers but gave most of them away, keeping one for his car and two that he puts on his head when he attends powwows. “They can arrest me all they want.” This member stated that he relied on the federal government’s fear of bad publicity to defy the law. Speaking regarding the possibility of federal authorities making arrests at Lumbee powwows, he said he believes that won’t happen. “The publicity and

the sacrilege that it would portray would be more bad press than they would like and put other Indians on notice.”

Another Lumbee member said she is reliant on federal law enforcement focusing on bigger crimes to allow her to keep and wear eagle feathers. “If it gets bad (federal enforcement of the Bald Eagle Protection Act), then I just won’t wear them. It makes little sense to have federal officials worry about feathers sitting quietly in my closet with school shootings and other big issues to address.” It is quite a big deal to possess eagle feathers to these entities, but not a big deal to violate the law that protects eagle feathers from misuse and designates guidelines for possession. They put the cart before the horse in that they want to be handed the rights of fully

federally recognized tribes without going through the process of becoming fully federally recognized. And then they want to leverage that action as an act of tribal sovereignty instead of sedition.

And the plan seems to be working. At the Cumberland County Eagle Feather Ceremony, held at Gray’s Creek High School in 2022 and 2023, Cumberland County Schools and the Office of Indian Education handed out eagle feathers to both federally recognized-and state-recognized graduating students. The Master of Ceremonies at the event even quoted from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service policy limiting possession of eagle feathers stating, “Native Americans may give feathers or other eagle items as gifts to other Native Americans and may hand them down within

the families. They may not, however, give them to non-Native Americans.” She left out the part in the law she was reading from that defines Native American in the context of obtaining eagle feathers as “federally recognized”.

At the May 5, 2023, Cumberland County Eagle Feather Ceremony, a speaker, Ms. Reba Dore, was called up to give a talk on the “Significance of the Eagle Feather”. The Master of Ceremonies introduced Ms. Dore as “a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee”. She read from a prepared statement or script about the importance of eagle feathers and how recipients should “use” their feathers. One Feather asked the EBCI Enrollment Office to verify that Ms. Dore is on the roll of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. They could find no record of a

Reba Dore on the roll. Eagle feathers are an important symbol for Native tribes with religious and cultural significance. The express permission received by federally recognized tribes to seek permits for and possess eagle feathers is an acknowledgment of the sovereignty of tribal nations. Like federal recognition, organizations claiming the right to possess eagle feathers should be willing and should be required to comply with the standards that are set in place to protect eagle feathers and Native American identity. And the federal government should be diligent in enforcement, even if the feathers are sitting quietly in a closet, and even at the risk of political backlash.



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Last contact: March 3, 2024
Last Known Location: Querino, Arizona

Circumstances of Disappearance: Armstrong was dropped off on the southside of I-40 and Querino Road with his STIHL chainsaw, back pack, and a jug of water by his sister. He was within the area of Wagon Wheel road helping residents by sawing wood for them. It was possible he was either walking or riding a bicycle east on county road 7240 between the hours of 3-5 pm. His cell phone and wallet were left at home. Last seen wearing a gray t-shirt, blue jeans, and redish hiking boots. Black bandana with a red 49ers cap.

If you have seen or have information concerning Lance Armstrong, contact the Officer Juliowna Begay, Navajo Nation Police Dept.-Window Rock District (928) 871-6983.

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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER * TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

“10 or 28” Resurrections are looked at

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON**

Pastor of Cherokee Pentecostal
Holiness Church

Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate

Focal passage: 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

Christianity is never to be thought of as being “just a religion”. Each person is to make a firm decision to follow Jesus as Lord. By having chosen our relationship with Jesus, this should be a love relationship for each follower. We are learning how great He desires to help each person after their having chosen to follow Him. As He considers mankind to be the highest form of Creation on this planet, we must realize we matter to Him. Allow Him to fully aid in accomplishing this.

Having begun to read and study the Bible, it becomes easier for each person to come to know Him as God and Creator of us all. This is why we must begin reading with understanding the Bible for ourselves. To realize what a treasure the Holy Bible, God’s Word, is and was written down by forty of His faithful servants, over about 1,500 years, is more important. Understanding the Bible is to become our lifelong goal. To help each other in bringing His Kingdom into this world can only be done with His help and eternal blessing.

Each Kingdom participant, if having chosen to follow Him, is to begin their life over, His way. The choice is given to each person, only while they’re still breathing the earth’s atmosphere. No one’s excluded in following Him unless they’ve refused to follow His leading. The possibilities exist when we live, on purpose, in our trusting acceptance of His offered love. If we’ve determined to live as He wants us to, we should believe it’s for His sake and our ultimate good!

As we mature in our understanding and beliefs, we begin choosing to love, honor, and obey our God and Creator, and what that means to each of us. It all represents, a wonderful, and vitally necessary development, as

we grow into perfection. Remember He is to be the “Author and Finisher” of our faith and life journey.

Just before the Feast of the Passover was to begin that year, Jesus was forced to suffer an unjust trial, by the Jewish religious leaders at night, facing an undeserved, horrendous beating and scourging, then sent by them to Pilate, the Roman Governor. A crown of thorns was even jammed onto His head, and on that endless day, he was then nailed to the cross by the Roman soldiers hammering His hands and feet to a cross. The suffering He endured from that unjust trial and punishment by the Jews was rendered by the Roman soldiers.

Jesus’ resurrection on that third day became known as the Miraculous One. So many had witnessed His death at the hands of the Roman soldiers while also closely monitored by the Jewish leaders and all the crowds of Jews there in Jerusalem for the remembrance of the days of the Passover Feast that year.

There were said to be over 500 people who saw Jesus, heard Him, and witnessed all these happenings in Jerusalem at that time. The twelve witnesses should have been enough to convince people of the Truth of their own experiences and all that had transpired as Jesus had also fulfilled every prophecy and had shown to everyone the unwavering goodness and gra-

cioussness of God.

We each should find God’s plan has been written in Scripture almost from the very beginning, even before mankind had fallen. God has always known what had to be done to be able to rescue mankind, which was made necessary by our having made so many wrong choices.

It’s because He loves us all so much and wants us to choose to participate in life with Him by having chosen a closer relationship with Him as our Father. He who also dearly loved His “Only Begotten Son” gave Him to us on earth. So, there would be “a man” able to live in a body of flesh, tempted as we all are, and yet remain sinless. He also suffered such an agonizing death as our substitute, possibly only if chosen by that person to be their substitute.


He died for each one of us who have chosen Jesus. He became “God with us” as our Lord and Savior, by dying in our place so we would not have to die. He then, having died such a death, so we can begin to love each other as well as all those who are of His Creation. It begins to answer so many “why” questions, as in “Why did this have to happen?” So, we could have all our answers and begin to answer other questions, as we tell them “the whole story”.



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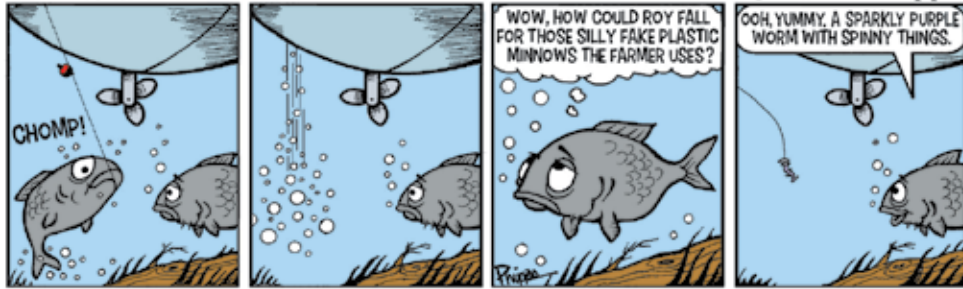
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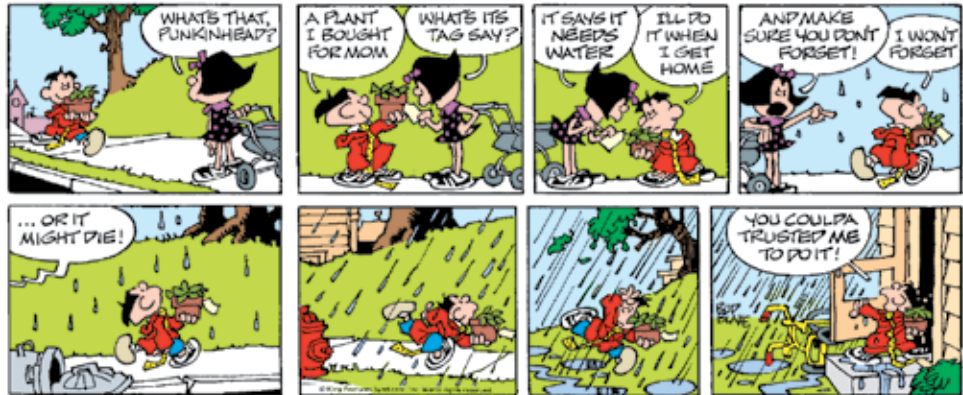
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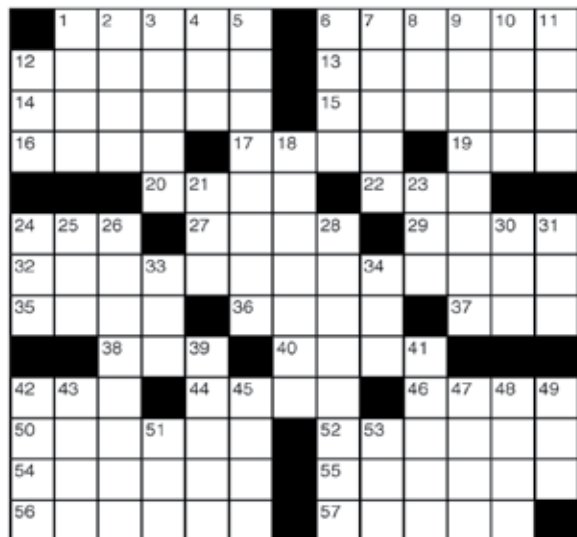
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- 22 Lith., once
- 24 Six-pack muscles
- 27 "Carmen" solo
- 29 Staffer
- 32 Employer's directive
- 35 Hideaway
- 36 Couturier Christian
- 37 Science guru Bill
- 38 Small tablet
- 40 Iowa city
- 42 Top card
- 44 Hotel chain
- 46 "Casablanca" role
- 50 Tomorrow, in Tijuana
- 52 Witty retort
- 54 Billie Eilish hit song



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- 24 100%
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- 39 Dunkable treat
- 41 Egyptian peninsula
- 42 Both (Pref.)
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- 45 Baseball legend Willie
- 47 Pride parade initialism
- 48 Actress Ward
- 49 "How — you?"
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by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

King Crossword



1. MUSIC: The 1980s group Duran Duran took its name from a character in which movie?
2. SCIENCE: What is the science of making maps called?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is surrounded by the country of South Africa?
4. MOVIES: What is the name of the boy who owns the toys in "Toy Story"?
5. THEATER: What are the major divisions in a play?
6. TELEVISION: Which sitcom has the theme song, "Everywhere You Look"?
7. GAMES: How many checkers does each player get to start the game?
8. LITERATURE: Which children's book features a construction vehicle named Mary Anne?
9. ANATOMY: What are the smallest blood vessels in the human body called?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the name of the dog mascot on the front of a Cracker Jack box?

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Trivia Test Answers:
 1. "Barbarella"; 2. Cartography; 3. Lesotho; 4. Andy Davis; 5. Acts, which are divided into scenes; 6. "Full House"; 7. 12; 8. "Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel"; 9. Capillaries; 10. Bingo.

HAPPENINGS

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

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annual Kituwah Celebration.

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

3rd Annual Animal Health Clinic. May 31 – June 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both day at the Yellowhill Activity Center at 1416 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. Dog/cats spay: \$50. Dog neuters: \$30. Cat neuters: \$25. Vaccines (rabies and distemper): \$10 per pet. Horses – West Nile vaccine: \$30, Float: \$50. No appointment necessary. First-come, first-served. Info: Dr. Page Wages (919) 906-1280 or Pastor Scott Hill (828) 508-7836

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 and cultural activities, and more. Fee: \$400. Applications are currently being accepted at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Complex. Info: (828) 359-6890 or 359-3345 or email Shannon Bark at shanbark@ebci-nsn.gov or Dinah


CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Dottie Thompson,
a 5-year-old
Jack Russell mix, lives
with her mama,
Elnora Thompson, in
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Dottie loves getting new
toys because
she's a tad spoiled.



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How do you say that in Cherokee?



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Grant at dinagran@ebci-nsn.gov

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

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

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

Cherokee Indian Fair. Oct. 1-5 at 1441 Acquoni Road (old 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.

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some concern at first, but your prompt attention helps to get things sorted out. Family and friends provide much-needed support.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A strong positive attitude helps disperse a cloud of negativism around you. A friend reaches out to offer loving support when you need it the most.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A setback in an important relationship results from a misunderstanding. Forget the finger-pointing and take the first step to set things straight.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Keep an open mind about changes in your personal life. What seems unacceptable at first might prove to be otherwise when more facts begin to emerge.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It's a good time to start the healing process for bruised or broken relationships. There may be some resistance to a reconciliation, but don't give up.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) During this period of change, the wise Pisces should avoid swimming in rough waters. Take time for things to settle before making a serious commitment.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are friendly and enjoy good company. You have a fine sense of business and are more likely than not to succeed at whatever you choose to do.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

When You Think You Can't Be Shocked ...

The Office of Inspector General for the Department of Veterans Affairs uncovers, investigates and helps bring to justice all types of criminals for all types of crimes. But sometimes the details are surprising and especially appalling.

This is a new charge: forced labor. Specifically, the charges were forced labor, slave labor trafficking and theft of government funds. In the scam, four people obtained the labor and services of an Indian national and kept him a prisoner by use of force and threats of force against his family back in India. They were arrested late last year on the slave labor trafficking charges.

Then it was discovered that the ringleader, a former U.S. Army veteran, and his wife had been collecting caregiver support money from the VA, falsely claiming the veteran was unable to care for himself, that he couldn't walk, cook, shop, manage finances and medicine, take a bath by himself nor do anything else. They claimed caregiver funding for his care for four years before being caught. There were 47 counts alone of stealing government funds, as well as the counts for labor trafficking and forced labor.

Very appalling, besides the theft of government money, was that the kidnapped person was a young man here in the country on a student visa sponsored by the veteran. The kid was brought here to go to college but was instead held captive and physically abused, forced to sleep on the concrete floor in the basement.

Thankfully, a neighbor called police asking for a wellness check, during which the young captive was able to get to the front door to safety when the police showed up. He was hospitalized and found to have both old and new injuries, including open wounds and broken bones as a result of reportedly being beaten with boards, pipes, metal rods and more. The judge in his wisdom denied all the criminals bail.

Most disturbing, however, is knowing that it was a veteran who was behind all the violence.

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Pet's Allergies Blossom in Spring

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My 7-year-old cat, "Sunbeam," has a tough time in the spring when the pollen starts to fly. He sneezes frequently, his eyes water and he scratches hot spots on his skin. I've tried many things to reduce the allergens in the home: I vacuum every other day, run an air purifier near where he sleeps and I brush his coat daily. None of that seems to help. What else can I try? — Harry in Pittsburgh

DEAR HARRY: You're doing your best to reduce airborne allergens, and that's great. However, because it doesn't seem to be helping, it's time to enlist the help of your cat's veterinarian.

The vet can suggest some other ways to reduce allergens in the home, and will consider that Sunbeam is reacting to more than one issue — not just pollen, but indoor dust or even the food he's eating. They will also check for any secondary issues that may be contributing to Sunbeam's discomfort, like an ear infection or yeast infection.

Short-term treatment with a prescription medication, like a steroid or an antihistamine, may be necessary during the worst part of the season. These will help reduce the intense itching and eye irritation, and should help clear up hot spots on his skin.

At home, try adding fish oil and probiotics to your cat's food — these supplements can help with itchy, flaky skin conditions. (I give my cat a teaspoon of plain yogurt daily to balance his gut bacteria.) An occasional bath, twice a month or so, using a pet shampoo that contains oatmeal will soothe his skin and wash away any lingering allergens on his coat.

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That anxious feeling disappears with a reassuring gesture from a loved one. In addition, the weekend holds some pleasant surprises for the ever-adventurous Lamb.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A planetary lineup creates unsteadiness both on the job and in your private life. Stay the course, and you'll soon ride out the worst of the unsettling effects.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Leave nothing to chance. You need to get more involved in working out problems at home and on the job. Meanwhile, a Sagittarian offers romantic possibilities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A new relationship suddenly presents unexpected problems. Clear up all misunderstandings now to avoid more serious situations later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to act on long-delayed projects, both personal and professional. A new job prospect opens up some exciting possibilities. Check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Those on-the-job changes continue to bring new challenges. In your personal life, be more flexible in dealing with a loved one who needs your help.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A personal problem creates

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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.)

HIP Committee. May 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Lands Committee. May 9 at 9 a.m.

Parks & Rec. Committee. May 9 at 1 p.m.

Community Services Committee. May 13 at 9 a.m.

Lands Committee. May 13 at 1 p.m.

Meeting with Investment Committee. May 14 at 3 p.m.

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

Mother's Day 5K. May 11 at Kituwah. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Walk/run begins at 9 a.m. General fee is \$15 but will increase to \$20 on May 1. \$10 for youth ages 1-12 and elders 59+. Sign up at: <https://runsignup.com/mothersday5K>.

Info: Yolanda Saunooke (828) 359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Mystery Art Family Night. May 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Join in the Storytime Room to receive a mystery bag of assorted supplies to use your imagination to create some amazing art. Info: Jackson County Public Library (828) 586-2016

May Flowers LEGO STEAM event. May 8 at 4 p.m. at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. This month's flower-themed meeting allows participants to be scientists, technicians, engineers,

artists, and mathematicians with STEAM-related activities and challenges. Young children will need adult assistance. Info: Jackson County Public Library (828) 586-2016

Swain County Democratic Party hybrid in-person/remote meeting. May 13 at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope St. in Bryson City, N.C. and via Zoom. The group will be discussing community events and planning future activities. All are welcome. Call (828) 488-1234 or email SwainCountyDems@gmail.com for a link to join the virtual meeting or for more information.

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 powwow. Info: infonativeartsncrafts@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

Autism Support Group meeting. May 14 at 5 p.m. at the Dora Reed Multipurpose Room in Cherokee, N.C. Join for autism support, education, and resources. Light refreshments and water will be provided. Info: Candy Ross (828) 359-2203 or Amanda Bradley 359-2204

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.AAwn80.com

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

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

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

Big Y Community meets the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yellowhill Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at

the Yellowhill Activity Center at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Virginia Johnson (828) 788-8659, virginia.shell52@gmail.com

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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

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

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

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

day Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor Roberta French 497-6918

Bigwitch Baptist Church. 2290 Bigwitch Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday service 6 p.m. Pastor James "Jimbo" Sneed. All are welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

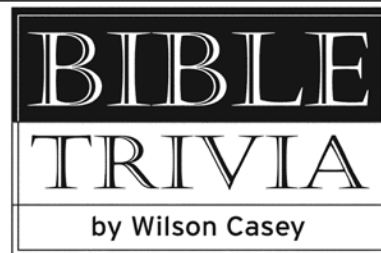
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 82 Lambert Branch Road. Sunday Mass at 8 a.m. Pastor Peter Shaw 736-5322

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

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

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

Shoal Creek Baptist Church. 184 Shoal Creek Church Loop Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m., Sunday



1. Is the book of 3 Kings (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who said, "Indeed baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost"? *Matthew, Mark, John the Baptist, Luke*
3. From Leviticus 14, how long was a "clean" person required to remain outside his tent? *1 night, 2 nights, 4 days, 7 days*
4. What town or city was Saul of Tarsus near when he converted to Christianity? *Damascus, Assos, Corinth, Gaza*
5. Which apostle's mother-in-law is referred to in the Bible but not by name? *Peter, Judas, James, Andrew*
6. Jesus says that you have to do what to see the kingdom of God? *Love one another, Be born again, Do what's right, Tithe*

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School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., Wednesday evening Fellowship Meal 6 p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer Service 6:30 p.m., Choir Practice 7 p.m. Dr. Mickey Duvall, Pastor

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

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

also.

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

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

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

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

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



Matthaeus Lobelius (1538-1616) was a Flemish physician and plant enthusiast. Born in Flanders, he studied at the University of Montpellier and became personal physician first to William, Prince of Orange and later to James I. As a member of the Flemish School of Botany, he wrote a series of major treatises on plants, and authored famous publications for botany students. He is credited with the first attempt to classify plants according to their natural affinities, rather than their medicinal uses. The plant genus Lobelia and the botanical family Lobeliaceae are named after him. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: dbpedia.org, prabook.com

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Cherokee Boys Club Weekly Highlighted School Bus Driver

SUB Bus Driver Stu Bradley

I started my job 20+ years ago. When I am driving it's like you're watching a 3-D Movie. I drive in a tourist town and share the road with visitors. It's like playing a video game. I have variable stops during the day, I travel around many variable miles per day, and I have a variable number of kids on my bus.

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

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

A: I have a very important job as a driver who safely transports kids to and from school. Parents trust me with their kids' safety, so I'm always alert and aware of my surroundings, keeping an eye out for any potential hazards. The Club has always needed reliable and hardworking employees. Ray K was like an uncle to me and inspired me to come on out and join the Club.



CLASSIFIEDS

LOOKING FOR

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

EMPLOYMENT

Looking for Laborer

VOC is looking for a seasonal laborer. Must have a valid driver's license and be able to pass drug screen. Pick up Application/ Job Description at VOC, located behind the former Tribal Bingo. For questions, call 828-497-9827. **5/15**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-034
Notice to Creditors and Debtors
of:

SIMPSON QUEEN, JR.

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the 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 PUBLICATION

Mary Wolfe
91 John Bull Mountain Rd
Cherokee NC, 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-017
Notice to Creditors and Debtors
of:

Mac Keith Owle

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

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

EARL THOMAS CARROLL

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

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



Employment Opportunities

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

- **Hairstylist and Nail Techs** - must have a current NC Cosmetology License

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

Apply in person or contact Angie Pugh at angieh@mandaraspa.com or 497-8550.



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

CBC - Cherokee Children's Home (CCH)
-2 FT Residential Counselors - \$30,000 - \$37,000 per year with benefits
-1 FT Over Night Residential Counselors - \$30,000 - \$37,000 per year with benefits
-1 PT Residential Counselors - \$14.00 - \$18.00 per hour without benefits

CBC - Child Development
AgeLink
-Food Service Worker - Cook - Agelink - \$18,000 - \$24,000 per year with benefits
-Behavioral Specialists - \$55,000 - \$67,500 per year with benefits
-(3) Teacher Positions - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits
-(2) Summer Intern (OJT) - \$7.50 per hour without benefits
Snowbird
-Teacher Position - \$30,000 - \$47,500 per year with benefits
-(2) Summer Intern (OJT) - \$7.50 per hour without benefits

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

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

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

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians

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

RE: Unclaimed Money

The following individuals have unclaimed money at the Cherokee Court. If your name or business is on this list, please come to the clerk's office at the Cherokee Court by June 10, 2024 and fill out the appropriate paperwork so that the monies can be returned to you: Anders, Jama; Arch, Treannie; Arneach, Jefferson; Blanton, Shannon; Brady, Dnaiel; Catt, Mattie; Cope, Sally; Crowe, Edward; George, Michael; Grady, Tatum; Halm, Christine; Hodock, Joshua; Honeycutt, Mark; Hornbuckle, Joniah; Keel, Aaron; King, Dalericka; Leonardo, Anthony; Lineberry, Jeffrey; Little, Joshua; Locust III, William; Martin, Mary; McCoy, Kyle; O'Donovan, Patrick; Owle Sr., Alfred; Owle, Leigh; Radford, Hunter; Ratcliff, David; Reed, Addie; Reed II, Gary; Riggins, Benjamin; Rivera, Domingo; Robinson, Derrick; Rodriguez, Rivera; Simpson, Sheryl; Smith, Adam; Smith, Heather; Smith,

Zackary; Thomas, Avery; Toineeta, Marlene; Tomas, Sergio; Vincint, Gregory; Welch Sr., James; Welch, Anthony; Welch, Thomas; Wolfe, Terry. **5/29**

Request for Proposals

Mobile Home Manufacturer

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

These bid packages can be picked up at the Qualla Housing Services Warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. The Warehouse is open Monday-Friday, from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. All bids/proposals must be submitted to the QHS Warehouse in a sealed envelope. The deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on 05/17/2024. Proposals received after this time and date will be rejected. Please be advised Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of all contracts. **5/15**

**EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE
Assignment of a Name for a New Road**

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


- The existing shared driveway providing access to 2093 and 2095 Wrights Creek Road shall be assigned the name Isaiah Drive

along with its eventual continuation.

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

RFQ Architectural Design

The Macon County School system is seeking RFQ(request for qualifications) for architectural design services for development of a wastewater treatment/septic system at the Nantahala School. The full request and timeline can be viewed on the Macon County Schools website at www.macon.k12.nc.us or you may call Mr. Todd Gibbs, Director of Auxiliary Services at 828.524.3314 extension 1029. **5/15**



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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ENGINEERING:

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

FINANCE

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25
Supply Warehouse Technician - \$19.66 - \$22.25
Medicaid Coordinator - \$22.76 - \$25.89

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child - \$58,332 - \$72,915
-\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Targeted Case Manager – Analenisgi - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Residential Technician – Women’s Home - \$17.12 - \$19.26
PTR Residential Technician – Men’s Home - \$17.12 - \$19.26
PTR Residential Technician – Kanvwotiyi (Female) \$17.12-
\$19.26
Inpatient Technician – FT and PTI - Analenisgi Inpatient-
\$17.12 - \$19.26
Medicated Assisted Treatment Program Supervisor - \$67,082
- \$83,852
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72
Behavioral Health RN – Kanvwotiyi - \$33.68 - \$38.68
Outpatient Nurse Supervisor – Analenisgi - \$36.56 - \$42.11
Peer Support Specialist – Analenisgi - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Behavioral Health Data Analyst - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Integrated Classroom Skill Builder - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Behavioral Health Nurse Manager - \$88,715 - \$110,894
Residential Technician – Kanvwotiyi - \$17.12 - \$19.26

OPERATIONS

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

MEDICAL

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

Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108
Hospitalist - Inpatient – Full Time - \$227,068 - \$283,835

NURSING

Case Management Support – Primary Care \$18.32 - \$20.67
Case Management Support – Complimentary Medicine -
\$18.32 - \$20.67
Certified Medical Assistant/ Licensed Practical Nurse –
Immediate Care Center \$21.13 - \$23.98 ***\$5,000 Hiring
Bonus for LPN**
Certified Nursing Assistant – Part Time Intermittent - ICC
\$17.12 – \$19.26
Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent – Emergency Room
\$33.68 - \$38.72
Registered Nurse – Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72
Registered Nurse - Inpatient \$31.06 - \$35.64 ***\$5,000 Hiring
Bonus (Night shift)**
Registered Nurse (30 Hours per week) – Emergency Room
\$33.68 - \$38.72
Specialty Services Registered Nurse – Procedure Suite -
\$33.68 – \$38.72
RN Care Manager – Primary Care \$31.06 - \$35.64
Diabetes Educator - \$31.06 - \$35.64
LPN – Primary Care \$21.13 - \$23.98

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)**
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

Tribal Option

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

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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



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

Closing Sunday, May 12, 2024

1. Maintenance Technician – Qualla Housing – Housing (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Case Aide – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour)
3. Supervisor – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$59,429 - \$74,287)
4. Clerk of Court/Probate Judge – Tribal Court – Judicial Branch (L15 \$59,429 - \$74,287)

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. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
17. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
18. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
19. Environmental Compliance Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
20. Education Tutor/Grades 3-5 – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)
21. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
22. Remember the Removal Bike Ride Group Fitness Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
23. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
24. NFP Nurse (Home Visitor) – Nurse Family Partnership – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
25. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
26. Rounds Tech/Operator – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
27. Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
28. Evidence Based Intervention Specialist – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
29. Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
30. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
31. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
32. Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
33. Information Technology Coordinator – Information Technology – Office of Information Technology (L13 \$48,738 - \$60,923)



Cherokee Indian Housing Division
is now accepting applications for:

Mold/ Asbestos Assessment & Remediation Program

Applications are being taken April 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024
(Limited Funding Available)

Pick up applications at the Main Office, 687 Acquoni Rd
Questions please contact Dama Owle at 828.359.6330.

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

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

- *Mold assessments and remediation
- *Heating/ Air conditioning repairs or replacement
- *Plumbing repairs
- *Electrical repairs
- *Window replacement
- *Roof repairs
- *Handicap accessibility
- *Deck repair
- *Hotel accommodations for individuals/families whose homes are being repaired

Income Guidelines

Person - 150% Income limit

- 1 - \$21,870
- 2 - \$29,580
- 3 - \$37,290
- 4 - \$45,000
- 5 - \$52,710
- 6 - \$60,420
- 7 - \$68,130
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865-974-4466



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THE GOOD STUFF



Basketball champs

Frybread Elite, members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, won the 16U division at the Insider Exposure Heritage Classic held in Cherokee, N.C. on April 27-28. Shown, left to right, are Draylin Ledford, Jack Jack Teesateskie, Bubba Moore, Brandon Blankenship, Zaynon Taylor, Ogana Swimmer, Alistayiganvvn Burgess, Kanelia Stephens, and Kaiden Cucumber. (Photo contributed)



Places at elite meet

Alaina French, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, recently placed second in the women's shot put event at the Hamline Elite Track meet in St. Paul, Minn. The meet is an invitation-only showcase of the top high school track and field athletes in the state of Minnesota. French put up a personal best throw of 39'8". (Photo contributed)



Long wins photography awards

Jacob Long, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, recently won the Jennie Ross Cobb Photography Award at the 53rd Annual Trail of Tears Art Show in Oklahoma. He won with "Waymaker" (shown in second photo). Long also took first place in the Photography/Digital Art category for "Sun Eater". You can visit the gallery at: <https://trailoftearsartshow.com/gallery/special-award/> (Photo contributed)



Perfect attendance for April 2024

The following students and teachers at New Kituwah Academy Early Childhood Program had perfect attendance for the month of April 2024. They are shown, left to right, back row - ᄆᄆᄆ - Tamara Sampson, ᄆᄆᄆ - Chelsea Murphy, ᄆᄆ - Livingston Lane; front row - ᄆᄆᄆ - Aria Neadeau, ᄆᄆᄆᄆ - Maggie Calhoun, ᄆᄆ - Joella Owle, ᄆᄆᄆ - Jabari Girty, ᄆᄆᄆᄆ - Cameron, ᄆᄆᄆᄆ - Jace Smith. Not Pictured - ᄆᄆ - Lana Bradley, ᄆᄆᄆ - Walela Bernal, and ᄆᄆᄆ - Embree Beck. (Photo courtesy of New Kituwah Academy Early Childhood)



Galaxy Cheer teams compete in Orlando

Galaxy Cheer sent their three competitive cheer teams to Orlando, Fla. on the weekend of April 26-28 to compete at The Open Prep and Rec Grand National event. The event was held inside the Universal Studios theme parks over the course of two days. Galaxy Celestial placed second in their division, Galaxy Aurora placed fourth in their division and Galaxy Elite placed seventh in their division. All three teams earned bids to attend this event during the regular season events held this year. (Photos contributed)

Galaxy Celestial (shown above) placed second in their division. They are shown, left to right, front row - Julie McCall, Danielle Gibson, Angela Rios, Gracelyn Shuler, Jessilyn Lambert, Vaelyn Owl; back row - Coach Ashley Gibson, Addi Wildcat, Shaylee Fuller, Emma Gibson, Coach Brittany Fuller, and Coach Tiffany Lambert



Galaxy Elite placed seventh in their division. They are shown, left to right, front row - Abby Adkins; middle row - Jayla Fuller, Bristol Brown, Lexi Allen, Aubree Barker, Alia Lambert; back row - Coach Brittany Fuller, Grace Hamilton, Madisyn Albury, Haiden Albury, Layla Stillwell, Alaya Fuller, and Coach Tiffany Lambert. Not pictured - Adia Frady and Loshi Frady

Galaxy Cheer is a competitive cheer program operated through Pirouettes Dance and Cheer Academy in Bryson City. The program consists of athletes from all the surrounding counties including the Qualla Boundary and accepts ages 3-18 years old. Team Placement day is scheduled for May 31. Info: Brittany (828)788-6058



Galaxy Aurora placed fourth in their division. They are shown, left to right, front row - Izzy Hamilton, Bella Frady, Nylah Drakeford, Ari Orr; back row - Coach Blake Godfrey, Deonna Butler, Texie Crisp, TaLeah Arch, Isabella Jenkins, Khloe Sequoyah, and Coach Caleigh Queen

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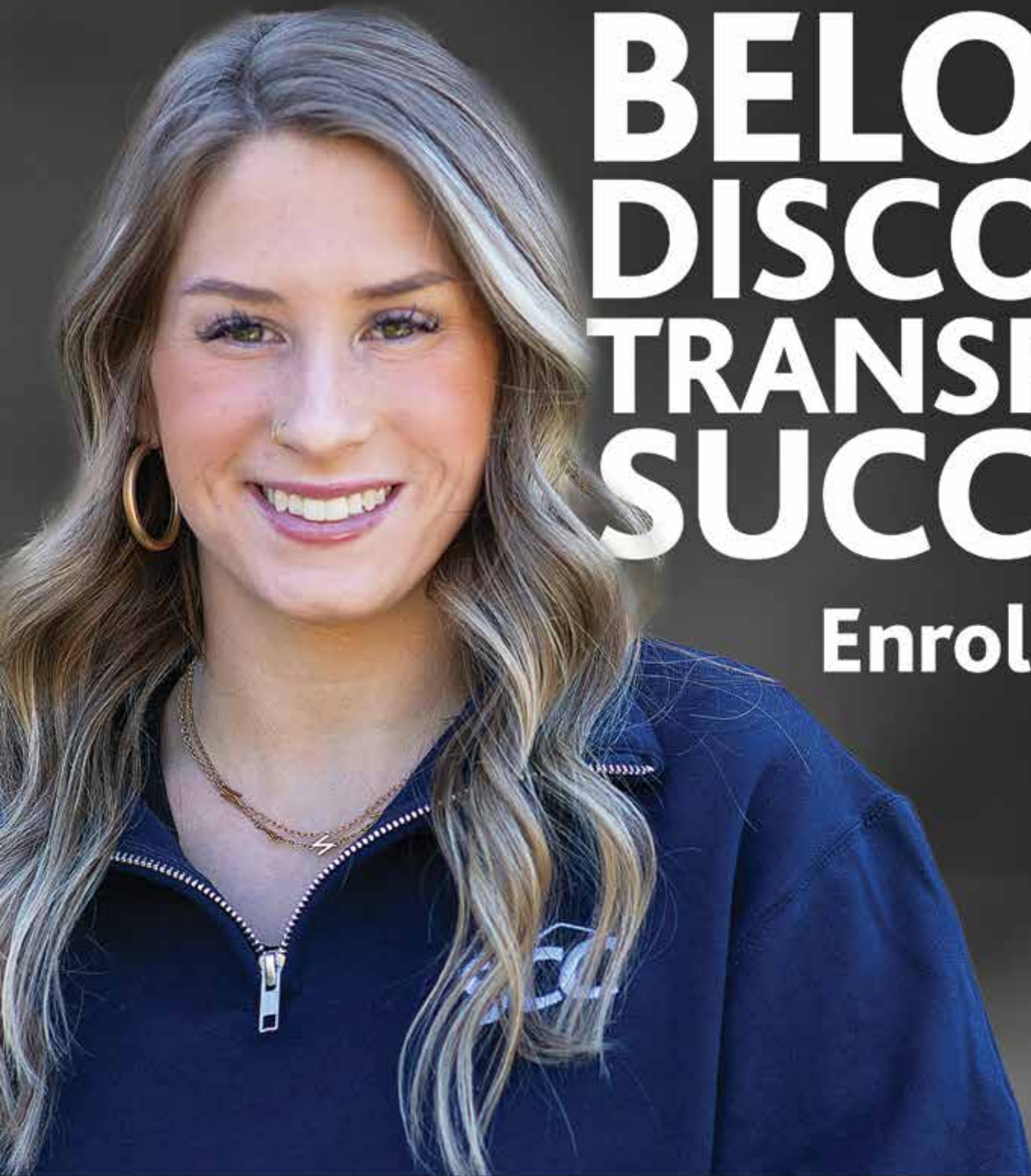
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