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# Ready for the new year

New Kituwah Academy prepares for 2024-25 school year

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—New Kituwah Academy (NKA), the early childhood to sixth grade Cherokee language immersion school in Cherokee, boasts several new enhancements for the 2024-25 school year. After years of development and work through the COVID-19 pandemic, NKA is excited to implement new learning tools for their students and staff beginning in August, including a Cherokee language library, STEAM lab, outdoor classroom, and more.



NKA Interns Natalie Bradley and Janna Girty utilize the new STEAM lab. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

The new library, filled with

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23rd Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby held,  
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NKA Cherokee language library to be named after the late Cherokee fluent speaker Garfield Axe-Long

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organized, translated materials, is to be named after the late Cherokee fluent speaker Garfield Axe-Long who worked for NKA since its inception. “[Garfield] translated a lot of the materials that are available. The speakers have contributed their language and knowledge to the resources that we are able to use for the kids, and this is just a way to easily access those resources and make them readily available to everybody within the program,” said NKA Elementary Principal Crystal Carpenter.

“The best way that I can describe this room is just your regular library system, but it includes the translated materials that we are able to use in the classrooms. We’re able to track the materials, align it with our curriculum to show where those materials are most age appropriate, and then teachers and staff can come in and find what they need.”

The room will also include a digital component with online resources for teachers to utilize in their classrooms. Carpenter credits NKA Curriculum Developer Hartwell Francis with much of the room, including the digital component. “This is something that Hartwell has worked long and hard on. It’s been a labor of love for him for sure. The staff will have training this week on how to access these materials and then it will be ready to open on the first student day.

This is something that’s been probably two years in the making,” she said.

“I just think it’s fascinating that you can come in here and you can search and find a book written by a speaker, read by a speaker, and use it in your classroom to support the future speakers. I think that’s the whole point for me.”

NKA will also be implementing an outdoor classroom for experiential learning, as well as a science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) lab in the old Speakers Building.

NKA-Elementary also recently received their Cognia Reaccreditation, an international school accreditation, which the school last earned in 2015.

NKA Early Childhood recently earned a Four-Star Child-Care License from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Development and Early Education. The rigorous process included evaluations of staff education and program standards.

“Earning our four-star rating was a lot of hard work with all the teachers in the classroom, the Family Partnership Lead Teacher Michelle Long, and myself. It’s been years in the making to get ready for this,” said NKA Early Childhood Supervisor Tavish Lambert Brown.

NKA is excited for the upcoming school year and to share new improvements with their staff and students.

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# New Kituwah Academy-Elementary earns Cognia Reaccreditation

CHEROKEE, N.C.—New Kituwah Academy-Elementary announced today that it has earned Cognia® Reaccreditation. Cognia is a nonprofit organization that provides quality assurance for schools, school districts, and education service providers.

Cognia, formerly AdvancED, nationally recognizes schools that meet rigorous standards focused on productive learning environments, equitable resource allocation that meets the needs of learners, and effective leadership. Earning accreditation from the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission means that the school is accredited, and that New Kituwah Academy-Elementary is recognized across the nation as a school that meets Cognia Performance Standards and maintains a commitment to continuous improvement.

“School accreditation as conferred by the Cognia Global Accreditation Commission provides New Kituwah Academy-Elementary a nationally recognized mark of quality for our school,” shared Kylie Shuler. “It demonstrates to our community our commitment to excellence, our openness to external review and feedback, and our desire to be the best we can be on behalf of the students we serve.”

To earn Cognia accreditation, a school district also must implement a continuous process of improvement and submit to internal and external review. Schools in good standing can maintain their accreditation for a six-year term.

Dr. Mark A. Elgart, president and chief executive officer of Cognia, stated, “Cognia Accreditation is a rigorous process that focuses the entire school and its

community on the primary goal of preparing lifelong learners in engaging environments where all students can flourish. New Kituwah Academy-Elementary is to be commended for demonstrating that it has met high standards, is making progress on key indicators that impact student learning.”

Cognia is the parent organization of the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI), Northwest Accreditation Commission (NWAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI). Parents and interested community members can learn more about the Cognia Accreditation at [cognia.org](http://cognia.org)

Cognia offers accreditation and certification, assessment, professional learning, and improvement services to institutions and other education providers. The result of the merger of AdvancED and Measured Progress, Cognia was formed to bridge the gap between school evaluation and student assessment. As a global nonprofit working in 90 countries, our 40,000 institutions serve and support nearly 17 million students and 800 thousand educators every day. Cognia serves as trusted partner in advancing learning for all. Find out more at [cognia.org](http://cognia.org).

New Kituwah Academy provides a nurturing learning environment where students, staff, families and the community work in partnership to rekindle our language and to instill pride in being “Kituwah First”. New Kituwah Academy first received AdvancED (now Cognia) Accreditation in January of 2015.

NKA officials noted, “As the

cultural and Cherokee language campus for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, New Kituwah Academy Language Program will teach and guide our youth to completely embrace our near extinct Cherokee language and the traditional ways of our ancestors, which will instill a deeper sense of pride and renewed sense of determination to be successful. Our students will have the knowledge to translate traditional skills and Cherokee lifeways that have helped the tribe persevere through many periods of hardships over the centuries. These skills will foster stronger individuals, a stronger sense of community, and an embracement of modern ways, without giving up tribal sovereignty or tradition.”

The preservation of our heritage language and traditions, strengthens the seven distinct Cherokee communities. Through the relationships, education and mentoring between our elders and teachers our students will exemplify the purest form of leadership. They will be “Kituwah First” leaders who are invested in the community and model enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, guiding the tribe into the future.”

New Kituwah Academy would like to thank EBCI tribal administration, Educational administration, speakers, NKA staff, students and families for their support and hard work in earning this esteemed honor. We would also like to thank your many community partners for their support and resources that so enrich the experiences of the students and families that we serve.

• *New Kituwah Academy Release*



## Moments in time

• On **Aug. 19, 1967**, the Soviet Union’s communist newspaper, Pravda, accused China of making attacks on the Soviet embassy in Peking and straining relations between Russia and China, claiming that, “Literally not a single day passes without a malicious invention about the Soviet Union.”

• On **Aug. 20, 1959**, actor Hugh O’Brian met his idol, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, in Africa at the physician’s hospital after being ferried up the Ogooue River by natives with leprosy. Following that initial encounter, O’Brian referred to Schweitzer as “a living saint.” The 83-year-old doctor strongly urged the abolition of nuclear testing and war, and O’Brian returned to the U.S. with the same conviction.

• On **Aug. 21, 2006**, South Korea sent over \$230 million worth of humanitarian aid to North Korea after it was hit by severe flooding. North Korea claimed hundreds of people were killed or lost as a result, but South Korean aid agencies believed the number was more likely around 58,000. Seoul had suspended regular aid to the North because of Kim Jong Il’s missile tests, but elected to make this disaster a special exception.

• On **Aug. 22, 1948**, Belgium’s Charles Theodore Henri Antoine Meinrad acted as regent of the kingdom on behalf of his exiled brother, Leopold, who was exiled to Switzerland due to accusations of being too friendly with the Germans during Belgium’s occupation. Charles did not, however, move into the palace, nor did he access the 30 million Belgian francs that he was entitled to as king, seldom even leaving his own apartments and maintaining a low profile.

• On **Aug. 23, 1926**, silent film heartthrob Rudolph Valentino died at just 31 from complications following surgery for appendicitis and gastric ulcers.

• On **Aug. 24, 1814**, British troops led by General Robert Ross entered Washington, D.C., and burned down many public buildings, including the White House and the Capitol building.

• On **Aug. 25, 1992**, The Sun newspaper published a phone conversation with an unknown woman who may have been Britain’s Princess Diana, talking with an unknown man about her unhappy marriage. Thousands paid up to \$22 to listen to the full recording on a paid phone service.

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### SITE INSPECTION APPLICATION

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

### PROPERTY SURVEY, TRANSFER & RIGHT OF WAYS

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

### PRE-APPROVAL

#### PRE-QUALIFICATION

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

### INFRASTRUCTURE

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

### HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE

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

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

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

### CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands

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

### DPA funds – Off Trust Lands

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

### LOAN CLOSE

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

### –SITE PREP SCHEDULING

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

### SERVICES PROVIDED BY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW HOMES

- ☒ For qualified EBCI enrolled members residing on trust land, Infrastructure provides:
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## FACTORS IN CONSTRUCTING A HOME

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

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

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# Stop stacking: When a rock is more than a rock

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CHEROKEE, N.C.- In the heart of downtown Cherokee lies the Oconaluftee Island Park. Along the riverbanks, park visitors frequently build wading pools and stack rocks out of the water. These rock structures may seem harmless, but their environmental impact can't be ignored.

The Oconaluftee River is inhabited by a diverse ecosystem, and disturbing the rocks affects several aquatic species. The fish that live in the river depend on mayflies, stoneflies and caddisflies as a food source. These insects lay their eggs



A rock wading pool, approximately 12-feet wide constructed by visitors, is shown at the Oconaluftee Island Park. (MATTILYNN SNEED/One Feather photo)

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*Quote of the Week*

**“Do the right thing.”**

- Former Principal Chief Joyce Dugan at the Cherokee Women in Leadership panel held by 2023-24 Miss Cherokee Scarlett “Gigage” Guy

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on the bottoms of rocks. When the rocks are stacked above the water level, the eggs dry out, killing them and breaking the lifecycle. Fish are affected even more directly when the eggs they lay beneath the rocks are exposed to predators.

“The issue isn’t that a few kids are moving rocks, it’s that we’re next to the most visited national park in the country, and that park brings in 13 million people a year. Those millions of people result in thousands on the island. If it was just local Cherokee people doing it, it wouldn’t be that much of a problem. At the scale we’re seeing, it’s going to cause big eco system shifts, and we are concerned about that,” EBCI Fish and Wildlife Biologist Caleb Hickman said.

The eastern hell bender is another species negatively impacted by rock disturbance. This

salamander is listed as endangered by the National Park Service, and moving the rocks that they call home can kill them and expose their eggs to predators.

Signage at the Island Park informs fisherman of what to do if they catch a hellbender on their line, but there is no signage that informs visitors of how rock disruption affects the hellbenders and other wildlife. Michael LaVoi, the EBCI Natural Resources director, says they are collaborating with the Division of Commerce to erect signs informing visitors of why rock disturbance is detrimental.

While the Indian Mineral Leasing Act of 1938 makes it illegal for non-enrolled people to remove rocks from the Boundary, there are currently no ordinances that prevent people from disturbing the stones in the river. Hick-

man said he thinks an ordinance for Island Park visitors, such as the one that forbids the disturbance of river rocks in the Smoky Mountain National Park, would be beneficial to the health of the river. He went on to advise that people who wish to lend a hand in pre-

serving the watershed’s ecosystem should dismantle these structures and return the rocks to the water. “My other piece of advice to locals is to inform visitors who don’t know any better. Be good stewards, because it’s your watershed.



Source: frustratedgardener.com

**The Garden Bug**  
**Pots and hanging baskets**

If you have plants in pots or in hanging baskets, their regular watering and feeding is critical in hot weather – not only for their health in summer but also for a continuously pleasing display through autumn. By mid- to late summer, all of the nutrients will have been taken up or washed out, so some fertiliser sprinkled on the soil and a weekly liquid feed is needed. Insufficient watering may trigger plants to set seed, then curl up and die. If you are going away on vacation, move pots and baskets into a cool, sheltered position and water them thoroughly before you depart. – Brenda Weaver

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# MISSING

## Sharon Contreras

Hipanic/Latino/American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'7" Weight: 200 lbs

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Age: 26 Female

Date of last contact: July 1, 2024

Last Known Location: Carson City, Nevada

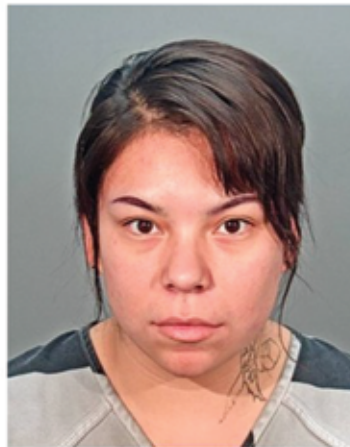
Circumstances of Disappearance: Sharon Contreras was last seen on 7/1/2024 around 2 pm when she received a ride to the courthouse.

The entering party stated that for the past 3 years Sharon has been living in Wyoming and has told him multiple times she wants to move back to Wyoming with her son at some point in the future.

Update 7/25/2024: Sharon returned their child to his father. Sharon left the area, according to the child’s father, possibly traveling to Idaho or Montana. Sharon has a long scar on her arm and was last seen wearing a brown tank top and dark shorts.

If you have seen or have information about Sharon Contreras contact Sgt. Brett Bindley, Carson City Sheriff’s Office (775) 887-2500.

Source: Namus.gov



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## Cherokee Boys Club Employee of the Month



## Jason Owle

Jason Owle has been employed with the Bus & Truck Department for 29 years this September. He drives a truck Monday through Friday, a lot of times on Saturday. He also works most Holidays, worked through Covid. Not only does he take loads of trash, but he also has a full-time bus route. Congratulations Jason for receiving Employee of the Month for July 2024.

# Planning Board holds July meeting

By MATTILYNN SNEED  
One Feather Intern Reporter

The Planning Board of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) met Tuesday, July 30 to hear monthly updates from Becky Bowe, the manager of EBCI Project Management Office. Commissioners in attendance included Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Chairman Mike Parker, Tsis-qwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Richard French, Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper, Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahnetah,



Rendering of the new Ceremonial Grounds Project (Images courtesy of EBCI Project Management)

## Hope in Revelation Meetings

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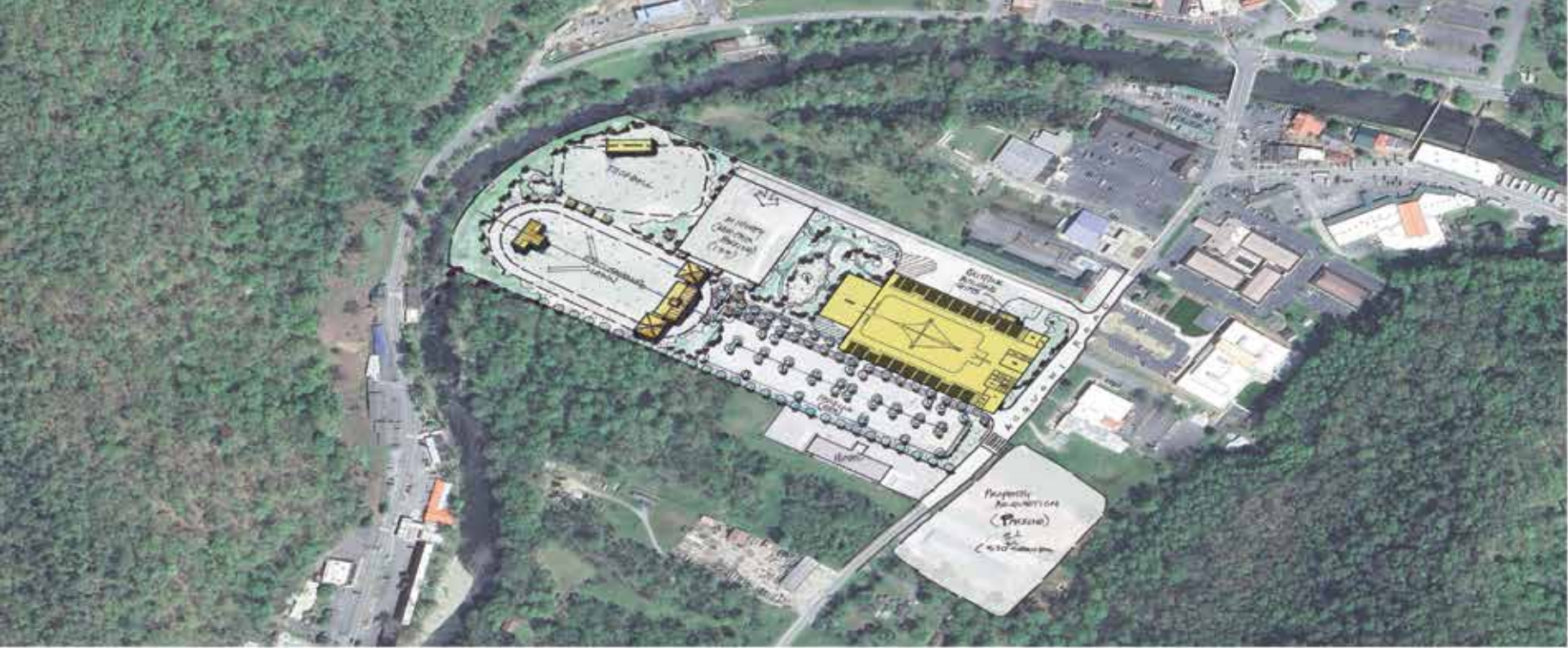
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EBCI Secretary of Commerce Sean Ross, Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B Ensley, Pat Oocumma, and Terri Henry.

Bowe began her presentation with an update on the Soco Falls trail renovations. Trail construction is complete, and the pedestrian bridge is scheduled to be completed next week. Bowe said the construction crew has experienced some delays due to frequent rain. The next step for the project will be improvements to the parking area. Project Management will issue a request for proposals as Tribal Construction does not have the manpower to complete the project themselves, Bowe said. The new trailhead and parking area are scheduled to open in the fall, weather permitting.

Bids opened for the Cherokee Post Office repairs and expansion July 16. Bowe said the bids were coming in a bit higher than what they had budgeted for, and Project Management is negotiating with the low bidder to get the cost closer to what was originally budgeted

for. Construction is set to begin in September 2024 and be completed April 2025.

The lot on Whitewater Drive that once housed a campground will become Riverview Greenspace. Current plans outline a walking trail, fishing platform, restrooms, and a playground. Construction Management is accepting submittals for a construction manager at risk to oversee the greenspace and the new Cherokee Indian Police Department Evidence Building. A contractor will be selected Aug 14. Construction should start on the greenspace in October 2024 with the evidence building following behind. The greenspace is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2025 and the evidence building in early 2026.

The downtown water feature project will not begin until after Labor Day to avoid disrupting local businesses and parking during the busy season. Tribal Construction will start the project with demolition and repair of any

damaged piping. A TERO contractor will complete the concrete work and installation of the water feature.

Construction Management had a work session July 1 to discuss options for the old high school sight, and the design phase is set to begin fall 2024. The current plan includes improvements to the existing football field, track, and stickball field, and new bathrooms. A 60,000 square foot multipurpose recreation building will be added, with 9 basketball courts, volleyball courts, and an equestrian ring. Bowes says the outdoor space is phase 1 and scheduled to be ready by next year's fair.

The Ceremonial Grounds project has seen some slowdowns due to the rainy summer, Bowes said. Designs are set to be completed November 2024. Construction should begin early next year, and completion is expected by late summer or early fall of 2025. Tom Wahnetah said he wanted to be sure that the landscape design for this project did not include any in-

vasive species of trees and shrubs. Bowes confirmed that this was taken into consideration during the planning process. She addressed a few other concerns, saying that the rendering was not the most recent version and a covered area for social dance and storage facilities were part of the plan.

Construction Management will start planning and designing for the John Crowe Sports Complex in September 2024. Part of the project will center around improving existing facilities, and part will address the possibility of expansion. Expansion would require the removal of a large hill on the property. Bowes said they are working with Jackson County and an outside firm to lay out project plans.

Other projects under Construction Management's oversight that Bowes says are starting soon are upgrades to the trout hatchery, and renovations at Cherokee Fire Stations 2 and 3.

# Cherokee Police Commission holds July meeting

By MATTILYNN SNEED

One Feather Intern Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.- The Cherokee Police Commission met at the Health and Human Services building July 26. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown). Commissioners in attendance were Vice Chairman Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanyvi, Big Cove), Secretary Anita Lossiah (At-Large), Frank Dunn (Wayohi, Wolfstown), Lisa Taylor (Aniwodihi, Painttown), Hillary Norville (Tutiya, Snowbird & Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.), and Kym Parker (Elawodi, Yellowhill). Others in attendance included attorney Cody White, Dallas Bennet of the Vice Chief's office, Kyle Efford, Dylan Bird, and Tanin Esquivel with Natural Resource Enforcement.

The meeting opened with a report from Dylan Bird with Natural Resource Enforcement. NRE issued 114 citations in the last three months, resulting in 118 charges, including 103 fishing or hunting violations, and nine traffic violations. Bird also reported that NRE has received several nuisance bear reports in recent months, and that they have ordered additional traps to help relocate the bears to less populated areas.

"There's not a lot we can do about it. They're wild animals and there's not many food sources out there for them right now," Bird

said. Bearproofing trashcans and ensuring no food is left out to attract them can help keep bears away.

Bird then raised the concern of local residents' complaints about tourists driving ATVs in restricted back country areas, and the need for better signage marking these areas as restricted. Cody White added that a proposal to amend the code regarding ATVs and ORVs was recently submitted to account for a loophole that allows state plated ATVs and ORVs to bypass Tribal permitting requirements. Under the amended code, drivers must obtain a Tribal permit to drive these vehicles on the Boundary. The hope is that the amended ordinance will simplify NRE's ability to enforce Tribal law regarding these vehicles. The amendment will be presented to Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Aug 5. The commission moved on to discussing the Cherokee Indian Police Department Monthly Report. Requests for a copy of the report was not met by press time. White commented that he was concerned about the rising trend of active probationers.

"373 people on active probation is a tremendous amount," White said.

Crowe said this number raises concerns over whether there are enough probation officers. The Probation Office is hiring another officer, but the ratio would still be about 100 probationers per officer, White said. The numbers of those requiring supervision by probation officers extends beyond those sentenced to probation and includes those in the pre-trial release program, the domestic violence monitoring program, alcohol monitors, and home confinement monitors. White went on to say it would be beneficial to make

representatives of agencies such as Tribal Employment Rights Office available to probationers at their check ins to aid in their rehabilitation process. "That way, we're not just monitoring them, We're also trying to facilitate them in getting jobs, getting housing, or whatever they need, because that's what hopefully will keep them from going back," White said.

Chairman Crowe said he would like to schedule a meeting with representatives from the relevant departments to connect them with the probation office to plan. White then informed the board that Bureau of Indian Affairs would be coming to tour the jail in the next week for the annual audit in compliance with the PL 93-638, Self-Governance Compacts. These contracts provide grants to tribal law enforcement and corrections facilities. Tribal officials will discuss amendments to the terms of the two contracts that EBCI had with BIA. White said he plans to ask them about the criteria for funding a trade skills training program to inmates, in addition to the GED program currently offered. Discussion moved on to cannabis enforcement, and White told the commissioners that there seems to be a common misunderstanding about the laws around growing marijuana at home. Though legal home growing was introduced to Dinilawigi, it did not pass. Growing marijuana at home is not legal. Community members are not being charged for growing marijuana plants, but they will be confiscated in compliance with current tribal law. The date for the dispensary opening to non-enrolled members has not been determined. A prerequisite to the dispensary's opening to the public is the development of a memo from the Tribal Court finalizing a fee schedule for

marijuana related tickets. Most of the tickets will be \$0-\$250 for minor infractions such as public use.

White updated the board on the status of memorandum of understanding agreements between the tribe and surrounding county law enforcement that would allow for more collaboration when responding to emergencies on the Boundary and in surrounding areas.

The board then went into a closed session. Disclosed matters discussed in closed session included radio updates and human trafficking signage legislation. This legislation would require signage provided by the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission that contains National Human Trafficking Resource hotline information to be displayed at locations such as businesses declared a public nuisance, hospitals and other medical facilities, transit stops, Cherokee High School, and all ABC permitted locations. Failure to comply with the ordinance would result in \$50 per day fine. All collected fines would be allocated to fund victims' rights initiatives. Hillary Norville said this ordinance is still in the process of being drafted and will go before Dinilawigi if the Police Commission votes to approve it.

The next meeting is set for Aug 8.



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## Murphy woman sentenced for trafficking fentanyl

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch announced that a Murphy woman received active time in prison recently after pleading guilty to trafficking fentanyl. Patricia Ann Waldroup, 37, will spend a minimum of 70 months up to a maximum of 93 months in the N.C. Department of Adult Correction, DA Welch said. Cherokee County Sheriff's Office Deputy Jake Stoddard, with assistance from Deputy Andrew Mansion, made the arrest on Oct. 16, 2022.

The deputies were attempting to serve an active warrant for Waldroup's arrest in Marble at a Canyon Road address.

A man at the residence both denied knowing Waldroup's location and claimed that he had not seen her recently. Deputy Stoddard, however, noticed a "female subject attempting to tip-toe behind a nearby shed," an incident report stated.

The deputies said Waldroup, found hiding behind the shed, pulled two plastic wrappers containing illegal drugs from beneath her shirt as they were cuffing her. In addition to active time, Cherokee County Superior Court Judge Tessa Sellers ordered Waldroup pay a \$50,000 state-mandated fine. She must also pay \$430.50 in court costs.

Assistant District Attorney John Hindsman prosecuted the case.

- Office of District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch release

## Murphy man sentenced in second-degree murder

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch announced last week that a Murphy man has

pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the death of Shirley McClure.

The district attorney said James Tyrone Smith, 59, was sentenced last week in Cherokee County Superior Court to serve a minimum of 317 months in prison up to a maximum of 393 months in prison.

A boyfriend of one of the 54-year-old woman's children discovered her body on Jan. 11, 2022. Family members went to McClure's Old Culberson Road, Murphy, home after not hearing from her for several days.

McClure died Jan. 7, 2022, in her home from ligature strangulation.

Cherokee County Sheriff's Office deputies viewed video from the day of the murder. They were able to identify Smith driving the victim's missing Nissan Rogue on the day of her murder.

After his arrest, Smith admitted to Chief Deputy Joe Wood that he had broken into McClure's home to steal various items. He said he killed McClure after being discovered.

Superior Court Judge Tessa Sellers presided over the court plea. Assistant District Attorney John Hindsman Jr. prosecuted the case.

- Office of District Attorney Hornsby Welch release

## CIPD Arrest Report for July 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 inno-*

*cent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at [theonefeather.com](http://theonefeather.com).*

Estressla-Aguiera, Luis Rafael – age 24  
Arrested: July 22  
Released: July 23  
Charges: Domestic Criminal Trespass, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Casey, Clayton James – age 47  
Arrested: July 23  
Released: July 23  
Charges: Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Janes, Jesse Levi – age 41  
Arrested: July 24  
Released: July 25  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Martin, Julian – age 23  
Arrested: July 24  
Released: Not released as of report date (July 29)  
Charges: Non-Compliance with Wellness Court

Primero, Rosa Maria – age 21  
Arrested: July 24  
Released: July 25  
Charges: Filing a False Emergency Report

George, Kayla – age 30  
Arrested: July 25  
Released: Not released as of report date (July 29)  
Charges: Order for Arrest (two counts)

Morton Jr., Tony Ray – age 25  
Arrested: July 25  
Released: July 25  
Charges: Grand Larceny

Wolfe, Terrance Russell – age 26  
Arrested: July 25  
Released: Not released as of report

date (July 29)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Primero, Rosa Maria – age 21  
Arrested: July 26  
Released: Not released as of report date (July 29)  
Charges: Filing a False Emergency Report

Ramirez, Lorenzo – age 22  
Arrested: July 26  
Released: July 26  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Tenreiro, Ian Joseph – age 39  
Arrested: July 26  
Released: July 26  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Smith, Khristy Kenya – age 42  
Arrested: July 27  
Released: July 27  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Teesateskie, Uktena – age 53  
Arrested: July 28  
Released: Not released as of report date (July 29)  
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

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# Fishing Fun

These photos are from the 23rd Annual Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby on the morning of Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. Officials related that over 1,400 children registered for the event.

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather



Several small "ponds" were set up under tarps for the younger anglers to have fun.



Kensen Davis, left, manned a hook and sinker tie-on help station and a weigh-in station along with his father, Kenny Davis.



Micah Suttles, age 5, from Morganton, N.C.



Bella Frady, age 8, from Kolanvyi (Big Cove), is shown with her brother, Jonathan Frady.



Avery Owle, age 8, from Kolanvyi (Big Cove), is shown with his father, Mario Esquivel.



Andrew Oocumma, EBCI Destination Marketing director, calls a raffle number. He served as emcee for the event.



The Hill Family from Kolanvyi (Big Cove) is shown - Nicholas Hill, Moxon Hill, Tsiya Hill, Chasity Hill, and baby Jesse Hill



The Oconaluftee River was full all morning with young anglers.



Rylan Chavis, age 9, from Maxton, N.C., is shown with his father, Ron Chavis.

## EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Big Cove to celebrate Historic Mask Making with event

The Big Cove Community Club will host a reception for “Behind the Mask: Cherokee Mask Makers and Their Legacy”, an exhibition celebrating early 20th century mask makers from Big Cove. The exhibition will be held Aug. 17 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Big Cove Community Center at 8765 Big Cove Rd. in Cherokee, N.C.

The exhibition began with the idea to acknowledge the cultural impact of Will West Long and his contemporaries. A significant historical figure, Long dedicated his life to preserving and sharing his love and respect for Cherokee culture and craft. Others featured in the exhibition besides Long include his friend Deliski Climbing Bear, Long’s brother Lawyer Calhoun, and Long’s son Allen Long. The showcase consists of informational panels featuring photographs of Big Cove mask makers and their masks. The exhibition’s aim was to plant a seed in the minds of younger and older individuals alike in order to appreciate the history of Cherokee artifacts and culture and continue to let them grow into the future.

The exhibition originally opened in March 2023 with a run through June. On display at the

Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center, the location was chosen because it serves as both a school resource and a community center. The center housed the exhibition, two school learning opportunities, and a cultural event. Josh Adams, wood carving teacher at Cherokee Central Schools, taught after school classes on traditional wood mask making techniques in the style of Will West Long. Lori Reed, Arts and Crafts teacher at Cherokee Central Schools, brought her class to view mixed media artist Laura Walkingstick create clay masks. The two-day cultural event—Days of Culture—brought together local artisans of various crafts to showcase traditional methods and techniques used in Cherokee craft making.

Info: Venita Wolfe (505) 313-9635

- *Special to the One Feather*

### August is National Immunization Awareness Month

Submitted by Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

*Note: In partnership with the Cherokee One Feather, EBCI Tribal Option is launching a new column in the first edition of every month to raise awareness around health campaigns and priorities impacting members of the East-*

*ern Band of the Cherokee Indians.*

August marks Immunization Awareness Month, a national health observance practiced by EBCI Tribal Option to advocate for protecting patients of all ages against immunization-preventable diseases through regular immunization. This observance is integrated into Tribal Option’s “Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well” campaign as it encourages the wellness of each patient and their community.

With back to school coming up, it is important to be aware of what routine immunizations may be required for children for their return to school or for any sports they may play. Doing so can prevent your children and their peers from getting and spreading immunization-preventable illnesses.

Catching up on routine immunizations is imperative for individuals of all ages, including adults and infants. For adults, it is recommended to receive the influenza vaccine yearly and ensure they are not due for any other vaccinations that wear off from childhood over time. Immunizations are crucial for infants as they can provide protection from life-threatening diseases before exposure and strengthen their immune systems.

The World Health Organization has recently estimated that immunization prevents about 3.5-5 million deaths per year from life-threatening diseases.

It is encouraged that you talk to your physician about any routine immunizations that you and your children may need, especially as the back-to-school season approaches.

This August let’s ensure the safety of ourselves, our loved ones, and our community by catching up on routine immunizations so we can continue to “Eat Well, Stay Well, and Play Well” together, while preventing the risk of spreading these preventable illnesses. We wish you and your family a great transition back to school!

The CDC has created recommended schedules for childhood immunizations that are linked below. However, it is to be used as a general guideline for scheduling immunizations; it is recommended to speak with your physician before receiving immunizations to ensure which are needed.

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## EBCI CONSTITUTION

Constitutional Delegates Executive Committee: Michael Parker (Chairperson), Michael Stamper (Vice Chairperson), Pam Straughn (Recorder), and Randall Crowe (Delegate back-up Recorder), Lloyd Arneach (Treasurer/Archivist)

Constitutional Delegate meeting is  
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## OBITUARIES Jh̄n̄FR

### Gregory Allan Panther

Gregory Allan Panther, age 58, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024 at his residence surrounded by his Family. He is the son of Reginald Long and Katherine "Nora" Panther.

He is survived by his daughter, ShaShoni Panther of Cherokee, N.C.; sisters, Gail Panther and Sarita Panther; and many aunts, uncles and other family members also survive.

Greg had many years of service with the Cherokee Boys Club and Cherokee Central Schools. He enjoyed wood carving, art, dancing in pow wows, drumming, drives to Tennessee, and he was a fan of the Carolina Panthers.

A formal funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 30 in the

chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Burial was in the Charles Wolfe Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### Larry Douglas Armachain Jr.

Larry Douglas Armachain Jr., 42, of Cherokee passed away July 28, 2024, after an extended illness. He was born Jan. 31, 1982, to the late Larry Armachain and Pearl Wolfe. He was a crafter who was very adept at carving, and beadwork.

In addition to his father, he is preceded in death by three siblings, Kassie Driver, Cody DeCoteau, and Keith Littlewolf Armachain; paternal grandparents, Ned Hill and Stacy Armachain; maternal grandparents, Eli and Irene

Wolfe; and an uncle, Glenn Wolfe. He is survived by his sons, Casey Armachain and Wesley Jordan Wildcatt; his mother, Pearl Wolfe; one grandchild, Tonoli Tushka; an uncle, Robert Runningwolfe; two aunts, Mary Lambert, Berdina Salazar; nieces and nephews, Tristen, Kitty, Izzy, Timothy, Alex, and J-Bo; special cousins, Jr. Wachacha, Jamie Walkingstick, Jeff Frady; and a host of nieces nephews and extended family.

Pallbearers will be Timothy Lossie, Alexzaya Lossie, Raven Trampler, Reno Wachacha, Joshua Bushyhead, Valentine Villagomez, Casey Armachain, and Wesley Wildcatt.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, Aug. 1 at the Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. Pastor Anne French officiated the services. Burial followed at the Wolfe Family Cemetery.

### Rose Marie McCullough

Rose Marie McCullough, 69, of Cherokee, passed away on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C., after a period of declining health.

Mrs. McCullough was a native of Cherokee, N.C., and had previously lived in Chicago, Il., before returning to her home in Cherokee. She was the daughter of the late McKenley and Susie Wachacha Reed. Mrs. McCullough had worked as an executive secretary with Harrah's Casino and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. She was also involved in coaching girls' youth leagues and basketball in Cherokee and participated in the Cherokee Senior Games. In addition to her parents, Mrs. McCullough was predeceased by two brothers and a sister.

Rose is survived by her husband, Charlie Robert McCullough, who resides at their home. Her three daughters also survive her: Jackie Rattler of Cherokee, N.C., Ashley Rodriguez and Michelle Holland, both of Murphy, N.C., and her sister Carolyn Chekelelee of Robinsville, N.C. Thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive. Long House Funeral Home, 407 Wolftown Rd Cherokee, NC 28719, (828) 497-1408. is assisting the family with arrangements.

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**Camp Scott**

In May 1838, volunteer troops from Macon County, North Carolina, established Camp Scott as a temporary base to support the capture of Cherokees from isolated communities in the Nantahala River Valley. These militia sent most of the detainees to Fort Butler (present-day Murphy) and, from there, to deportation camps in Tennessee. At the end of June, however, the volunteers' terms of service ended. When the soldiers dispersed, they left behind 30 to 40 Cherokee prisoners. Most of these Cherokees fled into the mountains, where they joined other fugitives. After removal, they joined the Cherokee communities at Qualla Town and Sand Town, helping to form the nucleus of the present-day Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Source: North Carolina Trail of Tears Association

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Bus No./ Driver	Morning Run	Afternoon Run	Bus No./ Driver	Morning Run	Afternoon Run
Bus 1 Richard Wiggins 6:45am Middle/High	1. Old Gap Road 2. Happy Holiday 3. Us-19 Main Road 4. Long Branch 5. Old Mission Rd 6. Hoot Owl Cove 7. Old River Road	1. Old River Road 2. EOC if Necessary 3. Olivet Rd 4. Old Mission to Hwy 19 5. Long Brach 6. Us-19 Main Road 7. Happy Holiday 8. Old Gap Road	Bus 12 Chantele Lossiah 6:30am Elementary/Middle/High	1. Galamore Rd 2. Soggy Hill 3. Big Cove Rd from Soggy Hill to Mingo Rd 4. Mingo Rd 5. Big Cove Main Rd from Mingo Rd to Sherrill Cove	1. Big Cove Main Rd from CCSS to Sherrill Cove 2. Mingo Road 3. Big Cove Main Road from Mingo to Soggy Hill 4. Soggy Hill 5. Galamore Rd
Bus 2 Agelink	No Morning Run	1. CCSS to Agelink	Bus 13 Bob Price 6:45am Elementary	1. All of Adams Creek	1. All of Adams Creek
Bus 3 Randy Lossiah 6:45am Elementary	1. Bradley Loop 2. Macadonia Rd 3. Don Craig Rd 4. Lucy Long Rd 5. Old Gap Rd 6. Standingdeer Rd	1. Wendys main road 2. Standingdeer Rd 3. Old Gap Rd 4. Lucy Long Rd 5. Don Craig Rd 6. Macadonia Rd 7. Bradley Loop	Bus 14 Jason Littlejohn 6:20am Elementary/Middle/High	1. Us 74- Gateway to Barker's Creek 2. Beck Branch & Adventure Trail Campground 3. Fergusons to Olivet Rd 4. Hoot Owl & Lizzie Cucumber Rd 5. Old Mission	1. Old Mission Project 2. Hoot Owl & Lizzie Cucumber Rd 3. Adventure Trails Campground 4. Beck Branch to Barker's Creek
Bus 4 Sam Crowe 6:25am Elementary	1. Wrights Creek Main Rd 2. Joe Bradley 3. Bradley Branch 4. Booger Branch 5. Bigwitch Church 6. Mink Branch 7. Swimmer Branch 8. Tooni Branch	1. Crowes Barber Shop 2. Burger King 3. Tooni Branch 4. Swimmer Branch 5. Mink Branch 6. Bigwitch Church 7. Bluewing Church 8. Wrights Creek Main Rd 9. Joe Bradley	Bus 15 Aaron Tuttle 6:45am Elementary	1. Lambert Branch 2. Hospital 3. Yellowhill Turn at Switch Back Peavine 4. CBC Loop by Age Link 5. Catolster Johnson Rd 6. Grassy Branch	1. Grassy Branch 2. Catolster Johnson Rd 3. NKA if needed 4. Lambert Branch 5. Hospital 6. Womens Wellness 7. Tribal Offices 8. Yellowhill 9. CBC Loop Age Link 10. Acquoni Rd
Bus 5 Mitch Phillips 6:40am Middle/High	1. Washingtons Creek 2. Bluewing Upper & Lower 3. Bradley Loop 4. Macadonia Rd 5. Don Craig Rd 6. Lucy Long Rd 7. Standingdeer Rd 8. Main Rd to bridge 9. Crowes Barbershop	1. Wendys main Rd 2. Standingdeer 3. Lucy Long Rd 4. Don Craig Rd 5. Macadonia Rd 6. Bradley Loop 7. Washingtons Creek 8. Blue Wing Upper & Lower	Bus 16 Monk Walkingstick 6:40am Elementary	1. Owl Branch 2. Kate Lambert 3. Mccoy Branch 4. Cross Bridge at Jenkins to Lower Old #4 5. White Water Dr	1. White Water 2. All of Old #4 3. Cross Bridge at Jenkins to Mccoy Branch 4. Kate Lambert 5. Owl Branch
Bus 6 Candi Teesatuskie 6:40am Elementary	1. Old Soco Rd 2. Hyatt Cove Back Down to Rough Branch 3. Soco Hwy (Church of God) 4. Stillwell Branch	1. Stillwell Branch 2. Hyatt Cove Back Down to Rough Branch 3. Old Soco Rd	Bus 17 Jody Saunooke 6:25am Middle/High	1. Wrights Creek Main Rd 2. Joe Bradley 3. Bradley Branch 4. Booger Branch 5. Bigwitch Church 6. Mink Branch 7. Swimmer Branch 8. Tooni Branch	1. Crowes Barber Shop 2. Burger King 3. Tooni Branch 4. Swimmer Branch 5. Mink Branch 6. Bigwitch Church 7. Bluewing Church 8. Wrights Creek Main Rd 9. Joe Bradley
Bus 7 Tim Swayney 6:30am Elementary	1. Washingtons Creek 2. Blue Wing Upper & Lower 3. Happy Holiday 4. Long Branch 5. Old Mission 6. Old River Rd	1. Old River Rd 2. EOC if necessary 3. Olivet 4. Old Mission 5. Long Branch 6. Washingtons Creek 7. Blue Wing Upper & Lower 8. Happy Holiday 9. Town Houses (just above Long Branch)	Bus 18 Chad Swayney 6:30am Elementary/Middle/High	10. Hwy 441 from Old Mill to Hwy 74 11. Union Hill Rd 12. Conley's Creek Rd to Gold Course 13. Ollie Jumper Rd 14. 3200 Acre tract 15. Walker Woody Rd- Cross Governor's Island Bridge 16. Hwy 19 & both SAFE Houses 17. Bertha Saunooke Heights 18. Main Highway to School	1. Birdtown Main Hwy to Bertha Saunooke Heights 2. Bertha Saunooke Heights 3. Hwy 19 & both SAFE Houses 4. Governor's island Bridge - Walker Woody Rd 5. 3200 Acre tract 6. Ollie Jumper 7. Conley's Creek to Golf Course 8. Union Hill 9. From Hwy 441 to Old Mill
Bus 8 Sherry Wachacha 6:40am Middle/High	1. All of Adams Creek	1. All of Adams Creek	Bus 19 Montel Presley 6:40am Elementary	1. Coopers Creek 2. Dewitt Owle Rd 3. Wagon Wheel Gap Rd 4. Locust Branch 5. Rec Park Rd 6. Fisher Branch Wildcatt's 7. Sam Brady 8. Kallup Mccoy 9. Project & everything on the Main Rd	1. Main Rd to Fisher Branch Rd 2. Project 3. Kallup Mccoy 4. Brady Rd Turn at Wildcatt's 5. Rec Park 6. Locust Branch 7. Wagon Wheel 8. Dewitt Owle 9. Cooper's Creek
Bus 9 Scott Cody 6:15am Middle/High	1. Hyatt Cove Rd 2. Rough Branch (J Bradley Dr, G Crowe Dr, turn at entrance to J Crowe Dr to June's Loop) 3. Old Soco Rd 4. Soco Hwy from Hyatt Cove to Jenkins Creek 5. Stillwell Branch	1. Stillwell Branch 2. Soco Hwy 19 form Jenkins Creek to Rough Branch 3. Old Soco 4. Hyatt Cove Rd 5. Rough Branch			
Bus 10 Tony Oneal 6:40am Middle/High	1. Main Rd above Soggy Hill 2. Big Cove Loop 3. Driver Rd 4. Straight Fork 5. Soggy Hill	1. Main Rd from Soggy Hill 2. Straight Fork 3. Driver Rd 4. Big Cove Loop			
Bus 11 Jason Owle 6:30am Elementary	1. Main Rd above Soggy Hill 2. Straight Fork 3. Big Cove Loop 4. Driver Rd 5. Soggy Hill	1. Main Rd above Soggy Hill 2. Big Cove Loop 3. Driver Rd 4. Straight Fork			

# 2024-2025 Cherokee School Bus Route

Bus NO./Driver	Morning Runs	Afternoon Runs
Bus 20 Bill Reynolds 6:45am Middle/High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coopers Creek</li> <li>Dewitt Owle Rd</li> <li>Wagon Wheel Gap Rd</li> <li>Locust Branch</li> <li>Rec Park Rd</li> <li>Fisher Branch Wildcatt's</li> <li>Sam Brady</li> <li>Kallup Mccoy</li> <li>Project &amp; everything on the main RD</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Main Rd to Fisher Branch Rd</li> <li>Project</li> <li>Kallup Mccoy</li> <li>Brady Rd Turn at Wildcatt's</li> <li>Rec Park</li> <li>Locust Branch</li> <li>Wagon Wheel</li> <li>Dewitt Owle</li> <li>Cooper's Creek</li> </ol>
Bus 115 Michael Bradley 6:45am Middle/High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yellowhill Smith Rd (turn at switch back)</li> <li>Lambert Branch</li> <li>CBC Loop Age Link</li> <li>Acquoni Rd</li> <li>Catolster Johnson</li> <li>Grassy Branch</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grassy Branch</li> <li>Catolster Johnson</li> <li>Acquoni Rd</li> <li>CBC Loop Age Link</li> <li>Ginger Lynn Welch</li> <li>Yellowhill</li> <li>Hospital</li> <li>Womens Wellness</li> <li>Tribal Office</li> <li>Lambert Branch</li> <li>NKA</li> </ol>
Bus 116 Daniel Bowers 6:40am Middle/High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White Water</li> <li>Old #4</li> <li>Lydia Squirrell</li> <li>Cross Bridge to Mccoy Branch</li> <li>Kate Lambert Rd</li> <li>Owl Branch</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Owl Branch</li> <li>Kate Lambert Rd</li> <li>Mccoy Branch</li> <li>Cross Bridge to Lidia Squirrel</li> <li>Old #4</li> <li>White Water</li> </ol>
Van 70 Ray Mccoy Am & Pm	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tow String</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tow String</li> </ol>
Bus 50 Ricky Gibson 6:30am SPED Run	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Big Cove (Straight Fork, Bunches Creek, Galamore Rd)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Big Cove (Straight Fork, Bunches Creek, Galamore Rd)</li> </ol>
Bus 51 Mack Stanley 6:30am SPED Run	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BP Gas Station (Dillsboro)</li> <li>US-441(Gateway, Barker's Creek)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BP Gas Station (Dillsboro)</li> <li>US-441(Gateway, Barker's Creek)</li> </ol>
Bus 66 6:25am SPED Run	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soco</li> <li>Wrights Creek</li> <li>Birdtown</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soco</li> <li>Wrights Creek</li> <li>Birdtown</li> </ol>

These roads will come out to the Main Road Every Morning and Afternoon.

Bus 4 & 17 Dobson Ridge, Mink Branch and Blue Wing Church Road come to main road.

Bus 19 & 20 Kallup Mccoy & Sam Brady will need to come to Fisher Branch Rd.

Bus 15 & 115 Switch Back on Yellowhill

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## COMMENTARY

# Right focus

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

“It is very important to get out and educate for this upcoming election. We need to take a serious look at all candidates. Take the “D’s” (Democrat) and “R’s” (Republican) off the candidates. We must pick the person who best represents the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Not only EBCI but Indigenous people across the United States. We’ve got friends on both sides of the aisle. The Eastern Band is going to help the people who help us. We need to make that clear. The people who are running for seats in Raleigh. What these state groups are hanging their hats on is their state recognition that was received illegally or, at the least, unjustly. The Constitution of the United States provides that Congress is the only body that can give anyone recognition. We need to take these elections as seriously as we do our local elections here.”

- Bill Taylor, former Dinilawigi (Tribal Council Chairman) and current EBCI Governmental Affairs Liaison

Taylor presented his remarks at a recent Reports to Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) session. While it was unplanned, there was a glaring example of what Taylor was passing on to the community at that session. This candidate was asked about his position on

state-recognized tribes. Please keep in mind that this particular candidate is standing before Dinilawigi and the community via Channel 28 and Internet live streaming) to promote himself as the best choice to further the causes of the Eastern Band but ended his introduction with “I am eager to learn more about the Eastern Band of Cherokee. This is my first introduction to you.”

I, at first, thought he meant only that he hadn’t been “face-to-face” with us before. Also, keep in mind that we are less than 100 days from the America-wide general election.

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Representative Tom Wahnetah asked, “How much do you know about the Eastern Band?”

The candidate’s response, “What I understand is ‘dependent sovereign.’”

He thought that unspecified governments look upon the EBCI as more “dependent than sovereign”. And that there is, in his words, a “desire to be more sovereign”. He spoke about the “symbolism of Cherokee” built into local governmental buildings. And, having exhausted his knowledge of our tribe at that point, he stated, “I have to say I have a lot more to learn.” Indeed.

Rep. Wahnetah followed up. “What is your feeling on state-recognized tribes?”

The candidate, “I think state-recognized tribes as a sovereign entity. I think the entity should be sovereign and be able to go forward to the state and say this is what we are looking for. This is what we need your support to help with and expect that.”

Council Wahnetah replied, “We’re actually fighting against state-recognized because they are

not federally recognized. There are only 574 federally recognized tribes in the United States. And all these state-recognized tribes try to steal our sovereignty. They try to use our culture. Everything that real tribes should be getting, their getting eaten up by these state-recognized groups that claim to be Indians, but they aren’t.”

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Representative Perry Shell commented, “I think it would behoove you to learn more about our tribe, our culture, our position. I hope that you will learn more about that. I like your positions on a lot of issues, but I hope that you learn what our positions are, our relationships, our authority, what we have been empowered with to rule our people, and how that relates to other sovereigns.”

We must look at elections like they are critical to our future because that is the fact of the matter. Just a simple personal observation, but I do not want my representative to begin his representation of me by saying I need to do a lot of “on-the-job” training as they kick off their term. Looking at other critical need positions, would you feel comfortable with a surgeon doing a procedure on you saying, “I don’t know you or your condition very well, but I intend to learn as we get deeper into your surgery. I have a lot to learn.” I don’t know about you, but if I heard that, I wouldn’t be able to get away from that surgeon fast enough to look for another doctor. Similarly, I would not like to be represented in court by a lawyer who said to me, “I really haven’t had time to review the facts of your case and, truthfully your situation is not my main focus right now, but let’s get before the jury and do the best we can.”

When you are standing before a sovereign nation’s tribal leaders and the community, it is not the time to learn.

I also have concerns when anyone tells me that they don’t know much about me and what I stand for, but they will follow my guidance and support me all the way. If they don’t know much about me, how does this person know that they can stand behind who I am and what I say? Are they going to walk away from their personal beliefs and those of their party when mine don’t line up with theirs? I think not.

We have seen time after time with the Catawba issue, the Lumbee issue, and the cannabis issue, among others, how true and important Bill Taylor’s words are. Tribal support and voting should hinge on whether a candidate or party has taken the time to learn who we are, what our positions are, and what their commitment to support really is. We are not ignorant or savages. We are a people who have survived and thrived in the face of some steep odds. We are a strong people who have adapted and overcome. We persist. We are an intelligent people who value honesty and integrity. We are more than symbols. Taylor said we must vote on Cherokee values and support the values of all Indigenous people. Sounds like common sense for people in Indian Country, right?

We will live with the leadership we allow to be elected, be it tribal elections, national elections, state elections, or municipal. Pay attention to those who court your vote. Learn about them or you will be at their mercy at the polls. Go beyond their rhetoric. Find out what they really stand for. As Taylor inferred, go beyond the D or

the R beside their names. Candidates need to know their audience and their voter pool. They need to be able to express a genuine affinity to those they are seeking support from. And they need to be honest about the things they can support and those they cannot.

Let's be as serious about selecting our governance as we are about our health and our finances. You want someone who demonstrates that they know what they are doing. You want to know that they have thoroughly looked at your situation and position and

can expertly recommend and deliver the best options for you. These candidates will be vying for 2, 4, and 6-year elected seats, but the impact of your decision to put them there will last far into our future.

You may access the full video

of the Reports to Council session (July 31, 2024) at the EBCI Communications and Cherokee One Feather Facebook pages. The quotes in this commentary are not in context, so I encourage you to view the exchange in its entirety.

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# Noquisi Initiative addresses “Nikwasi” letter

Noquisi Initiative release

*(Editor’s Note: In the July 31 edition of the Smoky Mountain News, an opinion letter was published, written by Mr. Bob Scott, former mayor of Franklin, N.C. In Mr. Scott’s letter, he said, “Is anyone questioning Cherokee’s Chief Hicks who demanded the town turn over the deed to the Nikwasi Foundation?” In an April 7, 2014, article in the Cherokee Phoenix, reporter Brittney Parker provided an excerpt of Ugwiyuhi (Chief) Michell Hicks’s remarks during a March 3, 2014, in front of the Franklin Town Alderman. He said, “I make a simple request. Obviously, the Eastern Band feels, for many reasons, that the mound should be back in the name of the Eastern Band. I understand that may not be a simple task as it relates to the history of the mound and the responsibility of the town. One of the things that is important to us as a tribe is to make sure that we are at least part of the process of protecting these lands, these areas that are so rich from a spiritual and cultural perspective. I feel a true responsibility as a tribal leader. As requested by many of our tribal leaders, we want to do our best to do the right thing.”*

*At that meeting, Mr. Scott praised Ugwiyuhi Hicks at that time*

*for his position on mound preservation. “It was a productive meeting. Chief Hicks was most gracious, and I felt that after the meeting the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Franklin recognized that we each have a strong kinship to the mound.” It was near this time (2012-2014) that a separate group assembled for the preservation of the mound which would eventually become the Noquisi Initiative.*

*The One Feather reached out to the Initiative leadership for a response to other statements by Mr. Scott in his letter, primarily his feeling that projected up-grades, projected by the Noquisi Initiative, to the mound site had not been delivered, referring to a “scalped mound and an empty building on the property” when “a museum” and other amenities had been “promised”. Mr. Scott’s full letter to the editor is available at SMN.)*

**N**oquisiyi Mound in Franklin radiates the life of people who once farmed around its roots, resolved questions at its crest, and celebrated community in its shadow.

Noquisiyi is more than a place. It is a spirit. It is a pathway of continuity from past to present, and on to the future. If you stand quietly beside the Mound, you will feel it. If you are Kituwah (Cherokee), you are part of it.

Noquisi Initiative embraces its responsibility to this place. The Organization has made great advances in developing a leadership team that really represents the Mound. The Board of Directors represents a balance of Kituwah and non-indigenous people. The staff, too, is mixed. This gives the collective a chance to discuss

activities and responsibilities from a balanced perspective. This year, the Organization was fortunate to hire an enrolled EBCI member to take on the landscape management of the mound. At long last, a descendant is fostering the dreams of the ancestors at Noquisiyi.

Currently, Noquisi Initiative has developed a new Mound Stewardship Plan. It is in the process of being reviewed by Tribal Historic Preservation and the Town of Franklin. The new plan includes some additional protections and interpretive signs for people coming to the mound wanting to learn a lot more about the heritage and history of Noquisiyi.

In 2019, EBCI purchased a building adjacent to the Mound. It was spruced up and used for the Trail of Tears conference in 2023. Now, Noquisi Initiative is working with EBCI to help fulfill the dream of converting that building into a learning center named: “Gaduni Kanohesgi” by the EBCI Speakers Council.

It takes patience and persistence to design, secure approvals, fund, and construct a brand-new facility. Noquisi Initiative has maintained an unwavering effort toward that end.

Building intercultural awareness goes well beyond the Mound and so does Noquisi Initiative. The long-ago imagined, Cherokee Heritage Apple Orchard was installed along the greenway. There, young Junaluska, Cullasaga, and Horse apple trees along with Indian Cling Peach trees are growing strong to one day produce the same fresh fruits that have long been grown by Kituwah farmers.

A Cherokee Blueway trail is in development to help educate paddlers and fisher people about the Cherokee relationship to local rivers. The signs to be installed

have been beautifully designed by Buffalotown Designs with an emphasis on maintaining Cherokee culture while informing non-indigenous people.

Two new graduates of Dadiwonisi, the Robbinsville Cherokee language program, who work with Noquisi Initiative are diligently planning a celebration of Cherokee and Appalachian culture for the Strawberry Gap trail in Gerton. The “Ani & Waneï Cultural Fest” will be held on Sept. 22 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Big Barn Venue of Hickory Nut Gap Farm. Cherokee entertainers and vendors there will include Igali Puppets, Warriors of Anikituhwa, Jarrett Wildcat, and the EBCI Royalty. More information can be found at: [www.noquisiinitiative.org](http://www.noquisiinitiative.org).

All in all, Noquisi Initiative has grown well beyond the founders’ original dreams, and it has done so with care and sensitivity. The Board and Staff take time to observe the needs of building and maintaining a cultural bridge and then they initiate projects to keep that bridge firm and always open. It’s not always an easy task, but the commitment is relentless. Enrolled member Gina Myers shares, “As a new employee to the Noquisi Initiative team, I have been inspired by the heart behind Noquisi Initiative (NI). NI has several projects underway and we’re striving for even more. I see the true desire to fulfill our mission of preserving, protecting, and promoting Cherokee culture and heritage in each of them. As a second language learner I’m excited to have found a place where I can stay in the culture and be a part of uplifting our community.”

The Noquisi Initiative preserves, protects, and promotes culture and heritage in the original homelands of the Cherokee.

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# Tough choice

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

(excerpt from "Preacher Spurs", Christian Faith Publishing, Meadville, Pa., 2022)

Think of all those pursuits we have in life. Every one of us has them. We all wanted to do something, accomplish something, finish something, acquire something, or pursue a goal from the time we were small. WE WANT! We have structured our whole lives around the quest for something. Maybe it is to be happy. Perhaps it is to leave a legacy or accomplish a feat no one has ever done before. Maybe we want to pay off the car early. We can all name at least one, and we can name a few more if we think a bit. Do not get me wrong; these are not all bad; we place them in our priorities when things get messed up.

In Philippians 3:14, Paul writes, "I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Sometimes we must give up one pursuit because of priorities to press toward another quest. Those can be dilemmas that require thought and planning, and if we have wisdom, we pray about them."

Personal story – you have one, I am sure. I bought my first brand-new off-the-showroom-floor automobile. My wife and I had only been married for a few years with no kids, and we wanted to have fun while we were young and not tied down too much. We purchased a convertible sports car, and it was a beauty. We had more than one car already because we both worked, but we wanted this brand-new sports car, and we could afford it – if we bought it on

time. So, we got it, and we were doing great for a few years until we decided on another goal - kids and a family. Kids and sports cars with no back seats do not work too well. A decision was required, and the priority was family, not the sports cars. We could not afford another vehicle, and we were sure if we were going to have a family, we needed something that could haul us all and the stuff you must carry with being parents of a small child or two. So, we had to sell the sports car, and it broke our hearts. After we had the kids, though, we forgot all about the sports car. This story is a typical dilemma, and many people will identify with the circumstances.

Check out the priorities Moses set for his life. In Exodus 33, God is talking to Moses in verses 1-4, and He says concisely, I am keeping my promise to My people and their fathers before them. I want you to go into the promised land and take it. I will send an angel before you, and you will not have any problems with the people that live there. The land is yours as prom-

ised, but I am not going with you. In fact, in the following few verses, God says, if I went with you, I might just kill you all because you people make Me angry for all your sinfulness.

Moses and the people were sad about this announcement. Here they were about to go into the promised land. It had been their goal for 40 years, and when they were about to have it all, God said, go on, take it, but I am not going with you.

Moses cannot bear to hear it. To paraphrase verses 15-16, Moses says to God, if You do not go with us, do not take us there, because if You are not with us, how will Your people or I know we have Your grace and favor?

Moses got his priorities straight. Do you think that was a hard choice? He told God he would rather have Him and His grace than all the good life of milk and honey over the Jordan in the promised land. God was impressed by that choice. Paraphrasing verse 17, the Lord says to Moses, I will do what you ask because you

have my grace, and I know you by name.

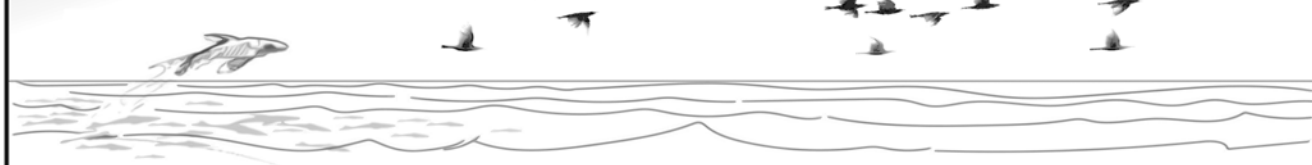
Wow, that is what I want. I want to have God give me His Grace and tell me He knows my name. Priorities. Answer this question. What is most important, this life in a land we are just passing through, or eternity with God? Tough choice. The same question is in front of each of us. Is it the world we want, or is it the grace of Jesus and life eternal? Again, tough choice.

Not so hard when you think about it, and you can make that choice today. You can draw near to God just like Moses did. It was easy to change God's mind to give Moses grace. All he had to do was choose the most significant thing in this life and the next, God. And God even gave us a straightforward way to do that. ASK! Call upon the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus. It says in John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life."



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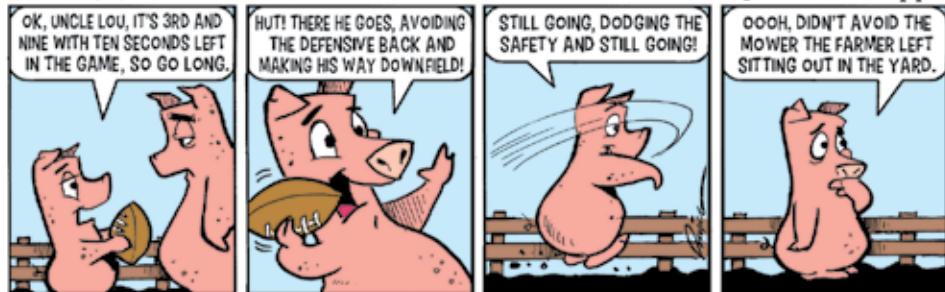
*So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth."* GENESIS 1: 21,22



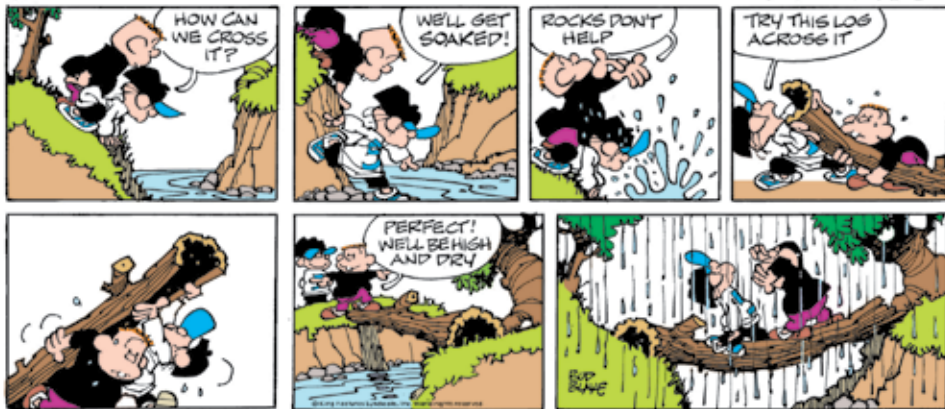
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# Amber Waves



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# The Spats



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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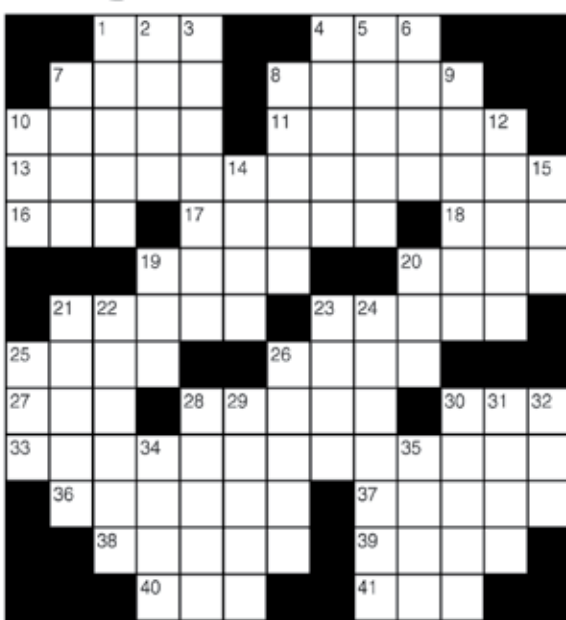
Differences: 1. The pattern is different. 2. Arm is not showing. 3. Cabinet is not as wide. 4. Table is not as long. 5. Curt is added to sleeve. 6. Plate is longer.

# by Dave T. Phipps

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 "Bow-wow!"
- 4 Dol. fractions
- 7 Ornamental jug
- 8 Ballet bends
- 10 Resident of Tabriz
- 11 Limber
- 13 Goes on
- 16 Sault — Marie
- 17 Quarterback Tom
- 18 La-la lead-in
- 19 Cat call
- 20 Antelope's playmate
- 21 Map feature
- 23 Goethe play
- 25 Thor's father
- 26 Sax range
- 27 Consumer protection agcy.
- 28 Ryan's daughter
- 30 Ninny
- 33 Refuses to answer
- 36 Italian ice cream
- 37 Paris school
- 38 Turkish coins
- 39 Modern money
- 40 Lith., once



- 41 Compass dir.
- 10 "— a deal!"
- 12 Heron's kin
- 14 Jog
- 15 Listener
- 17 ISP choice
- 18 Pair with an air
- 21 Luggage attachment
- 22 Jefferson's coin
- 23 Chimney part
- 24 Withdrawal charges
- 25 Frequently
- 26 A Musketeer
- 28 Despots
- 29 Perfume ingredient
- 30 Earlier, in verse
- 31 Normandy battle site
- 32 "Thar — blows!"
- 34 Yale students
- 35 Hosp. areas

## DOWN

- 1 Not dozing
- 2 Actress Russo
- 3 Thrown beach toy
- 4 Tipped off, with "in"
- 5 In one's cups
- 6 Aug. follower
- 7 Part of Q.E.D.
- 8 "Hogwash!"
- 9 Schedules

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU


Solution time: 24 mins.

# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MUSIC:** Which folk-rock group produced many of the songs in the movie "The Graduate"?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Which European capital is known as "The Eternal City"?
- LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin prefix "acri-" mean in English?
- TELEVISION:** Lenny and Squiggy are the annoying neighbors in which TV comedy?
- MONEY:** What is the basic currency in Guatemala?
- CARS:** What animal is found on the Porsche car logo?
- FOOD & DRINK:** Which country is associated with the soup dish pho?
- LITERATURE:** In which U.S. state is the novel "Their Eyes Were Watching God" set?
- MYTHOLOGY:** What is the home of the Greek gods called?
- AD SLOGANS:** What product is advertised with the slogan, "You're not you when you're hungry"?

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Trivia Test Answers:  
1. Simon & Garfunkel. 2. Rome, Italy. 3. "Sharp" (e.g., "acrimonious"). 4. "Lavigne & Shirley." 5. Quetzal. 6. A horse. 7. Vietnam. 8. Florida. 9. Mount Olympus. 10. Snickers candy bars.

Answers  
King Crossword

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## EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Cherokee Central School Back to School Bash.** Aug. 8. Cherokee Elementary School 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Cherokee Middle School and Cherokee High School 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Oconaluftee Job Corps' 60th Anniversary Open House.** Aug. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (OJCCCC) at 502 Job Corps Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. The event, part of a nationwide initiative, aims to celebrate the accomplishments of current students and alumni, while also connecting them with workforce opportunities. Attendees will be able to take tours of the campus

and view demonstrations on areas of vocational and educational studies.

**Splish Splash Shopping Bash.** Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Lunch by Melishia and lots of vendors. Info: Denise Walkingstick (828) 508-2211

**Back to School Party hosted by EBCI Family Safety.** Aug. 10 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the old Cherokee High School site in Cherokee, N.C. Food trucks, activities, support and learning activities to foster healthy homes. Info: Family Safety (828) 359-1507

**Film screening of "Nature's Wisdom Thru Native Eyes".** Aug. 19 at the Mountainside Theatre in Cherokee, N.C. The movie features several members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and is being presented by the Cherokee Historical Association and the Center for Cultural Preservation. The event will include an art market, dance demonstration, and a panel of special guests. The event is a fundraiser for both organizations. Tickets can be purchased at: <https://cherokeehistorical.org/special-event-film-screening/>

**Confluence: An Indigenous**

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

**Cherokee Indian Fair.** Oct. 1-5 at 1441 Acquoni Road (old Cherokee High School site) in Cherokee,

N.C. Info: (828) 788-1708

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

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

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

## EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS

**Cherokee Storytellers** meet the fourth Tuesday of every month from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ray Kinsland Leadership building in Cherokee, N.C. All ages are wel-

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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**Coco Saunooke, a Chocolate Boykin Spaniel, lives in Elawodi (Yellowhill) with her humans Richard and Linda Saunooke.**

She loves to greet visitors to her home and give them high fives when they leave.



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come. The group shares stories and resources.

**Cherokee storytelling and Cherokee history** in the Snowbird Community Library at 60 Snowbird School Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C., every fourth Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All ages are welcome.

### TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

**Enrollment Committee.** Aug. 7

at 9 a.m.

**Work Session on Tsali Care Center.** Aug. 8 at 9 a.m.

**Parks & Rec. Committee.** Aug. 8 at 1 p.m.

**Lands Acquisition Committee.** Aug. 12 at 1 p.m.

**Work Session on Ord. No. 185 (Pawnbroker Ord.).** Aug. 13 at 1 p.m.

**Work Session on Res. No. 217.** Aug. 13 at 2:30 p.m.

**HIP Committee.** Aug. 14 at 8:30 a.m.

**Qualla Housing Committee.** Aug. 15 at 8:30 a.m.

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Avoid adding to the tension around you. Even a well-meant reaction against something you perceive as unfair could be misunderstood. Let things calm down, then talk about it.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for romance for unattached Bovines — and for reinforcing the bonds between existing partners. Children's needs are important during the latter part of the week.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A compliment from a surprising source sends you wafting way up into the clouds, where — sorry to say — your view of what's going on is obscured. Come on down and face reality.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Even a family-loving person like you can sometimes feel you're at the end of the line with contentious kinfolk. But things can work out. Remember that it's better to talk than walk.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A job-related move might hold more positive surprises than you'd expected. Go into it with confidence and look for all the advantages it offers. Then decide what you'll do with what you find.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Driving yourself too hard to get something done on a deadline that you set up can backfire. Ease into a more realistic finish date and add more breaks to your work schedule.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of humor can brighten any dark period, and your laughter can dispel those gray clouds swirling around you. The weekend presents a surprising but welcome change.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about the words you use, especially in touchy situations. The old saying that "speech is silver, but silence is golden" could apply well here.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Some facts could emerge that shed light on unresolved past problems. What you learn might also help explain why a once-warm relationship suddenly cooled down.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Don't let your pride get in the way of checking into what could be a great new opportunity. Get the facts first, then worry about procedure and protocol later.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A health problem in the family might have other relatives assuming that, as before, you'll take over the health care duties. Surprise them and insist they share in the caretaking.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A series of changes can be unsettling, but in the long run, it can pay off with new perspectives on what you plan to do. Keep your mind open to the possibilities that might lie ahead.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You might be under a "royal" sign, but you have a wonderful way of embracing everyone as an equal.

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## VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

### New VA login accounts

Veterans who access their benefits and health care info online will begin using a new login method, starting now and extending over the next year.

Account security is the reason behind the changes, per the Executive Order on cybersecurity that was signed in 2021.

Whether you use VA.gov online or the mobile app to access your Login.gov or ID.me account, you'll need to log in and create a new account. It should only take a few minutes.

Make your first stop the instructions at [www.va.gov/sign-in-changes](http://www.va.gov/sign-in-changes). You'll see that the cut-off to keep using your current username and password will be in January 2025 for My HealtheVet and September 2025 for the DS Logon. At that point you'll be locked out until you create a new account, either via Login.gov or ID.me. (No, they won't delete your info; you just won't be able to get in.) Both of them will allow you to access all of your benefits and services.

You'll be able to check claim status, refill prescriptions, look at lab results, update contact info and much more.

Be prepared for being required to use two-factor authentication, also known as multifactor authentication. If you're like so many of us, you don't like being forced to do the extra steps to log in somewhere. But so much of what we do online now involves using two-factor authentication, with more switching to that method every day. Whether it's our bank or online accounts, we have to get used to it. Between ID theft, having personal information stolen, having money stolen through fraud (in one year, veterans had \$350 million stolen through fraud) — the thieves aren't going to stop.

Before you choose your new account, read the privacy policy for both Login.gov and ID.me. They're not the same.

And what if you don't want either of the offered account types? That's fine. You'll just need to contact and interact with the VA by mail, in person or on the phone.

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### How far can a puppy hike?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I have a 1-year-old mixed-breed puppy named "Star" who I'd love to take on Saturday hikes with me. I'm an avid hiker who can do up to 20 miles or more per day. Is this too much for a young dog like her to handle? — Gary in Boulder, Colorado

**DEAR GARY:** Your instincts are right-on — that kind of mileage is too much for a puppy. But, depending on the dog, you can build Star's stamina gradually, adding miles as she grows.

For a 1-year-old puppy, start with no more than a mile or two, and keep it light and fun. If Star whines at three-quarters of a mile, take a break for a few minutes and see if she'll go on. If she shows signs of tiredness, like lagging behind and not being curious about things around her, it's time to head back. Some pet parents will carry their puppy for the remaining miles, but that's up to you — I think that it's better to just gradually build the miles.

Notice that I also said "depending on the dog." Some dogs just aren't enthusiastic about hiking long miles. Others — especially small dogs, toy and pocket breeds — cannot walk very far without tiring. (Fortunately, they can be carried easily.) Don't lament if hiking ultimately isn't Star's thing; just build an outdoor schedule where she can share in the fun on some days with short hikes, and you can still get in lots of mileage while she remains at home or with a friend.

An adult dog can do 5 to 20 miles depending on their fitness and enthusiasm. But you'll need to adjust your lifestyle to gradually bring Star up to that kind of distance.

Send your tips, comments or questions to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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**Roads Commission.** Aug. 19 at 9 a.m.

**Timber Committee.** Aug. 19 at 10:30 a.m.

**Planning Board.** Aug. 19 at 1 p.m.

**Investment Committee.** Aug. 20 at 10 a.m.

**Health Board.** Aug. 21 at 8:30 a.m.

### HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS

**Autism 101 training with Dr. Steve Love and Don Masibov.** Aug. 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dora Reed Center at 897 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Info: Candy Ross (828) 359-2203 or Jenny Oskins 359-1529

**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

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

(828) 452-1551

**Swain County Democratic Party hybrid in-person/remote meeting.** Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope St. in Bryson City, N.C. The group will be discussing community events and planning future activities. All are welcome. For information or to request a link to join the virtual meeting, call (828) 488-1234 or email: SwainCountyDems@gmail.com

**Back to School Block Party hosted by the Smoky Mountain Competition Cheer.** Aug. 17 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Bridge Park in downtown Sylva, N.C. Bounce houses, inflatable obstacle course, food trucks, vendors, face painting, silent auction, and more. Info: (828) 226-9943 or 506-1419

**Living Legacy Fall Trade Fair.** Aug. 23-24 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum at 522 W. Madison Ave. in Athens, Tenn. Admission is free. Demonstrations of woodcarving, soap making, Appalachian music, hand quilting, herbal tinctures, felting, beadwork, pyrography, and more. Info: [www.livingheritagemuseum.org](http://www.livingheritagemuseum.org)

**Green Energy Park Youth Arts Fest.** Sept. 21 at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 100 Green Energy park, Sylva, N.C. This event is free and geared specifically towards kids with the intention of giving them a space to participate in a multitude of arts and crafts related activities. Artists as well as community members provide demonstrations and/or activities for attendees to either observe or participate in. Demonstrations in glassblowing, blacksmithing, raku, flameworking, etc. are generally available to

watch. Activities range in a variety of media, anywhere from ceramics, face painting, sewing, and so much more. Food is available for purchase on site from local vendors. There will be no on site parking available. There will be free satellite parking available as well as free shuttles running to and from all locations. Info: Green Energy Park (828)631-0271.

**50th Annual Mountain Heritage Day.** Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ramsey Activity Center at 92 Catamount Rd. in Cullowhee, N.C. The 50th annual Mountain Heritage Day will be a combination old-fashioned mountain fair and showcase for Southern Appalachian music, arts, dance and song, with the atmosphere of a big family reunion. Visitors will find three stages of traditional old-time, gospel, and bluegrass music and dance, with plenty of fiddles, banjos, and clogging. Festival-goers are invited to join in workshops at the Circle Tent and participate in shape-note singing, one of the mountains' sacred traditions. Admission and parking are free. Info: WCU – MHD (828) 227-2966

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

(828) 586-2155, visit <https://www.mountainlovers.com/concerts-on-the-creek/> or Concerts on the Creek's Facebook page.

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

**77th Fall Edition Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands.** Oct. 17-20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Harrah's Cherokee Center at 87 Haywood St. in Asheville, N.C. Over one hundred artists, makers, and craftspeople will fill the two-level building to sell their works of pottery, sculpture, furniture, tapestry, apparel, mixed media, jewelry, and more. Over the weekend, regional musicians perform on the downstairs stage. Visitors to the fair will have the opportunity to win a piece of fine craft from one of the exhibitors by entering to win the raffle; all proceeds go towards the Southern Highland Craft Guild's educational mission. Info: [craftguild.org/craftfair](http://craftguild.org/craftfair), email: [info@craftguild.org](mailto:info@craftguild.org), or call (828) 298-7928

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**Celebrate Recovery** meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Baptist Church at 812 Tsalagi Road, in Cherokee, N.C. This is a Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, hang-ups, and habits of any kind. All are welcome. Info: Chris McMillan (828) 788-5410

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

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

**Life Recovery** is a Bible-based 12-step small group meeting held Mondays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. held in the Rivercane Conference Room at Analenisgi. All material is provided. This small group is for anyone struggling in life with addiction, food, depression, anxiety, relationships, or spiritual struggles.

Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley at [kellideb@gmail.com](mailto:kellideb@gmail.com) or Scott Hill (828) 508-7836

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

#### **CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS**

**Big Cove Community** meets the first Tuesday of each month at the new community building at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Venita Wolfe (828)

554-1199, [venitawolfe@gmail.com](mailto:venitawolfe@gmail.com)

**Big Y Community** meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community gym at 6:30 p.m. Info: Chair Bunsey Crowe (828) 788-4879, [bunsey.crowe@kituwahllc.com](mailto:bunsey.crowe@kituwahllc.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

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

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

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

**Bethabara Baptist Church.** 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m and 7 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Youth Meeting Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Max Cochran (828) 341-5801, Church number (828) 497-7770

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

**Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness**

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

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

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

**Cherokee Baptist Church.** 812 Tsalagi Road. Sunday School 10 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

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services and meals. Pastor Rev. Owen Isaacs (828) 242-0754

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

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

**Cherokee United Methodist Church.** Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Church Service 11 a.m. Wednesday dinner at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study. Pastor Robert Griffin (828) 582-0564

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

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

**Christ Fellowship Church.** Great Smokies Center. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Service

6:30 p.m. Pastor P.D. Hampton, Assistant Pastor Branton Loftis

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

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

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

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

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

is live-streamed.

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

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

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


**Macedonia Baptist Church.** 1181 Wolfetown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bi-

ble Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 497-1611, [mbccherokee@outlook.com](mailto:mbccherokee@outlook.com), Website: [www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church](http://www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church)

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


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

**Olivet United Methodist Church.** 811 Olivet Church Road. Sunday School 9am. Sunday Service 9:45am.



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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Philemon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Luke 22, what “Mount of” did Jesus go to that His disciples also followed? *Carmel, Zion, Olives, Pisgah*
3. What future Israelite leader as a baby was described as “exceedingly fair”? *Solomon, David, Herod, Moses*
4. From Judges 16, how many times did Delilah say Samson mocked her? *2, 3, 7, 10*
5. According to Ecclesiastes 6, what has already been named? *Everything, Stars, Fishes, Great Sea*
6. The name Lucifer means what kind of “bearer” in Latin? *Gifts, False, Light, Demonic*

ANSWERS: (1) New, (2) Olives, (3) Moses, (4) Three, (5) Everything, (6) Light

Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit [www.TriviaGuy.com](http://www.TriviaGuy.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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

church Facebook page for updates/ inclement weather updates. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

**Yellowhill Baptist Church.** Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday

Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or 736-4872

 **Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority**

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## Behavioral Health: Child & Family Services

**Local Mobile Crisis Hotline Numbers:**  
828.736.9797 - Child Hotline  
828.269.0301- Adult Hotline

**CIHA's Child and Family Crisis line is monitored when other Analenisgi departments are closed such as holidays and Monday to Friday 4:30 pm to 8:00 am and every weekend beginning at 4:30 on Friday until 8:00 am on Monday.**

The Child & Family Services walk-in services are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Child and Family Outpatient office located at 75 Painttown Road in Cherokee.

**Regional Mobile Crisis Hotline: 1.888.315.2880**

# LIVING LEGACY

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**12 PM - 5 PM**

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### For Sale

Camper is permanently set up in Cherokee N.C. at Smoky Mountain RV Park and Resort Lot 193. Less than 10 minutes from Harrah's Cherokee Casino. Has a permanent awning over the patio. A covered place to park. Queen bed on one end and bunk bed on the other. Campground has a swimming pool and play ground. Gated park. I am not renting to own or trading for anything so Please do not ask. Lot rent is \$2800.00 from May to October then \$300.00 for winter storage. This is only a summer vacation spot only. The office at the park would be glad to answer any questions you may have. Serious inquires please call Charlene Wooliver at 865-740-3984. **8/7**

### Land for sale

\$28,700.00 firm for all 3 lots total - selling together #1-0.77, #2-1.10, #3-0.75 acre. Tax value total is \$60,670.00 for the 3 lots. Located in Whittier, NC, Jackson County, Upper Sawbuck Community. Easy access to Hwy 441 phone 828-497-5217. **8/28**

### SERVICES

**Dan Castillo's Professional plumbing and handyman Services.** 828-371-4445  
plumbfor393@gmail.com **8/21**

### LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-050  
**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**

### ALLEN JAMES RATTLER

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

Joshua Bryant Rattler  
551 Jackson Branch Rd  
Robbinsville, NC 28771  
**8/21**

### BIDS, RFPs, etc.

#### Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee Department of  
Transportation

680 Acquoni Road

Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

Phone: (828) 359-6122

Bridge Replacement, Bridge over Soco Creek on Tsali Enola Road

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: Grading, Drainage, Paving, Signage, Striping, Guardrail and Structure for the replacement of the existing bridge over Soco Creek on Tsali Enola Road. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be August 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded



## Employment Opportunities


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

- **Front Desk Concierge** - Hospitality experience preferred
- **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@mandaraspaspa.com](mailto:angieh@mandaraspaspa.com) or 497-8550.



## Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at  
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or  
[www.ccs-nc.org/apps/pages/human\\_resources](http://www.ccs-nc.org/apps/pages/human_resources) for more information.

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

- School Psychologist
- Special Education Parent Liasion
- K-5 Special Education Teacher
- K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- Cherokee Language Teacher Assistant
- 6-8 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- 9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- 9-12 Girls Physical Education and Health Teacher
- Custodian (Full-Time)
- Security (Part-Time)



pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Uriah Maney, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/(828)-736-1888 (cell) or Joel Queen, CDOT Manager at (828)-359-6534. **8/7**

### Bid Proposals

Robins & Morton will be accepting bid proposals from Sub-contractors and Vendors for the projects noted below:  
The Laundry Facility Expansion at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Cherokee, NC.  
The following scopes of work are available to bid:  
Demolition, Concrete, Framing-Drywall & ACT, Flooring, Painting, Specialties, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Doors & Frames, Overhead doors, Butler type construction building, Fire Protection, Fire Alarm, Testings & Inspections, Commissioning, Signage, Audio Visual, Security.  
Proposal due date for The Canopy Bar will be Monday, August 12, 2024.

We are looking at an approximate November 01, 2024 start date.

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

Every bidder is responsible for reviewing all contract documents and including all costs associated with the contractor's scope of work. Any questions regarding discrepancies, conflicts or insufficient information are to be directed to Bob Legler bob.legler@

robinsmorton.com. The project is to be bid per plans and specifications. Voluntary alternates, methods and/or substitutions are encouraged, but must be identified and quoted separately from your base bid. **8/7**

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program  
810 Acquoni Road, Ste 117  
P.O. Box 455  
Cherokee, N.C. 28719  
Ph. (828) 359-359-6702  
Project Title: Downtown Water Feature Installation

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Project Management Program is requesting separate sealed bids for the services of a licensed contractor for the purpose of installing Vortex mist and splashpad systems along with associated utility connections and construct new concrete walkways. The project area is located behind the Welcome Center at 946 Tsalagi Road, Cherokee, North Carolina. Contract specifications and bidding documents will be provided to any licensed contractor upon request. Contact Becky Bowe, at (828)359-6702 or by email at rebebowe@ebci-nsn.gov to request a bid package.

Bid packages should be addressed to Ms. Becky Bowe at the address above and must be received by 2:00 p.m., August 21, 2024 at which time they will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Indian Preference (TERO) applies for award and execution of this contract.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms Becky Bowe. **8/14**

### REQUEST FOR DESIGN BUILD PROPOSALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program  
Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg.  
810 Acquoni Road, Suite 117  
P.O. Box 455  
Cherokee, N.C. 28719  
Ph. (828) 359-6702  
Project Title: Fire Substation #3 Expansion

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program is seeking the services of a licensed general contractor to provide work under a design-build contract for the construction of an 1,850 sq ft building addition for the Fire Department Substation #3 (Big Cove Community). The project includes an expansion of the existing metal building to provide four (4) bunk rooms, a new restroom and a new bay, site improvements including extending

the concrete apron, parking, grading for the new building expansion and associated utility connections as required.

The project area is located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation at 49 Old School Loop Road, Cherokee NC 28719. Contact Becky Bowe at (828)359-6702 or by email at rebebowe@ebci-nsn.gov with any questions or to request a copy of the RFP.

A non-mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting is scheduled for 11:00 AM (EST) on 08/21/2024. Proposals should be submitted to Ms. Becky Bowe in a manner prescribed in the RFP and must be received by 11:00 a.m on 09/10/2022. Any proposal received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) regulations apply for award and execution of this contract. **8/14**

## Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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





**CHEROKEE INDIAN  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**



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## OPEN POSITIONS

### 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  
 Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Behavioral Health Nurse Manager - \$88,715 - \$110,894  
 Targeted Case Manager/Intake Coordinator –  
   Targeted Case Manager - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
   Intake Coordinator - \$22.76 - \$25.89  
 Employment Specialist – Kanvwotiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
 Qualified Mental Health Professional - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
 Integrated Classroom Skill Builder – CCS - \$17.12 - \$19.26

### ENGINEERING

EVS Technician – \$15.00 - \$16.77  
 Food Service Worker - \$15.00 - \$16.77

### FINANCE

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25  
 Payroll Officer – \$24.55 - \$27.99

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resource Business Partner - \$50,723 - \$63,404  
 Recruiter - \$50,723 - \$63,404

### MEDICAL

Physician – Pediatrics \$157,686 - \$197,108  
 Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108  
 Physician – Emergency Department – Part Time with Benefits-  
 \$227,068 – \$283,835  
 Clinical Dietitian – \$50,723 - \$63,404  
 Mid-level Geriatric FNP - \$91,254 - \$114,067  
 Mid - Level PA - Primary Care \$91,254-\$114,067

### NURSING

Specialty Services Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11  
 Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent – Emergency Room  
 \$33.68 - \$38.72  
 Registered Nurse - Inpatient \$31.06 - \$35.64 - **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 RN Float – Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Registered Nurse (30 Hours per week) – Emergency Room \$33.68 -  
 \$38.72  
 Specialty Services Registered Nurse – Procedure Suite - \$33.68 –  
 \$38.72 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 RN Care Manager – Primary Care \$31.06 - \$35.64  
 RN Care Manager – Diabetes - \$31.06 - \$35.64  
 Telemetry Nursing Assistant – Inpatient - \$19.66 - \$22.25  
 LPN/CMA - \$21.13 - \$23.98 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 C.N.A. - PTI - Immediate Care center - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Registered Nurse - PTI - Inpatient - \$31.06 - \$35.64

### OPERATIONS

Dentist - \$131,405 - \$164,256  
 Dentist – Pediatrics - \$131,405 - \$164,256  
 Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 – \$20.67  
 Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II (3rd Shift) \$44,107 - \$55,134  
**-\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Eye Clinic Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 CMS - Eye Clinic - \$18.32 - \$20.67

### Tsali Care Center

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus FT**  
 Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Cook Aide - \$15.00 - \$16.77  
 HVAC Technician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$22.76 – 25.89  
 Maintenance Mechanic - \$21.13 – 23.98  
 Licensed Practical Nurse—Part-Time Intermittent - \$22.76 -  
 \$25.89  
 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89- **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus FT**  
 Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - **\*\$10,000 Hiring Bonus FT**  
 Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11  
 Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent - \$31.06 - \$35.64  
 Life Enrichment Assistant – Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 -  
 \$19.26  
 Laundry Aide - \$15.00 - \$16.77

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

**Closing Sunday, August 11, 2024**

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) (Multiple) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
3. Compensation Administrator – Benefits – Human Resources (L16 \$66,193 - \$82,741)
4. Dadiwonisi Language Specialist (Middle & High School) – Snowbird Language & Culture – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
5. Cook – Snowbird Senior Citizens – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
6. Director – Destination Marketing – Commerce (L17 \$74,148 - \$92,685)
7. Special Events & Promotions Coordinator – Destination Marketing – Commerce (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
8. Manager (Environmental Resources) – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L16 \$66,193 - \$82,741)
9. Field Technician I – Water & Sewer – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
10. Meter Reader/Utility Worker – Water & Sewer – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour)
11. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
12. Cook Aide – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Education (L5 \$15.00 - \$19.50 per hour)
13. Senior Budget Analyst – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L16 \$66,193 - \$82,741)
14. Survey Technician – Tribal Surveying – Office of the Attorney General (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
15. Crew Leader (Electrical) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
16. Sergeant Patrol – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour)

**Open Until Filled**

1. Corrections Officer (Multiple) – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Probation Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Juvenile 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 (L11 \$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. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
13. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
14. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
15. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
16. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
17. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
18. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
19. Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
20. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
21. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
22. Environmental Aquatic Specialist – Office of Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
23. Teacher – Kituwah Academy – Education (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)



# JOB FAIR

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# Thursday

## August 8, 1 - 5pm

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## Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club  
P.O. Box 507,  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
828-497-9101

### CBC Bus & Truck Department:

**Full-Time Bus Driver** - \$12.00 per hour - \$14.00 per hour driving bonus with benefits

**Part-Time Bus Driver** - \$14.00 per hour - \$16.00 per hour driving bonus with benefits  
(Guaranteed 4 hours driving per day)

### CBC Child Development Center:

#### \*Agelink Center\*

(2) **Full-Time Teachers** - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits

(1) **Cook** - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits

#### \*Snowbird Center\*

(1) **Full-Time Teacher** - \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year with benefits

### CBC Shop/Garage/Body Shop:

(1) **Detail Technician Helper** - \$17,000 - \$22,500 per year with benefits

**Mowing/Trimming Crew (Part-Time)** - \$14.00 per hour; no benefits

### CBC Children's Home:

(1) **Full - Time Resident Counselor** (11:30 PM Friday - 11:30 Sunday) - \$17.00 per hour w/benefits

(2) **Part - Time Resident Counselor** (9:00 AM Saturday - 9:00 PM Sunday) - \$17.00 per hour, no benefits

### CBC Construction & Facilities:

(1) **Skilled Carpenter** - \$27,500 - \$35,000 per year with benefits

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Although caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other types of Dementia is difficult, Palliative Care may **ease some of the burden and help improve quality of life for you and your loved one.**

Four Seasons offers **person-centered Palliative Care**, wherever you call home, to relieve symptoms of Dementia including sleeplessness, restlessness, depression, anxiety, and many others. We provide a medication review to help maximize the benefits and minimize the burdens of these interventions. We also have a **provider on-call 24-7** to answer your questions.

Our team can help you **secure medical equipment and connect you with community resources.** We also offer emotional support for the caregiver and family and help you plan for "what's next" which may include a memory care center or Hospice Care. Four Seasons also offers Grief Services for the family, including children.

*Providing Trusted Care to Western North Carolina Since 1979.*

**Request Care Today!**  
**866.466.9734 or [FourSeasonsCare.org](http://FourSeasonsCare.org)**



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Softball tournament win  
Ele Smith, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was a part of the OCT – Worley team that went undefeated in the Top Gun softball tournament in Etowah, N.C. on Saturday, Aug. 3. The team won the Gold Bracket Championship. (Photo by Jessica Anderson)

Check out our new channel.



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News and Community Events  
Cultural Events and Info  
and much more coming



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# One Feather Poem of the Week

## Cherish

for Dewese Wolfe  
written by Sarah Elizabeth Burkey  
Cherokee, N.C.

trying to balance with  
one foot in each world  
one in american english  
the other in cherokee  
a severely endangered language  
in a state of emergency  
few left who speak it as their first language  
the language they heard from the womb and  
spoke at home with their families  
until they learned english in school  
in his eyes i see my grandfathers  
i bring him buttermilk  
we sing the old cherokee songs  
he thought he had forgotten  
we speak cherokee  
we speak medicine  
in the woods and at the kitchen table  
reading and writing syllabary together  
our time growing shorter  
the weight brings tears to my eyes  
to keep the tears from flowing  
i ground myself in the present  
some speak spanglish  
i know that language as well  
but in my waking and sleeping dreams  
my heart and soul speak Cherish

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# MARINE



# MUD RUN

KNOXVILLE TN 2024 SEMPER FI  
LT ALEXANDER BONNYMAN  DET 924

Location: Melton Hill Park  
3230 Williams Bend Road  
Knoxville, TN US 37932

## REGISTER ONLINE:

Choose from different starting wave times 8 am - 11:30 am  
Individual or Team/Corporate

[www.knoxmud.org](http://www.knoxmud.org)

**EARLY BIRD  
REGISTRATION FEE:**  
\$65 until Aug 16, 2024  
\$80 after Aug 16, 2024  
(+deadline to guarantee race tee)

Online registrations ends at midnight 9/7  
Race day registration is available,  
but T-shirt is not guaranteed

## 1 MILE -Supervised- Capt. Larry Winters Youth Run

Kids 10 & Under  
Start Time: 12:30 pm  
\$30 until Aug 16, 2024  
(+deadline to guarantee race tee & medal)

\*Free Snowcone\*

Individual Waves: 8 am | 8:30 am | 9 am | 9:30 am | 10 am | 10:30 am | 11 am  
Team Wave: 11:30 am (Individuals may run this time, as well)



## This course will CHALLENGING!!

Would you expect anything less from marines?

It consists roughly of 3 miles of off-road running, which entails some obstacles, hills and of course, mud pits. Wear old clothing and shoes.

Marines will make sure you successfully complete their course! Ooh-rah!

# SATURDAY SEPT 21ST 2024

