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# Making history

Cherokee begins sales  
of adult-use (21+)  
cannabis for all

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Ben Cordell, of Greenville, S.C., got in line at the Great Smoky Cannabis Co. at 1 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024 to be the first in line as the business was opening later that morning for adult-use (21+) sales to all for the first time. The line of more than 1,000 people snaked through the parking lot.

Following years of discussions and exactly one year to the day that a referendum passed on the issue, Cherokee started sales of adult-use cannabis. The Great Smoky

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Nick Reed, left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and employee at the Great Smoky Cannabis Co. dispensary in Cherokee, N.C., helps Ben Cordell with a sale on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 7. Cordell, of Greenville, S.C., was the first in line to purchase as the facility opened for the first time for adult-use (21+) sales to all. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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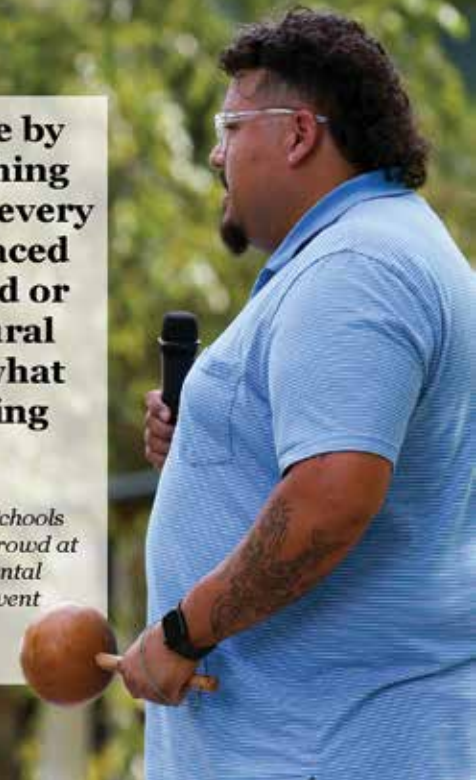
### Image of the Week

Tribal leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) came together for the coin toss and greetings prior to the Battle of the Nations football game at Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Sept. 6. EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, left, is shown with Chris Crutchfield, center, and MBCI Chief Cyrus Ben. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

### Quote of the Week

**“I was told one time by someone that everything that we struggle with, every problem that we’re faced with can be surpassed or overcome with cultural knowledge...to me, what that means is knowing one’s self.”**

*- Catcuze Tiger, Cherokee Central Schools cultural facilitator, speaking to the crowd at the From Darkness Into Hope Mental Awareness/Suicide Prevention Event in Cherokee, N.C. on Wednesday, Sept. 4*



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## CANNABIS: From front page

Cannabis Co. is operated by Qualla Enterprises, LLC, an entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), which also operates a cannabis farm in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) which supplies the dispensary.

Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks said in a statement, "Today's opening of the Great Smoky Cannabis Company for adult-use recreational marijuana is a significant milestone for our tribe, marking a new chapter of opportunity and growth. This initiative is our right as a Tribal government to assert our Sovereignty.

I want to take a moment to personally acknowledge and thank everyone who has poured their hard work, time, and passion into

making this day possible. Your dedication has been instrumental in bringing this vision to life, and I'm confident that this is just the beginning."

On Saturday morning, Forrest Parker, Qualla Enterprises, LLC general manager, told the One Feather the turn-out was hard to describe. "There's been a lot of major steps in this project, I think, that demonstrated that the community was the foundation of it.

Even though there's been challenges, there always is with very important things. Those challenges that have been overcome as a tribe, as a group, as a people, to get here, I don't think any of us can truly understand the magnitude, or at least what it feels to me today, and what little knowledge I have of the world, life and my tribe. It's a



This is a portion of the line on Saturday morning that wrapped around the parking lot for the Great Smoky Cannabis Co.

special day for us. It's a special day for the Eastern Band of Cherokee period."

Parker went on to say, "When you see the people in this line, it's

clear. It makes it very, very clear and it's very validating, I think, to the plant and to the medicine that comes from the ground. Which, nobody understands that more

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than indigenous people. It's just an honor to be able to help connect people within our community looking for an opportunity that they might not even know they were looking for. I don't think we look at how many things that happen in our community where it brings the younger generation in close contact with the elders, the elders of the elders. In my lifetime, I've never experienced something that did that so much."

He thanked all of the employees at Qualla Enterprises, LLC as well as the Cherokee community. "I'm so proud of these people here at Qualla, but I'm also humbled by the community, and our tribal leaders, and the support, and people just working through challenges together and fighting through - understanding enough and talking enough. It's been a long journey but I hope everyone that's ever touched this or said the word is proud of what's going on right now."

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahnetah was in attendance on Saturday morning and commented, "I think it's great news. I think it's a great day for the Tribe, an historical day. I think it's a great day for the state to get a picture of how cannabis will be great for the state. It's medicine for our people and I think the state needs to realize that and pass the medical portion of the bill, then eventually go into the adult use."

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle was also present and said he was impressed with the long line. "Today is the day that's really going to tell us about our investment, if we're going to get a good return and help pay that down. Right now, it certainly looks that way. It'll be interesting to find out the numbers and the people that came through, the counts. I'm

really looking forward to that." He added, "I've supported it since day one. I continue to support it. When you're looking at what we've got now with gaming and we have the competition coming around us, I think it's important that we find other forms of revenue coming in. What better way than to do this? Other states are doing it, 36 states, and they're making a ton of money. That's what we're looking at as well to help the tribal government and the people. We've got to pay for the services and once the competition hits with the gaming around us, it's going to have an impact, I think like \$100 million. So, hopefully this will help offset that \$100 million loss we're anticipating."

Saturday's opening is the third and final stage. Sales of adult-use cannabis for EBCI tribal members as well as members of other federally recognized tribes opened on July 4, 2024, and medical cannabis sales opened on April 20, 2024.

While the discussions surrounding cannabis have been going on for years, most of the decisions have been made within the past year.

EBCI voters approved a referendum during the 2023 General Election on Sept. 7 which asked, "Do you support legalizing the possession of and use of cannabis for persons who are at least twenty-one (21) years old and require the EBCI Tribal Council to develop legislation to regulate the market?" The referendum passed 2,464 (yes) to 1,057 (no).

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passed Ord. No. 63 (2024) during its regular session on June 6, 2024 legalizing adult-use cannabis on EBCI lands. Nine Dinilawigi representatives voted to pass, Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Dike Sneed and Vice Chairman David Wolfe voted not to pass, and Tutiyi (Snowbird)

– Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee Co.) Rep. Adam Wachacha was absent.

Two floor amendments were added to Ord. No. 63 that day and passed along with the ordinance. One floor amendment dealt with home grow of cannabis plants and the other banned individually-owned hemp/cannabis stores on the tribal trust lands of the EBCI.

Following a protest by Robert Mark "Bertie" Saunooke, an EBCI tribal member and owner of two hemp/CBD stores in Cherokee, Dinilawigi reversed its previous decision during a hearing on the protest on June 27, 2024 and both floor amendments were removed from the ordinance.

Ord. No. 63 (2024), authorizing adult-use cannabis on the lands of the EBCI was approved as amended on June 27, 2024 and signed into law by Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks the same day.

Cherokee Code Sec. 14-95.12 (Prohibited Marijuana Conduct) outlines what is not legal regarding cannabis on EBCI tribal lands.

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, business, or other entity to:

- (1) Possess marijuana when the person is less than 21 years old;
- (2) Provide, give, or transfer in any way, marijuana to any person less than 21 years old;
- (3) Cultivate marijuana without a valid license, valid agent card, or a valid medical cannabis patient card issued by the EBCI Cannabis Control Board;
- (4) Operate any marijuana facility without a valid license issued by the EBCI Cannabis Control Board;
- (5) Sell marijuana without a license from the EBCI Cannabis Control Board;
- (6) Sell hemp or hemp products without a license from the EBCI Cannabis Control Board;
- (7) Possession of marijuana in any

place where possession is prohibited by the conspicuous posting of a sign or notice by the owner or possessor of the location;

(8) Consuming marijuana in public;

(9) Possess or consume marijuana within 100 feet of a school, child day care facility, church, hospital, tribal government building, public park, playground, community club building, or public swimming pool, or community facility as defined in Chapter 17;

(10) Transport marijuana, hemp, or hemp products in the passenger area of a motor vehicle in other than the manufacturer's unopened original container;

(11) Consume marijuana, hemp, or hemp products while driving a motor vehicle on a highway or public vehicular area as defined in Chapter 20 of the Cherokee Code."

The One Feather reached out to the EBCI Office of the Attorney General for a comment on where it is legal to consume on the Qualla Boundary. Their statement is as follows, "From the perspective of the individual consumer, marijuana is now governed by Tribal criminal law. The result of this is that marijuana may be possessed and consumed in places and situations unless such is prohibited by the Tribe's criminal law. There is not a designated place for marijuana consumption set out in law."

The statement continues, "Consumers should take care to not violate the Tribe's criminal law, which means not consuming in the prohibited places and limiting their consumption to places where the owner/possessor of the location allows it (ex: a private home, or lodging facility or business where it is allowed). Federal law and North Carolina still prohibit marijuana possession and consumption in all places where those laws apply."

# From Darkness Into Hope

Tribes hosts mental health awareness/suicide prevention event

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Over 300 people attended the “From Darkness Into Hope” Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event held on the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 4. The event, organized by the THIP (Tribal Health Improvement Plan) Mental Health Team of the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Division, featured education on mental health and suicide prevention.

“Your attendance is an acknowledgment of the importance of mental well-being and the importance of connection,” Jennifer Oskins, PHHS Quality Improvement coordinator and one of the event’s organizers, told the crowd at the beginning of the event. “One of our objectives is to destigmatize mental health and well-being. Some people feel shame around it. Some people feel like there’s something wrong. But, I’m here to tell you, that when people are supported by folks, and have access, and a streamlined access, to get the help they need, the quality of life could be improved.”

Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks welcomed everyone to the event and stated, “Mental health is something that we all



Catcuce Tiger, right, leads a memorial walk during the “From Darkness Into Hope” Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event held on the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 4. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

deal with, some in lesser ways, some in more significant ways. But, we all deal with it and we’ve got to have a support system. Anytime that we can put our hand out and help somebody, that’s what we’re supposed to do, that’s what we need to do as a tribe.”

Dr. Frieda Saylor, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority behavioral health director, commented, “Stigma around addressing mental health issues and suicide still exist. We, as a community, can help reduce the stigma by creating an environment filled with positive experiences that foster healing and openness.

Depression and suicide can be exacerbated by a history of inter-generational trauma, substance use, poverty, chronic stress, peer

relationships, among other things. Depression, anxiety, and suicide thrive in isolation. Today, we are addressing this as we gather here. Today, we will foster a sense of hope and connection, whether through cultural traditions, sports, or fellowships like this event today. We all deserve to have a sense of belonging and unity. Feeling like you have a place in the community is important and valuable for support and resiliency.”

She added, “We have to start by creating a narrative and an environment that encourages everyone that if you’re not ok, please reach out. There is help and it is not a sign of weakness. Rather, a sign of strength.”

Wednesday’s event was held in honor of Cynthia “Mouse”

Saunooke. Her best friend, Ava Walkingstick, spoke about her friend’s passing. “I realized it’s ok to be hurt. It’s ok to feel the pain that you feel. It’s ok to cry. It’s ok to be mad. Because all those things that you feel are what is a part of you. It’s not just something that’s there, it’s something you’ve got to feel, it’s something you’ve got to express.”

“Really, what I’m trying to say is, as a youth, as a teenager, as someone who knows how it feels, it’s ok to feel hurt. It’s ok to ask questions. It’s ok to be there for a friend. It’s ok to ask for help. And that’s what a lot of these vendors are doing today. Not only are they vendors, they’re our community people. Gadugi - We are One - as a community.”



Ugviwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks speaks at the event.

Luke Swimmer, an EBCI tribal member who did research into suicide in Indian Country while an undergrad at the University of Kansas, gave a short presentation and stated, “It’s good to see something like this in our community that address something as serious as suicide. From what I’ve learned through my work in the university setting, this isn’t just an issue that’s unique to us. There’s a lot of tribal communities suffering from this issue.”

He gave numerous statistics during his presentation including, “Suicide rates among non-hispanic American Indian and Alaska Native persons have increased nearly 20 percent from 2015 to 2020, and that’s compared to a less than 1 percent increase in the overall U.S. population.”

Catcuze Tiger, Cherokee Central Schools cultural facilitator, told the crowd, “I was told one time by someone that everything that we struggle with, every problem that we’re faced with can be surpassed or overcome with cultural knowledge...to me, what

that means is knowing one’s self.”

He added, “Everything in dominant society is made and constructed to strip you of your culture. I think that’s pretty apparent...but if you think about things historically and those of you who know a lot about historical grief and trauma, the reason our rates are higher for all kinds of negative things in our communities is because we have, sometimes, a lack of our culture which leads to people not really knowing themselves.”

TJ Allison, an EBCI tribal member, spoke about his struggles with mental health. “A lot of times, when we’re in that dark place, we don’t realize that we have so many people that love us and need us. Sometimes, you’re so overwhelmed by your sadness that you don’t see the people that are trying to help you. There was always someone there ready to help me. Just like there’s always someone there always ready to help you, whether that’s your family or friends, coworkers, or the workers at Analenisgi, you are never alone.



Wednesday’s event was held in honor of Cynthia “Mouse” Saunooke. Her best friend, Ava Walkingstick, speaks about her friend’s passing.

I’m so thankful to be here today. I hope that if you’re struggling today, you see that. I’m evidence that things do get better. Things won’t always be bad. You just have to find something hopeful, anything, and hold onto that.”

Several other speakers at the event included Joe Lambert, Analenisgi staff, who spoke on warning signs of suicide and resources; Teen Miss Cherokee Kyndra Postoak who spoke on the importance of therapy; and Keahana Lambert, Cherokee Choices staff, spoke on tools for resilience.

Tiger sang an honor song and led a memorial walk following the speakers at the event. “I do feel like a lot of struggles can be helped from learning about yourself through culture. Learning about yourself through language,

through dances, through history, song, and, one of my favorite cultural things is food...our food is healing. Everything is medicine.”

Information distributed at the event lists the following resources for people to contact:

- Call/Text 988 – Lifeline Chat and Text
- Text 741741 – WeRNative Ask an Auntie
- Text 838255 – Veterans Support Line
- Call (828) 269-0301 – Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority after-hours adult emergency on-call number
- Call (828) 736-9797 – Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority after-hours child emergency on-call number
- Call (888) 315-2880 – Appalachian Community Services

# Cherokee Veterans introduce bald eagles to Dinilawigi

By ROBERT JUMPER  
One Feather Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 members introduced the American Eagle Foundation (AEF) to the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) during the regular session on Thursday, Sept. 5. Jessica Hall, the chief executive director and executive director of a new eagle and birds of prey rehabilitation center in Kodak, Tenn. (off of Exit 407, the Buc-ee's exit) spoke to the Dinilawigi about a sponsorship opportunity for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Along with the members of the Youngdeer Post and staff of the AEF, Hall brought two bald eagles, Penny and Challenger, into the Dinilawigi chambers.

Hall said, "We have long desired to have a partnership with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for several reasons. One, we are close in proximity to one another. Two, we do not consider the bald eagle or the golden eagle as our birds. Although they are on the great seal of the United States, they were revered far before America began. We believe the eagle and other birds of prey have cultural significance to the Cherokee and we do not want to gate-keep that. We want to provide the Eastern Band of Cherokee direct access to the bald eagle and birds of prey that we have."

She went on to explain that they are fundraising to build and facilitate a large hospital for the birds and cited a lack of available resources and environmental pressures putting stress on the eagles' natural habitat. Hall said the capacity for the new facility would



The bald eagle Challenger with his American Eagle Foundation handler. (ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather photo)

be 1,000 birds. The goal is rehabilitation and reentry into the wild once the birds are well and able to take care of themselves.

Hall announced that beginning in fall 2025, the AEF would like to provide free field trips to all the students of Cherokee Central Schools, Kindergarten through 12th grade. "We currently charge other counties. We do not believe that Cherokee Public Schools should be charged to come to field trips to the American Eagle Foundation."

Shel stated that this opportunity for Cherokee students would be available regardless of a part-

nership status with the tribe. She also said that even tribal member students in surrounding county school systems would be eligible for free field trips.

No specifics were discussed regarding financial support amounts. The AEF Executive Director presented the offer to the tribe for participation which included the following: naming rights to the 2,500 sq. ft. veterinary hospital and adjacent rehabilitation flight run wings; sponsorship and marketing rights for "Founder of the nation's largest bird of prey (or bald eagle) rehabilitation hospital"; onsite naming

marquee and website recognition; exclusive sponsorship of 24/7 streaming rehabilitation cam; 15 curated and approved social media sponsorship posts across all AEF profiles per calendar year for ten years; internships for Cherokee seniors looking to enter the fields of zoology, biology, veterinary care, marketing, etc.; exclusive access to all rehabilitated bird releases to be used by EBCI as content of sponsorship/partnership. Hall suggested that the AEF would like to call the facility Uwohali in honor of the partnership with the tribe, should one come to pass.

The Dinilawigi and Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Hicks thanked the AEF for bringing the bald eagles and the proposal and hoped that a partnership could be worked out.

Ugvwiyuhi Hicks said, "Looking at these birds gives you a great feeling. We were at the cross country meet yesterday and an eagle flew over. When you see them, you feel safe. You feel the freedom that we have known for centuries. I think there are some great opportunities to work with the school systems."

He also thought the idea of a feather repository that could potentially provide more access to feathers for tribal members was a good idea. "We have had requests (for feathers) in for months because we get a number of requests for beaded feathers, especially for graduating seniors."

AEF's facility includes a 57 acre campus housing a museum, classrooms, a custom designed playscape, "creating a world-class, educational environment for multi-generational families."



# Letts honored by Dinilawigi

By ROBERT JUMPER  
One Feather Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Resolution No. 294 (2024) was taken up by Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) in its Thursday, Sept. 5 session and called for the addition of recognition for Mary Jane Letts as a visionary and collaborator with Susan Bradley Jones in redesigning the Oconaluftee Island Park. The resolution cited a previous resolution (538-2008) that established policies and procedures for naming tribal buildings. It also stated that the park as it exists now came to be “through the leadership demonstrated by Mary Letz and Susan Jones”. Susan Jones was similarly recognized by the Tribe in 2019, naming the lower bridge and restroom facilities.

The resolution calls for the Dinilawigi to act as follows: “The upper northern bridge shall be named and hereby always known as Mary Jane Craig Letts Walkway Bridge to memorialize the many contributions Mary Jane made professionally and personally to improve and strengthen the Cherokee community thereby adding to the sovereignty of the tribe. Be it further resolved that the new dedication be reflected with an appropriate monument and signage.”

The resolution was submitted by former Ugvwiyuhi (Chief) Joyce Dugan, former Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Larry Blythe, former Dinilawigi Chairman Dan McCoy, Alan Oocumma, Mary Jane Ferguson, and the Honorable Bradley B. Letts, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge (30B NC Judicial District).

Judge Letts spoke of his mother’s commitment and dedication to a community vision for the Oconaluftee Island Park and her devotion to service to the Cherokee community. Letts shared a Jan. 13, 1993, article from the Cherokee One Feather that outlined a plan and map of the Park during a tribal Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting. Speaking of Susan Jones and Mary Letts, he stated, “They were the driving forces on the project. But so was



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everyone else. It never would have been successful without the community getting involved and supporting. It is enjoyed by so many folks. It is something we can all be very proud of. I think it is a great thing.”

Alan Oocumma said he enjoyed working with Mary Letts and she told him of the vision she had for the Island Park. Mary Jane Ferguson said, “The Island Park has become such an integral part of our communities, and this was indeed a community effort led by Susie Bradley Jones and Mary Jane Letts.”

Mary Jane Letts spoke to Dinilawigi. “The people here who help with it should be more honored than me because I just came to work for North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, and I met with the Community Club Council and the Extension Homemakers to find out what they would like to see me do. I grew up here, graduated from Cherokee High School, and went to school and college in Oklahoma at Tahlequah. I went to Soco School, and they had a bus that would take us down to

the Island and we looked forward to that. They brought us from all over the reservation. That was kind of a highlight of our school year.”

While recounting the challenges of making the upgrades to the Island Park, she said, “We had to raise the money. The tribe didn’t have the money to help us.” Someone in the Extension office knew something about fundraising through galas. Local business leaders provided a venue, local restaurants provided food, and the community supported the Island Park project with financial contributions and sponsorship. “Everybody pitched in helping. It was a labor of love. I am so happy when I go by (the Island Park) and see children and people, especially the Cherokee people. I accept this honor on behalf of everyone and thank you for recognizing my efforts and for all the efforts of all the countless enrolled members because everybody helped.”

The Dinilawigi gave a unanimous standing vote in honor of Mrs. Letts.

# BGN to review Kuwohi name restoration application in September meeting

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – An application to restore the name of Clingman’s Dome, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, to its original Cherokee name, Kuwohi (mulberry place), will be heard by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) soon.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Geological Survey told the One Feather that the application is scheduled to be on the docket of the BGN meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024.

Lavita Hill and Mary “Mis-

sy” Crowe, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), started this effort in 2022 and have gotten widespread support for the initiative.

Hill told the One Feather on Thursday, July 18, 2024, “We are so proud to have pulled together support from all across the political spectrum for the Kuwohi name restoration. This was never about attacking Thomas Clingman. Rather, we have strong Clingman family support. This was always about recognizing the historical significance of Kuwohi to the Cherokee people.”

She added, “We are hopeful

the Board has seen the merit in our application which contained more than 150 pages of supporting documentation and will ultimately vote to restore Kuwohi within the near future.”

The Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) of the EBCI passed Res. No. 72 (2024) unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024 that approved the submission of an application on behalf of the Tribe to restore the name. The application to BGN was filed by Hill and Crowe on behalf of Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks and Dinilawigi on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024.

Res. No. 72 speaks to the support for the name restoration regionally stating, “...community support for the restoration of the Kuwohi name has been overwhelming, including formal support from multiple local governments, including the counties of: Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee, and the towns of Asheville, Andrews, Murphy, Hayesville, Fontana Dam, Lake Santeetlah, Robbinsville, Canton, Clyde, Maggie Valley, Waynesville, Dillsboro, Sylva, Webster, the Village of Forrest Hills, Franklin, Highlands, and Bryson City in western North Carolina, and the counties of Knox and Cambel in eastern Tennessee.”

In 2023, Hill and Crowe were recognized for their efforts by the Tennessee General Assembly with

the passage of Bill H.J. 452. That legislation, submitted by State Rep. Justin Jones (D-District 52), stated, “Ms. Crowe and Ms. Hill are testaments to the power of dedication and determination, and their laudable mission deserves to be acknowledged; now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the Senate concurring, that we honor and commend Mary Crowe and Lavita Hill on their efforts to restore the traditional Cherokee name of ‘Kuwohi’ to Clingman’s Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.”

That legislation passed 92-0 in the Tennessee House of Representatives on March 20, 2023, and it passed 31-0 in the Tennessee Senate on March 30, 2023. Gov. Lee signed it on April 11, 2023.

Dinilawigi passed legislation on July 14, 2022 which officially lent support from the EBCI for the name restoration effort. That legislation, submitted by Crowe and Hill, describes the area, “Kuwohi or ‘mulberry place’, is the highest point in our area and has significance to us as Cherokee as it was visited by medicine people who prayed and sought guidance from the Creator regarding important matters facing our people, and then returned to our towns to give guidance and advice.”



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# Santa from Santa's Land arrested on child sex abuse charges

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**  
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*Note: The following person was arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the defendant has only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Bevier Hasbrouck Sleight III, 78, who was employed as Santa at Santa's Land Fun Park & Zoo in Cherokee, was arrested by Cherokee Indian Police Department on Aug. 29 for 13 child abuse charges:

- \* Aggravated Sexual Abuse
- \* Aggravated Sexual Abuse
- \* Sexual Abuse
- \* Sexual Abuse
- \* Abusive Sexual Contact
- \* Abusive Sexual Contact
- \* Offensive Touching
- \* Offensive Touching
- \* Offensive Touching
- \* Contributing to the delinquency, undiscipline, neglect, or abuse of minors
- \* Contributing to the delinquency, undiscipline, neglect, or abuse of minors
- \* Child Abuse in the First Degree
- \* Child Abuse in the First Degree

Cherokee Tribal Court can proceed with prosecution of Sleight, a non-enrolled defendant, through the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Santa's Land Fun Park & Zoo provided no comment at this time.

A release order was filed on Sept. 4, authorizing Sleight's re-

lease upon execution of a secured bond in the amount of \$75,000. Restrictions of the release include:

- Defendant is to stay away from the home, school, business or place of employment of the alleged victim and/or, other members of the household or family, as well as any healthcare facility, while the victim is a victim's resident/patient at that facility: Defendant is to refrain from harassing, annoying, telephoning, contacting or otherwise communicating with the alleged victim, or family member of the victim either directly or indirectly.
- Defendant is prohibited from using or possessing a firearm or any other weapon.
- Defendant is prohibited from possessing or consuming alcohol or controlled substances without a prescription in the name of the Defendant.
- Defendant is to remain within

the Jurisdiction of the Cherokee Court at all times.

- Defendant is not to violate the laws of this or any other jurisdiction.
- Pre-Trial release supervision
- EHC [Electronic Home Confinement]
- Confined to home other than for medical care and to meet with his attorney
- Must have approval from probation to attend medical appointments and provide notice of upcoming meetings with attorney
- May work if approved by probation
- May not work where direct contact with children or where contact with children is a part of the job
- Surrender any remaining weapons to CIPD

Sleight's next court date is scheduled for Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. in Cherokee Tribal Court.

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# Cherokee Tribal Court Disposition Summary for Aug. 1-31, 2024

Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court

*Note: The following cases were disposed of in Cherokee Tribal Court during the time period of Aug. 1-31, 2024. The date of each offense is in parenthesis.*

Aguilera, Adrian E.  
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (6/7/23). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation

Allen Jr., Anthony  
- Assault on a Female (11-1/17). Assault on a Female. Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Anthony Jr., Troy D.  
- Speed Faster than Reasonable

(date of offense not listed). No disposition was given  
- Exceeding Posted Speed (date of offense not listed). No disposition was given

Arch, James W.  
- Fail to Stop at Sigh/Flashing Red Light (date of offense not listed). No disposition was given

Arch, Stefanie W.  
- Public Intoxication (10/27/19). Dismissed, Interest of Justice  
- Compulsory School Attendance (8/14/17). Dismissed per Prior Plea

Ardrey, Keonta M.  
- Probation Revocation (6/24/24). Admitted  
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (6/22/24). Dismissed per Prior Plea

Armachain, Steven A.  
- DWLR (date of offense not listed). No disposition was given

Barker Jr., Quinton E.  
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (12/14/23). Guilty  
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (12/14/23). Dismissed per Plea

Biddix, Buster L.  
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (4/8/22). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness  
- Escape for Imprisonment and Custody (4/8/22). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness

Bigmeat, Chandra G.  
- Unlawful to Drive While License

Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (12/19/19). Dismissed

Bigmeat, Russell  
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (4/23/20). Dismissed

Bigwitch, Justina M.  
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (10/18/22). No disposition given

Bird, Kirsh D.  
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (8/3/24). Dismissed, Lack of Jurisdiction

Bradley, Evard L.  
- Violation of Registration Provisions (11/11/23). No disposition given  
- Failure to Yield at Stop Sign/

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Flashing Red Light (date of offense not listed). No disposition given  
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (5/30/23). No disposition given  
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (11/11/23). No disposition given  
- DWLR Not Impaired (date of offense not listed). No disposition given  
- DWLR Not Impaired (date of offense not listed). No disposition given  
- Expired/No Inspection (date of offense not listed). No disposition given  
  
Bradley, Johnny L.  
- Weapons Offense (2/10/24). Dismissed, Co-Defendant Accepted Responsibility  
- Aiding, Abetting, Acting in Concert/Accessory Before the Fact (2/10/24). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation  
- Possession OPN CNT/CONS ALC PSG AREA (date of offense not listed). No disposition given  
  
Bradley, Gregory W.  
- Violation of Registration Provisions (11/26/23). No disposition given  
- Operation of Motor Vehicle without Financial Responsibility, a Misdemeanor (11/26/23). No disposition given  
  
Brown, Dillon M.  
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (11/24/23). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided  
  
Bruneel, Matthew R.  
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (date of offense not listed). No disposition given

Calhoun, Travis L.  
- Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance in Schedules I-V (1/26/23). Dismissed per Prior Plea  
- Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance in Schedules I-V (1/26/23). Dismissed per Prior Plea  
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (3/5/24). Dismissed per Prior Plea  
  
Calhoun, Chase M.  
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (3/4/23). Dismissed Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence  
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (3/4/23). Dismissed Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence  
- No Operator's License/Driver's License (3/4/23). Dismissed Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence  
- Driving While Impaired (3/4/23). Dismissed Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence  
  
Calhoun, James P.  
- Sex Offender Crimes (5/23/24). Guilty  
  
Century, Andy A.  
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (1/7/23). Not Guilty Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence  
  
Cole, Jillian K.  
- Probation Revocation (3/27/24).

Dismissed Upon Further Investigation  
- Probation Revocation (3/27/24). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation  
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (3/26/24). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (3/26/24). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation  
- Drug Paraphernalia (3/26/24). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation  
  
Crow, Timothy  
- Second Degree Trespass (2/17/24). Guilty  
- Second Degree Trespass (9/30/23). Dismissed per Plea  
  
Crowe-Key, Feather L.  
- Drug Trafficking (11/30/23). Dismissed, Interest of Justice  
  
Crowe, Dallas E.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (2/21/24). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (2/21/24). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation  
  
Crowe, John E.  
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (1/19/24). Not Guilty Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence  
  
Crowe, Sheena  
- Driving While Impaired (6/25/22). Dismissed per Plea  
- Failure to Stay at the Scene of an Accident (6/25/22). Dismissed per Plea  
- Drug Paraphernalia (1/23/24). Dismissed per Plea  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (1/23/24).

Guilty  
  
Cucumber, Betty L.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (2/12/24). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation  
  
Eller, Raymond W.  
- Poss OPN CNT/CONS ALC PSG AREA (date of offense not listed). No disposition given  
  
Estrella, Luis  
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (7/17/24). Dismissed Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence  
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (7/17/24). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify  
- Domestic Criminal Trespass (7/17/24). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify  
  
Evans, Brandon  
- Assault on a Female (7/26/18). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify  
  
Finger, Brian D. Sr.  
- Probation Revocation (6/6/24). Admitted  
- Probation Revocation (6/6/24). Admitted  
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (9/18/23). Dismissed per plea.  
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (9/18/24). Guilty  
  
Flippo, Chastity R.  
- No Operators License (date of offense not listed).  
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offense not listed). No disposition given.

Fowler, Marsha D.  
- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

French, Kelley S.  
- Possession of a controlled substance (Schedules I-V) (1/2/20). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

George, Kayla A.  
- Probation Revocation (11/13/23). Admitted.  
- Probation Revocation (11/13/23). Admitted.  
- Possession of a controlled substance (Schedules I-V) (11/13/23). Guilty.  
- Drug Trafficking (11/13/23). Dismissed Per Prior Plea.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (1/30/17). Dismissed.

Gunter, Austin A.  
- Obstructing Governmental Functions (2/12/22). Dismissed Per Plea.  
- Public Nuisance (2/12/22). Guilty Per Plea.  
- Child Pornography (9/14/21). Dismissed Per Plea.  
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undisciplined, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (9/14/21). Guilty Per Plea.

Hickman, Rosanna M.  
- Harboring Excluded Persons (10/26/23). Guilty.  
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (10/26/23). Dismissed Per Plea.

Hill, Jonathan S.  
- Possession of a Controlled Sub-

stance (Aggravated Possession of Marijuana) (3/15/24). Dismissed, Upon Further Investigation.

Houser, Robert T.  
- No Operators License/Drivers License (11/08/19). Dismissed, Upon Further Investigation.  
- Driving While Impaired (11/08/19). Dismissed, Upon Further Investigation.

Hueble, Julie E.  
- Grand Larceny (3/6/24). Dismissed, Lack of Jurisdiction.

Jimenez, Juan R.  
- Assault on a Female (5/14/21). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.  
- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (3/8/21). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.  
- Larceny (3/7/21). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

Jordan, Danya J.  
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (8/31/24). Dismissed, Lack of Jurisdiction.

Jumper, Taelon K.  
- Exceeding Posted Speed (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Kirkland, Jami L.  
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Komenda, Mellisa B.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (3/15/24). Dismissed, Upon Further Investigation.

Lambert, Erica A.  
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, after Notification, or While Disqualified (12/5/23). No disposition given.

Lambert, Jack A.  
- Disorderly Conduct (10/28/23). Guilty.  
- Assaulting by Pointing Gun (10/28/23). Dismissed Per Plea.  
- Failed to Stop at Scene of a Crash (10/28/23). Dismissed Per Plea.

Lambert, Kaiden  
- Providing Alcoholic Beverages to/Possession of/Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by/Persons under 21 Years Old (4/19/24). Dismissed Per Prior Plea.

Ledford, Nigel H.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (2/19/24). Dismissed, Upon Further Investigation.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (2/19/24). Dismissed, Upon Further Investigation.

Lespier, April A.  
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (6/2/23). Dismissed Per Plea.  
- Public Intoxication (6/2/23). Guilty.

- Second Degree Trespass (7/31/23). Guilty.  
- Resisting Lawful Arrest (10/28/23). Guilty.  
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (11/13/23). Guilty.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (11/13/23). Dismissed Per Plea.  
- Injuring Real Property (10/28/23). Dismissed Per Plea.  
- Assault with a Deadly Weapon (10/28/23). Dismissed Per Plea.  
- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (10/28/23). Dismissed Per Plea.  
- Public Intoxication (11/13/23). Dismissed Per Plea.  
- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (10/28/23). Dismissed Per Plea.

- Criminal Mischief to Property (10/28/23). Dismissed Per Plea.

Locust, Randi L.  
- Violation of Registration Provisions (5/16/19). Dismissed.

Lossiah, Joshua B.  
- Providing or Possessing Contraband (2/23/22). Not Guilty, Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (2/15/22). Not Guilty, Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence.

Maganet, Bryan D.  
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (5/27/20). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.  
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- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (5/27/20). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.  
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (5/27/20). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

Maney, Siceria M.  
- Probation Revocation (3/12/24). Admitted.  
- Probation Revocation (3/12/24). Admitted.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (3/1/24). Guilty.  
- Resisting Lawful Arrest (3/12/24). Guilty.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (3/1/24). Dismissed, Per Prior Plea.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (4/18/24). Dismissed, Per Prior Plea.  
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using Possessing) (3/1/24). Dismissed, Per Prior Plea.

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- Theft of Property Lost, Mislaidd, or Delivered by Mistake (3/12/24). Dismissed, Per Prior Plea.

Maples, Jordan L.

- Operate Vehicle No Insurance (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.  
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Medford-Gonzalez, Vivian M.

- Allow Unlicensed to Drive (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Myers, Mark H.

- Second Degree Trespass (4/28/24). Guilty.  
- Reckless Endangerment (1/6/24). Dismissed, Per Prior Plea.  
- Injuring Real Property (1/6/24). Guilty.

- Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public (1/6/24). Dismissed, Per Prior Plea.

- Assault with a Deadly Weapon (1/6/24). Dismissed, Per Prior Plea.

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (4/28/24). Dismissed, Per Prior Plea.

Osborne, Marcus S.

- Driving While Impaired (8/3/24). Dismissed, Lack of Jurisdiction.

Owl, Sierra

- Resisting Lawful Arrest (4/3/24). Dismissed, Upon Further Investigation.

- Disorderly Conduct (4/3/24).

Dismissed, Upon Further Investigation.

Owle, Lloyd E.

- Unlawful to Drive While License

Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Owle, Jaazaniah

- Grand Larceny (11/24/20). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

Panther, Allana K.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using Possessing) (1/12/24). Dismissed, Upon Further Investigation.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (1/12/24). Dismissed, Upon Further Investigation.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (12/2/23). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (date of offense not listed). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

Parra-Rubio, Taiya A.

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (4/1/24). Dismissed, Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (3/31/24). Dismissed, Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (4/29/24). Dismissed, Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence.

- Filing a False Emergency Report (4/29/24). Dismissed, Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence.

Pete, Cal J.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (11/18/17). Dismissed.

Plummer, Santiago

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (5/14/18). Dismissed.

Queen, Johnnie S.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (4/27/23). Dismissed, Defendant Adequately Sentenced in Federal Court.

- Drug Trafficking (4/27/23).

Dismissed, Defendant Adequately Sentenced in Federal Court.

- Drug Trafficking (4/27/23).

Dismissed, Defendant Adequately Sentenced in Federal Court.

- Accessory After the Fact (1/25/23). Dismissed, With Leave.

Ramirez, Karina B.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (12/7/23). Guilty.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (12/7/23). Dismissed, Per Prior Plea.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using Possessing) (12/7/23). Dismissed, Per Prior Plea.

Rattler, Payne Q.

- No Operators License/Drivers License (12/21/23). No disposition given.

- No Operators License/Drivers License (1/7/24). No disposition given.

Roach, Kenneth

- Littering (2/28/19). Dismissed.

Roberts, Tony D.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (11/25/22). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (11/25/22). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

Roland, Davita C.

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (8/11/24). Dismissed, Upon Further Investigation.

Sadongei, Zia T.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

- Expired/No Inspection (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Santoyo, Ana M.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Shepherd, Cecil J., Jr.

- Exceeding Posted Speed (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Sherrill, Edward D.

- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Smoker, Keri

- Filing a False Emergency Report (3/22/24). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (6/11/23). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness.

Sneed, Samuel P.

- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (5/15/24). Dismissed Per Plea.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (5/15/24). Guilty.

- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (5/15/24). Dismissed Per Plea.

- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (5/15/24). Dismissed Per Plea.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstruct-



ing Officers (5/15/24). Dismissed Per Plea.

Standingdeer, Andrea D.  
- Violation of Registration Provisions (2/16/22). Dismissed, Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence.

- Communicating Threats (4/19/23). Dismissed, At Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify.  
- Larceny (3/17/20). Dismissed, At Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (6/19/23). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided.

Standingdeer, Shena D.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (7/12/23). Guilty.

- Larceny (12/14/23). Guilty.  
- Escape from Imprisonment and Custody (11/17/23). Guilty.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (7/12/23). Guilty.  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (7/12/23). Guilty.

Standingdeer, Sheila K.  
- Grand Larceny (7/11/24). Dismissed, for Further Investigation

Tafoya, Phylcia K.  
- Violation of Registration Provisions (7/2/21). Dismissed.

Taylor, Edward D.  
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (4/2/18). Dismissed.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (4/3/18).  
- Violation of Registration Provi-

sions (4/3/18). Dismissed.

Taylor, Jonathan  
- No Operators License (date of offense not listed). No Disposition given.

Teesateskie, Steven D.  
- Poss Open Cnt/Cons Alc Psg Area (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Teesateskie, Joel  
- Public Nuisance (12/5/23). Guilty.  
- Public Nuisance (12/5/23). Guilty.  
- Public Nuisance (12/5/23). Guilty.

Teesatuskie, Richard C.  
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Thompson, Sarah M.  
- Criminal Mischief to Property (11/13/23). Dismissed, At Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify.

Toineeta, Jesse B.  
- Reckless Driving (12/15/23). Guilty.  
- Cruelty to Animals (12/15/23). Dismissed Per Plea.

Tomas, Sergio  
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (1/13/23). Guilty.

Tranter, Jordan  
- Improper Equip - Speedometer (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Turner, Christopher  
- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (8/12/24). Dismissed Per Plea.  
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstruct-

ing Officers (8/12/24). Guilty.

Wachacha, William B.  
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (2/5/24). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

Waldroup, Calvin D.  
- Probation Revocation (7/19/22). Admitted.

Walkingstick, Carla T.  
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Watty-Ramirez, Zaceus A.  
- Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury (11/5/23). Guilty.  
- Aggravated Reckless Endangerment (11/5/23). Dismissed Per Plea.

Welch, Kelsey A.  
- Violation of Registration Provisions (6/30/17). Dismissed.

Welch, Anthony D.  
- DWLR Not Impared Rev. (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.

Welch, Justice E.  
- Violation of Registration Provisions (11/24/23). No disposition given.

Wildcatt, Stephanie A.  
- Violation of Registration Provisions (9/2/14). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

- Breaking and Entering (6/21/20). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

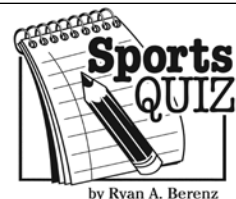
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (4/22/14). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.  
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (9/2/14). Dis-

missed, Interest of Justice.  
- Speed Restrictions (12/25/13). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.  
- Compulsory School Attendance (5/8/13). Dismissed, Interest of Justice.

Wilnoty, William J.  
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (1/17/24). Guilty.

Wilnoty, Michael W., Jr.  
- Probation Revocation (6/7/16/24). Dismissed, With Leave  
- Simple Assault (8/30/23). Guilty.

Wilnoty, Thomas Z.  
- DWLR Impaired Rev. (date of offense not listed). No disposition given.



1. What NASCAR driver, winner of the 1969 Daytona 500, was admitted to a mental institution after he attempted to kill his mother in 1980?
2. Pioneering astronaut Sally K. Ride was a nationally ranked player for Stanford University in what sport?
3. Baseball Hall of Famer Jake Beckley, who played from 1888-1907, played a Major League Baseball record 2,368 games at what position?

4. Poland's Sebastian Kawa has the most world championships (17 as of July 2024) in what air sport?

5. What national soccer team was banned from qualifying for the 1994 FIFA World Cup after a 1989 incident in which goalkeeper Roberto Rojas intentionally cut himself and claimed he was attacked by Brazil's fans?

6. Nate McMillan played his entire NBA career from 1986-1998 with what team?

7. From 1976-2012, the annual award presented to Major League Baseball's best relief pitcher was sponsored by what antacid brand?

#### Answers

1. LeeRoy Yarborough.
2. Tennis.
3. First base.
4. Gliding.
5. Chile.
6. The Seattle SuperSonics.
7. Roloids ("R-O-L-A-I-D-S spells relief").

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# CIPD Arrest Report for Aug. 26 – Sept. 1, 2024

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

George, Harold Channing – age 43  
Arrested: Aug. 26  
Released: Aug. 29  
Charges: Probation Violation; Reckless Endangerment; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Taylor, Taylor Norman – age 24  
Arrested: Aug. 26  
Released: Aug. 29  
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Probation Violation

Owle, Brian David – age 58  
Arrested: Aug. 27  
Released: Aug. 28  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Bradley, Dawsin Edward – age 21  
Arrested: Aug. 28  
Released: Aug. 28  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Driver, Darrell Lee – age 39  
Arrested: Aug. 28  
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 2)  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Failure to

Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (two counts)

Sleight, Bevier Hasbrouck III – age 78  
Arrested: Aug. 29  
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 2)  
Charges: Aggravated Sexual Abuse (two counts); Sexual Abuse (two counts); Abusive Sexual Contact (two counts); Offensive Touching (three counts); Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (two counts); Child Abuse in the First Degree (two counts)

Walkingstick, William G. – age 52  
Arrested: Aug. 29  
Released: Aug. 30  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Wildcatt, Wesley Jordan – age 24  
Arrested: Aug. 29  
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 2)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Standingdeer, Sadie Ann – age 35  
Arrested: Aug. 30  
Released: Aug. 30  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bird, Eddie – age 34  
Arrested: Aug. 31  
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 2)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Jordan, Danya – age 48  
Arrested: Aug. 31  
Released: Aug. 31  
Charges: Domestic Assault

Welch, Charla Zugina – age 48  
Arrested: Aug. 31  
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 2)

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V

Crowe, Isaiah – age 19  
Arrested: Sept. 1  
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 2)  
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverage to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21-years-old; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Rickman, Patrick Lynn – age 48  
Arrested: Sept. 1  
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 2)  
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Smith II, Greg Luis – age 34  
Arrested: Sept. 1  
Released: Sept. 1  
Charges: Assault on a Female, Criminal Mischief to Property, Public Intoxication



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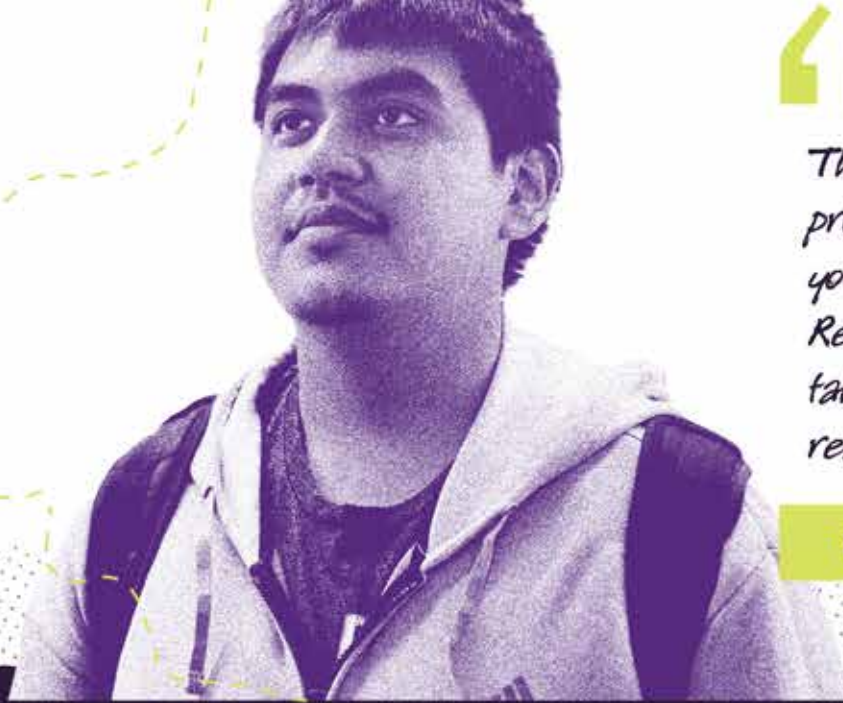
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## JV FOOTBALL

**Robbinsville 41  
Cherokee 6**

The Cherokee JV Braves hosted the Robbinsville JV Black Knights at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 5.

**ABOVE:** Cherokee's Kollin Sampson runs hard up the middle.

**LEFT:** Cherokee's Felix Lossiah (#60) gets a hard hit on Robbinsville QB Blevins.

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One Feather photos**

## SCORING SUMMARY

### 1st Quarter

8:18 - Robbinsville: Gibby 30-yard scoop and score. Wachacha kick good. Robbinsville 7 Cherokee 0

3:42 - Robbinsville: Blevins 29-yard pass to Wachacha. Wachacha kick good. Robbinsville 14 Cherokee 0

### 2nd Quarter

7:23 - Robbinsville: Allison pick-six returned 86 yards. Wachacha kick good. Robbinsville 21 Cherokee 0

5:51 - Robbinsville: Allison 61-yard kickoff return. Wachacha kick good. Robbinsville 28 Cherokee 0

### 3rd Quarter

8:26 - Robbinsville: Allison 54-yard run. Kick no good. Robbinsville 34 Cherokee 0

3:04 - Robbinsville: Blevins 14-yard pass to Lambert. Wachacha kick good. Robbinsville 41 Cherokee 0

### 4th Quarter

:27 - Cherokee: Kollin Sampson 7-yard pass to Jordan Panther. 2-point no good. Robbinsville 41 Cherokee 6



**FOOTBALL:**

**Choctaw 26 Cherokee 13**

The Cherokee Braves, representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, hosted the Choctaw Central (Miss.) Warriors, representing the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, in the Annual Battle of the Nations game at Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Sept. 6.

**ABOVE:** Cherokee's Jonathan Saylor dives into the end zone on a 21-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

**LEFT:** Cherokee's Luke Smith tackles Choctaw's Tyreke Ben for a loss.

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**SCORING SUMMARY**

**1st Quarter**

3:07 - Choctaw: Keyshawn Ben 24-yard pass to Tyris Stokes. Christian Davis kick good. Choctaw 7 Cherokee 0

1:41 - Cherokee: Jonathan Saylor 21-yard run. Tayvin Bark kick good. Cherokee 7 Choctaw 7

:26.6 - Choctaw: Koooper Wesley 80-yard pass to Keyshawn Ben. Davis kick good. Choctaw 14 Cherokee 7

**2nd Quarter**

10:47 - Cherokee: Noah Watty 24-yard run. Kick no good. Choctaw 14 Cherokee 13

4:27 - Choctaw: Keyshawn Ben 3-yard run. Kick no good. Choctaw 20 Cherokee 13

**4th Quarter**

11:10 - Choctaw: Keyshawn Ben 5-yard run. Kick no good. Choctaw 26 Cherokee 13

## CROSS COUNTRY

# CHS, CMS Lady Braves win at home meet

### One Feather Staff Report

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Cherokee Central Schools hosted a cross country meet on the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 4, and both the Cherokee High School (CHS) and Cherokee Middle School (CMS) Lady Braves won their team contests.

The CHS Lady Braves won the high school girls team contest with a score of 42 followed by Murphy with 55. Dvdaya Swimmer led Cherokee with a first-place finishing time of 19:37.11, and Daisee Fourkiller-Raby took fourth with a time of 21:47.28.

The CMS Lady Braves won the middle school girls team contest with a score of 41 followed by Murphy with 59. Austin Fourkiller-Raby led the way for Cherokee with a first-place finishing time of 13:15.90.

Ogana Swimmer led the CHS Braves with a second-place finish in the high school boys race with a time of 16:39.95.

Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top seven finishers in each race and all CHS and CMS finishers:

#### Middle School Girls

- 1 - Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 13:15.9
- 2 - Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 14:15.5
- 3 - Natalie Swimmer, Robbinsville, 14:31.0
- 4 - Kylee Koop, Murphy, 14:40.5
- 5 - Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 14:49.9
- 6 - Rebecca Carver, Carolina Mountain XC, 14:52.4
- 7 - Uliahna Beheler, Cherokee, 14:55.5
- 12 - Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 15:16.1
- 16 - Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 15:35.3
- 17 - Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 15:36.9
- 32 - Makeena Armchair, Cherokee, 16:32.7
- 35 - Kaylahni Williams, Cherokee, 17:07.1
- 36 - Taya Jackson, Cherokee, 17:07.5
- 37 - Amelia Holiday, Cherokee, 17:12.3
- 41 - Jolyssa Hernandez, Cherokee, 18:03.9
- 43 - Ehko Lossiah, Cherokee, 18:18.6
- 46 - Viola Williams, Cherokee, 18:36.9

- 60 - Keilani Arch, Cherokee, 20:27.2
- 74 - Mika Bradley, Cherokee, 22:25.8
- 75 - Ariel Crowe, Cherokee, 23:25.4
- 76 - Kinley Crowe, Cherokee, 23:27.4
- 84 - Amaya Rodriguez, Cherokee, 24:39.0

#### Team Scores

- 1 – Cherokee Middle 41
- 2 – Murphy Middle 59
- 3 – Hayesville Middle 103
- 4 – Swain Middle 111
- 5 – Carolina Mountain XC 135
- 6 – Robbinsville Middle 146
- 7 – Mountain Discovery Charter School 171
- 8 – The Catamount School 178

#### Middle School Boys

- 1 - Levi Clark, Andrews, 11:12.9
- 2 - Elliott Salinas, Andrews, 11:22.9
- 3 - Benjamin Frederick, Carolina Mountain XC, 11:46.8
- 4 - Jayce Donaldson, Andrews, 11:50.5
- 5 - Luke Clark, Andrews, 11:58.5
- 6 - Eli Cheeks, Hayesville, 12:21.5
- 7 - Matt Woodard, Robbinsville, 12:23.3
- 12 - Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 12:40.8
- 20 - Odie Owle, Cherokee, 13:31.2
- 25 - Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 13:46.7
- 26 - Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 13:55.1
- 31 - Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 14:20.0
- 32 - Drayzin Beheler, Cherokee, 14:21.5
- 37 - Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 14:30.6
- 59 - Wyatt Moore, Cherokee, 16:31.0
- 61 - Kaiser Hernandez, Cherokee, 16:48.4
- 72 - Makai Hernandez, Cherokee, 17:44.2
- 79 - Catche Tiger, Cherokee, 19:03.8
- 80 - Loki Raya, Cherokee, 19:08.2
- 86 - Kody Smith, Cherokee, 20:42.7
- 93 - Mato Raines, Cherokee, 21:44.0

#### Team Scores

- 1 – Andrews Middle 25
- 2 – Hayesville Middle 75
- 3 – Cherokee Middle 114
- 4 – Carolina Mountain XC 134
- 5 – Murphy Middle 142
- 6 – Robbinsville Middle 153
- 7 – Swain Middle 161
- 8 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger Middle 183
- 9 – The Catamount School 194
- 10 – Mountain Discovery Charter School 266

#### High School Girls

- 1 - Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 19:37.2

- 2 - Fern Crayton, Tri-County Early College, 21:27.1
- 3 - Sydney Greenstone, Hayesville, 21:36.5
- 4 - Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 21:47.3
- 5 - Claire Worley, Highlands, 22:41.4
- 6 - Kennedy White, Murphy, 22:58.5
- 7 - Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 23:20.5
- 12 - Livia Crowe, Cherokee, 24:32.1
- 27 - Add Cooper, Cherokee, 29:40.3
- 33 - Layla Cucumber, Cherokee, 32:22.4

#### Team Scores

- 1 – Cherokee 42
- 2 – Murphy 55
- 3 – Hayesville 72
- 4 – Tri-County Early College 76
- 5 – Summit Charter 97

#### High School Boys

- 1 - O'Malley Salinas, Andrews, 16:37.3
- 2 - Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 16:40.0
- 3 - Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 16:49.6
- 4 - Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam, 17:23.6
- 5 - Nathan Fredrick, Robbinsville, 17:58.7
- 6 - Samuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 17:59.8
- 7 - Noah Carter, Hayesville, 18:13.3
- 22 - Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 21:29.7
- 24 - Carlito Perez, Cherokee, 21:51.9
- 25 - Kaden Cucumber, Cherokee, 21:54.0
- 26 - Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 21:55.5
- 35 - Dillon Beam, Cherokee, 24:03.8
- 38 - Russell McKay, Cherokee, 24:40.4
- 40 - Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 25:41.0
- 55 - Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 31:54.2

#### Team Scores

- 1 – Hiwassee Dam 39
- 2 – Hayesville 59
- 3 – Murphy 84
- 4 – Cherokee 86
- 5 – Robbinsville 91
- 6 – Nantahala 167

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## Fort Lindsay

Fort Lindsay was the northernmost military post established to carry out Cherokee Removal. It thus represents the northeastern edge of the geographic area affected by Removal. North Carolina militia built the post in late 1837, and it served as a gathering point for Cherokees taken from scattered small communities in the surrounding area. Soldiers had a very difficult time finding Cherokee fugitives in the rough terrain and dense forests of this area. Many residents of the nearby Nantahala community successfully eluded capture. The image is a Lt. E. D. Keyes 1838 schematic map of army posts in the Cherokee Nation. Indicates Fort Lindsay as the northernmost station garrisoned for the Cherokee removal. Note: This is near where the Almond Boat Dock is currently located.



- Source: North Carolina Trail of Tears Association



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## Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute holds Right Path completion ceremonies and inductions

Submitted by  
Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute held the completion ceremony on Aug. 22 for the Dinedi Eginelv (To Give What Was Given to Us), and the Anigiduwagi Iyunadvnedi (Kituwah Ways), Adult Leadership Programs at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Both programs are advanced levels of the Duyugodv'i Right Path Adult Leadership Program. The most advanced level is Dinedi Eginelv.

This is a year-long mentorship program. Each participant selected a topic of Cherokee culture and worked with community experts

for 16 hours a month starting in October 2023. Melissa Smith and Mike Thompson (mentors Marie Junaluska, Tohisgi Climbingbear, and Chi Shipman) selected Cherokee language, Windall Toineeta selected carving, (mentors Butch Goings, Nancy Pheasant, Waylon Long, Bill Welch, and Charlie Welch), and Dr. Blythe Winchester chose pottery (mentors Matthew West, Louise Derouille, Dean Reed, Dorine George, Dr. Barbara Duncan, Mary Thompson, Jane Osti, Lisa Rutherford, Tama Roberts, and Carrie Lind). Anita Finger-Smith and Robin Swayney (2011 Right Path alumna) also helped the participants research their genealogy.

The Kituwah Ways program is the second level of Right Path. This is also a year-long program. Participants meet one day a month for a year to build on the Cherokee cultural knowledge and leadership skills they learned in Right Path. This year's graduates are Toshina Lossiah, Jennifer Martens, Chi Shipman, Robert Martens, Jerico French, Keyonna Hornbuckle, and Amy Postoak. In addition to the meetings, they must plan and complete an individual community project to show they are practicing selfless leadership.

Additionally, the 2025 Duyugodv'i Right Path Adult Leadership Program Cohort was introduced.

They are Malia Skulski, Madison Leatherwood, Tyra Maney, Sheena West, Lynn Catt, Nicole Efird, Samantha Bradley, Faith Long-Presley, Kevin Tafoya, and Ashford Smith. This is a nomination-based year-long program, and participants meet two days a month to increase their knowledge and practice of Cherokee culture and selfless leadership. They hear from community experts and traditional knowledge keepers throughout the year on a variety of topics.

The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is a department under the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.



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Last Known Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Linda left her residence on 7-6-2024.

Law enforcement made attempts to contact Linda in a parking lot and by phone.

If you have seen or have information about Linda Topps, contact Malia Miller, Missing Persons Clearinghouse Manager, Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511.

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**House Lot Survey:** Surveying requests for approved buildable house sites.

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**Block Foundation:** The foundation will be built for modular homes and stick built homes.

**Termite Spray:** This treatment is for block foundations for new homes.

**Concrete Footers:** Footers will be poured for single and doublewide mobile homes.

**Block Underpinning:** Block underpinning will be installed for doublewides.

**Vinyl Underpinning:** K-rock vinyl underpinning will be installed on single wide trailers.

**Trailer Transports:** Mobile home transports from trust land locations to be set up as permanent residence for enrolled members. We do not transport mobile homes from a mobile home company due the warranty on the home and liability.

**Gutters:** Gutter install is provided for new homes if needed, such as modulars, stick built and doublewides. We do not install gutters on singlewides. Gutter repair is done if they are causing erosion problems.

**Final Grade:** Drain lines are installed and the yard is graded to give positive drainage away from the foundation along with seed and straw to prevent erosion.

**Asbestos Assessment:** This assessment is performed on any home on trust lands owned by EBCI members and is being fully remodeled or demoed for replacement of a new home as the permanent residence.

**Asbestos Abatement:** The abatement is performed on any home that is positive for asbestos. The analysis is sent to Environmental, TCP and to the Land Fill for EBCI members replacing the old home with a new home as their permanent residence.

# Great Smoky Mountains National Park team wins national award for Seeking Paths in Nature education program

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A team of Great Smoky Mountains National Park employees was recently awarded the 2023 Excellence in Education Award at a National Park Service awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. Many of the agency's top awards were presented at the 2023 National Service Awards ceremony.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park team received the award for their development of Seeking Paths in Nature (SPiN), a curriculum project that integrates Cherokee culture and traditional ecological knowledge with park themes. Park staff and educators from Cherokee middle schools co-created the project, which was initiated and funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

SPiN was created to address a desire of the Cherokee community to provide an opportunity for non-tribal students in the region to gain a deeper understanding of the culture of their Cherokee neighbors. The project and resulting classroom units are an active way to acknowledge the park's location within the traditional homelands of the Aniyuwiya (Cherokee).

The curriculum includes six classroom units that illustrate how the Cherokee have used science throughout their history. Through the units, students learn how to use observation to improve their understanding of interactions in nature and then use art, stories, and other creative endeavors to share their observations. Each unit culminates in ideas for additional lessons to offer student agency to extend their learning and impact



A team of Great Smoky Mountains National Park employees was recently awarded the 2023 Excellence in Education Award at a National Park Service awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. Award winners included, left to right, Malia Crowe Skulski, Natrieifia Miller, Kaylyn Barnes, Callia Johnson, Susan Sachs, Beth Wright and Kahawis. (Photo courtesy of Smokies Life)

in their communities. In one SPiN unit centered around Rivercane, a traditional plant for the Cherokee, students learn about the plant and its restoration through a mapping activity. The unit includes a physics lesson as students learn how Rivercane was used as a Blowgun hunting tool.

Teachers at 42 public schools throughout a portion of the traditional homelands of the Cherokee have received the classroom units after attending a 4-hour training workshop led by park education staff. The activities have been so successful with students that the

curriculum supervisor at Cherokee Central Schools has been using them as a model for teachers in elementary and high school on how to embed Cherokee culture into standards-based education.

NPS employees who have helped create and implement the SPiN project include Kaylyn Barnes, Callia Johnson, Kahawis, Erin Lamm, Jessica Metz, Natrieifia Miller, Susan Sachs, Malia Crowe Skulski, Kristina Virgil and Beth Wright. External team members include Jessica Metz, science teacher at New Kituwah Academy; Joel Creasman, principal, Chero-

kee Middle School; Beth Bramhall, visual information specialist, US Forest Service; Rhonda Wise, Zone Partnership coordinator, US Forest Service; Tinker Jenks, senior program manager, Cherokee Preservation Foundation; and Laura Pinnix and Marie Junaluska, Cherokee Speakers Council members.

The award was dedicated posthumously to Julie Townsend, who served as SPiN Project Coordinator from 2015-19.

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# Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Pharmacy earns two prestigious Indian Health Service Awards

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**CIHA's Acute Care Inpatient Pharmacy - Winner of Indian Health Service Director's Award**  
*"For commitment to advancing acute care pharmacy practice at Cherokee Indian Hospital."*

"CIHA's Inpatient Pharmacy Team's dedication to patient safety and quality of care has resulted in numerous process improvements



The CIHA Outpatient Pharmacy team is shown, left to right, including: Jaymian Lambert, Lindsey Seay, CAPT Jason White, Stephanie Ellis, Nik Hall, Abigail Thibodeaux, Daniel Hough, LT Madison Wright, Oyin Abu, Lynn Kirkpatrick, Rebecca Carlson, and Angela Carter. (CIHA photos)



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and practice advancements, all in support of providing the highest quality healthcare to our community,” said Casey Cooper, CIHA chief executive officer.

The CIHA Inpatient Pharmacy Team has been recognized with the IHS Director’s Award for their commitment to advancing acute care pharmacy practice at Cherokee Indian Hospital. In 2023, the team successfully completed multiple projects designed to enhance the safety and quality of patient care within the hospital’s acute care settings, including the inpatient ward and emergency department.

One of the team’s most notable accomplishments was the relocation to a new workspace dedicated to acute care pharmacy services, a move that required meticulous coordination between internal departments and external vendors. This relocation ensured the highest standard of quality related to sterile compounding while maintaining uninterrupted services. The implementation of a new communication board further streamlined the shift transition process, improving the flow of information between day and night shift team members.

Additionally, the Inpatient Pharmacy Team prioritized the standardization of professional

development and patient care best practices. They developed new policies and procedures related to sterile compounding standards, established a local sterile compounding certification, and coordinated updates to the hospital’s intravenous pump software and electronic medical record order sets. These efforts have significantly improved safety during the medication use process and advanced the role of pharmacists in acute care settings.

**CIHA’s Outpatient Pharmacy Team – Winner of Indian Health Service Director’s Award for Customer Service**

*“For implementation of communication tools to support customer satisfaction.”*

“CIHA’s Outpatient Pharmacy Team’s commitment to continual performance improvement and customer satisfaction has set a new standard for pharmacy services, ensuring that patients receive the highest level of care and support,” said Cooper. “They prioritize suggestions and feedback from the community and work to integrate that feedback into the services we provide each day.”

The CIHA Outpatient Pharmacy Team has been awarded the IHS Director’s Award for Customer Satisfaction, recognizing their exceptional efforts to enhance



The CIHA Acute Care Inpatient Pharmacy team is shown, left to right, including: LCDR Tony Shelton, Ryenne Oocumma, and LCDR Madison Pavlechko.

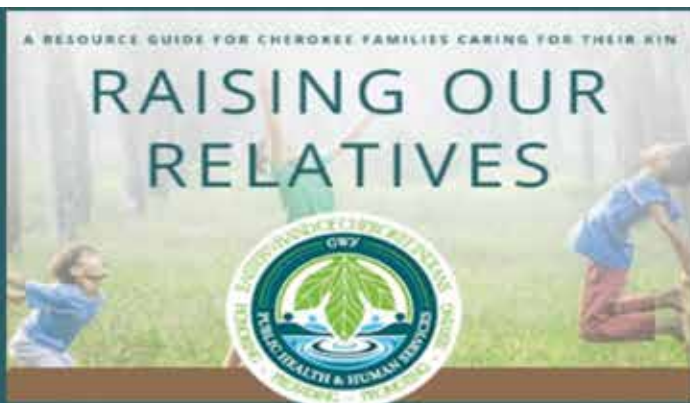
communication and customer service. According to the 2023 Customer Satisfaction Survey, 85.8 percent of patient respondents rated outpatient pharmacy services as very good to excellent—a testament to the team’s dedication to improving the patient experience.

In 2023, the Outpatient Pharmacy Team implemented several innovative tools and processes to support communication between the pharmacy and its patients. These initiatives included a digital patient education program utilizing QR codes, text reminder software to alert patients about the status of their medications, and the establishment of a pharmacist

to lead communications between the pharmacy department and two satellite clinics.

The team also developed patient education materials to address medication backorders, facilitated communication regarding brand and generic conversions, and implemented process improvements throughout the prescription filling process to ensure the continuity of essential information. The creation of a library of medication device handouts and dedicated telephone lines further supported correct medication administration and timely responses to inquiries.

*- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority release*



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# Cherokee Holiday

These photos were taken at different events of the 72nd annual Cherokee National Holiday which had the theme "ᏒᏉᏗᏈᏓ ᏚᏐᏐᏉᏗ ᏚᏍᏏᏗᏈᏓᏒᏒᏒ: Weaving Our Future."

*BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos*



Cherokee National Holiday men's Anetso (Stickball) was held on Aug. 31 at Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Okla.



An impressive ribbon skirt featured in the Cherokee National Holiday Art Show highlights the theme, "Weaving Our Future."



Cherokee National Holiday women's Anetso (Stickball) was held on Aug. 31 at Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Okla.



Cherokee Nations riders from the 2024 Remember the Removal bike ride are shown in the Cherokee National Holiday Parade held on Aug. 31 in downtown Tahlequah, Okla.



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Sheena Brings Plenty (Aniwodihi, Painttown) wins a third-place ribbon for her baby quilt, featuring a printed image of Water Rock Knob by Dawn Arneach (Elawodi, Yellowhill), in the Cherokee National Holiday Quilt Show.

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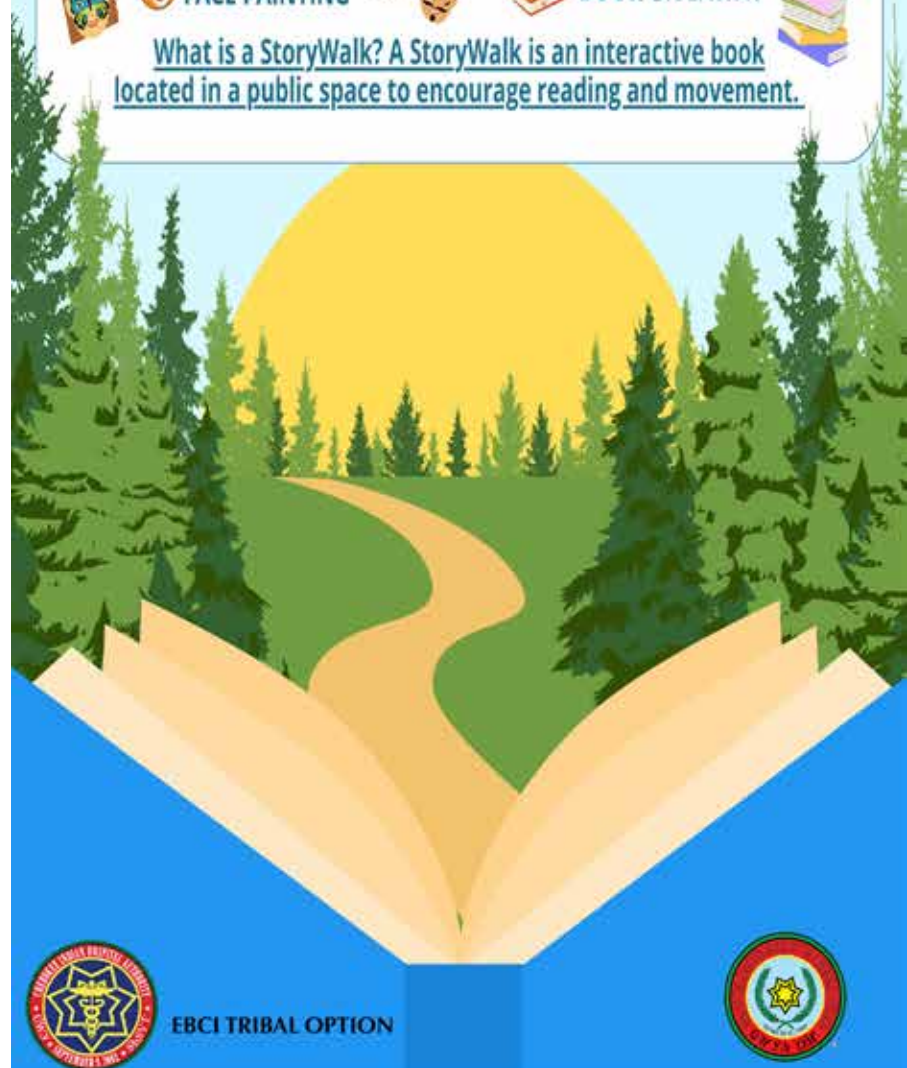
**STORYWALK UNVEILING CELEBRATION**

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 10:00 AM-11:00 AM | Oconaluftee Island Park

We would like to invite you to join us for the StoryWalk unveiling celebration! Made possible through a partnership between the Office of Principal Chief Michell Hicks' early literacy initiative and EBCI Tribal Option's Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well initiative, StoryWalks encourage reading and fun outdoor activities in our community.



What is a StoryWalk? A StoryWalk is an interactive book located in a public space to encourage reading and movement.



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## **EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **31st Annual Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride starts in Cherokee**

#### **Special to the One Feather**

Motorcyclists from across the nation will come together Friday, Sept. 20 for a scenic ride from Cherokee N.C. through the Nantahala Gorge then the Ocoee River Gorge to Bridgeport, Ala. to honor Native American Indians. Now in its thirty-first year, the Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride travels from the home of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, N.C. with a stop at Ross' Landing in Chattanooga, Tenn. at about 1:30 p.m. and will be joined by riders from all over the nation to continue from there at 3 p.m. to downtown Bridgeport, Ala.

A kick-off rally offering children's activities, live music, a street dance, fireworks show, and other free family fun for the public to enjoy is scheduled in downtown Bridgeport on Friday, Sept. 20. Bikes will arrive from Cherokee, N.C. at 3 p.m., and the official opening ceremony gets underway at 5 p.m. Music begins at 6 p.m. with Bottom Holler Band and slated to perform for the special thirty-first anniversary is Benny Carl and the Loose Lips Band from Nashville who will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. and again at 9:30 p.m. following the fireworks show.

The Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride® begins Saturday, Sept. 21 at the Alabama/Tennessee state line off U. S. Highway 72 in downtown Bridgeport with riders departing at 8 a.m. CST on Saturday,

Sept.21. The ride travels U. S. Highway 72 West to I-565 West arriving at Redstone Harley-Davidson at approximately 10:30 a.m. for an official rest and lunch stop. The public is invited to welcome riders while enjoying lunch and special entertainment. At 12 p.m., riders will depart and head west through Florence arriving in Waterloo at approximately 2 p.m.

The town of Waterloo, Ala. will host a free Indian Festival Sept. 20-22 in remembrance of all those who walked the Trail of Tears. Presented by the Alabama Indian Affairs Commission, the three-day event offers live music on Saturday afternoon and night, flute and drum music and displays from Native American artisans and vendors. A River Walk Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. to honor those who experienced the forced journey with the grand entry slated for 1 p.m. and bikes arriving around 2:00 p.m.

The ride is held rain or shine. For more information on the Trail of Tears Commemorative Motorcycle Ride including a map of the route and a schedule of events, <https://trail-of-tears.webflow.io/the-ride/this-years-ride> . Or like us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Trailoftearsmotorcycle>

The first Trail of Tears Motorcycle Ride was organized in 1994 with approximately 100 riders participating and has grown to more than 10-15,000 riders each year.

A Ride continuation to Seminole, Okla. will leave from Spring Park in Tusculumbia, Ala. at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22.

## **NATIONAL PARK NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Visitors to Great Smoky Mountains National Park spent \$2.2 billion in local communities in 2023**

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—A new National Park Service report shows that 13,297,647 visitors to Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 2023 spent \$2.2 billion in communities near the park. That spending supported 33,748 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$3.4 billion.

“I’m so proud that our parks and the stories we tell make a lasting impact on more than 300 million visitors a year,” said National Park Service Director Chuck Sams. “And I’m just as proud to see those visitors making positive impacts of their own, by supporting local economies and jobs in every state in the country.”

“People come to Great Smoky Mountains National Park to enjoy the scenic beauty and end up supporting local economies along the way,” said Superintendent Cassius Cash. “We’re proud to care for a national park that provides incredible opportunities for recreation but also creates jobs and positively contributes to local economies.”

The National Park Service report, 2023 National Park Visitor Spending Effects, finds that 325.5 million visitors spent \$26.4 billion in communities near national parks. This spending supported 415,400 jobs, provided \$19.4 billion in labor income and \$55.6 in economic output to the U.S. economy. The lodging sector had the highest direct contributions with \$9.9 billion in economic output and 89,200 jobs. The restaurants received the next greatest direct contributions with \$5.2 billion

in economic output and 68,600 jobs.

- National Park Service release

## **WESTERN N.C. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center seeks applica- tions for the North Carolina Arts Council Artist Support Grants**

The Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center seeks applications for Artist Support Grants for 2024-2025. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, Oct. 15. These grants support artists in all disciplines with funding for projects that will have a significant impact on the advancement of their professional artistic careers.

The Artist Support Grant program is managed through a partnership with Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center to serve artists in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties. Funding is provided by the North Carolina Arts Council.

Artists at any stage of their careers, emerging or established, are eligible to apply for grants in all disciplines, such as visual art and craft, traditional art forms, music composition, film/video, literature and playwriting, and choreography and dance. Types of fundable projects include the creation of new work, purchase of equipment and materials, and professional development workshops. Complete funding guidelines and applications are available online at [coweeschool.org](http://coweeschool.org).

Grant awards generally range from \$500 to \$1,000.

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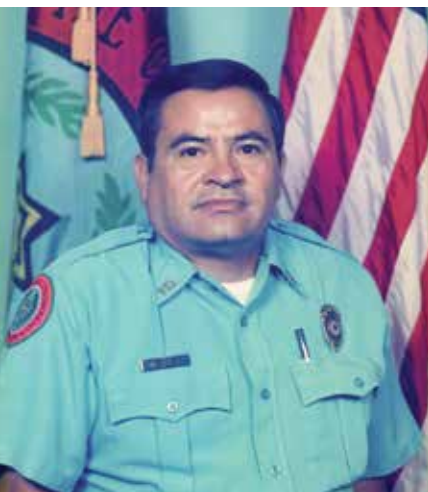
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## OBITUARIES JhñFR



### James David Pheasant Sr.

James David Pheasant Sr., 72, of the Big Cove Community, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024.

A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Driver and Emily Swayney Pheasant.

He loved to spend time with

Jailen, working in his yard on his tractors, riding UTV's and ATV's, and watching him play ball. He liked going to church, spending time with family, playing his guitar, bass, and electronic piano. He worked at the Cherokee Trout Farm, was a tribal dispatcher, was a cook at Boundary Tree, and worked for the Cherokee Fire Department.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Charles, Jesse, Perry, and Scott Pheasant, and Lisa Queen; and children, Tara and Shannon Pheasant.

He is survived by his children, James Pheasant Jr., Doug (Amber) Pheasant, Will Wright, Krystal Pheasant, Jailen Osi Powell; 14 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; siblings, Driver (Selene) Pheasant of Cherokee, George (Sherry) Pheasant of Cherokee, Daniel (Amy) Pheasant of Indiana, Regina Ledford of Cherokee, Anita (Rick) Panell of Cherokee, Ollie Pheasant of Cherokee; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5 at

Straight Fork Baptist Church. Rev. Harley Maney will officiate with burial in the Pheasant Family Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4 at the church.

Pallbearers will be Trey Pheasant, Caiden Pheasant, Cameron Rattler, Travis Ledford, Tyce Neadeau, Roger Neadeau, Calloway Ledford Jr., and Stephan Watty.

AJ Bird will be an honorary pallbearer.

Revelation 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

### Nancy Lois Lambert

Nancy Lois Lambert, better known as Lois, age 79, went to be with the Lord on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024 after an extended illness.

She is survived by her children, George Allen Lambert (Tammy) and Robin Lambert

(Tasha); six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; brothers, Moses, Owen, Bruce, and Tony Walkingstick; sister, Ann Walkingstick; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Lois is preceded by her parents, Ramsey and Mable Walkingstick; sisters, Geneva and Angie Walkingstick; and longtime companion, Lee Taylor.

Lois was a fluent Cherokee speaker. She did not learn English until the age of 6. She was also a traditional basket weaver. Lois was a hard worker and retired from Harrah's Cherokee Casino after 15 years. She loved working outside in her flower garden. She loved her animals, flowers and frogs but, most of all she loved her Family.

A formal funeral service was held on Saturday, Sept. 7 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home. A private graveside service immediately followed in the Walkingstick Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

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## COMMENTARY

# A year of caring

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

Several times a year, we are enlisted, or solicited, to do volunteer work for our community. Community work is noble work indeed and should be done. But the way many of us do it and what we call volunteering is not noble at all.

The Cherokee community has a long history of caring for its people. When we know of a legitimate need, we come together to financially and physically support people in our community. For example, when there are sick people, people in need of travel expenses for medical or school needs, or people who are just down and out, you will see fundraisers pop up everywhere in the community. Community members gather and freely give time and resources to raise funds or whatever is needed to address the community member in distress. Some of the best meals that I have had on the Qualla Boundary have been at community fundraisers. Most of the time, homemade meals are sold at these events.

My main point about these fundraisers is that they are true volunteerism. No one forces or pays these community members to take time out of their lives to work at a cooking station, set up tents or tables and chairs, or serve food. Typically, no one “sponsors” the food, the funds to buy the food come from those same individuals who cook and serve. The same people who have a genuine desire

to directly help that person or family in need. These community members reach into their own pockets for donations and provide elbow grease for others. And I believe that is true volunteerism. Free labor groups like that of Kolanvyi (Big Cove) are examples of true volunteerism. From preparing grave sites to moving furniture for elderly and mobility-challenged community members, they provide manpower (and womanpower) to meet the needs of those living in their community and beyond. These men and women give freely of their time and resources to meet the critical needs of their community families. No incentive is necessary other than someone who is hurting or in need.

Contrast this tradition of individual, unconditional giving with some of the efforts that we see from our government. It is a rare week when there is not some sort of administrative leave given for various sporting events and other communal activities. And don’t get me wrong, I know that I have charitable endeavors that I love to spend time with that I would like to take time off from work to do. And I sometimes do. But, for the most part, those are not things the tribal government may not feel are important, and they are not offering me free time to do. In those cases, I must use my personal leave time, accumulated from my time in service, or work, as part of my compensation package, to invest time in those pursuits. In other words, if I want to contribute to those causes, I must make a personal sacrifice. That, I believe, is the nature of true volunteerism. Let’s do some math. Granted, it will be fuzzy math, because I don’t have exact data to pull from. But I think we can get close. We must

assume some standards. In keeping with the current moratorium on releasing any financial data, I am only talking about information that is already common knowledge. My disclaimer is that I am working from supposition and extrapolation, so I am happy to be corrected if I am off the mark in any of the numbers.

Speaking of tribal government employees only: Let’s assume a rate of 33 percent for both fringe (fringe being benefits given to an employee in addition to hourly pay or salary) and indirect (indirect cost is the cost assessed for supporting a work environment for an employee). Every tribal position, to the best of my knowledge, is subject to fringe and indirect costs. So, if you take a minimum wage employee (\$15 per hour) plus fringe (\$4.95 per hour) and indirect (\$4.95 per hour), we are looking at the value of an hour of service from this employee being worth \$24.90 per hour. So, an 8-hour day would be \$199.20. That would be a minimum estimate for an administrative leave day for an employee.

Now, let’s say you have 300 minimum wage employees (roughly a third of the tribal workforce) who “volunteer” for an event for a day. The ballpark cost to the tribe for volunteering those employee services would be \$59,760. That is the minimum. When you consider that many who choose to participate in offered administrative leave make far more than that minimum wage number (at supervisory level, from managers up to secretaries it can be \$58 per hour or more, including fringe and indirect), you can see that a day of administrative time is very valuable to our community. Beyond the direct financial cost

is what it may cost in community services. Each one of us who works in tribal government is a community servant and each job description has in it an allusion to providing a service to our community and to the individuals within that community. It is through tribal employees that our individual community members have access to services, and it is tribal employees who carry out those services. Our community depends on us to be on post when they have a need, and it is our job to be there.

If you have been watching tribal government sessions of late, or you have been reading the job openings available in tribal government and entities in the Cherokee One Feather, you know that we have some challenges in filling positions. In the ad from EBCI Human Resources alone, 22 positions are listed and some of those include the word “multiple” meaning that whose particular position descriptions have more than one opening for the same job title. Simply put, we are challenged in having the complement of employees necessary to meet the needs of our community. It is imperative that we manage the existing employee resources, especially employee time, effectively and efficiently in giving our community the best possible goods and services. The community deserves no less than our full attention. I do believe in supporting good community causes. I believe that we should participate in those causes. As an individual, when I see a worthwhile cause, I volunteer my time and funds to that cause. I don’t donate someone else’s time and money to it. True caring is sacrificial. Let’s all commit to making this a year of caring.

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<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	N/A	Early morning	Brown Trout	Terrestrials, midges, cahills, yellow stimulator, light colored Caddis, small nymphs
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	N/A	Early morning	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Terrestrials, midges, cahills, yellow stimulator, light colored Caddis, small nymphs

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# The devil made me do it

*Part 1 of 2*

**By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.**

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

Scripture References: 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 4:15, James 1:12

The title is far from being original. Flip Wilson, a well-known comedian, made the phrase a tag title for jokes and commentaries and probably about a zillion sermons and devotions back in the late '70s and early '80s. I thought it still might be an eye-catcher for interest's sake because young people may not have ever heard it, and older folks who know it might smile about it and remember the comedy of Flip Wilson. Unfortunately, flip passed away at the age of 64, November 26, 1998. (CBS News, 1999)

Do you know anyone who has not struggled in some way with temptations? Simple to complex, from the temptation of grabbing the last donut left in the box at work to the next-door neighbor who seems way too friendly. Our lives transverse through times when we all have temptations that fit the time and the age and the social pressures at each age. Each age segment of our lives has its temptations through childhood and senior citizenship. Due to circumstances beyond our control, everyday temptations seem insurmountable, and we rationalize how others get away with sinning. We scheme how we might be able to as well. Our motives are so strong that we begin to believe we are unique, and that this partic-

ular temptation is more than we can bear. Then we fall into the big trap. I'll do it because I know God will forgive me. He will, but the consequences of your actions are bound to make you pay in some way. Those consequences may become your hell on earth. A big lie is the one that says, I want this so much, I'll pay the price of ultimate consequence. Not very smart.

We are unique. Every one of us is different. We live lives with different needs, bodies, minds, ages, looks, resources, jobs – do I need to go on? We are unique. But when it comes to temptation and sin – not so much.

1 Corinthians 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it."

Ladies, that doesn't get you off the hook here. You are part of the "man" spoken of here.

Let's begin at the beginning of this verse. Please, repeat after me. NO temptation. Not one, not any, nothing unique to just you. All temptations are common to every man and woman. As Solomon says, there is nothing new under the sun.

In my ministry, I have encountered men and women who had an addiction they couldn't shake off or were addicts of some habitual drug of one kind or another. Some addictions come from the sin you feed.

Short story. A man called a rodent expert into his warehouse and said he had a rat problem. The inspector looked around and said, "Where's the food"? The warehouse owner said, "This is a warehouse of auto parts. There's no food here." The rodent expert smiled at him and said, "If there ain't no food, there ain't no rats." Temptation and sin are like that – no food, no temptation. If you feed your mind with the very sin you struggle with, the temptation

for more sin will follow very quickly. Take the spouse cheater, adulterer, pedophile, or sex monger. What sensual reading or viewing have they filled their eyes and minds? Porn? Sensuous movies or salacious books and magazines? Feed the rats, and it is hard to get rid of them.

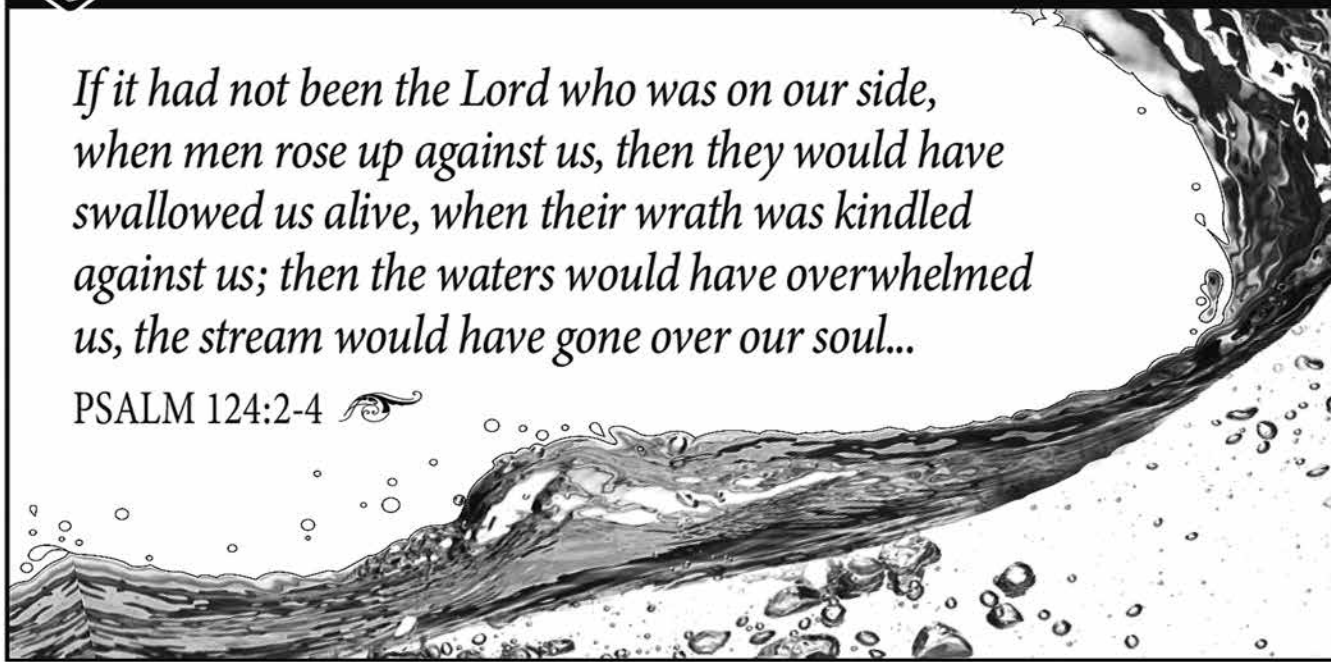
Some people succumb to peer pressure and take newer drugs that hook you on the first high. Others get you just when you think you can handle it. One addict told me (and you could tell he was well-versed in biblical theology) that "Jesus can't help addicts because He never had the temptation of addiction." He rationalized that because Jesus never sinned, to begin with, He had never been down the road of addiction and the sensations and physical urge that drug addiction can bring. So, he was sure that he was lost and unrecoverable because God did not understand what he was going through.



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*If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their wrath was kindled against us; then the waters would have overwhelmed us, the stream would have gone over our soul...*

PSALM 124:2-4 



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# Amber Waves

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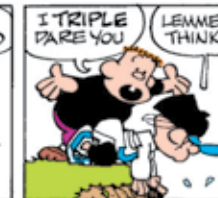
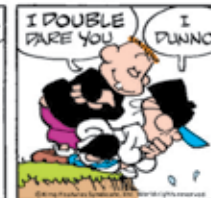
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CAN I PICK MY MOM? ACCORDING TO MY DAD SHE "CALLS ALL THE SHOTS."



# TIGER



# The Spats



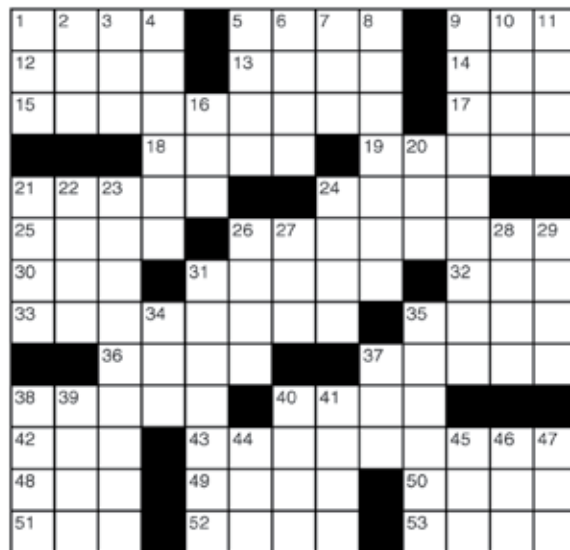
# by Jeff Pickering

# by Dave T. Phipps

# ACROSS

- 1 Broadway flop
- 5 Foot part
- 9 Urban carrier
- 12 Vivacity, in music
- 13 "Funny!"
- 14 Flamenco cheer
- 15 Rural tourist attractions
- 17 Skier Tommy
- 18 Actress Neuwirth
- 19 Serious
- 21 Wide, fancy necktie
- 24 Jazz singer Laine
- 25 Noggin
- 26 Reeve role
- 30 Einstein's birthplace
- 31 Mini-plateaus
- 32 Green prefix
- 33 Pudding choices
- 35 Firecracker sound
- 36 Grecian vessels
- 37 Embedded spies
- 38 Bas-relief medium
- 40 Reed instrument
- 42 Pirates' quaff
- 43 Duncan Hines products

# King Crossword



- 48 Nest egg letters
- 49 Old Italian money
- 50 Protuberance
- 51 Mom's mate
- 52 Flair
- 53 Toe malady
- 7 "Evita" role
- 8 Pesters
- 9 Fast-food deal
- 10 Balm ingredient
- 11 Tavern order
- 16 Bumped into
- 20 "— the ram-parts ..."
- 21 Border on
- 22 Actress Ward
- 23 College handout for a freshman
- 24 Tax prep pros
- 26 Brief moments
- 27 Can. neighbor
- 28 Dreaded breakout
- 29 Eggy drinks
- 31 Prop for Mr. Peanut
- 34 Apr. address-ee
- 35 Aircraft manufacturer
- 37 May honoree
- 38 Clench
- 39 Franc replacer
- 40 Gumbo need
- 41 Existed
- 44 Have a cold loser
- 45 Tic-tac-toe
- 46 Sch. URL ender
- 47 Filming site

# DOWN

- 1 Telly network
- 2 Granada gold
- 3 Russian space station
- 4 Chocolate-coated treat
- 5 Melville captain
- 6 Demolish

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

# DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Present is smaller. 2. Sock is higher. 3. Girl is not showing. 4. Bush is different. 5. Balloon is missing. 6. Arm is not showing.

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Answer

# Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

# Answers

# King Crossword



1. MOVIES: What is the name of the fictional country in "The Princess Diaries"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest mountain in Africa?
3. HISTORY: Which ancient civilization built Machu Picchu in Peru?
4. TELEVISION: Which city is the setting for the TV drama "The Wire"?
5. U.S. CITIES: Which city's nickname is "City of Roses"?
6. MATH: When is Pi Day celebrated each year?
7. LITERATURE: During what historical period is the graphic novel "Persepolis" set?
8. CHEMISTRY: Which element is also known as quicksilver?
9. SCIENCE: How much of the Earth's water is held by oceans?
10. MUSIC: Who performed the hit song "Nev-er Gonna Give You Up" in 1987?

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- Trivia Test Answers:  
 1. Genovia; 2. Mount Kilimanjaro; 3. The Inca civilization; 4. Baltimore, Maryland; 5. Portland, Oregon; 6. March 14 (3.14); 7. The 1979 Iranian Revolution; 8. Mercury; 9. 96.5%; 10. Rick Astley.

# The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Exclusion List

The Tribe hereby declares that the power to exclude is an inherent and essential part of Tribal sovereignty. It is indispensable to the Tribe's autonomy and self-governance. Further, it is a natural right of the members of this Tribe, through their Tribal leaders and codified Tribal law, to exercise the power of exclusion to protect the Tribe's natural, economic, and cultural resources, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of Tribal members (Cherokee Code C 2.1.e). Anyone banished by the EBCEI is excluded from all Tribal lands and must vacate all tribal lands. If an excluded person is found improperly on Tribal lands will be treated as a trespasser and appropriate legal action shall be taken against them.

Charles M. Nash, Jr-2024  
 Corey E. Diggs-2024  
 Kelby Weldon Tomas-2024  
 Charley Nicole Willard-2024  
 Robert Earl Hutchinson-2024  
 Michael James Johnson-2024  
 Erick Cale McKinney-2024  
 Devin Leigh Welch-2024  
 Taylor Marie Clark-2024  
 William Mazingo III-2024  
 Lani Rodger Clark-2024  
 Gustavo Ballesteros-2024  
 Mark Arthur Owen-2024  
 Denerio Rodrecus Robinson-2023  
 Stephen Dale Eplin-2023  
 Tammy Ann Hutchins-2023  
 Keonta Monteca Ardrey 2023  
 Devin Rashawn Stewart-2023  
 Stacey Cameron Lowe-2023  
 Alyzandrya Kaylenn Bell-2023  
 Anthony John Rienzo-2023  
 Adam Joe Rayfield-2023  
 Sharik Lamar Carruthers-2023  
 Terry Lee Wolfe-2023  
 Bartlett Eugene West-2023  
 Terry D. Williams-2023  
 Anthony Deshun Shivers—2023  
 Natasha Jade Birchfield -- 2023  
 Christopher Allen Mahan-2022  
 William Jesse Garrett - 2022  
 Angel Nicole Smith - 2022  
 Tiffany Marie Ward - 2022  
 Christopher Lee Johnson - 2022  
 James Cassidy Smith - 2022  
 Joshua Lawrence Bradley - 2022  
 Brandon Lee Gibson - 2022  
 Rachel Nicole Rogers - 2022  
 Tella Antoinette Page - 2022  
 Richard Allen Dickson - 2022  
 Lori Ann Buchanan - 2022  
 Johnathan Lee Newberry - 2022  
 Evanna Ulexis Lee - 2022  
 Eric Daniel Vaughn - 2022  
 Crystal M. Swayney - 2022  
 Paul Christopher Hampton Jr. - 2022  
 Cheryl Dion Cole - 2022  
 Lori Jane Cantrell - 2022  
 Steven Joseph Veeck - 2022  
 Boris Pesikan - 2022  
 Autumn Lynn McCoy - 2022  
 Ricci Weaber - 2022  
 Elmer McCarter III - 2022  
 Scott James Rossa - 2022  
 David Perry March - 2022  
 Johnny Tran - 2022  
 Dang Tien Tran - 2022  
 Jonathan Malpass - 2022  
 Christopher Ian Cotterman - 2022  
 Scott James Ross - 2022

Dontavius Juan Cox - 2022  
 Bradford Lamar Martin Jr. - 2022  
 Georgia Nicole Cape - 2022  
 Kendra Marie Bowen - 2022  
 Sawyer Arie Edwards - 2021  
 April Nations - 2021  
 Dustin James Kirkland - 2021  
 Joseph Daniel Burton - 2021  
 Eugene Murray Oocumma - 2021  
 Seth Emmerson Tapp - 2021  
 Robert Cody Gaddis - 2021  
 Haley Lauren Jarvis - 2021  
 Jessica Gail Conway - 2021  
 Katrina Cook - 2021  
 Avery Thomas - 2021  
 Erik Messick - 2021  
 Shane Christopher Holder - 2021  
 Vernie Franklin Taylor - 2020  
 Richard Sherman - 2020  
 Christine Roach - 2020  
 Thomas Lee Cook - 2020  
 Arnold J. Calderon Mazariegos - 2020  
 Tarrell Lawshawn Lee Williams - 2019  
 Joshua Robert Hodock - 2019  
 Juan Mendoza - 2018  
 Benjamin Tyrone Willis - 2017  
 Princeton Thomas - 2017  
 Candido Martinez - 2017  
 Carl Luke Harjochee - 2017  
 Anna-Marie Elizabeth Birchmore - 2017  
 James Michael Schmidt - 2017  
 Shedrick Lavar James - 2017  
 Howell Joseph Clinkscales - 2017  
 Felipe Lee Saturnino Villafranca - 2017  
 Kevin Michael Hart - 2017  
 Devon Dakota Collins - 2017  
 Marquis Gwan Ford - 2016  
 William Kristopher Harris - 2016  
 Wayne Nelson Harris - 2016  
 Kenneth Thomas York - 2016  
 Matthew Leon Dockery - 2016  
 Ahmed Saeed Adam - 2016  
 Andrew Tab Kilpatrick - 2016  
 Chase Cecil Shafer - 2016  
 Chelsea Dean Robinson - 2016  
 Christine Marie Difabion - 2016  
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 Erin Marie Haithcock - 2016  
 Heather Kelly Hawkins - 2016  
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 Jordan Donovan Hall - 2016  
 Shannon Leigh Woody - 2016  
 Tyler Lee Gibbs - 2016  
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 Will Parsons - 2016  
 Donovan Edward Coleman - 2015

Matthew Adam Freeman - 2015  
 Dorothy Ray Franco - 2015  
 Gabriel David Simcox - 2015  
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 Mark Wayne Ballard - 2012  
 Donald Dee Gosnell - 2012  
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 Angelica Michele Ison - 2011  
 Patrick Scott Carringer - 2011  
 Ricky Lee Gunter - 2011  
 Zara Ellis Saddler - 2011  
 Charles Kyle Doalson - 2011  
 Christopher McNeilly - 2010  
 Edward Dewayne Gregory - 2009  
 Justin Edward Deign - 2009  
 Derrick Jamison Graham - 2009  
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 Teddy Lee Wilson - 2008  
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 Stephanie Nicole Ogle - 2008  
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 Peggy Darlene Bearden - 2008  
 David Dixon Owen - 2008  
 Michael Derek Braden - 2008  
 Isaac Ishmail Rivers - 2008  
 James Edward Ballew - 2007  
 Steven Anthony Melton - 2007  
 Connie Jean Martin - 2007  
 Jeffery Patrick Brooms - 2007  
 Reese Kevin Orr - 2007  
 Andrew James Henry - 2007  
 Craig McNeilly - 2007  
 Steven Ray Black - 2007  
 David Neal - 2007  
 Robert Christopher Sherrill - 2007  
 Aaron Dayton Keel - 2007  
 James David Cooper - 2007  
 Miguel Perez - 2007  
 Susan Denise Owen - 2007  
 James Michael Hornbuckle - 2007  
 Daniel West - 2007  
 Charles Ray Edwards - 2007  
 Pearl Dawn Fielding - 2007  
 Javier Garcia - 2007  
 Tamela Smith - 2005  
 Debbie Everhart - 2005  
 Robert Lee Smith - 2005  
 Randy Blevins - 2005  
 Drew Burrell - 2005  
 Jefferson Clinton Burrell - 2005  
 Wesley Burgess Young Jr. - 2004  
 Ruth Ann Martin Taylor - 2001  
 Polly Katherine Renfro - 2000  
 Eddie Junior Robinson - 2000  
 Buddy Powers - 2000  
 Jennifer Powers - 2000  
 Johnny Hartness - 2000



# Language



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# HAPPENINGS

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

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

### Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove)

- Sept. 14 at 4 p.m., Big Cove Free Labor Dinner. Meat provided, bring a dish. All Free Labor and friends are invited
  - Sept. 14 at 5 p.m., Turkey shoot sponsored by Norman Walkingstick
- Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

## EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

**EBCI Junior NAIWA meetings.** Sept. 15 from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Island pavilion. Oct. 13 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Qualla Java community room. (one hour before each meeting will be cultural craft/social time).

**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)

**Dadiwonisi Second Cohort Graduation Ceremony.** Sept. 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex at 60 School Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. Food provided after ceremony

**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 welcome. 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.)

- HIP Committee.** Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m.
- Lands Committee.** Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.
- Parks & Rec. Committee.** Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.
- Roads Commission.** Sept. 16 at 9 a.m.
- Timber Committee.** Sept. 16 at 10:30 a.m.
- Planning Board.** Sept. 16 at 1 p.m.
- Work Session on Property Purchases.** Sept. 17 at 9 a.m.
- Health Board.** Sept. 18 at 8:30 a.m.
- Work Session on Autism Awareness.** Sept. 18 at 1 p.m.
- Qualla Housing Committee.** Sept. 19 at 8:30 a.m.
- Enrollment Committee.** Sept. 23 at 9 a.m.
- Lands Committee.** Sept. 26 at 9

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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My name is **Storm**.  
I'm a Blue Heeler.  
I'm 13-years-old, I live in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) with my family who spoil me rotten.  
My human's name is George Goings Sr.



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*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

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Teacher

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**HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS****WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS**

**Owl Lantern Class.** Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center in Murphy, N.C. This is a MACKey Mouse Art Club Class suitable for kids. Children will use various methods of working with clay to create and decorate an owl lantern. This class is for children 7-17. Register in person at the MAC or by calling (828) 360-3038. Info: Carolyn Garrison (813) 466-4014, cgarrison5@verizon.net



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Careful, Lamb. Taking on too many tasks at one time can cause you to create more snarls each time you try to work your way through the tangled mass. Best to handle one job at a time.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Making bold moves is what Bovines do. But the best moves are made with lots of data to provide backup, just in case you charge into an unexpected complication. Meanwhile, a new relationship shows promise.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Sharing credit for a job well-done is easy for you to do, but this is not necessarily the case for your partner. But fair is fair. Don't let yourself be denied the right to have your contributions recognized.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Communication is important to help bridge a gap that can lead to problems at home and/or at the workplace. Find a way to get your points across before the breach becomes a chasm.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Relationships, whether business or personal, need to be watched carefully for signs of trouble. Any negative indications should be dealt with before they become too burdensome.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations! A more positive aspect highlights much of the Virgo's week. You should find others more receptive to your suggestions and

**Paint & Chalk the Town Fall!**

Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center in Murphy, N.C. Prizes in each category for best artwork. Register in person at the MAC or by calling (828) 360-3038. Info: Valley River Arts Guild (828) 360-3038, vraginc@gmail.com

**Clay Wall Hanging Plaque Class.**

Sept. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center in Murphy, N.C. This is a MACKey Mouse Art Club Class

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more likely to act on them.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) All work and little play could wear down the Libra's usually positive attitude. Take some much-needed time off. Perhaps a short jaunt with someone special is the way to go.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to expand your view from the known to the unfamiliar. Confronting new situations could be challenging, but they could ultimately be extremely satisfying.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Giving advice to those who just want validation for what they're doing can be unsettling. So, back off and save your counsel for those who really appreciate it.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Cultivating a more positive attitude not only makes you feel better about yourself, but it also has an upbeat effect on those around you, especially a certain someone.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Keeping the lines of communication open and accessible is the key to establishing the right foundation to build an important and meaningful relationship. Stay with it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Before agreeing to act on a request, consider using your perceptive Piscean talents to see what might lie hidden beneath the surface and possibly cause problems later on.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You're a friend who, if you err at all, does so on the side of concern for those you care about.

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# VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

## Getting away with long-term fraud

Two thieves created a scam they managed to keep going for over a decade before finally being caught. Keeping it going that long doesn't make them smart; it makes them long-term lowlifes.

Solely for the purpose of scamming the government, two guys started up a couple of construction companies. Their goal was to bid on the special contracts with the Department of Veterans Affairs that were for small businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. During that decade, they managed to get 67 of the small business contracts, the majority of which were for over \$1 million each. The problem was that neither scammer had ever served in the military and therefore didn't qualify.

Instead, they paid genuine service-disabled veterans to lie and say they owned and ran the companies.

Being awarded the contracts took 67 contracts away from real veterans trying to honestly run real businesses. The Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 aims to award 3% of all government contracts to service-disabled veterans who own small businesses, although in recent years that figure has exceeded 4% of contracts. At this point there are nearly 2 million veteran-owned businesses.

In addition to the 67 scam contracts, in one case the thieves filed a protest against a VA decision to award a contract to another company. The VA had received five proposals for a certain job and chose one based on their examination of that company's qualifications, even though it was not the lowest bid. The scammers lodged protest of several points.

Enter the Office of Inspector General for the VA to investigate the ongoing fraud. For all of their good work, the OIG can't control the courts. The two scammers will never see a day of jail time even though the penalty for just one of the crimes could have sent them away for 10 years. Instead, they were given a year of probation, some community service and a fine. Clearly not enough to send a strong message to other would-be scammers.

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## Be a champion pet sitter

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I'm 13 years old and want to make money by being a pet sitter and dog walker. To try it out, my dad suggested that I pet sit for the neighbor who is going on vacation for two weeks. They agreed! I'm really excited. What tips do you have so I do a good job? — Austin in Portland, Maine

**DEAR AUSTIN:** What a great idea! You can try out pet sitting and see if you like it, and your dad is there to give support and advice. Here are a few tips:

— Bring a notebook and pen with you to every pet sitting visit.

— Talk to the pet owner before they leave. Get all of the pet's health information. Find out what time they need to be fed and any medications they need to take. Get their veterinarian's number and any special instructions. Find out where the food, treats and leash are stored. (Write this all in the notebook!)

— Keep to the agreed-upon time to visit and/or walk the pet. It's important for the pet to stay on a regular schedule, and it builds trust with your customer.

— Do not feed the pet any food or treats not provided (or specified) by the owner.

— Contact the owner if you have additional questions or if an emergency arises.

These are just the basics. As you build your pet-sitting empire, you will encounter different situations and will learn the best ways to respond. Your parents can help, and so can that trusty notebook! During and after every visit, review your notes about the experience and think about how you can do a better job or accomplish certain tasks more effectively.

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

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suitable for kids. Using air dry clay and decorative stamps, participants will make a bird house. Class is for children ages 7-17. Register in person at the MAC or by calling (828) 360-3038. Info: Nancy Orndorff (772) 299-8845, orndornancyl@gmail.com

### **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.

### **14th Annual Rooted in the**

**Mountains Symposium.** Sept. 26-27 at the Bardo Arts Center at 199 Centennial Dr. in Cullowhee, N.C. The event is open to the public, but registration is required. You can learn more about the schedule and speakers as well as register at [learn.wcu.edu/rooted](http://learn.wcu.edu/rooted) or contact Western Carolina University Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397

### **Mariner's Compass Class.**

Sept. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30

p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center in Murphy, N.C. Make a 20-inch Mariner's Compass board. This is a regular class, suitable for adults or other ages. Register in person at the MAC or by calling (828) 360-3038. Info: Barbara McMillan (828) 557-5881, [bmcmillan0927@gmail.com](mailto:bmcmillan0927@gmail.com)

### **Decorative Terracotta Pot**

**Class.** Sept. 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center in Murphy, N.C. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club Class suitable for kids. Using napkins and modge podge, students will make a decorative flower pot for growing of seeds included. Register in person at the MAC or by calling (828) 360-3038. Info: Nancy Orndorff (772) 299-8845, [orndornancyl@gmail.com](mailto:orndornancyl@gmail.com)

### **50th Annual Mountain Heri-**

**tage 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

### **Forest Bathing Workshop.**

Sept. 30 and Oct. 25. at the Pinnacle Park trail in Sylva, N.C. Led by Certified Nature & Forest Therapy Guide and Retired Professor of Parks and Recreation Manage-

ment, Debby Singleton. To find specific workshop hours and register visit [learn.wcu.edu](http://learn.wcu.edu) and click on Workshops and Conferences or contact WCU Educational Outreach at 828-227-7397.

### **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/craft-fair](http://craftguild.org/craft-fair), email: [info@craftguild.org](mailto:info@craftguild.org), or call (828) 298-7928

### **Jackson County Veterans Appreciation Dinner.**

Nov. 8 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Department on Aging Dining Hall in Sylva, N.C. The theme for this event is "The Star Spangled Banner". Prime Rib, music, raffle items, and more. Reservations will be taken starting Sept. 16. To make your reservation, call (828) 631-2231

## **POW WOW LISTINGS**

**3rd Annual Southwest Native Community Pow Wow.** Sept. 13-14 at the Civic Center at 1340 Harrison Ave. in Butte, Mont. MC: Jack Barton. Host Drum: Bad Agency. Info: Breda Jarvis (406) 498-0632 or Peggy Falcon (406) 479-3249

### **Wapaha Ska Dakota Oyate**

**Wacipi.** Sept. 13-15 at the Sasktel Centre at 3515 Thatcher Ave. in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Emcees: Tommy Christian and Harold Blacksmith. Invited Drums: Blackstone, Wooden Face, Riverside Dakota, Crazy Creek, Dakota Hotain, Fort Peck Sioux, Tatanka Kuwa, Hochunk Station, Bad Nation, Original Style. Info: [events@whitecapdakota.com](mailto:events@whitecapdakota.com)

### **Mendota Mdewakanton 27th**

**Traditional Wacipi.** Sept. 13-15 at St. Peters Church Grounds at 1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy. in Mendota, Minn. MC: Gary Charwood. Host Drum: Scotty Brown Eyes & Drum Group. Co-Host Drum: Hoka Hey. Info: Sharon Lennartson (651) 452-4141, [mendotadakota@gmail.com](mailto:mendotadakota@gmail.com), or <https://mendotadakota.com/mn/>

### **25th Annual Cowlitz Tribe**

**Pow Wow.** Sept. 14 at the Cowlitz County Event Center in Longview, Wash. Info: [powwow@cowlitz.org](mailto:powwow@cowlitz.org) Muddy Run Pow Wow. Sept. 14-15 at the Steam-O-Rama Grounds at 1673 Manor Rd. in Windsor, Pa. MC: Jamie K. Oxendine. Host Drums: Warpaint, White Buffalo, Young Kit. Info: [arvil@lawilowan.com](mailto:arvil@lawilowan.com)

### **Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians (NWBI) 32nd Annual Na-**

**tive American Festival.** Sept. 14 at the Under the Water Tower at 214 Middle St. in Vienna, Md. MC:

Bruce McWilliams. Host Drum: Medicine Horse. Guest Host Drum: Zotigh Singers. Info: Donna Abbott (410) 228-0216, nauseawaiwash@gmail.com

### 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

**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 or Scott Hill (828) 508-7836

**Life@WesternCarolina.** each Wednesday morning during the academic school year the Life@ group meets on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. For those over the age of 50 and looking for ways to engage with the community. To learn more or register visit life.wcu.edu or contact Western Carolina University Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397.

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

### CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

**Cherokee County Community** meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building;

potluck at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Joe Palmer (828) 361-9219, joepalmer1013@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

### CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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

**Acquoni Baptist Church.** 722 Acquoni Road. 497-7106. Sunday

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

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

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

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

**Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.** 7710 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. 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

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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. Wednes-  
day Bible Study 6 p.m.

**Cherokee Church of God.**

21  
Church of God Drive. Sunday  
School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night  
Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night  
Service 7 p.m. 21 Church of God  
Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m.  
Every third Sunday they have a  
fellowship meal to celebrate all the  
birthdays throughout that month.  
Everyone is cordially invited for  
any of the services and meals.  
Pastor Rev. Owen Isaacs (828)  
242-0754

**Cherokee Church of the Naz-  
arene.**

72 Old School Loop off  
Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning  
Service 11 a.m. Continental Break-  
fast 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 Holi-**

**ness 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 Method-  
ist 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 Holi-  
day 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., Wednes-  
day 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 Con-  
ference 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](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 [embassymedia-  
group@gmail.com](mailto:embassymedia-<br/>group@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 Whit-  
tier School Rd., Whittier, N.C. Sun-  
day School 9:45 a.m., Sunday wor-  
ship 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 Gos-  
pel 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.**

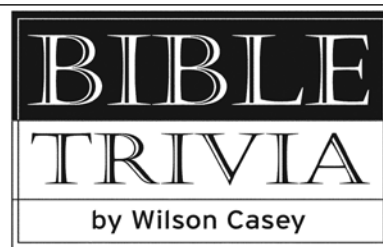
1181 Wolfetown Rd. Sunday School  
10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship  
11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship  
6pm, Wednesday Evening Bi-  
ble Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan  
Conseen, 497-1611, [mbccherokee@  
outlook.com](mailto:mbccherokee@<br/>outlook.com), Website:  
[www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.  
church](http://www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.<br/>church)

**Newsong Church.**

3548 Wolfe-  
town 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



1. Is the book of Judges (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which scripture contains, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death”? *Ruth 4:10, Job 7:2, Psalm 23:4, Amos 1:1*
3. Though lame on both feet, what descendant of Saul continually ate at King David’s table? *Mareshah, Methusael, Micah, Mephibosheth*
4. Under what type of tree would the children of Israel come to Deborah for judging? *Palm, Sycamore, Fig, Cypress*
5. From Matthew 8, who was the first woman that Jesus healed? *Paul’s sister, Naomi, Peter’s mother-in-law, Deborah*
6. In 1 Samuel 4, which priest had a son named Ichabod? *Agabus, Phinehas, Azariah, Malachi*

ANSWERS: (1) Old, (2) Psalm 23:4, (3) Mephibosheth, (4) Palm, (5) Peter’s mother-in-law, (6) Phinehas

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evening service 6 p.m.

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

**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: sprucegrove-bc.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



## Moments in time

• On **Sept. 23, 1944**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt defended his beloved dog Fala's honor while dining with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters union. The canine had recently been the butt of a Republican political attack, and the president remarked that while he and his family had been the object of "malicious falsehoods" in the past, he asserted the right to "object to libelous statements about my dog."

On **Sept. 24, 2016**, the National Museum of African American History and Culture opened on the National Mall. President Barack Obama led the ceremony and rang the Freedom Bell, a bell from an African American Baptist church founded in 1776.

On **Sept. 25, 1970**, the hit series "The Partridge Family," about a musical clan that was inspired by the real-life singing Cowsills, made its debut on ABC. Though most of the fictional family was portrayed by nonmusical actors, the show did propel lead singer David Cassidy onto the path of teen idol stardom.

On **Sept. 26, 1820**, frontiersman Daniel Boone — who, incidentally, never wore a coonskin cap, preferring one of beaver instead — died in his sleep at his son's home near present-day Defiance, Missouri, at the age of 86.

On **Sept. 27, 1989**, Hollywood actress and socialite Zsa Zsa Gabor, while standing trial for slapping a police officer, stormed out of the courtroom in the middle of the district attorney's closing remarks. Later that day, she was convicted and given a sentence of 72 hours in jail, 120 hours of community service, and \$13,000 in fines and restitution.

On **Sept. 28, 1918**, a Liberty Loan parade in Philadelphia launched a severe outbreak of Spanish flu in the city that turned into a pandemic. By the time it ended, an estimated 20-50 million people around the world had died.

On **Sept. 29, 1988**, Stacy Allison of Portland, Oregon, became the first American woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest, which at 29,035 feet above sea level is Earth's highest point. She was later part of a team that marked the first successful all-women ascent of Ama Dablam, a mountain of 22,495 feet, in Nepal.

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completion from 10-4  
September 26 and 27

Stephanie Langley  
langley@utk.edu  
865-974-4466



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## CLASSIFIEDS

**Buying Fresh Wild Ginseng,** starting Sept. 1, buying at the Old Caney Fork General Store every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3p.m. – 6p.m. Also, buying at my house every day 1p.m. – 9p.m. Call Rickey Teem at (828) 371-1802 or (828) 524-7748. **10/9**

**For Sale - 2007 BMW X-3.** High mileage, but runs great, great little car for running around town! Has two busted seats. Asking \$2,500 or best offer! Call (828)-788-5776. **9/18**

**Evenflo stroller,** lightweight, reversible, and adjustable seat. Also has a moon roof, large cargo area, and folds flat. New, never used asking \$60. Text (828)-736-2414, can meet at Cherokee Food

Lion. **9/11**  
**COSCO basic umbrella stroller** with seatbelt & back brakes, folds flat. Never used, asking \$10. Text (828)-736-2414. Can meet at Cherokee Food Lion. **9/11**

## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-059

### Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

**JENNIE WATTY SALINAS**

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  
Little Joe Watty  
109 Hornet Drive  
Whittier NC, 28789  
**9/11**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-061

### Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

**David Eugene McCoy**

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

Vickie McCoy  
P.O Box 723  
Cherokee NC, 28719  
**9/18**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-063

### Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

**FRANCES MAXINE STRUDER**  
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  
Laurence W. Studer  
P.O Box 722  
Baileyville, ME 04694  
**9/18**

## Legal Notice

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION  
RALEIGH, N.C.

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be October 15, 2024, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2.



## Employment Opportunities

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


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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

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

Apply in person or contact Angie Pugh at [angieh@mandaraspaspa.com](mailto:angieh@mandaraspaspa.com) or 497-8550.

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828.589.8285

**Open Positions**

- Finance Manager
- Branded Packaging Inventory Specialist
- Steward

**All Applicants Must be 21 or older. Tribal Hiring Preference will apply**



OCTOBER 15, 2024  
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(C204348) CATAWBA, IREDELL  
A bid bond or bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the bid will be required.

These contracts are subject to all appropriate Federal Laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Plans, proposal forms, and specifications may be obtained at the Raleigh Office of the Department of Transportation, Telephone # 919-707-6925. Department of Transportation MR. LAMAR SYLVESTER, PE CHIEF ENGINEER. 9/11

### BIDS, RFPs, etc.

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

Cherokee's cultural partners (Museum of the Cherokee People, Cherokee Historical Association, and Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc.) seek traditional and contemporary artists to beautify Cherokee's Cultural District through updated welcome signage. Six selected artists will form a team to design signs that will visually define the Cultural District. Artists will receive an honorarium. This project is made possible through the support of Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Learn more and apply by September 13 via [bit.ly/chero-keeartistcall](https://bit.ly/chero-keeartistcall). 9/11

### Public Notice

Cherokee Code Sec. 113E-2(b) and related federal regulations require the EBCI Natural Resources Department to review the Tribal Water Quality Standards at least every three years. Presently the Natural Resource Department's Water Quality Office is proposing no changes to the Tribal Water Quality Standards at this time. The Water Quality Standards are codified in Title 15 of the Cherokee

Administrative Regulations and may be viewed online for free by visiting [https://library.municode.com/tribes\\_and\\_tribal\\_nations/eastern\\_band\\_of\\_cherokee\\_indians/](https://library.municode.com/tribes_and_tribal_nations/eastern_band_of_cherokee_indians/). A paper copy may be obtained by visiting the EBCI Water Quality Laboratory at 2000 Old #4 Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 during business hours. The Water Quality Office invites the public to offer any additional comment through September 30, 2024. Comments may also be directed to Rainee Tetreault, Water Quality Supervisor, by email at [raintetr@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:raintetr@ebci-nsn.gov) or by mail at P.O. Box 1925, Cherokee, NC 28719. A public hearing to receive public comments will occur at 1840 Paint Town Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719 in the Tribal Utilities Conference Room on October 8th, 2024 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. 9/25

### CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ROUGH BRANCH & FISHER BRANCH PARKING DECKS REPAIRS

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is for all interested contractors for the repair of Rough Branch & Fisher Branch parking decks. Contractors will be selected, and contracts will be awarded based on per-project basis and competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by CIHD-Infrastructure coordinators and CIHD also reserves the right to add additional contractors to as needed based on scheduling demands. CIHD reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under the RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. Project must be completed in FY25

beginning Oct 1, 2024.

Proposal packets can be picked up at 687 Acquoni Rd at the old QHA office, Cherokee, NC 28719. Contact person for this RFP is Denny Ensley, Infrastructure Manager, (828) 359-6841 or [dennensl@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:dennensl@ebci-nsn.gov). 9/11

### CHEROKEE PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL HIGHWAY ENHANCEMENT/LITTER PICKUP 2024-2025 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is for all interested contractors for the Highway Enhancement/Litter Pickup. Contractors will be selected, and contracts will be awarded based on competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by the Public Works Program. EBCI Public Works reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the right to award the contract. The work to be performed under the RFP is subject to TERO guidelines and must conform to EBCI/NC DOT standards set forth. Contract is for FY25 beginning Oct 1, 2024. Meeting on changes will be September 16, 2024. Submission deadline will be September 26, 2024. Details on the Sequence of events for this Proposal will be available within the Proposal packet at the TERO office.

Proposal packets can be picked up at 687 Acquoni Rd at the old QHA office, Cherokee, NC 28719. Contact person for this RFP is John Nelson, Interim Manager of Public Works and Facility Management, (828) 359-6957 or [johnnels@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:johnnels@ebci-nsn.gov). 9/18

### CHEROKEE PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHEROKEE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT LANDSCAPE

2024-2025

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is for all interested contractors for the Cherokee Central Business District Landscaping. Contractors will be selected, and contracts will be awarded based on competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by the Public Works Program. EBCI Public Works reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the right to award the contract. The work to be performed under the RFP is subject to TERO guidelines and must conform to EBCI standards set forth. Contract is for FY25 beginning Oct 1, 2024. Meeting on changes will be September 16, 2024. Submission deadline will be September 26, 2024. Details on the Sequence of events for this Proposal will be available within the Proposal packet at the TERO office.

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

Advertise your item in the Cherokee One Feather classifieds. All items under \$25,000 are FREE of charge. Send your listing - up to 30 words - to [Indica Climbingbear at indicialim1@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:IndicaClimbingbear@indicialim1@ebci-nsn.gov) or [Cherokeonefeather1966@gmail.com](mailto:Cherokeonefeather1966@gmail.com).



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## OPEN POSITIONS

### NURSING

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child - \$58,332 - \$72,915 -**\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
 Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Targeted Case Manager/Intake Coordinator –Kanvwotiyi  
   Targeted Case Manager - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
   Intake Coordinator - \$22.76 - \$25.89  
 Employment Specialist – Kanvwotiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
 Integrated Classroom Skill Builder – CCS - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Master Level Therapist – Kanvwotiyi - \$58,332 - \$72,915 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Behavioral Health Nurse Manager - Analenisgi - \$88,715 - \$110,894  
 Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse Manager - Analenisgi - \$77,144 - \$96,430  
 Inpatient Technician – Full Time & PTI – Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Outpatient Technician – Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent – Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72  
 Registered Nurse (30 Hours per week) – Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72  
 Registered Nurse – Emergency Room - \$33.68 - \$38.72  
 Specialty Services Nurse Supervisor - Procedure Suite - \$36.56 - \$42.11  
 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 - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 C.N.A. - PTI - Immediate Care center - \$17,12 - \$19.26  
 CNA - Emergency Room - \$17.12, - \$19.26  
 Certified Medical Assistant - Primary Care & Pediatrics - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 LPN - TJCC - \$22.76 - \$25.89 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 LPN – Procedure Suite - \$22.76 - \$25.89  
 CMS – Primary Care - \$18.32 - \$20.67

### OPERATIONS

### ENGINEERING

EVS Technician – \$15.00 - \$16.77  
 Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - Emergency Hire

Dentist  
 Dentist – Pediatrics  
 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  
 Dental Clerk - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 - \$20.67  
 Medical Technologist - Laboratory - \$28.68 - \$32.85 - **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

### FINANCE

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25  
 Payroll Officer – \$24.55 - \$27.99  
 Patient Access Specialist - Full time & Part time Intermittent  
 \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Contract Specialist - \$58,332 - \$72,915

### Tsali Care Center

### HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Cook Aide - \$15.00 - \$16.77  
 HVAC Technician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$22.76 – 25.89  
 RN Manager - \$67,082 - \$83,852  
 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  
 Laundry Aide - \$15.00 - \$16.77  
 Housekeeper - \$15.00 - \$16.77  
 Scheduler - \$17.12 - \$19.26

### MEDICAL

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 PA - Primary Care \$91,254-\$114,067  
 Physician - Emergency Department - \$227,08 - \$283,835

### Tribal Option

Assistant Member Services Manager - \$58,332 - \$72,915

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
**HUMAN RESOURCES**

PO Box 553  
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828-359-6388

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

**Closing Sunday, September 15, 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. Dental Support Coordinator – Children’s Dental Program – Public Health and Human Services (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.77 per hour)
4. Cannery Operations Coordinator – Cooperative Extension – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
5. Conservation Outreach Coordinator – Office of Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
6. Youth Development Professional (Multiple) – Cherokee Youth Center – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
7. Recreation Supervisor – Cherokee Life Recreation – Education (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
8. Salesperson (Bottled Water) – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
9. Dadiwonisi Apprentice – SB/CC Language & Culture – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L5 \$15.00 - \$19.50 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 (11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
9. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
11. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
12. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
13. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
14. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
15. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
16. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
17. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
18. Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
19. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
20. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
21. Environmental Aquatic Specialist – Office of Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
22. Teacher – Kituwah Academy – Education (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)

11th Annual  
**Monster Photo Contest**

- Adult Category (15+) – sponsored by Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort**
- Youth Category (4-14) – sponsored by Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation**
- Baby/Toddler Category (0-3) – sponsored by Andy Shaw Ford**
- Pet Category – sponsored by Medicine Man Crafts**
- Group Category (2+more people) – sponsored by Sequoyah Birthplace Museum**

**Prizes for each category:**

- 1st - \$300
- 2nd - \$150
- 3rd - \$50

Submit your Halloween costume photos to us to win the prizes shown below. Photos will go into albums on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page, and photo “judging” will be based on the number of likes each photo receives. The ones with the most will win.

Send photos to us at [Cherokeonefeather1966@gmail.com](mailto:Cherokeonefeather1966@gmail.com). No entries will be accepted via Facebook Messenger.

Please include name, age, and costume name with each entry. Entries will be posted as soon as we receive them, so enter now. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 4:30 p.m. Votes will be tallied and the winners will be announced on Halloween morning.



**YOUR WNC DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES**  
Cody Lewis  
County Commissioner

**Mark Burrows**  
NC-119 House

**Sally Jennings**  
Hudson County Commissioner

**Adam Tebrugge**  
NC Senate-50

**Caleb Rudow**  
US-11th District



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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:

- Bus Driver - Seasonal (August - May) - \$18.00 per hour without Benefits
- Truck/ Tractor Operator - Part time - \$20.00 per hour without Benefits

### CBC Child Development Center:

- 1 SBCD teacher - \$30,000 - \$37,500
- 2 Agelink Lead Teacher - Full Time - \$30,000 - \$37,500
- 1 Administrative/ Fiscal Assistant - Full Time - \$30,000 - \$45,000

### CBC Shop/Garage/Body Shop:

- Service Dept. Detail Technician - Full Time - \$17,000 - \$22,500
- Mowing and Trimming Laborer - Full Time, PartTime, Seasonal - \$27,500 - \$35,00

### CBC Children's Home:

- 2 Ft RC - \$17.00/ hour
- 1 FT weekend RC - \$17.00/ hour (11:30 pm Friday - 11:30 pm Sunday)
- 2 PT RC - \$17.00/ hour(9am Saturday - 9pm Sunday)

### CBC Construction & Facilities:

- Skilled Carpenter Mason - Full Time \$27,500 - \$35,000

\*\*\*ALL POSITIONS ARE SAFETY SENSITIVE\*\*\*



## Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at  
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokee-central/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

- Grants Coordinator
- School Psychologist
- Special Education Parent Liaison
- Varsity Wrestling Coach
- CMS Wrestling Head Coach
- CMS Wrestling Assistant Coach
- CMS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
- CMS Softball Head Coach

- K-5 Special Education Teacher
- K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- Elementary Teachers
- Elementary Teacher Assistant

- 6-8 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- 6-8 Special Education Teacher
- 9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant

- Security (Part-Time)
- Custodian (Fulltime, Evening Shift)

# JOIN OUR WINNING TEAM JOB FAIR

September 19 10AM - 3PM  
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**TSALI CARE CENTER**

# JOB FAIR

**DOOR PRIZES**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**



**11am - 3pm  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**



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**MED TECH & LAB TECH  
JOBS\***

**PEER SUPPORT JOBS**

**\*ON THE SPOT INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE FOR SPECIFIC POSITIONS**

# 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.



# THE GOOD STUFF



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**UGA Presidential Graduate Fellow**  
 Constance Owl, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been named a 2024 University of Georgia Presidential Graduate Fellow which is the university's most prestigious fellowship award for incoming doctoral students. She is a Ph.D. candidate in the UGA Department of History working under Dr. Claudio Saunt. Owl received her bachelor of arts in Native American studies with a minor in history from Stanford University and a master of arts in history with a concentration in Cherokee studies from Western Carolina University. (Photo contributed)



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**Law student**  
 Pamela Swayney, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Wayohi (Wolftown), is one of 252 selected to enter this year's Indian Legal Program (ILP) at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. A May 2024 graduate of Western Carolina University, she was selected out of over 5,000 applicants. (Photo contributed)



**Runner-up at baseball tournament**

Carolina Arsenal took second place in the Patriot Day Special baseball tournament held in Kingsport, Tenn. on Sept. 7-8. The team is shown, left to right, front row - Kody Kilpatrick; middle row - Sawyer Foxworth, Ben McAbee, Jackson Spangler, Blake Wingate, Kyler Crowe; back row - Assistant Coach Jason Foxworth, Markus Harmon, Weston Dills, Wakinyan Raines, Assistant Coach Darren Chastain, Corbin Chastain, and Head Coach Mickey Dills. Carolina Arsenal will head back to Kingsport, Tenn this weekend to play in The Childhood Cancer Awareness Tournament. (Photo courtesy of Carolina Arsenal)


## the GOOD STUFF

The One Feather wants to hear your good news and/or accomplishments. Send us your "good stuff" such as:

- \* birth, engagement, and wedding announcements
- \* awards or other accomplishments (both civilian and military)
- \* and other areas of life such as finishing restoring an old car, building a new deck, etc.


**Send your photos and info to us at:  
 Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com**

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**CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER \* TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI**



**Peonies**

These garden favorites are usually sold as bare-root tubers. For planting, pick a sunny spot with good drainage, and work some organic matter and a cup of bonemeal into the soil. Place the root in a hole about 2 inches deep (if planting in southern states, only 1 inch deep), and cover with soil, tamping gently. Water well. Plant peony tubers in late September or October, or about six weeks before the ground freezes. Peonies can take years to fully develop, and may need support stakes. - Brenda Weaver



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# SUNDAY

22 SEPTEMBER

12-4 PM

## LET'S CELEBRATE CULTURE!

Noquisi Initiative presents a day for Cherokee cultural learning, music, and fun. Join us for The Ani & Wanei Culture Fest at Hickory Nut Gap Farm.

- ✓ Cherokee Miss Royalties will be in attendance!
- ✓ New Trail Kiosk Dedication
- ✓ Nature walks led by Mattie Decker, Face paintings & more!
- ✓ Native Nummies & Mertail Mocktails (NA)
- ✓ Craft Vendors including Cornhusk Dolls, Beading, Pottery, Paintings, Basketry, Jewelry & Copperwork
- ✓ Live Entertainment featuring Jarrett Wildcatt, The Igali Puppets, The Warriors of Anitkituhwa, & Andrew Wakefield

