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Tropical Storm Helene hits Qualla Boundary

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Tropical Storm Helene hit western North Carolina hard bringing large amounts of rain which caused flooding throughout the region on Friday, Sept. 27. The Qualla Boundary (Cherokee, N.C.) was among the areas affected and saw flooding in various places including the Oconaluftee Island Park in downtown Cherokee which was completely underwater by mid-morning on Friday.

EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks issued a

see **STORM** page 4



The Oconaluftee Island Park in downtown Cherokee, N.C. was completely underwater by mid-morning on Friday, Sept. 27 due to Tropical Storm Helene. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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Image of the Week

Picnic tables at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. are underwater on the morning of Friday, Sept. 27. Flooding occurred due to high rains from Tropical Storm Helene. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Quote of the Week

“We understand there may be concerns, but this Fair provides a much-needed opportunity for reconnection and community strength. We can honor our traditions while supporting those who need it most. We look forward to seeing you if it is safe for you to attend, and we will continue to focus on helping our friends and neighbors recover from this storm.”

- Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks in a statement on Sunday, Sept. 29 regarding the Cherokee Indian Fair and announcing that food and water donations will be collected at the Fair

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STORM: From front page

State of Emergency for the EBCI on Thursday, Sept. 26 prior to the storm hitting the Qualla Boundary. The declaration stated in part, “This storm presents a serious risk to life, property, and the environment. Effective immediately, our Emergency Operations Plan is activated, and all necessary resources are being mobilized to protect the community.”

Various roads on the Qualla Boundary were closed on Friday due to the flooding including Big Cove Road which left no way in or out of Kolanvyi (Big Cove) until it reopened the following day. North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper requested a Major Disaster Declaration from the federal government on Friday, Sept. 27 for the tribal trust lands of the EBCI and 39 counties in the state – including all of western North Carolina.

“Helene brought pain and destruction to our state, and we’re working to get help to people quickly,” Gov. Cooper said in a statement on Friday. “As waters recede and winds die down, families and communities will need assistance to clean up and recover, and this request can help speed up the process.”

Numerous schools, programs, and organizations in the area closed due to the storm damage. The EBCI tribal government was closed on Thursday, Sept. 26 and Friday, Sept. 27. It re-opened on Schedule B on Monday and Tuesday.

Cherokee Central Schools closed Thursday through Tuesday. Consie Girty, CCS superintendent, said in a statement on Sept. 29, “Out of an abundance of caution and with the safety of our staff members and families who need to travel from surrounding counties in mind, we have made the

decision to close Cherokee Central Schools on both Monday, Sept. 30 and Tuesday, Oct. 1.”

Western Carolina University suspended classes for the entire week of Sept. 30 – Oct. 4. In a statement, university officials noted, “Due to widespread internet and cellular outages, as well as regional road closures, Western Carolina University is suspending classes through Friday, Oct. 4 for Cullowhee, Biltmore Park, and distance learning. For their safety, we advise students not to leave the area due to major interstate closures in multiple areas.”

On Friday, the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority closed “the Cherokee Indian Hospital, Analenisgi, and all outlying clinics non-essential services” due to the storm.

Ugviyuhi Hicks put out a statement on Sunday, Sept. 29 stating that the 112th Cherokee Indian Fair would go on as planned

on Oct. 1-5. He said, “The Fair will also serve as a hub for helping those affected by the storm. We will be collecting food and water donations at the entrance, which will be distributed to the communities hit hardest by Hurricane Helene. This is what Gadugi is all about – lifting each other up and working together in times of need.”

He added, “We understand there may be concerns, but this Fair provides a much-needed opportunity for reconnection and community strength. We can honor our traditions while supporting those who need it most. We look forward to seeing you if it is safe for you to attend, and we will continue to focus on helping our friends and neighbors recover from this storm.”

The One Feather requested a damage report for the tribe but has not received that information as of press time.

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Tamara Seay

Tamara Seay, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), gave birth to a baby girl, Jailyn Bird, on Sept. 22, 2004. Just two years later, in January 2006, Tamara, who was 18-years-old, was found murdered in the Deep Creek area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Three Cherokee men were charged and convicted in connection with her death.

This reporting was supported by the International Women's Media Foundation's Fund for Indigenous Journalists: Reporting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit and Transgender People (MMIWG2T).

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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 or message us on our Facebook page.



MISSING

Devon Antonio Williams-Huff

American Indian/Alaska Native
 Height: 6'7" Weight: 120 lbs Male
 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Age: 26
 Date of last contact: August 19, 2024
 Last Known Location: Fairbanks, Alaska



Circumstances of Disappearance:
 Devon was last seen jumping into the Chena River at the Cushman Bridge. Searches of the area were unsuccessful locating him. Was wearing gray colored pants or blue jeans, dark colored jacket, white tennis shoes.

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

Source: Namus.gov

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MMIW: Tamara Seay

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—With help from the International Women’s Media Foundation’s Fund for Indigenous Journalists: Reporting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit and Transgender People (MMIW-G2T), the Cherokee One Feather is detailing each of the 35 documented Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) cases in a monthly article.

Tamara Seay, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), gave birth to a baby girl, Jailyn Bird, on Sept. 22, 2004. Just two years later, in January 2006, Tamara, who was 18-years-old, was found murdered in the Deep Creek area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Three Cherokee men were charged and convicted in connection with her death.

The case file for U.S. v. Roach reads, “On June 7, 2007, the Court sentenced Defendant Squirrel to a term of 70 months imprisonment; Defendant Slee was sentenced on June 18, 2007, to a 57-month term of imprisonment; and on August 31, 2007, Defendant Roach was



Tamara Seay, who was found murdered in the Deep Creek area of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in January 2006, is shown with her baby girl, Jailyn Bird. (Photo contributed)

sentenced to two consecutive life terms.”

The case text goes on to state, “Defendants Squirrel and Slee were charged as accessories after the fact to first degree murder... Defendant Roach was charged with first degree murder...kidnaping...and the possession and use

of a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence...All three Defendants entered into plea agreements with the Government.”

Though Jailyn was too young to remember her mother, she has learned about her through stories and memories shared by others like her father, Nicholas Bird, “I’m

thankful for my dad for telling me the memories he had with her. I try to learn about her through people’s stories,” Bird said.

“Growing up knowing my mom was taken away too soon is so confusing. I don’t remember my mom before she passed, but I do remember how I watched my dad give up on life after she was gone.” Tamara’s name is on a growing list of 35 Missing and Murdering EBCI members. “Seeing my Mom being a part of MMIW doesn’t feel real; it makes me feel resentment towards the two men involved and the system,” Bird said.

“It makes me mad she didn’t get the justice she deserved. MMIW means a failed justice system to me. I believe it means there was no justice for these women who are took from their families and never brought back.”

As a family member of one of the missing and murdered, Jailyn is making memories she wishes her mother could be here for. “I wish my mom was here for the first time meeting my siblings, or watching them dance at powwows, and every time my dad was with us,” Bird said.

“The most challenging part of her not being here is she didn’t get a real chance at life.”

This reporting was supported by the International Women’s Media Foundation’s Fund for Indigenous Journalists: Reporting on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit and Transgender People (MMIWG2T).

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Addressing the Lumbee Bill

Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks denounces Lumbee Bill, supports Congressman Edwards' defense of tribal sovereignty

Submitted by Office of Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief Michell) Hicks of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) expressed gratitude on Thursday, Sept. 26 for Congressman Chuck Edwards' (R-N.C.) support of tribal sovereignty, particularly his opposition to the Lumbee bill.

"We extend our sincere thanks to Congressman Edwards for standing with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Indian Country in this critical matter," said Ugviyuhi Hicks. "His leadership in opposing the Lumbee Act sends a strong message that the federal acknowledgment process must be respected."

Ugviyuhi Hicks' remarks come in response to a floor speech delivered earlier yesterday by Congressman Edwards in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he voiced strong support for tribal sovereignty and opposed Lumbee efforts to bypass the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) process to gain federal recognition by Congressional act. Tribal leaders from the EBCI are currently in Washington, D.C., to advocate against the Lumbee bill and uphold the sovereignty of all federally recognized tribes.

"False claims to tribal identity cause significant harm to federal-



Shown, left to right, are Bill Taylor, EBCI governmental affairs liaison, Congressman Chuck Edwards, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Richard French, and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle. (Photo courtesy of Office of Ugviyuhi Michell Hicks)

ly recognized tribes and the very people they represent," Ugviyuhi Hicks continued. "We are disappointed that the Lumbee group are using their influence in Congress to block legislation that is crucial to the interests of legitimate tribes, such as the Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act. It is disheartening that they are pushing their supporters to hinder the return of historic and sacred lands, an issue that many tribes continue to face."

For years, the Lumbee group has repeatedly claimed connections to the Cherokee and other tribal identities such as the Cherokee, Croatan, and Siouan. In fact, they falsely claimed Cherokee ancestry for over 40 years as part of a North Carolina legislative decision. Further, unlike other

southeastern tribes, the Lumbees have no sister tribe in Oklahoma following the forced removal as determined by the Indian Removal Act of 1830. The Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaw and Seminole lost upwards of a third of their people on the march to Oklahoma. The Lumbee were nowhere to be found.

Prior to the 1956 Lumbee Act, the name Lumbee did not exist as a Tribal name and the 1956 Act simply identified a five-county area that individuals were able to "self-identify" as Native, aka Lumbee, without a merit-based process. Many federally recognized tribes have strict guidelines for enrollment including mandatory DNA testing to meet their enrollment processes. This strict process is necessary for tribes' and

our survival.

"The Lumbee group's efforts to bypass the federal acknowledgment process established by the OFA undermines the very integrity of the system," Ugviyuhi Hicks said. "This process must be followed. It would be disgraceful to consider any recognition bill without the merits of the OFA process."

Should the Lumbee bill pass, the Lumbees would become the largest tribe east of the Mississippi River, with individuals potentially being recognized as "full blood" or "4/4" Native Americans despite questionable ancestry and their migration into North Carolina.

Ugviyuhi Hicks concluded, "that any group could be recognized today as all "full blood" is unfathomable."



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Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) holds Autism Awareness Work Session

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On the afternoon of Sept. 18, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) held a work session to discuss autism awareness on the Qualla Boundary. Chairperson Mike Parker thanked Candy Ross, Family Services manager at Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start, and Amanda Bradley, Family Support coordinator at Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start, for organizing the work session.

Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks gave opening remarks, "One of the things that I've heard from many of the parents in the community is just simply having a place to identify with the centralization of services," Hicks said.

"There are roughly 250 students with IDD (Intellectual and Development Disabilities) or autism. That's a big number, and that big number needs a lot of focus."

Ugwiyuhi Hicks said a site visit of the old Tsali Care Center to map out potential centralized services is underway. "Another issue that's raised is space and facilities. What can this look like? I think we have an opportunity. We're still working through the old Tsali Care. There are some other children's crisis ideas around that. There are other Family Safety related services. All child related. How does autism fit in this model? We're going to be working that

out."

Several families spoke about their experiences and struggles in finding resources for their Cherokee children on the autism spectrum. Many shared the sentiment that localized resources are a dire need.

Karyl Frankiewicz, dressed in crown and sash as the current reigning Miss Supreme International, shared her testimony of being diagnosed with autism. "I didn't want to admit to anybody that I was on the spectrum," she said. "With help from Ms. Kathy Dolby, I was able to continue on with my schooling, graduate from high school, and I'm still in college working on my associates in early childhood education, but I had always kept that in the back of my mind, 'Don't show that I may be slower than everybody else.'"

"I ran for Miss Cherokee, won that, was able to keep up with the schedule and that stimulated me. Whenever I became Miss Indian North Carolina, one of my events was the autism event here. I ended up talking to this one little girl and I told her 'I'm on the spectrum, too.' I finally came out and admitted it. And they were like, 'If you can be a state ambassador for Indigenous communities, I can be that, too.'"

Frankiewicz is now using her platform in pageantry for autism awareness, "I'm on the spectrum. I should be proud of that. Whenever I became Miss Native American USA, my platform was called, 'See the Able, not the Label.'"

CeAna Jackson shared her process of still discovering how to help her child navigate being diagnosed with autism. "When she got diagnosed, I felt like I was alone. I felt like I had nobody. I didn't know where to go, I didn't know who could relate to what I

was going through," she said. Jackson credited Krisztina Teglassy, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP), with being the first person to answer her questions about her daughter. "Just like everyone else said, I'm very protective of my child. We need more doctors like her up there who can answer questions. We need help here."

The work session ended with an action item for EBCI Public Health and Human Services (PHHS), Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA), and other tribal entities to work toward expanding consolidated services for families on the Qualla Boundary.

CIPD Arrest Report for Sept. 16-22, 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.

Holiday, Siah Kenyon – age 22
Arrested: Sept. 16
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 23)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Queen, Justin – age 23
Arrested: Sept. 16
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 23)
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Weapons Offense, Simple Assault and Battery (two counts)

Reed, Tamara Ann – age 30
Arrested: Sept. 16
Released: Sept. 19
Charges: Probation Violation

George, Michael Anthony – age 30
Arrested: Sept. 18
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 23)
Charges: Public Intoxication, Larceny (two counts)

Malpass, Johnathan – age 49
Arrested: Sept. 18
Released: Sept. 19
Charges: Probation Violation, Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Smith, Nathan – age 33
Arrested: Sept. 19
Released: Sept. 19
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Wolfe, Dustin Thunder – age 30
Arrested: Sept. 19
Released: Sept. 20
Charges: Public Intoxication, Solicitation, Tampering with Witness

Ellington, Desmond Jeffery – age 28
Arrested: Sept. 20
Released: Sept. 20
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Court Order; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officer

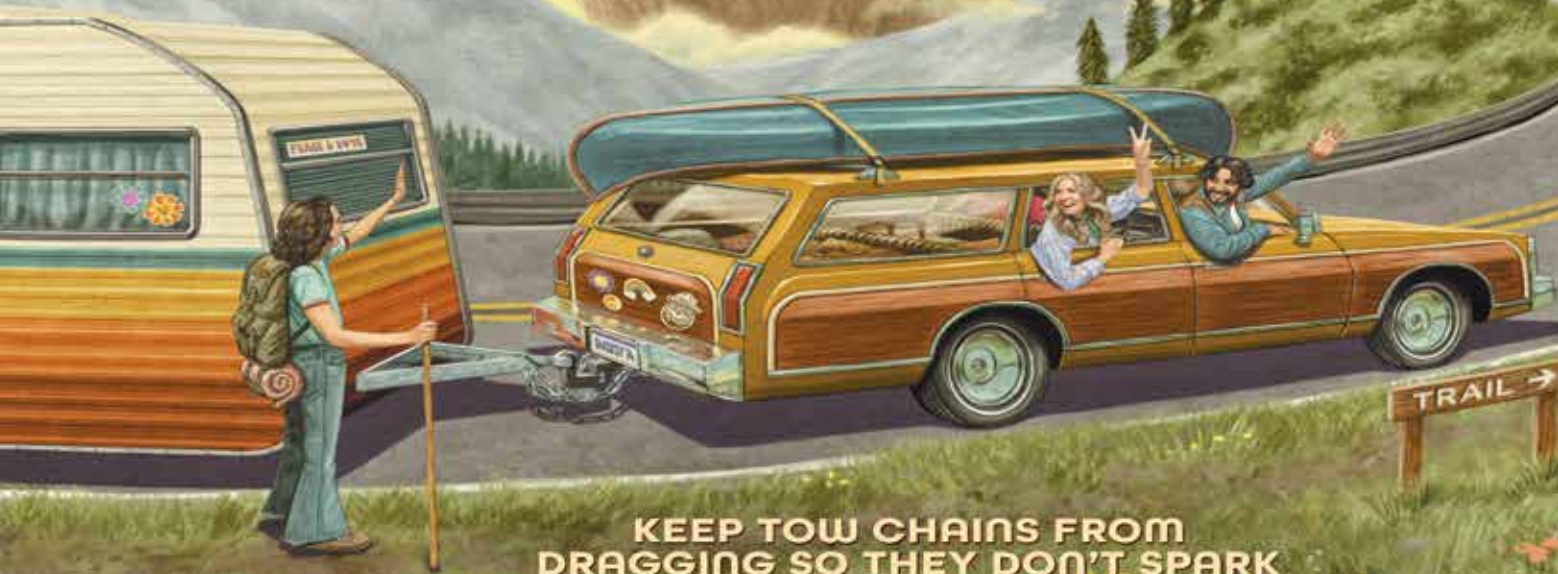
Rivera, Tyler – age 28
Arrested: Sept. 20
Released: Sept. 20
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Oxendine, Krista Crouse – age 52
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JV FOOTBALL: Swain Co. 32 Cherokee 14

The Cherokee JV Braves traveled to the Swain Co. JV Maroon Devils in Bryson City, N.C. on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 24. ABOVE: Cherokee's Ashton Saylor (#7) runs for a 56-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter. BELOW: Cherokee's Kimo Sokol (#14) goes for a tackle on Swain Co. running back Coleman Green (#23). (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

4:54 - Swain: Colton Shuler 7-yard run. 2-point no good. Swain 6 Cherokee 0

2nd Quarter

9:18 - Swain: Shuler 5-yard run. 2-point no good. Swain 12 Cherokee 0

5:06 - Swain: Shuler 50-yard run. 2-point no good. Swain 18 Cherokee 0

4:46.1 - Cherokee: Cain Welch 1-yard run. Welch pass to Jordan Panther good for 2-point conversion. Swain 18 Cherokee 8

3rd Quarter

5:38 - Swain: Shuler 25-yard run. Blake Lambert pass to Coleman Green good for 2-point conversion. Swain 26 Cherokee 8

4:47 - Swain: Christian Jumper 5-yard run. 2-point no good. Swain 32 Cherokee 8

4th Quarter

1:34 - Cherokee: Ashton Saylor 56-yard run. 2-point no good. Swain 32 Cherokee 14



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Agiyosiha.

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Osigwo. Nihina?

No
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Are you hungry?
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Tsayosihatsu?

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Qualla-Ween in Scare-o-kee: A month of spooky fun for the whole family

Submitted by
EBCI Dept. of Commerce

CHEROKEE, NC – This October, Cherokee invites you to celebrate Qualla-Ween in Scare-o-kee, a month-long series of family-friendly and spooky events. From haunted experiences rooted in Cherokee legends to kid-friendly crafts and trick-or-treating, this is a Halloween celebration like no other. Enjoy a mix of history, culture, and fun throughout the month as Cherokee transforms into Scare-o-kee.

Sgili Hunt at Oconaluftee Indian Village

For thrill-seekers, Oconaluftee Indian Village opens its gates after dark. Hear traditional Cherokee stories by firelight, then embark on a guided tour through the village and botanical garden trail. It's a night of eerie adventure in the heart of Cherokee.

Dates: Oct. 17-19, 24-26, 31 |
Time: 7 p.m. until late
Tickets available at: [<https://cherokeehistorical.org/legendary-fears/>]

Haunted Exhibit at the Museum of the Cherokee People

Take a flashlight tour through the haunted exhibit at the Museum of the Cherokee People and uncover spooky tales from Cherokee history. These tours will shed light on some of the darker corners of Cherokee's past.

Dates: Oct. 25-27 | Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Legendary Fears:

The Raven Mocker Screams

Mountainside Theatre brings to life one of Cherokee's most chilling legends – the Raven



Sandy Cheeks, Patrick, and Spongebob were spotted at last year's Scare-O-kee event on Oct. 31, 2023. This year's event is also set for Halloween night. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Mocker. This haunted experience promises a terrifying encounter with the infamous sgili of Cherokee lore.

Dates: Oct. 24-31 | Time: 7 p.m. until late

Tickets available at: [<https://cherokeehistorical.org/legendary-fears/>]

Kid's Fest at Qualla Arts & Crafts

Families can enjoy a day of Halloween-themed crafts and storytelling at Qualla Arts & Crafts. Activities include pumpkin carving, gourd mask painting, face painting, storytelling, and more, offering plenty of fun for children of all ages.

Dates: Oct. 25-27 | Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Murder Mystery hosted by the Sequoyah Fund

Solve a thrilling murder mystery in downtown Cherokee, where

clues are scattered, and everyone is a suspect. Can you solve the case?

Dates: Oct. 25-27 | Time: TBA
Tickets and more info: Available Soon

Sgili Tales on the Island

Gather around at Oconaluftee Island Park to hear spooky Cherokee ghost stories. These Sgili (ghost) tales will send a chill down your spine as you listen under the stars.

Dates: Weekends in October |
Time: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Trick-or-Treat Night in Scare-o-kee

End the Halloween season with a classic trick-or-treat night near Oconaluftee Island Park. Kids can dress up and enjoy a safe, fun-filled evening of candy and costumes.

Date: Oct. 31 | Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Qualla-Ween in Scare-o-kee is sponsored by the generous support of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. With a wide range of activities for all ages, this is the perfect way to experience Cherokee culture while embracing the spooky spirit of the season.

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Dadiwonisi Adult Language Learners Program holds graduation

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On the evening of Monday, Sept. 23 in the Jacob Cornsilk Complex in Tutiya (Snowbird), the Dadiwonisi (We are all going to speak) Adult Language Learners Program held a graduation ceremony for the ᎠᎩᎩᎠ cohort. Show, left to right, are Lakoda "Elogwa" Bird, Malakai "Sdeyida" Littlejohn, Callie "Amayi Akehedo" Bush, Lauryn "Layani/Gvntsed" Rattler, Rachel "Letsili" Ballou, Cassidy Galaviz (Teacher), and Troy "Koga" Jones.



Malakai "Sdeyida" Littlejohn



Lakoda "Elogwa" Bird



Callie "Amayi Akehedo" Bush



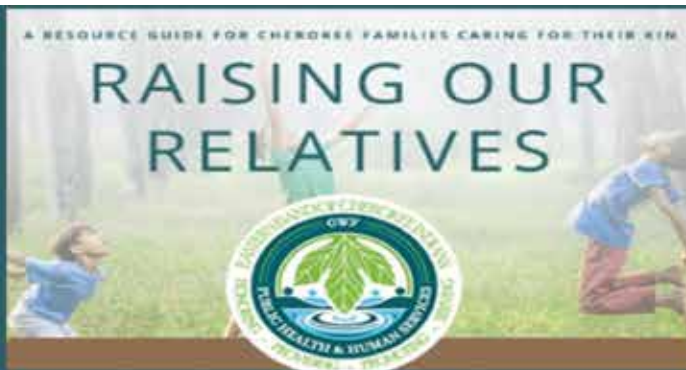
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Justin Moses Ammons

Justin Moses Ammons, age 39, a lifelong resident of the Wolf-town Community, passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, after an extended illness.

He is the son of Moses Bigmeat (Rita) and the late Louise Ethel Ammons. Also surviving are his brothers, Edward Moses Fields of Proctor, Okla., Earl Ammons and Tsali Ryan Ammons, both of Cherokee, N.C., and Johnny Lee Mouse of Tahlequah, Okla.; sister, Leanna Tiger of Colcord, Okla.; aunt, Hazel Ammons; uncles, Willard Ammons, James Toineeta,

and Jacob Bigmeat; nieces and nephews, Boz Ammons, Riley Postoak, Courtney Tiger, and Stella Tiger.

In addition to his mother, Justin is preceded by sister, Luanna Siler.

A visitation was held on Monday, Sept. 30 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home. A funeral service followed with Rev. Greg Morgan officiating. Burial was in the Toineeta Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

I would like to publicly thank the Yogi Crowe Board Members for their continued financial support this Fall I continue to pursue my doctoral degree in Anthropology. Semester, 2024. I am pursuing a Doctorate in Anthropology, from the University of Tennessee.

I appreciate the flexibility of this scholarship; the funds can be used for a variety of educational related expenses. Some examples are gas, food, printer ink and parking. It is not strictly limited to tuition, fees, or books. The scholarship is available to any Easter Band of Cherokee students who are in masters and doctorate programs.

Again, I am appreciative of the support I receive from the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship.

Signed,
Beau Carroll

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• On **Oct. 15, 2004**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ruled that hearse manufacturers would no longer be required to install anchors for child-safety seats in their vehicles, though the rare models that contain rear seats are not technically "funeral coaches" and are therefore subject to the same child-restraint rules as other carmakers.

• On **Oct. 16, 1991**, George Jo Henard drove his truck through a Luby's Cafeteria window in Killeen, Texas, before opening fire on a lunch crowd of more than 100, killing 23 and injuring 20 more. He was shot several times by police before fatally turning the gun on himself. No clear reason for one of the deadliest shootings in U.S. history was ever determined.

• On **Oct. 17, 1835**, Texans approved a resolution to create the Texas Rangers, a corps of armed and mounted lawmen designed to "range and guard the frontier between the Brazos and Trinity Rivers."

• On **Oct. 18, 1977**, New York Yankees outfielder Reggie Jackson hit three home runs in a row off of three consecutive pitches from three different pitchers — a feat only Babe Ruth had ever previously pulled off — in the sixth game of the World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

• On **Oct. 19, 1796**, an essay by a writer calling himself "Phocion" appeared in the Gazette of the United States, in which presidential candidate Thomas Jefferson was accused of carrying on an affair with one of his enslaved workers. Phocion turned out to be former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton.

• On **Oct. 20, 1984**, Monterey Bay Aquarium, one of the largest in the world, opened in California. Amongst its many firsts, the aquarium holds the distinction of being the only one in the world able to keep a great white shark captive for more than 16 days.

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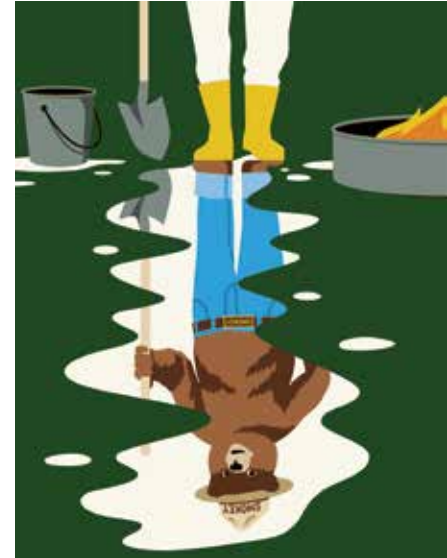




Beloved Woman Maggie Axe Wachacha

From Tutiya (Snowbird), the late Beloved Woman Maggie Axe Wachacha was a clerk for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) for half a century. A fluent Cherokee speaker who could also read and write the language, she kept the records of Dinilawigi meetings for decades. In 1986, she was recognized in the 100 American Heroes listing by Newsweek as well as being given the North Carolina Distinguished Woman Award from then-Governor Jim Martin. She was a noted midwife and herbal healer. Wachacha passed away at the age of 101 in 1993.

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COMMENTARY

The Fair is exceptional

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiyi (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

“During the early part of the century, logging and farming provided income and subsistence, but the tribe also turned to tourism as a source of income. The first Cherokee Indian Fall Fair, in 1914, was subsidized by the tribal council specifically to encourage tourism. Cherokees found that they also had to change some of the traditions to meet the expectations of their market. Influenced by the Wild West shows of the 1890s, by the stereotype of patent medicine shows of the early 1900s, and by movies and finally television, visitors wanted to see natives in Plains Indian costume. Visitors also preferred shiny black Catawba pottery rather than the ancient, stamped pottery of the Cherokees, whose potters have only recently revived their own distinctive style. These market-driven changes in tradition coexist with the older traditions today.”

(Duncan & Riggs, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill/London, 2003)

One of my favorite Cherokee Indian Fair stories came from the late Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe. He said, “back in the day”, which could have been anywhere from the 1930s to the 1960s for Jerry, he was there the first years that they introduced carnival rides to the Cherokee Fall Festival. Indians on the Qualla Boundary had



Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks hands out candy during the 2023 Cherokee Indian Fair Parade. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

rarely, if ever, seen carnival rides. Jerry said that instead of seeing lines of children waiting for their turns on the rides, it would be tribal elders. He said long lines of our grandparents and great-grandparents wanted to know what being on one of those things was like. And those tribal elders would ride the carnival rides repeatedly.

Some community members will argue that the Fall Festival was not created with the tourists in mind and that it has been a homecoming event for our peo-

ple from the beginning. The fact is, both views are probably right. There is no question that the tribe has for many years tried to create a profitable model for the Fair and with the entry fee being waived for all tribal members, most of the generated revenue must come from tourists. But the community members are also correct that the 1914 Fair was a result of years of individual segments of the community having separate, smaller Fall Festivals that centered on the community as the target audience.

So, was the Cherokee Indian Fair created to enhance tourism? Sure. Was the Fall Festival a community-oriented event? Absolutely. Both views are right. It is only a matter of viewpoint that causes debate.

Regardless of which side of that fence you fall on, the Cherokee Indian Fall Festival, or, as it is now called, the Cherokee Indian Fair, is the biggest event undertaking of the tribal family tourism program and the community. The five-day event (now stretched to

six with the addition of a stickball schedule on Monday) requires lots of money, resources, and labor. It is an “all-hands-on-deck” affair, with the entirety of the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) of the tribe and support from the rest of the Commerce Division, building the framework for the entire week of activities. Every Fair requires infrastructure work, including ensuring adequate water and power distribution, display construction, announcer stands for stickball, mainstage, massive tents, and landscaping. Negotiations for stage acts, a carnival, convenience facilities, food, and craft vendors must be made based on a predetermined layout of the fairgrounds. Also, it is necessary for the tribe’s finance office to make special arrangements for the hundreds of transactions that take place between vendors, performers, and contest winners. Those are just the things I can remember from when I had responsibility for some or all aspects of the Fair from about 2002 to 2014. It is truly an organizational nightmare with lots of moving parts.

In addition, the Qualla Arts and Crafts and Cherokee Agricultural Extension Office work tirelessly to coordinate the hundreds of entries submitted in the arts, crafts, and agricultural divisions. These two organizations ensure that there is a registration process, that entries meet criteria, organize the display of said entries, and coordinate the judging of the entries. For many years, these two entities have successfully planned and executed amazing works, from prize-winning beans to priceless works of art, handmade and homemade by tribal members. And I will never forget the care and protectiveness of people like Molly Grant, who for many years

collected and protected photos and memorabilia of our beloved military veterans. She would coordinate the special display in the exhibit hall. She was careful to not permit those treasured items, many of them one of a kind, to be out of her sight. I always thought it was a shame that most of the exhibits, including the community exhibits, had to be put behind security fencing in order to protect them from theft or damage, but such is the world we live in. The Fair committee and fairgrounds staff did a good job of presenting the exhibits in such a way that the items were safe and visually accessible to the public.

For decades, the Welcome Center staff have played a critical role in the Cherokee Indian Fair. They take great pride and have a sense of ownership in one of the most watched attractions of the Fair, the Cherokee Indian Fair Parade. The team at the Welcome Center have routinely been tasked with coordinating and executing the parade, navigating road closures, line up of multiple bands, floats, and vehicles, and securing special guests to make the parade that much more spectacular. And we can’t forget the candy. Hundreds of tossed pieces of candy that have become an expectation at Cherokee parades. In addition, the Center staff have been tapped year after year to be the themed day planners for each day of the Fair. Each staff member, or pair of staff members, would receive a budget with which to plan and execute their special day of the Fair. Each “day planner”, who were members of our community, would concentrate on creating the most impactful experience they could with the resources they had, and sometimes they would reach out for donations and volunteers

when their budgets wouldn’t accommodate a desired piece for their day.

In recent years, the challenges in putting on the Cherokee Indian Fair have been daunting. The Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds, or Ceremonial Grounds, was plagued with issues of poor drainage, to aging buildings including a critical failure in the covering of the amphitheater, to the space being undersized for the events coming into the grounds, including the Fair itself. In July 2022, the government approved the demolition of the buildings on the grounds and the demolition came quickly after. For the past two Fairs, the event has been relocated to the Harrah’s event center and, last year, to the old Cherokee High School grounds. When you have been in the same location for decades, then forced to move to an unfamiliar location, that adds more challenges to an already challenging event. Leadership in the Commerce Division and those charged with planning and execution of the Fair have made the best of a bad situation when it comes to moving the Fair to these new locations.

The Fair is a feast for the tastebuds as well. Indian dinners, Indian tacos, frybread recipes, fire roasted corn, and an assortment of “carnival food” which includes basically deep-fried everything are available in abundance. My favorite is blackberry dumplings with a dollop of ice cream. And of course, I haven’t been able to come home from a Fair without a bag of kettle corn from the Scragglepop vendor since my wife and I developed a tooth for it. Everyone has their favorite.

Finding the balance between building a profitable tourism event and ensuring the satisfaction of

our community has always been a challenge. Year to year, those in leadership all the way to fairgrounds maintenance workers have worked very hard to make the best Cherokee Indian Fair possible. It is an event that requires you to “sweat the small stuff” because every detail of the execution of the event is essential to its overall success.

Just a personal note, in 2014, the American Eagle Foundation was invited to be a part of the 2014 Cherokee Indian Fair as part of Veterans Day at the Fair. They presented bald eagles and other raptors in an educational and entertaining way. The organizers of Veterans Day this year have invited the Eagle Foundation to bring these culturally significant birds back to the Fair. It’s one of those don’t miss moments at the Fair. So many culturally significant events happen at the Fair that there isn’t room in the paper to do them justice, like the Miss Cherokee pageants, the Indian-ball or Stickball games, and all the language and traditional activities of Community Day.

Sometimes you can get too familiar with something and then you miss the magic of it. Those of us who have been involved in either putting on or reporting on the Fair sometimes take the event for granted. There is something for everyone at the Fair. Tribal members from all over the U.S. make the Cherokee Indian Fair their time of homecoming, one time a year that they gather and reconnect with their people and their land. Cultural tourists make the same trek but more so to learn about and embrace an ancient culture. Whether you call it the Cherokee Indian Fair or the Fall Festival it is a truly exceptional event.

LETTER: Dr. Bunio encourages vaccinations

Dear Community Members,
I wanted to take a moment to personally share that last week, my wife, Donna Bradley, and I both received our COVID vaccines and plan to receive our flu vaccines in October. It was quick, painless, and it gave us peace of mind as we head into the colder months. Cherokee Hospital and all of North Carolina have seen an increase in COVID infections during the month of September which makes it even more important to get the new COVID vaccine now. I strongly encourage each of you to contact your primary care provider and schedule your vaccinations today. I strongly encourage each of you to contact your primary care provider and schedule your vaccinations today.

Vaccines are particularly important in October as we approach peak flu season, and the risk of respiratory illnesses increases. Both the flu and COVID can spread rapidly in our community, especially as we spend more time indoors. Vaccinations not only protect you,



Dr. Richard Bunio, center, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority director of clinical services, is shown receiving his COVID vaccination. He is shown with his wife, Donna, left, and Kim Knoppel RN. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority)

but they also help protect our elders, children, and those with compromised immune systems. For the flu, the vaccine is formulated each year to target the most prevalent strains, and receiving it early helps ensure you're protected throughout the entire season. For COVID, the updated vaccines offer

protection against new variants, providing an essential boost to our immune systems. Vaccines significantly reduce the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and complications from these viruses.

I understand that some may feel hesitant or think, "I didn't get sick last year, so maybe I don't

need it." But each year brings new risks, and getting vaccinated is one of the best ways to safeguard your health and the health of your family. Even if you are healthy, you may unknowingly pass the virus to others who are more vulnerable.

To help make getting your vaccine easier, the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority is teaming up with EBCI Public Health & Human Services Tsalagi Public Health Department to host a drive-thru clinic for flu shots on Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the new Tsali Care Center Facility located at 267 Tsali Care Way. You don't even have to get out of your car!

If you have questions or concerns, your primary care team is always here to help. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your team for guidance or more information.

Sincerely,
Dr. Richard Bunio
Director of Clinical Services
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Test yourself

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

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

I have a long list of questions for you. Think about each one.

Do you believe in God? Do you believe in His Word?

Examine yourself. 2 Corinthians 13:5

Did God create the heavens and the earth in 6 days? Really? Consider all the stuff that was made. Think of all the science we've seen on TV and in school. Consider all we think we know of the universe and all we can see with our telescopes and deep space devices. Think of all the earth and billions of planets and stars like our solar system, if not trillions.

Do you think God made man through Adam and Eve? What about all those fossils and discoveries of man-like bones and tools, images drawn on cave walls? Can you explain that concerning Adam and Eve?

And what about Noah? Did God cause the flood that covered the WHOLE earth and save His animal kingdom and humankind through Noah?

Did you ever question the stories in Exodus and how God performed the miracles for Moses? Like all the plagues of Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea. How about manna, shoes that never wore out, water spouting from rocks, and pillars of fire and smoke that led over a million people in the harshest desert for 40 years? Really?

Did God stop the earth for nearly a whole day at the request of Joshua so he could defeat his enemies in battle?

Did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?

Did God make a donkey talk?

Do you really believe all those stories just because they were written on paper that has survived thousands of years?

Maybe you pick and choose what you believe. As in, I might believe that one, but I'm not too sure about this other one. Have you created your own religion over what is written in the Bible? That is not a wrong question. There are whole religions based on accepting

parts and discounting other parts of God's written Word.

Test yourself.

If you doubt these, how can you believe in the virgin birth of Christ?

How can you believe a Holy man, God in the flesh, walked on earth for 30 years and performed miracles like raising the dead, healing the sick, and making the blind see?

So, you might believe he was crucified, but how can you believe He rose from the grave? Did angels take care of him?

How can you believe that after his supposed death and resurrection, He walked this earth for many to see, and after many saw Him over many days, He ascended to Heaven?

How do you know He can save you from hell and that He has reserved a place for you in Heaven beyond all doubt? Can you trust that?

Do you even believe there is a heaven or hell?

These are all points of religious contention. Are you religious, or are you a Christian? Nearly all these questions require faith. Test yourself – do you believe some and not others? You failed the test. Logically, practically, and spiritually, if you doubt one aspect of the

word of God, then likely none of it might be the truth, and we are wasting our time.

I may have just talked you out of being a Christian, or maybe you'd instead go to some other church that doesn't preach the Word of God. Have you passed or failed the test? Now you have two choices.

We need to have a come to Jesus moment. Are you all in or just a mediocre Christian? God does not care for a lukewarm Christian. Today is the day to commit and surrender to what the Word of God says and try with all your might to live how God has instructed us to live. We might fall and sometimes fail, but He says He is faithful to forgive those who believe.

Do you need proof that the Spirit of God is real and lives within you or me? He lives in me – I know. But does He live in you? Do you want to believe and have the peace and assurance only God and the Spirit of God can give you?

Let me tell you how. Bring it in.

Pray – Dear Lord, God, and Heavenly Father, forgive me when I doubt. Give me more faith every day to believe on Your Word. Thank You, Lord, for the Spirit within me and the assurance of my salvation. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.



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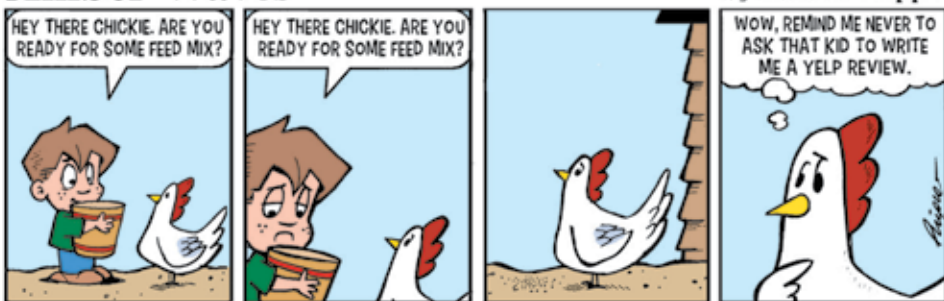


...So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

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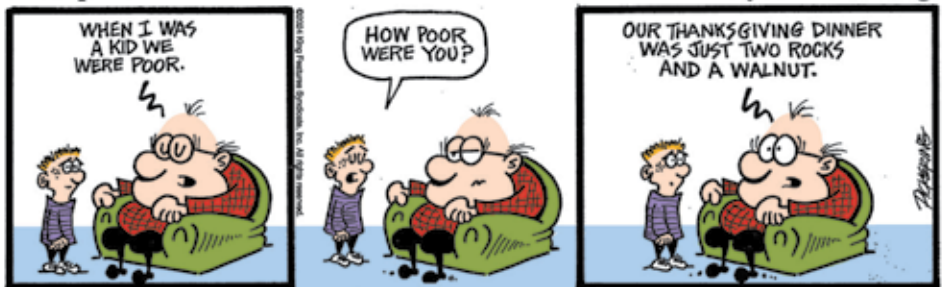
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 1. "Beauty and the Beast"; 2. Northern Lights; 3. Thomas Jefferson; 4. Indian Ocean; 5. Aretha Franklin; 6. Substitute teacher; 7. Zero; 8. Tom Marvolo Riddle; 9. Basenji; 10. Robert Frost, "Nothing Gold Can Stay"

by Dave T. Phipps

by BUD BLAKE

by Jeff Pickering

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Buddy
 - 4 Rm. coolers
 - 7 Bashes
 - 12 Epoch
 - 13 Speck
 - 14 Mowing sites
 - 15 Goal
 - 16 Handel compositions
 - 18 Author Harper
 - 19 Purse part
 - 20 Trudge
 - 22 Mess up
 - 23 Prejudice
 - 27 Mardi Gras VIP
 - 29 Borneo beasts
 - 31 Pocket breads
 - 34 Harley rider
 - 35 Delphi figure
 - 37 In shape
 - 38 Title for Helen Mirren
 - 39 Gorilla
 - 41 Wild guess
 - 45 Cornell and Yale, e.g.
 - 47 E.T.'s craft
 - 48 Citrus drink
 - 52 Carnival city
 - 53 Sal of "Exodus"
 - 54 Just out
 - 55 Rage
 - 56 Croc's kin
 - 57 Hosp. areas

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- DOWN**
- 1 Daily trio
 - 2 Disney mermaid
 - 3 Star's bit part
 - 4 Big fusses
 - 5 Brain layer
 - 6 Fab Four drummer
 - 7 Dud
 - 8 Hearing thing
 - 9 Prefix with night
 - 10 Rock producer Brian
 - 11 Snake's warning
 - 17 Tropical tuber
 - 21 Preprandial prayer
 - 23 Entices
 - 24 Pen filler
 - 25 Get older
 - 26 Old map letters
 - 28 Immigrant's subj.
 - 30 Hitter's stat
 - 31 Group of seals
 - 32 Nest egg acronym
 - 33 Highland hat
 - 36 Roof overhang holder
 - 37 Birdseed
 - 40 Steinway product
 - 42 Shroud city
 - 43 Blazing
 - 44 Greeted a bully
 - 45 Borodin's "Prince —"
 - 46 Gives a darn?
 - 48 Texter's "Heavens!"
 - 49 Estuary
 - 50 Busy insect
 - 51 Opposite of paleo-

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which animated film was the first to be nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture?
- SCIENCE: What is a common name for the Aurora Borealis?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the third U.S. president?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Maldives (islands) located?
- MUSIC: Who was the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
- TELEVISION: What is Dorothy's job on "The Golden Girls"?
- MATH: Which number doesn't have a Roman numeral equivalent?
- LITERATURE: In the Harry Potter series of novels, what was Lord Voldemort's name before he changed it?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which dog breed doesn't "bark"?
- FAMOUS QUOTES: Who wrote the poetic line about fall, "Nature's first green is gold"?

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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.

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Bingo fundraiser. Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. at the Swain Co. High School gym in Bryson City, N.C. \$20/pack. All monies raised will go to the Swain JV and varsity football team.

Turkey Shoot at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove). Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

• Oct. 12 at 5 p.m. Annual Jesse Welch Memorial Turkey Shoot. Delicious Indian Dinners will be available for sale.

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Harvest of Souls: The Ultimate Halloween Experience production. Oct. 12 at 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m. and Oct 13 at 3 p.m. at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center at Cherokee Central Schools in Cherokee, N.C. This is a production of Lamp Light Theatre. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken. Info: Call or text (828) 736-6624 or trswim71@gmail.com

EBCI Junior NAIWA meeting. 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).

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.)

HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS

8th Annual Cherokee Skate Jam. Oct. 2 at the "Thunder Place"

Cherokee Action Sports Park on Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. This is being held in conjunction with the 112th Cherokee Indian Fair Children's Day. Registration at 9 a.m., competition starts at 10 a.m.: Beginners at 10 a.m., Intermediate at 11:30 a.m., Advanced/Open at 1 p.m., Best Trick at 2 p.m., Prizes at 3:30 p.m. Free entry. Info: (828) 736-2698 or 736-6170

North Carolina Basketball

Blue – White Game. Oct. 13 at 12 p.m. at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, N.C. Game tickets start at \$20. Meet & Greet Dinner Event on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Convention Center ballroom. \$125/seat or \$750 for a table (seats 8). Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com. Presale code is EBCI24 and will apply to game and

dinner event.

PTGCC Adult Basketball

League 2024-25. Games on Sundays starting Oct. 13 for men and Oct. 27 for women. Entry fees: Men - \$400, Women - \$300. 12-person roster and 5v5 for both men's and women's divisions. The deadline to enter is Oct. 4 at 4 p.m. Info: PTGCC (828) 359-3345

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Forest Bathing Workshop. 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 Management, Debby Singleton. To find specific workshop hours and register visit learn.wcu.edu and click on Workshops and Conferences or contact WCU Educational

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Ebony lives in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) with Georgia Greene, Timothy Allison, and Jessica Waldroup.



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How do you say that in Cherokee?

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Photo courtesy of the Museum of the Cherokee People

Outreach at 828-227-7397.

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Michael George will present “Copper Mining in Western North Carolina and Southeast Tennessee”. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

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, or 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,

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22) This is a good week to get advice on your plans. But don’t act on them until you feel sure that you’ve been told everything you need to know to support your move.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be careful. You might be probing just a little too deeply into a situation that you find singularly suspicious. The facts you seek will begin to emerge at a later time.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to make new friends and look for new career challenges. But first, get all those unfinished tasks wrapped up and out of the way.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Relationships need a fresh infusion of tender, loving care. Avoid potential problems down the line. Stay close to loved ones as the month draws to a close.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Take things nice and easy as you continue to build up your energy reserves for a big change that comes in when the transformational planet Pluto reenters your sign later on next month.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This is the absolute right time to let those often-hidden talents shine their brightest. You’ll impress some very important people with what you can do.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are impelled by a need to find the truth, no matter how elusive. You would make a wonderful research scientist or an intrepid detective.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Proving a negative?

An elderly Vietnam-era veteran is being hounded by a government agency that is insisting he pay back a loan ... a loan he never took out.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) says he took out the loan in 2021 and if he doesn’t pay it back, they will take 15% of his Social Security check until it’s paid for.

The veteran has tried to tell them he never applied for nor received any loan, that he hadn’t owned a business (and therefore didn’t qualify for a business loan), and the SBA wants him to prove it.

How do you prove a negative?

It seems that the SBA would have records of where they sent that loan money, if indeed the loan was issued. But no, they’re insisting the veteran prove he didn’t get the loan.

Granted, there were billions of dollars handed out to fraudsters and thieves in the SBA loan program during the pandemic. But again, how do you prove a negative?

The average monthly Social Security check this year is around \$1,782. Taking away 15% leaves \$1,514. Even before deducting that 15%, it’s not a lot of money, and the veteran probably doesn’t have a lot to spare at the end of the month.

At this point, taking the veteran’s Social Security money is on hold — for now — after a local investigative reporter got involved and made calls.

But a quick look on the internet shows that this veteran is only one of many this has happened to — people being nailed for loans they never received. When they complain, all are being told to send in a long list of financial documents, such as tax returns. At first glance it looks like a scam to steal personal information.

If you’re the victim of fraud such as this, deal directly with the SBA Office of Inspector General and file a complaint. As an added step, consider submitting a FOIA request for all documents related to the problem, such as the loan application itself.

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Ticks are still out well into fall

DEAR PAW’S CORNER: My dog “Austin” was recently diagnosed with Lyme disease. He’s responding very well to treatment with antibiotics. Still, I’m wracking my brain as to how he was exposed. I check him for ticks every time we go out hiking, and I’ve never found one. I avoid trails in the deep woods during the summer months, when there’s a lot of brush and ticks are out. What can I do to protect him from another tick bite? — Zack in Asheville, North Carolina

DEAR ZACK: I’m glad to hear Austin is on the mend! Lyme disease in dogs can be very debilitating.

The most important tool in the tick-fighting arsenal is prevention. Use a flea and tick preventive treatment — like a topical ointment or a chewable medication — to arm your dog in advance of going outside. Oral treatments often have the added advantage of heartworm medication to prevent this dangerous transmitted disease in dogs from fleas and mosquitoes.

Avoiding the deep woods in summer is one way to reduce the chance of acquiring a tick (or three, or four), but ticks can lurk right in your yard and around the neighborhood. Keep the lawn mowed and brush trimmed back, and remove any debris piles around your property. Vacuum carpets weekly and sweep and mop the floors regularly.

Check Austin every day for ticks, even on days that you don’t go out hiking. It’s not unheard of to miss a tick in a dog’s fur, before it’s latched on to the skin — and you have a 48-hour window to locate and remove an attached tick before Lyme exposure occurs.

Finally, talk to the vet about whether a Lyme vaccine would be a good choice for your dog.

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

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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, email: 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

Annual Jackson County Veterans Day Assembly. Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bridge Park in Sylva, N.C. This event is hosted by the Jackson County Veterans Office. A concert will be held featuring Nate Coffey and the Moody Bridge Band. Inflatables, vendors, Jeeps, and a 5K race that will begin at 9 a.m. at Mark Watson Park. Info: Jackson County Veterans Office (828) 631-2231

POW WOW LISTINGS

Chumash Intertribal Pow Wow. Oct. 5-6 in Santa Ynez, Calif. Info: (805) 691-1334, sypowwow@chumash.gov

3rd Annual Hart of the West Native American Pow Wow. Oct. 5-6 at William S. Hart Park at 24151 Newhall Ave. in Newhall, Calif. MC: Glen Begay. Host Northern Drum: Bearsprings. Host Southern Drum: Hale & Co. Info: Citlaly

Ortega (818) 837-0794, citlaly.ortega@tataviam-nsn.us

Marshfield Pow Wow. Oct. 5 at Webster County Fairgrounds in Marshfield, Mo. MC: Bill Branson. Host Drum: Drowning Creek. Info: American Indian Center of Springfield (417) 880-1570, springfieldindiancenter1@gmail.com

Oklahoma City Pow Wow Club Fall Benefit Gourd Dance. Oct. 5 in Oklahoma City, Okla. Emcees: Cy Ahtone, Leroy Enloe. Head Singer: Leonard Cozad Jr. Info: Joe Pappio-Poe (541) 406-0915, okcpowwowclub@gmail.com

Sacred Springs Pow Wow. Oct. 5-6 in San Marcos, Texas. MC: Tim Tall Chief. Host Northern Drum: Eagle Point. Host Southern Drum: Otter Trail. Info: Aaron Pyle (956) 739-1917, aaron@indigenouculture.org

Three Sisters Intertribal Pow Wow. Oct. 5-6 in Mineral City, Ohio. MC: Aaron Stevens. Info: Ronda Lehnortt (330) 771-2531, threesistersintertribal@gmail.com

Winona-Dakota Gathering. Oct. 5-6 at Unity Park at 860 Parks Ave. in Winona, Minn. Info: Kate Engelmann (507) 470-4411, admin@winonadakotaunityalliance.org

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 McMullan (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 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

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

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

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

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

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

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m and 7 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Youth Meeting Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Max Cochran (828)

341-5801, Church number (828) 497-7770

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Church of God. 21

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

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

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

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

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads. 3501 Hwy. 441, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and

Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

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

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

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

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sun-

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

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

Grace Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center. Sunday Service 10 a.m. Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Old Antioch Baptist Church.

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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 82 Lambert Branch Road. Sunday Mass at 8 a.m. Father Victor Ameh 736-5322

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

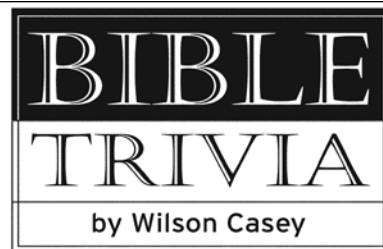
Whittier United Methodist Church. 150 Church St., Whittier, N.C. 28789. Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Pastor Rob Griffin

(828) 582-0564

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

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

Yellowhill Baptist Church. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor Fore-



1. Is the book of Philemon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Matthew 8, which prophet's words did Jesus claim to be fulfilling, as He was healing people? *Iddo, Esaias, Gad, Medad*
3. Who wrote, "Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court"? *Ezekiel, Isaiah, Daniel, Hosea*
4. From Genesis 19, in addition to fire, what did God rain down upon Sodom and Gomorrah? *Hail, Lightning, Brimstone, Mud*
5. Whose grave was marked by a pillar erected by her husband, Jacob? *Abigail, Lillith, Puah, Rachel*
6. From Judges 16, who slept through a haircut? *Manoah, Samson, Adam, Uriah*

ANSWERS: (1) New, (2) Esaias, (3) Ezekiel, (4) Brimstone, (5) Rachel, (6) Samson

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

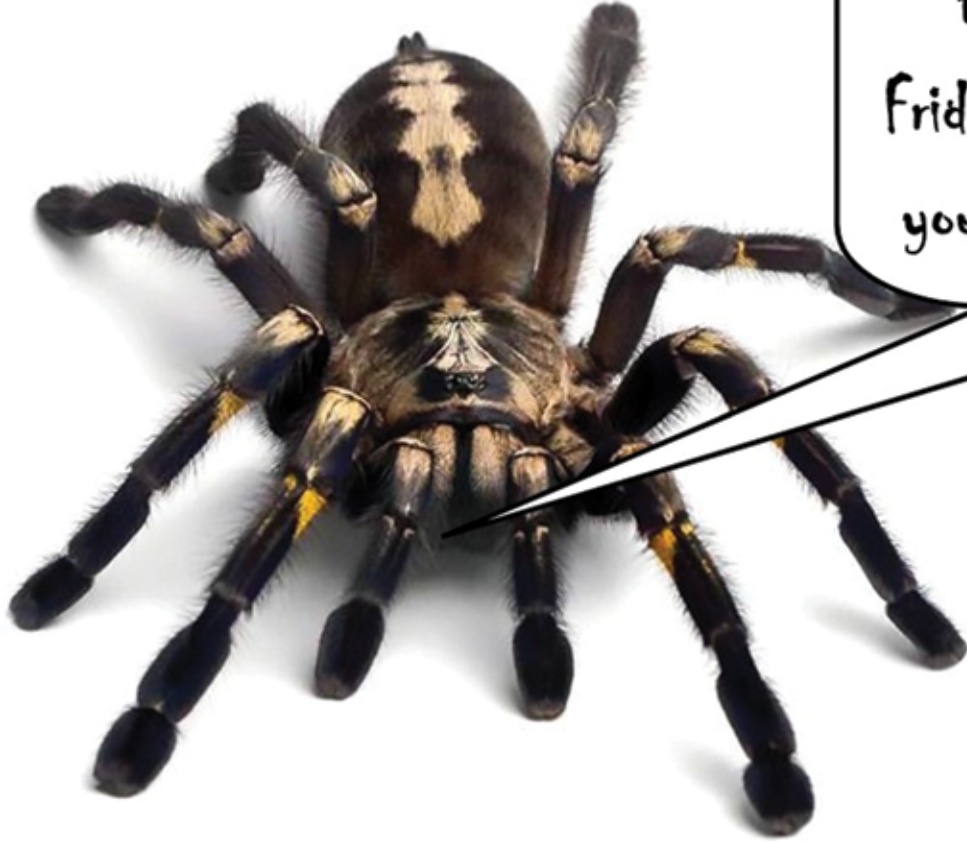
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JUST THE FACTS

teens who use marijuana have 4 to 7 times more risk for a substance use disorder

The risk of developing a Marijuana Use Disorder is higher for teens than for adults, and young people ages 12 to 24 are hospitalized due to marijuana use more often than other drugs. Talk with youth about the risks and impacts of marijuana use. (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

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The “dead”-line for entering in the Spooky Story Contest is Friday, October 18, 2024. So get your spooky on! Don't be scared!

- Story must be between 250 and 750 words.
- Story must be about a ghost experience.
- Story must have a Cherokee element/theme.
- Story may be real or fantasy.
- \$100 prize awarded by random draw.
- Deadline for entries is noon, October 18, 2024

Cherokee One Feather Spooky Story Writing Contest 2024

Author's Name _____

Title of Entry _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email:: _____

If under 18, Name of parent of guardian: _____

Entry disqualification may occur for poor grammar, misspelling, inappropriate language, or plagiarism. Winners or their guardians must provide a completed W-9 form as the prize will be awarded via tribal check. To submit a story, email it to cherokeefonefeather1966@gmail.com and include either this entry form or the information requested on the entry form. Deadline for entries is noon, October 18, 2024.

EMPLOYMENT



Now Hiring

Kituwah Global Government Group, LLC is seeking a Director of Administration. The successful candidate will provide oversight of the management of government contracts in accordance with company policies and procedures, applicable laws, and customer requirements. The candidate will have a thorough knowledge of the entire federal contracting process with a focus on compliance systems including, but

not limited to, the Small Business Act, 13 CFR 121-124, and Executive Service Directorate DoD 5220.22-M (NISPOM- National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual) Successful candidate will also have effective communications skill both written and verbal.

Anyone interested should pick up an application and complete position description at the KG3 office building, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, across the street from Waffle House and First Citizens Bank between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or contact Maggie Toineeta at maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com or Chelsi Corpening at chelsi.corpening@kituwahg3.com or (828) 604-8229.

Native American preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes

and cover letters will be accepted in conjunction of all applications. **10/2**



Museum of the Cherokee People

Museum of the Cherokee People: Now Hiring Front Line Lead Associate

The Front Line Lead Associate will be responsible for supervision of all Front Line Associates, fulfillment of Webstore orders and ensuring a positive guest experience when visiting and/or interacting with MotCP. Total Salary Range: \$14.00 – \$21.00 per hour. Hiring Range: \$14.00 – \$17.00 per hour. Part-time/full-time status is negotiable. The Museum of the Cherokee People also offers a comprehensive benefits and retirement package. Learn more and apply by October 18 at motcp.org/employment. **10/9**

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**

Camper for Sale - Camper is permanently set up in Cherokee N.C. at Smoky Mountain RV Park and Resort Lot 193. Less than 10 minutes from Harrah's Cherokee Casino. Has a permanent awning over the patio. A covered place to park. Queen bed on one end and bunk bed on the other. Campground has a swimming pool and play ground. Gated park. I am not

renting to own or trading for anything so Please do not ask. Lot rent is \$2800.00 from May to October then \$300.00 for winter storage. This is only a summer vacation spot only. The office at the park would be glad to answer any questions you may have. Serious inquires please call Charlene Wooliver at 865-740-3984. **10/9**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 24-071

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

CHARLES KALONAHESKIE

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

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

Amy Postoak
977 Old Soco Rd
Cherokee NC, 28719
10/9

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 24-074

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

ELLA C. CABE

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

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

Charles A. Cabe
1657 Jenkins Creek Rd
Cherokee NC, 28719
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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

2024 Christmas Checks

In preparation for the 2024 Christmas Checks, for EBCI Seniors and Disabled Members, please make sure to keep these dates in mind.

If needed, update your direct deposit by October 1st. See Finance for more information. 828.359.7000

If needed, update your mailing address by October 25th. See Tribal Enrollment Office for more information. 828.359.6465

Seniors- no application is required for members who are 59.5 or older by December 25, 2024. Handicap- must apply through Family Support Services with Verification of Disability dated 2024.

The deadline to apply is December 1st. **11/6**

Heating Assistance

LIHEAP (Low Income Home Heating Assistance) program opens in October for all vulnerable EBCI households, including the Elderly, Disabled, and those with young children in the home. All others apply in November.

Indigent Heating opens in October for all low-income EBCI households.

Disabled Heating opens in October.

Apply through Family Support Services with all supporting documentation including EBCI enrollment cards, Social Security cards, income documentation (Disability, Retirement, Wages, etc.), electric bill and most recent propane/oil/

kerosene invoice. If you have custody/placement papers you will also need to submit those. Stay tuned for online application process.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Family Support does not have previously submitted documentation available. **11/6**



Request for Proposal (RFP)

Kituwah Global Government (KG3) needs a qualified contractor to provide construction services for some room buildout renovations to our warehouse. Renovations will include building some walls/workbenches, HVAC installation, plumbing, painting and chain link fencing. Interested vendors must attend scheduled site visit to review specific requirements. Successful bidder must provide proof of insurance.

Direct any questions to Bill Medcalf, 828-604-8191.

Site Visit:

Date: October 7, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM (EST)

Location: 180 Clearwood Dr, Witter NC 28789

RFPs Due: OCTOBER 18, 2024.

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Notice to Qualified Professionals Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Handicapped & Elderly Living Program (H.E.L.P.) 145 Tsali Manor St. Cherokee N.C. 28719 Phone 828-359-6638

The Handicapped and Elderly Living Program (H.E.L.P.) is seek-

ing qualified contractors and professionals who specialize in general residential rehabilitation and repair for residential properties. Work to be performed may include:

- Removal and installation of metal or shingled roofs
 - Removal and installation of storm doors, doors and window
 - Service, removal, and installation of HVAC
 - Service and installation of electrical generators
 - Service, removal, and installation of propane heater & tank/line sets
 - Service, removal and installation of electrical
 - Service, removal and installation of plumbing
 - Removal and installation of kitchen cabinets
 - Removal and installation of flooring
 - Rough and finish carpentry
 - Construction of universally acceptable ramps and decks
 - Sheetrock repair
 - Lawn maintenance services
 - Pest control
 - Locksmith
- Qualified contractors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Several contractors and professionals will be selected for work. Selections will be based on qualifications. The H.E.L.P. Program reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.
- The work to be performed under this RFQ is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the H.E.L.P. Program office.
- Contact Jeremy Hyatt, jhyatt@nc-chokeee.com with questions or comments at 828-359-

6638. **10/2**

DESIGN-BUILD REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is requesting experienced proposers interested in providing services necessary to administer the Logo Program in North Carolina submit qualifications. Those services include administration, marketing, customer service, design, construction, inventories, maintenance, project coordination and reporting for the entire program.

Interested parties should send a request, by e-mail only, to rfq_package_request@ncdot.gov for a formal package detailing the requirements for submitting a Statement of Qualifications. The following contact information must be included in the e-mail request: company name, physical address, city, state, zip code, contact person, phone number and current e-mail address. The Statements of Qualifications must be submitted, by e-mail only, to db_soq_submittal@ncdot.gov by 3:00 p.m. on October 29, 2024.

All available Design-Build Project information is on the NCDOT website at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Design-Build.aspx>. Project information is continually being added, so it is advisable to monitor this website for the most up to date information.

Technical questions related to the RFQ package, or other project related questions, must be sent, by e-mail only, to altdelivery@ncdot.gov. For tracking purposes, questions will only be answered through e-mail requests.

When making requests by e-mail, it is advisable to request a return receipt for your records.

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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

Child Development

Agelink Center

- 4 - Full time teachers \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year w/ Benefits
- 1 - Behavioral Specialist \$55,000 - \$75,000 per year w/ Benefits
- 1 - Family Partnership Coordinator \$55,000 - \$75,000 per year w/ Benefits

Snowbird Center

- 1 - Full time teacher \$30,000 - \$37,500 per year w/ Benefits

Bus & Truck Department

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

Cherokee Childrens Home

Multiple Resident Counselors

- 1 - Full time \$17.00 per hour w/ Benefits 2:30pm - 10:30pm or 3:30pm - 11:30pm
- 1 - Full time Weekend \$17.00 per hour w/ Benefits 11:30pm Friday UNTIL 11:30pm Sunday
- 1 - Part time \$17.00 per hour without Benefits 9:00am Saturday - 9:00 pm Sunday

ALL POSITIONS ARE SAFETY SENSITIVE

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LETTER: Dr. Bunio encourages vaccinations

COMMENTARY: The U.S. government should



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OPEN POSITIONS

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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 - \$22.76 - \$25.89
 Employment Specialist – Kanvwotiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134
 Integrated Classroom Skill Builder – CCS - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 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
 Behavioral Health Data Analyst - Analenisgi - \$67,082 - \$83,852
 Master Level Therapist - \$58,332 - \$72,915 \$5,000 Hiring Bonus (Analenisgi Inpatient, Analenisgi Outpatient, Integrated Classroom, Family Safety, Dora Reed)

ENGINEERING

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

FINANCE

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25
 Contract Specialist - \$58,332 - \$72,915

HUMAN RESOURCES

Recruiter - \$50,723 - \$63,404

MEDICAL

Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108
 Physician - Pediatrics - \$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
 PA/ NP - Analenisgi Outpatient - MAT Program- \$91,254 - \$114,067
 PA/NP - Analenisgi Inpatient - Psychiatry - \$109,504 - \$136,880

NURSING

Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent – Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72
 Registered Nurse (30 Hours per week) – 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
 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 - \$3,000 Hiring Bonus
 C.N.A. Med Clerk - Part time Regular w/ benefits - Inpatient - \$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**
 C.M.S. – Primary Care - \$18.32 - \$20.67
 C.M.S. - Pediatrics - \$18.32 - \$20.67

OPERATIONS

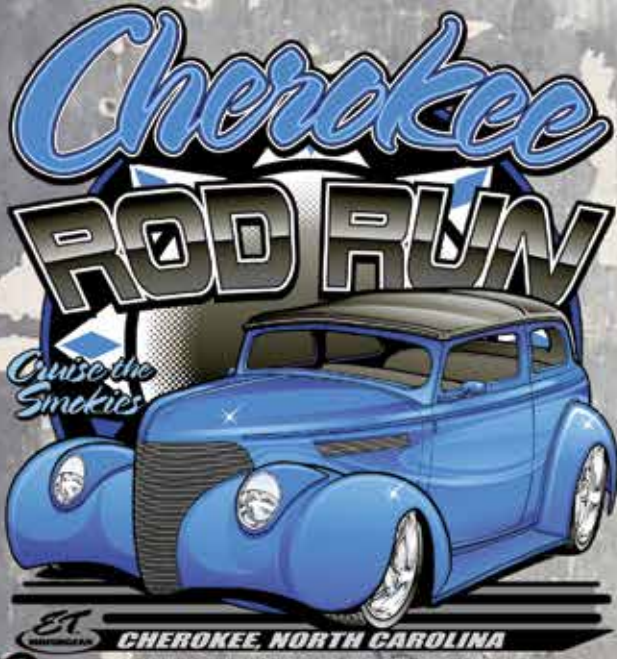
Dentist
 Dentist – Pediatrics
 Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 – \$20.67
 Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II (3rd Shift) \$44,107 - \$55,134 - ***\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Eye Clinic Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Dental Clerk - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 - \$20.67
 Clinical Pharmacist - \$102,023 - \$127,528
 Medical Technologist - Laboratory - \$28.68 - \$32.85 - ***\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

Tsali Care Center

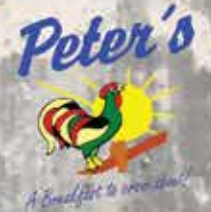
Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - ***\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 HVAC Technician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$22.76 – 25.89
 RN Manager - \$67,082 - \$83,852 - **\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$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 - **\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent - \$31.06 - \$35.64
 Scheduler - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Tribal Option

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



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Thank you for your service, and we look forward to hearing from you so we can share your stories of service with the entire community.

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INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM SERVICES ON TRUST LANDS

Site Inspection: This process begins at Tribal Realty and is sent through the approval process to identify a buildable house site and road access.

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

Site Prep: House site grading and driveway will be constructed on a buildable house site.

Hydroseeding: To help prevent erosion, hydroseeding will be done once site prep is complete.

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.

THE GOOD STUFF



Mr. Scribbles is a great "pet" for students

Mr. Scribbles lives in Kolanvyi (Big Cove). He loves nature walks, getting his beard combed and eating the acorns the kids find for him. His humans are Mrs. Jessica, Ms. Becky, and Ms. Keisha's Bitty Brave Pre-K class at Cherokee Central Schools. Shown, left to right, back row - Hezekiah Davis, Ella Wolfe, Gabriel Bradley, Koa Bone, Madi McCoy; front row - Zoey Morgan, Malaya Pete, Javahn Bynum, Gunner Bird, Landri Yates, Zailyn Swayney, Bella Catolster, Kashious Arch, Atlas Toineeta; not pictured - Zaylee Welch and Grayson Crowe. (Photo courtesy of Keisha Lambert)



CMS volleyball players reach milestones

Three members of the Cherokee Middle School Lady Braves volleyball team reached a milestone by joining the 100-club list. They are shown in the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 24. Cambry Stamper, center, reached her 100th kill in a previous game against Andrews. Austin Fourkiller-Raby, left, reached her 100th kill and Kennedy Moore reached her 100th Ace in the last home game against Robbinsville. All three are captains of the CMS team. (Photo courtesy of Taran Swimmer)

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:
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