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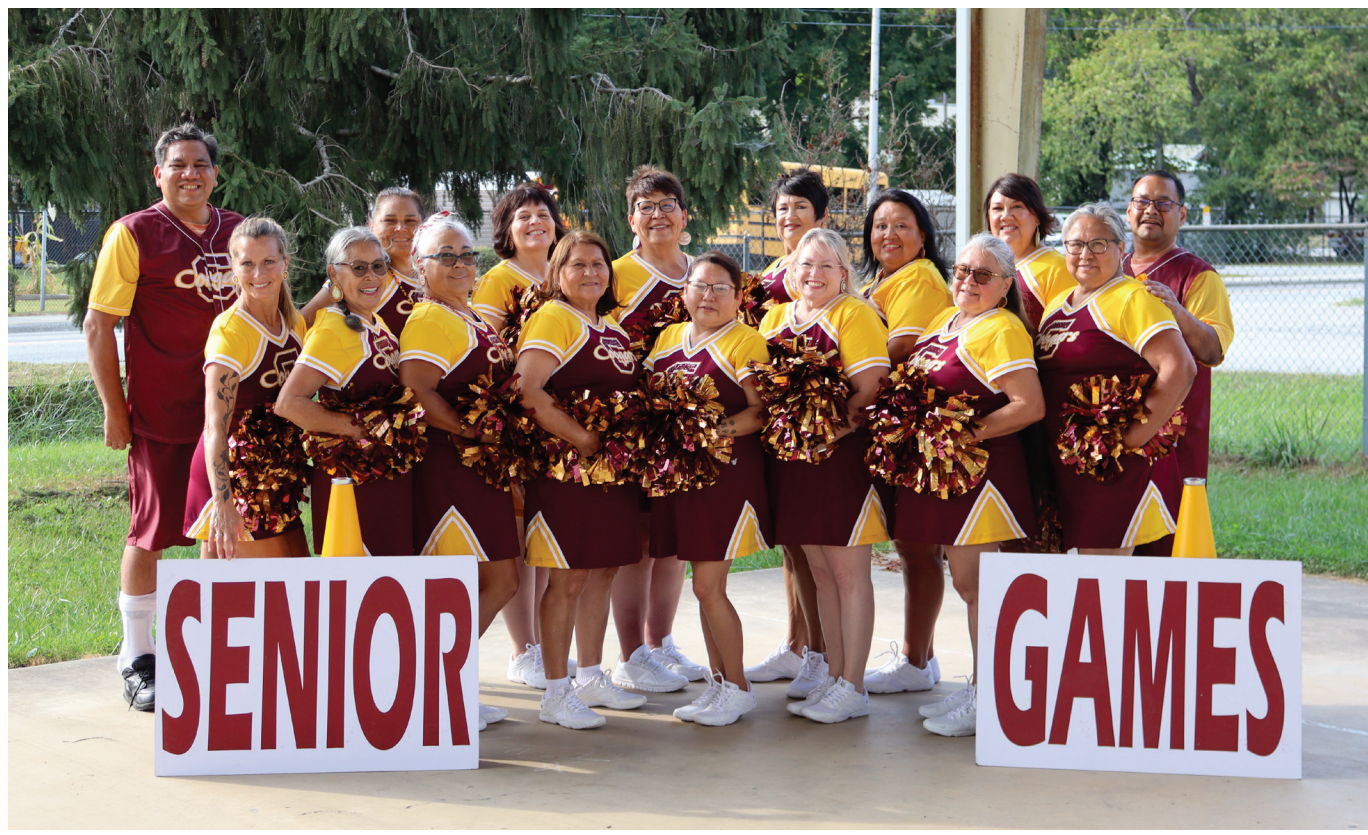
### The Tsalagi Cougars are going for gold

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Tsalagi Cougars are the regional cheer group competing in the North Carolina Senior Games. Beginning last year and earning a second-place medal, the team, representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has grown in numbers and excitement, gunning for first place at the 2024 Senior Games happening in Raleigh Sept. 16-22.

The Cougars' captain Deb Owle is cheering alongside her cheer mate from Cherokee High School, Lisa Penick. "I enjoyed cheering in high school. I was class of '82. And my friend Lisa, she

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The Tsalagi Cougars cheer team is shown, left to right, back row - John David Arch, Renee Cole, Terri Bradley, Cynthia Grant, Lisa Penick, Missy Wachacha Crowe, Deb Owle, Richard Bottchenbaugh Jr.; front row - Sherri Watterson, Patty Grant Edgemon, Nikki Crisp, Rock Burgess, Kim Wildcatt, Kim Sneed Lambert, Bernice Bottchenbaugh, and Loretta Bolden. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

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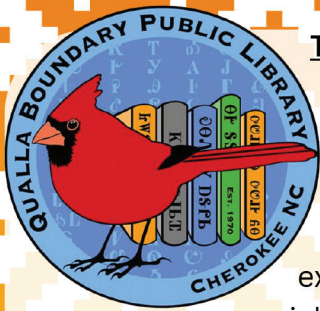
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## The Heart of Community Engagement: A Look into the Qualla Boundary Public Library's Dynamic Activities



Local libraries, here and across the country have been the backbone of knowledge and community interaction, providing more than just books to borrow. Today, modern libraries, especially small tribal libraries are expanding their roles, becoming dynamic hubs of learning, creativity, and social engagement.

The Qualla Boundary Public Library has been making strides towards improving the facility and creating programs that invite the community into the building. The library's new initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year 2025: Cherokee Chat - have a cup of coffee with your local librarian and share a piece of history; interviews will be conducted in the library on various historical topics, experiences, and other amazing topics.; hosting computer and Cherokee language classes, and other programs to support our community members.; maker space - crafting, sewing, and other creative activities for all ages; youth reading programs (adding to the success of Hinigoliya, early literacy initiative) creating additional reading challenges for older youth); adult engagement - book clubs, hiking clubs, and other adult programming that support education, wellness, and cultural education; Community Gallery Wall - featuring artwork by our patrons; and the Community Book Garden - a special section dedicated to local Cherokee authors.

### **What has your local library been up to lately?**

-Hinigoliya, an early literacy initiative launched this spring, along with bi-weekly child-centered evening events.

-Summer reading program with the Cherokee Youth Center;

-Promoted the library and Hinigoliya at various Back to school and open house events;

- Eco Explorer events

-Currently hosting WCU Beginner Cherokee language class,

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Tafoya and "The Scarecrow" by the late JC Wachacha with art by Jakeli Swimmer. In partnership with the Kituwah Preservation & Education

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Hinigoliya Launch



The Scarecrow by JC Wachacha

### **Upcoming Events:**

September 25th, 5:00-6:30 pm - Mad Hatter Party (library hours: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm)

September 26th, 3:30-6:00 pm (drop-in) - Empowerment Day (library hours: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm)

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### Image of the Week

This bee was photographed on the hike from the top of Kuwohi in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It was taken on Tuesday, Sept. 10 during Kuwohi Connection Days. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

### Quote of the Week

**“This place is a place of balance. This place is a place of harmony. And, it’s also known for its magic, for its medicine that we have here.”**

*- Nancy Pheasant, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a storyteller, speaking about Kuwohi to students at the Kuwohi Connection Days event on Tuesday, Sept. 10*



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## COUGARS: From front page

cheers. She's the one that approached me and said, 'Deb, let's cheer.' And I said, 'Okay!' It's just fun. It keeps me active and moving. It keeps my body and mind healthy."

The team has been practicing their routine since January to prepare for competition. "People don't realize that cheerleading is a sport. I mean, we leave here sweating. We're working out; we're doing a whole routine that's right at three minutes," Owle said.

"I think the oldest one of us is 72 or 73. And this year we've added two guys. We've got a larger group this year, which is good. It just keeps everybody active, competitive, and there's companionship."

Penick, who has been competing in various events in the Senior Games for 10 years, says Cherokee brings the biggest groups to compete. "We may not win all the

gold medals, but we do really good because we're like the U.S. in that way, we bring so many people."

Owle and Penick posited that the community's competitiveness and enjoyment of fellowship is the

**see photos and bios of each Tsalagi Cougar on pages 16-17**

reason so many seniors compete. "We get together and we talk. I think that's good for seniors to get together. I like getting with everybody just to fellowship," Penick said.

Tsalagi Cougar Nikki Crisp added, "Our elders are very competitive. They like being able to compete and spend time with each other. That's really what it is. Keeping in touch, laughing with each other. That's good to see and watch and hear."

Several members of the squad listed comradery as one of their favorite parts of being a Tsalagi Cougar. "We all seem to enjoy



The "Over 70" group includes Patty Grant Edgemon, Rock Burgess, Bernice Bottchenbaugh, and Loretta Bolden.

each other. We're very supportive of each other. I came in late, and they were all so good to me and really helped me catch up and welcomed me. That seemed to be how they all treated each other, and I wasn't any different," Patty Grant Edgemon said.

The Cougars will need the community cheering them on as they bring their hard work to the stage. Owle leaves the community with these parting words: "We want to come back with gold. Go Cougars!"

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# Connecting to Kuwohi

## Students learn history in special event

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

**K**UWOHI – As the sun glinted off of the clouds hanging in the valley at Kuwohi, mulberry place, on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 10, students were learning about the history of the site that is special to the Cherokee people.

Kuwohi Connection Days, a joint venture between the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), provided educational experiences and knowledge about the special mountain for students in various schools which went on different days over a three-day period including: Cherokee Central Schools fifth graders and seniors, New Kituwah Academy, Robbinsville Elementary School fifth graders, Robbinsville High School students in a Cherokee History class, Smokey Mountain Elementary School fifth graders, and Swain Co. High School seniors.

Lavita Hill and Mary Crowe, both EBCI tribal members, have spearheaded the effort to officially change the name of Clingman's Dome to Kuwohi. They educated the students during the events on this effort and even had a copy of the actual application they submitted to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names who will meet on the issue on Sept. 18.

During Tuesday's event, Hill said, "Our goal all along has just been to educate. To say, 'what is



During the Kuwohi Connection Days event, Dylan Morgan, Museum of the Cherokee People Atsila Anotasgi cultural specialist and an EBCI tribal member, leads a Cherokee Friendship Dance with the students at the top of Kuwohi on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Kuwohi? Why is it significant to our people?' and then to share that with everyone, anyone that wants to listen."

She added, "This mountain is Kuwohi. It's named Clingman's Dome, but it has always been Kuwohi and now we're asking the U.S. government to change it back to Kuwohi."

Malia Crowe Skulski, GSMNP resource education and an EBCI tribal member, was instrumental in the planning of the event. "We feel the day went exceptionally well. It was like a beautiful dance, with everyone and every element in motion, yet flowing seamlessly together. Of course, there were

a few bumps along the way, but thanks to the thoughtful planning with the Kuwohi Planning Committee and teachers since January, we were well-prepared. It was incredible to witness how the Cherokee Central School seniors embraced the mission of the day and took on the responsibility of being mentors and role models for the 5th graders."

She outlined the goals for Kuwohi Connection Days as follows:

1. Community and Collaboration (Gadugi): To strengthen the bonds within the community by encouraging a collaborative spirit. We aim to demonstrate the importance of working together (Gadugi)

for the collective benefit, as well as for individual growth and support.

2. Cultural Education and Connection: To provide students with a deep understanding of the Cherokee people's historical and cultural connections to Kuwohi (Clingman's Dome) and the surrounding lands. This includes fostering a sense of place

3. Environmental Stewardship: To instill a respect for nature and the environment by highlighting the significance of Kuwohi as a place of refuge, spiritual significance, and ecological importance. We aim to inspire a commitment to preserving these lands for future generations.

#### 4. Restoration and Correction:

To educate about the historical importance of Kuwohi and the ongoing efforts to restore and correct its name and significance. This includes acknowledging the area's importance as part of the Cherokee traditional homelands and correcting the narrative that may have been altered over time.

#### 5. Youth Engagement:

To involve the youth in meaningful ways, ensuring they understand the significance of their cultural heritage and are inspired to carry these traditions forward.

Skulski further commented, "It was truly magical and one of the most meaningful experiences of my life to witness students, community members, teachers, and park staff all coming together for such a significant and historic event. It was awe-inspiring to see elders and youth share in the experience and reclaim space at Kuwohi, a place so sacred to our people."

Staff from the Museum of the Cherokee People educated the students about Cherokee clans and also led Cherokee dances at the top of Kuwohi.

Prior to leading several dances on Tuesday morning, Dylan Morgan, Museum of the Cherokee People Atsila Anotasgi cultural specialist and an EBCI tribal member, told the students, "There was a lot of importance to our culture that came from this place."

He praised the idea for the event itself saying, "To me, I think it's really cool that we get one chance out of the year to close this mountain down completely with no tourists up here for us to be able to come up here and enjoy this place. That's very special to me."

Nancy Pheasant, an EBCI tribal member and a storyteller,



Nancy Pheasant, standing left, a storyteller and member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, tells students stories about Kuwohi.

told the students on Tuesday, "What does it mean to be Cherokee? What does it mean to you? It could be the place where you were born. It could be the place where you live. But, it should mean so much more than just a place. It should mean us as people, or us as individuals. So, what it means to be Cherokee can be made up from a lot of different things - not only who we are or where we come from, but also our language that we speak, our way of thinking, the way we live today."

She went on to speak about Kuwohi commenting, "This place is a place of balance. This place is a place of harmony. And, it's also known for its magic, for its medicine that we have here."

Several other tribal programs and entities were present including: Igali Puppets, Remember the Removal Riders, EBCI Cooperative Extension, and the Cherokee Community Club Council.



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# CIPD Arrest Report for Sept. 2-8, 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.*

Garcia, Estrellita – age 19  
Arrested: Sept. 2  
Released: Sept. 2  
Charges: Simple Assault

Pressley, Jessica Ann – age 39  
Arrested: Sept. 3  
Released: Sept. 3  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Harris, Donta Dewayne – age 46  
Arrested: Sept. 4  
Released: Sept. 4  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Hutchinson, Robert Earl – age 59  
Arrested: Sept. 4  
Released: Sept. 4  
Charges: Violations of Exclusions Resolutions and Orders

Fuller, Jamie Morgan – age 26  
Arrested: Sept. 5  
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 9)  
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 years old; Possession Drug Paraphernalia

McCoy, Rickenna Dawn – age 34  
Arrested: Sept. 5

Released: Sept. 8  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bryson, Crystal Renee – age 52  
Arrested: Sept. 7  
Released: Sept. 7  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Driver Jr., Bobby Dean – age 39  
Arrested: Sept. 7  
Released: Sept. 7  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Price, Kaitlyn Brooke – age 31  
Arrested: Sept. 7  
Released: Sept. 7  
Charges: Using, Possessing with Intent to Use Drug Paraphernalia

Sherman Jr., Richard – age 62  
Arrested: Sept. 7  
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 9)

Charges: Banishment

Smith-Hornbuckle, Kenneth Joseph – age 38  
Arrested: Sept. 7  
Released: Sept. 7  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Calhoun, Andrew Levi – age 24  
Arrested: Sept. 8  
Released: Sept. 8  
Charges: Driving While Impaired; Flee, Elude Arrest with a Motor Vehicle; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Maney, Siceria Marquita – age 35  
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Charges: Probation Violation



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# NAFOA announces Blankenship as new executive director

Submitted by NAFOA

WASHINGTON, DC—Following a rigorous search, NAFOA, founded as the Native American Finance Officers Association, has named Cory M. Blankenship, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, as its new executive director. He will officially assume the role on Sept. 30.

“NAFOA has been instrumental in shaping my career as a tribal finance professional,” shared Blankenship. “Serving NAFOA and its member tribes as its Executive Director is truly an honor and privilege.”

Blankenship brings over 17 years of experience in tribal finance, non-profit, and philanthropic sectors to NAFOA. His career reflects a strong dedication to serving both his Tribe and Indian Country. Most recently, Blankenship served as community investment officer at the Dogwood Health Trust concentrating on fostering economic opportunities tied

to social determinants of health. Prior to that, he was the Secretary of the Treasury for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) for six years, overseeing financial operations, directing investments, and spearheading economic diversification initiatives.

He has also contributed his leadership to several boards and committees, including the Tribal Planning Board and EBCI Holdings LLC, an entity focused on economic diversification, as well as local non-profit boards supporting his tribal community and surrounding areas. Over his nearly 12-year tenure with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, he has held key positions as Tribal Treasurer and Finance Director, driving essential financial and strategic initiatives. His work in finance and governance naturally led to his involvement with NAFOA, where he found crucial support and resources that advanced his career and strengthened his ability to serve his Tribe.

“I am excited to give back to the community that has supported my growth,” he expressed. “I look forward to using my skills and experiences to advance the organization’s mission to grow tribal economies, strengthen educational resources, and support tribal sovereignty.”

Blankenship assumes the position of executive director succeeding Susan Masten (Yurok Tribe), who served as Interim Executive Director since June

2023. His appointment comes at a time of unprecedented growth for NAFOA, highlighted by continued record-setting conference attendance and membership exceeding 170 tribes. In recent years, NAFOA has solidified its role as a leading advocate for tribal economic interests, supporting key legislation like the Tribal Tax & Investment Reform Act, and becoming a vital resource for professional development in tribal communities through the NAFOA Institute.

“We couldn’t be more thrilled that Cory has decided to bring his talents to NAFOA, he has a unique understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our organization,” remarked Chairman Rodney Butler (Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation), president of the NAFOA Board of Directors. “His extensive background

in tribal finance and governance, combined with his experience with nonprofits, positions him to effectively lead NAFOA. We are confident in his ability to steer the organization forward and amplify its impact on Indian Country.”

Blankenship holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from North Carolina State University, a Master of Public Affairs from Western Carolina University, and a Master of Jurisprudence in Federal Indian Law from the University of Tulsa College of Law. In 2019, he received the 40 Under 40 award from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. He and his wife, Jade (Colville Confederated Tribes), reside in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) of the Qualla Boundary with their five sons.

## PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

*Confirmation Hearing for position of Chief Justice of the Cherokee Supreme Court pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A*

### Confirmation hearing for Bradley B. Letts to the position of Chief Justice of the Cherokee Supreme Court

**Thursday, Sept. 26 at 1 p.m.**  
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.

These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date.

**The final date for public comment will be  
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## FOOTBALL

# Braves pull to .500 on the season with big win over Rosman

PHOTOS by SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

## Cherokee 67 Rosman 7

Friday, Sept. 13 at Ray Kinsland Stadium, Cherokee, N.C.

### Scoring Summary by One Feather

#### 1st Quarter

9:08: Cherokee - Brandon Santiago 1 yard run. Kick no good.

Cherokee 6 Rosman 0

4:20: Cherokee - Santiago 8 yard run. Jonathan Saylor to Luke Smith for 2-point conversion.

Cherokee 14 Rosman 0

2:12: Cherokee - Noah Watty 9 yard run. Tayvin Bark kick good.

Cherokee 21 Rosman 0

#### 2nd Quarter

10:27: Cherokee - Luke Smith 35 yard run. Kick no good. Cherokee

27 Rosman 0

6:36: Cherokee - Saylor 1 yard run. Zaynon Taylor kick good. Cherokee

34 Rosman 0

3:40: Cherokee - Watty 20 yard run. Taylor kick good. Cherokee 41

Rosman 0

3:01: Rosman - Brayden Newman 49 yard run. Quintin Forbes kick good. Cherokee 41 Rosman 7

0:00 (as time expired): Cherokee

- Aiden Larch 1 yard run. Kick no good. Cherokee 47 Rosman 7

#### 3rd Quarter

6:39: Cherokee - Smith 12 yard run. Saylor to Michel Gayosso for

2-point conversion. Cherokee 55 Rosman 7

0:25: Cherokee - Emiliano Garcia 3 yard run. Kick no good. Cherokee

61 Rosman 7

#### 4th Quarter

5:04: Cherokee - Kingston Welch 64 yard run. Kick no good. Cherokee

67 Rosman 7



Cherokee's Brandon Santiago (#22) runs to daylight in the first half of Friday's game against Rosman at Ray Kinsland Stadium. On the night, he carried the ball 10 times for 137 yards and 2 touchdowns.



Cherokee's Michel Gayosso intercepts a Rosman pass in the second half.



Morgan Hernandez, Cherokee cheerleader, flips as the Braves take the field.

# The will to win

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

Covering Lady Braves Volleyball was one of my very first beats when I began as a reporter with the One Feather in October 2023. We are now coming up on October 2024, and although I have been thoroughly impressed with the Lady Braves volleyball program since I started covering them last October, I have never been more impressed by them than in their nail-biting victory over Swain on Monday, Sept. 9.

Bear with me, I'm going to talk about Swain for a minute. I'm an alumna of the Lady Devil volleyball program from top to bottom. I started playing volleyball in Swain's little league and finished as a varsity Lady Devil. I have the unique perspective of being coached by Swain Co. Hall of Fame coach Sonya Blankenship, who coached her 2008 team to a state championship. Swain Volleyball, as I've known it through the decades, is tough. Every Swain player who played under Coach Blankenship knows how tough it is. Now, Lydia Sale, one of the best players to come through Swain Volleyball and arguably the Smoky Mountain Conference, is coaching the Lady Devils. The Lady Devils are tough. No matter their record, Swain is a tough opponent, because I know firsthand how they are forged.

Cherokee beat Swain on Sept. 3 in three sets at the Charles George Memorial Arena. The first set was Cherokee 25 Swain 16. The second set Swain fought back, but the set ended with Cherokee 25 Swain 22. The third set was complete domination by Cherokee, with Cherokee 25 Swain 5.

I knew that meant that Swain was going to play ball when they faced Cherokee again in the Swain County High School Gymnasium on Sept. 9.

The gym was HOT. Unbearably hot. Both teams were wearing long-sleeved jerseys.



The Lady Braves celebrate winning their third set versus Swain Co. in a miraculous comeback. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

Cherokee came out swinging and took the first set 25 to 14. I know Swain felt that tinge, and probably the eyes of Coach Blankenship watching them at the top of the bleachers, they and chose to battle in the second set. Swain won the second set 26 to 24.

The third set showcased Cherokee's will to win. The will to win is part of why high school sports, and all sports, are more than just sports. The will to win is a glowing example of that innate essence inside of people that drives us past probability. Swain was well ahead for most of the third set, leaving Cherokee in single digits while they progressed into the teens and inched closer to the 25 points needed to win the set. Cherokee started a slow comeback in the latter part of the set, but things looked grim when Swain was just one point away from winning the set. With the score at Swain 24 Cherokee 18, Cherokee's will to win emerged like fire. It was improbable that Cherokee would come back at least six points to tie the set when Swain only needed one to win, but the will to win is not about the improbable.

It's also improbable that Cherokee senior (#6) Alexis Davis would go on to serve without error seven times, securing two critical aces in those seven serves, but Davis's will to win was not about the improbable.

Cherokee won the third set 26 to 24 ending on a kill off the block from So. (#13) Joscelyn Stamper.

Between the third and fourth set, fans poured out of the smothering gym for a break in the cool air. The doors stayed cracked open for the fourth set to let some cool air in and get some hot air out.

The fourth set was a back-and-forth nail-biter. Both teams were swinging hard, both teams were getting up improbable digs, and it looked like the fourth set would be a battle of wills. At 22 to 23 Swain, Swain's (#5) Gracie Sutton hit a smart hit to the back center of the court while Cherokee was crowded to the front of the net. Dvdaya Swimmer (#4), a junior, read the play ahead of time and shuffled back to dig Sutton's attack. Davis made another huge dig off the block and Stamper caught the ball at just the right time to dink it right in the middle of Swain's court. This tied the set 23 to 23.

Stamper killed a back row attack off an impressive back set from Swimmer, making the score 24 to 23. Stamper was back to serve, getting it over and in. There's a short volley while both teams fight to stay alive. Swain makes a hitting error and that's the game.

In between all of that from the first serve to the last, there were incredible hustle plays into the bleachers, rock-solid confidence during serves when the score was tied up, hitting the ball hard without fear when one hitting error could cost the game, and an unbreakable, improbable will to win.

In all the victories Cherokee Volleyball has had while I've been covering them, all the dominating matches, all the pounding kills, watching this team fight in my home gym and win the battle of wills, was more than all of that combined.

Winning that fight is what wins championships. Just ask the 2023-24 Lady Braves basketball team—many of whom are on the volleyball team. The winner has the will to win.

# Tsalagi MINUTE

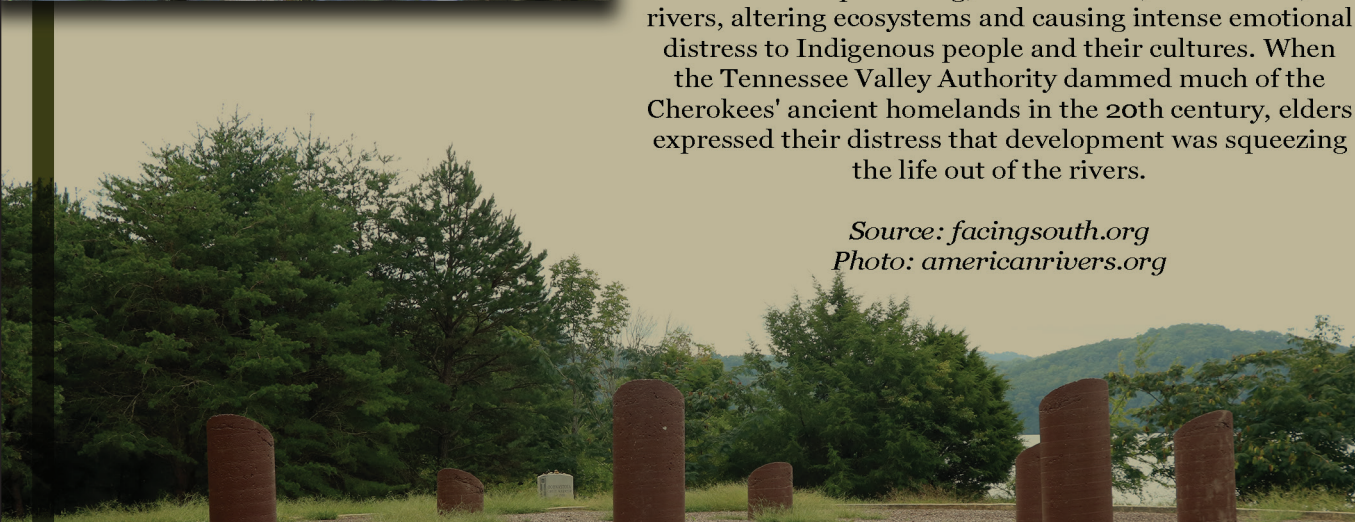
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## The Long Man

The story of Long Man, or Ganvhidv Asgaya, is foundational to the Cherokees, a personification that reminds us that water makes all life possible. Over the centuries, Cherokees have referred to rivers as the "Long Man," the "Long Snake," or the "Long Human Being" — names that show an understanding that flowing rivers are alive. When water stops flowing, it dies. Dams, for instance, kill rivers, altering ecosystems and causing intense emotional distress to Indigenous people and their cultures. When the Tennessee Valley Authority dammed much of the Cherokees' ancient homelands in the 20th century, elders expressed their distress that development was squeezing the life out of the rivers.

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## CROSS COUNTRY

# CMS Lady Braves keep rolling with win at Murphy

### One Feather Staff Report

MURPHY, N.C. – The Cherokee Middle School (CMS) Lady Braves continued their winning ways with a team victory at a meet in Murphy, N.C. on Saturday, Sept. 14. The team won with a score of 30 followed by Murphy with 62.

Leading the way for Cherokee was Austin Fourkiller-Raby who won the middle school girls race with a time of 13:19.86. Three other CMS Lady Braves made the top seven including: Cambry Stamper, 14:28.84; Maya Lossiah, 14:43.82; and Uliahna Beheler, 14:43.31.

Cherokee High School's (CHS) Ogana Swimmer took second place in the high school boys race with a time of 15:46.64.

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

### Middle School Girls

- 1 - Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 13:19.86
- 2 - Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 13:50.01
- 3 - Natalie Swimmer, Robbinsville, 14:22.78
- 4 - Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 14:28.84
- 5 - Kylee Koop, Murphy, 14:30.76
- 6 - Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 14:43.82
- 7 - Uliahna Beheler, Cherokee, 14:43.31
- 12 - Makeena Armachain, Cherokee, 15:07.78
- 14 - Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 15:18.47
- 20 - Lolo Bell, Cherokee, 15:43.80
- 22 - Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 15:50.40
- 31 - Amelia Holiday, Cherokee, 16:29.98
- 34 - Jolyssa Hernandez, Cherokee, 16:44.49
- 39 - Taya Jackson, Cherokee, 17:32.15
- 48 - Kaylahni Williams, Cherokee, 18:32.52
- 49 - Ehko Lossiah, Cherokee, 18:36.36
- 55 - Keilani Arch, Cherokee, 19:18.25

- 57 - Viola Williams, Cherokee, 19:23.77
- 70 - Ariel Crowe, Cherokee, 22:50.51
- 74 - Mika Bradley, Cherokee, 23:40.28
- 76 - Kinley Crowe, Cherokee, 24:04.37
- 78 - Amaya Rodriguez, Cherokee, 24:26.41

### Team Scores

- 1 - Cherokee 30
- 2 - Murphy 62
- 3 - Swain County 97
- 4 - Hayesville 108
- 5 - Carolina Mountain XC 137
- 6 - Robbinsville 138
- 7 - Mountain Discovery Charter School 165

### Middle School Boys

- 1 - Elliott Salinas, Andrews, 11:27.73
- 2 - Levi Clark, Andrews, 11:45.12
- 3 - Benjamin Frederick, Carolina Mountain XC, 11:53.72
- 4 - Luke Clark, Andrews, 12:05.95
- 5 - Jayce Donaldson, Andrews, 12:12.82
- 6 - Matt Woodard, Robbinsville, 12:21.16
- 7 - Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 12:25.27
- 17 - Odie Owle, Cherokee, 13:12.48
- 26 - Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 13:50.72
- 27 - Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 13:55.72
- 35 - Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 14:38.66
- 37 - Drayzin Beheler, Cherokee, 14:45.79
- 45 - Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 15:09.04
- 52 - Kaiser Hernandez, Cherokee, 15:47.71
- 53 - Wyatt Moore, Cherokee, 15:55.56
- 57 - Loki Raya, Cherokee, 16:45.65
- 70 - Catche Tiger, Cherokee, 18:59.51
- 71 - Makai Hernandez, Cherokee, 19:01.11
- 73 - Kody Smith, Cherokee, 19:30.42
- 82 - Mato Raines, Cherokee, 22:21.39

### Team Scores

- 1 - Andrews 25
- 2 - Hayesville 73
- 3 - Cherokee 108
- 4 - Swain County 117
- 5 - Carolina Mountain XC 142
- 6 - Murphy 146
- 7 - Robbinsville 148
- 8 - Hiwassee Dam/Ranger 152
- 9 - Mountain Discovery Charter School 247

### High School Girls

- 1 - Annie Lewis, Swain County, 18:25.99
- 2 - Emily Grey Stargell, Swain County, 19:25.34
- 3 - Fern Crayton, Tri-County Early College, 21:11.07
- 4 - Karli Sans, Fannin County, 21:30.69
- 5 - Claire Worely, Highlands, 21:47.25
- 6 - Kensley Picklesimer, Fannin County, 22:05.60
- 7 - Kennedy White, Murphy, 22:15.54
- 12 - Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 22:49.13
- 40 - Adi Cooper, Cherokee, 30:29.47
- 45 - Layla Cucumber, Cherokee, 32:52.83

### Team Scores

- 1 - Swain County 34
- 2 - Fannin County 57
- 3 - Murphy 75
- 4 - Hayesville 84
- 5 - Tri-County Early College 106

### High School Boys

- 1 - Carl Baird, Swain County, 15:45.82
- 2 - Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 15:46.64
- 3 - Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 16:13.38
- 4 - Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam, 16:41.73
- 5 - Xamuel Wachacha, Robbinsville, 17:21.71
- 6 - Nathan Fredrick, Robbinsville, 17:39.15
- 7 - Noah Carter, Hayesville, 17:45.48
- 31 - Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 20:16.12
- 33 - Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 20:19.06
- 34 - Kaden Cucumber, Cherokee, 20:48.32
- 44 - Dillon Beam, Cherokee, 22:50.05
- 50 - Carlito Perez, Cherokee, 23:25.22
- 66 - Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 27:08.30
- 68 - Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 27:37.32

### Team Scores

- 1 - Hiwassee Dam 61
- 2 - Swain County 69
- 3 - Fannin County 85
- 4 - Hayesville 95
- 5 - Robbinsville 125
- 6 - Cherokee 138
- 7 - Murphy 143
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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
Bernice Bottchenbaugh

Community:  
Kolanvyl (Big Cove)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
I enjoy competing in the senior games and this is one of my events. We're hoping to get first place.

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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
Cynthia Grant

Community:  
Aniwodihi (Painttown)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
Hanging out with all these girls and guys. They're funny. And sometimes when they think we can't do something, I'll say 'Yeah, we can,' and we figure out a way to do it. I'm having fun.

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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
Deb Owle (Captain)

Community:  
Wayohi (Wolfstown)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
It's fun. I enjoy it and it keeps my body and mind healthy.

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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
John David Arch

Community:  
Wayohi (Wolfstown)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
Just watching everybody have fun while we're not knowing what we're doing.

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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
Kim Wildcott

Community:  
Aniwodihi (Painttown)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
I love the comradery we all have. I've enjoyed it. It gets me moving and my mind working to keep all the moves together.

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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
Kim Sneed Lambert

Community:  
Taisqwohi (Birdtown)  
Wayohi (Wolfstown)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
The comradery and the team. I'm an only child, so I enjoy being around everyone. I've had such a great time.

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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
Lisa Penick

Community:  
Elawodi (Yellowhill)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
It's fun to me. Me and Deb cheered on the same team in high school. We've had a lot of fun.

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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
Loretta Bolden

Community:  
Wayohi (Wolfstown)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
Just watching everyone get out here and be competitive.

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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
Missy Wachacha Crowe

Community:  
Widagalindisgv (Big Y)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
I've been a part of this group for two years. I like being able to come out and exercise and have some me-time a couple times a week. I cheered for Robbinsville High School.

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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
Nikki Crisp

Community:  
Elawodi (Yellowhill)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
Having fun with my community members, especially elders. They're real fun.

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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
Patty Grant Edgemon

Community:  
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
Being active, having something to look forward to, and the comradery

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**Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!**



Name:  
Renee Cole

Community:  
Tow String in Kolanvyl (Big Cove)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
I've cheered since I was five years old. I'm one of those that hollers at the ball games. I root my Braves on. I enjoy the comradery plus it gets us moving. It's fun.

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*Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!*



Name:  
Richard Bottchenbaugh Jr.

Community:  
Aniwodini (Painttown)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
Just getting to fellowship with these ladies and the other gentleman. It's been fun.

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*Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!*



Name:  
Rock Burgess

Community:  
Wayohi (Wolfstown)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
Cheerleading helps my memory. It helps keep me in shape a little bit. We've all lost about five pounds from this, and then when it's over we gain it back. I enjoy the group. We have fun.

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*Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!*



Name:  
Sherri Watterson

Community:  
Jackson County

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
I love being part of a group of energetic, fun, positive women and men, and I love performing. I was a cheerleader in elementary, middle, and high school. As an adult, I thought it was something I'd never be able to participate in again. It's just fun, and I like being a part of something bigger than self.

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*Meet the Tsalagi Cougars!*



Name:  
Terri Bradley

Community:  
Tsisqwahi (Birdtown)

Favorite part of being a Tsalagi Cougar:  
I've always been a cheerleader through my elementary, middle and high school years. Cheerleading has helped me professionally and personally to achieve my goals through encouragement, competition and goal-setting. I love being a part of this team and community.

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### Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

Dear Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board Members,

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund. I am grateful to be a recipient of this scholarship. I want to thank the board members for encouraging me during this time. I am inspired by Yogi's story and hope to honor his memory by completing my graduate studies. I am currently pursuing my Master of Social Work degree at Western Carolina University. I hope to work within the Cherokee community and give back to the community that raised me. The funding I

have received from the scholarship has already helped me tremendously with furthering my education. I hope to one day give back to the fund and ultimately give back to those pursuing graduate degrees that will come after me.

With that, I encourage everyone considering pursuing a graduate degree to follow your dreams and make them a reality. Once again, thank you to the scholarship fund for this opportunity. I want to end this letter with an inspiring quote from Gregg Deal (Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe), "I am my grandparent's greatest dreams that were never supposed to come true."

Sgi,  
**Tierney Bradley**

### A note of thanks

A note to say how much we appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness shown to us during the loss of our brother, Greg Panther. Thank you to our family who stayed with us during the time of mourning to help guide us through each day. The fellowship of our family and friends was amazing. Thank you again, for all the love and support each of you gave us.

We extend a big heartfelt thank you to preacher Greg Morgan, Ernie Stiles, and Scott Chekelelee for an amazing memorial service. Thank you to all of the singers who came by to sing. It was beautiful to hear. We want to say a big thank you to everyone who cooked or donated food in some way. Thank you to Long House for everything you all did, it

was much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who sent flowers.

We want to send special thanks to the following people: Loretta, DeeDee, Shayna, Ani, Jessie, Buford, Alice, Jan, Kendra, Toni, Yvonne B., Tosh, Sugar, Totsie, Keiah, Mariah, Dean, Vicki, Cubby, Pooter and husband, Fern, Frosti, Kim, Cindy, Tracy, Sharon P., Richard and Angie, Vicki, Albert S., Sarah T., James and Donna Sequoyah, The Long Family, Rock Springs Choir, and Waterfall Choir.

God bless you all!

**Gail P. Long and  
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## WNC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mountain Heritage Day to celebrate 50 years

CULLOWHEE – It is beginning to feel like fall on the campus of Western Carolina University, which means the start of a new school year, a campus bustling with student life and Mountain Heritage Day, a festival held on WCU's campus for the past five decades that celebrates Southern Appalachian heritage.

This year is especially significant, as it marks the 50th anniversary of the festival, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no fee for entry or entertainment.

“Mountain Heritage Day is a gift from WCU to the community

and everyone from everywhere is welcome to attend,” said WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown. “The festival, which began 50 years ago in 1974, has continued its legacy of highlighting traditional folk arts and skills, Cherokee crafts and heritage demonstrations, clogging, storytelling and shape-note singing. This year will be jam-packed with a robust schedule of music and interactive events for children and families on our beautiful campus.”

The festival headliner will be bluegrass group Sister Sadie, performing at 1 p.m. on the Ingles Blue Ridge Stage. A separate evening concert will feature renowned Americana string band Old Crow Medicine Show and Lindsay Lou. The concert, which will take place at Ramsey Regional Activity Center, will be the first time Mountain

Heritage Day will offer an evening music option. Doors will open at 5 p.m.

The evening concert is free, but tickets are required.

Other musical performances will also be held throughout the day, with music from bluegrass, acoustic, old-time, roots, country, mountain swing and gospel, including regional favorite, Balsam Range.

More than 125 vendors will be offering demonstrations, crafts and food, along with a classic car show, chainsaw competition, a 5K walk/run, traditional Cherokee stickball and much more.

For more information about the festival and to reserve tickets for the evening concert, visit [mhd.wcu.edu](http://mhd.wcu.edu).

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## Brandy Evelyn Smith



Brandy Evelyn Smith, A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, graduated from Liberty University on Friday, August 16th with a Master's Degree in Applied Psychology:

Industrial/Organizational Psychology. She is also a first generation graduate.

The constant hard work and ambition you've exhibited in life this far has taken you so far! We cannot wait to see where it takes you next.

We are all so very proud of you. Congrats!



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## OBITUARIES JhñFR

### Mildred Alyne Walker Dixon

Mildred Alyne Walker Dixon, 87, of Whittier, N.C., went home to be with the Lord Monday, Sept. 9, 2024. A native of Swain County, she was the daughter of the late William McKinley Walker and Amanda Catt Walker.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Von Larry Dixon Jr.; brothers, George Walker, Gene Walker, and Jack Walker; and sisters, Lucille Radford, Inez (Nessie) Seay, and Jessie (Dude) Howard. Alyne was a Registered Nurse, and a member of Victory Baptist Church in Bryson City, N.C.

She was survived by her children, Larry Michael Dixon, and Susan Dixon Leading Fox both of Bryson City, N.C.; four grandchil-

dren, Max Dixon, Mr. Pinkerton, Zoe Leading Fox, and Daisy Mae Leading Fox; sisters, Maxine Lambert, and Pauline Markley; and a son-in-law, Greg Leading Fox.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, Sept. 12 at Victory Baptist Church in Bryson City, N.C. Pastor Brian Schuler officiated with burial at Holly Springs Cemetery #2 on Shepherds Creek.

**Georgenna Lee Arch**  
Georgenna Lee Arch, age 59,

passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, at Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital.

She is survived by her children, Heather (Jason) Saunooke, Cassandra Arch (DD); eight grandchildren; father, Jonah Sheppard Taylor (Jody); brothers, Marty Taylor (Lynn), Pepper Taylor, and Jason Taylor; special aunt, Shirley Taylor (Goliath); and special friends, Chrissy McCoy (Jeff) and DeeDee Huff.

Georgenna is preceded by her

mother, Patricia Ann Dennis and brother, Gavin Patrick Dennis.

A visitation was held on Monday, Sept. 16 at Cherokee Baptist Church. Afterwards, a celebration of life was held with Rick Eddings officiating. Pallbearers were Marty Taylor, Pepper Taylor, TT Taylor, and Yarri Taylor. Honorary Pallbearer was Max Arch.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



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# Do you have a strong support network?

Submitted by  
EBCI Family Safety Program

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Raising your nephew, cousin, or grandchild can be a fantastic opportunity to support your extended family. You are providing a safe landing place for this child while their parents get back on their feet. The child is experiencing the emotional and physical safety, love, and healthy relationships that all children deserve. However, you also feel the change of routine and responsibility in your bones. Exhaustion, like you haven't experienced since you were a new parent of your own kids, has you

dragging! Don't worry.

You aren't alone – many family members who take in grandchildren or other relatives after raising their own families feel the same way. Do you have adequate help to carry this new load of responsibility?

## 1) Buffer yourself against burnout

When you are supporting a child impacted by loss, chaos, or neglect, your whole person is involved. Carrying the weight of this child's pain is physically draining and emotionally and mentally challenging. You are likely on a new routine, managing difficult emotions, handling school struggles, and re-directing behavior all day. Being "on" like this leaves little time to keep up with your hobbies. You might even find that your daily exercise and healthy eating habits have disappeared. Again,

you aren't alone – many family caregivers struggle to survive.

## 2) Support networks come in a variety of shapes and sizes

While you might not know right now what type of support will best serve you and help you avoid caregiver burnout, you can explore a few and even cobble together a network that is uniquely suited for your family. Here are a few examples of supportive networks.

## 3) Rally your friends to walk with

you

Are you privileged to enjoy a group of friends who are also seasoned caregivers? Excellent! Tap into their wisdom and experiences. Whether they've helped raise a family member, cared for aging parents, or worked as professional caretakers, they understand what you are experiencing. Talk with them about the practical help they can offer you while this child is in your home.

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# MISSING

## George Shayen III

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'9" Weight: 200 lbs

Male Age: 56

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: July 19, 2024

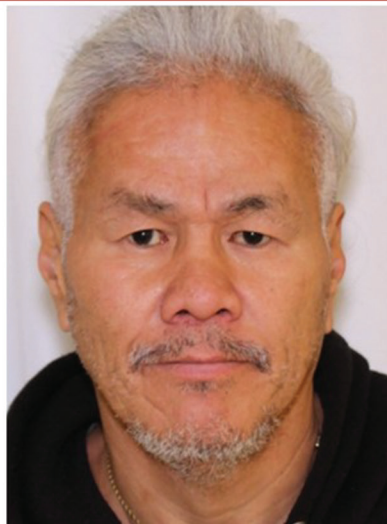
Last Known Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Shayen III was reported missing by a family member after not hearing from him for several weeks. He is currently experiencing homelessness.

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

Source: Namus.gov



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## COMMENTARY

# We all need accountability

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

Being responsible for someone or something is never an easy chore. Ask any parent. If you truly take on the duty to raise a young one right, it will be a physically and mentally taxing endeavor.

On top of meeting personal goals and meeting spiritual standards, a parent must also navigate societal norms.

I have been managing people in my professional life for 42 years. It has been a pleasure, for the most part, a nightmare in

some parts. I once dealt with an employee who had been in a job for a good while. This employee perceived that they were doing a great job and had been left on their own by poor management to basically decide what their job responsibilities were and was never challenged by any of that so-called leadership. This person had a good network of peers who had similarly been allowed to “make their own rules”. This clique of employees from different departments covered for each other when tardiness, absenteeism, insubordinate behavior, and even the disappearance of company supplies and materials were brought up. This employee had been allowed to be on their own for so long that they had total disregard for authority, ignoring directives and work

schedules. To the outside world, this employee looked fine. They were always looking busy, but not accomplishing very much. Productivity or lack thereof, unless very strictly monitored, can be hard for those looking into an organization to see.

When an employee gets this far out of whack, it has very much to do with the management of the team. Ineffective leadership is the primary cause of productivity disruptions in the staff. It is easy to get comfortable with poor behavior if there is no ethical standard being enforced in leadership positions. Old-timers used to call it work ethic. It is a term seldom used in modern society.

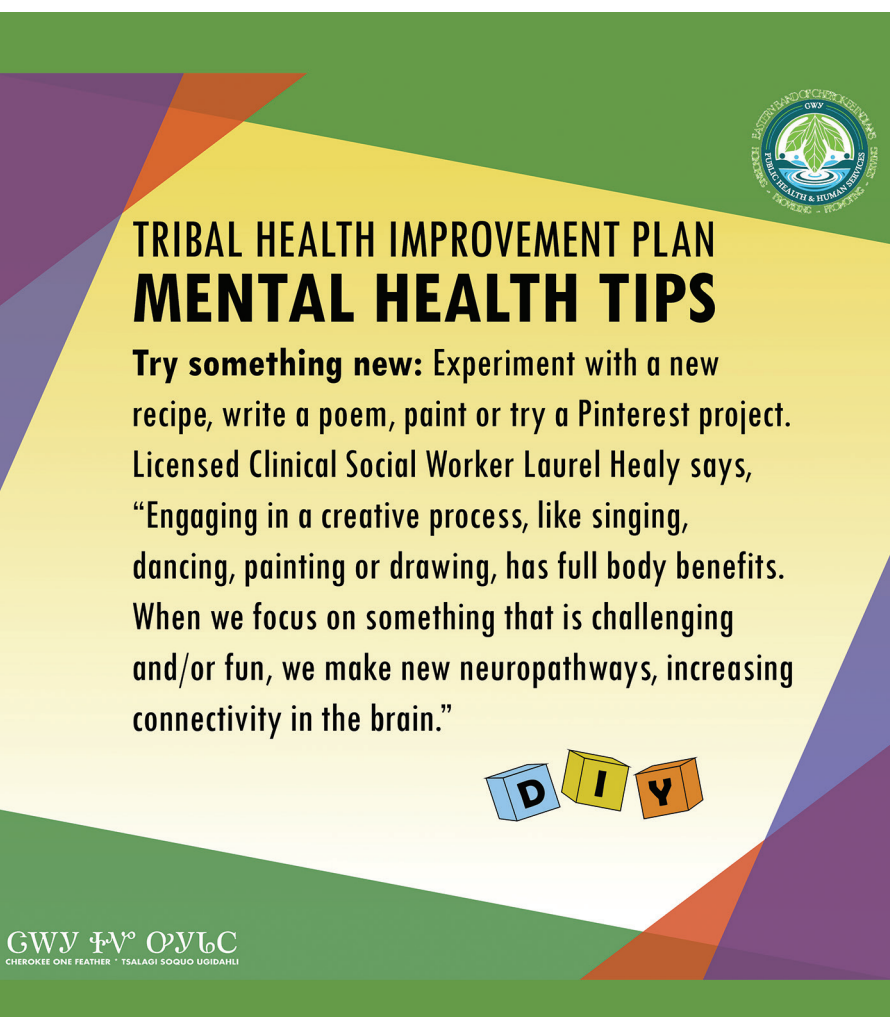
“A work ethic is a personal set of standards for acceptable behaviors in the workplace. Work ethic directly influences how someone approaches their daily tasks, as they are driven by the passion and enjoyment they have for their work. Employees with a strong work ethic are often seen as competitive due to their drive to complete work goals.” (Personio.com)

When I took the responsibility for supervising the team, having assessed the staff and productivity of the workgroup, I immediately set about making changes to the work structure to eliminate waste and focus on bringing the team back to a positive work ethic. While it is best to make gradual change, in some situations, like this one, too much more damage could be done if quick action wasn't taken. One of the tasks was to address this one individual's behavior. Because this individual had been let go so long, they believed that the unacceptable behavior they were exhibiting was indeed good and productive. Of course,

the opposite was true. When confronted with their behavior, they became very defensive and aggressively insubordinate, increasing the frequency of their tardiness and absences, and being openly belligerent to their teammates and especially managers.

The bottom line, when all else failed, disciplinary action had to be taken, and the employee was ultimately let go. This person was shocked that the company would let such a “good” employee go and stubbornly held to their own internal belief that they did a good job and that it was everyone else that needed an “attitude adjustment”. This person appealed their termination. During the hearing, even after evidence of disregard for scheduling and directives was presented, the former employee said, “Why are you doing this to me?” demonstrating a total lack of accountability and acceptance of responsibility for the actions that cost them the job.

A manager with a good work ethic will always feel some accountability for the failure to bring someone back around to productivity. We, as managers, should never take lightly the responsibility for teammate's safety and livelihoods. But we also must weigh the responsibility we have to our employer and to the customers that we serve. And smart organizations insist on a mechanism to measure and hold the team accountable for their behavior and productivity. When one team member is allowed to get in this shape, it impacts the rest of the team's productivity and morale. Similarly, suppose the company chooses to not recognize good work ethic in employees by doing away with merit incentives in favor of across-the-board flat



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**Try something new:** Experiment with a new recipe, write a poem, paint or try a Pinterest project. Licensed Clinical Social Worker Laurel Healy says, “Engaging in a creative process, like singing, dancing, painting or drawing, has full body benefits. When we focus on something that is challenging and/or fun, we make new neuropathways, increasing connectivity in the brain.”

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bonuses. In that case, the practice can demotivate and stifle team enthusiasm. I am sure that, to this day, years after this person had to be let go, they still hold a grudge for their “unjust” dismissal. Checks and balances are necessary in any organization, and accountability must be at every level, from top to bottom. Arbitrary fact-finders and concrete disciplinary applications will level the playing field in the workforce. These are common tools used in private industry and governmental affairs. The key is setting procedures, policies, and laws in place, and having arbitrators who adjudicate behavior and have the immunity and authority to exercise penalties for those who step away from

ethical behavior. Equal application of policy and law makes for a hospitable work environment, providing a space where work ethics are valued, team members feel safe and valued, and a workplace where productivity is high.

Did you know that it has been the policy in some of our governing boards and governmental units to wait for reports or formal complaints of unethical behavior to be submitted before an investigation is initiated? The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a relatively small community where news travels fast. And even with tight constraints on the release of public information, community members tend to find out at least part of anything that happens on

the Boundary. Possibly because of the lack of transparency on some issues and events, and the perception of real or imagined repercussions for anyone who might officially make a complaint, few investigations make it into the public eye.

Just like the employee’s behavior that I had to address, we must have leaders who will hold us accountable, even if and especially if it is long-standing behavior. And we in turn, as a community, must hold our leaders accountable. Because just like that employee, all of us are prone to becoming numb to our own destructive behavior. Without a clear ethics policy that addresses all levels of government and an arbitrator with the

authority to enforce policy for all levels of government, we will be at the mercy of our own destructive behaviors and those who would abuse the system and the community’s trust, encouraging nepotism and cronyism instead of fairness and equity.

If we continue to go along in life accepting less because “that is the way it has always been”, then we deserve less. Our ancestors would have never envisioned us as a community that accepts less, or that their descendants would condone unethical behavior. Those who say that “is just our way” are misreading our history. Accountability and responsibility are the keys to organizational and communal success.

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Tuckasegee River	N/A	Early morning	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout and Smallmouth Bass	Terrestrials, midges, cahills, yellow stimulator, light colored Caddis, small nymphs, wooly bugger and poppers for bass
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Early morning	Brown Trout	Terrestrials, midges, cahills, yellow stimulator, light colored Caddis, small nymphs
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	N/A	Early morning	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Terrestrials, midges, cahills, yellow stimulator, light colored Caddis, small nymphs

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MONDAY, SEPT. 16	TUESDAY, SEPT. 17	WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18	THURSDAY, SEPT. 19	FRIDAY, SEPT. 20	SATURDAY, SEPT. 21	SUNDAY, SEPT. 22
BETTER++	SEASON'S BEST	BEST	BETTER++	GOOD	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
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11:17 AM-1:17 PM	12:09 PM-2:09 PM	1:01 PM-3:01 PM	1:53 PM-3:53 PM	2:46 PM-4:46 PM	3:42 PM-5:42 PM	4:40 PM-6:40 PM

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COMMENTARY

# Let's all be positive and supportive like Mr. Taylor

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
Aniwodihi (Painttown)

**K**UWOHI – It was a beautiful Tuesday (Sept. 10) morning as I was covering the Kuwohi Connection Days event at the top of Kuwohi (the mulberry place), but it wasn't only the scenery that made it beautiful – it was the actions and attitude of a beautiful person – Keeifer Taylor.

The event, sponsored by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, featured educational opportunities on Kuwohi's history and ecosystem for fifth-grade and senior students at Cherokee Central Schools. Taylor, an EBCI tribal member and a senior at Cherokee High School, has a smile on his face and joy in his heart every single time I see him.

I've known Taylor since he was born as his grandmother, Pat Panther, was a long-time assistant editor at the One Feather and was one of my mentors. He's always been a joy to be around, and he always says hello whenever I see him.

On Tuesday morning, I hiked



Keeifer Taylor, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Cherokee High School, smiles and gives a fellow student a fist bump during Kuwohi Connection Days at Kuwohi on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 10. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

up to the top of Kuwohi with some of the students which included Taylor. Now, if you've ever done this hike, it's not easy. While it's only a half-mile from the parking lot to the top, that grade is steep and unforgiving. It is challenging.

Once we got to the top, Keeifer greeted his fellow students and others in attendance with his ever-present smile. "We made it!", he exclaimed. "Good job!", he told everyone.

His high-fives and encouraging

words were beautiful to see and hear.

In a world where people are put down all the time and many times words are poison, Keeifer stands out as a beaming example of what can be. He stands as a beacon of hope.

As he greeted everyone with his positivity, you could see people's faces change. People who had been huffing and puffing seconds before because of the hard climb suddenly smiled themselves

as they were met with such a positive, enlightening force.

The late Maya Angelou, award-winning poet and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, once said, "Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

Keeifer was that rainbow on Tuesday morning. Keeifer is that rainbow each and every day. Let's all try to be more like Keeifer and become someone's rainbow.



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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 Devil made me do it

Part 2 of 2

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

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

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

He's right about Jesus never being addicted physically to addictive drugs or alcohol, but I know this: God created us, and He knows us much better than we do. Therefore, I NEVER limit the power of our Holy God, creator of the universe! Never!

Hebrews 4:15 says, "For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. He knows."

And that's what I told him. After that, I never saw him again. I pray that I will see him in heaven someday.

Many of you have read and heard the temptations of Jesus. I couldn't relate to any of those. But, as the all-powerful Son of God, Satan knew what tempted Jesus and how He might succumb. And we know that Jesus responded to those temptations using scripture verses that stopped Satan in his tracks. Satan knows our buttons to push, too. The temptations he draws us with are the ones we can have if we want them enough. Satan is the Great Liar. He prowls around just waiting to devour us into sin and away from God. Because we are tempted, Satan also convinces us that we are already guilty of sin. You know that cannot be true. Jesus was tempted by Satan, and He did not sin. So, lay that guilt trip in the wastebasket. Everyone is tempted, and being tempted is not a sin; yielding to temptation is a sin.

We know our weaknesses, and quite honestly, sins can be addictive. We like it. Hate to say that, but for some of us, it is true. We need to examine ourselves and seek God's intervention into our lives to become more Holy. Ask the Spirit to convict us of what sin separates

us from His love, blessings, and grace. How? Prayer and reading His word.

Here's an example. Jesus with His disciples in the Garden while on watch for the enemy that would soon come to take Jesus to ultimately the cross. Matthew 26:41 and Mark 14:38 write about what Jesus said. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak". Luke 22:40 says, "And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation".

Hey, I don't know about you, but when I read the same thing in three places about what Jesus said, I tend to think that might be something I should do, too.

There are several other scriptures and passages about temptation. Almost too many to list. Read your Bible because the rewards to overcome are great. But, let me leave you with one more scriptural pearl that I love most. I like the incentives. This one is written in James 1:12, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the

Lord promised to them that love him."

Do you love Jesus? That's the question. Do you love Him more than your addiction? More than your sin? Do you want to overcome your temptations? You start here, and you start now. Come to the Lord Jesus, believe in Him, and let Him save you from sin, tribulation, and consequences of sin in your life. Let Him throw you a lifeline to grab when temptation comes. Come to Him today, rededicate your life, and give up your sinful habit to Him. He's here, and He's ready for you to draw near to Him, and He will draw near to you.

God, I pray this message pricks the heart of those who read it and hear it. May it inspire everyone to engage in prayer and meditate on the fact that we are all human. Temptation and sin are in each of our lives, but we who believe have You, Lord, to save us not only from our sin but are there to lean on when temptation knocks on our lustful minds and wicked hearts. Cleanse us today, make us pure and worthy of becoming a vessel of holiness to pour out our love, gratitude, and glory on You. Amen.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*Arise, O God, plead Your own cause;  
remember how the foolish man  
reproaches You daily. Do not forget  
the voice of Your enemies;  
the tumult of those who rise up  
against You increases continually.*



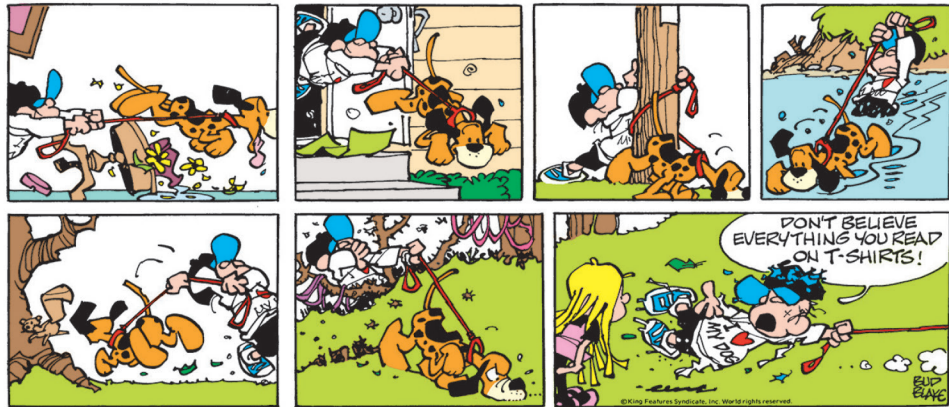
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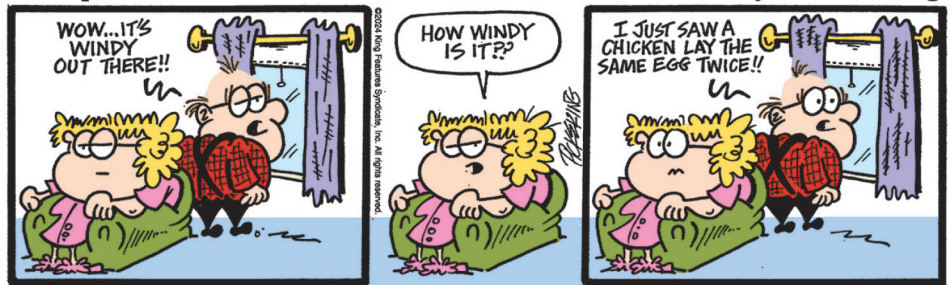
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# The Spats



# HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree trunk is different. 2. Spout on watering can is longer. 3. Cap is larger. 4. Hair is shorter. 5. Mountain is different. 6. Flower is different.

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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# DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Bit of butter
- 4 "Dream on!"
- 8 Half (Pref.)
- 12 "Kinda" suffix
- 13 Mandolin's kin
- 14 Redact
- 15 LAX info
- 16 Embraces among team members, say
- 18 Mideast peninsula
- 20 "Gee, ya think?"
- 21 Nevada city
- 24 Pansy part
- 28 Floor coverings
- 32 Luau dance
- 33 Paul Newman film
- 34 Refine metal
- 36 Male turkey
- 37 "M\*A\*S\*H" star
- 39 Pub vessels
- 41 Sand castle site
- 43 Clear the decks?
- 44 Gearwheel tooth
- 46 Mary Poppins, e.g.
- 50 Hydrants
- 55 Tic-tac-toe win
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- 9 Sch. URL ender
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- 11 TGIF part
- 17 Young seal
- 19 Coach Parseghian
- 22 Feeling no pain
- 23 Curved moldings
- 25 Ballet wear
- 26 Sleep like —
- 27 Felonious flights
- 28 Melville captain
- 29 Hold sway
- 30 Icelandic epic
- 31 Whole lot
- 35 Trains, buses, etc.
- 38 Entry
- 40 CEO's deg.
- 42 Jump
- 45 Glitz partner
- 47 Alaskan seaport
- 48 Linguist Chomsky
- 49 Present-day "carpe diem"
- 50 "Terrif!"
- 51 Wyo. neighbor
- 52 Vitamin stat
- 53 Hollywood's Thurman
- 54 Acquired

## DOWN

- 1 Slapstick arsenal
- 2 Italian wine region
- 3 Compared to
- 4 North African capital
- 5 California's Big —
- 6 "Am — blame?"
- 7 Family fight

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1. GEOGRAPHY: Mount Vesuvius overlooks which modern Italian city?
2. MYTHOLOGY: What kind of creature is half bird and half woman with an alluring song?
3. SCIENCE: What is a common name for iron oxide?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of pastry is used to make baklava?
5. MOVIES: What is the name of Elle's chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
6. MEDICAL: What is a common name for bruxism?
7. LITERATURE: Prospero is a character in which of Shakespeare's plays?
8. ASTRONOMY: How many stars make up the Big Dipper?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is The Sunflower State?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only continent without bees?

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

# King Crossword

Trivia Test Answers:  
1. Naples; 2. Siren; 3. Rust; 4. Phyllo or filo; 5. Bruiser; 6. Teeth grinding; 7. "The Tempest"; 8. Seven; 9. Kansas; 10. Antarctica



# HAPPENINGS

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

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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

• Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. Fundraiser to offset medical travel expenses for Amanda Cagle.

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

## EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Confluence: An Indigenous Writers' Workshop.** Sept. 20-21 in the Museum of the Cherokee People Multipurpose Room. Created in partnership with Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and author of the award-winning novel "Even As We Breathe", this series of workshops offers EBCI tribal members and members of other federally recognized tribes access to high-quality writing instruction from the world's top Indigenous writers at no cost. Workshops are open to the public is

space is available. Visiting writers and registration opening date is to be announced. Info: Museum of the Cherokee People [www.motcp.org](http://www.motcp.org)

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

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

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

**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](mailto: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).

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

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

## EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS

**Cherokee Storytellers** meet the fourth Tuesday of every month from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ray Kinsland Leadership building in Cherokee, N.C. All ages are welcome. The group shares stories and resources.

Cherokee storytelling and

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

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

## Work Session on Autism

**Awareness.** Sept. 18 at 1 p.m.

**Qualla Housing Committee.** Sept. 19 at 8:30 a.m.

**Enrollment Committee.** Sept. 23 at 9 a.m.

**Lands Committee.** Sept. 26 at 9 a.m.

## HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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"Just one more swim please."

**Lilah**, a 15-year-old Dachshund, lives in Wayohi (Wolftown) with her human, Major B-Phillips.



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*How do you say that in Cherokee?*



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Hvga iyani?  
How many  
(of an animate object)

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Hvga iga?  
How much  
(of an inanimate object)



**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

**WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS**  
**Paint & Chalk the Town Fall!**  
 Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center in Murphy,

N.C. Prizes in each category for best artwork. Register in person at the MAC or by calling (828) 360-3038. Info: Valley River Arts Guild (828) 360-3038, vraginc@gmail.com

**Clay Wall Hanging Plaque Class.** Sept. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center in Murphy, N.C. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club Class suitable for kids. Using air dry clay and decorative stamps, participants will make a bird house. Class is for children ages 7-17. Register in person at the MAC or by calling (828)

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**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Confidence grows as you work your way through some knotty situations. Watch out for distractions from well-meaning supporters who could slow things down.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Consider spending more time contemplating the possibilities of an offer before opting to accept or reject it. But once you make a decision, act on it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You're in a very strong position this week to tie up loose ends in as many areas as possible. Someone close to you has advice you might want to heed.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations! This is the week you've been waiting for. After a period of sudden stops and fitful starts, your plans can now move ahead without significant disruptions.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're in an exceptionally strong position this week to make decisions on many still-unresolved matters, especially those involving close personal relationships.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The week starts off with some positive movement in several areas. A special person becomes a partner in at least one of the major plans you'll be working on.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You work hard and get things done. You also inspire others to do their best. You would do well heading up a major corporation.

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# VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

## Do you trust the VA?

Two recent surveys ranked health care at the Department of Veterans Affairs as better than civilian care in two specific areas.

The star rating of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CMS) gave four or five stars to 58% of VA facilities for hospital quality. Civilian facilities only saw 40% in that star range.

In a patient satisfaction survey, that same CMS star system saw 79% of VA facilities receiving four or five stars, while only 40% of civilian facilities reached that rating.

A recent medical journal article looked at 26 studies that ranked VA hospitals in areas such as patient experience, safety, quality and access, and determined that non-surgical care was rated better in 15 of the studies. With surgical care, the report showed that 11 out of 13 studies ranked VA care as comparable or better.

A stroll around the internet, checking in on sites where veterans praise/condemn the VA for their care, reveals a wide range of responses. Yes, you have to be careful about believing what you read on the internet, but many of these comments and notes are so heartfelt it's difficult to imagine they aren't true. Some say the VA saved their life. Some say the best thing that ever happened was getting approved for Community Care and finding a civilian doctor. Some who have moved to different areas of the country claim there are huge differences from one facility to another.

If you're one of the hundreds of thousands of veterans who are sent a "trust" survey in an email after you have an appointment, fill it out and send it back. They need your input to keep the numbers accurate in their quarterly reports. The survey will come from the Veterans Signals (VSignals) program in the Veterans Experience Office. They'll use your data to make adjustments so your VA experiences are smooth and easy.

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## Treating a cat's ingrown toenail

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I don't know how it happened, because I check and trim my cat's nails regularly. Today, "Sparks" cried out in pain when I checked his right paw, and that's when, on closer inspection, I saw that one of the middle claws had grown around, down and into the pad of his paw! How did I miss it? And what can I do to fix this? — Sharon in Bennington, Vermont

**DEAR SHARON:** Cats are very good at hiding illness and injury. Plus, some cats have longer tufts of fur growing between their claws, and this can obscure nail problems. Add that to the routine struggle of trimming a cat's nails while they wriggle and nip at you to try and escape, and it's surprisingly easy to miss a claw or two.

Have a partner help you by gently holding your cat in a comfortable position while you inspect his paw more closely. Use a magnifying glass to get a better look at the ingrown claw.

If the claw has not penetrated the skin of your cat's pad — it may be pushing against the skin — you should be able to safely trim the nail away from the pad. Use sturdy nail nippers made for cats, and trim only a small part of the nail — enough to release the pressure on the pad. Revisit the nail in two days to trim it back further, and monitor closely from now on.

However, if the claw has penetrated the skin, removing it can be painful and stressful for your cat. Make an appointment with the veterinarian, who will be able to numb the area slightly, trim the claw, and remove the part remaining in the pad while preventing infection.

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

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360-3038. Info: Nancy Orndorff (772) 299-8845, orndornancy@gmail.com

**Green Energy Park Youth**

**Arts Fest.** Sept. 21 at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 100 Green Energy park, Sylva, N.C. This event is free and geared specifically towards kids with the intention of giving them a space to participate in a multitude of arts and crafts related activities. Artists as well as community members provide demonstrations and/or activities for attendees to either observe or participate in. Demonstrations in glassblowing, blacksmithing, raku, frameworking, etc. are generally available to watch. Activities range in a variety of media, anywhere from ceramics, face painting, sewing, and so much more. Food is available for purchase on site from local vendors. There will be no on site parking available. There will be free satellite parking available as well as free shuttles running to and from all locations. Info: Green Energy Park (828)631-0271.

**14th Annual Rooted in the Mountains Symposium.** Sept. 26-27 at the Bardo Arts Center at 199 Centennial Dr. in Cullowhee, N.C. The event is open to the public, but registration is required. You can learn more about the schedule and speakers as well as register at learn.wcu.edu/rooted or contact Western Carolina University Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397

**Mariner's Compass Class.** Sept. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center in Murphy, N.C. Make a 20-inch Mariner's Compass board. This is a regular class, suitable for adults or other ages. Register in person at the MAC

or by calling (828) 360-3038. Info: Barbara McMillan (828) 557-5881, bmcmillan0927@gmail.com

**Decorative Terracotta Pot**

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

**50th Annual Mountain Heritage Day.**

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

**Forest Bathing Workshop.**

Sept. 30 and Oct. 25. at the Pinnacle Park trail in Sylva, N.C. Led by Certified Nature & Forest Therapy Guide and Retired Professor of Parks and Recreation Management, Debby Singleton. To find specific workshop hours and register visit learn.wcu.edu and click on Workshops and Conferences or contact WCU Educational Outreach at 828-227-7397.

**Gatlinburg Farmers Market.**

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

**POW WOW LISTINGS**

**Northwest Tennessee Native American Educational Pow Wow.**

Sept. 19-22 at Discovery Park of America at 830 Everett Blvd. in Union City, Tenn. Info: Clare Saum (731) 885-5455, csaum@discoveryparkofamerica.com

com

**San Manuel Pow Wow.** Sept. 20-22 at CSU San Bernardino at 5500 University Parkway in San Bernardino, Calif. Info: powwow@sanmanuel.com

**Guilford Native American Association 47th Annual Pow Wow.**

Sept. 20-22 at Greensboro Country Park in Greensboro, N.C. MC: Keith Colston. Host Northern Drum: Hay Creek. Host Southern Drum: Southern Eagle. Info: Jennifer Revels-Baxter (336) 907-7952, GNAAPowWowCommittee@gmail.com

**Mahkato 52nd Annual Traditional Pow Wow.**

Sept. 20-22 at Land of Memories Park at 100 Amos Owen Ln. in Mankato, Minn. Emcees: Jerry Dearly, Galen Drapeau Jr., Bill Taylor. Host Drum: Maza Kute. Info: MahkatoWacipi@danielzielske.net

**Prescott Pow Wow.**

Sept. 20-22 at Watson Lake Park in Prescott, Ariz. MC: Gabriel Ayala. Host Northern Drum: New Boyz. Host Southern Drum: Strictly Southern. Info: Alberta Cook (623) 455-0485, albertajcook@yahoo.com

**Nottoway Tribe of Virginia**

**Pow Wow.** Sept. 21-22 at Surry County Parks and Recreation Center at 205 Enos Farm Dr. in Surry, Va. MC: Rick Kelly. Host Drums: Yapatoko, Red Clay. Info: Angela Bennett (804) 504-1678, abnotto-waytribeofva@gmail.com

**Trade Mill 5th Annual Intertribal Pow Wow.**

Sept. 21-22 at Trade Community Center at 228 Modock Rd. in Trade, Tenn. MC: JD Moore. Host Drums: Smokey River, Tobacco Road. Info: Levi Rainwater (336) 301-7548, tradetn-

powwow@gmail.com

**48th Annual Honolulu Inter-tribal Pow Wow.** Sept. 21-22 at the Bishop Museum at 1525 Bernice St. in Honolulu, Hawaii. MC: Clifton Goodwill. Host Drum: Maswadae. Guest Drum: Red Earth. Invited Drums: 808NDNZ, All Nations, Heady Creek. Info: <https://htchawaii.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 McMillan (828) 788-5410

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

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

**Life Recovery** is a Bible-based

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

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

**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](http://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](mailto:venitawolfe@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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

8937

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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](mailto:embassymediagroup@gmail.com)

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

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

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

**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

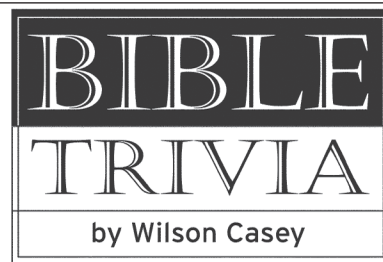
**Living Waters Lutheran**

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

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

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

**Old Antioch Baptist Church.** 2868 Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday



1. Is the book of Luke (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What just and devout man held the baby Jesus when Mary and Joseph presented Him at the temple? *Cyrenius, Ham, Simeon, Zara*
3. Which of these books comes before the other three in the Old Testament? *Nahum, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Daniel*
4. What sign sealed God’s promise not to destroy the earth ever again by a flood? *Solar eclipse, Rainbow, Full moon, Ocean wave*
5. From Proverbs 29, what does the fear of man bring? *A snare, Redemption, Love of life, Death*
6. Whose daughter found the infant Moses in the river? *David, Pharaoh, Solomon, Timothy*

ANSWERS: (1) New, (2) Simeon, (3) Pharaoh, (4) Rainbow, (5) A snare, (6) Pharaoh

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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. Pastor Peter Shaw 736-5322

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

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

9455, 736-1245 (cell)

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

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

**Spruce Grove Baptist Church.** 780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship service 11 a.m., Sunday

evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday evening service 7 p.m., third Saturday singing 7 p.m. Check the church Facebook page for updates/increment weather updates. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Moments in time

• On **Sept. 30, 1962**, African American student James H. Meredith was escorted onto the University of Mississippi campus by U.S. marshals, setting off a riot in which two men died before the violence was suppressed by federal soldiers. The next day, he successfully enrolled and began classes, though the disruption continued.

• On **Oct. 1, 1920**, Scientific American magazine reported that radio would soon be used to broadcast music, noting that “Experimental concerts are at present being conducted every Friday evening from 8:30 to 11:00 by the Radio Laboratory of the Bureau of Standards. The possibilities of such centralized radio concerts are great and extremely interesting.”

• On **Oct. 2, 1780**, British Major John Andre, an accomplice of Benedict Arnold, was hanged as a spy by U.S. military forces in New York. Andre had asked of both his commander and Gen. George Washington that he be executed by firing squad, which was considered a more “gentlemanly” death, but the request was denied.

• On **Oct. 3, 1997**, 69-year-old Gordie “Mr. Hockey” Howe skated the first shift with the Detroit Vipers in their International Hockey League opener, making him the only professional in the sport to have competed during six decades.

• On **Oct. 4, 1988**, televangelist Jim Bakker was indicted on federal charges of mail and wire fraud and conspiring to defraud the public. The case against him and three aides exploded into scandal after it was revealed he’d had a sexual tryst with former church secretary Jessica Hahn in a Florida hotel.

• On **Oct. 5, 1974**, Dave Kunst finished the first round-the-world journey on foot, which took him four years and 21 pairs of shoes. His reason for embarking upon the 14,500-mile journey across four continents: “I was tired of Waseca [his home town], tired of my job, tired of a lot of little people who don’t want to think, and tired of my wife.”

• On **Oct. 6, 1961**, President John F. Kennedy recommended that American families build bomb shelters as protection from atomic fallout in case of a nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union. He also assured the public that the U.S. civil defense program would soon begin providing such security for every American.

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## EMPLOYMENT



### KITUWAH

Global Government Group LLC.

### 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 sys-

tems including, but not limited to, the Small Business Act, 13 CFR 121-124, and Executive Service Directorate DoD 5220.22-M (NI-SPOM- 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](mailto:maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com) or Chelsi Corpening at [chelsi.corpening@kituwahg3.com](mailto: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

### Call For Board Members

Museum of the Cherokee People seeks volunteers to join its board of directors. The Museum's board of multigenerational community members advances the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization's mission to preserve and perpetuate the history, culture, and stories of the Cherokee people.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest to [communications@motcp.org](mailto:communications@motcp.org) by Wednesday, October 2. **9/25**

### CLASSIFIEDS

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

### For Sale - 2007 BMW X-3.

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

### 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. 24-061  
**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**  
**David Eugene McCoy**

**Employment Opportunities**

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

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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

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

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

**Cherokee Indian Hospital**

**497-9163**

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

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

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

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

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:  
FRANCES MAXINE STRUDER**

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

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

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

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 fudiciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred

from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

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

**Legal Notice**

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

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

A bid bond or bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the bid will be required.

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

Plans, proposal forms, and specifications may be obtained at the Raleigh Office of the Department of Transportation, Telephone # 919-707-6925. Department of Transportation, Mr. Lamar Sylvester, PE, Chief Engineer  
**9/18**

**BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

**Public Notice**

Cherokee Code Sec. 113E-2(b) and related federal regulations require the EBCI Natural Resource-

es Department to review the Tribal Water Quality Standards at least every three years. Presently the Natural Resource Department's Water Quality Office is proposing no changes to the Tribal Water Quality Standards at this time. The Water Quality Standards are codified in Title 15 of the Cherokee Administrative Regulations and may be viewed online for free by visiting [https://library.municode.com/tribes\\_and\\_tribal\\_nations/eastern\\_band\\_of\\_cherokee\\_indians/](https://library.municode.com/tribes_and_tribal_nations/eastern_band_of_cherokee_indians/). A paper copy may be obtained by visiting the EBCI Water Quality Laboratory at 2000 Old #4 Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 during business hours. The Water Quality Office invites the public to offer any additional comment through September 30, 2024. Comments may also be directed to Rainee Tetreault, Water Quality Supervisor, by email at [raintetr@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:raintetr@ebci-nsn.gov) or by mail at P.O. Box 1925, Cherokee, NC 28719. A public hearing to receive public comments will occur at 1840 Paint Town Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719 in the Tribal Utilities Conference Room on October 8th, 2024 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. **9/25**

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

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is for all interested contractors for the Highway Enhancement/Litter Pickup. Contractors will be selected, and contracts will be awarded based on competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by the Public Works Program. EBCI Public Works reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the right to award the contract. The work to be performed under the RFP is

subject to TERO guidelines and must conform to EBCI/NCDOT standards set forth. Contract is for FY25 beginning Oct 1, 2024. Meeting on changes will be September 16, 2024. Submission deadline will be September 26, 2024. Details on the Sequence of events for this Proposal will be available within the Proposal packet at the TERO office.

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

**CHEROKEE PUBLIC WORKS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHEROKEE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT LANDSCAPE 2024-2025**

**PURPOSE:**

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

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### **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 docu-

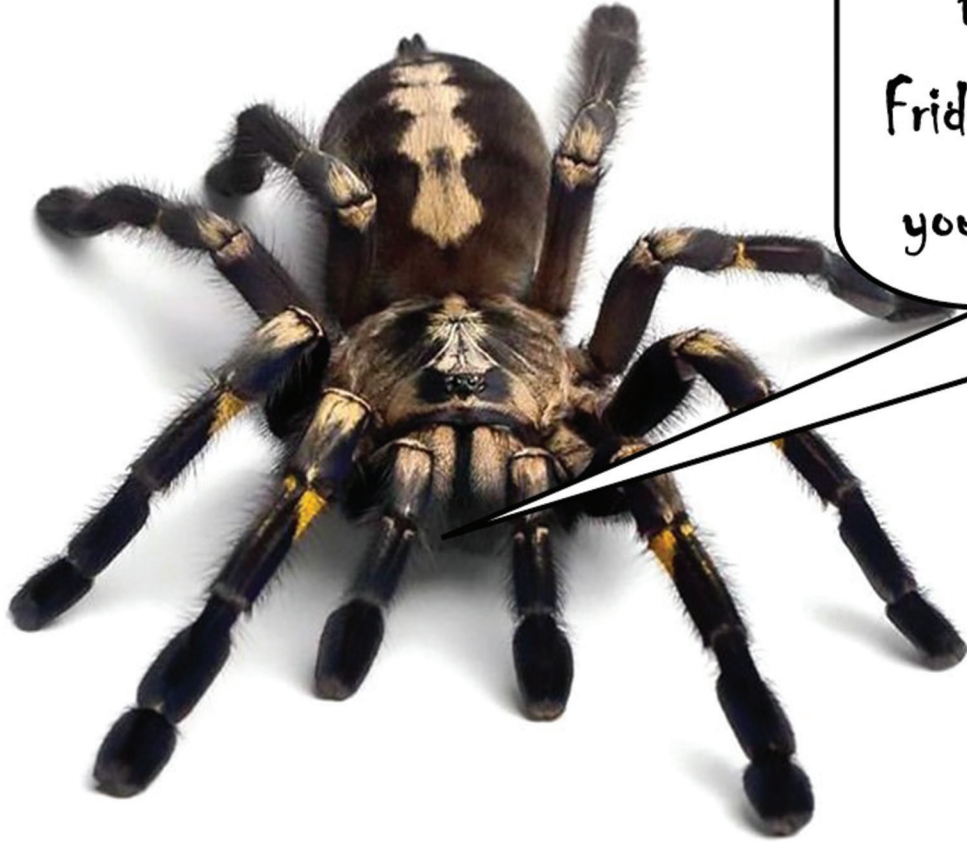
mentation including EBCI enrollment cards, Social Security cards, income documentation (Disability, Retirement, Wages, etc.), electric bill and most recent propane/oil/kerosene invoice. If you have custody/placement papers you will also need to submit those. Stay tuned for online application process.

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

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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](mailto: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.



# CHOOSE CIHA

## OPEN POSITIONS

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Master Level Therapist – Adult & Child - \$58,332 - \$72,915 -**\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
 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  
 Master Level Therapist - Kanvwotiyi - \$58,332 - \$72,915 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 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

### NURSING

Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent – Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72  
 Registered Nurse (30 Hours per week) – Emergency Room \$33.68 - \$38.72  
 Registered Nurse – Emergency Room - \$33.68 - \$38.72  
 Specialty Services Nurse Supervisor - Procedure Suite - \$36.56 - \$42.11  
 Specialty Services Registered Nurse – Procedure Suite - \$33.68 – \$38.72 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 RN Care Manager – Primary Care \$31.06 - \$35.64  
 RN Care Manager – Diabetes - \$31.06 - \$35.64  
 LPN/CMA - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 C.N.A. - PTI - Immediate Care center - \$17,12 - \$19.26  
 CNA - Emergency Room - \$17.12, - \$19.26  
 Certified Medical Assistant - Primary Care & Pediatrics - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 LPN - TJCC - \$22.76 - \$25.89 **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

### ENGINEERING

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

### 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  
 Medical Technologist - Laboratory - \$28.68 - \$32.85 - **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

### FINANCE

Billing Analyst I - \$18.32 - \$20.67  
 Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25  
 Patient Access Specialist - Full time & Part time Intermittent \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Contract Specialist - \$58,332 - \$72,915

### 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**  
 Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Cook Aide - \$15.00 - \$16.77  
 HVAC Technician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$22.76 – 25.89  
 RN Manager - \$67,082 - \$83,852  
 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89- **\*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus FT**  
 Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - **\*\$10,000 Hiring Bonus FT**  
 Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11  
 Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent - \$31.06 - \$35.64  
 Laundry Aide - \$15.00 - \$16.77  
 Housekeeper - \$15.00 - \$16.77  
 Scheduler - \$17.12 - \$19.26

### HUMAN RESOURCES

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

### MEDICAL

Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108  
 Physician – Emergency Department – Part Time with Benefits- \$227,068 – \$283,835  
 Clinical Dietitian – \$50,723 - \$63,404  
 Mid - Level PA - Primary Care \$91,254-\$114,067  
 Physician - Emergency Department - \$227,08 - \$283,835

### Tribal Option

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
**HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

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

**Closing Sunday, September 22, 2024**

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  2. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) (Multiple) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
  3. Wood Cutter – Family Support Services – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  4. Carpenter Assistant – Facility Management – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  5. Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Open Until Filled**
1. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  3. Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  4. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  5. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  6. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
  7. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
  8. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
  9. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
  10. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
  11. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  12. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  13. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  14. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
  15. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
  16. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
  17. Environmental Aquatic Specialist – Office of Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
  18. Teacher – Kituwah Academy – Education (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)



**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

**Snowbird Center**

1 Full-Time Teacher

\$30,000-\$37,500 per year w/ Benefits

**Service Department**

**Mowing & Trimming Laborer- Part-Time**

\$14/hr.- NO 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 Children's Home**

**Multiple Resident Counselors**

2 Full-Time- \$17.00 per hour w/ Benefits

2:30 pm- 10:30pm or 3:30 pm- 11:30 pm

3 Full-Time Weekend- \$17.00 per hour w/ Benefits

11:30 pm Friday UNTIL 11:30 pm Sunday

2-Part-Time- \$17.00 per hour without Benefits

9:00 am Saturday- 9:00 pm Sunday

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



**Cherokee Central Schools  
Job Openings**

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

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

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

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

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

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



**CHEROKEE INDIAN  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**



**TSALI CARE CENTER**

# JOB FAIR

**DOOR PRIZES**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**



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



**New Tsali Care Center Facility  
267 TSALI CARE WAY (Next to Cherokee  
CHEROKEE, NC 28719 Indian Hospital)**



**call us  
828.497.9163 EXT 6342**



**visit our website  
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**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
JOBS**

**DIETARY JOBS**

**DENTAL JOBS**

**HOUSEKEEPING JOBS\***

**FINANCE JOBS**

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

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### Golf success

Cole Davis, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a sixth grader at Cherokee Middle School, started his fall golf tour for US Kids Greenville on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Highland Walk Golf Course in Royston, Ga. He shot a personal best 73 on a par 72 (18 holes). This is one of six tournaments he'll play this fall, and Davis said he hopes to continually improve his score. He is shown with his sister/caddie Hannah Youngdeer. (Photo contributed)



### One Lacrosse Gathering

The Wayohi (Wolftown) men's stickball team participated in the inaugural One Lacrosse Gathering on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Sept. 7. The event encouraged holistic health while spreading awareness about lacrosse and the origins of the game with Indigenous stickball. The event was put on by the President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition. (Photo courtesy of Natalie Welch)



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### Seeking second master's degree

Marie Hall, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Kolanvyi (Big Cove), is currently seeking her master's degree from the University of Tampa in Tampa, Fla. She is studying social and emerging media with the goal of reenergizing her small business, Forno Nardona, LLC. This will be Hall's second master's degree but the only one the EBCI has assisted her in getting. She is also receiving financial assistance from the Chief Tahquette Scholarship Fund. Graduation is scheduled for Aug. 15, 2025. (Photo contributed)



### Thomas family welcomes baby

Proud parents Roxanne and Nicholas Thomas, of Wayohi (Wolftown), brought baby Noah Sebastian Thomas into the world on Aug. 10 at 10:14 a.m. weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz, 20 inches via C-section at Mission Hospital. He was a miracle baby. His Cherokee name is Usti Yona. (Photo contributed)



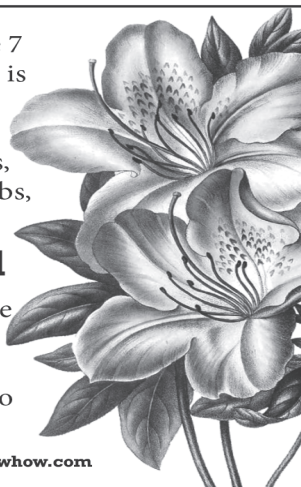
Soil with a pH level above 7 is alkaline, and less than 7 is acidic (7 is "neutral").

Plants that like acidic soil include azaleas, rhododendrons, hydrangea, gardenias, camellias, holly shrubs, crepe myrtles, calla lilies and pine trees.

### Acidic soil

To increase the acidity of your soil, mix ground rock sulphur into it, using 1.2 oz. per square yard for sandy soils and 3.6 oz. per square yard for all other soils. You can also add sawdust, composted leaves and peat moss to lower the soil pH. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: [www.thegardenhelper.com](http://www.thegardenhelper.com), [www.gardeningknowhow.com](http://www.gardeningknowhow.com)





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# LET'S CELEBRATE CULTURE!

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

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

