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Historic moment

Kuwohi name restored as BGN approves application

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

KUWOHI – The name of the third-highest summit east of the Mississippi River has been restored to its original name. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) approved an application on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024 that restores the name of Clingman’s Dome, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (GSMNP), to its original Cherokee name, Kuwohi (mulberry place).

Lavita Hill and Mary “Missy” Crowe, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



Mary “Missy” Crowe and Lavita Hill, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), who started the effort in 2022 to restore the name of Kuwohi, are shown at the mountain on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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We'll get by with a little H.E.L.P. from our friends!
The Handicapped and Elderly Living Program, H.E.L.P, provides home repair services to Senior Citizens (59 1/2 and older) who are enrolled members of EBCI. Visit www.ebci.com or contact Stephanie Welch at 828-359-6638 or swelch@ebci-nsn.gov for more information.

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Image of the Week

Some leaves are already starting to change on the Qualla Boundary such as these photographed on the foggy morning of Sunday, Sept. 22, on the Autumnal Equinox, in Aniwodih (Painttown). (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Quote of the Week



“A fundamental aspect of Cherokee culture is respecting our elders.”

- Carmaleta Monteith, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, speaking at the opening of the new Tsali Care Center in Cherokee, N.C. on Thursday, Sept. 19

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(EBCI), started this effort in 2022 and received widespread support for the initiative.

On Wednesday, Crowe told the One Feather, “Thank you Creator God for the many blessings we received during this journey to restore Kuwohi. Thank God for my sister, Lavita Hill, and her husband, Chris Siewers, who went above and beyond in this effort to restore Kuwohi! There are so many to thank who have supported us along this journey, but especially want to say thank you to the Thomas Lanier Clingman family and Tom Clingman for supporting Lavita and I in our efforts.”

Hill told the paper, “My mind is all over the place right now. I am still in a little bit of shock. But I feel like this is an incredible victory for our people. What started as a fun idea transpired into reclaiming our native language on a significant mountain within the park. Before my first visit to Kuwohi to meet with a reporter I was nervous, but my sister said our ancestors are with you. And that gave me the motivation and determination to do the work.

Many thanks to our Creator God, for this blessing to our people! EBCI, this is for each of you. I now know more Cherokee history than before this journey began and I want to thank our ancestors for their ingenuity and commitment to preserving our culture and keeping us here in the mountains.

Thank you, Missy Crowe, for all that you do and the way you honor our people and the Earth. You are a light! Thank you to the Clingman family for their support. Thanks to everyone for your words of inspiration when they were needed. And mostly, thanks



Kuwohi (mulberry place)

for my husband, Chris Siewers, for believing in me enough to encourage, sometimes push, me to do the work, and more importantly, for working alongside me throughout each step of this journey. Lastly, this is for Aura, Aia, and Raven – thank you to my kids for believing in me and giving me a reason to go do the challenging things. Sgi to the U.S. BGN! GvGeYu EBCI.”

Following the announcement on Wednesday, GSMNP Superintendent Cassius Cash said in a statement, “The Great Smoky National Park team was proud to support this effort to officially restore the mountain and to recognize its importance to the Cherokee People. The Cherokee People have had strong connections to Kuwohi and the surrounding area, long before the land became a national park. The National Park Service looks forward to continuing to work with the Cherokee People to share their story and preserve this landscape together.”

GSMNP officials noted that more than 650,000 people visit Kuwohi annually. Information from the park states, “Clingmans Dome has always been known as Kuwohi to the Cherokee People.

The mountain became known as Clingmans Dome following an 1859 survey by geographer Arnold Guyot, named for Thomas Lanier Clingman who was a lawyer, U.S. Representative and Senator from North Carolina, and Confederate Brigadier General.”

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

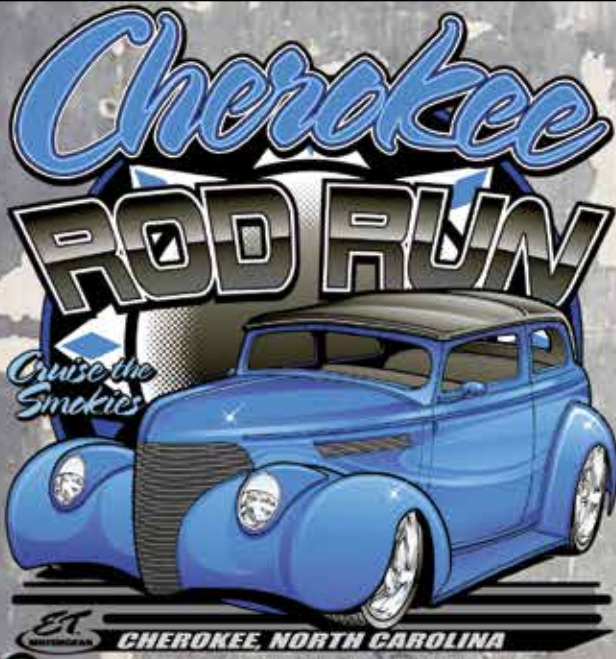
Res. No. 72 speaks to the support for the name restoration regionally stating, “...community support for the restoration of the Kuwohi name has been overwhelming, including formal support from multiple local governments, including the counties of: Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee, and the towns of Asheville, Andrews, Murphy, Hayesville, Fontana Dam, Lake Santeetlah, Robbinsville, Canton, Clyde,

Maggie Valley, Waynesville, Dillsboro, Sylva, Webster, the Village of Forrest Hills, Franklin, Highlands, and Bryson City in western North Carolina, and the counties of Knox and Cambel in eastern Tennessee.”

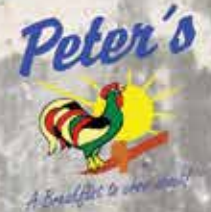
In 2023, Hill and Crowe were recognized for their efforts by the Tennessee General Assembly with the passage of Bill H.J. 452. That legislation, submitted by State Rep. Justin Jones (D-District 52), stated, “Ms. Crowe and Ms. Hill are testaments to the power of dedication and determination, and their laudable mission deserves to be acknowledged; now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the Senate concurring, that we honor and commend Mary Crowe and Lavita Hill on their efforts to restore the traditional Cherokee name of ‘Kuwohi’ to Clingman’s Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.”

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

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



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Respecting our elders

Tsali Care holds Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—On the morning of Thursday, Sept. 19, Tsali Care Center held the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for their new facility. The state-of-the-art residential care facility will begin operations starting Oct. 14. Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and Chair of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) Board Carmaleta Monteith cut the ribbon.

The ceremony began with an invocation from 2023-24 Miss Cherokee Scarlett “Gigage” Guy, written in Cherokee language by fluent speaker Marie Junaluska. Yona Wade read the English translation of the prayer following Guy’s recitation in Cherokee.

Beloved Woman Monteith then gave remarks on behalf of the CIHA Board, “A fundamental aspect of Cherokee culture is respecting our elders. This facility stands as a monumental testament in the shared commitment to ensure the well-being of our resident elders by ensuring they receive care with the dignity and respect they deserve.”

She also presented former Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Tsis-qwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Albert Rose, Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Bo Crowe, and Dr. Blythe Winchester, medical director of Tsali Care Center, with a plaque of recogni-



Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Chair of the CIHA Board Carmaleta Monteith cuts the ribbon for the new Tsali Care Center during a ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 19. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)



New Kituwah Academy (NKA) fifth-grader Catcuce “Coche” Tiger leads a Friendship Dance at the Tsali Care Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

tion for their efforts in submitting Resolution No. 682 on July 30, 2019, for the construction of the new facility, which unanimously passed.

Rep. Crowe shared personal testimony as to the importance of the new facility. “I want to share a personal story about the dialysis center that is now being housed inside the facility. My father-in-law was one of the many who had to be wheeled outside the building, go across the parking lot, in the rain, snow, sleet, and now, it’s located inside the facility.”

“Looking back on this now I realize that the experience highlighted the serious need for change, and I am grateful that we could address it with the new building. Now our elders can get the care they need without the added distress and discomfort of being moved between buildings.”

Bo Taylor led a blessing, ceremonially performed by the late Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe. Encouraging the crowd to participate in facing the four directions, Taylor led the audience in prayer to bless the new facility.

Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks then provided remarks, beginning by recognizing members of the United Keetowah Band of Cherokee Indians (UKB) and Cherokee Nation (CN) in attendance. “I’ve said this many, many times. When we come into office, we get a foundation, and how we build that foundation is what we have to take on as a burden. I’m on the back end of this project; it doesn’t change my perspective of those that come before, and those that worked hard to bring this to light. I’m very appreciative of everybody that’s played a part.”

“I think today is a testament to our perseverance, our resiliency.



An outdoor space inside the new Tsali Care Center.

Over history, there wasn’t a lot of respect for our tribe. If you look at the history of boarding schools, it’s not easy to talk about. To wash the native out of the natives - It’s never gonna happen. We’re not gonna let it happen. We’re strong.”

Taline Ugwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley shared remarks about the importance of advocating for improved health care in tribal government, “Ever since I got on Council in ’95, the health care of our people has never been questioned. You submit a resolution, and if it makes good sense, we’ll approve it for the well-being of our own people.”

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Chairperson Mike Parker recognized the Tsali Care staff. “I used to be the administrator of the nursing home for about three years. I still reflect back on that time. If you want to learn leadership skills and how to work with people, go work in a nursing home,” Parker said. “Once you’ve been in it, you get a chance to see and appreciate the CNAs and the

nursing staff. God made them to care for people.”

Parker also issued a challenge for the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) and the CIHA Board. “My challenge to our sitting Council and to those to come, and to the governing board, is don’t sacrifice care for profit.”

Tsali Care Medical Director Dr. Blythe Winchester celebrated the new facility. “As a Cherokee core value, ‘Sense of Place’ is extremely important. Sense of home has been looked at and examined by different groups including researchers and aging organizations. The sense of home for nursing home residents is affected by a lot of things, but one of those things is the built environment,” Winchester said.

“There are elements throughout that were meticulously planned and thought about, things that will help residents, visitors, and employees know where they are, how important this place is, and why we’re here. To the artisans who have placed their hearts

and souls into the pieces in this building, ‘Sgi.’”

Remarks ended with Casey Cooper, chief executive officer of CIHA, “To the residents who now call Tsali Care Center ‘home,’ welcome to your new home. This place was built with you at the heart of every single decision. From the private rooms to the tranquil outdoor spaces, this is your home—a place where your dignity, independence, and comfort are our number one priorities.”

Strategic partners from Mcmillan Pazdan Smith Architecture and Robins & Morton, as well as Damon Lambert, CIHA director of engineering, and Christina Panther, CIHA, were then recognized and given gifts of appreciation. The ceremony ended with the cutting of the ribbon by Beloved Woman Monteith, and a friendship dance led by New Kituwah Academy (NKA) fifth graders and Matthew Tooni. Attendees were then invited to tour the facility.

CCS School Board holds Sept. 16 meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, Sept. 16, in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:47 p.m. by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Widagalinidisgv (Big Y) rep.; Micah Swimmer, Aniwodih (Painttown) rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) rep.; Melanie Lambert, co-vice chairperson and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wayohi (Wolftown) rep.; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Dr. Jo Ray, HR director; Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent; Michael Stamper, Tribal Council representative; and John Henning, board attorney.

Guests included Brooklyn Brown, One Feather reporter; Rebecca Bowe, manager of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Project Management; Carmen Davis, CCS IT director; and Josel Layno, network engineer. The opening prayer was led by Payne. The previous meeting minutes from Sept. 3 were approved unanimously with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert.

The agenda was approved as

amended with walk-in Resolution 25-078 REDACTED is approved as the Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach.

Howard Wahnetah, CCS finance director, provided the financial report, stating that everything was “moving right along as it should be”.

In good news, Thompson shared that at a recent conference trip to Washington, D.C., she connected with the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) on a pilot program offering free mental health support to students and staff, including a 24/7 phone support service, crisis stabilization, and trainings that can be tailored for elementary, middle, and high school. Thompson said the program will be visiting CCS Oct. 22-24.

Payne shared that CCS recently held their first vertical professional learning community (PLC) day of the year, which included a presentation from Dr. Brett Riggs and Dr. Jane Eastman of Western Carolina University on the Watauga, Noquisi, and Cowee mounds. Payne said the day also included a cultural focus on Cherokee language, stickball, corn beads and more.

Davis and Layno presented cybersecurity training to the board, which including information on malware, phishing, and the internet of things (IOT). They encouraged two-factor authentication, strong passwords, regular software updates, and security awareness trainings to avoid cyber issues.

The consent agenda was approved as amended with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Swimmer. The following resolutions were approved unanimously: 25-071 Purchase be approved (which is over \$25,000). The purchase is for the Security de-

partment to acquire two guard booths for the middle and north gate entrances (\$97,000). This will promote securing campus entry ways while assisting with monitoring student, staff, and visitor traffic. Grant monies will be used to purchase said equipment and the grant awardee has approved the purchase.

25-074 REDACTED is approved for the JV Girls Basketball Assistant Coach position.

25-077 Jennifer Thompson is authorized to sign, in consultation with legal counsel and on behalf of and as the act of the Cherokee Central School Board of Education, an appropriate document assigning the Board’s contract for Construction Manager at Risk services with Vannoy Construction Company to EBCI.

25-078 REDACTED is approved as the Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach.

Resolution 25-077 (REDACTED is approved for the Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach position) was approved with Stamper abstaining.

Resolution 25-076 (REDACTED is approved for the JV Girls Basketball Head Coach position) was approved with Swimmer abstaining.

Resolution 25-073 (REDACT-



ED is approved for the Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach position) and Resolution 25-075 (REDACTED is approved for the JV Boys Basketball Head Coach position) were pulled for closed session.

In unfinished business, the Board decided to hold dissolving the JROTC program due to low enrollment, until CCS could find alternative programs for the six JROTC students to participate in that would meet their interests. Revisions to Policy 5020: Visitors to the School, giving CCS more autonomy over decisions to remove individuals exhibiting “disruptive or dangerous behavior on school grounds,” were approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper, seconded by Toineeta.

In new business, discussion regarding the policy for athletic volunteers was held for closed session. The board was also presented the 2024 Youth Risk and Resilience Summary Report completed by EBCI Public Health and Human Services (PHHS), and the 2023-24 Cherokee Central Schools Annual Report.

The board entered closed session at 6:53 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 7 in the Central Office Board Room at 4:45p.m.



The lotus flower was sacred in many ancient cultures as a symbol of blessings and the renewal of life. The plants grow in the flood plains of slow-moving rivers and deltas, and can drop many seeds every year. While some seeds sprout quickly or are eaten by wildlife, the remaining seeds can stay dormant a long time within the sediment, even if it dries out completely. When water levels are renewed, the dormant seeds spring to life from the sediment and put on a magnificent display.

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– Brenda Weaver

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Tribal, universities sign MOUs

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Higher Education Program held the 2024 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signing Ceremony at the Cherokee Youth Center on the morning of Sept. 17. Shown, left to right, are Sky Sampson, EBCI Secretary of Community, Education, and Recreation; Tony Floyd, Mars Hill University President; Kelli Brown, Chancellor of Western Carolina University; Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks; 2023-24 Miss Cherokee Scarlett "Gigage" Guy; Kimberly van Hoort, Chancellor of UNC Asheville; Don Tomas, Southwestern Community College President; and Tyvi Small, Vice Chancellor of Access and Engagement for the University of Tennessee. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

COMING SOON

Tribal Housing's Financial Lending Services Program is excited to announce Homebuyer Education/Credit Counseling Classes coming this fall. Staff will also restart quarterly visits to the Snowbird & Cherokee Co. Communities to better serve tribal members.

stay tuned for all of the details!



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Federal judge sentences Lexington man to 15 years for engaging in sexual contact with a minor in Indian Country

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – Rogelia Vega Evans, 26, of Lexington, N.C. was sentenced on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024 to 180 months in prison for engaging in sexual contact with a minor by force in Indian Country, announced Dena J. King, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. Upon his release from prison, Evans will be

subject to a lifetime of supervised release and must register as a sex offender.

Robert M. DeWitt, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in North Carolina, and Chief Carla Neadeau of the Cherokee Indian Police Department join U.S. Attorney King in making today's announcement.

According to filed court documents and court proceedings, on or about June 18, 2022, Evans sexually abused a child under the

age of 12. The minor victim is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band Cherokee Indians (EBCI), and the crime occurred in Indian country, within the Qualla Boundary of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

On Dec. 18, 2023, Evans pleaded guilty to engaging in sexual contact with a minor under the age of 12 by force.

Evans remains in federal custody and will be transferred to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons upon designation of a

federal facility.

In making today's announcement, U.S. Attorney King thanked the FBI and the Cherokee Indian Police Department for their investigation of the case, and the High Point Police Department for its assistance with Evans's arrest. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex M. Scott of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville prosecuted the case.

- U.S. Department of Justice
release



Free rabies shots are available for pets of tribal members at the Cherokee Animal Care Clinic! Call the clinic at 497-3401 for more information and to make an appointment.



TRIBAL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN MENTAL HEALTH TIPS

Fall Time Wellness: Cooler weather often means more time indoors, but that can put you at risk of social isolation during the fall. Make a plan to foster social wellness this fall. Ideas include:


- Attending holiday celebrations
- Volunteering with causes you care about
- Hold workplace contests, such as jack o' lantern carving or painting
- Sponsor a fall festival booth
- Join a group or club (books, films, cooking, sports, etc.)



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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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



CIPD Arrest Report for Sept. 9-15, 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.

Otter, Kerry Hawk – age 38
Arrested: Sept. 10
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 16)
Charges: Escape from Imprisonment and Custody, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Frazier, Steel – age 37
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Sept. 11
Charges: Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Ledford, Leslie Dawn – age 41
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Sept. 11
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Ramirez, Lorenzo – age 22
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Sept. 12
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Toineeta-Taylor, Margie Lynn – age 55
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Sept. 12
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bradley, Connie Lynn – age 40
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 16)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Public Officer,

Pre-Trial Release Violation

Bradley, Evard Lamar – age 44
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Sept. 15
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Bradley, Ronald Albert – age 41
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 16)
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Driver, Charaya Deshaye – age 30
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Sept. 12
Charges: Stalking (two counts), Harassment

Hickman, Rosanna Marie – age 36
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 16)
Charges: Escape from Imprisonment and Custody

Brady, David Samuel – age 47
Arrested: Sept. 13
Released: Sept. 13
Charges: Larceny, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Crowe, John Everette – age 51
Arrested: Sept. 13
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 16)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Reckless Endangerment

Estrada, Anthony Gonzalez – age 29
Arrested: Sept. 13
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 16)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Lambert, Uriah Evan – age 33

Arrested: Sept. 13
Released: Sept. 14
Charges: Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Price, Dustin Lee – age 34
Arrested: Sept. 14
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 16)
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance (two counts)

Robinson, Shana-Kaye Alicia – age 35
Arrested: Sept. 14
Released: Sept. 14
Charges: Temporary Hold

Stafford, Charles William – age 71
Arrested: Sept. 14
Released: Sept. 14
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Long, Claudette – age 47
Arrested: Sept. 15
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 16)
Charges: Assault Government Official/Employee

Loyd, Jesse Dalton – age 33
Arrested: Sept. 15
Released: Sept. 15
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Roberts, Tony Durk – age 61
Arrested: Sept. 15
Released: Sept. 15
Charges: Temporary Hold

Stephens, Christopher Charles – age 60
Arrested: Sept. 15
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 16)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

White, Brandon – age 37
Arrested: Sept. 15
Released: Sept. 15
Charges: Driving While Impaired



Moments in time

• On **Oct. 7, 1985**, Lynette Woodward, who captained the gold-medal-winning U.S. Olympic women's basketball team in 1984, had the great distinction of becoming the first female player for the Harlem Globetrotters, remarking that she "got chills" when she heard the news. She beat out nine other finalists for the honor.

On **Oct. 8, 2009**, two people died of heat stroke and more than a dozen others had to be hospitalized for dehydration and other medical issues following a botched sweat lodge ceremony near Sedona, Arizona, at a five-day retreat run by motivational speaker and author James Arthur Ray. A third participant died nine days later.

On **Oct. 9, 1942**, Chicago bootlegger Roger "The Terrible" Touhy escaped from Stateville Prison in Illinois by scaling the guard tower. Framed for kidnapping by his bootlegging rivals, with the aid of corrupt Chicago officials, Touhy was serving a 99-year sentence for a crime he didn't commit and was recaptured a couple of months later, but released in 1959, then murdered by unknown assailants after just three weeks of freedom.

On **Oct. 10, 1845**, the United States Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Maryland, with 50 midshipmen students and seven professors. Its curriculum included mathematics and navigation, gunnery and steam, chemistry, English, natural philosophy, and French.

On **Oct. 11, 1975**, law professors William Jefferson Clinton and Hillary Rodham married in their living room in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Only family and close friends were in attendance.

On **Oct. 12, 2011**, India successfully launched the Megha-Tropiques satellite into space to exclusively study monsoon patterns. The satellite was made with France's help and would share its data with organizations in Europe and America.

On **Oct. 13, 1975**, country singer Charlie Rich shocked viewers of the CMA Awards by setting the envelope announcing John Denver's win for Entertainer of the Year on fire with a lighter. By his own admission, "The Silver Fox" was on a combination of prescription pain medication and gin and tonics. But whatever the reason for his act, he was blacklisted from the show for the rest of his career.

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FOOTBALL

Braves top Mt. Zion in scorefest

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – For sports fans who like scoring, the place to be was Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Sept. 20. The Cherokee Braves (3-2) topped the Mt. Zion Mighty Warriors (2-3) by a score of 54-40.

The two teams combined for 975 total offensive yards (Cherokee 505, Mt. Zion 470). The Mighty Warriors also racked up 281 return yards on the night.

Mt. Zion got on the board first as Julius Rooks scored on a 6-yard run. The two-point try failed and the Mighty Warriors led 6-0 at the 9:38 mark of the first quarter.

Cherokee put together a nice 10-play drive which culminated in a 15-yard touchdown run by Brandon Santiago. Tayvin Bark added the point-after kick, and Cherokee led 7-6 with 3:43 left in the first.

On the night, Santiago carried the ball 23 times for 195 yards and four touchdowns.

Mt. Zion's Rooks ran the ensuing kickoff back to the Cherokee 14-yard line. Two plays later, Keegan Carroll ran it in from the 5-yard line for a touchdown. The two-point try failed, and the Mighty Warriors led 12-7 with 2:50 left in the first.

Cherokee had great field position to start their next possession at the 50-yard line. Several plays later, Kingston Welch caught a 47-yard touchdown pass from Jonathan Saylor for a score. Bark added the extra point kick, and Cherokee was back on top 14-12



Cherokee's Brandon Santiago (#22) runs for a big gain during a game against the Mt. Zion Mighty Warriors held at Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Sept. 20. On the night, Santiago carried the ball 23 times for 195 yards and four touchdowns. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

with 1:17 left in the first. Saylor was 9 of 14 passes for 162 yards and 2 touchdowns, 1 INT on the night.

Mt. Zion turned the ball over

on downs on their next possession. Cherokee took over on their own 28-yard line and put together a 12-play drive that culminated in a 13-yard touchdown run by Santi-

ago. The point-after kick was no good, and Cherokee led 20-12 with 8:28 left in the half.

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On their next possession, Mt. Zion got on the board again with an 89-yard touchdown pass from Ge'arey Johnson to Robert Arnold. The two-point try failed, and Cherokee's lead was cut to 20-18 at the 6:38 mark of the second quarter.

Following a penalty on the kickoff, Cherokee started their next drive at the Mt. Zion 31-yard line. Several plays later, Luke Smith ran in from the 1-yard line for a score. The two-point try failed, and Cherokee led 26-18 with 4:33 left in the half.

On the night, Smith rushed 9 times for 47 yards and 2 touchdowns, and he caught 4 passes for 35 yards and 1 touchdown.

Mt. Zion's next possession would end as Smith recovered a Might Warriors fumble.

Cherokee got the ball back first

in the second half in great field position at their own 48-yard line. Nine plays later, Smith got into the end zone again – this time on a 2-yard run. The point-after failed, and Cherokee led 32-18 at the 8:04 mark of the third.

The Mighty Warriors answered quickly as Mt. Zion's Carroll took the ensuing kickoff 60 yards to the house. Zyon Moyd threw to Arnold for the two-point play, and Mt. Zion only trailed Cherokee 32-26 with 7:47 left in the quarter.

Cherokee got great field position on their next possession starting at their own 46-yard line. On second down, Saylor hit Javin Garcia on a 45-yard pass to take the ball to the Mt. Zion 11-yard line. On the next play, Saylor hit Smith on an 11-yard touchdown pass. The two-point try failed, and Cherokee led 38-26 with 6:29 left in the quarter.

Mt. Zion answered immediately as Moyd took the kickoff 84 yards for a touchdown. The two-point try failed, and Cherokee's lead was cut to 38-32.

Following the kickoff, the next two plays from scrimmage were both interceptions. First, Mt. Zion's Carroll intercepted a Cherokee pass, and then Cherokee's Shiloh Woodson intercepted a Mt. Zion pass.

Following that second INT, Cherokee set up shop at their own 13-yard line. Eleven plays later, Santiago found the end zone again – this time on a 10-yard run. Saylor ran for the two-point conversion to put Cherokee up 46-32 with 11:29 left in the game.

Mt. Zion started their next possession at their own 49-yard line. Three plays later, Johnson hit Moyd on a 46-yard touchdown pass. Johnson ran for the two-

point conversion to make the score 46-40 Cherokee with 10:19 left.

Cherokee had nice field position again on their next possession starting at their own 46-yard line. Six plays later, Santiago ran for a 5-yard score. He ran for the two-point play as well to give Cherokee a 54-40 lead which is how the game would end.

Mt. Zion's next possession was cut short by a fumble which was recovered by Cherokee's Drallen Ledford. Cherokee ran out the clock to take the win.

The Braves travel to Robbinsville on Friday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. to take on the Black Knights (1-4) in the Smoky Mountain Conference opener for both teams.

Note: Defensive statistics were not available for this game by press time.

JV FOOTBALL

Braves win 28-18 at Hayesville

By **CHUMPER WALKER**
JV Braves Assistant Coach

HAYESVILLE – The Cherokee JV Braves traveled to Hayesville on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 19 and came away with a 28-18 victory over the JV Yellow

Jackets. The JV Braves are 4-2 heading into the final JV Game of the year on Thursday, Sept. 26 at Swain Co. High School at 6 p.m.

The Braves scored on their opening drive of Thursday's game with a Levi Trumper 3-yard run off the right side. The two-point conversion Kimo Sokol was good.

Hayesville would get on the board with 2:17 left in the 1st quarter. The two-point try failed.

Hayesville would score again

with 2:08 left in the first half on a 73-yard pass. Again, the two-point conversion failed. Hayesville led 12-8 at the half.

On the opening kickoff of the second half, Cherokee's LJ Panther returned the ball 76 yards for a touchdown. The two-point try was good to Sokol. Cherokee led 16-12.

On Hayesville's next possession, Sokol would intercept a Hayesville pass and take it 77

yards for the touchdown. The two-point try failed, and Cherokee led 22-12.

Hayesville would score later on a punt return touchdown to close within Cherokee by 4, but with Hayesville driving in the 4th quarter Preston Roach would take a stripped fumble 55 yards to the Hayesville 3-yard line where Cain Welch would score to increase the lead to 28-18 which would be the final.



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ON THE SIDELINES

Check out the Cherokee Skate Jam

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Aaron Ira Smart soared into the air, grabbed his board, and did a keen trick mid-air between rounds at an annual event that astounds me each year. Smart, a member of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation with heritage from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) as well, did this at last year's Cherokee Skate Jam.

He, along with Anita Lossiah, of the Elawodi (Yellowhill) Community Club, are the main organizers of this year's event that is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 2 at the Cherokee Action Sports Park (Ayvdagwalosgiyi - "Thunder Place") in Cherokee, N.C. The Cherokee word describes the sound that the wheels make against the concrete at the Park.

This keen event has been hosted by the Elawodi Community Club each year and is open to all skaters. Entry to the competition is free, and prizes will be awarded for beginner, intermediate, advanced/open divisions as well as an open competition for best trick. Registration will start on Oct. 2 at 9 a.m., and the competitions start with the beginner division at 10 a.m.

According to the Statista Research Dept., "In 2023, there were 8.92 million individuals who went skateboarding at least once during the year (in the United States)." Brandon DesJarlais wrote an article for Beyond the Board enti-



Aaron Ira Smart, one of the organizers of this year's Cherokee Skate Jam, does a trick in between rounds at the 2023 event. This year's event is set for Wednesday, Oct. 2. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

tled, "Thriving beyond the board: The surprising health benefits of skateboarding and longboarding". In the article, he named several major benefits including: improved balance and coordination, enhanced muscle strength and endurance, and increased flexibility and range of motion."

He went on to write, "Skateboarding is an excellent form of cardio that can help lower your risk of heart disease. While running might burn more calories per hour, skateboarding is a lower-impact activity, which can be less stressful on your joints."

Shaun White, Olympic gold medalist in snowboarding and also a very accomplished skateboarder,

said, "Skateboarding helps a ton with balance, precision, with air awareness...it gets your senses to be spot-on and it's also a great way to take my mind off things." I shoot a lot of sports in my job, and skateboarding is one of my favorite sports to take photographs of. The action is intense and just simply awesome. I'd encourage everyone to give it a look at this year's Cherokee Indian Fair.

The Skate Jam is a very welcoming event as well. Everyone is invited to come and watch for free, and everyone is invited to come and skate – no matter what level you're at. Each year, I see the older, more experienced skaters helping the younger ones with tips

and tricks. And, it's one of the few sports where I constantly see competitors cheer on their fellow competitors. They're genuinely happy when another competitor lands a complicated trick or tries something new. It's a refreshing environment.

So, take a few hours on Oct. 2 and head on out to the 8th Annual Cherokee Skate Jam. You won't be disappointed. And, if you're a newbie to skateboarding (even if you got a board last week), bring your board and come try it out, have fun, make new friends, and learn something new. If you have further questions on this event, call (828) 736-2698 or 736-6170.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cherokee runners win at Keith Payne Memorial Invitational meet

One Feather Staff Report

KITUWAH – The Cherokee Middle School (CMS) Lady Braves team won the Keith Payne Memorial Invitational meet held at Kituwah on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 21. Led by Austin Fourkiller-Raby, who won the middle school girls race with a time of 12:08.43, the CMS Lady Braves won with a score of 33 followed by Smoky Mountain at 59.

Cherokee High School's (CHS) Ogana Swimmer won the high school boys race with a time of 16:03.77.

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

Middle School Girls

- 1 - Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 12:08.43
- 2 - Jessa Efird, Smoky Mountain, 12:32.87
- 3 - Makenna Moss, Hayesville, 12:36.50
- 4 - Natalie Swimmer, Robbinsville, 13:02.92
- 5 - Rebecca Carver, Carolina Mountain XC, 13:25.45
- 6 - Malyiah Carey, Swain County, 13:27.44
- 7 - Cambry Stamper, Cherokee, 13:28.85
- 8 - Aiyana Evans, Cherokee, 13:29.60
- 9 - Uliahna Beheler, Cherokee, 13:30.64
- 12 - Maya Lossiah, Cherokee, 13:37.13
- 23 - Makeena Armachain, Cherokee, 14:17.31
- 24 - Lolo Bell, Cherokee, 14:18.06
- 30 - Taytem Saunooke, Cherokee, 14:28.84
- 37 - Taya Jackson, Cherokee, 15:01.79
- 38 - Amelia Holiday, Cherokee, 15:02.63
- 52 - Jolyssa Hernandez, Cherokee, 16:07.02
- 58 - Ehko Lossiah, Cherokee, 16:34.61
- 59 - Kaylahni Williams, Cherokee, 16:37.80
- 60 - Keilani Arch, Cherokee, 16:43.40
- 69 - Viola Williams, Cherokee, 17:13.86
- 82 - Mika Bradley, Cherokee, 19:40.92
- 84 - Amaya Rodriguez, Cherokee, 20:25.04
- 94 - Ariel Crowe, Cherokee, 22:36.09
- 96 - Kinley Crowe, Cherokee, 22:59.18

Team Scores

- 1 - Cherokee 33
- 2 - Smoky Mountain 59
- 3 - Murphy 67
- 4 - Swain County 109
- 5 - Hayesville 129
- 6 - Robbinsville 163
- 7 - Mountain Discovery Charter School 179

High School Girls

- 1 - Annie Lewis, Swain County, 18:38.22
- 2 - Angelina Lomelli, Swain County, 19:52.91
- 3 - Emily Grey Stargell, Swain County, 19:53.24
- 4 - Fern Crayton, Tri-County Early College, 20:23.15
- 5 - Morgan Cress, Franklin, 20:47.48
- 6 - Ellie Miller, Smoky Mountain, 21:17.82
- 7 - Amy Mendoza Lopez, Franklin, 21:19.54
- 11 - Livia Crowe, Cherokee, 22:19.33
- 18 - Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 23:38.19
- 22 - Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Cherokee, 24:03.06
- 57 - Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 29:00.55

Team Scores

- 1 - Swain County 27
- 2 - Franklin 48
- 3 - Smoky Mountain 89
- 4 - Murphy 125
- 5 - Tri-County Early College 127
- 6 - Hayesville 141
- 7 - Summit Charter 174

Middle School Boys

- 1 - Elliott Salinas, Andrews 10:26.70
- 2 - Levi Clark, Andrews, 10:34.61
- 3 - Benjamin Frederick, Carolina Mountain XC, 10:56.87
- 4 - Jayce Donaldson, Andrews, 11:13.65
- 5 - Luke Clark, Andrews, 11:15.43
- 6 - Eli Cheeks, Hayesville, 11:19.17
- 7 - Matt Woodard, Robbinsville, 11:20.03
- 8 - Kingzlli Beheler, Cherokee, 11:37.15
- 14 - Odie Owle, Cherokee, 12:03.92
- 27 - Carter Stephens, Cherokee, 12:31.07
- 29 - Jeron Martens, Cherokee, 12:46.60
- 31 - Hunter McMillan, Cherokee, 12:50.35
- 39 - Drayzin Beheler, Cherokee, 13:18.85
- 44 - Lucas Myers, Cherokee, 13:36.43
- 48 - Wyatt Moore, Cherokee, 13:55.63
- 58 - Kaiser Hernandez, Cherokee, 14:23.15
- 68 - Kabiru Beheler, Cherokee, 14:58.35
- 73 - Makai Hernandez, Cherokee, 15:38.93
- 75 - Loki Raya, Cherokee, 15:40.31

- 103 - Kody Smith, Cherokee, 20:22.19
- 105 - Mato Raines, Cherokee, 22:29.08

Team Scores

- 1 - Andrews 31
- 2 - Hayesville 83
- 3 - Cherokee 105
- 4 - Swain County 123
- 5 - Robbinsville 154
- 6 - Murphy 156
- 7 - Smoky Mountain 156
- 8 - Carolina Mountain XC 184
- 9 - Hiwassee Dam/Ranger 185
- 10 - Mountain Discovery Charter School 269

High School Boys

- 1 - Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 16:03.77
- 2 - Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam, 16:06.39
- 3 - O'Malley Salinas, Andrews, 16:20.14
- 4 - Oscar Page, Hiwassee Dam, 16:53.20
- 5 - Nathan Fredrick, Robbinsville, 17:49.11
- 6 - Aidan Menickelli, Smoky Mountain, 17:52.51
- 7 - Matheson Post, Franklin, 18:02.18
- 33 - Kaden Cucumber, Cherokee, 20:10.82
- 34 - Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 20:19.53
- 36 - Utsela Saunooke, Cherokee, 20:26.20
- 55 - Dillon Beam, Cherokee, 22:51.01
- 59 - Carlito Perez, Cherokee, 23:00.81
- 76 - Jess Walkingstick, Cherokee, 26:24.61
- 80 - Isaiah Ledford, Cherokee, 28:16.75

Team Scores

- 1 - Hiwassee Dam 48
- 2 - Hayesville 85
- 3 - Smoky Mountain 96
- 4 - Franklin 102
- 5 - Swain County 115
- 6 - Cherokee, 135
- 7 - Murphy 144
- 8 - Tri-County Early College 165

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Language learning at WCU

WCU Cherokee Language Certificate Program is in action

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.— Jack “Tsegi” Cooper, who is in the Dadiwonisi Adult Language Immersion program, and Cherokee fluent speaker Gilliam Jackson, are teaching the Western Carolina University (WCU) Cherokee Language Certificate Program.

The course is taught in a hybrid format and is the equivalent of college-level introductory Cherokee. This is the first of two courses that will be offered. Registration is free for members of federally recognized tribes and employees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

Cooper began learning Cherokee through Jackson while in his undergraduate at Stanford University. Now, five years later, Cooper is teaching alongside his mentor. “Gil was the first person I started learning from. I didn’t know any Cherokee until my freshman year of college, and that was when I took ‘Intro to Cherokee Language’ under Gil. And then after that, I started working as his teacher’s assistant for a couple of years. And now, he’s kind of let me take over the reins of this course to kind of lead the class,” Cooper said.



Jack “Tsegi” Cooper teaches a novice Cherokee course through WCU in the Ginger Lynn Welch building on the evening of Sept. 5. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

Cooper believes having the structure of the class include a fluent speaker and a second language learner provides an interesting teaching paradigm, “It’s really cool. I’ve definitely developed a strong relationship with him, especially with respect to the language. And I think it’s a cool relationship to see, and I’ve seen it with other people of having fluent speakers work with second language learners to teach the language because we understand it in completely different ways,” Cooper said.

“Gil grew up speaking the language, so he doesn’t have to think about how it works. He just does it. Whereas with second language learners, we have to understand the mechanisms and we have to

go approach learning it differently than they did. Having us working in a united front, I feel like we’re able to give the students a better opportunity.”

Jackson was out of town on a business trip to Raleigh for the class period the One Feather sat in on.

“In the first semester, we’re mainly focused on going over the very basics. We start with numbers, time, we’re going to go through colors, clothing, et cetera, but not really expanding into talking about tenses or anything like that until towards the end of the semester. Our hope is that in the second semester, we’ll be able to dive into more specific topics like cooking, sports, stuff like

that,” Cooper said.

“My main goal with this course is really to just get community members’ exposure to the language. It’s not our expectation that anyone’s going to come out of this course near fluent, but I think getting introduced into the language is a difficult thing to do. I feel like they’ll be more comfortable going out and continuing their language journey. To me, it’s more important that we’re starting to build this community of people learning the language.”

Learn more about the Cherokee Language Certificate Program at Western Carolina University - Cherokee Language Certificate (wcu.edu).

The Center for Native Health names Kristina Hyatt as one of the newest program officers

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Center for Native Health (CNH) has announced Kristina Hyatt as the program officer for Maternal & Child Health programming. Hyatt hails from Kolanvyi (Big Cove) and is a mother, dental hygienist, former Miss Native American USA, and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). She obtained a bachelor of arts degree in business management from the University of North Carolina Asheville and an associates in applied science degree from Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College to become a registered dental hygien-

ist. She has traveled across Indian Country as the Native American Tooth Fairy, educating Native youth about the importance of oral health.

“My sons are two of my favorite blessings and being their mom is the greatest honor of my life,” said Hyatt. “Every mom has a unique journey and I look forward to connecting and hearing about other mom’s experiences, challenges and successes. I’m very excited about the many possibilities and opportunities that are coming together for this program and look forward to helping provide support systems to ensure that our mothers and children thrive.”

She will be leading CNH’s efforts in the area of matrilineal care broadly with a focus on Cherokee mothers, families and children. In particular, she will be working to develop programming for mom’s

that focus on traditional birthing practices, language integration and helping to create a community of Cherokee doulas. Kristina is also committed to building a sustainable, supportive network for Cherokee youth that extends to all of the EBCI communities.

CNH’s inaugural Mother’s Gathering & Breastfeeding Celebration was held on Aug. 7 at the Yellowhill Activity Center on the Qualla Boundary. August is National Breastfeeding Month, which was the perfect reason to celebrate Mom’s within our community. They were given the opportunity to gather and share experiences, while enjoying dinner specially prepared for them.


“We were thrilled to have 15 in attendance at our first gathering and are looking forward to seeing this event grow. The goals of the program were discussed, with an open

invitation for ideas and suggestions that the EBCI community would like to see implemented.

Maternal and child health are key indicators for the health of the community,” said Hyatt. “The Center for Native Health’s Maternal & Child Health Program’s efforts to mobilize, organize and build supports to benefit Cherokee mothers, families and children will help strengthen the health of the EBCI community.”

The Maternal & Child Health Program plans to begin hosting monthly Mother’s Gatherings beginning in 2025. If you or anyone you know is interested in getting involved in maternal care or becoming a doula, please contact Kristina Hyatt at kristina_hyatt@centerfor-nativehealth.org.


- The Center for Native Health release




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Let's Say It in Cherokee!

Syllable	Spelling & Pronouncing Vowels	Pronunciation in Cherokee
D	a	has the sound ah
R	e	has the sound eh in ate
T	i	has the sound ee
Ꭰ	o	has the sound oh
Ꭱ	u	has the sound oo
i	v	has the sound u in up



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NUMBER OF NO SHOWS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024:

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Pageant contestants



Moira George
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Ayosta Lossie
Teen Miss Cherokee contestant



Dvdaya Swimmer
Teen Miss Cherokee contestant



Emma Maney
Teen Miss Cherokee contestant



Keilani Arch
Junior Miss Cherokee contestant



Khloe Sequoyah
Junior Miss Cherokee contestant



Misha Slee
Junior Miss Cherokee contestant



Faith Panther
Little Miss Cherokee contestant



Jaxtyn Bark
Little Miss Cherokee contestant



Mattie Moore
Little Miss Cherokee contestant



Penelope Stamper
Little Miss Cherokee contestant

Pageant Schedule
(all will be held at Fair Stage)

Wednesday, Oct. 2
at 7 p.m.
Little Miss Cherokee and
Junior Miss Cherokee

Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.
Teen Miss Cherokee and
Miss Cherokee

Photos by Tyra Maney

112th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair celebrates “The Adventure of the Aniyvwayahi” Theme

Submitted by EBCI Division of Commerce

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The 112th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair is fast approaching, running from Oct. 1-5. This year’s theme, “Adventures of the Aniyvwayahi: The Principal People,” celebrates the remarkable journeys of our ancestors and the ongoing triumphs of the Cherokee people today.

The fair will be held at the historic Cherokee Expo Center (formerly the Old High School Site), located at 1501 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719.

Fair Week Schedule

(For the full schedule, <https://visitcherokeenc.com/event/112th-cherokee-indian-fair/>)

Monday - Fair Week Stick Off

- Time: 3:30 p.m.
- Event: Experience traditional stickball games at Unity Field. No carnival rides on Monday - just stickball.

Tuesday - Parade Day

- Parade Start: 3 p.m.
- Parade Route: The Annual Cherokee Indian Fair Parade begins at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino parking area. The parade will follow 19 South through downtown Cherokee, crossing the bridge, then turning onto 441 North and ending near the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. The parade will disband near the Ginger Lynn Complex.
- Fair Gates Open: 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

- Event: The fairgrounds open at 5 p.m. with food vendors, entertainment, and more. Main Stage events begin at 6 p.m.

Wednesday - Children’s Day

- Gates Open: 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.



Kolanvyi (Big Cove) plays Wayohi (Wolfstown) in a game of Anetso (stickball) on Oct. 4, 2023 as part of the 2023 Cherokee Indian Fair. This year’s Fair is set for Oct. 1-5. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

- Event: Stickball games, carnival rides, and activities for all ages. Wristbands for minors are available starting at 10 a.m.. The Little and Jr. Miss Cherokee contests begin at 7 p.m. on the Main Stage.

Thursday - Elder’s Day

- Gates: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Events: Catered luncheon for ELDERS ONLY, door prizes, field events, the Senior Miss Cherokee contest, and a traditional fashion show. The Teen Miss and Miss Cherokee contests begins at 7 p.m. on the Main Stage.

Friday - Veterans Day

- Gates: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Event: A special day to honor veterans. The fairgrounds offer a platform to recognize their sacrifices and foster community unity. Main stage events start at 4 p.m. with music artist Matt Stillwell followed by the Aniyvwayahi Analsgisgi Dancers, The Cherokee Gong Show, and The CrÜe (MÖtley CrÜe Cover Band).

Saturday - Community Day

- Gates: 8 a.m. to 12 a.m.
- Event: A day of community-led games and stickball matches. Main Stage events start at 6:30 p.m. with performances by Jordan Rainer and Elvie Shane, followed by Grammy® nominees Midland at 9 p.m.

Special Headliner Performance: Midland
Straight from Jimmy Kimmel Live! to the Cherokee Indian Fair main stage, the CIF Committee is excited to welcome Grammy® nominees Midland. Hailing from Dripping Springs, Texas, Midland is known for their hit song “Drinkin’ Problem” and their unique fusion of modern country music with Western nostalgia. Don’t miss their highly anticipated performance at this year’s fair!

Cherokee Indian Fair Admission and Tickets:

- Tuesday through Friday: \$10 per day

- Saturday: \$30 (ages 13 and up); \$15 (ages 6-12); Free (ages 5 and under)

Tickets are available online.

- Free Admission: Enrolled members of federally recognized tribes can show their enrollment card for complimentary entry.

Exhibit Hall Daily Schedule:

- Tuesday: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday – Saturday: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Exhibit Entry and Judging:

- Exhibit Entry Date: Friday, Sept. 27 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 1441 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C.
- Judging (except livestock): Monday, Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Not open to the public.
- Livestock Entry: Friday, Sept. 27
- Livestock Judging: Thursday, Oct. 3. Public viewing is welcome.

Baked Goods Entry and Judging:

- Entry: Friday, Sept. 27 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Do not bring baked goods on this date
- Judging: Monday, Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. No items accepted after 12 p.m. Pick-up baked goods the same day from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Entry Pick-Up:

- Sunday, Oct. 6 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contacts for Exhibit Hall:

- Extension Center: Tammy Jackson, (828) 788-0878; Chumper Walker, (828) 788-2356
- Qualla Arts & Crafts: Vicki Cruz, (828) 226-4275

For more information about the 112th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair, visit the official event website at <https://visitcherokeenc.com/event/112th-cherokee-indian-fair/>



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CHEROKEE INDIAN FAIR ANETSO (STICKBALL) SCHEDULE

All games will be played at the Unity Field unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY, SEPT. 30

3:30 p.m. - Teen: Kolanvyi vs Wayohi
 4:30 p.m. - Men: Wu de li gv vs Walelu
 5:30 p.m. - Men: Kolanvyi vs Wayohi

3 p.m. - Youth (ages 10-12): Walelu vs Kolanvyi
 4:30 p.m. - Men: Tsisqwohi vs Wayohi
 5:30 p.m. - Men: Kolanvyi vs Walelu

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2

1:30 p.m. - Youth (ages 6-9): Kolanvyi vs Wayohi
 2:30 p.m. - Youth (ages 10-12): Kolanvyi vs Wayohi
 4:30 p.m. - Men: Kolanvyi vs Tsisqwohi
 5:30 p.m. - Men: Wu de li gv vs Wayohi

FRIDAY, OCT. 4

2 p.m. - Youth (ages 6-9): Kolanvyi vs Walelu
 3 p.m. - Youth (ages 10-12): Wayohi vs Walelu
 4 p.m. - Men: Kolanvyi vs Wu de li gv
 5 p.m. Men: Tsisqwohi vs Walelu

THURSDAY, OCT. 3

1:30 p.m. - Elders Game at CHS old baseball field

SATURDAY, OCT 5

1 p.m. - Youth (ages 6-9): Wayohi vs Walelu
 2:30 p.m. - Teen: Wayohi vs Kolanvyi
 3:30 p.m. - Men: Walelu vs Wayohi
 4:30 p.m. - Men: Wu de li gv vs Tsisqwohi

Endowment for Cherokee Hospital Foundation established at North Carolina Community Foundation

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports the well-being of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) by strengthening the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority and the clinics that comprise it, has a new endowment at the North Carolina Community Foundation that will provide ongoing support for hospital employees.

The endowment for CIHF was established in honor of EBCI Beloved Woman Dr. Carmaleta Monteith, who has played a pivotal role in the Hospital Foundation since its establishment in 2006. Monteith, driven by her commitment to the community, has set an ambi-

tious goal of raising \$1 million for the new endowment.

Specifically created to provide essential financial aid to hospital employees aspiring to excel in the medical profession, the Carmaleta Monteith Endowment for Cherokee Hospital Foundation will offer scholarships and funding opportunities for continuing education and professional development. With this fund dedicated to serving and supporting the educational endeavors of Tribal members and hospital employees who serve Tribal members, every contribution made will help to build a brighter future for the next seven generations of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

“We are immensely grateful to Carmaleta Monteith for her exceptional dedication to the Cherokee Indian Hospital and her leadership in driving our fundraising efforts with the foundation,” said Brittney Lofthouse, executive director of development & community relations for Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority. “It is our hope that this endowment will create a lasting impact on the lives of Tribal members by supporting individuals working in health care within the Cherokee Indian Hospital system, empowering them to become future leaders and caregivers in the community.”

Monteith, 89, was a founding member of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Board and chairs the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority’s Governing Board, a role she has held since the board’s inception in 2002. When Monteith graduated from Western Carolina University in 1956 with a bachelor’s degree in science education she was among the 5.8 percent of graduates identified as women, and was one of the only 2,000 Native Americans enrolled in college. She later graduated from Emory University with a master’s in education and secured a Ph.D. Her academic publications have advanced research and understanding of indigenous health care around the country.

“Carmaleta has spent her 89 years on earth living a life of exemplary service. With dreams and ambition rooted in education and a desire to never stop learning, Carmaleta has adapted and transformed her influence a dozen times over in her lifetime, always adjusting to meet the greatest



The endowment for CIHF was established in honor of EBCI Beloved Woman Dr. Carmaleta Monteith, who has played a pivotal role in the Hospital Foundation since its establishment in 2006. (Photo by North Carolina Community Foundation)

needs of those around her,” Lofthouse said. “She is a waymaker. A creator. A visionary. And she does it all with a fervent love and passion for the Cherokee People.”

Agency endowment funds are established by a nonprofit organization to provide a reliable source of income to support its mission or operations. A charitable organization, like the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation, that establishes an endowment with NCCF directly benefits from inclusion in a large investment portfolio, with access to experienced investment managers and other endowment services. There are over 350 agency endowments at NCCF, the only statewide community foundation serving North Carolina.

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Matthew Lee Smith "Bubba"

It is with great sadness that the Smith family announces the death of their loved one.

Matthew Lee Smith "Bubba", 41, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, passed away peacefully to go home and be with the Lord Friday, Sept. 13, 2024. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of Walter "Paul" Smith and Kathy "Punkin" Smith.

Matt was a lover of the outdoors. You could always find him "rippin' lips" (fishing), hunting, or sitting out by a fire listening to music. His special place was at the lake or near water. He spent his life being a carpenter, his knowledge of that trade was unmatched. He was a people person and so kind. The size of his heart matched

his body, he was such a gentle giant. He had a special way with words to put people's minds at ease during their time of need or burden. The amount of people that Matt's kind words were calming to is innumerable. He always wanted to encourage everyone. He always said there are people in worse situations than me, don't worry about me, I'm a winner either way, if I go or if I stay.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Clyde Monroe Smith and Eliza Jane (Wade) Smith. James Robert Parker and Linda Vearl (Stone) Parker; and also by uncle, David Allen Parker.

He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Lacey (Lukowicz) Smith; his daughter, Shelby Smith; and his son, Hunter Smith, two of the things in life that he was most proud of; father, Walter "Paul" Smith and mother, Kathy Ann (Parker) "Punkin" Smith; sister, Dr. Megan Kay Smith (Ian, Nikolai, Natalya); uncle, Charlie Bird; aunt, Robin (Parker) Bird and Julie Frady; great uncles, Steve

Parker, Dwight Parker, and Nat Wade; great aunts, Jeanne Parker, Lydia Parker, Loretta Welch, Nancy Durbin, and Alice Wade; great great great aunt, Dolly Taylor; cousins, who were raised like siblings, Arie "AJ" Bird and Casey, and Charlee Bird (Noah); second cousins, Mahala, Madilyn, and Makenzee Bird, and Nalayah Bird; In-laws, John Lukowicz Jr. and Cyndi; mother-in-law, Maryann Lukowicz, whom he had a special relationship with; and special auntie, Amy Pete-Ochoa. He is also survived by many other family members and special friends.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Crisp Funeral Home. There was a graveside burial following at Towstring Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Hunter Smith, Arie "AJ" Bird, Charlie Bird, Josh Long, RL Mathews, Chris Murphy, Jeremy Blankenship, and George Burgess.

Honorary pallbearer was Christopher Crutchfield.

Matt will be greatly missed

and forever remembered by all of us.

Clyde "Bobby" Mathis

Clyde "Bobby" Mathis, 79, of the Towstring Community, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024. A native of Jackson County, he was the son of the late Charlie H. and Nora Lee Henry Mathis and husband of the late Rachel Mathews Mathis.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Frankie Seals, and Denny Mathis.

He is survived by his sister, Sandra Fisher; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Monday, Sept. 23 at Towstring Cemetery. J.T. Lambert, Danny Lambert, and Raymond Mathews officiated. The family received friends on Sunday, Sept. 22 at Crisp Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Jeff Fisher, Chas Mathis, Cody Driver, Chris Crutchfield, R.L. Mathews, and Brian Mathews.

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Then they sent the tunic of many colors, and they brought it to their father and said, "We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son's tunic or not?" And he recognized it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days.

GENESIS 37: 32-34

Detail of "Jacob Weeping for Joseph,"
Marc Chagall, 1956



EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Feather wins 10 N.C. Press Association awards

The Cherokee One Feather won a total of 10 awards in the 2024 North Carolina Press Association Editorial and Advertising Awards announced on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 19 at the annual convention in Raleigh, N.C.

Brooklyn Brown, One Feather reporter, and Scott McKie Brings Plenty, One Feather assistant editor, shared a third place win for overall community coverage.

Brooklyn won the following individual awards:

- First Place – Breaking News Coverage, “Suspect arraigned in decade-long cold case homicide of Marie Walkingstick Pheasant”
- Second Place – Feature Photography, “Quieting yourself”

Scott won the following individual awards:

- First Place – Sports Feature Photography, “Cherokee Skate Jam”
- First Place – Sports Photography, “Braves tackle”
- First Place – Photo Page or Essay, “Kolanvyi Day”
- Second Place – Sports Feature Photography, “Kolanvyi Stickball”
- Second Place – Photo Page or Essay, “Seven Clans Rodeo”
- Third Place – Feature Photography, “Cherokee High School valedictorian”
- Third Place – City, County Government Reporting, “Constitutional discussions”

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

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Sgi,

Jennifer Martens
Yellowhill Community

Yogi Crowe Scholarship Members,

I am deeply grateful to the Yogi Crowe Scholarship board for their financial support as I pursue my Master’s in Business Law and Compliance at Wake Forest University during the Fall 2024 semester. Words cannot fully capture my appreciation for this scholarship. The committee’s encouragement, generosity, and support have been invaluable as I work towards my degree.

Once again, thank you, Yogi Crowe Scholarship board.

Signed,

Heather Swimmer-Younce

WNC/STATE 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.

- *Western Carolina University
release*

New State Law Provides Free State Parks Annual Passes for Veterans with Disabilities

RALEIGH, N.C. – Veterans with service-related disabilities are now eligible to apply to receive a free Annual Pass to N.C. State Parks, the Division of Parks and Recreation announced. Those who want to redeem their free pass can submit a request form along with a

copy of their Summary of Benefits Letter from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs.

In July, the General Assembly passed State Law 2024-45, which included Section 15.(a) to 15.(d) that made any State Parks Annual Pass free for veterans who were discharged honorably and received benefits or certification that they have a service-connected disability.

The Annual Pass program allows visitors to enjoy equipment rentals, swimming, and more throughout the calendar year for a discounted package rate. Because most North Carolina state parks are free to enter throughout the year, the Annual Pass program is different from typical annual passes at other states or at the national level.

Benefits of note include day-use entry at the reservoirs of Falls Lake, Jordan Lake, and Kerr Lake state recreation areas; ferry passes to Hammocks Beach State Park’s Bear Island (set to reopen in spring 2025); boat launches at Carolina Beach and Hammocks Beach state parks; and canoe, kayak, or paddleboard rentals at select parks.

By default, all requestors under this provision will receive the Annual Pass, typically sold at \$90. Those who want to utilize the four-wheel-drive beach at Fort Fisher State Recreation Area in New Hanover County can indicate so on the form, and they will receive the Annual Pass with 4WD Beach Access, priced at \$150. Veterans who receive this pass must visit the Fort Fisher park office to receive instructions on how to use the four-wheel-drive gate.

For more information on the Annual Pass benefits and how eligible veterans can request a free one, visit ncparks.gov/annual-pass.

- *N.C. Division of Parks and
Recreation*



Beloved Woman Lula Owl Gloyne

The late Lula Owl Gloyne, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is shown in her nursing uniform in this 1917 photograph.



According to nursinghistory.appstate.edu, "Lula Owl Gloyne was the first Eastern Band Cherokee Indian Registered Nurse (RN) and possibly the first Native American Registered Nurse in the United States. She was the only EBCI officer in World War I, serving as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps." Beloved Woman Gloyne was inducted posthumously into the North Carolina Nurses Association (NCNA) Hall of Fame in 2015. Information from NCNA states that she "went to Washington, DC in 1934 and addressed the U.S. Congress on the need for a hospital for the Eastern Band Cherokee. Her testimony helped secure a hospital which provided the first inpatient care in Cherokee."

Photo: Museum of the Cherokee People

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Colton Uriah Bahe

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Last Known Location: Gallup, New Mexico

Circumstances of Disappearance: On July 28, 2024, Colton Bahe was reported missing by a family member. The family member last spoke with Colton via cell phone on 7/25/24. Mr. Bahe was last seen wearing a black shirt with a beige/white skull on the front of the shirt, beige cargo pants, and brown work boots.

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COMMENTARY

The U.S. government should enforce eagle feather regulations

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

During the September session of Dinilawigi (Tribal Council), the American Eagle Foundation (AEF) presented. The purpose of their visit was to solicit a partnership with the tribe to develop a rehabilitation and hospital facility for eagles and other birds of prey. The visit was facilitated by the Steve Youngdeer Post of the American Legion Post 143.

The Post commander, Warren Dupree, introduced the AEF Executive Director, Jessica Hall, saying, “We were so impressed with the facility that we invited them to come to be presented to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).”

I don’t think we have to spend a whole lot of time talking about the significance of the eagle to Cherokee and other Indian cultures. The symbolism of the eagle is so powerful that when the Europeans immigrated over and decided to take America as their own, they chose to appropriate the eagle as their national bird (although there were some calls to elect the turkey).

Beyond the presentation and the ask for financial partnership, the subject of feather repositories and the allocation of eagle feathers to native tribes was brought up. Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell asked if the AEF was a certified eagle feather repository. Hall said that they are working through the process.

She stated, “Through our research, we have discovered that the Eastern Band of Cherokee



A dancer at the Eastern Band of Cherokee Pow Wow, held in Cherokee, N.C. in July, wears a double-row traditional dance bustle made of eagle feathers. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Indians generally receive feathers, carcasses, and other eagle parts, I wouldn’t say last but are not given first priority over some of the tribes that are out west. We would like to work with the EBCI Dinilawigi to change that directly with US Fish and Wildlife particularly since the nation’s largest

education center, sanctuary, and potential rehabilitation hospital will reside within an hour of this community.”

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahnetah spoke on a situation involving acquiring feathers for a member of our community. “I been trying to get some feathers

for an elder. We have been waiting for over three years for them to come. I’ve received email that the only reason we hadn’t received them yet was because of disease. I guess they are finding that some of the birds have avian disease that they have so they will not... they just destroy them. He may die

before we ever get his feathers. So that is a concern.”

Hill stated that the disease has made a resurgence in the bird population but all birds under the care of AEF are tested and do not have the disease.

Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Mitchell Hicks also recounted issues with obtaining eagle feathers for tribal members. “We have had a request in for months because we get a number of requests, especially when our students graduate, to have a beaded feather. We are not able to access those either from the Executive Office. It would be helpful to have some access to benefit our kids. They take great pride when they wear that feather as they walk across the stage. So whatever hope you could give us would be appreciated.”

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is the issuer of eagle feathers and parts. Many of the criteria and regulations of eagle part distribution fall under Title 50 Parts 10, 13, 21, and 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

On the website information page, some of the first requirements listed are those of being members of federally recognized tribes. “Who may obtain eagles, parts, and feathers from the (federal) Repository? Only enrolled members of Federally recognized tribes who are 18 years of age or older may apply to receive and possess eagles, parts, and feathers from the Repository for religious purposes.”

In the “common questions” section of the form: “Who is eligible for a Native American Religious Use permit? Permits can only be issued to enrolled members of federally recognized tribes. Individuals who cannot demonstrate enrollment in a

federally recognized tribe cannot obtain a permit. Unfortunately, at this time, this includes Native Hawaiians.” And, along with the Native Hawaiians, it would include the state-recognized “tribes” that reside in North Carolina. And, according to U.S. federal law, “a violation of the Act can result in a fine of \$100,000 (\$200,000 for organizations), imprisonment for one year, for a first offense. Penalties increase substantially for additional offenses, and a second violation of this Act is a felony.”

So, at some point, somewhere, the lawmakers of the United States thought this was an important issue. However recent behavior in North Carolina in particular shows that some in both the state “tribes” and the state government really aren’t worried about federal regulation. A One Feather editorial from the first week of May 2024, the same week that Cumberland County Schools had their 2024 Eagle Feather Ceremony, recounted some of the comments about state-recognized tribes receiving the feathers. One stated, “They can arrest me all they want.” That would seem to be an admission that they received and possessed an eagle feather in full knowledge that it was and is against federal law to do so. The presenters were so brazen as to quote the federal law, but their version said “Native Americans” may possess them, leaving out the part about being a federally recognized tribe as a requirement. Videos are available online of these ceremonies and maybe federal law enforcement should either enforce the law or explain why they choose to ignore the law.

AEF Director Hall, as she addressed the Dinilawigi, said, “We do struggle as an organization understanding how some

state-recognized tribes get access to these feathers before federally recognized tribes and it is something that we are willing to throw our full support behind with US Fish and Wildlife in partnership with the Dinilawigi and the EBCI community.”

According to the North Carolina General Assembly website, the state legislature passed, and the governor ratified a new law titled “American Indians Graduating with Honors Act” in June 2023. It ordains the use of culturally significant objects “as part of the student’s regalia at any graduation ceremony for a school within a public school unit in which a student is a graduating participant. For the purposes of this section, objects of cultural significance are defined as bird feathers and plumes.” The catch is that the state provides this allowance to “a student that is, or is eligible to be, enrolled as a member of a State or federally recognized Indian Tribe.” Some editorialists have speculated that this is a license for state “tribes” to use eagle and even hawk feathers in public school graduation ceremonies.

In the global scheme of things, this may seem like a very trivial thing to worry about. But the disrespect shown to federally recognized tribes through the misuse of our “objects of cultural significance” erodes the very core of what it means to be a sovereign nation. Like our history, language, and all the other things that make us a unique people, the eagle holds cultural and spiritual significance that goes beyond federal law.

“The Bald Eagle has always been held in the highest of regard by the Cherokees. Perching and flying higher than other birds, no other bird is considered as sacred as the Bald Eagle. Flying off

its high perch before the dawn, the eagle would fly into the sky, allowing the sunlight to filter through its wings to bring the day. The Creator so revered the eagle as master of the sky, the Creator did not wish for the Eagle to ever walk upon the earth. Thus, the Eagle mother lines her nest with a fine carpet of soft fur. Once the Eagle chick is fully feathered, the mother removes the fur, forcing the young Eagle to walk on rough twigs and thorns, encouraging the young Eagle to leave the nest and fly, taking his rightful place as master of the sky. Eagle feathers were given to boys as they transitioned into manhood. However, the feathers were collected only by the most respected of men, who would never allow harm to come to the Eagle.” (Cherokee Nation government site)

Ugviyuhi Hicks spoke of the importance of the eagle as a symbol of freedom. “I was just looking at the bald eagles in the chambers and, you know, it gives you a great feeling. We were at an event yesterday when an eagle flew over and it just made you feel safe. You could feel the freedom that we have known for centuries.”

I hope that the tribal government will seriously and deliberately seek this partnership with the American Eagle Foundation. The Dinilawigi and Ugviyuhi certainly seemed receptive to working out something with this organization and I think it could turn out to be one of the more significant partnerships we could invest ourselves in. Spiritually and culturally it makes good sense. We need allies in the defense of our sovereignty and defense of our values, especially if the federal government fails to uphold the law, the state condones violation of the law, and state “tribes” ignore the law.

EBCI signing MOU agreement with WCU, UNCA, SCC, Mars Hill University, UT **“This collaboration will likely open up new opportunities and strengthen ties between these institutions and the Cherokee community. Exciting times ahead for all involved.”**-Amelia Gobel

Name something positive that happened this week **“My team, the Tsalagi Cougars, were featured in the One Feather. We are a group of Senior ladies that have come together and formed a cheerleading group. I have enjoyed the camaraderie and friendship. Thank you One Feather.”**-Kim Sneed Lambert

Photo of a newly-emerged cicada aka jarfly **“That is what we called them. We would catch them in jars and listen to them sing. It was a bit mean. They are quite beautiful and a song of the night. I love to listen to them.”**-Kimberly Capps

Commentary: The US Government should enforce eagle feather regulations **“These state tribes should not be allowed to obtain or keep feathers.”**-Austin Cragg

Connecting to Kuwohi: Students learn history in special event **“My family hasn’t seen Kuwohi in almost 200 years. I want to put my bare feet in the dirt there and tell my ancestors I’m home, if only for a once in a lifetime visit from all the way out west in California.”**-Jeremy Smallin

Snagg Connection advertisement **“Men were blessed with legs they don’t deserve. I wish mine looked long and perfect in heels! All love and light tho.”**-Sylvia Smoker

“Do they have to be native? Unega legs can be sexy too! They actually have hair on them!”-Juanita Plummer Wilson

“Just when I didn’t think things could get any funnier...”-Heather Rednour

Agree/Disagree: The EBCI does a great job at providing recycling opportunities **“Disagree completely. I think we need the machines that take cans, plastic jugs, and bottles and then automatically pay the person to persuade more recycling. I tried using the salvage place where the Wilmont Bridge is on 74 East. The national rate was way higher and I would have only got half if I would’ve sold it there. I went to Sylva where they were fair. So, just my opinion, I truly feel this would help our situation and enforcing some of our laws but aren’t enforced, for example plastic straws aren’t supposed to be used here.”**-Lea Wolf

Tribal Talk

Randomly selected comments from
The One Feather social media.

The Center for Native Health names Kristina Hyatt a program officer **“Congratulations to you for all of your accomplishments. You’re awesome work and dedication are a blessing for this tribe.”**-Cindee West

Video of elk bugling **“I still find it amusing that an animal this majestic squeals!”**-Jennifer Repaich

Endowment for Cherokee Hospital Foundation established at NC Community Foundation **“Miss Carmaleta is the best. She definitely deserves all the praise, and more. She most certainly wears the Cherokee Beloved Woman title with honor. God bless Dr. Carmaleta Monteith. A great, and positive, role model who we should all look up to.”**-Nathan Bush

On the Sidelines Commentary-The will to win-Lady Braves Volleyball **“This is an amazing article and so appreciative of the recognition of ALL the players hard work!! Thank you for this!!”**-Pam Sumner Price

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Cherokee Boys Club Employee of the Month

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Consider Christ for Christ's Sake

By **JOSH BLACKMER**

It is a true statement that the best part of any community is the people. Unfortunately, we also must acknowledge the other side of that reality. The worst part of a community can also be the people. In any group, some stand out as shining examples, and others, by their actions and conduct, sully the name. Christianity is not immune to this phenomenon. One could look back through history and see

the highs and lows of what has been done in the name of Christ. It might be that you don't have to look beyond your own life to see those things. Perhaps you have been a beneficiary or a victim of this same truth at the hands of one wearing the name of Christ.

Would you take a moment to consider Christ for Christ's sake alone? Just based on His merit. Not based on what those called Christians have done or not done, should do or don't do. For to err is human, but Christ is divine. He was in the beginning with God and was God and was involved in the creation of all things (John 1:1-3). He became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). He was born into a family of low estate (Luke 2:6-7). He was tempted in all ways as

a man, yet He did not sin (Hebrews 4:15). He had compassion on those that others would not (Mark 6:34). He healed the sick and lame (Matthew 14:14). He ate with sinners and the outcasts of that society (Matthew 9:10-13). He died for the very ones who rejected Him (Romans 5:8). He didn't die in a simple painless manner but by cruel crucifixion (Philippians 2:8). It was done to defeat death (1 Corinthians 15:55-57) and to redeem a people for His own possession (Titus 2:14). He has said that we can be His friend (John 15:14). He is patient and wants us all to have a relationship with Him (2 Peter 3:9).

Christians make mistakes and bad choices, including myself. However, Christ has done every-

thing to deserve our respect and devotion. Would you take some time to think about these things? Consider Jesus the Christ of the Bible based on His merits alone. Do not miss out on the blessings of being in Christ and a part of His church because of the bad examples (Ephesians 1:3).

Josh Blackmer is an itinerant preacher. He and his wife Cara travel the United States and South America working with small churches. They are based in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and work under the Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ. They are currently on assignment with the Cherokee church of Christ. For more on this ministry visit www.answeringmacedoniancalls.com.

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Presents The **WNC Fly Fishing Trail Weekly Fishing Report**

September 23-29, 2024

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
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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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, SEPT. 23	TUESDAY, SEPT. 24	WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25	THURSDAY, SEPT. 26	FRIDAY, SEPT. 27	SATURDAY, SEPT. 28	SUNDAY, SEPT. 29
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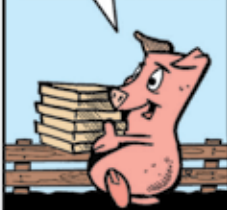
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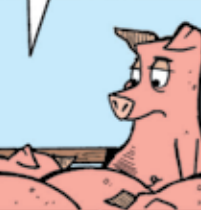
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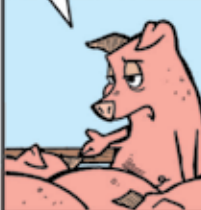
COME ON, WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? EAT IT WHILE IT'S STILL HOT.



LOU READ THAT ALL THAT STUFF IS FILLED WITH PRESERVATIVES.



SAYS THE GUY EATING THREE-DAY-OLD FOOD OFF THE GROUND?



by Dave T. Phipps

TIGER

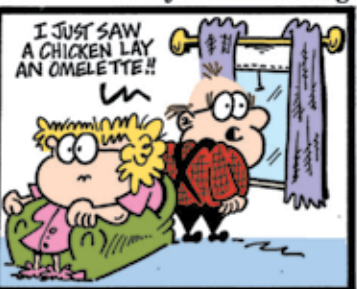


by BUD BLAKE



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by Jeff Pickering

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Ball is moved. 3. Wristband is missing. 4. Facemask is different. 5. Fence is not as high. 6. Fledge is lower.

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Trivia Test Answers
1. Iowa; 2. Decepticons; 3. They turn to stone; 4. A float; 5. Sealfood; 6. About 4.6 billion years old; 7. Albuquerque, New Mexico; 8. "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"; 9. Ingrrown toenail; 10. Halifax

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Peron of Argentina
- Siestas
- First light
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- German shepherd
- Teen hangout
- Resistance unit
- Church topper
- British party
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- The "G" of LGBTQ
- Doesn't buy
- Clothing store section
- Gender
- Stratagem
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- Rainbow shape
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- Stew flavorer
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- Genesis brother
- Music school concerts

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- Clean air org.
- Kilmer of "Top Gun"
- Losers
- Eggnog sprinkling
- "Entourage" agent
- Unpaid TV ads
- Dasher's boss
- Agriculture goddess
- Pronto
- Humpty's perch
- Egyptian river
- Sashimi fish
- Goof up
- Pack (down)
- Kilmer of "Top Gun"
- Curve molding
- Airline to Sweden
- Evergreen type
- Wedding
- Despot
- Big rig
- Bought time
- Deleted
- Tram load
- Realm
- Ersatz chocolate
- Follower (Suff.)
- Wild party
- "Peek- —!"
- Holler
- Disaster aid gp.
- Scoundrel
- Long, crosser
- CIA operative

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is The Hawkeye State?
- MOVIES: What are the bad guys called in "Transformers"?
- MYTHOLOGY: What happens to people when Medusa turns her gaze on them?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of crocodiles in the water called?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in bouillabaisse (stew)?
- ASTRONOMY: How old is our Sun?
- TELEVISION: Where does Walter White live in "Breaking Bad"?
- LITERATURE: The character named Ichabod Crane appears in which 19th-century story?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for onychocryptosis?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Nova Scotia?

Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword
Answers

HAPPENINGS

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

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Indian Dinner Benefit for Kyn-dra Wiggins. Oct. 1 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Pick-up at the Pancake House across from the casino in Cherokee, N.C. Dinners are \$15/each and include: fried chicken, fatback and grease, bean bread or chestnut bread, and a choice of two sides – fried potatoes, cabbage, mac'n'tomatoes, or pintos and hominy. Text to pre-order: Kyndra (828) 788-3845

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. 28 at 5 p.m. Fundraiser for the Kolanvyi Over 40 Indian Ball Team

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

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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.)

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

HEALTH/SPORTS EVENTS

8th Annual Cherokee Skate Jam. Oct. 2 at the "Thunder Place" Cherokee Action Sports Park on Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. This is being held in conjunction with the 112th Cherokee Indian Fair Children's Day. Registration at 9 a.m., competition starts at 10 a.m.: Beginners at 10 a.m., Intermediate at 11:30 a.m., Advanced/Open at 1 p.m., Best Trick at 2 p.m., Prizes at 3:30 p.m. Free entry. Info: (828) 736-2698 or 736-6170

North Carolina Basketball Blue – White Game. Oct. 13 at 12 p.m. at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, N.C. Game tickets start at \$20. Meet & Greet Dinner Event on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Convention Center ball-

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Hi, I am called **Roxy**. I live in Yellowhill. My pawrents are Kristy and Mark Herron. Tyra is my sister. I love and appreciate you, Roxy.



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room. \$125/seat or \$750 for a table (seats 8). Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com. Presale code is EBCI24 and will apply to game and dinner event.

PTGCC Adult Basketball

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

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

14th Annual Rooted in the



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Travel plans could be interrupted by the reemergence of a workplace problem that was never quite fully resolved. Deal with it at once, then take off on a well-deserved trip.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Aspects favor cultural activities for sensuous Bovines. Attend a concert or an art show. Better yet, create something yourself (a poem, perhaps?), and dedicate it to someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Respect any doubts you might now be feeling about a new situation. They could be reflecting your inner awareness that some essential information might be missing. Check it out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's important to start the new week with as clean of a slate as possible. Either complete all those unfinished tasks, or pass them on to others who would be more than happy to take them on.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to cut down on expenses and tame the urge to splurge. Applying some financial discipline now could help the Big Cat ride out a possible monetary crunch later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Money matters are dominant this week. Recheck your accounts and make sure they're up-to-date. Also, pay more attention to personal issues before they become major problems.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might be tempted to employ

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

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the same tactics as your adversary, but this could backfire. Better to use the same balanced approach that has worked for you before and could work again.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A changing workplace environment could stir up confusion as well as apprehension. Best to ignore the rumors and get the facts. You could find that the changes bring positive elements.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Communication is easier this week, as people are ready and eager to hear what you have to say. Also, check for possible technical problems before you start a new project.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Aspects favor change for the usually traditional Goat. Opening your mind to possibilities you had ignored could lead you to make decisions you once considered improbable.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Making personal as well as professional adjustments to changing conditions might be easier with more information explaining the hows and the whys of the situations in question.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With a growing tide of positive reactions to buoy your confidence, this could be the right time to put the finishing touches on your new project and get it well and truly launched.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for setting an example of quiet, calm reasoning in the midst of chaotic conditions.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Empty alcohol bottle in the pocket?

A big thumbs-up to the whistleblower who ratted out a Department of Veterans Affairs surgeon who was carrying an empty alcohol bottle. Specifically, the bottle fell out of the scrubs in the surgical locker room.

The report by the VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) is scary to read when it concerns somebody who is going to carve up human bodies with scalpels. The surgeon was reported and, no, just being in possession of an alcohol bottle doesn't specifically mean the surgeon was drinking on the job. But really, do you know anyone who carries around an empty alcohol bottle in their pocket who wasn't drinking? When nothing was done immediately, a whistleblower called the state licensing board as well as the OIG.

Meanwhile, the surgeon was transferred to a different medical function — ordering prescriptions — away from direct patient care and was told to keep away from patients. The head of the facility believed that placing medication orders did not constitute patient care, so it would be OK.

Except it was learned that the surgeon didn't understand "stay away from patients" and did contact a surgical patient — and was transferred again to a different function.

The OIG's opinion was that yes, prescribing medications did constitute direct patient care, and finally the facility leader decided to go for suspension of the surgeon.

The OIG report is a lengthy exploration of how those in charge can take steps while not understanding the rules and, oh, by the way, the hospital indicated that the surgeon didn't actually treat any patients while banned from doing so. Except the OIG discovered paperwork that indicated the surgeon did indeed perform surgery on the same day that an empty alcohol bottle fell out of the pocket of the scrubs. When asked why they didn't report the multiple problems with patient care they witnessed at the surgeon's hands, staff indicated that they feared retaliation.

It took 11 months, but the facility leaders eventually canceled the surgeon's facility privileges while patients were potentially at risk the whole time.

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How to photograph your pet

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I've been trying to take a picture of my cat "Jess" all summer long. But every photo looks terrible. Do you have any tips for taking good pictures of pets? — Taylor H., Taos, New Mexico

DEAR TAYLOR: Patience and practice are your best friends when trying to get a great shot of your pet. Cats aren't known for their tolerance of sitting in one pose for very long (especially when you're trying to force them into a pose), and even well-trained dogs can't stay in place too long.

Study the techniques of good photography; you can look them up online. Composition is more important than the device you're using — whether an expensive camera or your smartphone.

Incorporate these guidelines into your pet photography:

— Opportunity: Rather than posing your pet, photograph them in their daily lives.

— Eye level: Position the camera lens at the same level as your pet's eyes, rather than aiming down at them.

— Focus: Make sure your device has a sharp focus on the pet's eyes. If the auto focus has trouble doing so, try angling slightly to one side so their snout isn't in the way.

— Natural light: Turn off the auto flash and rely on natural light, like sunlight or a warmly lit room. This keeps pets relaxed and gives a nice glow to the image.

— Background: Pay attention to what's behind your pet. An unscooped litter box behind Jess will really stand out when you're reviewing the photos.

— Unusual angles: Play around with different angles and perspectives when photographing your pet. Many won't work, but you might be surprised at the ones that look amazing.

Most important, have fun!

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

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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 Pinna- cle 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 Work- shops and Conferences or contact WCU Educational Outreach at 828-227-7397.

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meet- ing.

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

Gatlinburg Farmers Market.

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

77th Fall Edition Craft Fair of the Southern Highlands.

Oct. 17-20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Harrah's Cherokee Center at 87 Haywood St. in Asheville, N.C. Over one hundred artists, makers, and craftspeople will fill the two-level building to sell their works of pot- tery, sculpture, furniture, tapestry, apparel, mixed media, jewelry, and more. Over the weekend, regional musicians perform on the down- stairs stage. Visitors to the fair will have the opportunity to win a piece of fine craft from one of the exhibi- tors 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 Ap- preciation 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

Comanche Nation Fair Pow Wow. Sept. 27-29 in Lawton, Okla. Emcees: Terry Fiddler, Edmond Nevaquaya, Anthony Monessey. Head Southern Singer: Alen Goodfox. Info: Edmond Nevaquaya (580) 699-4577

Last Chance Community Pow Wow. Sept. 27-29 at Lewis & Clark Co. Fairgrounds in Helena, Mont. MC: Vince Short. Host Drum: Cannon Hill. Info: (406) 439-5631, lccpw@hotmail.com

Morongo Thunder and Light- ning Pow Wow. Sept. 27-29 in Cabazon, Calif. Emcees: Tom Phil- lips, Taite Honadick. Info: [www. morongopowwow.com](http://www.morongopowwow.com)

19th Annual Totah Drums of Fall. Sept. 28 at McGee Park in Farmington, N.M. MC: Leonard Anthony. Host Northern Drum: Sa- cred Wheel. Host Southern Drum: Smoke Stack. Info: Kristine Werito (505) 564-4804

55th Annual AIS Homecoming Pow Wow. Sept. 28 at Camp Mar- shall Equestrian Center in Spencer, Mass. MC: Rich Williams. Host Drum: Walking Bear. Info: Reid Thetford (518) 222-6202, flatre- id13@gmail.com

2nd Annual Native American Heritage Celebration. Sept. 28 at the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium at 500 W. Sunshine St. in Springfield, Mo.

MC: Shannon Leroy. Host Drum: Drowning Creek. Info: American Indian Center of Springfield (417) 880-1570, springfieldindiancen- ter1@gmail.com

South Sound Pow Wow. Sept. 28 at the Bethel High School Gym at 22215 38th Ave. E., Spanaway, Wash. MC: Arlie Neskahi. Host Drum: 206 Singers. Info: Rachael Barger (253) 800-2394, [rbarger@ bethelsd.org](mailto:rbarger@bethelsd.org)

SUPPORT GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Chero- kee 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 McMil- lan (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 sup- port 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 mastecto- my items, nutritional supplements, wigs, and related products. The group can volunteer to take a client to their appointment if it is request- ed in a timely manner. Betty's Place is open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (828) 497-0788

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

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

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

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

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

Birdtown Community meets the second Monday of each month at the community building; potluck at

5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Joey Owle (828) 508-2869

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Abundant Life Apostolic Church. 171 Johnson Br. Road, Bryson City. Sunday Worship 6

p.m. Wednesday Worship. 7 p.m. Pastor Kevin Linkinhoker 488-8937

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

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

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

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

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

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

welcome.

Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. 960 Old Bryson 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

see **EVENTS** next page

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Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

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

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

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

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

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

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

Embassy Christian Center

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

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

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

pel Ministries. 1921 US 441 N. Sunday service 10 a.m. Thursday service 7 p.m. Pastor Margie Hall 736-9383

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

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

Newsong Church. 3548 Wolfetown Rd. Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Sunday night service 6:30

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2. In Esther 2, what was Hegai “the keeper” of regarding King Ahasuerus? *Holy Grail, Weapons, The women, Grain of the fields*
3. What New Testament person was the “voice of one crying in the wilderness”? *Judas, Jude, Jehovah, John the Baptist*
4. From Proverbs 22, what is bound up in the heart of a child? *Foolishness, Mischief, Love, Rebellion*
5. In biblical times, what were small copper coins called? *Pennies, Shekels, Mites, Paschals*
6. From Judges 10, who had 30 sons that rode 30 donkeys? *Elijah, Jair, Ezekiel, Job*

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

p.m., Tuesday Night Prayer 7 p.m., Wednesday night service 7 p.m. Pastor Eric Moore

Old Antioch Baptist Church.

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

Olivet United Methodist

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

82 Lambert Branch Road. Sunday Mass at 8 a.m. Father Victor Ameh 736-5322

The Peaks Church.

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

Rock Springs Baptist Church.

129 Old Gap Road. Sunday School

10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m. Pastor Greg Morgan 497-9455, 736-1245 (cell)

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church.

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

Shoal Creek Baptist Church.

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

Spruce Grove Baptist Church.

780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday worship service 11 a.m., Sunday

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

Straight Fork Baptist Church.

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

Waterfalls Baptist Church.

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

Whittier United Methodist Church.

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

(828) 582-0564

Wilmot Baptist Church.

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

Wright's Creek Baptist Church.

Wright's 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

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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 or Chelsi Corpening at chelsi.corpening@kituwahg3.com or (828) 604-8229.

Native American preference

does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted in conjunction of all applications. **10/2**



Museum of the Cherokee People

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 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**

Camper for Sale - Camper is

permanently set up in Cherokee N.C. at Smoky Mountain RV Park and Resort Lot 193. Less than 10 minutes from Harrah's Cherokee Casino. Has a permanent awning over the patio. A covered place to park. Queen bed on one end and bunk bed on the other. Campground has a swimming pool and play ground. Gated park. I am not renting to own or trading for anything so Please do not ask. Lot rent is \$2800.00 from May to October then \$300.00 for winter storage. This is only a summer vacation spot only. The office at the park would be glad to answer any questions you may have. Serious inquires please call Charlene Wooliver at 865-740-3984. **10/9**

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

CHARLES KALONAHESKIE

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



Employment Opportunities

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the following positions:
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977 Old Soco Rd
Cherokee NC, 28719

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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

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

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
ELLA C. CABE**

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

them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.

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

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

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Public Notice

Cherokee Code Sec. 113E-2(b) and related federal regulations require the EBCI Natural Resources Department to review the Tribal Water Quality Standards at least every three years. Presently the Natural Resource Department's Water Quality Office is proposing no changes to the Tribal Water Quality Standards at this time. The Water Quality Standards are codified in Title 15 of the Cherokee Administrative Regulations and may be viewed online for free by visiting https://library.municode.com/tribes_and_tribal_nations/eastern_band_of_cherokee_indians/. 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 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**

2024 Christmas Checks

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

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

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

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

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

Heating Assistance

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

Disabled Heating opens in October.

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

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Family Support does not have previously submit-

ted documentation available. **11/6**



Request for Proposal (RFP)

Kituwah Global Government (KG3) needs a qualified contractor to provide construction services for some room buildout renovations to our warehouse. Renovations will include building some walls/workbenches, HVAC installation, plumbing, painting and chain link fencing. Interested vendors must attend scheduled site visit to review specific requirements. Successful bidder must provide proof of insurance. Direct any questions to Bill Medcalf, 828-604-8191.

Site Visit:

Date: October 7, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM (EST)

Location: 180 Clearwood Dr, Witter NC 28789

RFPs Due: OCTOBER 18, 2024.

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Notice to Qualified Professionals Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

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

The Handicapped and Elderly Living Program (H.E.L.P.) is seeking qualified contractors and professionals who specialize in general residential rehabilitation and repair for residential properties. Work to be performed may include:

Removal and installation of metal

or shingled roofs
 Removal and installation of storm doors, doors and window
 Service, removal, and installation of HVAC
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 Service, removal, and installation of propane heater & tank/line sets
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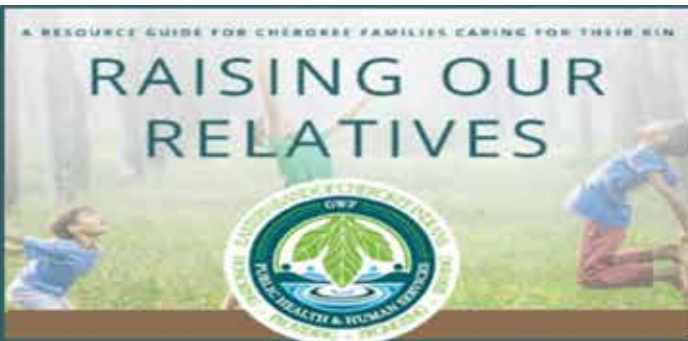
of plumbing
 Removal and installation of kitchen cabinets
 Removal and installation of flooring
 Rough and finish carpentry
 Construction of universally acceptable ramps and decks
 Sheetrock repair
 Lawn maintenance services
 Pest control
 Locksmith

Qualified contactors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Several contractors and professionals will be selected for work. Selections will be based on qualifications. The H.E.L.P. Program reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

The work to be performed under this RFQ is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors

will be given preference. Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the H.E.L.P. Program office.

Contact Jeremy Hyatt, jhyatt@nc-chokeee.com with questions or comments at 828-359-6638. **10/2**



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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

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

All applications and job descriptions are available at
www.ebci.com/jobs

Closing Sunday, September 29, 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. Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
5. Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Assistant Supervisor – Transit – Operations (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Environmental Regulatory Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
9. Cook – Senior Citizens – Education (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
10. Supervisor (Business Operations) – Cherokee Fitness Complex – Education (L13 \$48,738 - \$60,923)
11. Recreation Aide – Cherokee Life Recreation – Education (L7 \$15.99 - \$19.99 per hour)
12. Workforce Development Specialist – TERO (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)

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)



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<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or
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

- Pre-K Teacher
- K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- Elementary Teachers
- Elementary Teacher Assistant
- 6-8 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- 9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- Grants Coordinator
- School Psychologist
- Special Education Parent Liaison
- CMS Alternative Teacher
- Varsity Wrestling Coach
- CMS Wrestling Head Coach
- CMS Wrestling Assistant Coach
- CMS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
- CMS Softball Head Coach
- JV Boys Basketball Assistant Coach

- Security (Part-Time)
- Custodian (Fulltime, Evening Shift)
- Food Service Worker (6 hour Full time)
- Substitute Food Service Workers



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

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- 1. PT - \$17.00/hour without Benefits
- 1. FT Weekend- \$17.00 /hour with Benefits
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- Seasonal Bus Drivers (Aug.– May) \$18.00/hour without benefits
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CHILD DEVELOPMENT

- Agelink Center
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- Behavioral Specialist (\$ \$55,000-\$75,000
- Family Partnership Coordinator (\$\$55,000-\$75,000

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 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**
 Master Level Therapist - Integrated Classroom - \$58,332 - \$72,915
 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

ENGINEERING

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

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

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
 PA/ NP - Analenisgi - \$91,254 - \$114,067

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**

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**

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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 - **\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89- ***\$5,000 Hiring Bonus FT**
 Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - ***\$10,000 Hiring Bonus FT**
 Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11 - **\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent - \$31.06 - \$35.64
 Laundry Aide - \$15.00 - \$16.77
 Housekeeper - \$15.00 - \$16.77
 Scheduler - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Tribal Option

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

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INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM SERVICES ON TRUST LANDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Block Underpinning: Block underpinning will be installed for doublewides.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE GOOD STUFF



Carson-Owl engagement

Thomas Owl Jr. and Cayleigh Carson got engaged on Tuesday, Sept. 17 in Epcot at Disneyworld. (Photo contributed)

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Teammates reunited

Rabun Gap alumni Ezra Burgess (#82), Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians/Choctaw Nation (Okla.), who plays for the Arkansas State Red Wolves, and Marlin Klein (#17), who plays for the Michigan Wolverines, met up on the field at The Big House in Ann Arbor, Mich. on Saturday, Sept. 14. The game was televised on ESPN+. Burgess' family states, "Ezra comes from the Wayohi community and represents his community and tribes well. His family is super proud of him and wishes him all the best and a successful season. Osdandvne Ezra!" (Photo courtesy of Burgess family)



Wrestling success

Aynsley Fink, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Tutiya (Snowbird), is entering her senior year at Ottawa University, Kansas. As a junior, she was a NAIA National Qualifier in wrestling for the Braves at 109lbs. (Photo by Steven Steele, used with permission)



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