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EBCI receives \$4.99 million EPA grant

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has received an almost \$5 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In all, \$300 million was awarded to 33 federally recognized tribes and one U.S. territory out of 110 applications.

The funding came from President Biden’s Inflation Reduction

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has received an almost \$5 million Climate Pollution Reduction Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A solar microgrid, shown at the Cherokee Boys Club on the morning of Friday, Nov. 22, is part of that grant funding and will power the CBC’s electric bus fleet. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Image of the Week

In a light snow, an elk hangs out in the field adjacent to the Oconaluftee Visitors Center in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, just outside of Cherokee, N.C., on the morning of Friday, Nov. 22.
(SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Quote of the Week

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“Applying innovative and highly efficient technologies to all aspects of EBCI operations is required to enable the change necessary to achieve the EBCI’s (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) alternative energy and climate goals.”

- Katie Tiger, EBCI Air Quality Program supervisor, speaking on a recent Environmental Protection Agency’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) received by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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Act. According to a release from the EPA, “When estimates provided by all selected applicants are combined, the proposed projects would cumulatively reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution by over 7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide by 2050 – equivalent to the carbon dioxide emitted from nearly 1.4 million homes’ electricity use for one year.”

The estimated GHG reduction for the EBCI for the next five years (2025-30) is 25,400 metric tons of carbon dioxide and 151,000 metric tons in the time period 2025-50.

“The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians received notification of funding from the Environmental Protection Agency’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) in the amount of \$4,999,999, emphasizing sustainable energy infrastructure, cleaner transportation, resiliency, and education,” said Katie Tiger, EBCI Air Quality Program supervisor. “The proposed implementation activities will serve as a catalyst for EBCI in achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions. The EPA CPRG Program is a significant opportunity for EBCI to receive critical funding to reduce GHG emissions and demonstrate the EBCI’s commitment to a sustainable and resilient future. Applying innovative and highly efficient technologies to all aspects of EBCI operations is required to enable the change necessary to achieve the EBCI’s alternative energy and climate goals. It will also be critical to ensure that an interactive community dialogue guides our work, regarding how climate resiliency initiatives impact the daily livelihood and health of community members.”

Tiger noted that many entities have been involved in this effort.

“EBCI Natural Resources Dept. Air Quality Program believes this implementation approach demonstrates the holistic and deliberate planning processes that EBCI has completed to determine the most effective GHG reduction measures to implement. We have engaged with EBCI leadership, EBCI communities, Cherokee Central Schools’ leadership, the local utility (Duke Energy), and leaders across key partner organizations at every step of the planning process. Primary organizations involved in this application were EBCI, the Cherokee Boys Club (CBC), North Carolina State University’s Carolinas Collaborative on Climate, Health, and Equity (C3HE), Critical Services Microgrid Group (CSMG), and North Carolina’s Clean Energy Technology Center (NCCETC).”

Tiger provided the following summary of projects that will be carried out due to this grant funding:

- The Cherokee Boys Club (CBC) will install a solar microgrid and storage system at the CBC school bus depot to power electric buses and deliver energy resiliency. Also powered by the microgrid will be a zero-emissions Class 8 truck to haul trash 103 miles to Homer, GA, six days a week. In addition to powering electric buses and delivering energy resiliency, this project will continue to utilize a local waste stream (fats and oils) to make biodiesel, which will be used in a generator for backup power when sunlight is insufficient. Implementing a microgrid to charge the fully electric school bus fleet will reduce local emissions that cause climate change and create an opportunity for the CBC, EBCI, and Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) to be more energy

independent and resilient in this changing climate.

- The rooftops of the EBCI Council House and Tribal Operations Program (TOP) office buildings and the New Kituwah Academy will harness solar power to significantly reduce GHG emissions, showing EBCI’s commitment to environmental stewardship and fostering a sustainable learning environment.

- Furthering EBCI’s green initiative, CBC and CCS plan to install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure throughout the town of Cherokee to support the widespread adoption of EVs, simultaneously promoting zero-emission transportation and reductions in GHG pollution.

“The proposed reduction measures are set to significantly benefit the EBCI, propelling the tribe toward energy independence,” Tiger said. “Given the high energy costs and the susceptibility of the Qualla Boundary to power disruptions, these measures are crucial. The implementation of a microgrid will offer resiliency, especially during the climate change-induced events recently experienced predicted for our area.

The installation of solar arrays is a pivotal step, reducing the need for expanding traditional grids, thus preserving the land and creating jobs. This green infrastructure, coupled with electric vehicle use, is expected to cut GHG emissions substantially, improving air quality and health outcomes.”

Michael S. Regan, EPA administrator, said in a statement, “The tribal and territory leaders selected will fund innovative projects that improve air quality, deliver cleaner affordable electricity, and create economic and workforce opportunities that can be scaled up

and replicated across tribal lands and U.S. territories.”

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland said in a statement that the grants “builds on our work at the Interior Department to electrify tribal homes, upgrade sanitation and irrigation systems on tribal lands, and invest in climate resilience and adaptation measures that will serve these communities for generations to come.”

In April, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Priority Climate Action Plan was prepared by EBCI Natural Resources Dept. and NC State’s Carolina Collaborative on Climate, Health, & Equity, a NOAA Climate Adaptation Partnerships team. The purpose and scope of the CAP states, “The primary purpose of our Climate Action Plan is to develop a strategic, coordinated roadmap for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by leveraging this EPA-funded planning process with existing and ongoing efforts already underway within tribal government departments. Ultimately, our hope is not to develop another report to sit on a shelf, but rather take a top-down and bottom-up approach to listening and learning from tribal government, tribal entities, and community members to understand local climate concerns and identify actionable strategies we can take now and in the future for our community. We echo the recent Fifth National Climate Assessment that ‘self-determination is key to implementing effective resilience strategies that meet the needs of Indigenous communities.’”

Tiger noted other benefits that will come out of this funding for the EBCI community. “Educational and employment opportunities arising from these measures will not only raise renewable energy

awareness but also promote the use of cleaner vehicles. Equitable access to EV charging stations across the Qualla Boundary will foster a community-wide shift to sustainable transportation. Moreover, these initiatives promise to galvanize investment in renewable technologies—a crucial step as outlined by the DOE 2023 - bolstering local economic growth and offering employment opportunities for tribal members.”

The EBCI has already been a leader in electric vehicles having received the first electric school bus in the State of North Carolina in March 2022. Earlier this year, the CBC, the EBCI tribal entity that operates the school buses for the Cherokee Central Schools system, received 15 new buses due to funding from the EPA’s Clean School Bus Program – bringing



their total to 21.

At the time of receiving the new buses, Greg Owle, CBC general manager, told the One Feather, “We’ll be one of the first school systems to be able to run an entire

fleet of electric school buses. It’s cutting the cost of us having to put diesel fuel in them. We’ll have zero particulates in the air so we can provide a healthier riding environment for our student.”

Each bus is emblazoned with a placard reading Native Electric which is the partnership between the EBCI Air Quality Program and CBC. Owle noted at the time, “We couldn’t have done this by ourselves. The Tribe has been very helpful and proactive in getting us where we need to be and making sure, even with the infrastructure, that we have the money available. We contribute our part, they contribute a huge part, to make sure that we can get our charging stations and all the things put in place.”

The first electric school bus for Cherokee was the result of a collaboration between the CBC and the EBCI Air Quality Program who received a grant from the N.C. Phase I Volkswagen (VW) Mitigation Program in 2021.

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EBCI leaders to D.C. officials: The Lumbee should go through the OFA process

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

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state recognized group, has been seeking federal acknowledgement as an Indian tribe for decades, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has opposed this since day one.

Recently, EBCI leaders went to Washington, D.C. to express their concerns with current legislation (Lumbee Fairness Act) that would grant the Lumbee federal acknowledgement through Congress rather than through the process established by the OFA (Office of

Federal Acknowledgement).

EBCI Ugywiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks said in a statement to the One Feather, “On our recent trip to Washington, D.C., Tribal leadership joined with other Tribal Nations to address the dangerous precedent of the Lumbee Recognition Act, which would set bad policy by allowing groups to bypass the federal acknowledgement process. This process has been funded by the House and Senate since 1978. We remain focused and ready to defend the integrity of the federal recognition process and our sovereignty.”

He added, “Recognition is

about historical truths and accountability. Attempts to shortcut this process not only threaten the EBCI but also undermine the sovereignty of all Tribal Nations in the U.S. We will continue to monitor this legislation and stand against groups who seek to exploit the system for personal or political gain.”

The Office of Federal Acknowledgement (OFA) is located within the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. According to information from the OFA, “By applying anthropological, genealogical, and historical research methods, OFA reviews, verifies,

and evaluates groups’ petitions for federal acknowledgment as Indian Tribes.”

As of Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, there are 11 groups with petitions before the OFA including: Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation (Calif.), Amah Mutsun Band of Ohlone/Costanoan Indians (Calif.), Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians (Mich.), Muscogee Nation of Florida (Fla.), Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe of the Pueblo of San Juan Guadalupe (N.M.), Schaghticoke Indian Tribe (Conn.), Butte Tribe of Bayou Bourbeaux (La.), Fernando Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (Calif.), Chihene Nde Nation

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of New Mexico (N.M.), Tripanick Nansmond Family Indian Tribe (Kan.), and the Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties (Calif.).

There are seven criteria that the OFA uses in determining whether to grant a group federal acknowledgement as laid out in federal law (25 CFR 83.11). They are as follows:

(a) **Indian entity identification.** The petitioner has been identified as an American Indian entity on a substantially continuous basis since 1900. Evidence that the group's character as an Indian entity has from time-to-time been denied will not be considered to be conclusive evidence that this criterion has not been met...

(b) **Community.** The petitioner comprises a distinct community and demonstrates that it existed as a community from 1900 until the present. Distinct community means an entity with consistent interactions and significant social relationships within its membership and whose members are differentiated from and distinct from nonmembers...

(c) **Political influence or authority.** The petitioner has maintained political influence or authority over its members as an autonomous entity from 1900 until the present...

(d) **Governing document.** The petitioner must provide (1) a copy of the entity's present governing document, including its membership criteria; or (2) in the absence of a governing document, a written statement describing in full its membership criteria and current governing procedures.

(e) **Descent.** The petitioner's membership consists of individuals who descend from a historical Indian tribe or from historical Indian tribes that combined and

functioned as a single autonomous political entity.

(f) **Unique membership.** The petitioner's membership is composed primarily of persons who are not members of any federally recognized Indian tribe. However, a petitioner may be acknowledged even if its membership is composed principally of persons whose names have appeared on rolls of, or who have been otherwise associated with, a federally recognized Indian tribe, if the petitioner demonstrates that: (1) it has functioned as a separate politically autonomous community by satisfying criteria in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section; and (2) its members have provided written confirmation of their membership in the petitioner.

(g) **Congressional termination.** Neither the petitioner nor its members are the subject of congressional legislation that has expressly terminated or forbidden the federal relationship. The Department must determine whether the petitioner meets this criterion, and the petitioner is not required to submit evidence to meet it.

Congressman Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.) spoke of the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives on Sept. 25 in opposition to the Lumbee Recognition Act and in favor of groups going through the OFA process.

"For over 40 years, the Department of the Interior has carried out a merit-based process, as set out by Congress and administered by the Office of Federal Acknowledgement (OFA), to make determinations on federal recognition of tribes. If the administration or Congress allows the Lumbee to bypass the OFA, it sends a clear message that other groups with dubious claims for tribal recognition can also avoid the deliber-

ation and scrutiny that the OFA petition is designed to provide."

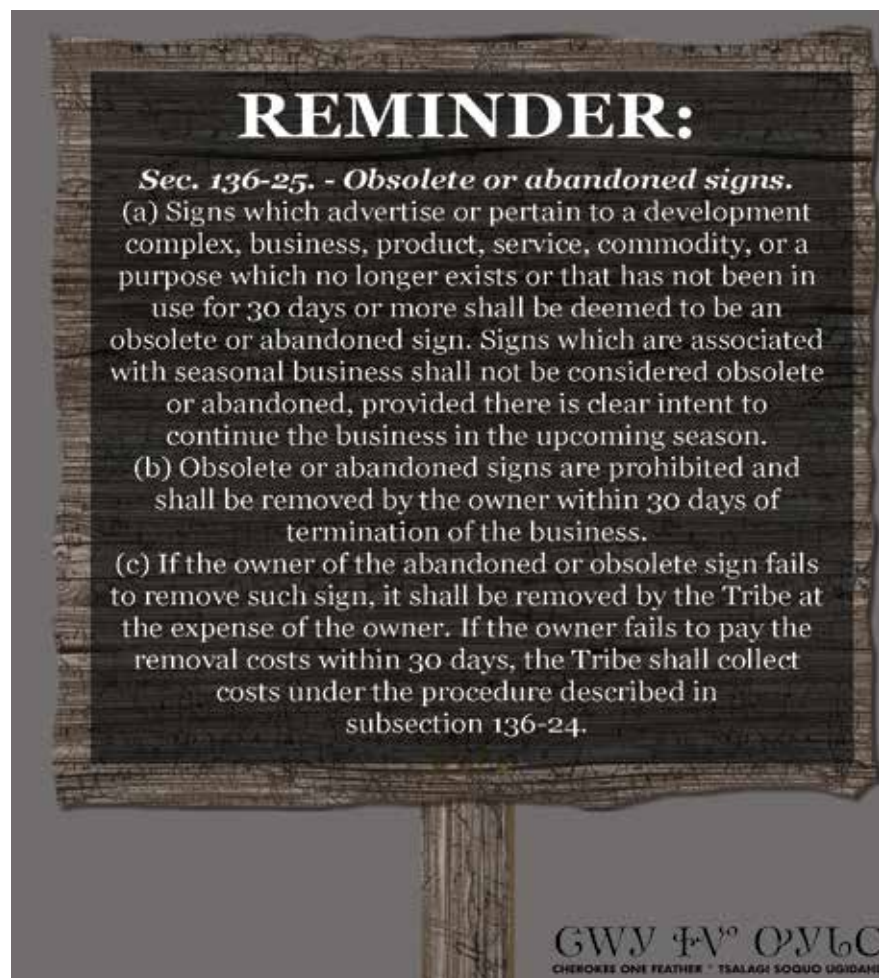
His remarks continued, "If there was actual merit behind the Lumbee case for federal recognition, they'd go through the OFA process as set out in the law. But, as they know, it won't hold up under a deliberative process, they've instead sought to get special treatment through other avenues, all in the face of credible opposition by multiple federally recognized tribes."

On Feb. 16, 2023, Senators Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) and Ted Budd (R-N.C.) introduced S.521 (Lumbee Fairness Act). In a statement at that time, Sen. Tillis commented, "More than six decades ago, Congress made a promise to recognize the Lumbee Tribe, but then failed to keep it. I'm committed to making sure the Lumbees finally get the full recognition they

deserve."

An identical bill (H.R. 1101) was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives on the same day by Congressman David Rouzer (R-N.C.). In a statement at that time, he noted, "For generations, the Lumbee have fought for full recognition and tribal sovereignty that is long overdue. I'm proud to champion the Lumbee Fairness Act in the 118th Congress and will continue working to help the Tribe receive the federal protections they are due, including access to the same resources as every other federally recognize tribe."

S.521 was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Feb. 16, 2023, and H.R. 1101 was referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs on March 22, 2023. That is the last official action on both bills.



Cherokee Police Commission holds November meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Police Commission held their November meeting in the Ginger Lynn Welch large conference room on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 15.

Commissioners in attendance were Vice Chairperson Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove), Frank Dunn (Wayohi, Wolf-town), Lisa Taylor (Aniwodihhi, Painttown), Kym Parker (Elawodi, Yellowhill), Hillary Norville (Tuti-yi, Snowbird & Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.), and Secretary Anita Lossiah (At-Large). Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi,

Birdtown) had an excused absence.

Guests in attendance were Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Chief of Police Carla Neadeau and Cherokee One Feather Reporter Brooklyn Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 12:18 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Johnson.

Police Chief Neadeau provided the monthly report for CIPD. Highlights of the report included the CIPD booth and meal supplied for volunteers at the Scare-O-Kee event in October, CIPD officers and staff assisting with Hurricane Helene relief efforts, a decrease in vacant positions, and the establishment of a CIPD mobile app for providing tips, filing complaints, and more. CIPD also celebrated the graduation of their first cadet, AJ Crowe.

Norville asked Chief Neadeau if Graham Co. Police Department had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate with and aid CIPD. Chief Neadeau answered no, clarifying that Swain Co., Andrews, Murphy, and the Park Service are the only entities who have signed the MOU. Graham Co. and Jackson Co. have yet to sign.

The meeting entered closed session at 1:10 p.m. and exited closed session at 1:17 p.m.

Parker made a motion to accept Chief Neadeau's report. Taylor seconded the motion. The report was approved.

Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) and Natural Resource Enforcement (NRE) did not provide a report.

In open discussion, the commissioners discussed the upcoming

election of new commissioners. The following process has been enacted by the Office of the Principal Chief for the selection of new commissioners:

Individuals interested in being on the police commission had to submit resumes by Aug. 2.

From there, application packages with the resumes were disseminated to the corresponding community clubs. The community clubs have until Dec. 6 to select representatives.

The present commissioners expressed disapproval of the process, citing Sec. 120-4(a) Commission membership from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Code of Ordinances, which reads, "(a)Nominations to serve on the Cherokee Police Commission are made by the Principal Chief. Tribal Council approves membership ap-



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pointments and the Commission's annual work plan. The Commission shall consist of eight members, six of whom shall be members representing the six Tribal townships of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the other two representing one "at large" male and one "at large" female."

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

CIPD Arrest Report for Nov. 11-17, 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.

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 Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Flippo, Robert – age 28
 Arrested: Nov. 14
 Released: Nov. 15
 Charges: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Taylor, Derrick Kyle – age 32
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Wahnetah, Dylan Keith – age 38

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Hernandez, Jessie – age 18
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 Charges: Hold Until Sober

Collins, Alexander Meshaud – age 32
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 Released: Nov. 17
 Charges: Hold Until Sober

Lambert, Robert Lee-William – age 19
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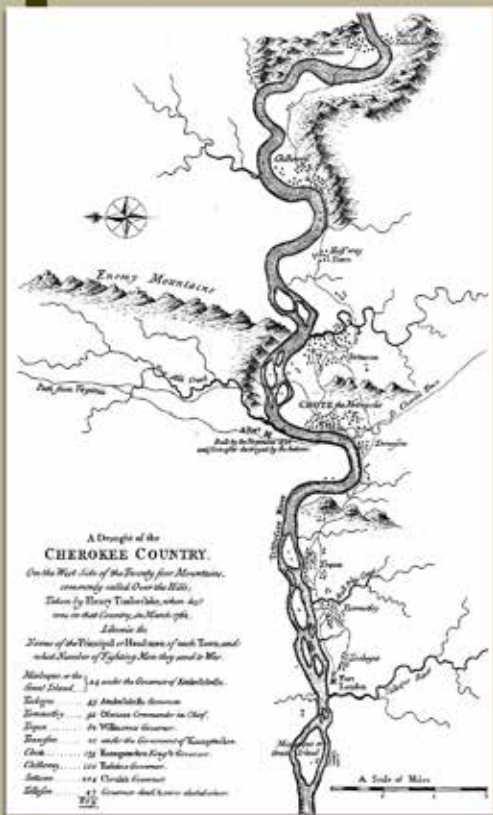
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In 1809, John Norton noted that when the grant expedition destroyed Kituwha, the inhabitants "removed to Big Island, where they built a town; and from that place to Chicamau-ga." Mialoquo was destroyed by the 1776 Virginia expedition and Dragging Canoe moved the town to the Chattanooga area.

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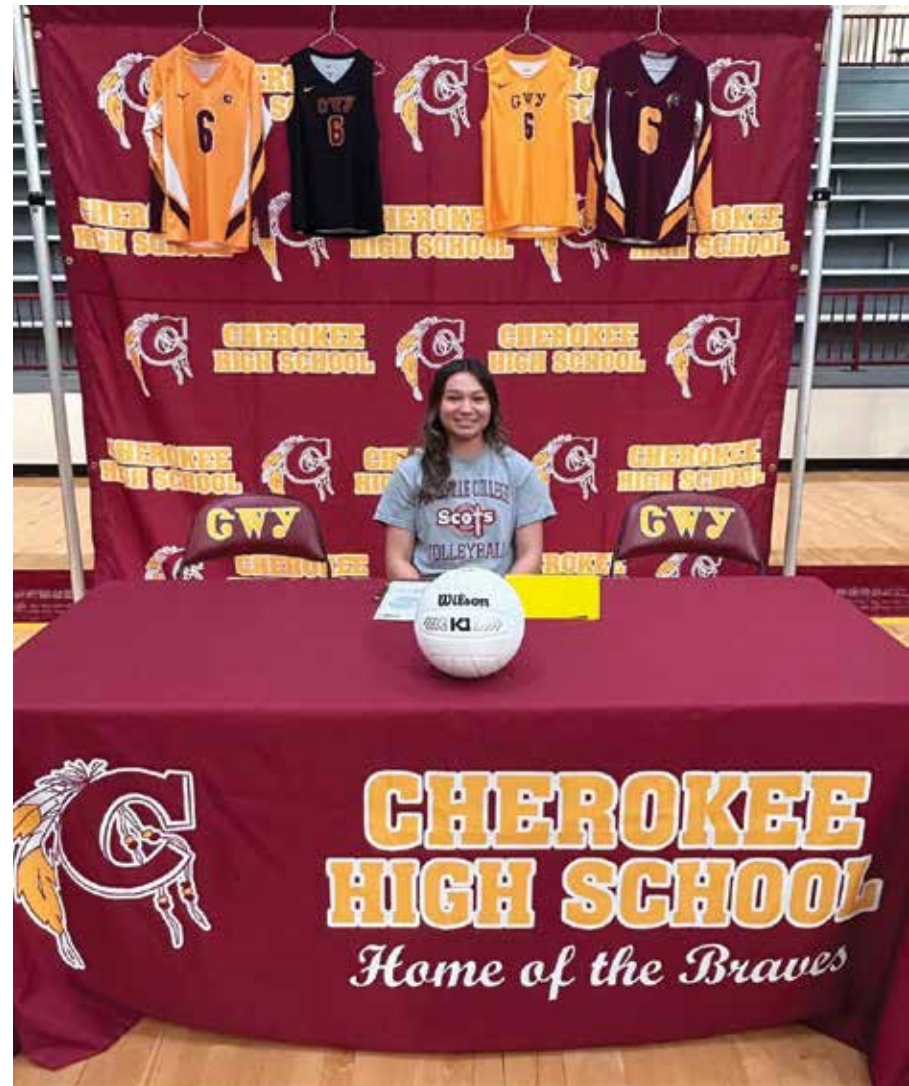
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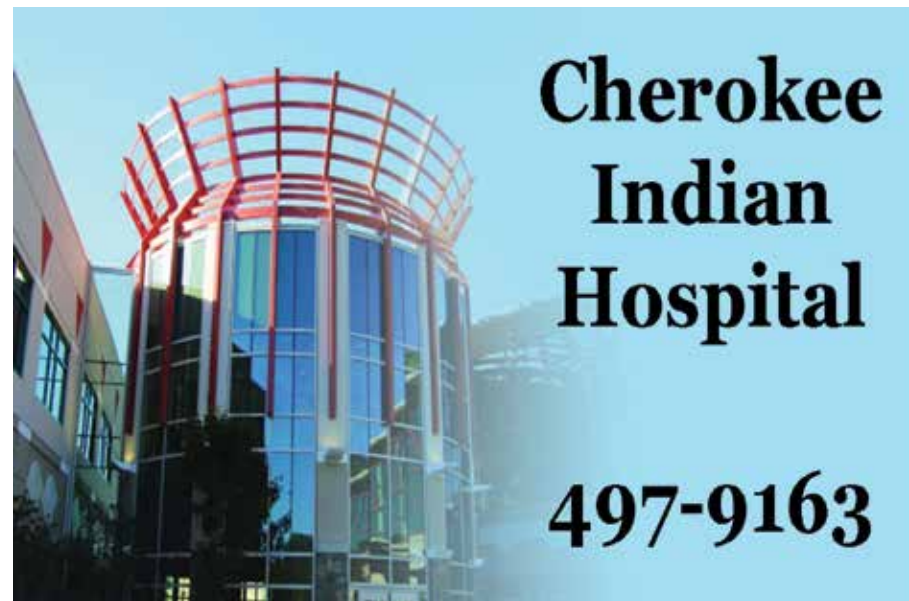
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VOLLEYBALL: Davis signs with Maryville College

Alexis Davis, a senior at Cherokee High School, signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Maryville College, in Maryville, Tenn., during a ceremony at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the morning of Monday, Nov. 18. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools)



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Tribal member working at NASA

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

Miranda Thompson Meyer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, works for one of the most well-known federal agencies there is – the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). She is one of only 28 members of federally recognized tribes employed there.

Meyer has worked there since October 2022 and serves as the contracting officer – procurement at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. According to NASA, over 10,000 people work at this facility which is the “premiere space flight center and home to the nation’s largest organization of scientists, engineers, and technologist who build spacecraft, instruments, and new technology to study Earth, the Sun, our solar system, and the universe”.

NASA states, “Meyer’s responsibilities include advising and counseling in areas such as commercial partnerships, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), environmental law, safety and security, export control, ethics, and memoranda of understanding and other agreements in furtherance of NASA’s strategic goals.”

Meyer hails from Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) originally and served the EBCI as the 2003-04 Teen Miss Cherokee.

She served in the U.S. Army (2010-14) attaining the rank of sergeant and being awarded five Army Commendation medals and three Army Achievement medals. “I was the U.S. Army 249th Engineer Battalion Soldier of the Year in 2013 and supported relief



Miranda Thompson Meyer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, works for one of the most well-known federal agencies there is – the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). (NASA Public Domain image by Thalia Patrinos)

efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy,” Meyer said.

“Discipline is one of the things that they instill within you in the military,” she told Thalia Patrinos, NASA interviewer. “All the way starting in boot camp, the goal is doing the right thing when no one is looking, integrity. Whenever you’re in boot camp, they always say, ‘it’s too easy’. It’s just too easy to follow the rules, read the book, read the regulations, and that’s probably why I enjoy contracting. I like reading the regulations and following the regulations.”

Meyer values education immensely and has earned three degrees including the following: bachelor of arts degree in commu-

nications from UNC Charlotte in 2008, a master of science degree in emergency management from the University of Maryland University College in 2015, and a master of science degree in acquisition and contract management from the University of Maryland Global Campus in 2023.

She told the One Feather, “I began my career as a 1102-Contracting and Acquisition person in 2018 at the U.S. Army Contracting Command at Detroit Arsenal. From there, I did two tours with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) where I provided substantial contract support to run the National Weather Service on the eastern

seaboard as well as award contracts for construction projects in Hawaii and Alaska.”

“I would like to continue my career as a federal employee and possibly explore other agencies. But, I am happy where I’m at right now. My goal though is to come home to North Carolina and retire in the mountains.”

When asked who she’d like to thank for their support, Meyer noted, “My main people who I am thankful for is my mother and father, Robert and Rita Driver of the Birdtown community; also, my grandmother and my sister who are both named Amanda Thompson.”



Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) anetso (stickball) exhibition
 Derek Reynolds and Kenny Griffin go after the ball during a Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Anetso (Stickball) exhibition held at Swain Co. Middle School on the afternoon of Nov. 18 (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)



Russell Bigmeat III wraps up Robert Washington during a Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Anetso (Stickball) exhibition held at Swain Co. Middle School on the afternoon of Nov. 18.



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The Nutcracker returns to Bardo Arts Center

CULLOWHEE, N.C.—The Ballet Conservatory of Asheville will again visit the campus of Western Carolina University to perform two ticketed performances of the holiday favorite ballet, “The Nutcracker”. Visit Bardo Arts Center and see young Clara befriend a nutcracker that comes to life on Christmas Eve and wages a battle against the evil Mouse King. The performances will be held on Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m.

Ballet Conservatory of Asheville (BCA) trains dancers to achieve their full potential by combining weekly technique classes, frequent master classes, and multiple performance opportunities. Classes for children, teens, adults, and celebrated pre-professional division include ballet, pointe, partnering, men’s class, tap, Broadway jazz, and modern. Each year, BCA presents “The Nutcracker, Winter Works: Variations & Innovations”, a full-length Spring ballet, our Spring recital, and Summer Intensive Showcase.

The Nutcracker will surely get viewers in the holiday spirit, and Bardo Arts Center is thrilled to have you there. Doors will open thirty minutes before each performance, with the show starting at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7. The BAC Box Office is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Visit arts.wcu.edu/nutcracker-24 to learn more about the event and purchase tickets. To see BAC’s full calendar of events, please visit arts.wcu.edu/explore or call (828)227-ARTS.

- Bardo Arts Center release

WCU construction management students partner with community leaders to support Project FIRE

CULLOWHEE, N.C. – Western Carolina University construction management students planned and built four shelters this fall for Project FIRE, which gives firewood to low-income, elderly Jackson County residents who rely on it for heat.

“We strive to provide hardwoods that are as dry as possible, but that is difficult without shelters,” said Matt Broomell, coordinator of Project FIRE with the Jackson County Department on Aging. “These shelters will allow us to provide a better-quality product to seniors that is easier to light and burns cleaner and hotter.”

FIRE, which stands for Fuel Intervention for Rural Elderly, is a Jackson County-run project made possible with support from partners including Cullowhee United Methodist Church. Each year in August, wood starts showing up in the parking lot at CUMC, and more than 200 volunteers, many of whom are WCU students, help cut, split and deliver the firewood through fall and winter.

Broomell said he and the leadership at CUMC had been discussing firewood shelters when Chris Cox, assistant professor of construction management with the College of Engineering and Technology, reached out to explore ideas for student projects. In a service-learning designated construction project management course that Cox teaches, students apply the construction management skills they are learning to projects that make a difference in the community.

“These projects offer real-world experiences that are an important part of their education,” said Cox. “If you work in construction management, you can make a real impact, and students experience that firsthand in this course.” This fall, students reviewed the Project FIRE needs and developed detailed proposals and plans to construct four portable firewood shelters, each capable of holding 2.5 cords of firewood, on a narrow piece of property along the CUMC parking lot.

“We had to figure out all the logistics and how to manage it with parking - getting everything in without affecting parking or people bringing their kids to school or coming in and out of the church,” said Reece Penland, senior construction management major from Hayesville. “Once we got our plan down, we had to pick a good design that we could build.”

After receiving approval from project leaders and property owners, more than a dozen students over the course of a week helped with construction. They coordinated the delivery to the WCU Construction Materials and Methods Laboratory of materials donated by Brown Haven Homes. They built part of the sheds in the lab before completing installation and construction at the CUMC site. For the footings, they used blocks recycled from a former gas station. “We learn to look around for opportunities and solutions,” said Cox.

Adam Orr, a senior construction management student from Sylva, said it was great to be part of the project and see what they learn in class “turn into what we’re doing with our hands to help the community.”

Broomell expressed gratitude for the support from WCU and

donated materials from Brown Haven Homes, saving the county and church thousands of dollars. The Rev. Mitchell Boughman, pastor of Cullowhee UMC, added the savings also means that a recent grant from another project partner, the Alliance for Green Heat, can be applied to a future project: construction of a pole barn.

“This idea came from the students in the construction management class and struck us as a worthwhile project, as it would give us the ability to split wood rain or shine,” Boughman said.

Seeing the project and partners come together was doubly meaningful for Kyler Brooks, a construction leader for Sylva Brown Haven Homes and a 2020 graduate of WCU’s construction management program.

“I am very proud that Brown Haven Homes was able to donate the materials to my alma mater so the faculty could use them to teach the upcoming construction leaders and project managers how to frame structures as they once taught me,” said Brooks. To learn more about the WCU Construction Management Program, visit cm.wcu.edu.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

Great Smoky Mountains National Park completes three-year restoration of Ramsey Cascades Trail

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - In collaboration with Friends of the Smokies, the National Park Service (NPS) has completed a three-year restoration of the Ramsey Cascades Trail in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Located in the Greenbrier area, this popular trail ascends through beautiful hardwood forests to the 105-foot

Ramsey Cascades, the tallest waterfall in the park. The trail is now open seven days a week following an extensive reconstruction and rehabilitation.

The NPS and Friends of the Smokies celebrated the milestone on Monday, Nov. 18 at the Ramsey Cascades Trailhead. Following remarks and a ribbon-cutting, several participants hiked the newly restored trail together.

Improvements to the Ramsey Cascades Trail include:

- Two new footlog bridges.
- New decking and handrails on a 20' hiker bridge.
- 151 trail drains.
- More than 600 new steps for hiker safety and erosion control.
- Regrading of 2.5 miles of trail surface for improved safety and better trail drainage.
- Removal of tripping hazards,

including roots and rocks.

- Pruning of overgrown vegetation in the trail corridor to improve the hiking experience and allow the trail to better dry.

Through this rehabilitation, the NPS restored Ramsey Cascades with the original trail design in mind and in a way that blends in with the natural landscape. Trail crew members used natural materials and hand tools and transported most tools and equipment by hand or pack mule. A helicopter delivered several loads to five drop sites that the mule team could not access. The trail crew used 1,200 black locust logs and 760,000 pounds of rock crush for fill for this rehabilitation.

“Trails Forever is an excellent example of the collaborative partnership between Great Smoky Mountains National Park and

Friends of the Smokies,” said Boone Vandzura, Acting Deputy Superintendent. “Together we’ve preserved and rehabilitated trails that enhance the recreational experience of millions of visitors.”

The restoration of Ramsey Cascades Trail was completed with significant support from the Friends of the Smokies Trails Forever Endowment. This endowment funds permanent, highly skilled trail crew members to rehabilitate some of the park’s most iconic trails. To date, the Friends have contributed nearly \$4 million through the program, resulting in the full rehabilitation of Abrams Falls, Trillium Gap, Rainbow Falls, Alum Cave, Chimney Tops and Forney Ridge trails.

“We are honored to invest in this legacy work that is about so much more than creating a sustainable trail. This work results in a lasting invitation for generations to come to experience the wonders of these woods along the Ramsey Prong just as we can today,” said Friends of the Smokies President and Chief Executive Officer Dana Soehn.”

Begun in Spring 2022, the rehabilitation project was hampered by a flood event that sum-

mer, which washed out a portion of the Ramsey Cascades Trail and a section of Greenbrier Road, which limited access and delayed work on the trail. The trail crew resumed work in 2023. In addition to the planned trail rehabilitation work, the crew constructed a new 900+ foot section of trail to bypass the washed-out section.

The Trails Forever Crew was joined by youth crews from the American Conservation Experience and Southeast Conservation Corps, both funded through Friends of the Smokies. Friends of the Smokies also funded a trails volunteer supervisor for this rehabilitation. Volunteers were essential to completion of this project—110 volunteers contributed more than 1800 hours of work. With support from Friends of the Smokies, the National Park Service will begin a two-year restoration of the Bull Head Trail to Mount Le Conte starting in 2025.

For more information about the Trails Forever program, please visit Trails Forever Program - Great Smoky Mountains National Park (U.S. National Park Service)

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Marie Taylor Swayney

Marie Taylor Swayney, 88, of Whittier, N.C., passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024. A member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, she was born Aug. 4, 1936 to the late

Larch and Dixie Conards Taylor. Marie was very active in her church family and loved to garden and she loved to cook for her family friends and community. She retired from the Cherokee Indian Hospital after over 30 years of service.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Thurman Ray Swayney; two sisters, Edna Wachacha, Louise Saunooke; a son, Ronnie Bowman; and a daughter, Kina Swayney. She is also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Tenilla Raylynn Stamper.

She is survived by her children, Ray Swayney, Doug Swayney, Dean Swayney, Chad Swayney (Mary) all of Cherokee; her siblings, Lucille Smith, Johnathon Ed Taylor, Wilma Taylor, Darlene Davis, and Bob-

by Taylor; grandchildren, Jacent Swayney, Neal Swayney, Dellisa Swayney, Douglas Swayney, Macy Swayney, Kimberly Dawn Smith, Bessie Swayney, Matthew Carey, Jonah Carey, and Nickolas Dean Swayney; and 19 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Nov. 26 at Rock Springs Baptist Church with the Rev Greg Morgan officiating. Burial followed in the Taylor Cemetery.

Magan Leigh Wachacha

Magan Leigh Wachacha, 45, of Cherokee, passed away Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at Mission Hospital, surrounded by her loving family and friends. She was born on Feb. 10, 1979, in Andrews, to Berdina Wolfe Salazar and the late

Herman Wachacha. Megan was an avid basket maker where she displayed her work in many craft shops around Cherokee and the Snowbird communities.

In addition to her father, Magan is preceded in death by a sister, Lindy Wachacha; a brother, Travis Wolfe; and a grandson, Herman Luke Crowe

Magan is survived by long-time companion, Inez Cisneros; two children, Maritsa Crowe (Jaydee) and Elijah Wachacha (Timiyah); a brother, Herman Wachacha Jr.; two grandchildren, Joshua Crowe and Elias Crowe; an uncle, Robert Wolfe; and three aunts, Mary Lambert, Pearl Wolfe, and Cindy Wachacha; Megan is also survived by several nieces and nephews; a special cousin, Terry Grindstaff; and a host of other cousins, extended family, and

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Funeral Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Robbinsville with the Rev. Ernie Stiles officiating. Burial followed in the Ledford Cemetery in Snowbird.

Pallbearers were Brett Crowe, Riley Crowe, Will Wolfe, CJ Welch, JR Nunez, Jeremiah Bird, and Westin Smoker.

Frances Fannie Cucumber

Frances Fannie Cucumber, 90, passed away at Tsali Care Center on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, after an extended illness. She was a native and lifelong resident of Cherokee, and the daughter of the late James Cucumber and Elizabeth (Reed) Cucumber.

In addition to her parents, Frances was preceded in death by six brothers, Mason, Dave, Everett, Lawrence, Calvin, and Johnny, and four sisters, Geneva Tooni, Nellie Welch, Ollie Hornbuckle, and Amanda Wachacha.

Frances worked as a waitress at the TeePee Restaurant for many years. She enjoyed playing bingo every chance she got. She also loved making honeysuckle baskets, attending basketball games, and enjoying life to the fullest. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Frances remained in the chapel until the hour of service on Thursday, Nov. 21 with Matthew Tooni officiating. Burial was in the Cucumber Family Cemetery, and pallbearers were among family and friends.

Karen Lynn George

Karen Lynn George, daughter of late Jennie Lossie-George and Alfred George, was born on Aug. 30h, 1965 in Cherokee, N.C. She went to be home with the lord on Nov. 16, 2024.

In addition to her parents, she preceded in death by her grandma, Gertrude Lossie; grandfather, Calvin Lossie; great aunt, Alice Catherine Owl; sister, Davina George; and granddaughter, Kiara George.

She is survived by her brothers, Kevin and Darrel George; children, Jordan (David) Tranter, Levon (Angela) George, and Reilly George; granddaughters, Ayla (Gabe) Crowe, Alaia Tranter, Alexis Tranter, and Kimberly Norton; as well as great grandson, Braxton Lossie; one beloved pet, Tick "the terror" George; and many

Fur-Grandbabies.

She is also survived by her aunt and uncle, Leonard and Lucille Lossie; close cousin, Romana Lossie; nieces, Elizabeth George, Carolyn George, Maria George, Winona George; nephews, Elis and Elicio George; many great-nieces and nephews; as well as many extended family members and lifelong friends.

She dedicated many years to the Cherokee historical where she worked as a crafter at the Oconaluftee Indian Village. She mastered her craft of fingerwoven belts with help from a good friend Debra Harding and many other teachers. She also practiced some beadwork, pottery, and basketry.

Karen knew no stranger and made everyone feel welcome no matter where she was at. She loved to sit and gossip with her work friends. If she wasn't working, she was at home watching her favorite TV shows with her Chihuahua Tick and daughter Reilly.

The funeral service was on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Yellow Hill Baptist Church with Matt Tooni and Gil Breedlove officiating. Burial followed in the Lossie Cemetery off Old River Road in Cherokee. Pallbearers were Kevin George, Sherman George, Elis George, David Tranter, Gabe

Crowe, and Jr Wolfe.

Carly Dea Maples

Carly Dea Maples, 47, of the Birdtown Community, passed away peacefully with family by her side Monday, Nov. 18, 2024. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of Linda Maples of Cherokee, and George O. Burgess of Franklin, N.C.

She is survived by her children, Jordan Maples, Devin Fuller, Jamie Fuller, all of Cherokee; two grandchildren, Aydin Welch, and Tray Welch, both of Cherokee; one brother, Manuel Maples and wife Hannah Smith of Cherokee; two sisters, Destiny Burgess of Cherokee, and Gabi Gentry of Franklin; special family friends, Casey and Jill Cooper; special friends, Kojak, and Daniel Waldroup, Sarella and Abe Jackson, Kathy Maney, and the family of Inez Soap, ; and many nieces and nephews including a special niece, A'zara.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, Nov. 24 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Birdtown Cemetery.

Pallbearers were T K Soap, James Soap, Charlie Lambert, Dewayne Littlejohn, Devin Fuller, Devon Wright, Tim Crowe.



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COMMENTARY

The importance of giving thanks and those desperate to help

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

I have had a roller coaster ride with my emotions over the past two months. Sept. 27, 2024, will forever be in my memory and my wife's. It was the day that we lost our home of 36 years to the flood waters of Hurricane Helene. Like many others who lived in Haywood County, we found ourselves homeless on that day. It was a shock to the system. No matter how you might prepare for a catastrophic loss, it is still a

catastrophic loss.

Going to our former home on the Monday after the flood was devastating. Driving into our community, we witnessed an apocalyptic scene. Dazed family members walked like zombies in the remains of their homes and businesses. People wept as they dug through their earthly treasures; family photos soaked with river water and covered in slimy mud. Teams of people were going from home to home, pulling wet insulation, underpinning, furniture, and appliances out and piling them on the side of the road. People were salvaging anything they could of their former lives, bits and pieces that they could hold on to as they started the process of looking beyond the flood.

As we turned onto our street,

we could see the home of a neighbor who had several pairs of shoes stretched out across his yard, trying to dry them on the now sunny day after the flood in hopes of wearing them again. Beside his shoes was a mountainous pile of his personal belongings waiting for trash pickup. As we pulled into our driveway, we could see my car. From first impressions, it looked like the car hadn't been touched by the flood except for a few pieces of hay and stubble that were stuck to it (closer examination revealed that the entire engine and passenger compartments were wet and caked in river mud and was a total loss).

Across the street from us, two houses belonging to neighbors, houses that were closer to the river than ours, were hard hit by the

raging water. In addition to the devastation of their homes, they had the harrowing experience of waiting until the last minute to evacuate before the flood. One of those neighbors was an elderly lady that other neighbors who lived above the flood line came in and took to their home to ride out the remainder of the storm. The other neighbor was swimming back into his house to try to save his expensive guitar collection (his earthly treasure) and was nearly carried away by the storm waters. Neighbors rescued him as he held on with his last remaining strength to a wooden fence, fighting to keep from drowning.

Looking at our home on that sunny Monday from the outside, you could only see minor damage. The power of the water had

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crushed our chain-link fence, and planters were blown around our yard. The only thing that foretold the scene inside was a faint debris line on the siding of the house, an indicator of how high the water had gotten. As I stepped up on the porch, I nearly fell as I slipped onto a floor caked with slimy river mud. When I opened the front door, it was a sight I will long remember. Our home looked like those we had seen as we drove in. The water had risen at least a couple of feet inside our home, and the force of the water had lifted and pushed furniture and belongings all over the house. Any items below the water line were destroyed. Since the electric outlets were underwater, everything that was plugged in, regardless of their location in the house was ruined. Long story short, the insurance company deemed the house, shed, and fence total losses.

More than any material loss is the psychological impact. We humans thrive on a sense of normalcy in our lives. Like many others in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, my wife and I had certainly lost that. And our losses were minor compared to many other people in western North Carolina. With water, power, and communications nearly non-existent for the first week or two, climbing back into any semblance of normalcy was a long time coming. My big struggle and challenge were not the material losses but finding ways to get back to that sense of normal and secure.

As I made my way into the house to start the process of salvage, I was at a loss on how to prioritize. I needed to know what to do first and thereafter. I had stepped out on my porch and noticed a group of five men and one woman walking over to our house.

“Could you use some help?” the leader of the group asked. He said they had to do this before, and if I gave permission, they would help me empty the house and sort through our things. When you are in a place of helplessness, pride must go out the door. Within a few hours, this little crew had most of our salvageable belongings out on the porch and had many of the unsalvageable items piled up for disposal. They opened all the windows and ran fans inside our house to help give us additional time to remove the left-over things from our lives. Then, as quickly as they came in, they left. As they left, they asked if we knew anyone else who might need this kind of help, and they were on their way to work for someone else in need.

I knew that one of my top priorities was to get us into a more permanent living arrangement than the hotel we were staying in. We spent ten days in local hotels. Before I could organize my thoughts on the matter, a fellow church member came to me and told me he had an open rental, and if I needed it, we could go there. He didn't have to ask twice. My next priority was to find storage for all those things you accumulated over the years and have no place to put them. Just as quickly as the rental appeared, the youth pastor and another friend and church member offered two storage locations to immediately allow me to get the salvageable items to safe locations.

Family and our church family started showing up to box up and clean up items that could be salvaged. Our pastor and youth pastor had already received inquiries as to what we might need. Something I will never forget is when my pastor came to me and

said, “Robert, you need to tell us what needs you have because I have already been told that if you don't, they are going to start bringing stuff to you whether you need it or not.”

And they did. We had friends, and even people who hardly knew us were trying to make sure we were taken care of to the best of their ability, cleaning supplies, food, towels and washcloths, bedclothes, etc. Groups of friends donating monetary gifts. My brother, who lives on the Outer Banks, and sister, who lives near Hickory, didn't just ask but insisted that we tell them, and they supplied furniture for our unfurnished rental. With my vehicle totaled, I needed a vehicle to commute to work. A friend and then my in-laws stepped up to provide the loan of a vehicle. They were all desperate to help.

We have received support and guidance from insurance companies, tribal and federal government agencies, and church relief organizations. Even down to the county hiring contractors to clean up the pile of our destroyed treasures.

Everyone's life experience is different. Everyone's faith experience is different. I don't intend to change or challenge anyone's life and faith. I can only attest to my own. As a Christian for most of my life, I believe that there is a God who oversees everything that happens to me. And since only he has omnipotence and omniscience, I don't have enough information to understand why a flood would take our home. But I do believe that God doesn't turn a blind eye when his people suffer. I've told many of my friends that of all the things that have been done for us by many wonderful people, I covet the prayers that

have been prayed for me and my wife. We are slowly finding our comfort level in a sense of normalcy, although things around us may never be the same. And we are thankful for those who have been the helping feet and arms of Christ, supporting us with the love, material needs, and labor we have needed over the past two months.

With so much suffering in our world, it really hits home and reminds us of how thankful we should be when catastrophe comes to our neighborhood and our lives. I have seen so many who have been emotionally broken by just the sight and stories of the devastation during this event. And it should spur us to want to minimize all the suffering we possibly can. I witnessed people who had been hurt by Helene themselves reaching out to provide what little resources they had to help a neighbor. Even those you might consider victims are desperate to help. Being thankful. You don't necessarily need a special day or reminder of it. We all know the connotations of the holiday of Thanksgiving for the indigenous population of the United States. But I am not talking about a holiday. As indigenous peoples, we have a history of giving thanks, even to the extreme of giving thanks for the air, the soil, the sun, and the wind. Plants are thanked for growing and animals are thanked for their lives when given in nourishment. I have never been more humbled and grateful to friends, family, coworkers, and support agencies than I am today. Undeserved grace. Unmerited mercy. I am thankful for those who are desperate to help.

COMMENTARY

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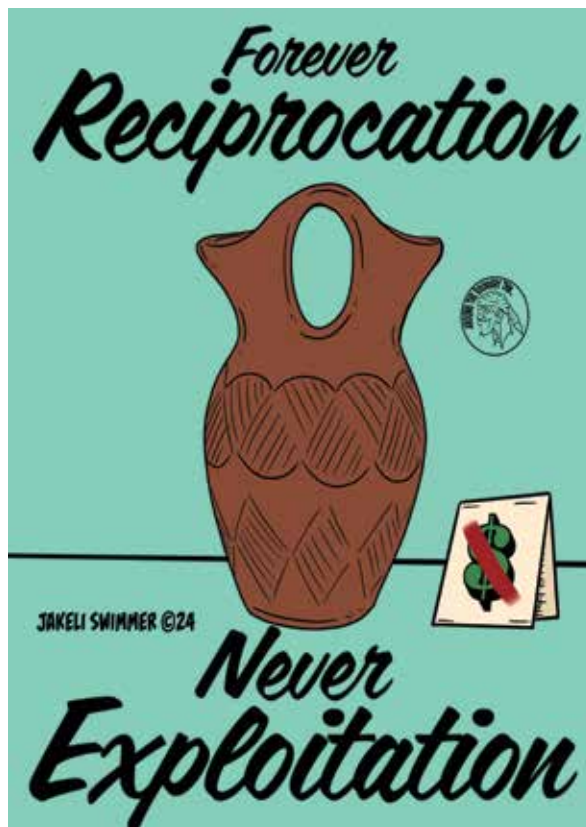
By JAKELI SWIMMER

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal member

I've recently read an article titled "Carving a Path: The Future of Cherokee Art Collection" in my local paper about Driver Blythe's journey into the world of art collection. While the article attempted to bring attention to a Cherokee-centric view of art appreciation/appraisal, I believe it misses the point of art, specifically our Cherokee art.

There was an emphasis placed on the monetary value and appraisals of Cherokee artists without ever understanding the true history of art sales nor the situations many Cherokee artists face past and present. I further believe this article falls short in the effort to include the Cherokee word for "art". As Driver details through conversations with Cherokee Speakers, "there wasn't a Cherokee word, necessarily, for art..." but this statement is not enough explanation of why that is. It is not merely the word "use" but actually a distinctive dialectal word meaning we "mend" materials. This is a true acknowledgement of traditional art practices within our ancestral homeland. Our ancestors and elders understood that we did not make the rivercane, Whiteoak, the clay or any other vital materials; they are gifts from the Creator that artists utilize and because of that, our art was never truly about money, it was about reciprocation and survivance.

All traditional crafts served a functional purpose at one time but as our traditional crafts have become more decorative not only has there been a drastic drop in complete practitioners, but there is also the circumvention of knowledge of how to be a true "maker" of said art. In this declaration, the term maker, means those who can make art, specifically traditional art, from the source material all the way to



Cartoon by Jakeli Swimmer

completion. And so, while there was acknowledgement of the importance of our artisans/crafters in collections, there was no understanding of how in actuality these collections have been devastating to our own traditional art practices and to many artists legacies.

By applying the practice of appraisal or the financial evaluations onto works of Cherokee art it actually devalues the meaning of our art. This process creates a tier system or hierarchy which is not a Cherokee worldview and limits accessibility, reclamation, and reciprocation of our art into the families and community it once derived from. Personally, I have experience with family art being in various auction houses and collections. In fact, the collector Lambert Wilson mentioned in the article, bought all of my grandmothers remaining inventory out of a local shop the day after she died. For me that is an example of valuing profits without valuing a family. And then there is my wife and her family, who are still actively pursuing her grandmother's pieces but because they were

not as highly "valued" they are more difficult to find and at some points set at monetary margins where they have to pool money to reclaim pieces.

For people like me, my family, my wife and her family, we still are artists and often use our talents to bring new appreciation and true value to the Cherokee art scene while simultaneously reclaiming or continuing our family legacy. So, I understand the parts of the article that reflected the "new" era of artist but again, there was still a lack of education on how truly exploitative the world of collections or collectors are, even now. For me, I've been a part of, overheard about or was told directly by an artist or artists on how they have bargained with for a "better" price from the "investor" knowing said person could afford the asking price. Thus, I am aware that Native art needs value at times, but that evaluation should be subjective to families trying to reclaim a family piece.

In closing, my response to this article is on behalf of my family, my friends, my peers and mentors and a statement to everyone that uplifting or writing about a westernized practice is not helpful to the Eastern Cherokee art community. We have no spaces that are dedicated to helping assist current artist and no spaces that nurture future artists. The true evaluation of Cherokee art should not be measured in how many are left but how many are continuing on. We are community rich in history, language, culture and traditions-we are not a people determined by outsiders; we are a people who are recognized from within. Not only was my grandmother a renowned potter, but she was also a caregiver and the matriarch. She, like so many of our past and current artisans are more than what some institution declares, they are a part of true value within the people they belong. My plead is that rather than talking about the monetary value of Cherokee art, we as a Tribe, are putting value into uplifting and supporting our Cherokee artists. Let's stop highlighting Cherokee objects and start highlighting Cherokee people.

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Thankful that He thinks of us

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed. D.

(author of "Preacher Spurs", Christian Faith Publishing, Meadville, Pa., 2022)

Scripture Reference: Psalm 139

I am inspired and awestruck when I try to imagine the grandeur of our God. When I am down or lonely, depressed, or confused, I think about how God is there to lean on anytime, all the time. God is good, and these verses are meant to remind us.

Psalm 139 is a great place to put God's love in perspective.

Verses 13-16 are often used to prove from God's Word that life begins at conception and that God controls our making in the womb.

"For thou didst form my inward parts: Thou didst cover me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Wonderful are thy works; And that my soul knoweth right well. My frame was not hidden from thee, When I was made in secret, And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance; And in thy book, they were all written, Even the days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was none of them."

It is unconscionable to me that anyone could think an unborn person is not a child of God and should be treated with the same respect as any person. Only an unbeliever, in my opinion, could think otherwise.

But the chapter contains much more about His love, concern, and thoughts about us. So, if you have gone this far without reading the

entire Psalm 139, stop now and go back and read it entirely.

My intent is not to repeat everything Psalm 139 says but to highlight those parts that might seem fantastic or deeper than how we think about the workings of God. The conclusion is obvious to me. We haven't got a clue about the height and depth of God's mind or abilities. These are things people forget when we consider how great is our God.

The Psalm begins with how God knows us (ALL of us) and our every move, regardless of how small or insignificant. He also knows our thoughts and what we are thinking. He knows where you are going when you will rest, and all your ways of doing things. It goes on to relate how there is nowhere you can go where God is not there with you, beside you, in front and behind you. He is within you.

It says He knows you better than you know yourself. He has known you since before you were born. He made you. He put you together. He gave you all the talent

you need. He protects and surrounds you. He thinks about you more often than there are pebbles of sand. He is with you, always everywhere. You can't even hide. He loves you more than you love yourself.

Yes, He made you. He knew you from the beginning of this life and before you were given life. He sees your entire life string, and you haven't even finished yet. He knows when you don't even know what you will do next or what you will do when you get there. He knows.

He gave you your soul before He gave you life. He will deal with you as long as you are alive and after you die. God is with us.

What should our response be? They are in verses 19-22. In a nutshell, we need to know what side we are on and live like it. Identify our enemies and shed the wickedness in our lives.

"Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: Depart from me therefore, ye bloodthirsty men. For they speak against thee wickedly,

And thine enemies take thy name in vain. Do not I hate them, O Jehovah, that hate thee? And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: They are become mine enemies."

Finally, concede what you can't ignore. Embrace the sovereignty of God and request His way to overcome your life to live righteously. "Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."

If you want to put some icing on this cake, now read Psalm 39. I pray, Father God in Heaven and on earth, my prayer matches verses 23-24. I need You every hour, Lord. Let me lean on you for everything in my life. My life is Yours. You have given me everything to nurture and mold me; everything I am is what You have made me be. Thank You, Lord, for being my God and making Yourself known to me through Your Word. Amen.



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All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever.

REVELATION 7: 11,12



Woodcut from Chaucer's Canterbury Tales (1484)

Amber Waves



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

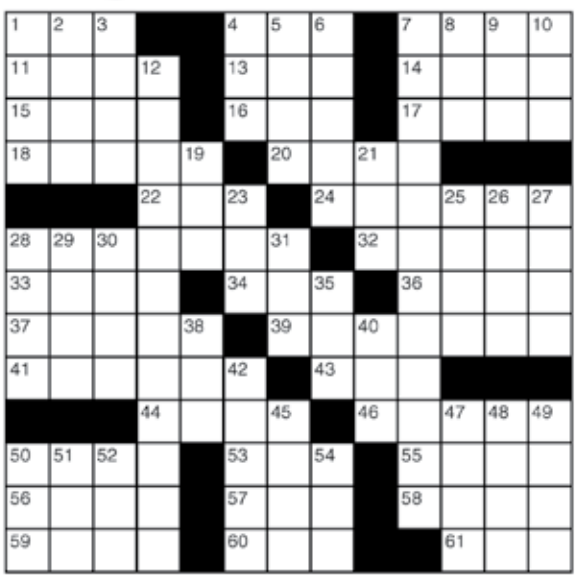
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Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Scale is shorter. 3. Nurse's foot is shorter. 4. Cabinet is not as wide. 5. Window is smaller. 6. Sock is shorter.

Trivia Test Answers:
1. Cambodia; 2. Vitamin K; 3. Prince ("Love Symbol #2"; a purple shade); 4. "The Drew Carey Show"; 5. Wyoming; 6. A hen; 7. "The Shawshank Redemption"; 8. State Farm; 9. 2.5 miles; 10. Specialized cells in the pancreas that produce insulin

King Crossword

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 - 16 Fire sign?
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 - 22 Actress Vardalos
 - 24 Trite
 - 28 Basking venue
 - 32 Skiing spot
 - 33 Twistable treat
 - 34 TV's Danson
 - 36 Autobahn auto
 - 37 Open-mouthed
 - 39 Swiss cheese
 - 41 Wards off
 - 43 Resort
 - 44 Pleasing
 - 46 Batter's dry spell
 - 50 Spiced tea
 - 53 Vitamin stat
 - 55 Bangkok cuisine
 - 56 Hayloft site
 - 57 Whatever



- 8 Sinbad's bird
- 9 City on the Danube
- 10 Golf peg
- 12 Banner at a new store
- 19 Conk out
- 21 "Kidnapped" monogram
- 23 Play part
- 25 Aspiration
- 26 Mimic
- 27 Prefix with conference
- 28 Fly high
- 29 Incite
- 30 Tide type
- 31 Small barrel
- 35 Hosp. workers
- 38 Football's Manning
- 40 Boom times
- 42 Discard
- 45 — St. Vincent Millay
- 47 "Nope!"
- 48 Algeria's neighbor
- 49 Artist
- 50 "CSI" airtel
- 51 Solo in space
- 52 Alto constellation
- 54 Novelist Rand

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Solution time: 22 mins.
Answers
King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** In which country would you find the Angkor Wat temple?
- SCIENCE:** Which vitamin aids in blood clotting?
- MUSIC:** Which pop music icon has a Pantone color named after him?
- TELEVISION:** Which 1990s TV comedy series features the theme song "Cleveland Rocks"?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state is last alphabetically?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is an adult female turkey called?
- MOVIES:** Which popular 1994 movie features a character named Red?
- AD SLOGANS:** Which company's advertising slogan is "Like a Good Neighbor"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** How long is the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade route?
- ANATOMY:** What are beta cells?

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HAPPENINGS

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

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the Big Y Community Club. Nov. 28 at 12 p.m. at the Big Y Gym at 2641 Wrights Creek Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Bring a side dish or dessert if you are able.

Assemblage/Collaging Workshop with Isabella Saunooke. Nov. 30 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People multipurpose room in Cherokee, N.C. Explore the freedom and collaborative nature of art using a myriad of materials and methods. Participants are invited to bring materials they are willing to share (old magazines, a piece of cardboard, recycled or found paper, leaves, bubble wrap, newspaper, etc.) and materials for their own use only (a photo, specific text, etc.). Workshop leader Isabella Saunooke, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, grew up in Sylva and now lives in New York. She believes in art as a spiritual practice— a way to connect with the inner and outer world. This workshop is free and open to all. Registration is not required.

All I Want For Christmas Bazaar. Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Center. Shopping, food,

and fun. Lunch by Melishia. Info: Denise Walkingstick (828) 508-2211

NAIWA-Sponsored Christmas Bazaar. Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pam Taylor Painttown Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Local shopping and food. Info: Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

Annual Cherokee Central Schools Indian Market Bazaar. Dec. 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Elementary and Middle School gymnasiums. This is sponsored by the CCS Cultural Dept. A frybread fundraiser will also be held. For more information or to reserve a table, contact Jakeli Swimmer or Laura Pinnix (828) 554-5004.

Cherokee Choices Cookies and Cocoa Open House Event. Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cherokee Choices off of Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. See what free programs Cherokee Choices has to offer. Free refreshments. Info: April Innis (828) 359-6201 or apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov

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.

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society Annual Holiday Party. Dec. 5 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. The evening will begin with a potluck meal. Everyone is asked to bring your favorite traditional holiday food to share. Yona Wade, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will be performing music of the season.

Have Breakfast with Santa. Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center at 121 Schoolhouse Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. Cookie decoration, ornament craft. \$8 per person. Bring your own camera. Info: (828) 479-3364

Christmas in the Mountains Art & Craft Show. Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center at 121 Schoolhouse Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C.

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Info: (828) 479-3364

“Visions of Christmas: 1862”.

Dec. 7 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site at 2620 South Roan St. in Johnson City, Tenn. Reenactors and volunteers will be in period clothing to recreate the atmosphere of the late months of 1862 for the Haynes family and Northeast Tennessee as the young nation was grappling with the American Civil War. Admission: \$6/adults, \$3/children 12 and under. Members of the Tipton-Haynes Historical Association receive free admission. For more information to make a reservation (highly recom-

mended) for the 1862 Christmas candlelight tour, call (423) 926-3631 or email tiptonhayes@outlook.com

POW WOW LISTINGS

Giving Thanks Pow Wow.

Nov. 28 at the Taos Pueblo Community Center in Taos, N.M. MC: Leslie Trujillo. Host Drums: Slice of Southern, Hail Creek. Info: No contact information provided

52nd Annual Poarch Band of Creek Indians Thanksgiving

Pow Wow. Nov. 28-29 in Atmore,

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A project benefits from your organizational skills that get it up and running. Your success leaves a highly favorable impression. Don't be surprised if you get some positive feedback soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Spend time on practical matters throughout the week, then shift your focus to more artistic pursuits. Resist being overly self-critical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Restarting those creative projects you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting old friends again!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy way out by running off.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You can expect to have a lot of work throughout the first half of the week. Devote the rest of the week to checking your plans in case some need to be adjusted.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Try to avoid signing on the dotted

line during the early part of the week. You need time to study issues that weren't fully explored. The latter part of the week might be more favorable for decision-making.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new development could snarl travel schedules or other holiday-linked projects. Some flexibility might be called for, to deal with problems before they get too far out of hand.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Relatives seek your advice on a matter you'd rather not be involved in. If so, use your sage Sagittarian tact to decline the "offer" so that no one's feelings are needlessly hurt.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A shift in your planning direction might help you speed up your progress toward achieving a long-planned goal. Trusted colleagues are ready to offer valuable support.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected demand for the settlement of an old loan could create some preholiday anxiety. But you might not really owe it. Check your records thoroughly before remitting payment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time to get involved with your social circle. Enjoy some well-earned fun and games with those closest to you before you have to resume more serious activities next week.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to sense the needs of others makes you a wise counselor for those seeking help with their problems.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Expanded telehealth access

In an effort to get health care to veterans in communities that are medically underserved, the Department of Veterans Affairs is proposing to get rid of copayments for telehealth services. Additionally, it wants to create a grant program for VA telehealth access points in places that are not VA facilities.

The plan for the grant program, called ATLAS (Accessing Telehealth through Local Area Stations), is to provide locations where veterans can access their telehealth remotely in a place with high speed internet and privacy.

Telehealth can be accessed in several ways:

— From home, using your computer or mobile device. By using the VA Video Connect app, you can have a video visit with your doctor, and your caregiver can be included if VA staff do an "invite" via the Caregiver Connect option. Use telehealth to send your data and vital signs to your doctor. (No "white coat syndrome" to make your BP go up if you're sitting at home.)

— If you need a specialist (there are 50 types), you can connect with them via telehealth video while at any VA clinic location. While you're talking to the specialist, your regular primary care doctor can listen in. Mental health care is available this way as well.

— If you're in the hospital, telehealth can be used to hook up your provider with specialists at other locations so they can come up with a plan for your care.

If you've never used the VA telehealth services, see telehealth.va.gov for all the info you need.

To download the mobile app, see mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect.

To find ATLAS locations near you, go to telehealth.va.gov/atlas.

If you don't have internet or any internet-connected devices, you might be eligible for help. Several companies, such as AT&T and others, will let you avoid data charges when doing video connections for telehealth. Check out mobile.va.gov/cellular-data-program for info. To see if you qualify for help getting a device, contact Lifeline (lifelinesupport.org) at 800-234-9473 to ask about subsidies.

Whatever you need from the VA, the best first number to call is 800-698-2411. They're available 24/7/365 for veterans, caregivers, survivors and families.

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Winter coat & booties can keep pets healthy in the winter

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We had a cold snap a couple of weeks ago, and the morning temperature dipped below freezing. After taking my Labradoodle, "Pierre," for a walk around the block, I noticed he was shivering, and he walked with a tiny limp the rest of the day. He's OK now, but it didn't seem so cold when we went out. From now on, I'll make sure he has a doggie sweater and booties on for walks, even if there is no snow on the ground. — Sara in Bennington, Vermont

DEAR SARA: That's a good plan. I'm glad Pierre is doing fine now, but I'm sure that was a scary lesson. Small dogs can be quickly affected by cold temperatures. Even when the weather is above freezing, their little bodies can get chilled very quickly.

Even large dogs can suffer from the cold. And ice-cold pavement can be dangerous for paws, no matter how big or small your dog is. The pads on their paws can get frostbitten. Dry, cold temperatures can cause the skin of the pads to chap and crack, resulting in a lot of discomfort.

Put a protective jumper or coat on your pet before going out when temperatures dip into the 40s (or single-digit Celsius). Booties will protect their paws from frozen sidewalks and from ice or other debris that might injure their pads. At the end of each walk, check their paws for cuts. If the pads appear dry, apply a balm for pet paws like Musher's Secret, Bag Balm or Burt's Bees.

Some dogs don't like wearing booties or coats. Work with them between walks to make them more comfortable: Put their coat on in the house for a minute, then five, then 10. Same with the booties. Give them lots of praise and treats during the process; they'll eventually tolerate it.

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

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EVENTS: from page 27

Ala. Host Drums: Bear Creek, Iron Bow, Medicine Tail. Info: Christ Blackburn (251) 368-9136, cblackburn@pci-nsn.gov

Ute Indian Tribe Thanksgiving Pow Wow. Nov. 28-29 in the Fort Duchesne Gym in Fort Duchesne, Utah. MC: Ruben Little Head. Host Drum: Fork Peck Sioux. Info: vendors contact, Lauren Lomahaftewa (435) 823-4665

Cabazon Indio Pow Wow. Nov. 29 – Dec. 1 at the Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Cabazon Indian Reservation in Indio, Calif. Emcees: Vince Byle, Edmond Nevaquaya. Info: Michael Mirelez (760) 984-9371, mmirelez@cabazonindians-nsn.gov; or Jim Red Eagle (605) 423-1452, jimredeagle@hotmail.com

Ponca Chapter NAC 4th Annual Thanksgiving Weekend Dance. Nov. 29 at the Ponca Tribal Cultural Center in Ponca City, Okla. MC: JR Ross. Head Southern Singer: Anthony Monoessey. Info: No contact information provided

Billings Pow Wow. Nov 30 – Dec. 1 at the Billings MetraPark Expo Center in Billings, Mont. Emcees: Don Racine and Jonathan Windyboy. Host Drum: Midnite Express. Info: Billings Pow Wow Committee (406) 259-0138, billings.powwow@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

lan (828) 788-5410

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: www.AAwnc80.com

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

Life Recovery is a Bible-based 12-step small group meeting held Mondays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. held in the Rivercane Conference Room at Analenisgi. All material is provided. This small group is for anyone struggling in life with addiction, food, depression, anxiety, relationships, or spiritual struggles. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley at kellideb@gmail.com or Scott Hill (828) 508-7836

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

tional 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. Chair Butch Hill (828) 506-8936. For building rental contact any of the Officers.

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, roger-smoker@yahoo.com

Tow String Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Jacob Long (828) 736-9128, jacoblong19982@gmail.com

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 evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7 p.m., Monthly business meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hardesty 497-2819

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

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

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

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

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

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God

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

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

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

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

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

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

see **EVENTS** next page

JUST THE FACTS

regular teen marijuana use can lead to poor performance in school

Because the teen brain is still developing, it is more vulnerable than an adult's brain to the effects of marijuana and other drugs (National Institute on Drug Abuse).

Talk with youth about the risks and impacts of Marijuana use, including the possibility of poor academic achievement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Which book of the Bible (KJV) mentions the word "thanksgiving" the most times at eight? *Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah*

2. In 2 Timothy 3:1 - 2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? *Adulterers, Sun worshippers, Renegades, Unthankful people*

3. From Psalms 106:1: "O give thanks unto the Lord; for his _____ endureth for ever." *Love, Good, Mercy, Spirit*

4. From 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "In every thing give thanks: for this is the _____ of God." *Power, Will, Gratitude, Travail*

5. From Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? *Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant*

6. Where was Jonah when he prayed with the voice of thanksgiving? *Fish's belly, Aboard ship, In the wilderness, Mountaintop*

ANSWERS: 1) Psalms, 2) Unthankful people, 3) Mercy, 4) Will, 5) At your own will, 6) Fish's belly

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscribersite at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Moments in time

• On **Dec. 9, 1990**, Lech Walesa, founder of the Solidarity trade union, won a landslide election victory, becoming the first directly elected Polish leader.

• On **Dec. 10, 1690**, a failed attack on Quebec and subsequent near-mutiny forced the Massachusetts Bay Colony to issue the first paper currency in the Western Hemisphere's history. It was initially unpopular for anything except paying taxes and was phased out, but reappeared in Massachusetts just a few years later.

• On **Dec. 11, 1946**, the General Assembly of the United Nations voted to establish the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), an organization designed to help provide relief and support to children living in countries that had been devastated by World War II.

• On **Dec. 12, 1970**, "Tears of a Clown," penned by William "Smokey" Robinson, became the first No. 1 hit for Robinson and his band the Miracles after more than a decade of hits that had failed to reach that coveted position. Bob Dylan would later call Robinson America's "greatest living poet" in recognition of his skill as a composer and lyricist.

• On **Dec. 13, 2000**, seven convicts (the "Texas Seven") overpowered civilian employees and prison guards in the maintenance shop where they worked at a maximum-security prison in South Texas and made off with clothing, guns and a pickup truck, triggering a six-week manhunt. The men left a note saying, "You haven't heard the last of us yet," which proved true the following year when six of them were recaptured (one committed suicide).

• On **Dec. 14, 1982**, actor Woody Harrelson's father, Charles Harrelson, was convicted of murdering Judge John Wood outside his home in San Antonio, Texas, as he bent down to look at a flat tire on his car. Wood was the first federal judge assassinated in the 20th century, and the FBI's three-year investigation into his murder was one of the most extensive since John F. Kennedy's assassination.

• On **Dec. 15, 1974**, the Oakland A's Jim "Catfish" Hunter was ruled a free agent by arbitrator Peter Seitz, becoming the first free agent in modern baseball history, after the team's owner, Charles O. Finley, failed to live up to the terms of his star pitcher's contract.

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73 Kaiser Wilnoty Rd. Cherokee.
Beloved Women and Children's Building.
(828) 359-6092





CLASSIFIEDS

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. Camp-ground 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. **11/27**

Enrolled Cherokee Member (EBCI) looking to buy one to two acres of land with or without a home on the property. Please call Zachary Larson 865-315-0786. **12/18**

LOOKING FOR

Wanted to buy, Pottery by Tiney Bigmeat Bradley. Good condition, no cracks or chips. Contact Teresa at Queen House Gallery 828-497-3272. **1/22/25**

Indoor Garage Sale. Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Follow signs on 441 at Olivet Church Road. (Half mile south of Food Lion). Huge indoor garage with two sections – one for him and one for her. Rain or snow - we've got you covered for this huge

sale. Tools and hardware, jewelry, clothes, books, household items, etc. **12/4**

EMPLOYMENT

Job Opportunity: Temporary Administrative Assistant

Cherokee Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Services (CTVRS) is seeking a Temporary Administrative Assistant to join our team. Applications and job descriptions are available at the CTVRS office, located behind Great Smoky Cannabis Company (formerly Tribal Bingo).

For inquiries, contact us at 828-497-4300.

Application deadline: December 6 at 4:00 PM.

Don't miss this opportunity—apply today! **12/4**

LEGAL NOTICES

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 December 17, 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.

- (C204854) PASQUOTANK, GATES (C205006) WAKE (C204988) CUMBERLAND (C205003) ALAMANCE (C204821) GUILFORD (C205008) CHATHAM (C205005) CHATHAM (C204384) CABARRUS (C204969) ANSON (C205004) CLEVELAND
- JANUARY 21, 2025
(C204992) HOKE

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. **12/11**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-091

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: DANIEL AARON TAYLOR

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



MANDARA SPA.

Employment Opportunities


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

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

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***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

Apply in person or contact Angie Pugh at angieh@mandaraspaspa.com or 497-8550.



Tri-County Community College is currently accepting applications for the following full-time positions:

- Dental Assisting/Dental Hygiene Instructor, Registrar, and Digital Media & Web Communications Coordinator

Complete position announcements can be viewed on the college website at www.tricountycc.edu.

For information on the application process and application deadline, please contact the Human Resources Office at Tri-County Community College, 21 Campus Circle, Murphy, NC 28906. Phone: (828) 835-4299 or email: humanresources@tricountycc.edu

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them to the fiduciary(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 fiduciary(s) listed below.

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

Naomi Swimmer /
L. Shannon Swimmer
P.O Box 2096
Cherokee NC 28719
12/18

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Proposals

Cherokee Indian Hospital
Authority (CIHA)

Project: Pharmacy USP
Renovation and Addition

CIHA is requesting proposals/
qualifications for Construction
Manager (CM) at risk services to

complete the above referenced project. The deadline for proposals is 12/03/24 at 2:30 pm. You may request the full RFQ and bid requirements for proposals through the CIHA Administration, or TERO. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Diamond Brown in CIHA Administration at (828)-497-9163, ext. 6403. **12/4**

Request for Proposals

Kituwah LLC is seeking proposals from interested and qualified General Contractors, licensed in the state of North Carolina, to perform duties assigned in Scope of Work (SOW) during a mandatory meeting on December 13th, 2024, at 2:00pm at the Cherokee Cinema 91 Sequoyah Trail, Cherokee, NC 28719. The SOW will be handed out at this meeting to all contrac-

tors that attend the meeting, if contractors do not attend meeting, contractors will be excluded from Bidding process. Services required will include, but may not be limited to, construction and delivery of all materials and installation for the project. SOW will be on project on tribal land. Proposals shall be delivered to Kituwah main office at 37 Tsalagi Road, Cherokee N.C. 28719 by December 20th, 2024, at 3:00pm. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and the

outside envelope shall be clearly marked. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid is received in proper time. Any proposal received after the scheduled time will be rejected. The person to contact for technical questions concerning project specifications or meeting should be directed to Chad Carver / Project Manager, Via email at chad.carver@kituwahllc.com or by phone at (828-508-5590). **12/4**



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Kituwah Technologies, LLC Have the following jobs available

- IT Support Technician-Waynesville Office
- Security Systems Technician
- Technician II

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, between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday, or email Maggie Toineeta at maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com or Chelsi Corpening at chelsi.corpening@kituwahg3.com Native American and Veteran preference does apply. Job applications must be submitted resumes and cover letters will be accepted with all applications. Deadline to apply is December 18,2024 by 4pm.



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

AGELINK

- (4) FT Teachers (\$30,000 - \$37,500/year with Benefits)
- (1) Behavioral Specialist (\$55,000 - \$75,000/year with Benefits)
- (1) Family Partnership Coordinator (\$55,000 - \$75,000/year with Benefits)

BUS & TRUCK

- Seasonal Bus Drivers (August – May) (\$18.00/hour NO BENEFITS)
- PT Truck/Tractor Operator (\$20.00/hour NO BENEFITS)

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Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at
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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

- SAMHSA GRANT - PK-12 Mental Health Behavioral Support Specialist-Bachelors' Degree Required**
- SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant - 48 Semester Hours or an Associates Degree**

- K-5 Cherokee Language Instructor**
- K-5 Elementary Teacher Assistant Full-Time Substitute**
- K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant-3 positions**

6-8 Special Education Pathseekers Teacher Assistant

9-12 High School Science Teacher

- K-12 School Psychologist**
- K-12 Special Education Parent Liaison Security (Part-Time)**
- Custodian (Fulltime, Evening Shift)**
- Food Service Worker (6 hour Full time)**
- Substitute Food Service Workers**
- Contract Nurse (RN)**



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, December 01, 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. Tribal Prosecutor II – Criminal Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
4. Training Specialist -Tribal Employment Rights Office (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 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. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
8. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
9. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)
10. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
11. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
12. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
13. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
14. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
15. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
16. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
17. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
18. Environmental Aquatic Specialist – Office of Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
19. Quality Inspector – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
20. Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
21. Part-time Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy/Education (L9 \$35,568 - \$42,144)

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 Inpatient Technician - Full Time & PTI - Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26
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 Behavioral Health RN - Analenisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
 Residential Technician - Women - \$17.12 - \$19.26 (Women's Home, Kanvwtotiyi)
 Residential Technician - Men - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor - \$44,134.00 - \$66,161.00
 Peer Support Specialist - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25
 RN - Opioid Treatment Program/Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic Nurse - \$22.68 - \$38.72

DIETARY

Food Service Supervisor - \$19.66 - \$22.25
 Food Service Worker - \$15.00 - \$16.77

FINANCE

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25
 Accounting Clerk - \$19.66 - \$22.25
 Patient Access Specialist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

HUMAN RESOURCES

Training & Development Specialist

IT

Business Applications Coordinator - \$50,723 - \$63,404

LAB

Phlebotomist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

MEDICAL

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

Specialty Services Registered Nurse - Procedure Suite - \$33.68 - \$38.72
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 C.N.A. - PTI - Immediate Care center - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 CNA - Emergency Room - \$17.12, - \$19.26 - \$3,000 Hiring Bonus
 Certified Medical Assistant - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 LPN - TJCC - \$22.76 - \$25.89 ***\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 RN Care Manager Extender - Primary Care - \$18.32 - 20.67
 RN Care Manager Float - \$31.06 - \$35.64
 RN Care Manager Supervisor - \$33.68 - \$38.72
 (Tailored Care, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Support Services, Children and Families Specialty Program)
 Care Manager - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
 (Tailored Care, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Support Services, Children and Families Specialty Program)
 RN Care Manager - \$35.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus (Primary Care, Diabetes)
 C.M.S. - \$18.32 - \$20.67 (Diabetes, Pediatrics)

EXECUTIVE

Performance Improvement Specialist - \$50,723 - \$63,404

OPERATIONS

Advanced Clinical Pharmacist - \$117,326 - \$146,658
 Dentist - CIHA and Satellite
 Dentist-Pediatrics
 Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II (3rd Shift) - \$44,107 - \$55,134 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
 Eye Clinic Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67
 Clinical Pharmacist - PTI - \$102,023 - \$153,034
 Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 - \$20.67
 Pharmacy Technician III - \$21.13 - \$23.98
 Ultrasound Technologist - PTI - \$26.52 - 30.31

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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
 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - **\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11 - **\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent - \$31.06 - \$35.64
 RN Staff Development Coordinator - \$67,082 - \$83,852
 Social Worker - \$44,107 - \$55,134
 Ward Clerk - \$16.01 - 17.95

MISSING

Matthew Anthony Robertson



Affiliated with The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Height: 5'5"-5'7" Weight: 120-130 lbs

Male Age: 17

Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: October 26, 2024

Last Known Location: Weatherford, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance: Matthew was last seen on 10/26/2024. Identifying marks: hustle tattoos on his chest, a rose flower tattoo on his right forearm, and 405 tattoos on his right wrist.

If you have seen or have information about Matthew Anthony Robertson, the Custer County Sheriff's Office (580) 323-1616.

Source: Namus.gov

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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



Powerlifting medalist

Damian Solis, center, a member of the Eastern Band Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and Cherokee Fitness Complex manager, competed on Sunday, Nov. 17 in the IPL (International Powerlifting League) Drug Tested World Championships hosted in Las Vegas, Nev. He placed first in the 140+ Open Raw Division. His best lifts were 650.4 lb. squat, 402.3 lb. bench, and 700 lb. deadlift for a total of 1752.7 lb. He is pictured with Nathaniel Solis, left, and Nicholai Solis, right. (Photo courtesy of Reyna Solis)



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Marathon runner

Wrapped in the flag of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Kallup McCoy II, an EBCI tribal member, crosses the finish line of the Indianapolis Monumental Marathon on Saturday, Nov. 9 in Indianapolis, Ind. He ran a personal best time of 2:36.42 and finished 87th overall, out of a field of over 5,600 runners, and placed fifth in his age group (Men 35-39). (Photo contributed)



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French signs with St. Thomas University

Alaina French, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and a senior at Northfield (Minn.) High School committed to St. Thomas University in St. Paul, Minn. for D1 Track and Field (throws) on Wednesday, Nov 13. (Photo contributed)



WCU Legacy Pins

Ugwiwyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, a 1987 graduate of Western Carolina University, and wife EBCI First Lady Marsha Hicks, a 1999 alumna and member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, present a legacy pin to daughter Amaya. Nearly 90 new first-year and transfer students at Western Carolina University celebrated the powerful bonds of kinship, tradition and alma mater during an annual ceremony Saturday, Nov. 16, as members of their own families who previously attended WCU presented them with special pins signifying their unique connection to the institution. (WCU photo)

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