

FREE



Cards distributed at NCAI rebut Lumbee history and recognition efforts
Pages 6-7



Annual Scare-O-kee event held in Cherokee
Photos pages 16-17

GWY ᏆᏍᏍᏁ ᏆᏍᏍᏁ

week of nvdadegwa (nov.)
6-12, 2024

CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER * TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

Making a historic run

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Braves 2024-25 season ends on a historic note

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—The Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) punch another historic season in the books, ending their 2024-25 season as the NCHSAA 1A West Regional Runner-Up.

The Lady Braves made history by advancing to the NCHSAA 1A West Regional Championship for the first time, ending with a 25-2 record, the best in school histo-

see VOLLEYBALL page 4



The Lady Braves huddle together during their NCHSAA 1A West Regional Championship game versus (#3) Polk Co. in Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 31. FINAL SCORES 15-25, 15-25, 19-25. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



Call or Text 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)

We envision a return to our traditional lifeways where our relatives are safe, violence is eradicated and sacredness is restored.

Safe | Confidential | Anonymous | 24/7

StrongHearts Native Helpline advocates offer support and advocacy that culturally honors Native Americans and Alaska Natives who have been impacted by domestic and sexual violence.

Chat online at www.strongheartshelpline.org



GIVE THE GIFT OF BRAVES BASEBALL

Whether it's tickets, merchandise or experiences,
we've got the perfect gift for the Braves fans in your life!

2025 SINGLE GAME TICKETS



May 2-4



May 23-25



July 18-20



Aug 22-24



Sept 5-7



KIDS CLUB KIT

\$27

~~\$34.99~~

*PLUS REDUCED SHIPPING FEES

25% OFF!



Shop for Braves gifts for the whole family at Braves retail stores!

Braves CLUBHOUSE STORE

Threads
© BRAVES CLUBHOUSE STORE



Go Behind the Scenes at Truist Park and receive a free necklace chain!



Join Braves Vacations during the following road trip series in 2025:



MAY 15-19



AUG 31 - SEPT 3

[BRAVES.COM/GIFTGUIDE](https://braves.com/giftguide)



P.O. Box 501, Cherokee, N.C., 28719 - Located in Ginger Lynn Welch Complex
theonefeather.com, (828) 359-6261 - Cherokee's award-winning newspaper since 1965.
CONTENTS (c) 2024 CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER



Winner of 12 North Carolina Press Assoc. awards in 2022-23 including: Ad Sweepstakes Award for ad design/content

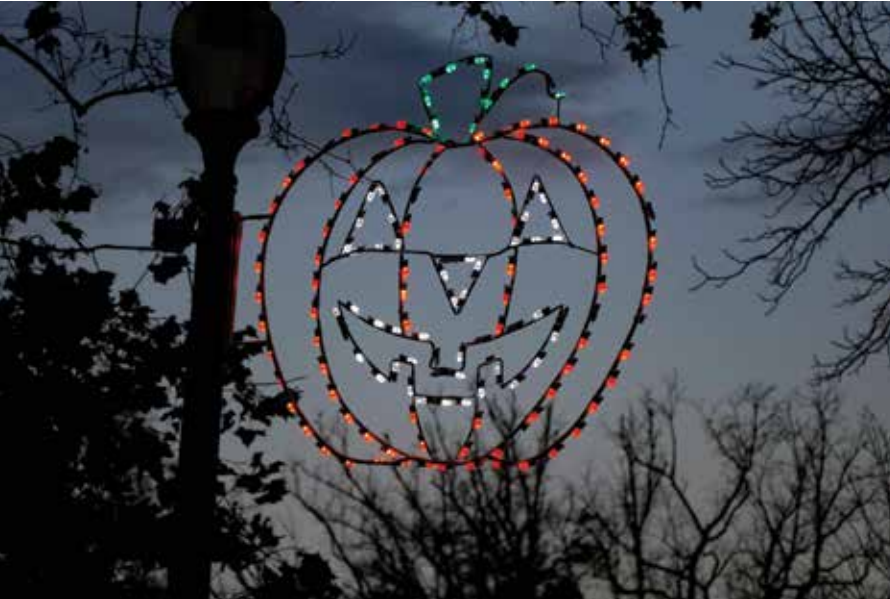


Image of the Week

New pumpkin- and ghost-shaped lights slightly illuminated the Oconaluftee Island Park for this year's Scare-Okee event held on the spooky evening of Thursday, Oct. 31. Thousands came to the event which was held partly on the Island Park and partly in the adjacent street and old Cherokee Elementary School property. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



“It brings necessary facts and analysis to this issue, rather than the politics of eastern North Carolina and the emotions of politicians counting numbers rather than the true historical facts of a Tribe around land base, language, historical treaties rights, customs, and traditions. Tribal nations deserve a serious discussion about federal recognition issues rather than political hyperbole.”

- Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks in a statement on a report by Jean M. Kelley, M.A., entitled “Analysis of Lumbee Historical and Genealogical Claims”.

Letters Policy

The Cherokee One Feather is available as a forum for opinions or points of view concerning issues of general interest. Letters should be typed and are preferred in digital form, exclusive to the One Feather. Letters must be authenticated and should include a name, address, email, and phone number. Letters should not exceed 250 words. Commentary submissions should not exceed 750 words. Letters and commentaries exceeding the word limit will be published at the discretion of the Editor or a majority of the sitting Editorial Board. Only the name and town/community will be printed. Letters critical of specifically named minor children will not be published.

Unsigned letters will not be considered for publication. The One Feather will not accept requests for pen pals or “Lonely Hearts”-type classified material.

Opinion material is subject to approval by the Editor who may deny publication without specified cause at their discretion. Submitters may appeal the Editor's denial to the Editorial Board. A majority of the Editorial Board may overturn an Editor's decision. The decision of the Editorial Board is final.

The Editorial Board of the Cherokee One Feather consists of: Brooklyn Brown, chairperson; Dawn Arneach, vice chairperson; Robert Jumper; Scott McKie Brings Plenty; and Indica Climbingbear.

One Feather staff

Editor - Robert Jumper

robestump@ebci-nsn.gov, 359-6482

Assistant Editor - Scott McKie Brings Plenty

scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov, 359-6263

Reporter - Brooklyn Brown

broobrow@ebci-nsn.gov, 359-6264

Ad Sales Coordinator - Dawn Arneach

dawname@ebci-nsn.gov, 359-6489

Subscription Clerk - Indica Climbingbear

indiclim1@ebci-nsn.gov, 359-6262

VOLLEYBALL: From front page

ry, and entering the NCHSAA 1A playoff bracket as the no. 1 seed. They were also regular season and Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) Tournament champions, and came away with several All Conference and All Region honors: SMC Coach of the Year: Pam Price SMC Player of the Year: Joscelyn Stamper SMC Specialist of the Year: Dvdaya Swimmer SMC All Conference: Alexis Davis, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Kyla

Moore SMC All Conference (honorable mention): Kieran Wolfe, Lilly Lossiah, Livia Crowe All Region: Alexis Davis, Dvdaya Swimmer, Joscelyn Stamper **Note: Statistics from the Oct. 31 Polk Co. loss are not yet available. As of Oct. 29, Player of the Year So. Middle (#13) Joscelyn Stamper tallied 429 kills, 74 aces, 49 solo blocks, and 226 digs. She averaged 5.1 kills per set, a kill percentage of 49.5, and a serving percentage of 93.6. Specialist of the Year Jr. Libe-

ro (#4) Dvdaya Swimmer tallied 327 digs, 29 aces, averaging 4.6 digs per set, and a serving percentage of 90.1. She also received 196 serves successfully and had only ten errors. All Region Sr. Middle (#6) Alexis Davis tallied 270 kills, 56 aces, 22 solo blocks, and 163 digs. She averaged 3.2 kills per set, a kill percentage of 41.1, and a serving percentage 90.8. Davis is going to continue her volleyball career at Maryville College. As a team, the Lady Braves tallied 984 kills, 266 aces, and

1,403 digs. They averaged a kill percentage of 38.5 and a serving percentage of 90.7. The Cherokee Lady Braves volleyball team said it wasn't the outcome they wanted, but they couldn't be prouder to make school history. They also gave out a special award, Best Manager, to Evie Nations. Congratulations to the Lady Braves on another historic season. As the Lady Braves said, a 2025-26 State Championship is in sight.

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

November 4-10, 2024

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	Delayed Harvest Stocking Nov. 4-8 Dec. 2-6	Early morning	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Terrestrials, midges, cahills, yellow stimulator, light colored Caddis, small nymphs, wooly bugger
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Early morning	Brown Trout	Terrestrials, midges, cahills, yellow stimulator, light colored Caddis, small nymphs
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	N/A	Early morning	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Terrestrials, midges, cahills, yellow stimulator, light colored Caddis, small nymphs

COURTESY OF EDDIE HUDON/BLUE CHIP FLY FISHING

BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, NOV. 4	TUESDAY, NOV. 5	WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6	THURSDAY, NOV. 7	FRIDAY, NOV. 8	SATURDAY, NOV. 9	SUNDAY, NOV. 10
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE++	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+
12:48 AM-2:48 AM 1:15 PM-3:15 PM	1:43 AM-3:43 AM 2:10 PM-4:10 PM	2:38 AM-4:38 AM 3:06 PM-5:06 PM	3:34 AM-5:34 AM 4:01 PM-6:01 PM	4:28 AM-6:28 AM 4:54 PM-6:54 PM	5:20 AM-7:20 AM 5:45 PM-7:45 PM	6:10 AM-8:10 AM 6:34 PM-8:34 PM

COURTESY OF WWW.SOLUNARFORECAST.COM

Call 828-586-2155 or visit www.mountainlovers.com



KANANESGI



ART SHOW

THEME: FEMININE ROOTS

GET READY TO ENTER YOUR CREATIONS INTO THE 2024 ART SHOW!
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO CELEBRATE AND EXPRESS THE ESSENCE
OF FEMININITY THROUGH YOUR UNIQUE ARTISTIC VISION.



PRIZES UP TO \$3000



ENTRIES 11.06.2024 12PM-7PM | WINNERS ANNOUNCED 11.09.2024
HARRAHS CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT, EVENT CENTER

FOR MORE INFORMATION

@KANANESGI

WWW.KANANESGI.COM

Cards distributed at NCAI rebut Lumbee history and recognition efforts

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

Cards bearing the logo of the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma (UINO) were distributed during a General Assembly meeting at the 81st Annual National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Convention and Marketplace on Tuesday, Oct. 29 and caused a stir within the organization. The cards rebutted the history and recognition efforts of the state-recognized Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

The card reads as follows:
“The Dangers of Legislative Recognition (sic) for Lumbee
• Shifting claims of tribal ancestry
• Claims to Native ancestry rely on speculation, not historically or ge-

nealogically verifiable information
• Lumbee would be the only group to receive recognition without identifying any specific tribe from which they descend.

• Lower recognition standards will open doors for false groups and have profound consequences for legitimate tribes’ cultural resources, sacred places, and ancestral remains.”

NCAI President Mark Macarro released the following statement on Wednesday, Oct. 30, “It has come to our attention that inflammatory materials were distributed this morning during the Second General Assembly without the consent or approval of the National Congress of American Indians. This is a violation of the code of conduct by which all members

are bound. It is an unacceptable breach of the standards and spirit of community, consensus, and inclusion that NCAI works hard to promote and safeguard. We regret and apologize for the divisiveness this unethical action has caused. We also apologize to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina for this insult.”

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has long opposed Lumbee recognition. In a statement released on Friday, Nov. 1, (EBCI) Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks gave his thoughts on the subject. “The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians supports the careful research and report that clarifies the Lumbee group’s origins sponsored by the United Indian Nations of Okla-

homa (UINO). We want to thank UINO Chairman and Shawnee Nation Chief Ben Barnes and the tribal nations in Oklahoma for their strong leadership on the issue of protecting tribal identity, tribal cultural sovereignty, and government-to-government relations between historical tribal nations and the United States.”

The statement continued, “The expert report regarding Lumbee origins provides an evenhanded, fact-based analysis of a vitally important issue for tribal nations today. It brings necessary facts and analysis to this issue, rather than the politics of eastern North Carolina and the emotions of politicians counting numbers rather than the true historical facts of a Tribe around land base, language,

**November
Native American
Heritage Month**

Native American Heritage Month is a reminder to honor and recognize Native American cultures and peoples...

Including our Missing and Murdered.

#MMIP

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

IWMF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MEDIA FOUNDATION

GWY ƆV° OYLC
CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER • TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

historical treaties rights, customs, and traditions. Tribal nations deserve a serious discussion about federal recognition issues rather than political hyperbole.”

Ugwyiyuhi Hicks went on to state, “We stand with UINO and many other tribal nations in defense of tribal sovereignty. The Eastern Band of Cherokee has repeatedly stated that federal acknowledgement warrants a careful- merit-based and meticulous process that is thorough before being considered by the Office of Federal Acknowledgment at the Department of the Interior.”

In June, the EBCI hosted the NCAI Mid-Year Conference and Marketplace which was held at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort Event Center in Cherokee, N.C. The EBCI has opposed state-recognized tribal groups, such as

the Lumbee, being allowed to be voting members of NCAI.

Bill Taylor, EBCI governmental affairs liaison, spoke on that issue during the Southeast Caucus meeting on the morning of Tuesday, June 4 as part of that Mid-Year Conference and Marketplace. “We’re being accused of being bullies. No, we’re being personally attacked. There’s a group in this room who claimed to be Cherokee for 50 years – not so.”

During the Annual NCAI meeting in 2023 in New Orleans, La., the EBCI, along with the Shawnee Tribe, sought a constitutional amendment for the NCAI that would have barred state-recognized tribes from voting membership. The amendment did not pass.

The card distributed at NCAI contains a QR Code linking to a

study on UINO’s website. The study, by Jean M. Kelley, M.A., is entitled “Analysis of Lumbee Historical and Genealogical Claims”.

In the 19-page report, Kelley states, “The totality of Lumbee claims lacks properly attributed historical documentation and relies on speculative connections rather than verified facts.”

She goes on to write, “Historical records do not support the Lumbee assertion that they were hiding out in the swamps of Robeson County for 100 years. The Lumbee have adopted various and inconsistent tribal identifies, including ‘Cherokee Indians of Robeson County’ and ‘Siouan Indians’, reflecting an opportunistic approach rather than a deep-rooted historical identity.”

The Lumbee Fairness Act (S.521), introduced by Senators Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) and Ted Budd (R-N.C.) on Feb. 16, 2023, is currently in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. An identical bill (H.R.1101), introduced by Rep. David Rouzer (R-N.C.) on Feb. 17, 2023, is in the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs.

On the day the Bill was introduced, Sen. Tillis said in a statement, “More than six decades ago, Congress made a promise to the Lumbee Tribe, but then failed to keep it. I’m committed to making sure the Lumbees finally get the full recognition they deserve.”

Sen. Budd stated, “The more than 60,000 North Carolina members of the Lumbee Tribe have waited decades for federal recognition. They deserve the same rights, privileges, and respect granted to other Native American tribes throughout our country.”

Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.) spoke against the bills on the House floor on Sept. 25, 2024. “If the administration or Congress

allows the Lumbee to bypass the OFA (Office of Federal Acknowledgment), it sends a clear message that other groups with dubious claims for tribal recognition can also avoid the deliberation and scrutiny that the OFA petition process is designed to provide. We need the OFA process to protect Indian Country and the public. The process requires verification that the persons who claim to be tribal members actually have Native American descent. Believe it or not, the OFA has determined that some petitioning groups are comprised entirely of people that cannot demonstrate Native American ancestry – not a single person.”

THE TIRE SHOP
FALL Special
The Tire Shop
2661 Governors Island
Bryson City, NC 28713
828-488-2005

Smokey Bear is within us all.
For wildfire prevention tips, visit [SmokeyBear.com](https://www.SmokeyBear.com)

Ramsay's Kitchen coming to Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel in 2025



Celebrated multi-Michelin starred chef and television personality Gordon Ramsay and Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel have teamed up to bring Ramsay's Kitchen to the Murphy, North Carolina property in early 2025. (Renderings provided by Harrah's Cherokee Casinos)

MURPHY, N.C. - Celebrated multi-Michelin starred chef and television personality Gordon Ramsay and Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel have teamed up to bring Ramsay's Kitchen to the Murphy, North Carolina property in early 2025.

"We have seen much success with our food hall over at Harrah's Cherokee, so we thought we'd bring another option to guests of the region with my long-time partners at Caesars Entertainment," said Chef Ramsay. "I love to customize menus inspired by my travels but with local influence and I'm excited to bring that to Harrah's Cherokee Valley River guests next year."

Inspired by Chef Ramsay's travels abroad, the Ramsay's Kitchen concept will treat guests to a comprehensive culinary journey. Menu offerings include beloved dishes like the legendary Beef Wellington, delectable Pan-seared Scallops, Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes and Chef's Signature Sticky Toffee Pudding. Each dish at Ramsay's Kitchen will reflect Ramsay's passion for quality ingredients and culinary excellence,

ensuring a memorable dining experience that transports guests around the globe, one bite at a time.

Expected to debut in tandem with the completion of an extensive \$275 million expansion project at Harrah's Cherokee Valley River, Ramsay's Kitchen will be located on Valley Tower's twelfth floor, bestowing a breathtaking backdrop of North Carolina's largest national forest. With the capacity to host over 190 guests, the restaurant boasts a spacious 12,000 square-foot layout featuring both indoor seating and an outdoor rooftop terrace. Guests can enjoy a 19-seat bar and an extensive wine cellar, along with a private dining area for more intimate gatherings. The open exhibition kitchen will invite diners to witness the culinary artistry of the chefs and waitstaff as they skillfully prepare and serve exquisite dishes.

Designed by J CJ Architecture, the restaurant's design presents a vibrant palette that creates a lively and inviting ambiance. The playful mix of colors is complemented by sleek, modern furnishings that offer both comfort and

style. Woven-patterned paneling adds texture and visual interest to the space, while the striking mosaic tile floors provide a unique foundation that ties the design elements together. This thoughtful combination fosters a casual yet energetic dining atmosphere, making it an appealing destination for all guests. Whether you're enjoying a leisurely meal or a quick bite, the dynamic environment will encourage a sense of community and enjoyment.

"We're incredibly excited to continue our partnership with the Ramsay team and introduce this new dining concept at our property," said Lumpy Lambert, GM of Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel. "The cozy ambiance of the venue, paired with Chef Ramsay's thoughtfully curated, internationally inspired menu will undoubtedly provide our guests with an unforgettable experience."

Additional details on Ramsay's Kitchen at Harrah's Cherokee Valley River will be announced at a later date.

- Harrah's Cherokee Casinos release



Samara McKnight, *What Once Was* (detail), 2024, oil on canvas, 30 x 24 inches. Courtesy of the artist.



BARDO
ARTS CENTER
WESTERN CAROLINA
UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF FINE ART PORTFOLIO EXHIBITION

Join us for the
reception on

11/14

Thurs. at 5 pm



ARTS.WCU.EDU/BFA-24

WCU FINE ART MUSEUM

828.227.ARTS | BAC.WCU.EDU

199 Centennial Drive, Cullowhee, NC 28723

**GET OUT OF THAT OLD RIDE
AND INTO A NEW ONE!**

CROSSROADS
Ford
WAYNESVILLE, NC
Dawson Cook
Sales Consultant
Local and Honest

Dawson Cook
Sales Consultant
Office: 828-452-5111
dawson.cook@crossroadscars.com

Crossroads Ford of Waynesville
524 Russ Ave. Waynesville, NC
www.crossroadsfordwaynesville.com

PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearing pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A

Confirmation hearing for Jason Lambert and Trista Welch to the Kituwah Economic Development Board

Friday, Nov. 15 at 9 a.m.
Tribal Council Chambers;
Cherokee, N.C.

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

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

**The final date for public comment will be
Friday, Nov. 8.**



CIPD Arrest Report for Oct. 21-27, 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 at theonefeather.com.

Long Jr., Henry Allen – age 34
 Arrested: Oct. 21
 Released: Oct. 24
 Charges: Probation Violation

Almedia Maramara, Jhonny Jose – age 29
 Arrested: Oct. 22
 Released: Oct. 24
 Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

Aquirrz, Eric Jose Vilchez – age 24
 Arrested: Oct. 22

Released: Oct. 24
 Charges: Possession of Stolen Goods

Pina Garcia, John Vairo – age 22
 Arrested: Oct. 22
 Released: Oct. 25
 Charges: Possession of Stolen Goods

Hill, Christopher James – age 35
 Arrested: Oct. 23
 Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 28)
 Charges: Possession of Firearms etc. by Felon; Drug Paraphernalia, Using Possessing; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Wachacha-Crowe, Maritsa Stephanie – age 26
 Arrested: Oct. 23
 Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 28)
 Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Lambert, Tammy Lynne – age 64
 Arrested: Oct. 24

Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 28)
 Charges: Contempt of Court

Caldwell, Milburn H. – age 51
 Arrested: Oct. 26
 Released: Oct. 27
 Charges: Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Nicolo, Daniel Francis – age 37
 Arrested: Oct. 27
 Released: Oct. 27
 Charges: Temporary Hold

ADOPT A PET!
359-2380
 CHEROKEE ANIMAL CONTROL
 All adoptions must be spay/neutered
 Fees paid by adopter.

COUNTRYSIDE CHEVROLET
 FRANKLIN, NC
EXPERIENCE THE ALL NEW CHEVY

<p>BEST SELECTION OF NEW 2024 INVENTORY IN MACON COUNTY.</p>	<p>CHEVY TRAX 9 TO CHOOSE FROM!</p>  <p>\$21,495</p>	<p>CHEVY COLORADO 5 TO CHOOSE FROM!</p>  <p>\$31,095</p>
<p>CHEVY TRAILBLAZER 4 TO CHOOSE FROM!</p>  <p>\$24,890</p>	<p>CHEVY EQUINOX 2 TO CHOOSE FROM!</p>  <p>\$31,075</p>	<p>CHEVY SILVERADO</p>  <p>\$51,300</p>

TOGETHER LET'S DRIVE

71 CAT CREEK RD FRANKLIN, NC | 828.524.0734 | WWW.COUNTRYSIDECHEVY.COM

Parents accuse Swain County Schools employee of racial discrimination

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

BRYSON CITY, N.C. - On Sept. 13, Leslie Frankiewicz filed a grievance against Swain Co. football Head Coach Sherman Holt for racial discrimination against his child, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and a former student at Swain County High School.

The grievance asserts that Holt violated Swain County School Board Policy 1710/40207230 Discrimination and Harassment Prohibited by Federal Law, alleging

that racist and degrading remarks were directed at the alleged minor victim.

Frankiewicz also accuses of Holt of violating the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators.

On Oct. 17, Thomas A. Dills, chief administrative officer and human resources director for Swain County Schools, responded to the grievance in a formal letter stating, "Upon receiving your child's complaint, we immediately initiated a thorough and impartial investigation, as outlined in our Policy 1710/4020/7230. This process included:

1. Interviewing your child and any potential witnesses
2. Gathering relevant evidence
3. Speaking with the alleged perpetrator
4. Speaking with others mentioned as having relevant information
5. Reviewing applicable school policies and procedures

Throughout this process, we have maintained strict confidentiality to protect all parties involved. Based on our findings, we have determined that the evidence does not substantiate a violation of School Board Policy 1710."

Frankiewicz and the al-

leged minor victim's mother, Shayna Jenkins, a member of the EBCI, have since submitted an appeal as allowed by Policy 1710/4020/7230. The appeal requests reinvestigation.

Policy 1710/4020/7230 Discrimination and Harassment Prohibited by Federal Law requires that Swain County Superintendent Mark Sale respond to Jenkins and Frankiewicz' appeal "within 10 days after receiving the appeal, unless further investigation is needed."

The Center for Native Health secures funding for Hurricane relief, recovery, and rebuilding in WNC

The Center for Native Health (CNH) has announced the receipt of two substantial grants to aid in the relief, recovery, and rebuilding efforts across western North Carolina in response to the damage left by Tropical Storm Helene. These funds will allow CNH to provide much-needed frontline support and resources for affected communities as they work toward long-term recovery.

The grants received include:

A \$20,000 Grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation has generously awarded CNH a one-time grant of \$20,000. This funding is designated specifically for Tropical Storm

Helene Disaster Relief and Response. The support from Blue Cross Blue Shield reflects their commitment to assisting communities in North Carolina in times of crisis, enabling CNH to provide immediate aid and resources to those most affected by the storm.

A \$25,000 Emergency and Disaster Response Grant from the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina has awarded CNH an Emergency and Disaster Response Fund Grant of \$25,000 to support "The Center for Native Health Disaster Relief and Frontline Work" project. This grant underscores the Foundation's dedication to empowering local organizations in their disaster relief efforts, allowing CNH to address urgent needs and help communities rebuild more resiliently.

Grant Impact and Fund Allocation

These grants have been pivotal in enabling

CNH to respond effectively to the needs of affected families and communities and supporting long term recovery. Funds have been used to buy front line supplies in the immediate aftermath of the storm along with supporting long term economic recovery for families directly impacted. CNH also plans to use funding to support river and waterway clean up as we believe that the health of our communities is directly tied to the health of the land itself. Water is life.

Executive Director Trey Adcock, PhD claims, "This grant funding reaffirms CNH's commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of Indigenous families and surrounding communities in western North Carolina. We are deeply grateful to our funders, whose support is instrumental in helping us restore and strengthen our communities after this disaster."

- The Center for Native Health release



Search thousands of One Feather photos:

Cherokeepics.com

September Savings Cruise at Andy Shaw Ford: Where Deals Fall like Leaves! Whether you are eyeing the Mustang Mach-E or the rugged Bronco Sport, our Dealership in Sylva, NC has un-bleaf-able offers on New Fords!

Se habla español

Locally Owned and Operated



2024 Ford Edge ST-Line Intelligent

Stock#V9192

Andy Shaw Ford Price
\$41,936



2024 Ford F-150 XLT

Stock#T9211

MSRP
\$64,875



2023 Ford F-150 Lightning Platinum

Stock#T9176

Andy Shaw Ford Price
\$89,959



2023 Ford Mustang Mach-E GT

Stock#V9175

Andy Shaw Ford Price
\$58,995

MEET YOUR ANDY SHAW FORD SALES TEAM



Greg Jamison



Brad Ledford



Lidia Cruz



Dustin Shuler



GOLF: Paytyn Barker, Cherokee Lady Braves senior, competes in the NCHSAA 1A/2A Women's Golf State Championship on the mornings of Oct. 28 and 29 at Sapona Golf Club in Lexington, N.C. Barker finished 56th out of 88 golfers with a score of 97 on day one and 108 on day two. Barker was named the Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) Player of the Year. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



FOOTBALL: Cherokee's Josiah Teesateskie (#12) runs the ball, as Murphy defenders Camden Breazeale (#84) and Brody Orton (#55) pursue, during a game at Murphy High School in Murphy, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Nov. 1. The final score was Murphy 35 Cherokee 6. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



JOHN HIGHSMITH, DDS
Cosmetic, General, Implant & Laser Dentistry

DR. SYLVIA PECYNA JERNIGAN
Now Accepting New Patients

\$95

NEW PATIENT
COMPREHENSIVE
EXAM & XRAYS*

**New Patients Only*

*Proudly Serving
the Community
in Which I Live*

Painless General Dentistry



Crown & Bridges • Invisalign® Orthodontics • TMJ

DRHIGHSMITH.COM • 828.634.7813

78 Nelson St. | Clyde, NC



2/15



High COUNTRY

SYLVA, NC

Catering & Foodservice

Decades of Combined experience,
professional service and most
importantly... Great Food!

Use Us For Your:

- *Christmas Parties
- *Church Functions
- *Private Events
- ... and many more

David Blanton
828-507-4606

John Faulk
828-506-3463

Impact the
present.
Shape the
future.



*I get to share my
passion for science
with kids. I get to nerd
out a little bit. They
see that come out and
it excites them.*

ANNA GURLEY

LIVE WESTERN



livewestern.wcu.edu

Western
Carolina
UNIVERSITY

WCU Fine Art Museum exhibition wins Bronze Award

CULLOWHEE, N.C. – Denise Drury Homewood, executive director of the Bardo Arts Center at Western Carolina University, believed “Spark of the Eagle Dancer: The Collecting Legacy of Lambert Wilson” exhibition was an award winner from the start. She was correct.

The 2023 exhibition at the WCU Fine Art Museum was awarded a Bronze Award from the Southeastern Museums Conference.

“It’s a pretty prestigious award for us,” Drury Homewood said. “Hundreds of museums apply to receive an award. They have several different award categories, and we won the exhibition award, so I think it’s a real honor to Western Carolina University at large to be recognized by this in our regional professional organization.”

The exhibition featured over 140 works of art from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and many other Native American tribes. The works come from the collection of Wilson, a known community member and supporter of the arts in western North Carolina, who died in 2022. Along with the award, the Bardo



“Spark of the Eagle Dancer: The Collecting Legacy of Lambert Wilson (shown in photo)” 2023 exhibition at the WCU Fine Art Museum was awarded a Bronze Award from the Southeastern Museums Conference. (WCU release)

Arts Center also received a grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, which helped fund the exhibition. The exhibit was also well received, as it surpassed the center’s pre-Covid attendance numbers, welcoming more than 5,000 visitors.

The exhibition was supposed to run through the fall semester, but due to high attendance numbers and WCU faculty wanting to bring in their spring classes to see it, the center extended it into the

spring.

“We don’t really do that hardly ever, but we felt it was important to do that for this particular exhibition,” Drury Homewood said.

This exhibition and award were a product of many of Wilson’s friends’ and people from the community’s hard work, including Jenny Holland, Joshua Adams, Lauren Adams, Evan Mathis, Bob Proctor, Kathy Proctor, Anna Fariello, Pam Meister, Wendy LeMay, as well as Greg McPherson, Caro-

lyn Grosch and Drury Homewood from the WCU Fine Art Museum team.

It also obviously wouldn’t have been possible without Wilson and his commitment to the 83 artists represented.

“Lambert was all about bringing people together, and he was a lifelong learner and educator,” Drury Homewood said. “It wasn’t enough for Lambert to just collect artwork. He wanted to make a connection with the artists, support them and help connect them and share their work with museums and other institutions.”

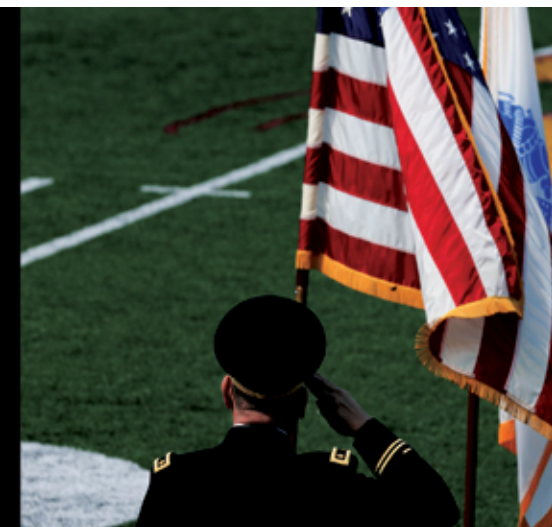
The WCU Fine Art Museum’s current exhibition, “At The Table,” is on display until Dec. 6. The exhibition features contemporary works of art from the 1980s to the present that “explore ideas of community, power and representation through their depiction or use of a “table.””

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and is open later on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Western Carolina University
release

**Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143
is seeking contact information for
active EBCI service men/women to
provide aid and support.**

**Info: Gregory Hunt (828) 342-2024 or
Gerard Ball (919) 805-2572**





FOUR SEASONS
RECOGNIZES NOVEMBER AS
NATIONAL
NATIVE
AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH

Four Seasons is honored to provide Serious Illness and Hospice Care within the Qualla Boundary and *we are awed by the perseverance of this resilient indigenous community.*

We are proud to collaborate with the **Cherokee Indian Hospital** and are committed to health equity by approaching every interaction with cultural humility and a focus on learning.



If you or a loved one needs Serious Illness or Hospice Care Call **866.466.9734** or Request Care Online at **FourSeasonsCare.org**

Halloween Fun

The annual Scare-Okee event was held in the Oconaluftee Island Park area in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 31. Thousands turned out for the event.

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather Asst. Editor





OBITUARIES ƆᎠᎿᎿ

Wanda Murphy Cucumber

Wanda Murphy Cucumber, age 68, passed away unexpectedly at her residence on Friday, Oct. 25, 2024.

She is survived by her daughter, Chasity Flippo; grandson, Robert; two great-grandchildren; brothers, Douglas Murphy, Archie Murphy, Carl Murphy; sisters, Patricia Murphy and Beverly Smith; and many nieces and nephews also survive.

Wanda is preceded by her parents, Lawrence Murphy and Mary E. (Roberts) Murphy; daughter, Denise Beth; brothers, John Murphy, Clarence Murphy, Tom Murphy, Bill Owle; and sister, Ruby Murphy.

A formal funeral service was held on Saturday, Nov. 2 at

Bethabara Baptist Church. Burial was in the Murphy Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Paiton C. Rickman

Paiton C. Rickman, age 28, of the Yellow Hill Community, Cherokee, N.C., passed away Wednesday (Oct. 30, 2024) evening unexpectedly at his residence. Paiton was a beautiful soul with a contagious smile who left this world too soon.

Paiton is the son of Patrick Rickman of Cherokee, N.C. and Loleta Queen of the home. In addition to his parents, he is also survived by his maternal grandparents, Ann Evans (Manny) and Rick Queen (Mara) both of Cherokee, N.C.; three sons, Felix Rickman, Ryker Rickman, and Maddox Rickman, all of Chero-

kee; one Brother and wife, Kainon Rickman (Felicia) of Cherokee, N.C.; five aunts, Sallie Smith, Lula Davis and husband (Kenny), Yolanda Saunooke and husband (TW), Stormi Welch (Cage), Helena Cline, all of Cherokee, N.C. In addition, six uncles; two nieces, Kaiyah Rickman and Aliyah Simmons; and many cousins and his special cousin, CeAnna Saunooke, also survive.

Long House Funeral Home is assisting the family with final arrangements.

Misty Marie Blythe

(June 3, 1978 – Oct. 31, 2024)

Misty Marie Blythe passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024.

She is survived by her parents, Lola and Jack Ray Blankenship; six children, Nikeya, Rachel, Logan, Maiya, Emily, and Samantha; three grandchildren, Stetson, Riley, and Olipop; brothers, Tony,

Leroy, Dennis; sister, Denise; numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends, that she considered family; and lastly, her Husband of 13 years, Sam.

Born and raised in Cherokee, N.C., she loved her mountains, her heritage and most of all, her family. She wore her heart on her sleeve, pulled no punches, and spoke her mind honestly. But, under that exterior was a heart of gold. She was quick to give anyone the shirt off her back, lend a hand or be an ear to someone's problems. For that, she will be loved, remembered and missed by all who knew her. Misty always said, "Blood doesn't make you family, Love does"

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 5 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



LONG HOUSE FUNERAL HOME, INC.

(828) 497-1408

407 Wolftown Rd Cherokee, NC. 28719

We provide individualized funeral services designed to meet the needs of each family.

- *How to Prepare
- *Grief resources
- *365 Days of Healing
- *Common Questions

Contact us with your questions, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

www.longhousefuneralhome.com

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you to the Richard Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

The late Richard Crowe, who graduated with his masters degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (1982), believed in supporting Native American college and graduate students. Crowe died too young at the age of 36. In his honor, the Richard Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship awards money to graduate and professional students, while they pursue their degrees. Thank you very much for supporting me. Your scholarship program also encourages recipients like me to understand the story of Crowe's life and career. Though I did not know him, I know that he was a talented man, a veteran, a mechanic, and a public speaker.

Thank you to those who once knew Crowe and who founded the scholarship in his name Thank you, Richard Yogi Crowe, for your inspiration and character. Let us carry your legacy forward.

Nolan Arkansas,

PhD Student in Art History at Duke University



Keep up with all Cherokee events at:

www.theonefeather.com/events/



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.

COMMENTARY

Do we enjoy being in the dark?

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

I do not know about you, but I like to be in the know. Because of our “smart” phones, we can access a flood of information in a short time span. Much of what we see and hear, we must filter because along with the facts, we now deal with twists and spins and opinion in places that it should not be. Part of the process of making informed decisions is getting unbiased information to

consider when making those decisions. The garbage in, garbage out theory of assessment.

I infrequently get requests to publish pieces (many in the form of press releases) from organizations and government entities that are written by Artificial Intelligence, in my opinion. I say in my opinion, because there isn't a definitive test to identify writings as being written by AI. But there are certainly signs. If a written piece contains little substance and is littered with meaningless descriptors, it is very likely the work of AI. AI can only massage the information that the user inputs. For the rest of the content, it draws on the large vocabulary of the Internet. While evaluating that theory, I logged on to an AI site and asked it to provide a

press release for the Strawberry Festival, giving only rudimentary information. As an example, I provide the following first paragraph:

“Cherokee, NC-September 2025-Cherokee Strawberry Festival set to sweeten the Qualla Boundary in September 2025. Celebrate Cherokee heritage, community, and the season's sweet abundance with a strawberry-themed culinary and cultural experience. The Cherokee community invites visitors and locals alike to celebrate the annual Cherokee Strawberry Festival, to be held on the Qualla Boundary in September 2025. This beloved festival, a vibrant tribute to strawberry season, offers a unique opportunity to enjoy Cherokee traditions, arts, and

foods made with strawberries of all kinds.”

When you see vagueness (sweet abundance, vibrant tribute) and meaningless platitude (strawberry-themed, beloved festival, strawberries of all kinds), you have a good indication that you are reading something at least partially generated by a machine (a la Terminator).

The issue for me is that when we see AI generated press releases coming from official sources, it calls into question whether history is being recorded accurately. It is a challenge either way but if a press agent or official does not have the ability to articulate a record of an action or event without the use of AI, how trustworthy can the data be that they are inputting for AI?

The same is true for us. We are tasked daily with making decisions in our lives. Good decisions require good data. Good input. But day after day, we must sift through the minutia of tons of opinion and misinformation to try to sort data and fact from manipulative fantasy. And this writing environment is custom made for AI. AI will embellish its output in the absence of substantive material. And if you are a writer using AI, then you very likely don't have the cognitive ability to proof it for accuracy, otherwise why would you allow a machine to write your material? There are several public meetings that occur on the Qualla Boundary every month; Cherokee Central Schools Board of Education, EBCI Police Commission, among others. In the decade plus that I have had a focus on reporting on these entities, I have rarely seen community members in attendance. You would think, because

Tsalagi MINUTE

Sponsored by the Qualla Boundary Historical Society



U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms - honorary EBCI tribal member

The late U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) was made an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians with the passage of Res. No. 313 on Oct. 19, 1984 in which he was also bestowed the name Ah-hi-ga-li-ya ah-tsi-nv-si-da sdi which means “Faithful Servant”.

Helms served North Carolina as a senator from 1973 to 2003. Res. No. 313 states, “...United States Senator the Honorable Jesse Helms has assisted the Cherokee people through his offices whenever they have needed and sought his aid and support.”

He was credited in the legislation with several actions helping the Tribe including the following:

- “instrumental in obtaining funds which would have otherwise been denied the Cherokee School for the education of Cherokee children who possess less than one quarter degree of Indian blood”,
- “instrumental in enabling the Cherokee Fish Management Program to continue operation when federal wildlife services were being withdrawn”,
- “assisted in the approval of loans for economic development projects through the Department of Agriculture and in approval of a multi-million dollar grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for the construction of a waste water system for the Cherokee Indian Reservation.”

Res. No. 373 passed 9-2 with Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Chairman Jonathan Taylor not voting and Bertha Saunooke and Abe Wachacha voting against. The following voted for the measure: Gerard Parker, Richard Sneed, Phillip Smith, Glenda Sanders, Richard Bird, Wilbur Sequoyah, Julius Taylor, Jesse Murphy, and Richard Welch.



- Photo: U.S. Senate official photo (Public Domain)

the School Board and Police Commission deal with children and public safety, there would be at least a few concerned citizens at every meeting. Not so.

We, the community, allow a law to exist that permits our government to conduct business without public access. The Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) may, at their discretion, turn the cameras and audio off in the otherwise televised and streamed open sessions, while remaining in open session. All that is required for them to do this is to keep the chambers open, so people can sit in the gallery if they are there. I would argue that this law should be abolished and that the video recording of the Dinilawigi sessions be considered on official record. I have been told that official minutes are taken but I have

yet to receive a copy of any minutes taken at a recent Dinilawigi session. Side note: No record is kept of executive sessions by the government, so the community will only know what is communicated by their individual Council representative as to the content of those meetings.

The new tribal information portal is still in a level of testing and improvement. In the meantime, the government has practically shut down any access to any financial information of the tribe. If you are an avid watcher of Dinilawigi, you will frequently see items read into record redacting any references to dollar amounts, down to and including requests for donations. Secrecy, not transparency, is the order of the day. When asked why our community doesn't have access to the

financial records of the tribe, the standard response has been that "there are people out there who are out to get us and to take our money, so we have to protect you by hiding the numbers for your own good." And since the government has not, so far, determined a way to effectively communicate that information to the entirety of Eastern Band members, it is likely that we will be in the dark for some time to come.

Requests for the most mundane pieces of information requested from the government, in many cases, go unanswered. While some high-level hires are announced, some high-level positions sit vacant with no indication as to when or who will fill them and who will fill certain shoes until a more permanent decision is made. When key members of staffing leave the organization, jobs that are public facing, the community should have access to information on those hires and terminations, especially when any of those involve public safety. The government releases little when it comes to the legal battles our tribe fights. It is also not forthcoming with lobbying efforts on our behalf on what I suspect are a host of issues. And while tribal entities are now required to provide monthly updates on assets and expenditures, those are not required to be communicated to the membership of the tribe.

Efforts to get a constitution question on the ballot in the latest election were thwarted only a month or two away from the election and elected official term questions that had been approved for referendum vote for two years were removed from the ballot at the same time. According to government officials, these actions were taken to basically protect

the people from themselves. We have a code of laws that contains contradictory language in it due to the adding of laws and only rescinding within the language of the new law, not researching, and removing any contradictory language. We operate under the Charter, which provides avenues to do business with other governments but only provides a broad framework for community governance and nearly no civil rights. And the path to a true constitution "by the people, for the people" is now, by Code at the government's direction, questionable as the effort is being led by... the government. Not the people.

Our current slate of elected officials is doing the best they can with the system we have chosen as a people. Either through our actions or inaction, we have allowed this system of governance to come to exist. It is up to us to make changes that will ensure and enhance our civil rights, including the right to disclosure. Government has a duty to keep its citizenry informed. Somewhere along the line, we put the cart before the horse in the way we govern.

As I once opined to a coworker, I would not allow my doctor to tell me that there is something wrong with me, then let him tell me that, for my own good, he would keep that diagnosis from me and then ask me to trust his treatment. The doctor would have a duty, and I would have an expectation, that they would provide me with that diagnosis, so I could make informed decisions about the treatment. If they refused, I would select another doctor.



Southwestern
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SCC CERAMIC ARTS CLUB PRESENTS

Holiday
ART MARKET
SAT. NOV. 9
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION

ART, CRAFT, FOOD & DEMONSTRATIONS
SCC SWAIN CENTER (On Hwy 74)
60 Almond School Rd Bryson City, NC 28713

COMMENTARY

Take an hour to honor veterans

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
Aniwodihi (Painttown)

CHEROKEE, N.C. – On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, veterans will be honored at an event on the Qualla Boundary (Cherokee, N.C.). At 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 will host a Veterans Day celebration at its headquarters off of Acquoni Road. All are welcome.

I'd like to encourage everyone to take an hour, as that usually is how long the event lasts, and just come out and say thanks to veterans.

Now, there is sometimes confusion about what Veterans Day is.

The VA (Veterans Administration) clears it up stating, "Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military – in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served – not only those who died – have sacrificed and done their duty."

Information from the Air Force states the history of Veterans Day as follows. "Nov. 11, 1919, 'Armistice Day' marked the first



Sam Lambert, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, salutes during a Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 11, 2023 at the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 headquarters in Cherokee, N.C. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

anniversary of the end of World War I. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution calling for an annual observance which then became a national holiday in 1938. An armistice is a formal agreement to end hostilities. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918, fighting in WWI officially stopped after Germany signed an armistice agreement with Allies earlier in the day. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation that changed the federal holiday's name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day. The name change aimed to pay tribute to all Americans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime."

President George W. Bush once said, "Throughout the course of American history, courageous

men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain these core principles upon which our nation's freedoms depend."

According to information from the Pew Research Center, in 2023, there were more than 18 million living veterans. They report that 78 percent of those served during wartime. Of those, 43 percent served during the Gulf War era, 30 percent during the Vietnam War era, 4 percent during the Korean Conflict era, and less than 1 percent during World War II.

Let's look at our state – North Carolina. According to information from the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, a branch of the Veterans Administration, there are currently 703,142 veterans in North

Carolina with 538,052 being wartime veterans. The breakdown by war is as follows: Gulf War era – 305,666; Vietnam War era – 216,848; Korean Conflict era – 38,992; and World War II – 10,277.

Lew Harding, former Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 commander, said during a Veterans Day celebration in Cherokee in 2019, "Thank you to all the veterans, each and every one of you here. You are our heroes. We love you and we appreciate you, and we will never, ever forget what you have done for us."

Let's all take an hour on Monday, Nov. 11 and join Post 143 and Unit 143 Ladies Auxiliary as they celebrate veterans.

LETTER: UKB elder discusses Cherokee treaties

This is in response to the article published on Oct. 6 entitled "Deputy Chief Warner visits NMAI for unveil of display of Treaty of 1828." (www.easterntimesregister.com)

The Treaty of 1828 did mark what is now the Cherokee Reservation, a treaty signed between the Western Cherokee and the US, relocating the Western Cherokees from Arkansas to Indian Territory,

the US government guaranteed to them forever, solemnly pledging seven million acres of land.

The Treaty of 1819 was the instrument that relocated the Western Cherokees from the East to Arkansas Territory. In this treaty it addresses that "a greater part of the Cherokee nation have expressed an earnest desire to remain on this side of the Mississippi...", "Eventually this group of Cherokees was forcibly moved from the East to Indian Territory in the Treaty of 1835, arriving in 1838-1839, placed on the same land base as the Western Cherokees/Old Settlers.

Former Chief Bill John Baker writes in the Smithsonian Magazine that the Treaty of 1835 "was negotiated by a minority party of Cherokees," and challenged by the majority and their elected govern-

ment. This does not give the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) any rights to the Treaty of 1828. Deputy Chief Warner speaking at the Smithsonian was to legitimize their revised history, claiming a treaty they were not party to.

The treaty of 1846 was to unify the two groups, and the lands occupied by Cherokee Nation to be secured to whole people, and a patent to be issued.

After the Civil War, the Treaty of 1866 was signed between the US government and the Cherokee Nation, which resulted in a nation of mixed bloods, non-Cherokees and non-Indians.

After statehood, the Cherokee Nation government was abolished. When Congress passed the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) in 1934 and the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act (OIWA) in 1936, it paved the way for the Oklahoma tribes to restore their governments.

Descendants of the Western Cherokees/Old Settlers, Keetoowah Society sect, and Eastern Emigrants proved their legitimacy, were able to achieve federal recognition in 1946 as the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians of Oklahoma (UKB). The UKB

ratified its constitution and federal corporate charter in 1950. CNO continues to deny this truth.

The 1866 Treaty Cherokees Tribe did not meet the OIWA requirements, and the tribe remained dormant until 1976 when they were federally recognized by Administrative Rule and reorganized as the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CNO), an Oklahoma Corporation.

UKB is entitled to the Cherokee Reservation, even more so than the entity that has achieved their status due to unlimited money, lawyers, aid from some state representatives, and government officials.

I say more so because a mixed blood and non-Cherokee nation cannot be more entitled to the Cherokee Reservation than an OIWA tribe with one quarter up to full blood of Cherokee blood.

Each time I refute their truth, it's akin to throwing a pebble against a great whale, but it's important that UKB youth and children, our future, know the truth.

By Anile Locust

United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians Elder

LETTER: A heartfelt thank you to the CIPD volunteering in the storm clean up in AVL

Dear Editor,

Something extraordinary happened on my property last Friday here in West Asheville. A good many members of the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) worked a few hours in my yard and a neighbor's, helping us with the partial removal of the massive trees downed on our lots. From officers to detectives to staff to lieutenants to the chief of police herself, this crew had volunteered to come into town here and help people like me overwhelmed with the cleanup of the hurricane mess.

This impressive show of helpful force was organized by a delightful "ordinary person" named Tamara, who hails from Cherokee. For weeks she has been deploying various volun-

teer groups from Cherokee to help locals in Buncombe County and elsewhere dig out from Helene.

I wanted your readers to know about the comradery, good nature and roll-up-their-sleeves approach this group of CIPD men and women brought to the splitting and moving of big, heavy pieces of tree trunk to get them out of the way and get me to the next step. I cannot thank the CIPD and the town of Cherokee enough. You all rock, and you definitely know how to roll lots of wood too!

Sincerely yours,
Susan Spies
 Asheville, N.C.




114th Annual Junaluska Wreath Laying Ceremony


Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m.

at Junaluska Memorial and Gravesite
 Robbinsville, NC.

Parking at the Elementary school lower parking lot and shuttles will run guests to the Gravesite

Lunch will be provided following the program at
 Graham County Community Center, 196 Knight St


For more information contact
 Angelina Jumper at
angejump@ebci-nsn.gov
 or
 Cree Rockwood at
kaylarock@ebci-nsn.gov

ᑭᑦᑦᑦ ᑭᑦᑦᑦ ᑭᑦᑦᑦ! Let's Say It in Cherokee!

V ᑭᑦᑦᑦ? Do iyusdi? What is it?	V ᑭᑦᑦᑦ? ᑭᑦᑦᑦ Ugama Soup
V ᑭᑦᑦᑦ? ᑭᑦᑦ Gadu Bread	V ᑭᑦᑦᑦ? ᑭᑦᑦᑦ ᑭᑦᑦᑦᑦ Ugama asusdi Gravy
V ᑭᑦᑦᑦ? ᑭᑦᑦᑦ Hawiya Meat	V ᑭᑦᑦᑦ ᑭᑦᑦᑦ? Do iyusdi tsaduli? What do you want?
V ᑭᑦᑦᑦ? ᑭᑦᑦᑦᑦ Ganohena Rice	ᑭᑦᑦ Yvgj A fork

Scan QR code to hear Cherokee language spoken by Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver



Ride The Famous Rudicoaster!

SANTA'S LAND FUN PARK & ZOO

58th Season

\$3 OFF EACH TICKET WITH THIS AD
Not Valid With any Other Offer

Cherokee, NC 828-497-9191 www.santaslandnc.com

you're invited!

FOOD TRUCK BOOT CAMP

REGISTRATION OPEN

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GROWING AND STARTING A FOOD TRUCK BUSINESS

Space is Limited, please register at bit.ly/2025-ft-bootcamp

Cherokee Tribal Food Distribution
2260 Old Mission Rd

March 10 - 13, 2025

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LAURA LAUFFER LWLAUFFE@NCSU.EDU 828 359 6936

94.1FM WBHN CLASSIC COUNTRY

Your #1 STATION FOR CLASSIC COUNTRY

TRAD **O**

12:30-1pm Weekdays

Scan The QR Code To Download Our Mobile App!

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

TRIBAL HOUSING'S FINANCIAL LENDING SERVICES OFFICE & TRIBAL REALTY SERVICES

Are Excited to Announce Bi-Monthly Site Visits to the Snowbird and Cherokee Co. Communities!!

Our Services:

- Housing Loans
- Credit Counseling
- Land Transfer Documents

November 21, 2024, at the John Welch Senior Center from 9 am - 11 am and at the Jacob Cornsilk Shared Classroom from 1 pm - 3 pm.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL MICHELLE STAMPER AT 828-359-6904, OR MICHSTAM@EBCI-NSN.GOV

FAITH COMMENTARY

Volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Continue Relief work following Hurricane Helene

Submitted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

ASHEVILLE, N.C. - Since Oct. 4, over 3,000 volunteers in their trademark yellow shirts and vests from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Southeastern United States have made day trips to Western North Carolina to help homes and houses of worship affected by Hurricane Helene. Volunteers traveled at their own expense to clear debris, muck out homes, and — according to a local Church official — to bring hope with them everywhere they served. These volunteers have contributed more than 55,500 hours of work to complete over 1,700 work orders (1 order = 1 home) in this region. In preparation for the cleanup and relief effort, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints sent several trucks of supplies to the area for the volunteers' use and distribution.

Among those serving residents in western North Carolina were close to 200 volunteers from local congregations of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"It's certainly not just members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints giving service after the hurricane," said Kyle Gillett, a leader for the Church in

the Asheville area. "We're embedded in the Bible Belt, and there are so many people who are seeking to serve and do what Christ would do at this time. We love to work together with all our brothers and sisters of every faith to minister to those who are suffering."

Since 1998, thousands of volunteers from the Church have helped people worldwide whose lives have been affected by natural disasters and other emergencies. These include cleanup after the 2022 flooding in Eastern Kentucky, the numerous tornadoes throughout the South, fires in California, and Hurricanes Ida-

lia, Ian, Ida, Katrina, Ike, Gustav, Isaac, Matthew, Michael, Florence, Laura, Sally, and many others.

Rachel Stay, a member of the Arden congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ, spent Sunday morning cleaning deep mud and spoiled drywall out of a stranger's house in Black Mountain during the hours she normally would have spent worshipping at church.

"Helping people who have suffered more than my family did during this disaster helped me to feel the Holy Spirit and feel closer to Jesus," said Stay. "He would be helping everyone, even on the Sabbath. Serving and helping others

in need is doing as Jesus did; it's being His hands."

Added Gillett, "My mind has been called back many times this weekend to a verse from the story of Esther [chapter 4, verse 14] in the Old Testament. Who knows if perhaps God put each of us where we are and gave us the blessings we have for a time such as this? We have to go out and share."

In the coming weekend, volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ will consist mostly of "heavy crews" who bring their own heavy machinery to assist with the Hurricane Helene and Milton clean-up effort.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

"The bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."



Detail from "Bread gets Delivered by an Angel" by Jean Honoré Fragonard (1752/1756)

JOHN 6: 33-35

© 2024 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.

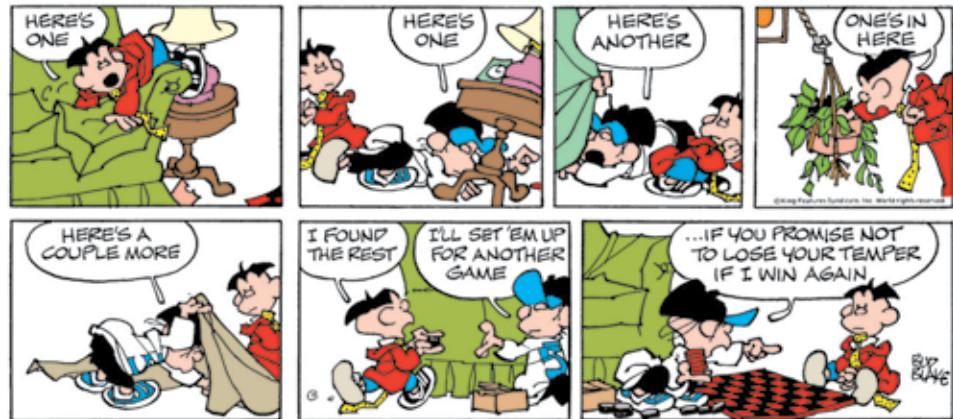
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



TIGER

by Bud Blake



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

6		9		1				
	7			5	3			
		9	2	8				4
4			6	1				
3			1	5				
	6	3						8
	4		9					5
2		6			8			
5			4		7			

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

© 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Exam table is not as long; 2. Pocket is reversed; 3. Teardrop is higher; 4. Lollipop is larger; 5. Curtain is not as high; 6. Pulse is added.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Story lines
- Entanglement
- Victor's cry
- Barking mammal
- Artist Yoko
- Scrapped mission
- Hawaiian city
- Tic-tac-toe win
- Corrida bull
- Surround
- Edge
- Standard
- Fiddle stick
- Umps
- Revolt
- Baba
- To and —
- Modern, in Bonn
- They can hold their heads high
- Aussie greeting
- Takeoff stat
- Comic Philips
- On the job
- Destroys
- Hoodlum
- Privy
- Small combo
- Oklahoma tribe
- GI entertainers
- Full house, e.g.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13			14			
15				16			17			
18				19		20	21			
			22				23			
24	25	26		27	28	29		30	31	
32				33				34		
35			36	37				38		
		39				40	41			
42	43			44	45			46	47	48
49				50	51			52		
53								55		
56				57				58		

- Pantheon members
- Club —
- Early birds?
- Folklore monster
- Queen dowager of Jordan
- "— Boheme"
- Kimono closer
- Tatter
- Yalie
- Kindling
- Opposite of "post-"
- Guitar-making material
- PBS anchor Judy
- Rock's Brian
- Nitwit
- Preambles
- Oboe, for one
- New Deal pres.
- "Faust" dramatist
- "— Deeds"
- Awestruck
- Dorothy's dog
- Heidi of "Project Runway"
- Rocky out-crop
- Monarch
- Freshens lawns
- Sugar suffix

DOWN

- Tennis legend Arthur
- Check
- Young whale
- Sailing vessels
- PBS anchor Judy
- Rock's Brian
- Nitwit
- Preambles
- Oboe, for one

© 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.



- MOVIES: What was the name of the tournament in "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What was the name of the train service that started in 1883 between Paris and Constantinople (Istanbul)?
- LITERATURE: Who did the pigs represent in the allegorical novel "Animal Farm"?
- ART: Which European city houses the Reina Sofia museum?
- TELEVISION: What is the product that Don Draper makes an ad for in the final episode of "Mad Men"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of unicorns called?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which presidential retreat is officially named the "Naval Support Facility Thurmont"?
- MUSIC: Which composer is featured in the film "Immortal Beloved"?
- HISTORY: The Great Wall of China was mostly built by which dynasty?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of fruit is also known as the Chinese gooseberry?

6	7	6	3	2	1	5	8
4	8	5	7	9	3	6	2
2	5	1	3	2	4	9	8
8	6	9	7	2	4	9	8
2	9	5	6	2	9	5	6
3	8	7	4	1	9	5	6
3	9	4	2	5	8	6	7
4	7	8	1	6	5	2	3
9	5	6	7	1	3	9	4
8	2	5	9	4	3	1	8
7	6	2	5	9	4	3	1

Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

G	S	E	M	E	D	S	O	O	G	T
S	H	A	N	D	O	S	O	S	O	O
O	T	R	A	I	O	L	O	N	O	O
K	C	K	S	K	W	M	K	R	K	A
O	M	O	E	M	O	E	T	D	O	O
G	A	V	A	F	F	E	S	F	E	S
N	E	U	F	R	I	S	I	N	G	O
N	G	I	N	G	O	P	A	R	O	R
B	R	O	R	D	E	R	O	R	D	E
O	R	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
O	R	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
O	R	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
N	O	N	O	N	O	N	O	N	O	N

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

- Trivia Test Answers:
- The Trivizard Tournament; 2. The Orient Express; 3. The ruling class; 4. Madrid, Spain; 5. Coke; 6. A blessing; 7. Camp David, Maryland; 8. Ludwig van Beethoven; 9. Ming Dynasty; 10. Kiwi

HAPPENINGS

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

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Pasta Fundraiser. Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Painttown Community Building in Cherokee, N.C. All proceeds will support Tsalagi Public Health Team Member Amanda and her family as they recover from the impact of Hurricane Helene. Your choice of pasta (alfredo or spaghetti) along with a fresh salad, bread, and drink for \$12. Info: Alisha Hernandez (828) 736-4772

Bingo Night. Nov. 9 at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Center in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. 12 regular games, three specials. \$20/packs, \$10/kids packs, \$5 for extra strips. Food available for sale.

Benefit/Fundraiser for June Wiggins (Lowe) Cochran. Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Riverfront Park at 101 Mitchell St. in Bryson City, N.C. She was diagnosed recently with non-small cell non squamous cell lung cancer, and proceeds will go toward medical and travel expenses. A variety of vendors will be there, including a food truck. There will be gospel singing all afternoon, so bring a chair. Many remember June as a hard worker: as a laborer at Singer

Furniture, assistant manager at Bryson City's Hardees and Popeyes, at the Selu Garden Restaurant at Harrah's Cherokee Casino, and the Fryemont Inn.

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

- Nov. 9 at 5 p.m. Benefit for the Delbert Ross Family

- Nov. 16 at 5 p.m. Benefit for the Tracy and Cindee West Family

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

Kuwohi Talk. Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People Multipurpose Room in Cherokee, N.C. Mary Crowe and Lavita Hill, advocates who successfully led the effort to restore the name of Kuwohi (formerly known as Clingman's Dome) in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, will share their experience in restoring the name of this sacred place, from their initial inspiration to that day in September 2024 when the U.S. Board of Geographic Names officially made the historic change. This event is free of charge and open to all.

6th Annual Kanesesgi Fashion Show. Nov. 9 at Harrah's

Cherokee Casino Resort Event Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Featuring over 20 designers from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and guest designers Kenny Glass and Lesley Hampton. Purchase tickets at www.kanesesgi.com


Veteran's Day Breakfast. Nov. 11 at 8 a.m. at the Big Y Gym at 2641 Wrights Creek Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Honoring all who served.

Veteran's Day Celebration hosted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143. Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 building in Cherokee, N.C. Everyone is welcome. Unit 143 Ladies Auxiliary will serve refreshments following the event.

114th Annual Junaluska Wreath Laying Ceremony. Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Junaluska Memorial and Gravesite in Robbinsville, N.C. Parking at the Elementary School lower parking lot and shuttles will run guests to the gravesite. Lunch will be provided following the program at the Graham County Community Center at 196 Knight St. in Robbinsville, N.C. Info: Angelina Jumper at angejump@ebci-nsn.gov or Cree Rockwood at kaylarock@ebci-nsn.gov



Fly Fishing Demo Day. Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. at Happy Holiday RV Village at 1553 Wolfetown Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Free to campers and \$5 for non-campers. All proceeds will benefit Baskets for Elders. Fly tying class supplies in-

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK
Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida
SŌHi ႠD RVLႠႠJ DႠႠYL



Dachshunds Duke, age 7, and Hopper, age 2, live with their human, Chloe Owle, in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown).

Sponsored by:
CHEROKEE ANIMAL CARE CLINIC
 828-497-3401
 1100 US 441N, Whittier, NC 28789

Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

cluded. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. is Intro to Fly Fishing; 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Tenkara Fly Fishing 101; 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Intro to Fly Tying. Info: Call to pre-register (828) 497-9024, or contact Steve and Tricia Hudson at aa4bw@comcast.net

Dididelidi Danatvsgvi (Helping Them Grow) event. Nov. 16 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Big Y Gym at 2641 Wrights Creek Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Open to any young ladies grades 6-12 from any school or background. Topic: Mental Health and Suicide Awareness. Craft: Ribbon Skirts. Only 10 spots available. Materials and



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A rejection of your attempt to be friendly leaves you with two choices: Try again or give up. If you want to make another effort, go slowly. Let things develop without pressure.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It could be a problem dealing with unfamiliar people who do things differently from what you're used to. But rely on your strong sense of purpose to get you through this difficult period.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) To avoid neglecting a personal matter because of a demanding new workplace schedule, start prioritizing immediately. Knowing how to apportion your time takes a little while to set up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It won't be easy to avoid some of the pressures that come with change. Best advice: Take things a step at a time, and you'll be less likely to trip up when things are in a chaotic state.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A much-talked-about workplace change could be coming up soon. Be sure to get all the details involved in the process, and once you have them, you can decide how you want to deal with it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might still believe that your trust was betrayed, although the facts would appear to prove the opposite. But by the week's end, you should learn something that will help set the record straight.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans could be a chal-

dinner will be provided. Info: Bree Lambert (828) 788-3308

Turkey Bingo. Nov. 23 at the Big Y Gym at 2651 Wrights Creek Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Concession opens at 5 p.m. Games start at 6 p.m. 15 games for \$15/pack.

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.

see **EVENTS** next page

lenge because of shifting circumstances. But a more settled period starts by midweek, allowing you to firm up your plan-making once and for all.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The facts continue to be on your side. So, make use of them when dealing with any challenge to your stated position. Also, open your mind to an offer of help from an unlikely source.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) There still could be a communication problem holding up the resolution of a troublesome situation. Stay with it, and eventually, your message will get through and be understood.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A possible change in your workplace schedule might create a chaotic situation for a while. But once things begin to settle down, you might find that this could work to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recent job-linked decision might need to be reassessed because of the possibility of finding benefits that you might have overlooked. Check out all related data to help in the search.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A personal situation you agreed to might not be as acceptable to the other person who is involved in the matter. Avoid pressuring and bullying. Instead, seek common ground by talking things through.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for touching people's minds as well as their hearts. You would be an outstanding educator.

© 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Operation Gratitude still going strong

Since it began in 2003, Operation Gratitude has sent out in excess of 4 million care packages to deployed service members. Starting several years ago, OpGrat has expanded their range of giving to include first responders, wounded heroes, recruit graduates coming out of boot camp and veterans, saying thank you to those who serve.

The kids aren't left out either. Over 20,000 Battalion Buddy teddy bears have been sent out to military children in one year alone.

The donated items in the boxes (ranging from expensive gadgets to snacks to games to necessities) come from corporations, small companies, community and civic groups, and individuals.

Requesting a care package to be sent to someone is easy. Packages can be sent to Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel deployed overseas and National Guard serving domestically.

Volunteers are at the heart of OpGrat. They write letters to be included in the packages and volunteer at the packing events. Local groups create handmade items, scout troops and companies hold fundraisers and schoolchildren collect loose change.

If you doubt the value of this ongoing effort, look at the videos on the website (www.operationgratitude.com). And look for Carolyn Blashek, the woman who started OpGrat in her living room in 2003 after talking to an Iraq War soldier who doubted that anyone cared about whether he'd make it back. She decided to prove him wrong, and 4 million packages later, she has.

I first wrote about Operation Gratitude in 2008 and have been tracking them through the years. While other efforts have come and gone, OpGrat has only grown and expanded. One memorable highlight was the year founder Carolyn Blashek personally delivered a care package to a soldier in Iraq. That box contained the keys to a new vehicle, courtesy of the automaker.

Want to open your wallet and help? You can make a tax deductible donation on the website or send a check to Operation Gratitude, PO Box 260257, Encino, CA 91426-0257. For more information, call them at 818-960-7878.

© 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.



My neighbor won't stop feeding stray cats

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My next-door neighbor puts out food for all of the outdoor cats in the area. That includes a lot of strays who are now mingling with the cats who have homes. She even buys specialty cat food if she thinks they don't like what she's offering. I think this is a dangerous situation, because the cats may be exposed to diseases from the strays. What should I say to her to stop this? — Concerned Next Door

DEAR NEXT DOOR: If you're on polite terms with the neighbor, go over and talk to her about the issue, calmly. Explain your concerns and let her know that some of those cats have homes and owners who may not be happy about their cats being fed somewhere else.

However, if you're not comfortable speaking directly with her — or if the conversation accomplishes nothing — you will need to consider other routes.

If you have a neighborhood HOA, bring up the issue in a community meeting. The cats' owners may not be aware of what's going on. If you don't have an HOA, try discussing the issue with the other owners directly. Explain that their cats are at risk of contracting diseases common among strays, like FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus) or could be injured in a territorial fight. The least painful solution is for cat owners to keep their outdoor cats inside and away from the neighbor.

Then contact your local animal control. Now, animal control doesn't always intervene in these situations, but if they feel that the strays are a danger to other pets, they may come out and try to trap and remove them to a shelter, or at least have a talk with your neighbor about putting food out.

How would you handle a similar situation? Tell us about it at ask@pawscorner.com.

© 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

EVENTS: from page 29

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

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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 meeting. Nov. 7 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. Don Casada and Wendy Meyers will present “Deep Creek” where they will discuss human natural history elements of the Deep Creek area from the mid-18th century to the mid-20th century. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation.

This is free and open to the public.

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

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

POW WOW LISTINGS

Utah Valley University Pow Wow. Nov. 8-9 at Rebecca Lockhart Arena on the campus of Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. MC: Eric Watchman. Host Drum: Scout Society. Info: Justin Allison at justin.allison@uvu.edu

San Carlos Apache Tribe Veteran’s Pow Wow. Nov. 9-10 at Apache Gold Casino in San Carlos, Ariz. Host Northern Drum: Black Lodge. Host Southern Drum: Cozad. Info: (928) 475-1794, kodee.goseyun@scat-nsn.gov

Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians Veterans Pow Wow. Nov. 9 at Kewadin Casino’s Dream Makers Theater in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. MC: Josh Homminga. Host Drums: Bahweting Singers, Frog Hills. Info: Tyler Bouschor (906) 635-6510, tbouschor@sault-tribe.net

Spirit of the Veteran & Warrior Pow Wow. Nov. 9-10 at City Point Park in Dayton, Tenn. MC: Joey Pierce. Host Drum: Medicine Scout. Info: Tyhiska Torres at lisa.veal7@yahoo.com

Squamish Nation Veterans Pow Wow. Nov. 9 at Chief Joe Mathia Centre in West Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. MC: Hal Eagle. Host Drum: Love Medicine. Info: Simon Baker at SNV-vendorspowwow@gmail.com

Veteran’s Pow Wow. Nov. 9 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Wichita, Kan. MC: David Burditt. Info: Victor Follis (316) 312-3121, victor.follis@gmail.com

Unikitawa Veterans Pow Wow. Nov. 9 at Daybreak Star Cultural Center in Seattle, Wash. Info: Kariel Galbraith at kariel@unkitawa.org

SUPPORT GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Baptist Church at 812 Tsalagi Road, in Cherokee, N.C. This is a Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, hang-ups, and habits of any kind. All are welcome. Info: Chris McMillan (828) 788-5410

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

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 emotion-

al support to clients and families of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians members with cancer. The group can provide financial assistance for fuel, lodging, and transportation and also can assist with mastectomy items, nutritional supplements, wigs, and related products. The group can volunteer to take a client to their appointment if it is requested in a timely manner. Betty’s Place is open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (828) 497-0788

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

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

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

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

Snowbird Community meets the first Tuesday of each month, or

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

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

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

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

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

Acquoni Baptist Church. 722 Acquoni Road. 497-7106. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning

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

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

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

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Sunday 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.

see **EVENTS** next page

JUST THE FACTS

teen marijuana use can disrupt learning, memory & distort perception

Marijuana use can make it difficult for young people to learn new material, memorize information, and keep good study habits. Talk with youth about the risks and impacts of marijuana use.

(Change Your Brain, Change Your Grades by Dr. Daniel Amen, 2013)

MOUNTAINSTRONGWNC.ORG
A Mountain Projects Program

EVENTS: from page 31

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.



Moments in time

• On Nov. 18, 1966, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax retired from baseball at age 30 due to chronic arthritis in his pitching arm and the fear that if he kept on playing he eventually would lose the use of his left hand. “In those days there was no surgery,” he said later. “The wisdom was if you went in there, it would only make things worse and your career would be over anyway.”

• On Nov. 19, 2003, an arrest warrant was issued for singer Michael Jackson on child molestation charges. Though he was acquitted two years later of each criminal count on which he was tried, the “King of Pop’s” reputation still suffered many additional blows.

• On Nov. 20, 1820, the American whaling ship Essex, out of Nantucket, Massachusetts, was attacked by an 80-ton sperm whale 2,000 miles off the coast of South America. The 20 crew members escaped in three open boats, but only eight survived. Herman Melville’s classic novel “Moby-Dick” was partially inspired by the tragedy.

• On Nov. 21, 2019, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was indicted on charges of bribery, fraud and breach of trust.

• On Nov. 22, 1909, Clara Lemlich addressed a meeting at the Great Hall of New York City’s Cooper Union to consider a general strike in protest against poor working conditions across the garment industry. The ensuing months-long “Uprising of 20,000” eventually earned employees such concessions as a 52-hour workweek, four paid holidays a year and no fees for work-related materials.

• On Nov. 23, 2005, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf was elected president of Liberia, becoming the first woman to lead an African nation.

• On Nov. 24, 1928, the Federal Industrial Institution for Women, the first women’s federal prison, opened in Alderson, West Virginia. One judge described it as a “fashionable boarding school,” as the institution’s main purpose was to reform rather than punish the inmates, most of whom were serving time for drug and alcohol charges. Prisoners farmed the land and performed office work in order to learn how to type and file, and also cooked and canned vegetables and fruits.

© 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 3 Chronicles (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Job and which other Old Testament book mention the constellation of Orion? *Psalms, Isaiah, Daniel, Amos*

3. Which prophet took a wife of whoredoms named Gomer? *Hosea, Jonah, Amos, Micah*

4. From Judges 14, what did Samson eat from the carcass of a lion? *Manna, Honey, Berries, Figs*

5. What sin against the Holy Spirit results in eternal guilt? *Blasphemy, Adultery, Murder, Non tithing*

6. Who was the father of Joshua? *Abraham, Aaron, Nun, Moses*

ANSWERS: (1) Neither, (2) Amos, (3) Hosea, (4) Honey, (5) Blasphemy, (6) Nun

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson Casey’s latest book, “Test Your Bible Knowledge,” available in bookstores and online.

© 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.



In autumn, stop fertilizing your clivia plant, and place it in a cool room for about 6-8 weeks; this is essential for the flower buds to form. Water very sparingly until flower buds appear. Just as winter enters its bleakest stage, you will be rewarded with a bouquet of lovely bright-colored flowers. These plants bloom better when slightly “potbound.” When the flowers fade, cut the stalk at its base to prevent seeding.

– Brenda Weaver

Sources: chicagobotanic.org, worldoffloweringplants.com, gardeningknowhow.com

© 2024 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.

Sunday service 10 a.m. Thursday service 7 p.m. Pastor Margie Hall 736-9383

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

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

Newsong Church. 3548 Wolfe- town Rd. Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Sunday night service 6:30 p.m., Tuesday Night Prayer 7 p.m.,

Wednesday night service 7 p.m. Pastor Eric Moore

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

Olivet United Methodist Church. 811 Olivet Church Road. Sunday School 9am. Sunday Ser- vice 9:45am.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Cath- olic 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., Wednes- day evening Fellowship Meal 6 p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer Service 6:30 p.m., Choir Practice 7 p.m. Dr. Mickey Duvall, Pastor

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

Straight Fork Baptist Church. Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Wednesday night prayer service 7 p.m. Youth group meet- ings 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., Whitti- er, N.C. 28789. Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Pastor Rob Griffin (828) 582-0564

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thom- as 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) sing- ing, 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. Wednes- day Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or 736-4872

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



**Hours: M-F 7am - 5pm
Sat 8am - 6pm Sunday - Closed**

**Espresso and Chocolate Drinks
Made to order Churros**

Use the QR Code for Online ordering



Follow us on Facebook Casakawi and/ or Instagram @casakawi24

1655 Acquoni Rd Ste 9 Cherokee, NC. 28719



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**

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
IN THE TRIBAL COURT FILE NO. CVJ 23-085
IN THE MATTER OF J. Brady, A MINOR CHILD, DOB August 27, 2023.

Petitioner: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services Department of Human Services.

To: The unknown father of the minor child named above TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action on August 28, 2023, alleging the above-referenced child to be a maltreated child as defined in the Cherokee Code

7B-101(a)(8). The nature of the relief being sought is adjudication of neglect, and/or drug endangerment followed by an appropriate disposition. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than 40 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice and upon your failure to do so, the petitioner will seek the relief sought by the petition.

This the 23rd day of October 2024.
Sybil Mann, (N.C. Bar # 16729), Attorney for Petitioner, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719, (828) 359-1559. **11/6**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-081
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

MILDRED ALYNE DIXON

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Larry Michael Dixon
P.O Box 491
Whittier NC, 28789
11/20

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court
In the Matter of C. H.-P.

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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

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

JOBS THAT ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD

JOB FAIR
NOVEMBER 7 | 1PM - 5PM

LOCATED IN THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR

TO: MIGUEL ANGEL
HUERTA-PEREZ

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, C. H.-P., born on March 17, 2009, is a neglected and dependent child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on July 25, 2024. You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to adjudication and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appoint-

ed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the Court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 30th day of October 2024.
Sybil G. Mann
Family Safety Program Attorney
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
(828)359-1559
N.C. Bar No. 16729
11/13

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

In the Tribal Court
In the Matter of C. H.-P.
TO: KANDI ROLAND

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, C. H.-P., born on March 17, 2009, is a neglected and dependent child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on July 25, 2024. You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to adjudication and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information

about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 30th day of October 2024.
Sybil G. Mann
Family Safety Program Attorney
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
(828) 359-1559
N.C. Bar No. 16729
11/13

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

In the Tribal Court
In the Matter of K. M.-H.
TO: DAVID MONTELONGO JR.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, K. M.-H., born May 20, 2010, is a neglected, drug endangered and dependent child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on July 25, 2024.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to adjudica-



SUPER TEACHERS WANTED!

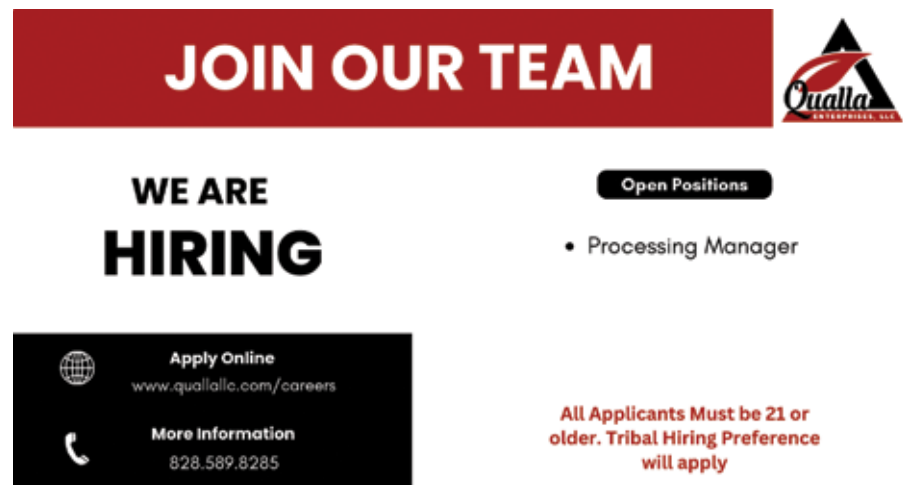
BENEFITS:

- Competitive salaries with annual raises*
- Health, vision, dental, life, and disability insurance**
- 401K with 5% employer match
- Pension plan (vested in 5 years)
- Sick pay and PTO accrued every two weeks
- 13 paid holidays + 12 admin leave days annually
- Paid childcare classes (COR or Associates)
- Merit awards for continued education
- Federal student loan forgiveness
- Learn Cherokee traditions & language

Visit ebci.com/jobs/ OR Scan QR code to Apply

*Based on evaluations
**Employee coverage free, family coverage affordable

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
TINA SAUNDERS: (828) 359-6593 • AMY BOYER: (828) 359-3009



JOIN OUR TEAM

WE ARE HIRING

Open Positions

- Processing Manager

Apply Online
www.qualla.com/careers

More Information
828.589.8285

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

tion and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 30th day of October 2024.

Sybil G. Mann
Family Safety Program Attorney
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719

(828)359-1559
N.C. Bar No. 16729
11/13

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court
In the Matters of K. M.-H. and X.B.
TO: KANDI ROLAND

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor children, K. M.-H., born May 20, 2010, and X.B., born October 30, 2014, are neglected, drug endangered and dependent children, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on July 25, 2024.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within

forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to adjudication and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 30th day of October 2024.

Sybil G. Mann
Family Safety Program Attorney
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
(828)359-1559
N.C. Bar No. 16729
11/13

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court
In the Matter of Z.I.M.
TO: DANIELLE ADAMS

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, Z.I.M., born September 12, 2015, is a neglected, drug endangered, and dependent child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on March 29, 2024.

You must answer or otherwise

respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to adjudication and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 30th day of October 2024.

Sybil G. Mann
Family Safety Program Attorney
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
(828)359-1559
N.C. Bar No. 16729
11/13

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

2024 Christmas Checks

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

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

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

Seniors- no application is required for members who are 59.5

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

JOB FAIR

Don't miss the chance to attend a job fair for Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Drop in anytime for a short tour, resume tutorial and presentation on available jobs.

Date
November 8th and 16th 2024

Time
9:00-2:00pm

LOCATION
November 8th--107 Park Headquarters Rd
Gatlinburg, TN 37738
November 16th--60 Enloe Floyd Bottoms Rd
Cherokee, NC 28719

Let us know if you plan to attend
828-508-7642 hala_vannostrand@nps.gov

or older by December 25, 2024. Handicap- must apply through Family Support Services with Verification of Disability dated 2024.

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

Heating Assistance

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

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

Disabled Heating opens in October.

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

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

Request for Qualifications

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for an asbestos assessment and abatement services for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee receiving assistance through the ARP Grant Funded Program. Contracts will be by Job only. Project Production reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call pool as needed based on scheduling demands. Qualification packets can be turned in at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Contact person for this RFQ is Jacob George, Project Monitor, (828) 359-6931 or jacogeor@ebci-nsn.gov. Qualification Packets are due 11-14-24. **11/6**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Emergency Management Office

Assignment of a Name for a New Road

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Emergency Management Office at its 9-1-1 Committee meeting held on October 22, 2024 resolved pursuant to EBCI Code of Ordinances Chapter 136A ARTICLE II – UNIFORM STREET ADDRESS AND ROAD NAMING SYSTEM (Ord. No. 332-A, 10-26-1998) that a certain new road in the Wolfetown Soco Community be assigned the street name as detailed below:

• The existing shared driveway providing access to 244 and 250 Johnson Bradley Road shall be assigned the name Menoch And Blaze Drive along with its eventual continuation.

Inquiries or appeals to this action can be made to the Emergency Management Office located at 282 Seven Clans Lane, Cherokee, NC 28719 during normal business hours. **11/13**

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 11/21/24 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. 11/13

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Water Treatment Plant Program
Project Title: Rough Branch Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program is seeking the services of a licensed general contractor for the construction of a 20'x32' Water Treatment Plant complete with all treatment units and piping and two 8'x8' well houses, installation of well pumps, demolition of existing well house and treatment building, site grading, asphalt paving, and erosion and sediment control.

The project is located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation at 711 Rough Branch Housing Road, Cherokee NC 28719. Contact Author Sluder at 828-359-6751 or by email at authslud@ebci-nsn.gov with CC to danabold@ebci-nsn.gov with any questions or to request a copy of the RFP.

Proposals should be addressed to Author Sluder in a manner prescribed in the RFP and must be received by 2:00 p.m on 12/10/2024. Any proposal received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) regulations apply for award and execution of this contract.

11/13

Unclaimed Property

The following firearms are unclaimed and in the custody of the Cherokee Indian Police Department. If not claimed by the lawful owner within 30 days of this publi-

cation, the firearms will be sold or otherwise disposed of by the Cherokee Indian Police Department:

1. Soc. It. Filli Galesi Brescia . 25Cal Serial # 377172
2. CZ82 9x18 Serial # 092750
3. Tarus G2C 9mm Serial # TMD28462
4. Ruger LCP II .380 Serial # 380261074
5. Hi-Point 9mm Model C9 Serial # P10061023
6. Smith & Wesson MP40 Shield Serial # HZV5602

11/6

Request For Qualifications CABIN MOVE

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) invites companies with expertise in moving Cabins or Sheds to submit proposals for completing the move of 8-10 cabins for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, North Carolina.

The complete scope of work to be provided by the firm to be hired as Contractor is part of a complete RFQ document which may be obtained by contacting RJ Arneach, at the EBCI Commerce Office, at 828-508-0749 or Rjarne1@ebci-nsn.gov.

Completed proposals are due in the Building Rental Office by the close of business on Friday November 1st, 2024. They should be sent to RJ Arneach, Commercial Building Specialist – Commerce Office, 810 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719, or via email at rjarne1@ebci-nsn.gov. Proposals must be submitted as required in the proposal package.

First preference will be given to qualified TERO contractors. **11/6**

theonefeather.com



CHOOSE CIHA

OPEN POSITIONS

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety& Amalenisgi - \$44,107 - \$55,134
 Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72 ***\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Employment Specialist – Kanvwotiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134
 Integrated Classroom Skill Builder – CCS - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Inpatient Technician – Full Time & PTI – Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Master Level Therapist - \$58,332 - \$72,915 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 (Analenisgi Inpatient, Analenisgi Outpatient, Integrated Classroom, Family Safety, Dora Reed)
 Residential Technician - Men - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Residential Technician - Women - \$17.12 - \$19.26 (Womens Home, Kanvwotiyi)
 Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor - \$44,134 - \$66,161
 Peer Support Specialist - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

FINANCE

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

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

LAB

Phlebotomist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

MEDICAL

Physician – Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108
 Physician - Pediatrics - \$157,686 - \$197,108
 Physician – Emergency Department – Part Time with Benefits- \$227,068 – \$283,835
 Clinical Dietitian – \$50,723 - \$63,404
 Mid - Level PA - Primary Care \$91,254-\$114,067
 Physician - Emergency Department - \$227,08 - \$283,835
 PA/ NP - Analenisgi Outpatient - MAT Program- \$91,254 - \$114,067
 PA/NP - Analenisgi Inpatient - Psychiatry - \$109,504 - \$136,880
 PA/NP - Advanced Practice Provider - Emergency Department - PTI - \$109,504 - \$136,880
 PA/NP - PTI Analenisgi Inpatient - Psychiatry - \$109,504 - \$136,880

NURSING

Specialty Services Nurse Supervisor - Procedure Suite - \$36.56 - \$42.11
 Specialty Services Registered Nurse – Procedure Suite - \$33.68 – \$38.72 ***\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 LPN/CMA - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 ***\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 C.N.A. - PTI - Immediate Care center - \$17,12 - \$19.26
 CNA - Emergency Room - \$17.12, - \$19.26 - \$3,000 Hiring Bonus
 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, Primary Care)
 Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

OPERATIONS

Dentist
 Dentist – Pediatrics
 Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II (3rd Shift) \$44,107 - \$55,134 **-*\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Eye Clinic Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Dental Clerk - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Dentist Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67
 Pharmacy Tech II - \$18.32 - \$20.67
 Pharmacy Tech III - \$21.13 - \$23.98

Tsali Care Center

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - ***\$3,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 HVAC Technician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$22.76 – 25.89
 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89- ***\$5,000 Hiring Bonus FT**
 Registered Nurse - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - ***\$10,000 Hiring Bonus FT**
 Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$36.56 - \$42.11 - **\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent - \$31.06 - \$35.64
 RN Staff Development Coordinator - \$67,082 - \$83,852
 Social Worker - \$44,107 - \$55,134



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, November 10, 2024

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 2. Registered Nurse (Public Health Nurse) (Multiple) – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
 3. Dental Support Coordinator – Children's Dental Program – Public Health and Human Services (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.77 per hour)
 4. Administrative Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health & Human Services (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour)
 5. Office Administrator – Snowbird Language and Culture Program – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
 6. Adult Language Educator – Snowbird Language and Culture Program – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
 7. Curriculum & Instruction Coordinator – Snowbird Language and Culture Program – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour)
 8. Advanced Linguist Apprentice (Multiple) – Snowbird Language and Culture Program – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L5 \$15.00 - \$19.50)
 9. Supervisor (Adult Language) – Snowbird Language and Culture – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
 10. Manager – Snowbird Language and Culture – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
 11. Driver – Transit/Operations (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 12. Pipe Fitter – Tribal Construction – Operations (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 13. Fire Systems Technician – Information Technology (L12 \$44,526 - \$55,657)
 14. Teacher Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start – Community, Education, & Recreation (L6 \$15.75 - \$19.70 per hour)
 15. Office Administrator – Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start – Community, Education, & Recreation (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
 16. Administrative Assistant – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – Community, Education, & Recreation (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour)
 17. Advanced Linguist Apprentice (Multiple) – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – Community, Education, & Recreation Services (L5 \$15.00 - \$19.50 per hour)
 18. Supervisor (Adult Language) – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – Community, Education, & Recreation Services (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
 19. Manager – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – Community, Education, & Recreation Services (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
 20. Enterprise Development Specialist – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L13 \$23.43 - \$29.29 per hour)
 21. Cultural Outreach Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Public Library – Community, Education, & Recreation Services (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour)
 22. Maintenance Technician – Housing Program – Housing (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 23. Utility Worker/Operator Assistant – Infrastructure – Housing (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 24. Truck Driver/Operator – Infrastructure – Housing (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
 25. Heavy Equipment Operator – Infrastructure – Housing (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
 26. Utility Worker/Operator Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 27. Truck Driver/Operator – Qualla Housing – Housing (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
 28. Crew Leader (Infrastructure) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 29. Carpenter Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 30. Carpenter (Multiple) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 31. Crew Leader (Carpenter) (Multiple) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
 32. Crew Leader (Plumbing) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
 33. Supervisor (Plumbing) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L13 \$48,738 - \$60,923)
 34. Construction Manager – Qualla Housing – Housing (L14 \$53,656 - \$67,070)
 35. Tribal Prosecutor II – Criminal Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)
 36. Sergeant Patrol – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EB CI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour)
- Open Until Filled
1. Dadiwonisi Apprentice – SB/CC Language & Culture – Snowbird/Cherokee County (L5 \$15.00 - \$19.50 per hour)
 2. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EB CI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 3. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EB CI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 4. Community Response Officer – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EB CI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 5. Bailiff – Corrections – EB CI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 6. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 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)



Apply online at
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or
www.ccs-nc.org/apps/pages/human_resources for more information.

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

- SAMHSA GRANT - PK-12 Mental Health Behavioral Support Specialist-Bachelors Degree Required**
- SAMHSA GRANT - Multi-Tiered System(s) of Support (MTSS) Coordinator - Master's Degree required**
- SAMHSA GRANT - Attendance Coordinator/Advisor - Bachelor's Degree Required**
- SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant - 48 Semester Hours or an Associates Degree**

K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant

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



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

- AGBLINK**
- (4) PT 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)

- CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME**
- PT – CCH RC Floater (\$17.00/hour without Benefits)

- CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES**
- FT- SKILLED WORKERS (\$31,800-\$39,750/year with Benefits)
 - FT - CARPENTER MASON (\$31,800 - \$39,750)

ALL POSITIONS ARE SAFETY SENSITIVE



THE KANANESGI COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE 6TH ANNUAL

KANANESGI FASHION SHOW

FEATURING 20+ EBCI DESIGNERS
WELCOMING INDIGENOUS GUEST DESIGNERS
KENNY GLASS AND LESLEY HAMPTON

NOVEMBER 9TH 2024

HARRAHS CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT-EVENT CENTER
DOORS OPEN 6:00PM

PURCHASE TICKETS AT WWW.KANANESGI.COM



SEQUOYAH FUND

Harrah's
CHEROKEE
CASINOS

CC CENTER for NATIVE HEALTH