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## EBCI selects its 2025 Remember the Removal Ride candidates

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has selected six tribal members to join riders from the Cherokee Nation in June 2025 on the annual Remember the Removal Ride (RTR). The ride will retrace the northern route of the Trail of Tears.

The EBCI riders selected as candidates are Freida Saylor, Nathaniel Cummings-Lambert, Tyra Maney, TW Saunooke, Jamy Queen, and Daryl Martin.

Freida Saylor, of Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), commented, “I’ve always loved to learn more about history, and our history, and our ancestor’s history. I’ve always loved to challenge myself to go one step further. So, I signed up for the ride because I feel like it will give me opportunities to do all those things

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has selected six tribal members to join riders from the Cherokee Nation in June 2025 on the annual Remember the Removal Ride (RTR) including, left to right, Tyra Maney, Jamy Queen, Freida Saylor, TW Saunooke, and Nathaniel Cummings-Lambert. Not pictured – Daryl Martin. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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### Quote of the Week

**"We are one people. We're three separated tribes, currently, but we are one people. Today, we may have different political views, but we're still kin. We are still one people. We're divided by geography, but we're united by heart."**

- TW Saunooke, former Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Rep. for Elawodi (Yellowhill), has been selected as a candidate to represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on the 2024 Remember the Removal Ride. He gave the above quote during an interview with the One Feather recently.



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**RIDE:** From front page

and also be a great role model for my kids and be able to give them a little bit more history that I didn't learn when I was a kid, so I want to be a better historian for them."

She added, "I really love connection. It never ceases to amaze me how connection kind of just brings everyone together. So, I've kind of got this good anticipation that there's going to be some great connections made - people from here, people from Oklahoma. So, I'm really hoping to just be surprised about those connections and how our collaborative or collective experiences kind of strengthen the experience of what our ancestors went through."

Nathaniel Cummings-Lambert, originally of Tsisqwohi and currently living in Sylva, said he has wanted to participate in the Ride for a decade. "I'm a pretty avid cyclist so when I first heard about it I was like, 'this is an awesome opportunity, but I don't live here'...I'm really excited to meet more members of the community and connect more with the deeper history and connect with other folks."

He is looking forward to learning more about history and himself. "For the ride itself, I'm excited to visit dozens of sites that I've never had the opportunity to go to, probably don't know anything about and a little anxious about it as well, I guess. It's a lot to take on, but I'm excited, also, to connect with Cherokee Nation folks. I've never been to Oklahoma, so I'm excited to meet the broader Cherokee community."

Tyra Maney, of Elawodi (Yel-lowhill), said, "I feel like there's a lot of other aspects that I put into being a community member and this was another way to push my-

self and be involved in a different part of our community. Learning about the Trail of Tears while working at the Museum of the Cherokee People was very interesting. And, finding out about your lineage and trying to retrace those steps and get an understanding of what our ancestors went through is something that has always meant a lot to me.

I think finding out more about who I am and what I'm capable of and kind of going through something that I haven't done before, especially with working with a team, doing a physical activity while working with a team is something that I haven't done since I was younger. So, now, as an adult, and with a different perspective I'm interested to see how I can apply myself as a teammate and how my teammates can help me and push me to where I need to go."

TW Saunooke, of Elawodi, said the cultural aspects of the Ride are what intrigued him to sign up. "Throughout its part of history, I've just been very intrigued. I've wanted to be a part of it for not only the cultural piece, but really for the historical significance that it holds. Just to be able to retrace those steps of our ancestors to where they had to go through it, there was no choice.

Being able to stand there and be a part of this ride and just being able to move forward and to reanimate those steps, reanimate those footsteps that they have taken across this country just to say that you're not forgotten. To keep them vibrant and to keep sharing knowledge of our culture, of the Cherokee people, and just to be able to sit here and go to those sacred spots... to say 'you're gone but not forgotten'."

Saunooke, a former Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) representative

for Elawodi, also said, "We are one people. We're three separated tribes, currently, but we are one people. Today, we may have different political views, but we're still kin. We are still one people. We're divided by geography, but we're united by heart. So, for me to be able to have the opportunity to join in and have a, hopefully, lifelong bond and relationship with some more Cherokee Nation citizens, I look forward to it."

Jamy Queen, of Wayohi (Wolf-town), said he has been wanting to do the Ride for years. "This year I wanted to do it for myself, just to challenge myself. I wanted to be a part of the community of the other riders that have been selected. So, I've heard a lot about the genealogy and stuff like that, and just the challenge itself to bike out there... it's been a goal of mine to do it for a few years now."


Like the others, he is looking forward to visiting historical Cherokee sites along the way. "I want the experience, to see what it was like to travel that way. I know we're doing it on a bike, but I understand that it's pretty significant for me. I don't know if any of my family walked out that way. I'm sure they did, but just to experience that is a goal.


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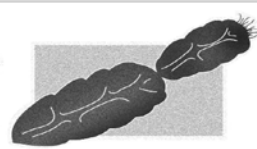
somebody last year that was on the ride and all the stuff they got to see, all the historical sites, just piqued my interest too."

Daryl Martin, originally from Tsisqwohi and currently living in Kolanvyi (Big Cove), spoke of the reasons he signed up for the Ride, "Deepening my understanding of the Trail of Tears and honoring Drowning Bear's legacy by physically retracing the steps of my ancestors. Experiencing firsthand the resilience and culture of the Cherokee people, reinforcing my ties to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Building relationships with fellow riders who share similar cultural backgrounds and fostering a sense of unity and purpose. Gaining knowledge to pass on the story of my ancestors to others, ensuring the legacy remains alive for future generations. Pushing my physical and mental limits during the ride, gaining strength and confidence in my abilities. Using the journey as a chance to reflect on personal and historical struggles, finding a sense of peace and resolution. Gaining motivation to further advocate for Indigenous rights and cultural preservation in your future legal career. Tapping into the spiritual significance of the journey, using the ride as a way to align with my purpose and identity."

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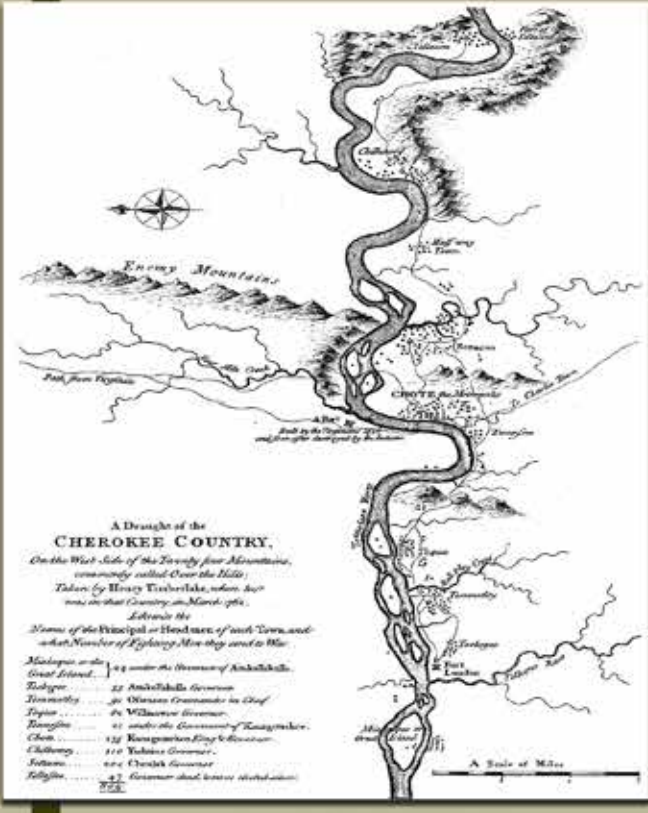
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Source - "Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook", by Dr. Barbara Duncan and Dr. Brett Riggs

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Hollifield, Tiffany Michelle – age 24  
Arrested: Nov. 26  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 2)  
Charges: Breaking and Entering, Criminal Mischief to Property, First Degree Trespass, Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Con-

trolled Substance Schedules IV  
Ledford, Austin Taylor – age 22  
Arrested: Nov. 26  
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Taylor, Derrick Kyle – age 32  
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Bird, Eddie – age 34  
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Flippo, Emmitt Lee-Floyd – age 33  
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Charges: Simple Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance  
Martin Jr., George David – age 42  
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Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 2)  
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Santoyo, Ana Maria – age 35  
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Wahnetah, Dylan Keith – age 38  
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Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful

Order of the Court  
McCoy, Norman Dale – age 67  
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Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor  
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**BASKETBALL: Lady Braves 87 Smoky Mtn. 19**

Cherokee So. (#1) Aaliyah Rogers powers down the court in the Lady Braves victory over Smoky Mountain on the evening of Dec. 3 in Charles George Memorial Arena. FINAL SCORE: Cherokee 87 SMHS 19 (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

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**BASKETBALL: Smoky Mtn. 81 Cherokee 77**

Cherokee Sr. (#35) Luke Smith hits a two-pointer in the Cherokee Braves overtime loss to Smoky Mountain on the evening of Dec. 3 in Charles George Memorial Arena. FINAL SCORE: Cherokee 77 SMHS 81 (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)





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Roger Smoker, Tutiya (Snowbird)  
Maggie Armachain, Wayohi (Wolfstown)  
Calvin Hill, Kolanvyi (Big Cove)  
Betsy Littlejohn, Kolanvyi (Big Cove)  
James Welch, Kolanvyi (Big Cove)

LEFT: CCS student Ava Walkingstick sings “Where the Roses Never Fade” in memoriam of James Welch.

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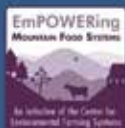
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## OBITUARIES ԺԻՒՐ

### Glenda Dale Owle Welch

Glenda Dale Owle Welch, 76, passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, at Mission Hospital. Glenda was born June 9, 1948, to the late Lloyd and Stella Bradley Webb. Glenda enjoyed being around family, cooking, and crafts. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by husband, Francis Terry Welch of 49 years; sisters, Elsie Huskey, Elthal Adams, Pauline Parker, Betty McCoy; brother, Kenneth Bradley of Chicago; and granddaughter, Anna Welch Saunooke.

She is survived by sisters, Brenda Smith of Cherokee, Virgie Smith (Charlie) and brother Rick Webb (Carrie) of Bryson City; five daughters, Sandy Wahnetah, Kandy Welch, Tina Saunooke, Terri

Griffin, and Hope Garcia (Fernando); special daughter, Dana Nelson; 14 grandchildren; and many great grandchildren.

A funeral Service was held Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Acquoni Baptist Church with the Rev. Scotty Chekelelee officiating.

### Roberta Ernestine (George) Long

Roberta Ernestine (George) Long, better known as “Rosie”, went to her heavenly home after an extended illness on Monday, Nov. 25, 2024.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Billy Ray George; parents, Ernest J. Hornbuckle and Laura Belle Long; siblings, Robert “Squint” Long, Glenn Long, Marilyn “Sis” Crowe, Danita “Neetsie” Chiltoskie, and Naomi Ruth Hornbuckle.

Rosie is survived by her children, Devan (Dorine) George and Billy Jo (Johnny) Miller; grandchildren, Joshua (Candace), Devy (Xavier), Dillon (Mindy), Xavier (Cass), John Jr. (Sarah), Christopher (Erin), Emelia and Gabriel; great-grandchildren, Carter Zhavius Anona, Josephina, Nyla. Siblings, Butch (Carol) Long, Sherri Hornbuckle (Bob Owle), Glenda Beanie Crowe, Cynthia Saturday, Paul (Mary) Hornbuckle, David (Juanita) Hornbuckle, and Charlie Hornbuckle; aunts, Helen McCoy and Lillie Mae Smith; several nieces

and nephews; special acquaintance, Ray Stamper; and special neighbors, Issac, Rachel, Ismelda, and Mario Solorzano.

Rosie was a kind and caring person - always cracking jokes and making people laugh. She loved watching TV shows and she loved her dog, Cooper. Roberta will be missed by all who knew her.

A visitation was held on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Rock Springs Baptist Church. Rosie remained at the church until the hour of service on Thursday, Dec. 5 with Greg Morgan officiating. Burial was in the Billy Ray George Cemetery with Don Smiley performing a graveside service and prayer. Pallbearers were her Grandsons, Joshua, Xavier, Dillon, X, John Jr., and Christopher.

### Clarence Steven Arch

Clarence Steven Arch, 63, of the Big Cove Community, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024.

He enjoyed watching UNC Tarheels basketball and Carolina Panthers football and kept up with the Lady Braves basketball team. He was also very proud of his niece, Creedon Arch, who played on the 2024 state championship team.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Wayne and Lorene Watty Arch; his ma-

ternal grandparents, Steve and Rachel Tooni Watty; his paternal grandparents, Noah and Lucinda Arch; three brothers; and a nephew, Keifer Juanye Reed.

He is survived by his sister, Rachel L. “Cindy” Arch-Reed; three brothers, McKinley Watty, Noah Arch, and Joseph Arch; six nieces; two nephews; several great-nieces and nephews; and many cousins and their families.

Service and funeral arrangements will be made at a later date.

Long House Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Curtis Ray Ward

Curtis Ray Ward, age 52, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024.

He is the son of Mary Jane Ward and the late Jack Perry Ward.

In addition to his father, Curtis is preceded by brothers, Michael Ward, Timothy Ward and Ricky Ward; sister, Angalina Anderson; and grandmother, Rosie Owle.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, Dec. 6 in the Ward Family Cemetery at 1 p.m., with John Willis officiating.

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# One Feather Spooky Story Contest Winner

*Editor's Note: Just in time for Christmas, the 2024 Spooky Story Writing Contest winner was selected by random draw from 18 entries submitted on December 5. The winner this year is Madeline Welch of Cherokee. Congratulations to her, and a big thank you to all who submitted entries.*

## Grave Encounter

By MADELINE WELCH

As a silvery mist settled over the cemetery, a long figure trudged silently and gracefully through it. A long, flowing cloak of midnight blue wool billowed

out behind this ethereal being and brushed over the moss-covered stones that marked the final resting place of the sleeping souls within the hallowed grounds.

She must move fast, for while she could walk among the graves, she must not tarry; her guests would be arriving soon, and she must be there to greet them. And these particular guests were young children, the sight of the tombstones would likely frighten them. She couldn't have that, so it was best that they met her beneath the old willow tree beside the lake. On a clear night like tonight, when the new moon lay in the arms of the old, they would be set at ease by the water gently lapping at the banks and the curtain of branches that would sway in the breeze. The little things would be cold no doubt. All the easier for her to offer them

blankets, or refuge within her own cloak.

They would trust her. And then they would join their fellow young villagers just a few feet away, beneath stones that would weather and grow moss just like the others upon the hill. And she would continue to live, just like she had for the last two centuries.

It amused her to think of how the more things changed, the more certain others seemed to remain the same as before. Of course, some things were better left as they were.

Of course, her equally malevolent partner would want his portion as well. So, perhaps these children would not be joining their friends and relatives in their graves. Rather, they would instead join the many men, women, and other children who had lost their lives beneath the waters of the lake nearby. Their bones left to lay beneath the inky surface, with only the little weeds rising out of the depths to serve as their gravestones.

Suddenly, the woman heard a pair of soft voices calling through the darkness to her. A malicious smile climbed her lips. It was time!

"Here, sweet children," she called with a melodious voice that would draw the little girls like moths to a flame. "I am here. Come sit with me by the water."

In the deep pools at the base of the mountains, an ancient Uktena slid like a shadow through the weeds, drifting in the current as its pitiless eyes kept a diligent watch for any hapless prey.

Leaves fallen from nearby trees swayed deceptively over the mirror-like surface as black waves swirled beneath the old stone bridge, churning, frothing, and spinning the foliage in an endless circle as the creature lurked just below, still scanning the banks in search of its latest victim.

Suddenly, the creature's ears detected footsteps coming across the bridge and near the shore. The steps were light in their owner's attempt to be silent, but the carpet of dead leaves and evergreen needles that crackled betrayed the walker.

"It is nearly time," the words were barely above a whisper, "You shall have what you want before the moon sets."

A gentle ringing followed the command and echoed throughout the murky waters. The Uktena arched its head, its stag-like horns just above the water as its powerful muscles propelled it upward. When it heard the woman call to the children that she had lured there this night, it stayed still as it heard the clamor of two little girls speaking over one another. It needed only to wait a few moments more.

The woman smiled a kind, close-mouthed smile as she gestured for the girls to allow her to comb their hair. The girls argued over who would go first.

"Well, if you're going to fight," the woman smiled again, this time finally revealing the sharp teeth in her mouth. "I'll just have to have both of you."

Before either of the little girls could react, the woman, or rather the witch known to their people as Spearfinger drew the terrible, long, spear-like finger from within her cloak and burrowed it into the first girl, drawing out her raw, bloody liver and devouring it.

The second girl didn't have the chance to scream, let alone run, before the Uktena sprang from the waters and enclosing her entire frame within its jaws before sinking beneath the waves again.

"Pleasure working with you," Spearfinger spoke. "We should do it again sometime."

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**WCU Chancellor Kelli R.**

**Brown appointed to AASCU board of directors**

CULLOWHEE, N.C. – Western Carolina University Chancellor Kelli R. Brown has been appointed to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities board of directors.

“I am honored to be selected by my peers to serve on the board,” Brown said. “I am most looking forward to being a part of a larger group of like-minded individuals to continue to tell the story of regional comprehensive universities and the value proposition we have for transforming individual lives through social and economic mobility.”

WCU is one of 11 AASCU institutions in North Carolina and one of more than 350 across the U.S.

that are impacting upward social and economic mobility.

As an AASCU institution, WCU has access to best practices in student success, opportunities to advocate for higher education and specifically regional comprehensive universities like WCU, and lessons learned from other rural institutions regarding economic and workforce development that positively impact the local WNC community.

“Being a member of AASCU elevates our collective voice as a regional comprehensive university,” Brown said. “There many AASCU initiatives WCU faculty, staff and students can be involved with, including leadership development, the American Democracy Project and several global initiatives that support global engagement for both faculty and students.”

The leadership development program for faculty assists with the skills and mindset needed in today’s complex world and The American Democracy Project facilitates engaged civic leadership. AASCU also offers regular webinars and podcasts on topics of interest such as student success, leadership, advocacy, policy and much more.

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er etched 224 craftspeople into the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts’ craftsman database. Each of those folks have their own stories and their own skills, but among the hundreds she recorded, one was rather special.

Her name was Wakey.

Wakey, a Cherokee woman who was a weaver in the 1830s, was the 100,000th craftsperson to be entered in the MESDA database.

“I personally just felt that there is an explicit sort of necessity in making sure that we’re also doing our best to go further back, to continue honoring even those who we don’t have pictures of, those who we don’t fully understand,” Driver, who is also a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, said.

“I like to think that the work

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that I do in doing this sort of research will help future kids from my community, people like me, Native Americans, who grow up realizing 'I don't know anything about our people, about our history,' and I'd like to change that, and I'd like to make it so that those kids have an easier access to records and information that I grew up not having."

Driver, a 2023 WCU graduate, uncovered a range of craftspeople across Western North Carolina, an area that doesn't have a lot of records of people before the Civil War.

Of the 224 Driver put in the database, 184 of them were white, 202 were male and 34 percent were blacksmiths. But Wakey was a rarity. She was among 22 females and 36 people listed as "Indian" that Driver found in her

research.

And to find Wakey, Driver had to do some digging.

One of her biggest leads came when she talked with Andrew Denson, director of the Cherokee Studies program at WCU.

In search of census data for craftspeople before the Civil War, Denson pointed Driver to the Hunter Library, which has a transcription of the 1835 Henderson Roll, a listing of 16,000 Cherokee people living in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

"I know Dr. Denson's help was paramount," Driver said.

However, since it was a transcription, Driver couldn't use it as a source, but after filing through the National Archive Digital Collection and microfilm, she was able to submit Wakey into the MESDA database, reaching a

significant landmark in the Winston-Salem museum's history.

"This milestone embodies more than a half century of dedication to discovering, preserving and sharing the rich stories of Southern artisans from across all eight of MESDA's states and beyond," said Kim May, the director of MESDA Research.

"We've certainly come a long way from the commencement of this program when our founder, Frank L. Horton began with only a few reels of microfilm, a typewriter, some index cards and a handful of known craftspeople/

And for the Mountain Heritage Center, which hired Driver with the help of a private donor, helping its partner in MESDA reach that milestone was special, too. "It's fantastic," said MHC director Amber Albert. "With our internships at the Mountain Heritage Center, we always try to be project based but still have an exploratory component, so they can get a feel

for all of the things that happen behind the scenes of a museum, but she came in with a very specific interest in research."

Now, Driver is a digital archivist and transcription specialist with the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program in Cherokee. A lot of her time is spent digitizing documents and analog data and working to establish an archive for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

However, her work with MESDA isn't finished. Soon, Driver and a few of her colleagues are planning to make a trip to the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville, Tennessee as their research is still ongoing.

And as they continue that research, Driver would be happy to come across Wakey's name once more.

"We're hoping that maybe we'll find her again," Driver said.

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# Ethics, exception, and extenuating circumstances

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

I think it is important for our community to read and understand a dialogue that accompanied a vote in Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) regarding legislation submitted by the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics. The discussion revolved around a piece of proposed legislation submitted by Sharon Blankenship, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Office of Internal Audit, on behalf of the Audit and Ethics Committee.

Section 117-45 of the Cherokee Code deals with “Standards of ethical conduct.” Specifically, the legislation requests that subsection 5.a. be added to 117-45 which states, “In extenuating circumstances, a Tribal official may request a limited waiver from any provision of 117-45.3 (this is the actual itemized ethics requirements) by submitting a written request to the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics in accordance with that office’s rules of procedure. Limited waivers will not be considered after the fact.”

I would like to offer this dialogue as commentary so that the community may make their judgments concerning what was said during the discussion. It is my opinion that the ethics policy for our tribe needs to be as strong as possible, and the administering agency and committee must have the authority to completely enforce that policy. Laws should not be made just to police those individuals who are currently in seats of office. Laws should be made with an eye toward the future of our

tribe. We can have a government that is running like a well-oiled machine with all branches working in lockstep and we can still need checks and balances to ensure the public trust is being satisfied.

As Taline Ugwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley accurately pointed out, the tribal government works “for the 16,000, not a certain few.”

Just a personal note: I was taught in media and marketing classes, and it has been a truism in my career; perception is reality to your audience, or in this case, your constituents. It is just as important to be aware of how your community perceives you as it is what or who you really are.

These quotes have been edited for length and readability. The video with the exact quotations is on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page.

After Sharon Blankenship introduced the legislation, Dinilawigi Chairman Michael Parker recognized Joey Owle. At the beginning of his remarks, he noted he was unable to locate a work session that Blankenship had alluded to as being held on Sept. 17, 2024, for this ordinance change. I also did a cursory search for that video and was unable to locate it.

Owle, Wayohi (Wolfstown) and EBCI member said, “I was very interested in this amendment to the ordinance to our tribal law specifically around the proposed addition of section 117-45.5 unlimited waivers and what qualifies as an extenuating circumstance in which a tribal official may request a limited waiver from any provision under 117-45.3 which speaks to the code of ethics. I could go

over a host of scenarios that could be very concerning in terms of tribal officials having business interests that may be on a Business Committee that has previously requested exemption from part of the Code of Ethics that relates to a contract that they have business interests in maybe not directly but maybe also their family member. Perhaps Sharon could go over and define what an extenuating circumstance is.”

Sharon Blankenship, commented, “This is something that we address internally in our policies and procedures. This would be in special circumstances and will need to be considered on a case-by-case basis. We can’t give an exhaustive list of what would qualify under that but there are situations where there is a service that a tribal official can provide to our tribe that’s not available elsewhere so it would be situations like that where there are goods and services that can be readily available that where tribal official could apply. So, it’s on a very limited basis. There’s a process that you must go through to request that limited waiver then it has to be reviewed by the Ethics Review Committee and approved by the Ethics Review Committee.”

Owle noted, “That speaks to the concern that I bring and maybe the public also would share in that you could have a tribal official who has maybe a consulting business that is TERO-certified (where there are clear rules and standards to meet). Regarding the proposed ordinance change, it should be concerning in terms of not only nepotism that could be applied from a tribal official to one

of their children who have taken ownership of a business or that you may have business interests and recreate this circular system in which, for example, I’ll request a waiver because I can provide a business service consulting strategic planning whatever it may be to the tribe and now I’ll just request that the system is set up to where you can line your pockets as a tribal official if that request for exemption is granted. I would be hard-pressed to say why that would be granted with your tribal official whether in the executive office or in the legislative branch that you’re then beginning to find an opportunity for profiting on a newly carved out exemption if you’re able to demonstrate that you’re the only one that can provide that service to the tribe which again would be hard-pressed to say that there are other businesses other tribal members who are not tribal officials that could provide that service. This is a very slippery slope here on that last section I think that you all should be concerned about. I would recommend this be tabled for further discussion or that section 117-45.5 be revised or cut. I think it provides for a very circular, dangerous scenario in which tribal officials can begin to gain approved contracts for themselves and through this body since there’s such a great relationship as expressed by the Vice Chief for the first six months of his administration. ‘The relationship has never been better between the legislative body and executive body’. To me, that sounded an alarm, saying that there are very few checks and balances that are



going to be in place between the bodies. I wanted to state publicly today that this creates a very dangerous scenario for how our tribal government might operate.”

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Richard French said, “I’m speaking for myself regarding that comment that Vice Chief Ensley made.

This Council and this Executive are working better than anything that I’ve worked on in my ten years here. I don’t think that’s a buddy-buddy system. I think that’s what the people wanted to put in here. They directed us to work together and move this tribe forward. That’s what we’re doing. It’s not that there are favors or whatever you might be insinuating. This Tribal Council is working its tail off along with the executive to move this tribe forward. The reason this council is working a lot better is because we’re getting a lot of the facts that we didn’t used to get. We are getting honesty brought to us. We are at the table. Decisions are made by 14 people: 12 legislators and 2 executives. That hasn’t happened in a long time here. That’s why things are working better because we’re all at the table. We’re all working together.”

Blankenship concerning extenuating circumstances said, “That’s something we handled through internal policies and procedures. We don’t take it lightly. It’s going to take heavy consideration. An example of something that might qualify under that position is the Cherokee language. There are very few Cherokee language speakers, so if you have a tribal official who speaks the language but can also provide those services to the tribe that is something that would be exempted.”

Ugwyiyuhi (Principal Chief) Mitchell Hicks said, “Just in re-

gards to this request, I’m not sure where this language came from, and as it relates to my position, my signing of the oath. If there’s any reference to my former company, no names were mentioned, but you know my wife has full ownership of that company. That company does not bid at all on any tribal work. If there’s any insinuation around that then you’re absolutely wrong. Even moving forward there would be no intent to try to negotiate that with any tribal leader or anything of that nature because it is an ethical question. I just want to clear the air on that so that you know there’s no speculation that that is occurring or could potentially occur in regards to Chief Strategy Group as it relates to this particular waiver. I have no doubt Sharon would do the proper work. I haven’t seen in the 15 months of office this come to light. But I do see your point as it relates to the language speakers where that potentially could come into play. I see where there might be isolated instances. In regards to giving one of the 14 here unfair treatment toward a family member, I haven’t seen that. If that does come to the table, obviously I feel comfortable that this body and the executive body will address it appropriately in the right manner. I just want to make sure I’m clear as it relates to this particular waiver. That was not driven by the Chief’s office by any means.”

Owle noted, “That there could be tribal officials that speak in the Cherokee language is as far less likely than a tribal official actually having a business providing consultation or whatever other services, the latter being a more likely of a scenario that could be coming to fruition and additionally when it comes to the information and perhaps sharing could eluci-

date is how are these waivers that are granted for whatever reason going to be made public? Are they considered part of a public document under Chapter 132? Is that something that can be requested? How would Internal Audit monitor business contracts that are passed? Business Committee, since it’s a closed session, do they regularly audit those contracts for adherence to the Code of Ethics to see where any elected official votes on a certain contract to understand if there are conflicts of interest with immediate family members or themselves? I appreciate the Chief’s comments. I think that is a good example to reference as you know I’m I have gone in Internal Audit to just inquire about how they individual who becomes an elected official, who had contracts with the tribe perhaps 10s of thousands hundreds or thousands of dollars come into office and then how do they verify that that person is no longer the owner of the business? It was related to me that it’s just kind of good faith. They said they did there’s no verification. We don’t know how some of these checks and balances are occurring. It’s just by good faith. That’s what they said. I think legislation could create a very slippery and dangerous scenario in which there could be a circular economy for any tribal official that might find a loophole, this being that loophole, saying well I can provide this service I am a TERO certified vendor and I’m the only one that can provide this for us so now we take it to Business Committee and approve that contract. And perhaps that continues for cycles in which that person begins to profit.”

Blankenship commented, “Yes we do come and do audits on contracts. We have access to all the

tribe’s contracts. We’re currently developing a process where we review contracts that are held by tribal officials so we can address those.”

Taline Ugwyiyu Ensley said, “I take a lot of pride when I stand up and say that this executive office weren’t so good with this Tribal Council. I don’t mean we agree on every issue that comes in. I didn’t agree with the legislation this morning but we’ll work together. I’ve worked with I believe five different chiefs in my time being here. In this administration, we’ve had more council meetings in the Chief’s office, in my office. We all work together I don’t mean we all would agree on every issue that comes in here. I supported it (the formulation of the ethics code) when it first came about years ago. We know our community and our constituents have concerns. We’re a billion-dollar industry. We support being the audited on all of our tribal programs but to insinuate something gone awry, that it just isn’t good for our community. It just gets everybody up in the air. We want to be transparent. We are transparent. I used to keep a bunch of book laying on my office desk and when our people come in I want them to see where all of our tribal money’s spent. We all have families. Myself and the Chief, we sign off on every employee that’s hired. If one of our relatives comes in, we usually to get a legal opinion from Mike McConnell (Attorney General) if we can sign off on it or what we need to do. It just frustrates me that somebody would insinuate that it ain’t good for Tribal Council and the Executive to work together. We worked for 16,000, not a certain few. There’s nothing to be hide here and we

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**COMMENTARY:** From page 21

support Internal Audit in all their endeavors.

Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County)/Tutiya (Snowbird) Rep. Adam Wachacha said, “To beat back on the perception of tribal officials, I’m halfway in agreeance with not leaving so broad and maybe highlight what an individual could do. As an example when I was thinking of the kind of the foods already thing too, if there was ever something happened life COVID again and you’ve got farmers that because there’s 14 but there’s a bunch of tribal officials actually to be able to look at that extenuating circumstances but those have been few and far between because let’s say there’s COVID and hurricane Helene has an extenuating circumstance. I don’t know if it should be listed instead of like leaving it wide open. The public may want more and there’s not been any discussion in Snowbird about this but I think there could be or there may be just with some of the perceptions that you know that the tribal official could use their position or their business because they have a business major and I’ve been looking at other opportunities for business myself away from the tribe. If it’s something that the tribe needed one day and that could be an extenuating circumstance that might be an opportunity for an individual. I’ve always told the individuals that leaving look at public services like well if you have a business you basically have to give that business up because you’re going to go into you know the boundaries of Internal Audit and Ethics. They have to weigh that decision out if they want to be a business owner or if they want to be a tribal official, because the

two don’t cross. I would be okay with kind of specifying what an extenuating circumstance would be so it would kind of help ease the minds of anybody in our public for basically having a broad approach to what a tribal official can or can’t be and if it specifies especially Cherokee language then I think that would be something that everybody could be in agreeance too because those are very few and far between there’s not anybody on here that’s a fluent speaker that would even qualify. Not the saying they can’t go through the courses or any future representatives couldn’t do that but at least that would be open but that that would be kind of my hopes and the only amendment that I could look at is kind of striking most of this or striking it all and just looking at extenuating circumstances such as Cherokee language teacher and kind of put the rest of it in there took to fit that.”

Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper said, “This legislation would then allow you guys to create a process with which you further define what that waiver would be considered as something that successful or not so this is just getting the process started you guys would then go into greater detail as to how you would grant that limited waiver in the future what circumstances would present themselves to be accepted. I’m fine with this language right as it is I’m also welcome to creating a another amendment to the definition page that highlights what extenuating circumstances are to add that in the Code that’s what the definition section is 4 in the Code. I think this is something that outlines a good process and highlights where we are as a tribe moving forward.”

Ugviyuh Hicks noted, “Everybody has assets here. Some

choose to use those assets in different ways. You may be a farmer. You may have rentals. There’s nothing in the oath that says that a tribal leader cannot have ownership in a business. There’s not one thing that I’m aware of. I think that’s a misconception. How you use that asset, like you come in and try to bid on tribal work. Now that’s a different story but there is nothing legally that says any of these individuals cannot own a business. That needs to be clear for the community. How you use the business is where the ethical question is. I do appreciate my relationship with this Tribal Council. I feel that we are transparent. I feel that we work hard together. We work on tough issues. Joey you brought up a great question here and I think it helps to clarify some of these points. When it comes to legalities, any official can own a business. How do you apply the businesses and where is the question.”

Kolanvyi Rep. Perry Shell said, “I believe everybody here has the best interest of the tribe at heart. I don’t always agree with the Principal Chief, or the Vice Chief, or Richard, or anybody else around this table and I don’t agree with anyone 100% but at the end of the day this is for the people, and we have to work together. I think in the past there’s been so much animosity, so many things going on. I think it’s good that we do this. I’m glad we’re having this discussion today. Extenuating circumstances will be hard to determine because we don’t know. After all, they are extenuating.”

Michael McConnell, EBCI attorney general said, “There’s nothing saying of tribal official cannot own a business and benefit from that business. The ethics code and tribal law comes in to say if you’re

in a position of power you can’t use that power to you know make yourself a sweetheart deal that kind of thing. Everyone stands behind that prohibition. I’ve never had anybody at the tribe say just don’t pay attention to that. That’s not the case. The tribal leaders I’ve worked with have all been very careful and responsive to the Ethics Committee. This waiver also has a benefit in that it allows a tribal official who is within this group of people who has to abide by these laws, it allows them to go into the Ethics Committee and say “I’m thinking of doing this. Is it okay? Is it not OK and can I have a waiver?” That way it actually increases who knows who’s doing what. It increases scrutiny of their behavior so in that sense that there could be some considerable benefit to having this process in place.”

Dinilawigi Chairman Parker called for the vote on this legislation. All voted in favor except Rep. Wachacha, who voted against.



# Brown University’s land donation to “Pokanoket Indian Tribe” highlights issues with unrecognized groups

**Cherokee One Feather  
Editorial Board**

Two weeks before Thanksgiving, Brown University officially transferred 255 acres of its Mount Hope property to a preservation trust established by the Pokanoket Indian Tribe. That sounds great, right? Well, the issue is that, officially, there is no Pokanoket Indian Tribe.

The group is not federally recognized nor recognized by the State of Rhode Island. Furthermore, the Narragansett Indian Tribe, the only federally recognized tribe in Rhode Island, doesn’t recognize them either. The group organized as a nonprofit in 1994 under the name Council of Seven & Royal House of Pokanoket & Pokanoket Tribe & Wampanoag Corporation.

In an article in The Providence Journal in 2017, John Brown, spokesperson for the Narragansett, spoke about the Pokanoket, “Until they are recognized, there is no status. If there were, they would be doing business with the United States government, but they’re not and they can’t.”

Speaking of 2017, it was in that year that Brown University entered into an agreement with

the Pokanoket regarding the land transfer. The agreement was signed on Sept. 21, 2017. For a month prior to the signing of the agreement, members of the Pokanoket group camped out in protest on the land.

Brown University said in a press release on Nov. 15, 2024 regarding the land transfer, “Given the significant historical and cultural value of the Mount Hope land to Native peoples in the region, the deed of conveyance for the land transfer – which cannot be amended in the future – states that the Pokanoket ‘shall at all times and in perpetuity provide and maintain access to the lands and waters of the property to all members of all tribes historically part of the Pokanoket Nation/Confederacy, and to all members of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, the Assonet Band of the Wampanoag Nation, the Herring Pond Wampanoag Tribe, and the Pocasset Tribe of the Pokanoket Nation’.”

The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe are both federally recognized tribes. So, why wasn’t the land simply transferred to them?

This sets a very dangerous precedent.

Read this excerpt from Brown’s Nov. 15 press release which states, “In addition to the 255 acres to be transferred to the preservation trust, approximately 120 acres of land along the north and south of Tower Road are separate and apart from the Mount Hope property identified by the Public Archaeology Laboratory in consultation with Pokanoket Tribe representatives as being traditional cultural property. Brown has agreed on the terms of a sale and entered into an agreement with the Town of Bristol to transfer those parcels to the town for preservation and conservation.”

Let’s highlight the issue again – “in consultation with Pokanoket Tribe representatives”.

In an era where federally recognized tribes are fighting and clawing to be at the table in various consultations, it is disheartening to see Brown University make a full agreement with a group that doesn’t have an official claim to being an Indian tribe.

In October 2011, the Cherokee One Feather reported on a list compiled by the Cherokee Nation of 212 fabricated groups fraudulently claiming to be Cherokee

tribes. Some of those groups are from areas thousands of miles from traditional Cherokee territory including the Northwest Cherokee Deer Clan in Oregon and the Chewah Cherokee Nation in Manitoba, Canada.

Surely, that number has grown in the past 13 years.

There are three federally recognized Cherokee tribes including the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (N.C.), the Cherokee Nation (Okla.), and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (Okla.). It is of the utmost importance that the sovereignty of the three real Cherokee tribes be protected and acts like Brown University transferring land to an unrecognized group erode at that sovereignty. With so many fake groups claiming to be a Cherokee tribe, this could happen in droves to the three real Cherokee tribes and that’s scary.

This is a tricky situation because Brown University is a private institution. So, we’re not sure that this issue can be solved legislatively. But, education could help. This practice cannot continue.

## EBCI BANISHMENT LIST

[EBCI Banishment List - The Cherokee One Feather \(theonefeather.com\)](http://theonefeather.com)



Tribal Council may exclude anyone from tribal lands-including exclusion from residing, visiting, and/or doing business. (CC 2.1)

Tribal Court may impose fines up to \$5000 and 12 months in jail for harboring, hiding, or providing services to a excluded person. (CC 2.10)



## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# Take your pick

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed. D.

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

Scripture references: Proverb 16:9, Isaiah 55:11, Revelation 3:7, Psalm 73:28, 2 Samuel 7:28

Consider Mary and Joseph's story in the Bible. They intended to get married and live happily ever after. Then God, through His messengers, changed their lives in ways they could not have imagined. God has a way of getting His way through changing our ways. Maybe you have a story like that. You can take your pick on anything, but the Lord gets His way when you have given your life to Him. If you have earnestly told the Lord that your life is His to use, hang on! You had better have meant it because He will use you for His glory and your blessing.

Think of a time when you had plans to do one thing, and God took control and changed your plans. I'm talking about life-changing plans. Maybe something has happened in your life that you didn't expect or happened entirely out of your control. A list of possible life-changing events would be too numerous and unique to record. But, if one or more happens to you, you'll know. The change He set into my life altered my entire life's path. Becoming a chef was my life's ambition. I liked cooking and preparing food, baking, and fry-cooking. I was good at it because my first several high school jobs were cooking short orders at restaurants. I desired to become a chef by attending a local culinary college in my town. It was a well-estab-

lished vocational school, turning out some excellent chefs. While attending there, my grades and progress allowed me to look forward to a bright future doing what I enjoyed. Then the bottom fell out. Life-changing news came to me in the mail that required me to leave the program three-quarters through the course.

My instructor was a master chef, an older man who retired from the Navy as a chef on battleships and aircraft carriers. He served seamen of all ranks and became the Officer Quarters master chef. He was challenging, motivational, and an excellent teacher. When I showed him the induction (draft) notice I received in the mail, he told me that maybe I could become a cook in the military. The education of my choice was no longer an option. The following months of military school prepared me for the Vietnam War, and the Air Force seemed to have plenty of cooks. What God and the

military turned me into was utterly different. I was totally out of control of my life.

Non-Christians say that's what you can expect when 'life' happens. They're not wrong – it is life, and if you are a child of God, it is a life He has called you into for a purpose. His purpose. You may or may not believe God has that kind of control or that He would do – whatever it was – to change your path. Be assured that God is sovereign and in control of you and everything else around you. My blessing is to be able to look back over all those years. It increases my faith to know God steered my life and created the tests and tribulations, experiences, and situations that molded my character as I grew into manhood. God made and shaped me like clay to be the man He wanted. I was to serve Him as He willed for His purpose. It is a blessing to me to see how His hand has shaped and crafted my life. I know God

still has control of me, and my life continues without fear as His will is the best for me.

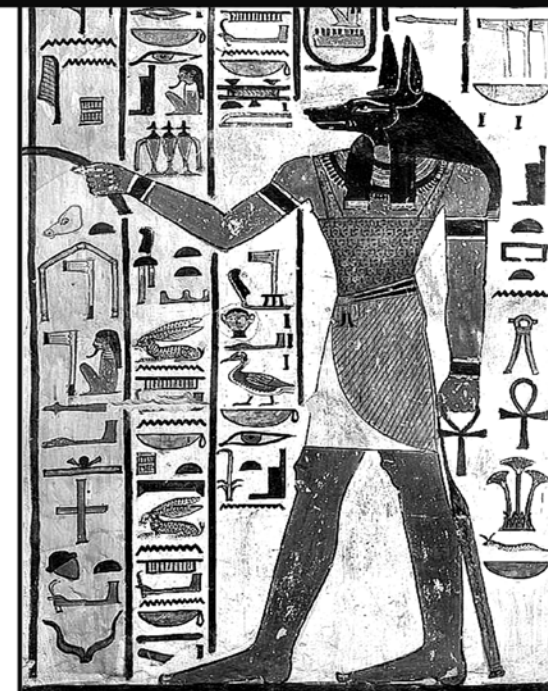
It is possible that God hasn't drastically changed your life in the manner described above. However, that doesn't mean He won't. It could all change tomorrow. When you give your life to Jesus and walk in the Spirit, you must expect that God's will for you might differ from your plans. When you plan for your life, I pray that you are attuned to God's will and that your life path is synchronized with Him. God, Father, and Sovereign Lord of all the earth bless us with Your countenance and favor. Use us to be Your hands and feet to accomplish Your will in our lives and the lives of others. Guide us, Holy Spirit, wherever we walk with You. Keep us from temptation and deliver us from evil. We ask these things in Your Heavenly name, Jesus, amen.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.*

ROMANS 1: 22,23



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# Amber Waves

MY FIRST OFFICIAL JOB. MOM WILL GIVE ME \$5.00 TO SHOVEL THE ENTIRE SIDEWALK.



WOW, THE SNOW IS BEGINNING TO SURE PICK UP. IT IS REALLY STARTING TO COME DOWN.



# by Dave T. Hipps

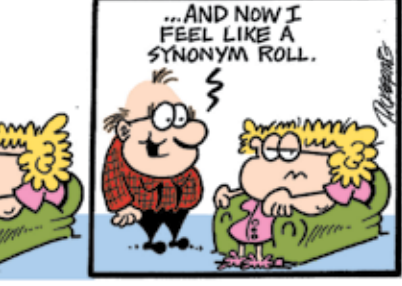
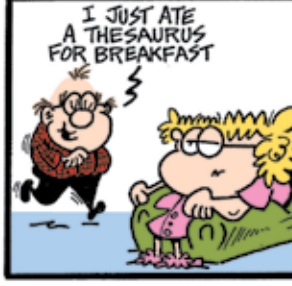
THE SIDEWALK HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. YOU CAN PAY ME NOW. I OUTSOURCED IT TO DAD.



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# Weekly SUDOKU

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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: ♦♦

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# HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pillow is larger. 2. Picture on wall is different. 3. Mouth is different. 4. Necktie is added. 5. Apron is different. 6. Wristwatch is added.

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 "Waterloo" group
- 5 Financial pro
- 8 Sci-fi vehicles
- 12 Starring role
- 13 — Royal Highness
- 14 Worn-down pencils
- 15 Nose and mouth covering
- 17 Move like a butterfly
- 18 Short sock
- 19 Curved fasteners
- 21 Shoe width
- 22 Tropical tree
- 23 Santa's helper
- 26 Highland hat
- 28 Prettify
- 31 Painter Joan
- 33 Coffee vessel
- 35 A few
- 36 Glasses, slangily
- 38 Bro's kin
- 40 Compass dir. (Lat.)
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- 56 Skater
- 57 Chorus syllables
- 58 Govt. lender
- 59 ABA member
- 9 Spectacular lunar phase
- 10 Last write-up
- 11 Bygone fliers
- 16 Bump into
- 20 Sheepish remark
- 23 German river
- 24 Sass
- 25 Comp for a foodie
- 27 "— Miniver"
- 29 LBJ's successor
- 30 Formerly known as
- 32 Spencer of "Hidden Figures"
- 34 — Falls
- 37 Blue
- 39 Round Table titles
- 42 Certain jobs
- 44 Maestro Zubin —
- 45 Genuine
- 46 Big name in scat
- 48 Latin 101 word
- 49 Type
- 50 Online auction site
- 53 Science room

## DOWN

- 1 — Romeo
- 2 Legume
- 3 Support
- 4 "Skyfall" singer
- 5 French vineyard estate
- 6 Math ratios
- 7 Invite to one's loft
- 8 Develops

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# Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Which Victor Hugo novel was made into an animated Disney movie?
2. MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the eighth day?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Kalahari Desert located?
4. HISTORY: Who was the first African-American justice on the U.S. Supreme Court?
5. BIOLOGY: What is the process called in which a nonreproductive cell divides in two?
6. MOVIES: In the movie "Elf," what is the name of Santa's sleigh?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest mammal on Earth?
8. U.S. STATES: Where did the first organized celebration of Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) take place in the U.S.?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which planet is the smallest in our solar system?
10. TELEVISION: Which 1980s-1990s TV family sitcom had a holiday episode titled "A Very Tanner Christmas"?

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Solution time: 24 mins.

## Answers

# King Crossword

1. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"; 2. Eight maids-a-milking; 3. Southern Africa; 4. Thurgood Marshall; 5. Mitosis; 6. The Kringle 3000; 7. The blue whale; 8. Mobile, Alabama; 9. Mercury; 10. "Full House"
- Trivia Test Answers



# HAPPENINGS

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

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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

- Dec. 14 at 3 p.m., benefit for the Tracy and Cindee West family  
 - Jan. 1, 2025 at 3 p.m., sponsored by Norman Walkingstick

**Bingo Fundraiser for Kenai Juarez.** Dec. 17 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Deb West Senior Center (formerly Tsali Manor) in Cherokee, N.C. \$20/person and includes Bingo cards and a door prize raffle ticket. Proceeds will benefit hospital stay for surgery. Info: (828) 269-8063

**Senior 2025 Fundraisers at the West Senior Center (formerly Tsali Manor).** Info: Annette Craig (828) 226-6703  
 - Jan. 18. Breakfast, Bake Sale, and 50/50 Raffle. \$15/plate  
 - March 15. Bingo  
 - April 14. Basket Raffle  
 - May 25-31. Silent Auction

## EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Annual Cherokee Central Schools Indian Market Bazaar.** Dec. 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Elementary and Middle School gymnasiums. This is sponsored by

the CCS Cultural Dept. A frybread fundraiser will also be held. For more information or to reserve a table, contact Jakeli Swimmer or Laura Pinnix (828) 554-5004.

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

**Elawodi (Yellowhill) December activities at the Yellowhill Activity Center:**

- \* Dec. 13: deliver Christmas cards to Tsali Care.
- \* Dec. 17: Youth EcoExplorer program from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., celebrate Mammalogy Season. The NC Arboretum will be offering special prize (a pair of binoculars) for each child that attends.
- \* Dec. 21: Christmas Dinner at 4 p.m., door prizes and treat bags will be given out. Community members, please bring side dishes or desserts. The club is providing ham, turkey, dressing and gravy.
- \* Dec. 31: RezHope Recovery Winter Social for New Year's Eve from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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

**2nd Annual Luftee Leap.** Jan. 1 at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. at the Unity Field. The plunge is set for 12 p.m. Donations are being taken for the Leap, and all donations will go to the Cherokee Cancer Support Group.

## EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS


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

- Parks & Rec.:** Dec. 12 at 1 p.m.
- Roads Commission:** Dec. 16 at 9 a.m.
- Timber Committee:** Dec. 16 at 10:30 a.m.
- Planning Board:** Dec. 16 at 1 p.m.
- Health Board:** Dec. 18 at 8:30 a.m.
- Qualla Housing Board:** Dec. 19


## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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**Mr. Gryphon James, a 5-year-old Shih Tzu, lives in Tutiya (Snowbird) with his human, Brianna Jumper.**




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How do you say that in Cherokee?



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at 8:30 a.m.

### POW WOW LISTINGS

**Cherokee Gourd Society Christmas Pow Wow.** Dec. 14 in the Tahlequah Community Building in Tahlequah, Okla. MC: Mark Bolin. Head Singer: Sonny Blackbear. Info: Don Stroud (918) 456-3637

**Annual Chasenh and Con-nahvichnah Pow Wow.** Dec. 21 in the Comanche Nation Community Center in Apache, Okla. Emcees: Eugene Blackbear and Edmond Nevaquaya. Head Singers: Kenneth Cozad and Howard Cozad. Info:

Info: (580) 986-9402

**Comanche Little Ponies New Year's Celebration.** Dec. 28 in the Watchetaker Hall Comanche Nation Complex in Lawton, Okla. MC: JR Ross. Head Singer: Leonard Cozad Jr. Info: Lowell Nibbs (580) 583-5279, lowellnibbs@yahoo.com

**Youth Mentorship Gourd Dance Organization Cheers to Sobriety "Dancing for Strength & Prosperity" New Year's Eve Gourd Dance and**

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Don't be sheepish about asking more questions before making a major decision at your workplace. Meanwhile, your personal relationships continue to improve.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You might be rushed into renewing an old, cold relationship. But do you really want a reheated romance when there's a chance to warm up with someone new?

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Someone tells you something that could lead you to rethink your plans for the holidays. Get the full story before you make a decision.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A financial matter that had you in a dither is finally being sorted out as more facts become available. A perplexing personal matter also clears up.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You face a slew of new tasks at home and work. So, as much as you love being a social Lion, be careful not to overdo it at those preholiday parties.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Unexpected news could cause some minor adjustments in your holiday planning. Defer a decision about a financial matter until you have more facts.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October

22) A project might not be bringing you the results you'd hoped it would by now. But stay with it — things will soon begin to turn around.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A budding personal relationship continues to develop. Things also improve in your career, although some problems still need close attention.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Mercury is finally stationing direct in your sign after a few weeks in retrograde. This will give you motivation to take care of any outstanding tasks before the holidays.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Allowing a misunderstanding to go unchallenged could jeopardize the plans you've made for the upcoming holidays. Clear the air now.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) While you should be open to suggestions on how to plan for the holidays, you should also be firm in saying "no" to anything you disagree with.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Get out from under all those holiday preparations and immerse yourself in a world of music. You'll soon feel refreshed, revived — maybe even reborn!

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You believe in the truth and have little patience for those who try to hide it. You would make an excellent judge.

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by Freddy Groves

## The OIG Always Comes Through

Things are going to be different in 2025. If there's one thing I hope, it's that the Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General isn't hit with any budget or staffing reductions. As time goes on we need them more than ever to dig out, investigate and expose all the problems in the VA.

The PACT Act of 2022, for example, required screenings for toxic exposures — as well as training for the VA medical staff to do those screenings. Within a short time, screenings had been done on 4 million veterans out of the 9 million who were enrolled in VA health care. That's approximately 45% of the total. Training for staff, however, didn't come close. When additional training was required, only 21.4% of staff completed it, which means that a lot of veterans were screened by staff who hadn't done all of their training.

Then there is the matter of communication that the VA OIG exposed: A "package manager" computer program at the VA bundles up the documents for a veteran's claims and then sends them off to a printer. The VA OIG discovered that, because nobody was paying attention to the problem, over 2 million packages weren't printed ... because nobody hit the "send" button. The veterans, therefore, did not receive the communications from the VA, which might have been asking for more evidence for a claim to be processed or notification about a claim decision and information about options for responding to that decision.

Equally valuable are the frauds that the OIG nails. A recent scam involved a pharmaceutical company that offered a particular test kit, claiming that the kit could diagnose a certain condition. Then they were able to push the very expensive therapy drug they produced for that condition. Kickbacks were involved, of course. The company ended up paying \$47 million for their scam.

Keep your fingers crossed. In a perfect world, the VA OIG will maintain an adequate budget and staffing. Doubling it would be better.

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## Introducing a new pet to your cat

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I recently adopted a year-old puppy. "Max" is a friendly, well-socialized dog, and during the trial stay a month ago, my 10-year-old cat, "Nora," seemed to tolerate him. Well, on the second day that Max was home, he started barking excitedly. Nora sprang up and attacked him, cornering Max on the sofa. She batted him around the snout several times. Now, Max slinks out of the room anytime that Nora appears. How can I make peace between them? — Gerry G., Manchester, New Hampshire

**DEAR GERRY:** I'm sorry to hear that! Introducing a new pet into an established household can be stressful for both pets and sometimes unpredictable. And any negative interactions that occur — from hissing and barking to an all-out boxing match — can make future harmony nearly impossible to achieve. One or both pets may begin to exhibit behavioral issues like aggression, soiling in the house, chewing and scratching, and more.

For the foreseeable future, you'll need to manage and monitor all interactions between Max and Nora. As soon as they begin to react negatively, they need to be separated.

Reintroduce the two gradually. I recommend taking Max for a nice, long walk before each meeting so that some of his puppy energy is worked off beforehand. Work intensively with Max on basic commands like sit, stay, lie down and come here. When Max is in the room with Nora, have him sit or lie down close to you — they don't have to meet face to face. Limit interaction time to five minutes or less at first, then gradually increase the time.

*How do you keep peace between pets in your house? Tell me about it at ask@pawscorner.com.*

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**Social Pow Wow Celebration.**

Dec. 31 at the National Guard Armory in Albuquerque, N.M. MC: James Edwards. Head Southern Singer: Edward Pacheco. Info: Milton Yazzie (505) 410-8475, mel\_yazz@yahoo.com

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

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

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

com

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

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

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

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

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

**CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS**

**Big Cove Community** meets the first Tuesday of each month at the new community building at 6 p.m. Chair Butch Hill (828) 506-8936. For building rental contact any of the Officers.

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

**Birdtown Community** meets the second Monday of each month at

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

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

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

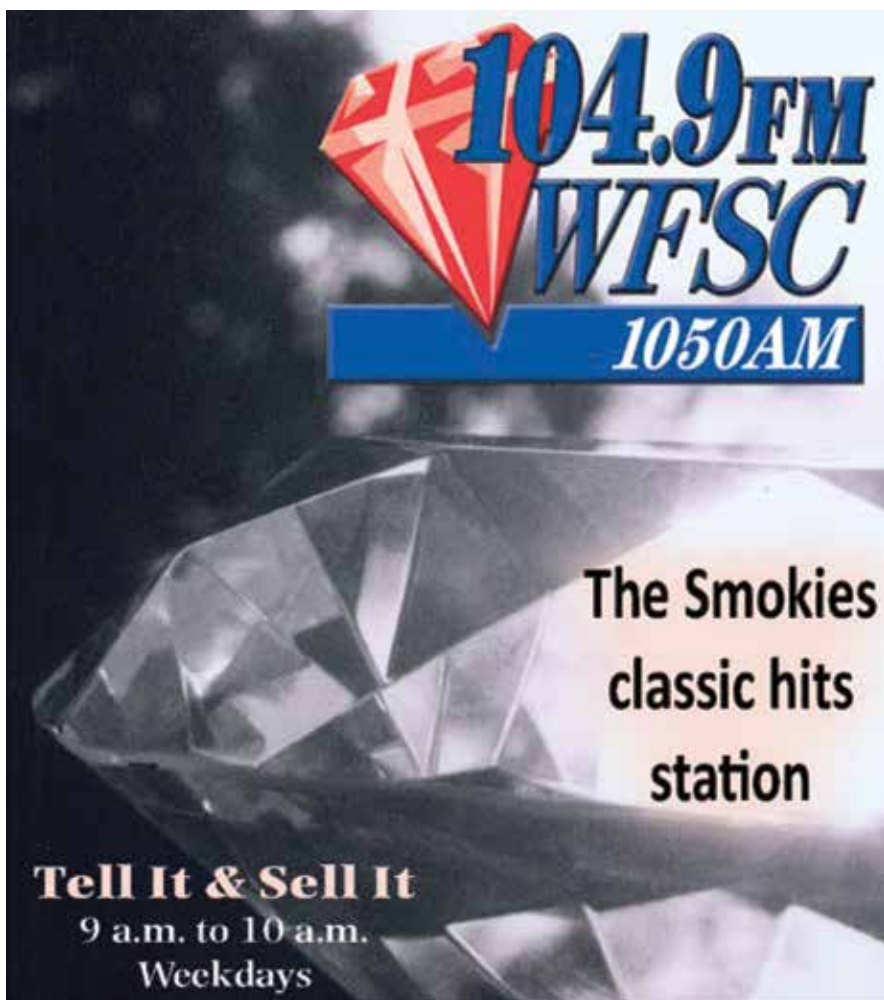
**Snowbird Community** meets the first Tuesday of each month, or the Tuesday before Tribal Council, at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex, at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Roger Smoker (828) 479-8678 or 735-4959, rogersmoker@yahoo.com

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

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

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

**CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP**  
**Abundant Life Apostolic Church.** 171 Johnson Br. Road,



Bryson City. Sunday Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship. 7 p.m. Pastor Kevin Linkinhoker 488-8937

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

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

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

**Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church.** 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7 p.m., Monthly business meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m.

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

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

welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ.** 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Con-

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Living Waters Lutheran**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Wilmot Baptist Church.** 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) singing, bible study and crafts: 6 p.m. Pastor: Johnny Ray Davis

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

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

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Bethlehem (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? *Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi*
  3. With perhaps two different biblical answers, who was the father of Joseph? *Jacob/Heli, Gideon/Ishmael, Solomon/Nahum, Samuel/Pilate*
  4. Which Old Testament prophet predicted Jesus would be born in Bethlehem? *Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum*
  5. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? *Bible not specific, Cart, Rode donkey, Small raft*
  6. Which of these wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? *Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense*
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Nazareth, 3) Jacob/Heli (Matthew 1:16, Luke 3:23), 4) Micah, 5) Bible not specific, 6) Silver

Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit [www.TriviaGuy.com](http://www.TriviaGuy.com).

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## Moments in time

• On Dec. 23, 1982, Chaminade University of Honolulu, a school with only 900 students, beat the top-ranked University of Virginia by a mere five points in one of the most stunning upsets in American basketball history. As ESPN's Chris Berman remarked, "We can't tell you what happened, but the No. 1 team in college basketball has lost to — we don't even know who they are."

• On Dec. 24, 1851, a fire at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroyed approximately two-thirds of its 55,000 volumes, including most of Thomas Jefferson's personal library.

• On Dec. 25, 1962, the film adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" opened in Los Angeles. It was nominated for eight Oscars and won three, and the American Film Institute rated lead character Atticus Finch as the greatest movie hero of the 20th century.

• On Dec. 26, 1820, Moses Austin, a merchant turned mine owner, met with Spanish authorities in San Antonio to ask permission for 300 Anglo-American families to settle in Texas, in the hope of recovering from bankruptcy via the establishment of a new colony. His request was approved, but he died before he could carry it out, so the task was completed by his son, with more than 20,000 arrivals eventually succeeding in making Texas an independent state.

• On Dec. 27, 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered his secretary of war to seize properties belonging to the Montgomery Ward company after it refused to comply with a labor agreement, announcing that the government would "not tolerate any interference with war production in this critical hour."

• On Dec. 28, 1908, the worst earthquake in recorded European history struck the Straits of Messina in southern Italy, leveling the cities of Messina and Reggio di Calabria and ultimately causing the deaths of an estimated 100,000 people.

• On Dec. 29, 1170, Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral by four of King Henry II's knights, apparently on his orders. Four years later, Henry was forced to do penance at Becket's tomb, and his efforts to end the separation between church and state came to an end.

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# MISSING

**Sherrell Dawn  
Kessner-Kinegak**

American Indian/Alaska  
Native

Height: 5'4" Weight: 130 lbs  
Female Hair: Brown Eyes:  
Brown Age: 33

Date of last contact: October 8,  
2024

Last Known Location:  
Anchorage, Alaska

Circumstances of  
Disappearance: Sherrell left her  
residence and never returned.



If you have seen or have information about Sherrell Kessner-Kinegak, contact  
Anchorage Police Department (907) 786-8900 or Malia Miller, Missing Persons  
Clearinghouse Manager, Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511 .

Source: Namus.gov

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# Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Law Enforcement Division

Chief of Police  
Carla Neadeau

Dear EBCI Communities,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for the unwavering support you have shown to the Cherokee Indian Police Department. Your constant encouragement and trust in our officers and staff have been a source of immense strength and motivation for us all.

The bond between our community and the police department is a testament to the values of unity, respect, and mutual support that we hold dear. Your cooperation and understanding have been crucial in helping us maintain peace and safety within our community. We are truly fortunate to serve such a compassionate and supportive community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the officers and employees of all the Cherokee Law Enforcement Divisions and all tribal and state programs that make protecting and serving the tribe a reality. Your dedication, hard work, and relentless commitment to duty, often under challenging and non-stop schedules, do not go unnoticed. Each one of you plays a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

Together, we have faced many challenges, and together, we will continue to strive for a safer and stronger community. Thank you once again for your unwavering support and for being an integral part of our mission.

With deepest gratitude,

**Chief of Police Carla Neadeau**  
Cherokee Indian Police Department







## CLASSIFIEDS

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

## LOOKING FOR

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

## BRYSON CITY RENTALS:

3BR/2BA, \$1,800/mo. ,2BR/1BA, \$1,300/mo. ,1BR/1BA, \$1,200/mo. Call 828-736-0785. **1/22/25**

**Permanent Camper for Sale - at Smoky Mountain RV Park and Resort Lot 193.** Summer Va-

cation spot, lot rent is \$2,800 from May to October. \$300 for winter storage. 10 minutes from Harrahs Cherokee Casino. Serious inquires please call Charlene Wooliver at 865-740-3984. **1/29/25**

**FREE puppies to a good home** - 2 Akc Reg Male & female Yorkie puppies free to a good home if interested contact :danamorgan189@gmail.com **1/29/25**

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Legal Notice

State of North Carolina  
Department of Transportation  
Raleigh, N.C.

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be December 17, 2024, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be

held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2. (C204854) PASQUOTANK, GATES (C205006) WAKE (C204988) CUMBERLAND

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Kituwah, LLC has the following job available:

- **Vice President of Manufacturing – Located in Wylliesburg VA**

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office (Old Chestnut Tree Inn) between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Friday or email [kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com](mailto:kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com).



## Employment Opportunities


Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the following positions:  
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Apply in person or contact Angie Pugh at [angieh@mandaraspaspa.com](mailto:angieh@mandaraspaspa.com) or 497-8550.



## Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

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

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

- Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach**
- SAMHSA GRANT - PK-12 Mental Health Behavioral Support Specialist-Bachelors' Degree Required**
- SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant - 48 Semester Hours or an Associates Degree**
- K-5 Cherokee Language Instructor**
- K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant-3 positions**
- K-5 School Counselor**
- 6-8 Special Education Pathseekers Teacher Assistant**
- 9-12 High School Science Teacher**
- K-12 School Psychologist**
- K-12 Special Education Parent Liaison**
- Security (Part-Time)**
- Custodian (Fulltime, Evening Shift)**
- Substitute Food Service Workers**
- Contract Nurse (RN)**

the amount of 5% of the bid will be required.

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

Plans, proposal forms, and specifications may be obtained at the Raleigh Office of the Department of Transportation, Telephone # 919-707-6925. **12/11**

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

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**

**DANIEL AARON TAYLOR**

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

decendent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-088

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**

**Barbara Swimmer George**

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

decendent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

Dianna Brady  
P.O. Box 1738  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
**1/15/25**

**BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

**Request for Proposals**

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for a Guardian ad Litem Attorney Advocate. The GAL Attorney Advocate will assure the protection of a child's legal rights by taking all action necessary to zealously represent the child's best interest. This service will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court.

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following:

1. Name and Contact Information
2. Copies of Certificates and Licenses
3. Relevant Work Experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before December 31, 2024, will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or email proposals to:

Amber Shuler, Court Administrator  
Cherokee Tribal Court  
PO Box 1629  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
ambeshul@ebci-nsn.gov

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **12/11**

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**email: Robertgarland9@gmail.com**

**phone:**

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

Anyone interested should pick up an application and complete position description at the KG3 office building, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, across the street from Waffle House, between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday, or email Maggie Toineeta at [maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com](mailto:maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com) or Chelsi Corpening at [chelsi.corpening@kituwahg3.com](mailto:chelsi.corpening@kituwahg3.com) Native American and Veteran preference does apply. Job applications must be submitted resumes and cover letters will be accepted with all applications. Deadline to apply is December 18,2024 by 4pm.



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY



TSALI CARE CENTER

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## Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

Application and job description can be picked up from the receptionist at the Boys Club information window between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens.

Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian preference does apply in the filling of this position.

If claiming Indian preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

Cherokee Boys Club  
P.O. Box 507,  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
828-497-9101

### AGELINK

- (5) FT Teachers (\$31,800-\$39,750/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)

### CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

- (2) FT- SKILLED WORKERS (\$31,800-\$39,750/year with Benefits)

### CHILDRENS HOME

- (3) FT RESIDENT COUNSELORS (\$17.00/hour with Benefits) (work schedule : 2:30 pm – 10:30 pm)
- (1) PT RESIDENT COUNSELOR (\$17.00/hour without Benefits) (Flexible Work Schedule (Afternoon/Weekends) TBD based on availability to work)

### SHOP & GARAGE

- (2) Detail Technicians (\$31,800-\$39,750/year with Benefits)

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**Closing Sunday December 15, 2024**

1. Supervisor - Adult Language - KPEP/CERS (L12 \$20.89 - \$26.11 per hour)
2. Teacher Assistant – QB HS EHS / CERS (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
3. Youth Development Professional – CYC / CERS (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
4. Corrections Sergeant – Corrections / Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Administrative Assistant – Juvenile Services / PHHS (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88 per hour)

**Open Until Filled**

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



*Holly Jolly Job Fair*

*Thursday, December 19*

*10am - 3pm*

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Masters Level Therapist - \$58,332 - \$72,915 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
**(Analenisgi Inpatient Adult, Analenisgi Outpatient, Integrated Classroom, Family Safety, Dora Reed)**  
 Inpatient Technician - Full Time & PTI - Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Targeted Case Manager - Analenisgi - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
 Employment Specialist - Kanvwotiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
 Behavioral Health RN - Analenisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor - \$44,134.00 - \$66,161.00  
 Peer Support Specialist - Recovery Center - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25  
 RN - Opioid Treatment Program/Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic Nurse - \$22.68 - \$38.72

## DIETARY

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

## FINANCE

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

## HIM

Certified Coder - Inpatient - \$24.55 - \$27.99

## IT

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

## LAB

Phlebotomist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

## MEDICAL

Physician - Primary Care \$157,686 - \$197,108  
 Physician - Emergency Department - Part Time with Benefits- \$227,068 - \$283,835  
 Clinical Dietitian - \$50,723 - \$63,404  
 Mid - Level PA - Primary Care \$91,254 - \$114,067  
 Physician - Emergency Department - \$227,08 - \$283,835  
 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 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 RN Care Manager - \$35.06 - \$35.64 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus** (Primary Care, Diabetes)  
 LPN/CMA - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 LPN - TJCC - \$22.76 - \$25.89 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 C.M.S - \$18.32 - \$20.67 (Diabetes, Pediatrics)  
 C.N.A. - Immediate Care Center - Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 C.N.A - Emergency Room - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\$3,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Certified Medical Assistant - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Inpatient RN - PTI - \$33.68 - \$38.72  
 RN - ER - \$33.68 - \$38.72  
 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)

## OPERATIONS

Advanced Clinical Pharmacist - \$117,326 - \$146,658  
 Dentist - CIHA and Satellite  
 Dentist-Pediatrics  
 Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II (2nd Shift) - \$24.55 - \$27.99 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Clinical Pharmacist - PTI - \$102,023 - \$153,034  
 Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 - \$20.67  
 Pharmacy Technician III - \$21.13 - \$23.98

## Tsali Care Center

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Registered Nurse - \$5.00 - \$40.00 - **\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Registered Nurse Supervisor - \$45.00 - \$47.99 - **\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**  
 Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent - \$35.00 - \$40.22  
 RN Staff Development Coordinator - \$67,082 - \$83,852  
 Social Worker - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
 Ward Clerk - \$16.01 - \$17.95



# THE GOOD STUFF



## Forbes-Reed marry

Cara Forbes and Christopher Reed, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, married in the tropical gardens of Sandals Royal Bahamian in Nassau, Bahamas on Nov. 9. Cara works as a Training & Development specialist at Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority. Christopher works as a business supervisor at the Cherokee Fitness Complex. The parents of the bride are the artist, Charlene McCoy, and Clifford Forbes. The parents of the groom are Robin Wolfe and Samuel "Frell" Reed. The bride's grandparents are Juanita Taylor Curtis, Allen McCoy, Gloria Forbes, and John Joseph Forbes. The groom's grandparents are the artist, Juanita Wolfe, Beloved Man Dr. Jeremiah Wolfe, the artist, Ollie Reed, and Abe Wildcatt. (Photo courtesy of Cara Forbes)



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## Golf champion

Cole Davis, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a sixth grade student at Cherokee Middle School, won the 12-year-old tour championship for US Kids Golf in Greenville, S.C. recently. He finished the Fall Tour with a personal best score of 69. Davis also recently finished in the top 10 at the 2024 Tennessee State Invitational held at the Sevierville Golf Club. Later this month, he will be playing in the US Kids 2024 Holiday Classic held at the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Photo courtesy of Carmen Davis)



## Snow fun

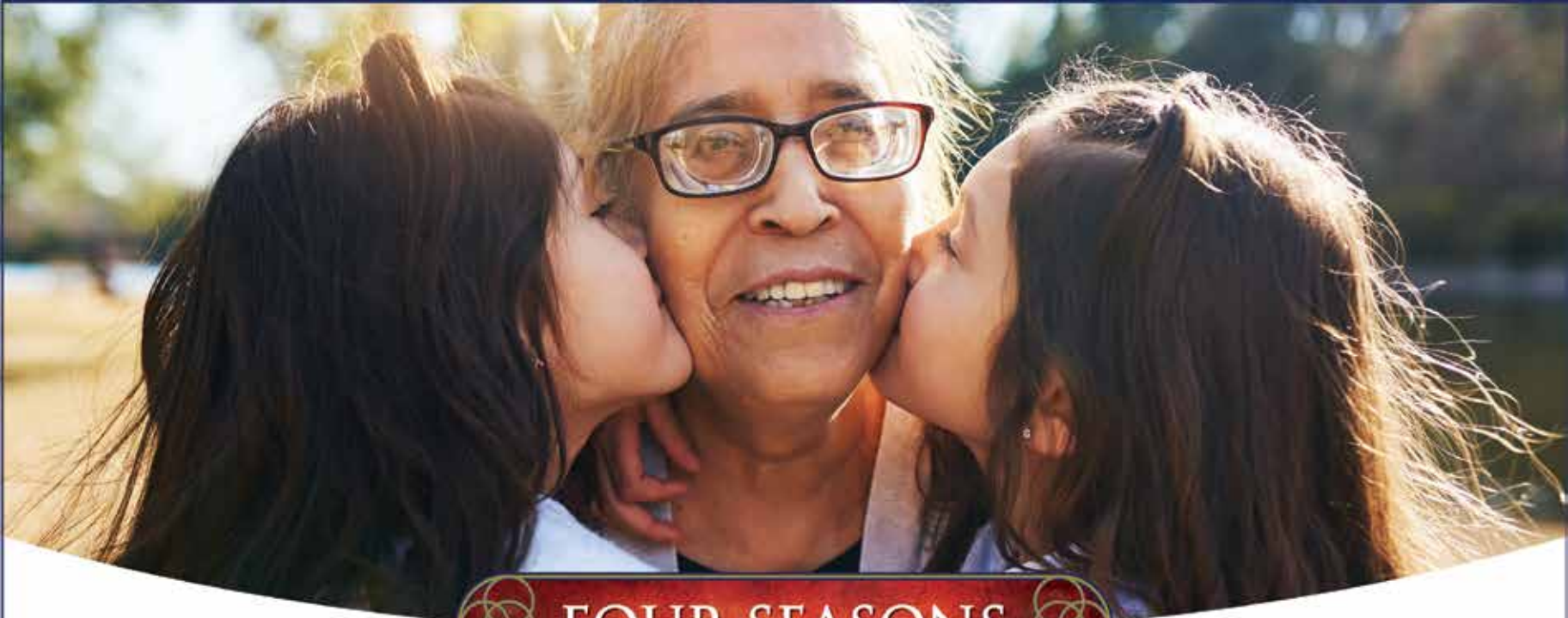
Alessandra and Leona Ramirez, of Wayohi (Wolftown), play in the snow with Clucky, the family's Rhode Island Red chicken. (Photo courtesy of Adrienne Ramirez)



## National Technical Honor Society inductees

Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at Southwestern Community College included, from left: Alexis Hodock of Robbinsville, Emily Greenarch of Cherokee, Shelby Maney of Whittier, Elijah Bishop of Whittier, Nancy Locust of Cherokee, Marissa Bradley of Franklin (not EBCL), and Cheyenne Pete of Whittier. (SCC photo)





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