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Honoring the language

Tsalagi Aniwonisgi
Didanvdadisdi (Cherokee
Speakers Memorial Day)
event held

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The first annual Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdadisdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day) event was hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the Kalvgviditsa Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Tsunatsohisdihi (Cherokee Speakers Place), located adjacent to the New Kituwah Academy in Cherokee, N.C.

During the event, the following Cherokee Speakers who

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Bo Lossiah, KPEP (Kituwah Preservation and Education Program) curriculum and education specialist, rings a bell in memory of the Cherokee Speakers who passed away in 2024. This was part of the first annual Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdadisdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day) event hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the Kalvgviditsa Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Tsunatsohisdihi (Cherokee Speakers Place), located adjacent to the New Kituwah Academy in Cherokee, N.C. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Image of the Week

2024-25 Little Miss Cherokee Faith "Alitama" Panther and 2024-25 Junior Miss Cherokee Misha "Losi" Slee sing the Cherokee National Anthem at the first annual Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdadisdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day) event on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 26.
(SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



"Uphold and honor our speakers every day because, before too long, we're going to be those speakers."

- Meshay Long, CLMAP (Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program), speaking at the Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdadisdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day) event which was hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 26

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passed away in 2024 were honored and memorialized: Frances Cucumber, Malinda Driver, Charlie Kalonaheskie, Maurice Kalonaheskie, Lois Walkingstick Lambert, JC Wachacha, Margie Wachacha, James Welch, Deweese Wolfe, and Dinah Wolfe.

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passed Res. No. 212 (2024) on June 6 making Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdadisdi an official EBCI tribal holiday that will be observed each year on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The resolution was submitted by Scarlett “Gigage” Guy, 2023-24 Miss Cherokee.

Guy said during the event, “We’re gathered to honor our speakers who have passed this past year, and we’re gathered here to honor our language.”

She added, “I wrote this resolution because all of us want to honor and remember our Cherokee speakers and all that they do to contribute to our tribe and our people and our culture. I’m grateful to the Cherokee Speakers Council and all the Cherokee speakers who helped me and supported the resolution. And, I’m grateful to Tribal Council, the Vice Chief, and Chief for passing the resolution and adopting this day as a Tribal holiday. I also want to thank the families for being here, for allowing us to host you and create an opportunity to honor your family members and what they meant to you, and what they meant to us as well.”

Miss Cherokee 2024-25 Moira George commented, “We thank all of our speakers, those still with us and those who have passed, for their resilience, perseverance, and dedication to our language so that we are able to learn and



Myrtle Driver Johnson, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, speaks during Tuesday’s event and commented, “Today, we raise the flag of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as we honor the Cherokee speakers that passed on before us. They were members of our seven clans.”

speak Cherokee today. As learners, we will do our best to ensure a perpetuation of our language for future generations, just as you have done for us. We honor our speakers, now and always, and will strive to continue your legacies.”

Roger Smoker, Cherokee Speakers Council chairman, said, “On the paper, it says we lost 10 speakers this past year. That’s a lot, this past year. Now, we’re down to 142 speakers left in the EBCI. It kind of scares me, the next 10 years, how many are going to be left?”

He encouraged everyone to learn and use the Cherokee language. “Speak what you know. Use what you know...you can add on a little bit more every year, or every day, and in a month’s

time you’ll be able to say a lot of words. I want to encourage all of the second learners, for you guys to step in. And the speakers that are left, it’s up to us to encourage these second learners coming up to speak. It’s our duty to do that right now while we’re around.”

Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks commented, “Today is a special day for all of us. Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day is a time to honor the voices of those who carried our language throughout the years. Today reminds us just how important our language is, not just as words we speak, but as a connection to our ancestors and our identity as Cherokee people. As we gather today, let’s take the opportunity to recommit ourselves to preserving and celebrating the Cherokee lan-

guage. By doing so, we honor the past, we strengthen the present, and we secure the future for all generations to come.”

He also encouraged everyone to use the language to the best of their ability. “It’s an honor to stand before you and attempt the best I can today to speak our language. I’m slowly learning, but that mountain is really steep for me. But, I’m proud to stand here and make my best attempt.”

Several family members of the deceased Cherokee Speakers being honored spoke.

Meshay Long spoke on behalf of the Dinah Wolfe family and said, “I have the privilege of working here at CLMAP (Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program) and becoming a second language learner and I really

encourage everyone to do as much as they can because we're losing speakers every day."

She went on to say, "Uphold and honor our speakers every day because, before too long, we're going to be those speakers."

Each of the families of the Cherokee Speakers honored received an EBCI tribal flag and a cedar tree. Bo Lossiah, KPEP (Kituwah Preservation and Education Program) curriculum and education specialist, commented, "We'd like to honor the families with a presentation of our sovereignty - the Eastern Band flag. And also a cedar, because it's an old understanding how we connect with the Creator; cedar because it stays always green in the winter. In the roughest times, it's there to represent everything that we believe and everything we

know."

In speaking about the language, he said, "We're adding. We're building. We've just got to believe in it. I need the speakers here every day. I need them every day. There's not a day I don't need you. Not one second. I need the students to pay attention, listen, and use their ears every day. Every day."

Members of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Color Guard presented the colors at the event.

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Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute awarded CPF grants totaling \$332K

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI) has received two grants for programming from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation totaling over \$332,000.

Grant to support Cherokee Adult Leadership Program

The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI) received a \$133,329 grant from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. This funding will support a year of programming for the Duyugodv'i Right Path Adult Leadership Program, which empowers Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) adults to embrace selfless leadership through Cherokee cultural values.

The Duyugodv'i Right Path Adult Leadership Program is a transformative 12-month initiative where participants meet twice a

month to explore Cherokee history, culture, and language while developing leadership skills rooted in traditional Cherokee practices. Anchored in the seven Cherokee core values – sense of place, strong individual character, group harmony, spirituality, honoring the past, educating the children, and sense of humor – the program also incorporates key cultural concepts such as gadugi (working together for the community) and tohi (balance and wellness).

“We are deeply grateful to the Cherokee Preservation Foundation for their continued support, which allows us to offer this life-changing program,” said Tara McCoy, Right Path Leadership specialist. “Through the Duyugodv'i Right Path Program, we are equipping EBCI adults with the tools to lead with humility and a deep connection to Cherokee culture.”

In addition to the program's monthly sessions, the grant funds a group project where participants collaborate on initiatives to help uplift the community. Alumni of the program will also benefit from the grant through a

retreat designed to foster connection, lifelong learning, and the continued incorporation of Cherokee leadership principles in their lives.

“The alumni retreat is an essential part of maintaining the program's impact,” added McCoy. “It allows our graduates to stay engaged, deepen their understanding, and continue their leadership journey.”

This grant highlights the shared commitment of RKLI and the Cherokee Preservation Foundation to preserving and perpetuating Cherokee culture while developing leaders who embody the values and traditions of Cherokee people.

Grant for Cherokee Youth Council and Youth Cultural Exchange Program

The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI) received a \$198,924 grant that will support programming designed to empower and inspire youth through Cherokee cultural values. The funding will benefit two pivotal initiatives: the Cherokee Youth Council (CYC) and the Youth Cultural Exchange Program (YCEP), fostering leadership and cross-cultural learning

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opportunities for EBCI teens.

The grant will enable the Cherokee Youth Council to engage Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) teens in programs centered on youth empowerment, selfless leadership, consensus-based decision making, and cultural enrichment. Grounded in the seven Cherokee core values – sense of place, strong individual character, group harmony, spirituality, honoring the past, educating the children, and sense of humor – CYC’s initiatives aim to strengthen participants’ connection to their heritage while equipping them to be selfless leaders.

“This funding ensures that we can continue nurturing the next generation of leaders while reinforcing the cultural identity and values that make our community strong,” said Levi West, CYC Leadership specialist.

In addition to the Cherokee Youth Council, the grant will sponsor the Youth Cultural Exchange Program, a groundbreaking initiative that brings regional youth together to explore and celebrate indigenous cultures. This year, participants will travel to the Pacific Northwest to visit tribal communities, creating opportunities to share knowledge, traditions, and perspectives.

“The Youth Cultural Exchange Program allows our teens to learn not only about Cherokee culture but also about the diversity and resilience of indigenous communities across the country,” added West.

The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is dedicated to fostering leadership and cultural preservation among Cherokee youth. This grant represents a significant investment in the future of EBCI teens and the broader community, ensuring that Cherokee traditions and values continue to thrive while inspiring broader

cross-cultural understanding.

RKLI is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is supported by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. For more information about the Duyugodv’i Right Path Adult Leadership Program or the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute, please visit www.rkli.org or follow them on Facebook or Instagram.

- Submitted by the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute

Eastern Band of Cherokees Community Foundation awards more than \$5,000 in grants

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Eastern Band of Cherokees Community Foundation, a North Carolina Community Foundation affiliate, has awarded \$5,240 in grants to organizations supporting the local community.

The board of advisors voted on and awarded the following grants in late August:

- \$2,000 to Rolling Start NC, Inc., for vehicles for people in need. Funds will serve enrolled EBCI members or their first-generation descendants.
- \$500 to Junior North American Indian Association (NAIWA) for Indigenous Women Gatherings
- \$1,740 to Uwena, Inc., for Building Community Wealth
- \$500 to HIGHTS for Fuel for Restorative Justice Services
- \$500 to North Carolina Symphony for music discovery for preschoolers in and around the Qualla Boundary

While these grants were awarded for specific projects, the organizations are being offered flexibility to repurpose funding awarded for specific programs or projects to best support their current needs in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

“Through the generosity of our board members and donors, we were pleased to be able to support these organizations doing important work to serve our community. We look forward to offering continued support in response to Hurricane Helene through the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund,” said Michael Cooper, advisory board president of the Eastern Band of Cherokees Community Foundation.

Funds for 2024 grants came from EBCCF’s community grantmaking fund. Each year, EBCCF’s local volunteer advisory board uses dollars from its endowment fund to make grants to eligible local organizations, including nonprofits, local governments, schools and churches.

Visit nccommunityfoundation.org/EBCCF to learn more about EBCCF and its work in the community or make a tax-deductible donation. For information about EBCCF, contact the western community leadership officer.

Advisory board members live and work on the Qualla Boundary, positioning them to strategically leverage resources, meet local needs and access opportunities. In addition to Cooper, board members include Jodie Owle Cooke (vice president), Lisa Wiggins (secretary), Myra Cloer, Anna Ferguson, Samantha Ferguson, Lavita Hill, Garrett Lane, Evan Mathis, Carmen Nations and Lilyan Wright.

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Garcia, Julia Uribe – age 31
Arrested: Nov. 19
Released: Nov. 19
Charges: Failure to Comply with Court Court

Panther, Allana Kayleen – age 32
Arrested: Nov. 19
Released: Nov. 19

Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Taylor, James Algar Dean – age 35
Arrested: Nov. 19
Released: Nov. 19
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Toineeta-Taylor, Margie Lynn – age 55
Arrested: Nov. 19
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 25)
Charges: Escape from Imprisonment and Custody

Wolf, Jason – age 23
Arrested: Nov. 19
Released: Nov. 19
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Bradley, Connie Lynn – age 41
Arrested: Nov. 20

Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 25)
Charges: Resisting, Delay, and Obstructing; Flee to Elude; Reckless Endangerment; Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult

Locust Jr., James William – age 47
Arrested: Nov. 20
Released: Nov. 20
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Frazier, Steel Eugene – age 37
Arrested: Nov. 21
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 25)
Charges: Probation Violation

Locust, Andrew – age 42
Arrested: Nov. 21
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 25)
Charges: Nold for Sentencing

Locust, Randi Lee – age 41
Arrested: Nov. 21
Released: Nov. 21
Charges: Temporary Hold

Perry Jr., Jerry Odell
Arrested: Nov. 21
Released: Nov. 22
Charges: Temporary Hold

Crowe, Joel Daniel – age 44
Arrested: Nov. 22
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 25)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Wachacha-Crowe, Maritsa Stephani – age 27
Arrested: Nov. 22
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 25)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Lopez, Jorge Antonio – age 29
Arrested: Nov. 23
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 25)
Charges: Assault on a Female, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

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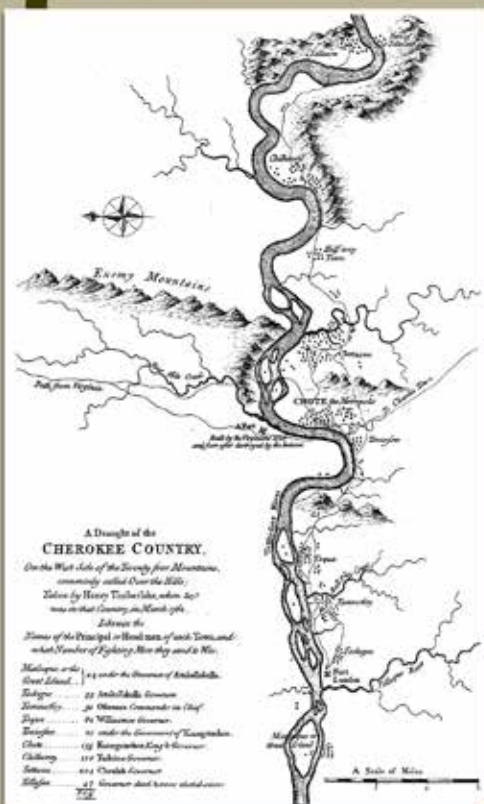
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Source - "Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook",
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Are you hungry?

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Agiyosiha.
I'm hungry.

ᑕᑦᑦᑦᑦ ᑕᑦᑦᑦ?
Do iyusdi tsaduli?
What do you want?

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Tsuwetsi.
Eggs.

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Nitsiwi!
Everyone say it!

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Tsuwetsi.
Eggs.

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Detsadulihatsu?
Do you want them?

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Nitsiwi!
Everyone say it

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Detsadulihatsu tsuwetsi?
Do you want them eggs?

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Gesdi yidagwaduli.
I don't want them.

ᑕᑦᑦᑦ!
Nitsiwi
Everyone say it

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Gesdi yidagwaduli tsuwetsi.
I don't want eggs.



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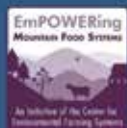
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Cherokee named among Blue Ridge Outdoors magazine's Top Adventure Towns

Over 19,000 votes poured in to Blue Ridge Outdoors magazine's 13th annual Top Adventure Towns contest. From 100 adventure hubs across the southeast and mid-Atlantic, readers narrowed down nominees in four different categories: tiny town (population less than 3,000), small town (population 3,001-16,000), medium-sized town (population 16,001-75,000), and large town (population 75,001+).

This year, readers selected Cherokee, N.C. (tiny town), Gatlinburg, Tenn. (small town), Charlottesville, Va. (medium town), and Asheville, N.C. (large town),

as their favorites. All four will be featured in Blue Ridge Outdoors' adventure towns coverage in the magazine's November issue, hitting stands now.

All 100 towns in the contest received tremendous support from readers across the region. The field was stacked with well-known outdoor hubs, from tiny towns to major metropolises, featuring a mix of mountain biking meccas, whitewater oases, climbing paradises, and hiking nirvanas. The runners-up in each category in 2024 were Blowing Rock, N.C., and Elkton, Va. (tiny town), Brevard, N.C., and Clifton Forge, Va. (small town), Sevierville, Tenn., and Boone, N.C. (medium town), and Roanoke, Va., and Charleston, S.C. (large town).

"We are thrilled by the con-

tinued enthusiasm for the outdoors and our readers' passion for adventure and travel," says Leah Woody, Publisher of Blue Ridge Outdoors. "The Top Adventure Towns contest highlights the rich variety of outdoor destinations across the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast, and we're excited to inspire travelers from all walks of life to explore the incredible beauty of our region and the vibrant communities that call it home."

- Blue Ridge Outdoors magazine release

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIV. NEWS WCU appoints Matt Henley as director of the Pride of the Mountains and Athletic Bands

CULLOWHEE – Western Carolina University is excited to

announce the appointment of Matt Henley as the next director of Athletic Bands and director of the Pride of the Mountains Marching Band.

This appointment was made on the recommendation of Margaret Underwood, director of the School of Music and director of Bands, and George H. Brown, dean of the David Orr Belcher College of the Fine and Performing Arts with the support of Chancellor Kelli R. Brown and Provost Richard Starnes.

Henley has been the interim director of Athletic Bands and Pride of the Mountains since July 5 and has taken over the position fully as of Nov. 25.

"I am deeply honored and humbled to step into the role of director of Athletic Bands at Western Carolina University, especially after having had the privilege of spending 34 seasons with the Pride of the Mountains Marching Band," Henley said. "Innovation has always been our tradition, and I am incredibly excited about the future of this program as we continue to push creative boundaries and set new standards of excellence."

When asked what excited Underwood about Henley and why he was under consideration for the appointment of this position, she said, "Matt's passion for the Pride of the Mountains Marching Band shines through in every rehearsal and performance, and his contagious energy motivates and inspires everyone involved. I'm thrilled to see the incredible direction Matt will take the group in the future."

Henley is no stranger to WCU as he has earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in music from the university. He was

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previously the assistant director of athletic bands and had duties including assisting with POTM and the two “Cathouse Bands,” which play at all home basketball games, and the dynamic “Purple Thunder” basketball drum line.

Henley has played with and instructed groups like the Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Cops, Limestone College Percussion Studio, Tuscola High School Percussion Program, Showband Gifhorn, Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, Army All-American Band, and the Bands of America Honor Band among many accolades he has garnered.

Henley is excited to bring new perspectives to the Pride of the Mountains. However, he understands the history and legacy of those who have come before and the importance of tradition. “The long purple line of Pride of the Mountains alumni serves as the bedrock on which we stand, and I look forward to strengthening those connections. Our rich past will undoubtedly guide us as we embrace a bright future together as a program,” he said. Henley also sees value in how mu-

sic can go beyond the boundaries of learning the art form and how it can make an impact on the lives of the students at WCU.

“Music is the vehicle we use to teach our members essential life skills that transcend the field, the stage, or the concert hall. It’s about building character, resilience, and community,” he said. “I am grateful to the WCU administration for trusting me to lead this extraordinary organization, and I am eager to give back to the institution that has shaped my life in so many meaningful ways.”

Pride of the Mountain drum major McKenzie Yazan shared her excitement about Henley stepping into the role.

“The thing that excites me most about having Matt come in as director is knowing that he will change so many lives for the better. He has certainly changed mine for the better,” Yazan said. “I cannot wait to see people come out of this program transformed into great leaders, teachers, and hard workers, who all know that they have a family of thousands supporting them. The ‘Pride of the Mountains’ is in great hands, and

all us alumni are ecstatic to see what the future holds.”

- *Western Carolina University release*

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS
Great Smoky Mountains National Park to rehabilitate Cosby Entrance Road

GATLINBURG, Tenn. – On Monday, Dec. 9, Great Smoky Mountains National Park will begin a rehabilitation of the 2.3-mile-long Cosby Entrance Road from TN State Route 32 to the gate of Cosby Campground.

This rehabilitation will include:

- Milling and paving of the road and the picnic area and trailhead parking lots.
- Addition of two new handicap accessible parking spaces.
- Ditch and shoulder improvements.
- New road signs
- Replacement of the Rock Creek culvert.

While crews are working, the Cosby Entrance Road will be closed to the public. Following the full closure, there may be single-lane closures as necessary. The project is projected to be completed in Spring 2025.

The Cosby Campground is currently closed for the season and is scheduled to reopen on April 18, 2025.

The work is funded by the Federal Lands Transportation Program.

- *National Park Service release*

Fatality near Milepost 296 on the Blue Ridge Parkway

BLOWING ROCK, N.C. – On Sunday, Nov. 24, at approximately 5:35 p.m., the Blue Ridge Parkway Communications Center received a report of a lost hiker at Price Lake Trail, near milepost 296 on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Parkway Law Enforcement rangers and the Blowing Rock Fire Department responded to the scene and met the hiker’s companion. The companion left Freddie Morgan, Jr., 70 years old, of Concord, North Carolina, on the trail concerned for his welfare and trying to seek assistance. Mr. Morgan was found deceased off trail due to a medical emergency shortly after 6:00 p.m.

No additional details are available at this time.

- *National Park Service release*

Name	Color(s)	Zones
Beautyberry	Violet	6-11
Chokeberry	Black or red	4-9
Inkberry	Black	5-9
Blue Holly	Red	5-9
Winterberry	Red	3-8
Snowberry	White	2-8
Firethorn	Yellow to red	5-9
Nannyberry	Green, yellow, red, blue-black	2-8

Source: gardenweb
 - Brenda Weaver

OBITUARIES 𐏃𐏃𐏃

Raymond Kenneth Smith

Raymond Kenneth Smith, age 69, of Tsali Manor, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024 at Mission Hospital.

He is survived by sister, Ramona K. Stone (David); niece and nephew, Nicole Dauphinais and Jason Dauphinais; great nieces and great nephew, Ansley Byrum, Lundyn Byrum, Aidan Dauphinais, Lila Dauphinais and “Little Brother” Ken Armstrong; and many more cousins also survive.

Raymond is preceded by his wife, Ruby (Morris) Smith; daughter, Bobbye Morris; parents, Raymond K. Smith Sr. and Mary (Hinkel) Smith.

He was a member of Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church on Long Branch.

Raymond will be buried on West Siloam Springs, Okla.

COMMENTARY

We want your input. The community needs you.

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

“The Cherokee One Feather is hereby designated and recognized as the official publication of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for the instruction and information of the Cherokee Community.” - Cherokee Code Chapter Section 75.1

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is more than sports. It is

more than events. It is more than pageants. It is more than the latest photo opportunity. Don't get me wrong. All these things have their place in our lives, but they should not be the constant singular focus of our beings.


We monitor your responses to social media posts very intently. Part of the mission of the One Feather is to ensure that we are providing information that is educational and informative specifically to the members of our tribe. As you are aware, we have a readership that extends far beyond the population of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. One of the reasons that this is so? Because we feel an obligation to our Cherokee community. It is critical to any conversation we have as tribal members to hear all voices, includ-

ing those who are not members. People read the One Feather for many different reasons. Many are looking for a cultural connection of some sort. Some want to be connected to the community and be “in the know” about what is going on that might affect them. Some are looking for specific info about their family members, sports and academic achievements, government or business accolades, and obituaries. Some are seeking business opportunities, requests for proposals to do work for the tribe, and legal announcements. And as we have attempted to expand access in all those areas, the readership has grown exponentially.

“It is imperative to have measures in place to ensure the freedom of press and to ensure the tribal publications have the auton-

omy and independence to report honestly and objectively. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians recognizes and respects the civil rights of its enrolled members. The Federal Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, 25 USC 1302 has formally been adopted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Therefore, the principles of free speech and free press, the rights of the people to assemble and petition for redress of grievances shall not be abridged.” - Cherokee Code Section 75.52

We have discussed in the paper many times the need for community voices. The Cherokee One Feather, as codified in our law, belongs to us, the enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It is a tool designed to educate and inform. We, as tribal members, have the privilege and





Tuesday, Nov. 26

**Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanydadisdi Iga
(Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day)**

“On this day, the Cherokee Speakers Council want to hold a ceremony at the Cherokee Speakers Building every year to honor each speaker who has passed throughout the year.”

-Scarlett “Gigage” Guy

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

bear the responsibility of educating and informing each other. The staff, including the editor, assistant editor, reporter, sales coordinator, and subscription clerk, are facilitators of that public trust. Not governmental trust. The community's trust.

Just a quick side note: The government's role is similar in that government is a tool of the people. It is no accident that the Code section that governs the One Feather is patterned after the framework of our overall governance. Governments, particularly democratic-representative governments like ours, are created to ensure the rights of the people they serve. Government wielding power to the benefit of government is a perversion of the concept of republics. And that is the form of government that we choose as a people. That is why all who work for the tribe, including the staff at the One Feather, are called public servants. We serve at the pleasure of the community (our public) and are charged with providing for the public good at the public's direction. There is no aristocracy in this type of government. Just workers who are serving the public good. In theory, you, as a tribal member, charge your elected officials to do the work of and for your benefit and use the level of outcomes to control the work with your one powerful civil right, your vote at election time. The result of that single vote trickles down the chains of authority within government.

"No Indian tribe in exercising powers of self-governance shall (1) make or enforce any law prohibiting the free exercise of speech, or the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition for a redress of grievances." - United States Code Statute-Federal Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, 25

USC 1302

While the tribal government recognizes the need for free speech and a free press, they sometimes balk at the release of information that, by all measurements, belongs to the members of our tribe. For example, there is no current law that sanctions the withholding of reports documenting governmental spending, grants to programs, and from the government to tribal programs and individual tribal members. In the Public Records of the tribe (Cherokee Code Chapter 132), there is a listing of material that is considered public record and then certain information that is considered "confidential". The language in Chapter 132 even causes one to be unclear as to the definition of "public". As it is written, the public could be interpreted as only publishable among tribal members, and the Code in that section only refers to access by tribal members. Yet the rest of the language speaks to what material may be public-facing or released in a generally public manner and what cannot.

As the tribal government struggles to define public information, down the chains of command information that would technically be deemed public by the Code has been blocked or simply delayed indefinitely. In some cases, the One Feather has been waiting for as long as five months for information that, in previous years, was provided within days of a request. Our job remains to attempt to get the information, no matter how long it takes, but it is the community that is being kept in the dark when this occurs.

The community isn't interested in stale news. Or, I should say, they are frustrated by stale news. The information may still be relevant to them, but the interest will swing from the information itself to want-

ing to know why it took so long for them to be informed. News cycles that used to be months-long are now minutes-long. When someone is missing, for example, waiting to release that person's information could have dire consequences for that person and their families. The protection of privacy or feelings at that point should be secondary to the welfare of the missing. When someone is missing, minutes matter, and any information available should be broadcast through as many outlets as possible. Indeed, that was the whole idea behind the Amber and Silver Alert networks. Any "critical to the community" information should be sent to as many media outlets as possible in the shortest timeframe possible. And while we are at it, we should always remember that there are members of our tribe living all across the United States and even around the globe.

As a member of the tribe and a supervisor for a few decades (four to be exact), I understand how difficult it is to worry about information release when you are up to your neck in mounds of decisions that must be made. It seems like you have a hundred critical decisions to make, and you only have an eight-hour day to complete them. And most leaders have not had the type of communications training that would help make public information release more efficient. This is why the tribal government needs a dedicated program focused on government-wide public relations, with trained public information officers (PIO) who have the training and authority to handle public information requests and press releases. One will not work without the other. You may have all the training needed, but you cannot deliver information if you do not have the authority. Or

you may have all manner of authority, but if you do not have the training to properly release it, the outcome is the same. In a government as large as that of EBCCI, it will take more than one or two dedicated individuals to do this job effectively. There should be a PIO for every division (every Secretary) with the authority and autonomy to release information per tribal Code and the expertise to distribute that information in the most effective manner for our tribe.

And then there is you. If you want to be informed, if you believe you should be able to access information that affects you directly as a tribal member, it will be up to you whether it gets to you. Sure, there are things we do and will continue to do as we attempt to fulfill our roles of service at the One Feather. But public servants rarely listen to the media. They listen to those who they serve and that is you. We are so grateful for those of you who voice your opinions, whether it is through participating in the One Feather weekly surveys or commenting on posts on One Feather social media. Some of you even take time to put your thoughts in long form by writing commentaries on things in tribal life that are important to you. The community desperately needs your voice. Don't forget that 2025 is an election year. It is a time of decision when tribal voters will need all the information they can get to make informed decisions. I challenge you, beginning now until October 2025, to be loud and proud. Speak your mind to your fellow enrolled members and those in the leadership of our government. It is up to all of us to shape the future of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. And every one of our opinions matters and deserves hearing.

LETTER:

Statement from EBCI demands apology from Senator Tillis for offensive remarks

By Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief)
Michell Hicks and
EBCI Dinilawigi (Tribal Council)
Chairman Michael Parker

Last week, Senator Thom Tillis launched an emotional tirade on the Senate floor, targeting hundreds of tribal leaders and respected Native organizations with baseless accusations. He labeled them liars and corrupt racists and accused them of oppressing others—all because they opposed his push to short-circuit the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ evidence-based tribal recognition process through

congressional fiat.

At issue is Sen. Tillis’ bill to federally recognize Lumbee, a group based in his home state of North Carolina, which has falsely claimed multiple, shifting identities as a Native American tribe. The reckless rhetoric Sen. Tillis hurled at his bill’s opponents ignored the genuine, sovereignty-based concerns raised by organizations such as the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Association, the Coalition of Large Tribes, the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. These organizations understand the dangers of granting legislative recognition to a group that, according to expert analysis of Lumbee’s own documents, cannot even specify, let alone demonstrate, which historical tribal nation they descend

from. This has never happened in United States history, and to do so now would have far-reaching and damaging consequences for every federally recognized tribe in America.

Recognition as a sovereign tribal nation is not a symbolic gesture; it carries profound legal and cultural significance. Tribal leaders are simply asking for the Lumbee to seek recognition through the Office of Federal Acknowledgement (OFA), the established process Congress designed to evaluate claims of tribal identity through rigorous historical and genealogical review. The OFA process ensures that recognition is based on fact, not speculation or political convenience.

Sen. Tillis’ extreme efforts to bypass this process entirely are dangerous and threaten the integrity of the recognition process itself and the sovereignty of all tribes.

Of equal concern is Sen. Tillis’ shameful attempt to punish Native leaders for dissent by blocking the Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act, legislation to honor the darkest chapters in American history and return this sacred site to its rightful owners. Sen. Tillis’ message of intimidation was clear - I know better than tribal leaders, and if you disagree with me, your voices will be silenced.

The stakes are too high to allow this behavior to go unchecked. If groups without verifiable claims are granted recognition through legislative shortcuts, it will set a dangerous precedent, opening the door for others to exploit Native identity, access federal resources, and infringe on the sovereignty of federally recognized tribes.

Sen. Tillis owes tribal leaders across the nation an apology. Tribal governments have struggled, fought, and bled for centuries to exist and maintain our cultures. Our concerns are rooted in historical facts and a desire to protect what our ancestors fought to pass down. For him to ignore these realities and launch a personal attack on those who dare to disagree with him is unacceptable and unbecoming of a U.S. Senator.

This is not just a fight over recognition - it is a fight to preserve the sovereignty, culture, and history of tribal nations. We will not stand by while our histories are rewritten, or our voices are dismissed. We urge Senator Tillis to engage in good faith with Native leaders, respect the OFA process, and stop using legislative recognition as a political weapon. Anything less is a disservice to the truth and a betrayal of the trust his constituents and the nation placed in him.




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The Old, Old Story

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

(Lamont Fuchs is the author of "Preacher Spurs", Christian Faith Publishing, Meadville, Pa., 2022)

Scripture References: John 3:16-21, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:8-11

"If the presence of God is in the church, the church will draw the world in. If the presence of God is not in the church, the world will draw the church out."-Charles Grandison Finney

"The motto of all true servants of God must be, 'We preach Christ; and Him crucified.' A sermon without Christ in it is like a loaf of bread without any flour in it. No Christ in your sermon, sir? Then go home, and never preach again until you have something worth preaching."-Charles Spurgeon

People who have been in ministry for years think they need to do something new, fresh, and fashionable. The truth is that nothing can be preached or taught about the true Gospel Story that gets old, worn out, or out of style. God is the same today as yesterday and though you might know the story well and have heard it taught and preached a thousand times, there might be one person out there being called to hear it for the first time. They might even need to hear it again to take hold of their heart and spirit as they are being called in that hour they believe. Isn't that what we do? Isn't that the very heart of every ministry?

Tell me the Old, Old Story is a famous and well-known hymn by Katherine Hankey in 1866. She wrote the poem, but William Howard Doane set it to music. I often sang this song during my youth in the church. Today's praise and worship songs do not carry the same fervor for me. The following are the words that reveal the essence of why and how we need to teach the Gospel. I can't write this Spur any clearer and more concisely than this lovely poem and song.

Tell me the old, old story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
Tell me the story simply,

As to a little child,
For I am weak and weary,
And helpless and defiled.

Tell me the story slowly,
That I may take it in,
That wonderful redemption,
God's remedy for sin.
Tell me the story often,
For I forget so soon;
The early dew of morning
Has passed away at noon.

Tell me the story softly,
With earnest tones and grave;
Remember I'm the sinner
Whom Jesus came to save.
Tell me the story always,
If you would really be,
In any time of trouble,
A comforter to me.

Tell me the same old story
When you have cause to fear
That this world's empty glory
Is costing me too dear.
Yes, and when that world's glory
Is dawning on my soul,
Tell me the old, old story:
Christ Jesus makes thee whole.

Refrain: Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Of Jesus and His love.

Everyone knows the song, but when was the last time you read all the verses? These are the basics. How often are they preached? Everyone thinks they are over-preached. I contend they are not. The Gospel is under-preached. Tell me the old, old story is ironic in the fact that the story never gets old. Jesus Christ, our Lord, is the whole story.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him. He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reproved. But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God." - John 3:16-21

Lord, God, and Father, let us not forget. Let us always remember who, what, and why we praise the Holy name of Jesus Christ, for You alone are worthy. Your story is eternal and gives life to those who hear it. Your story gives us faith, comfort, strength, and assurance. Without You, we are nothing but with You; we are saved to eternal life. I need that reminder daily, and my prayer is that others need the Truth. Thank You, Lord. Amen.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*The wicked flee
when no one pursues,
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PROVERBS 28:1 



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HAPPENINGS

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

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- 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

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

All I Want For Christmas Bazaar. Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Center. Shopping, food, and fun. Lunch by Melishia. Info: Denise Walkingstick (828) 508-2211

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

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

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

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

EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS

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

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

WESTERN N.C. & BEYOND EVENTS Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society Annual Holiday Party. Dec. 5 at 6:30

p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. The evening will begin with a potluck meal. Everyone is asked to bring your favorite traditional holiday food to share. Yona Wade, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will be performing music of the season.

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

Christmas in the Mountains Art & Craft Show. Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Stecoah Valley


Cultural Arts Center at 121 Schoolhouse Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. Info: (828) 479-3364

“Visions of Christmas: 1862”. Dec. 7 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site at 2620 South Roan St. in Johnson City, Tenn. Reenactors and volunteers will be in period clothing to recreate the atmosphere of the late months of 1862 for the Haynes family and Northeast Tennessee as the young nation was grappling with the American Civil War. Admission: \$6/adults, \$3/children 12 and under. Members of the Tipton-Haynes Historical Association receive free admission. For more information to make a reservation (highly recommended) for the 1862 Christmas candlelight tour, call (423) 926-3631 or email tiptonhayes@out-


CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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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 Ananisisgi. Info: www.AAwnc80.com

Cherokee Cancer Support

see **EVENTS** next page

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



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A change in holiday travel plans might be more vexing than you'd expected. But try to take it in stride. Also, it couldn't hurt to use your Aries charm to coax out some helpful cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine determination helps you deal with an unforeseen complication. And, as usual, you prove that when it comes to a challenge, you have what it takes to be a contender.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a romantic theme dominates much of the week, all those warm and fuzzy feelings shouldn't interfere with the more pragmatic matters that you need to take care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Best not to ignore doubts about an upcoming decision. Instead, recheck the facts you were given to make sure nothing important was left out. Meanwhile, a weekend surprise awaits you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) No time for a catnap — yet. You still might have to straighten out one or two factors so that you can finally assure yourself of the truth about a troubling workplace situation. Stay with it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) News from an old friend could lead to an unexpected (but nonetheless welcome) reunion with someone who had once been very special in your life. Be open to the possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It might be time for a family council. The sooner those problems are resolved, the sooner you can move ahead with your holiday preparations. Don't let the opportunity pass you by.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Take some time out to give more attention to a personal relationship that seems to be suffering from a sense of emotional neglect. Provide some much-needed reassurance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up! An unusual circumstance that might faze most people can be handled pretty well by the savvy Sagittarian. Look at it as an opportunity rather than an obstacle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone you believe has hurt you in the past might now need your help. Reaching out could be difficult, but the generous Goat will be able to do the right thing, as always.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Prioritizing is an important part of your preholiday scheduling. Try to give time to both your workday responsibilities and any personal matters you might have neglected.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With the vestiges of your anger about a painful incident fading, you can now focus all your energy on the more positive aspects of your life, including a certain personal situation.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing your own strong sense of reassurance to others and encouraging them to be hopeful!

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Get Easier Access to Military Installations

The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense have made some changes that will make it easier for veterans and their caregivers to get into various installations.

Whether it's for medical appointments, shopping or any other reason, the changes will allow both veteran and caregiver to be electronically verified.

Ideally you'll have a VA health card (the VHIC). If not, you can enroll for access by using a REAL ID driver's license or an identification card if you don't drive. Beginning November 2024, those without a VHIC (or an eligible caregiver) won't be required to present a service connected disability letter, Form H623A (the VA Health Eligibility Center form) or a caregiver patronage letter to enroll for access.

Whether you need access to the commissary, movie theater, post exchange or anywhere else, you'll need to set up your enrollment at the visitor center the first time you go to an installation.

Specifically the steps are as follows:

You'll present ID.

You'll have a criminal and terrorism check done.

Your purpose for going to the installation will be verified. For example, if you have a medical appointment, be prepared to show proof of that appointment.

Once you're enrolled, you'll only need to show your original identification at the gate, whether it was a REAL ID or VHIC. You'll be signed up for one to three years. If, however, your ID or VHIC expires and you get a new one, you'll need to start over and enroll again.

For non-medical use (exchange, commissary, theater, etc.), it gets sticky. Those places aren't set up to electronically verify eligibility for a caregiver without a VHIC. You'll need to continue to provide official documentation.

If you need more information, call the Veterans Benefits Administration National Call Center at 800-827-1000. Military OneSource (800-342-9647, www.militaryonesource.mil) can also offer help on all types of veterans issues.

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The Best Gift You Can Give Your Pet

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I read about a person who did not vaccinate their house cats, and after one of them got out, lost all of them to feline leukemia. I can relate to this person. I only have one cat, and I thought, for a while, that I could get away without vaccinating her. Fortunately, a friend convinced me otherwise.

It turns out that it doesn't take much to protect my baby when she depends on me to take care of her. I've never gone without just to pay for "Racquel's" vaccinations, and in turn, she is a healthy cat who brings so much companionship to my life. Please tell your readers not to skip this important annual appointment. — Donna in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

DEAR DONNA: You told them, and I thank you. Vaccinating indoor pets can seem like a pricey extravagance, but it pales in comparison to the cost of treating the diseases that they can contract if they're not vaccinated.

To reduce the annual cost, check around for discounted shot clinics. These are usually held on specific dates and places — pet supply stores, public buildings or participating veterinary clinics. However, these clinics often don't advertise extensively due to costs, so you may need to search a bit. Contact your city or county government to see if any clinics are being held nearby, or stop in to major pet supply retailers like Petco, which often sponsor shot clinics. If not, their workers often know about pet health clinics nearby.

These clinics offer required vaccinations and licenses, and sometimes have microchipping and a basic health exam available at a low fixed price per pet.

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

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appointment if it is requested in a timely manner. Betty's Place is open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (828) 497-0788

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

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

Life@WesternCarolina. each Wednesday morning during the academic school year the Life@ group

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

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

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS
Big Cove Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the new community building at 6 p.m. 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. Wednes-

MISSING

**Destinee Marie
Napoleon Maldore**

American Indian/Alaska
Native

Height: 5'6" Weight: 133 lbs

Female Age: 32

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: June 22, 2024

Last Known Location: Anchorage,
Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:
Destinee hasn't been in contact
with anyone since 06-22-2024 and
was last known to be in Anchorage.



If you have seen or have information about Destinee Maldore 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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day 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 Ser-

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

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene.

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

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church.

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

Cherokee United Methodist Church.

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

Cherokee Wesleyan Church.

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

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads.

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

Echota Baptist Church.

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

Ela Baptist Church.

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

Embassy Christian Center

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

Goose Creek Baptist Church.

Sunday School – 10 a.m. Sunday

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

Grace Bible Church.

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

Grace Community Church of Cherokee.

Yellowhill Activity Center on Acquoni Road. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

Grace Fellowship Church.

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

Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries.

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

Living Waters Lutheran Church.

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

Macedonia Baptist Church.

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

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JUST THE FACTS

teens who use marijuana have 4 to 7 times more risk for a substance use disorder

The risk of developing a Marijuana Use Disorder is higher for teens than for adults, and young people ages 12 to 24 are hospitalized due to marijuana use more often than other drugs. Talk with youth about the risks and impacts of marijuana use.

(U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Duvall, Pastor

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

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

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

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

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

Wright's Creek Baptist Church. 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

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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Advent (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What was the innkeeper's name who turned away the pregnant Mary as there was not room? *Eliada, Jesimiel, Phlegon, Bible does not say*
3. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the Wise Men saw the star in the ...? *North, East, South, West*
4. Jesus was born in Bethlehem of _____ in the days of Herod the king. *Nazarene, Jerusalem, Judaea, Capernaum*
5. In what type of clothes did Mary wrap the newborn Jesus? *Admonishing, Resurrecting, Swaddling, Casting*
6. How many times is "swaddling clothes" mentioned in the Bible? *1, 2, 3, 4*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Bible does not say, 3) East, 4) Judaea, 5) Swaddling, 6) Two (Luke 2:7, 12)

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

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Moments in time

• On Dec. 16, 1938, Adolf Hitler instituted the Mother's Cross, a medal awarded as part of an initiative designed to encourage women of "pure" German origin to grow the Third Reich's population. Each year between 1938 and 1944, gold medals were given to women with eight or more children, silver medals to women with six to seven, and bronze medals to women with five.

• On Dec. 17, 2010, a struggling street vendor named Mohamed Bouazizi set himself on fire outside the governor's office in Sidi Bouzid, Tunisia. That morning, his merchandise had been confiscated by a municipal inspector, as Bouazizi was operating without a government permit. His act was considered the start of the Arab Spring, a period of pro-democracy uprisings throughout North Africa and the Middle East.

• On Dec. 18, 1972, future American president Joe Biden's first wife, Neilia, and 13-month-old daughter, Naomi, were killed in a car accident while shopping for a Christmas tree when their car was struck by a tractor-trailer.

• On Dec. 19, 1843, Charles Dickens' beloved classic novella "A Christmas Carol" was published in London by Chapman and Hall. The first edition sold out in just five days, and the book not only has been adapted countless times in multiple media, but it has never gone out of print.

• On Dec. 20, 1940, superhero Captain America, aka Steven "Steve" Rogers, a frail man enhanced to physical perfection after drinking an experimental serum, made his debut in "Captain America Comics" No. 1.

• On Dec. 21, 2012, Korean rapper Psy's music video for "Gangnam Style" became the first YouTube video to garner a billion views.

• On Dec. 22, 2001, British citizen and al-Qaida member Richard Reid attempted to detonate homemade bombs in his shoes while aboard American Airlines Flight 63 headed to Miami from Paris. A flight attendant smelled sulfur and saw what he was doing, and fellow crew members and passengers restrained him until he could be sedated and strapped down with belts, after which the plane was diverted to Boston's Logan International Airport, where he was taken into custody.

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NIGHTLY

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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**

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

we've got you covered for this huge sale. Tools and hardware, jewelry, clothes, books, household items, etc. **12/4**

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

EMPLOYMENT

Job Opportunity: Temporary Administrative Assistant

Cherokee Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Services (CTVRS) is seeking a Temporary Administrative Assistant to join our team. Applications and job descriptions

are available at the CTVRS office, located behind Great Smoky Cannabis Company (formerly Tribal Bingo).

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

Application deadline: December 6 at 4:00 PM.

Don't miss this opportunity—apply

today! **12/4**

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

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

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following



KITUWAH LLC.

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.



Kituwah Technologies, LLC Have the following jobs available

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

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



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

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

AGELINK

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

BUS & TRUCK

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

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

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projects as well as the public reading will be December 17, 2024, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2. (C204854) PASQUOTANK, GATES (C205006) WAKE (C204988) CUMBERLAND (C205003) ALAMANCE (C204821) GUILFORD (C205008) CHATHAM (C205005) CHATHAM (C204384) CABARRUS (C204969) ANSON (C205004) CLEVELAND
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A bid bond or bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the bid will be required.

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

Plans, proposal forms, and

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

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

DANIEL AARON TAYLOR

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

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 Cherokee NC 28719
12/18

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Proposals

Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA)

Project: Pharmacy USP Renovation and Addition

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

Request for Proposals

Kituwah LLC is seeking proposals from interested and qualified General Contractors, licensed in the state of North Carolina, to perform duties assigned in Scope of Work (SOW) during a mandatory meeting on December 13th, 2024, at 2:00pm at the Cherokee Cinema

91 Sequoyah Trail, Cherokee, NC 28719. The SOW will be handed out at this meeting to all contractors that attend the meeting, if contractors do not attend meeting, contractors will be exclude from Bidding process. Services required will include, but may not be limited to, construction and delivery of all materials and installation for the project. SOW will be on project on tribal land. Proposals shall be delivered to Kituwah main office at 37 Tsalagi Road, Cherokee N.C. 28719 by December 20th, 2024, at 3:00pm. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and the outside envelope shall be clearly marked. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid is received in proper time. Any proposal received after the scheduled time will be rejected. The person to contact for technical questions concerning project specifications or meeting should be directed to Chad Carver / Project Manager, Via email at chad.carver@kituwahllc.com or by phone at (828-508-5590). **12/4**





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SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant - 48 Semester Hours or an Associates Degree

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K-5 Elementary Teacher Assistant Full-Time Substitute
K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant-3 positions

6-8 Special Education Pathseekers Teacher Assistant

9-12 High School Science Teacher

K-12 School Psychologist
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3. Cook – John Welch Sr. Center / Snowbird-Cherokee County Services (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
4. Housekeeper I - SCCS Housekeeping / Snowbird Cherokee County Services (L6 \$15.30 - \$19.13 per hour)
5. Library Assistant – Qualla Library / Education (L8 \$15.90 - \$19.88)

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)
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15. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)
16. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)
17. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
18. Environmental Aquatic Specialist – Office of Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour)
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 Employment Specialist - Kanvwtotiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134
 Behavioral Health RN - Analenisgi - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
 Residential Technician - Women - \$17.12 - \$19.26 (Women's Home, Kanvwtotiyi)
 Residential Technician - Men - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor - \$44,134.00 - \$66,161.00
 Peer Support Specialist - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25
 RN - Opioid Treatment Program/Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic Nurse - \$22.68 - \$38.72

DIETARY

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

FINANCE

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 Accounting Clerk - \$19.66 - \$22.25
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 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
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NURSING

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

EXECUTIVE

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OPERATIONS

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 Dentist - CIHA and Satellite
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 Eye Clinic Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67
 Clinical Pharmacist - PTI - \$102,023 - \$153,034
 Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 - \$20.67
 Pharmacy Technician III - \$21.13 - \$23.98
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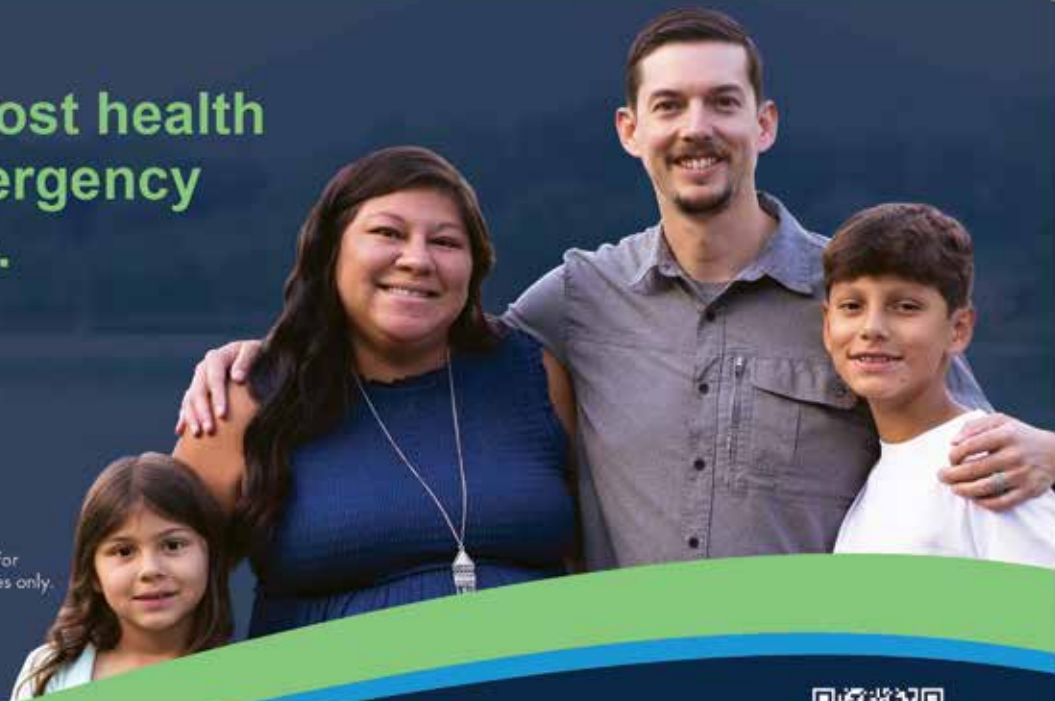
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Site Prep: House site grading and driveway will be constructed on a buildable house site.

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

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

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

Block Underpinning: Block underpinning will be installed for doublewides.

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

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

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

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Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	All day	Brown Trout	Egg patterns, midges, cahills, yellow stimulator, light colored Caddis, small nymphs
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The following students and teachers in the Early Childhood Program at the New Kituwah Academy had perfect attendance for the month of November. They are shown, left to right – back row - **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Lele Lossiah, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Layana Girty, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Kaycee Biddix, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Dominic French, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Lana Bradley; middle row - **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Blakelyn Wachacha, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Ayla Watson, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Embree Beck, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Jameson Anders, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Xavier Reed, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Carrson Crowe, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Razia Khalid; front row - **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Jabari Girty, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Atsini Perkins, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Ani Bynum, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Amari Jackson, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Marisol Perez, **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Ava VanMiddlesworth, and **ᎠᎵᎠ** **ᎠᎵᎠ**-Blaze Bird. (Photo courtesy of New Kituwah Academy Early Childhood Program)



Tribal member participates on Governor's Page Program

Julian Lanning, right, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), participated recently in the Governor's Page Program, a program that provides opportunities for North Carolina High School Students to participate in state government. The program focuses on professional development, service opportunities, and education experiences in civics and history. He is shown with North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper. (Photo courtesy of N.C. Dept. of Administration)

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