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MMIW: IWMF One-Year Grant in Review

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - From January 2024 to January 2025, with help from a year-long grant awarded 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), the Cherokee One Feather has worked to cover as many of the 35+ documented Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Missing



Elbia Colindres, center, mother of Lively Crüe Colindres, is shown at the MMIW Awareness Walk in Cherokee, N.C. on May 5, 2024. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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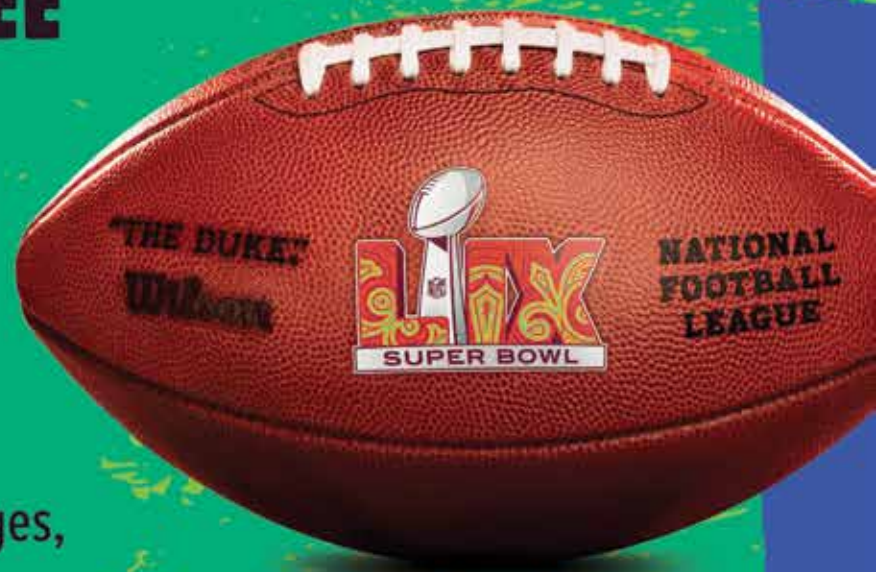
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- Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks in a statement regarding the Cherokee Nation's decision to leave Tri-Council

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MMIW: From front page

and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) cases as possible with articles and graphics. With the grant year complete, we have compiled an overview of the coverage and developments.

This is an ongoing project. If you or someone you know would like to be interviewed for an article and/or graphic about the case of your EBCI missing or murdered loved one (of any gender), please reach out at broobrow@ebci-nsn.gov.

The first article covered the case of 16-year-old Ruby Sky Montelongo, who was found beaten to death in Mendocino Co., Calif. in April 2023: MMIW: Ruby Sky Montelongo - The Cherokee One Feather

The next article also covered the murder of a child, 8-month-old baby girl, Lively Crüe Colindres, who was murdered in Feb. 2022: MMIW: Lively Crüe Colindres - The Cherokee One Feather

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The unsolved case of Magdalene “Maggie” Calhoun-Bowman, 48, whose remains were found in the winter of 2006: MMIW: Magdalene “Maggie” Calhoun-Bowman - The Cherokee One Feather

The case of a young mother, Tamara Seay, 18, who died by



Myra Calhoun, center, mother and grandmother of Jessica “Jet” Calhoun and Ah-Yo-Ka “Yoki Bear” Calhoun, is shown at the MMIW Awareness Walk in Cherokee, N.C. on May 5, 2024.

gun violence Jan. 2006: MMIW: Tamara Seay - The Cherokee One Feather

Other articles covered under the grant included a two-part series on the issue of sex trafficking on the Qualla Boundary: FBI, CIPD discuss human trafficking - The Cherokee One Feather, “Bring it into the light”; Human Trafficking on the Qualla Boundary - The Cherokee One Feather

And a commentary about the Trail of Tears as one of the oldest and most well-documented cases of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP): COMMENTARY - MMIW Profile: The Trail of Tears - The Cherokee One Feather

Cherokee One Feather subscription clerk Indica Climbing-

bear played an integral part in the research of cases and coordination of interviews for the grant project. Climbingbear said her passion for MMIP activism was strengthened by her time with the EBCI Domestic Violence – Sexual Assault program and personal loss. “I lost a friend, Marie Walkingstick, to a murder. She had come to me October of the year before she died, asking how to do a [Domestic Violence Protective Order] and child custody because she knew that I had been through that also. So, I kind of told her what to do and pointed her in that direction, but I didn’t make sure she followed through. So, whenever I found out she had been murdered, that really hit home. That was really hard. I also had a relative that was mur-

dered, Danielle Brady.”

Climbingbear volunteered her time to help with specifics for the grant project. “It was really important to me to help because we didn’t know the whole story of many of these cases. And so, I got to digging into it and realizing that a lot of it was domestic violence or dating violence.”

In noticing a pattern of domestic violence among the case reporting, Climbingbear suggests preventative measures, “There’s not enough focus on the domestic violence aspect. I think that whenever it comes to domestic violence and dating violence, instead of charging people over and over and over, it should be considered habitual. I think it should be a three-strike kind of rule just like with DUIs,”

Climbingbear even suggested an interdepartmental taskforce. “I really think that there could be a MMIW crisis board or a task force for collaborating between tribal entities and activists. I hope there is more connections built for the people in the community who will come forward and want to speak and want to put information out there that may be helpful in the paper—hotlines, whatever it is, because on average when it’s a domestic violence situation, it takes 7 times to leave before they actually leave,”

“The more we speak about it, the more we share, the better chance we have at prevention, leads on cases, and at being able to give the families justice.”

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).

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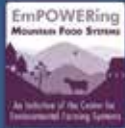
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Groundbreaking held for Soco Falls Trailhead improvements project

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Tribal Officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) held a groundbreaking for improvements to the Soco Falls Trailhead on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 13. The project is being paid for with ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021) funds.

Rebecca Bowe, EBCI Project Management manager, told the One Feather, "We are relocating the trailhead and parking area to create a safer and more enjoyable experience for the tribal community and visitors. The project will begin construction in January and will be completed in the Spring 2025. The existing trail will temporarily be closed as we work to create a new this new endeavor."

Ugwyiyuhi (Principal Chief) said at the groundbreaking, "This is probably one of my favorite views in Cherokee and I know there's going to be a lot of great memories from this day."

He added, "We've spent a lot of time this year...working on a capital project plan. There's been a lot of time spent on it trying to make sure that we're properly planning, that we're aligning projects with resources, both human resources and financial resources. But, we've



Tribal officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) held a groundbreaking for improvements to the Soco Falls Trailhead on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 13. Shown, left to right, are Ugwyiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Chairman Mike Parker, RJ Arneach, Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Bo Crowe, Aniwodihhi (Paint-town) Rep. Michael Stamper, Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. David Wolfe, Becky Bowe, Yancey Jones, Kim Deas, Zack Hicks, Justin French, and Brett Smith. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

made a lot of projects."

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Chairman Michael Parker said it is an exciting project. "We've been working on improving access to the Soco Falls for a number of years now. To see it finally come to fruition is fantastic. It's exciting. We know, after Covid, that outdoor ventures such as this, these

opportunities are highly in demand. They're low-cost, everybody can take advantage of this type of stuff. And it also is a great marketing tool for the Tribe.

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The One Feather inquired with EBCI officials as to the total cost of the project and was told that information would not be provided.



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Cherokee Nation withdraws from Tri-Council

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

One of the three legs of the tripod that is Tri-Council has decided to withdraw from participation. The Legislative Branch of the Cherokee Nation (Okla.) passed Res. No. 24-114 on Monday, Dec. 16 withdrawing their tribe from the Tri-Council which is an annual meeting of the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes including the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (N.C.), the Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (Okla.).

Res. No. 24-114 states in part, "Cherokee Nation has participated in Tri-Council, which was formed on the basis that it 'unit-



The Councils of the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians) pose for a photo following the Tri-Council Meeting held at the Harrah's Cherokee Convention Center on the morning of Friday, June 16, 2023. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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ed the Legislative Branches of government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), the Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians (UKB) in Oklahoma'..."

It continues, "In practice, Tri-Council does not achieve its legislative objectives but instead serves as a forum for the UKB to attack the sovereignty of the Cherokee Nation and to falsely claim rights under Cherokee treaties, including but not limited to jurisdictional rights within the Cherokee Nation Reservation."

The legislation went on to state, "...it is in the (Cherokee) Nation's best interest to pursue collaboration with EBCI and/or UKB in forums and by means that are not divisive and which do not provide UKB with a platform for its attacks on Cherokee

Nation tribal sovereignty."

In a statement to the One Feather, EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks said, "The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians remains committed to building and maintaining strong relationships with the Cherokee Nation and the United Keetoowah Band. Collaboration and mutual respect have always guided our approach, and we will continue to seek opportunities to work together to create lasting progress for the communities we serve."

The Cherokee Phoenix reported that Cherokee Nation Council Speaker Mike Shambaugh said, "It's difficult to sit there meeting after meeting and get into it. Back when we were in North Carolina...we knew they were going to attack our treaty

rights, and they did. Every single time, we have to defend ourselves. Tri-Council's not for that. Tri-Council is a place where we find common ground, where we work together for the betterment of the three of us."

In a statement posted on his Facebook page, Cherokee Nation Ugvwiyuhi Chuck Hoskin Jr. said, "My sense is the Council feels the same way I do, which is that when there are opportunities in the future to work with either or both of the Cherokee bands on matters of shared interests, we can still do so. But now we can end what has become an annual forum for UKB to spin its phony grievances in a forum subsidized by the other two tribes."

In a statement posted on the UKB Facebook page, UKB Assistant Chief and Chief-Elect Jeff Wacoche stated, "It's unfortunate that the Council of the Cherokee Nation has decided to withdraw from our Tri-Council. In their explanation, they made it clear that they refuse to discuss the difficult issues we face between our tribes. As elected leaders of our respective tribes, we have been entrusted with defending the best interests of the Cherokee people, whether they are citizens of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma or members of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees or Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It's sad to see that they refuse to cooperate with us for the best interest of the Cherokee people, instead choosing to sign cooperative agreements with non-native entities and relinquish sovereign rights as a federally recognized tribe. Few people remain who know how or why this feud began, but I know where it can end: with us acting like true leaders, sitting down

together, and working for the best interest of the Cherokee people moving forward. That's true Cherokee sovereignty."

One major issue between the Cherokee Nation and the UKB is jurisdiction within the 14-county reservation area for the Cherokee Nation in eastern Oklahoma.

The One Feather received a statement from the UKB recently discussing the jurisdiction issues. "It is shameful CNO (Cherokee Nation) is exploiting local governments who would ordinarily want no part of the CNO's termination tactics, and who would ordinarily welcome the assistance of the United Keetoowah Band in enforcing law and order. Alas, the heavy hand of the CNO often has its own way of persuading others to fall in line. This latest attack by the CNO is another desperate and shameful attempt to manufacture confusion and concern..."

It continues, "There is no evidence to prove the outlandish claim that the UKB Lighthorse lacks jurisdiction other than what the CNO is saying themselves. Further, the UKB has 76 acres of land in trust with the United States over which it unambiguously exercises jurisdiction. UKB officers are CLEET-certified, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs has issued law enforcement commissions to UKB Lighthorse to enforce federal and tribal law... we all care about public safety and justice being served. It is sad that CNO's intent is to dismantle additional law enforcement and other resources that would aide in public safety and justice."

The One Feather sought comment from the EBCI Dinilawigi public affairs office but has not received a reply by press time.



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A Lumbee recognition bill passes U.S. House again

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

For the third Congress in a row, a House bill that would grant federal recognition to the state-recognized Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has passed. By a vote of 311-96, the Lumbee Fairness Act (H.R. 1101) passed the U.S. House of Representatives, in the 118th Congress, on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024.

The bill was introduced on Feb. 17, 2023 by Rep. David Rouzer (R-N.C.) who said in a statement on Tuesday, “The Lumbee people are an integral part of our southeastern North Carolina community. They are our neighbors and friends. We attend church

together. Our children go to school together. But, for generations, the Lumbee Tribe has been denied full federal recognition and tribal sovereignty. Today, I am proud the House of Representatives came together to pass my bill, the Lumbee Fairness Act, and help ensure the Lumbee people have the same rights and benefits as the other federally-recognized tribes across the country.”

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has opposed Lumbee recognition for years. In a statement on Tuesday night, Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Mitchell Hicks noted, “The passage of this bill is a serious blow to the integrity of federal tribal recognition. By suspending the rules and

eliminating meaningful discussion, Congress has chosen political expediency over the rigorous standards that have long protected tribal sovereignty and identity. If enacted, H.R. 1101 would create a dangerous precedent — one that allows groups to achieve federal recognition without meeting the established requirements for historical, genealogical, and cultural evidence. Every other tribal nation that has sought recognition has had to meet these standards.

For decades, federally recognized tribes have fought to uphold the integrity of this process. The Lumbee group has not met these standards. They cannot identify which historical tribe they descend from, and recent genealogical and historical research has exposed significant flaws in their claims. Federal recognition is not an entitlement. It is a status earned through evidence, not politics.”

Cherokee Nation Ugvwiyuhi Chuck Hoskin Jr. joined Ugvwiyuhi Hicks’ sentiment in a statement. “Today, the U.S. House of Representatives chose stories over evidence and passed the Lumbee Fairness Act. I hope the Senate will again choose evidence over stories and stand up against this latest attempt to circumvent and erode the established federal recognition process.”

Ugvwiyuhi Hicks said other tribes have the same standpoint as the EBCI and the Cherokee Nation. “This is not just an issue for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians — it is an Indian Country issue. If Congress opens the door to recognition without evidence, other groups will follow. Groups with no legitimate claims to tribal identity or sovereignty

will attempt to take advantage of this shortcut. The floodgates will open, and the burden will fall on every federally recognized tribe to defend their status, resources, and cultural heritage from encroachment.

The Senate has a choice to make. They can protect the integrity of federal recognition, or they can pave the way for groups to claim tribal status without evidence. I am calling on the Senate to do what is right. I urge them to reject H.R. 1101 and direct the Lumbee group to seek recognition through the established process at the Office of Federal Acknowledgment. This process exists for a reason — to protect the sovereignty, culture, and legacy of true tribal nations.”

Ugvwiyuhi Hicks added, “The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians stands alongside the United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, the Coalition of Large Tribes, the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen’s Association, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and tribal nations across the country in calling for fairness, transparency, and accountability in federal recognition decisions. The Senate must uphold the standards that protect all tribal nations from harm and injustice.”

This issue has been before Congress before. Following are the results of Lumbee recognition bills from the past 10 Congresses alone.

- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 2758), in the 117th Congress, passed the House by a vote of 357-59 on Nov. 1, 2021.
- The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Recognition Act (H.R. 1964), in the 116th Congress, passed the House by a voice vote on Nov. 16,



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- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 2352), in the 115th Congress, died in the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.

- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 184), in the 114th Congress, died in the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.

- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 1803), in the 113th Congress, died in the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.

- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 27), in the 112th Congress, died in the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.

- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 31), in the 111th Congress, passed the House by a vote of 240-179 on June 3, 2009.

- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 65), in the 110th Congress, passed the House by a vote of 256-128 on June 7, 2007.

- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 21), in the 109th Congress, died in the House Committee on Resources.

- The Lumbee Recognition Act (S.420), in the 108th Congress, passed the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Nov. 24, 2003 but never made it to a vote in the Senate. There was no House companion bill in that Congress.

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

“For over 40 years, the Department of the Interior has carried out a merit-based process, as set out by Congress and administered by the Office of Federal Acknowl-

edgement (OFA), to make determinations on federal recognition of tribes. If the administration or Congress allows the Lumbee to bypass the OFA, it sends a clear message that other groups with dubious claims for tribal recognition can also avoid the deliberation and scrutiny that the OFA petition is designed to provide.”

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

The Office of Federal Acknowledgement (OFA) is located within the Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. According to information from the OFA, “By applying anthropological, genealogical, and historical research methods, OFA reviews, verifies, and evaluates groups’ petitions for federal acknowledgment as Indian Tribes.”

As of Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, there are nine groups with petitions going through the OFA process including the following: Tuskarora Nation of Moratoc Indians (N.C.), Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties (Calif.), Tripanick Nansmond Family Indian Tribe (Kan.), Chihene Nde Nation of New Mexico (N.M.), Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (Calif.), Butte Tribe of Bayou Bourbeaux (La.), Schaghticoke Indian Tribe (Conn.), Muscogee Nation of Florida (Fla.), and the Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe of the Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe (N.M.).

Cards bearing the logo of the

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

The card reads as follows: “The Dangers of Legislative Recognition for Lumbee

- Shifting claims of tribal ancestry
- Claims to Native ancestry rely on speculation, not historically or genealogically verifiable information
- Lumbee would be the only group to receive recognition without identifying any specific tribe from which they descend.
- Lower recognition standards will open doors for false groups and have profound consequences for legitimate tribes’ cultural resources, sacred places, and ancestral remains.”

The card distributed at NCAI contains a QR Code linking to a study on UINO’s website. The study, by Jean M. Kelley, M.A., is entitled “Analysis of Lumbee Historical and Genealogical Claims”.

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

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), who introduced the Lumbee Fairness Act (S.521) in the Senate, said in a statement on Tuesday, “I am dedicated to ensuring that Congress fulfills its six-decade-old promise to grant full federal recognition to the Lumbee people. We are now closer than ever to finally fulfilling that promise.”

Sen. Tillis has blocked legis-

lation (S.2088 – Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act) that would place around 40 acres of land on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota into restricted fee status for the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

Basically, when passed, the bill would guarantee that no commercial development nor gaming could occur at the site of a major atrocity where the U.S. Army killed over 300 (numbers vary on total killed) Lakota men, women, and children on the icy morning of Dec. 29, 1890, at Wounded Knee Creek.

OJ Semans, executive director of C.O.L.T. (Coalition of Large Tribes), wrote a commentary along with his wife, Barb Semans, which appears in Native News Online. They wrote, “As with many other bills that purport to help Indian Country, Tillis blocked it from proceeding, trying to force his colleagues to address his Lumbee recognition bill, circumventing the Department of the Interior’s standard administrative tribal recognition process.

I do not believe Senator Tillis contacted the Lumbee prior to blocking the Wounded Knee legislation, but I would be interested in the Lumbee leadership’s stance on his actions. It is our descendants who are negatively affected by his actions. We believe the Lumbee need to respond in support or opposition to Tillis’s use of their issue – at the expense of another Tribe – to meet his own political agenda. The Lumbee’s silence is tacit support.”

S.521 is currently going through the Senate and is in the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians celebrates grand opening of Caesars Virginia

Submitted by
Office of the Principal Chief

DANVILLE, Va. — The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) joined Caesars Entertainment on Tuesday, Dec. 17 to celebrate the grand opening of the highly anticipated Caesars Virginia casino & resort. Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, alongside members of his Executive team and Dinilawigi (Tribal Council), attended the event, marking a significant milestone in EBCI's ongoing partnership with Caesars Entertainment.

The grand opening was a celebration and community engagement, beginning with a parade of race cars and supercars from Virginia International Raceway, Kaizen Autosport, and Foreign Cars Italia. NBA legend Dennis Rodman served as the parade's master of ceremonies, later placing the first ceremonial bet at the new Caesars Sportsbook. The celebration continued with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Caesars Entertainment CEO Tom Reeg and COO Anthony Carano, after which guests were welcomed into the 587,000-square-foot luxury resort. The facility boasts 90,000 square feet of gaming space, a 320-room hotel, and a wide range of dining and entertainment options.

Addressing the crowd during the ceremony, Ugvwiyuhi Hicks spoke about the significance of



The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) joined Caesars Entertainment on Tuesday, Dec. 17 to celebrate the grand opening of the highly anticipated Caesars Virginia casino & resort. (Photo courtesy of the Office of the Principal Chief)

the occasion, “It’s a proud day to stand here with you all as we open the doors to Caesars Virginia. This project has been a long time in the making, and seeing it come to life today is a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished through hard work, trust, and partnership.”

The scope and scale of the Caesars Virginia project reflect a shared vision of community investment and opportunity. The resort features nearly 1,500 slot machines, 79 live-action table games, 48 electronic table games, a WSOP™ poker room, and the Caesars Sportsbook. In addition to its gaming offerings, the property includes 50,000 square feet of

meeting and convention space, a 2,500-seat live entertainment venue, a full-service spa, and premier culinary experiences, including Ramsay’s Kitchen by world-renowned chef Gordon Ramsay.

Ugvwiyuhi Hicks emphasized that the grand opening was an opportunity for both Danville, the surrounding communities, and the EBCI, stating, “From day one, we have focused on creating something that truly benefits the people. I can say with confidence that we’ve done just that.”

He continued, “Our Tribe understands the value of economic growth that benefits everyone. We’ve seen firsthand what hap-

pens when you invest in people and create opportunities that last. This resort represents our commitment to the future of this region and to continuing the values that define us as a people.”

With Caesars Virginia now open to the public, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians’ vision of community growth and shared prosperity has taken another significant step forward. The Tribe’s commitment to long-term, sustainable economic development remains at the heart of its partnership with Caesars Entertainment.



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Norman's Story: Hospice on His Terms

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After he passed, I thought okay, he showed us how to handle [dying]. So now, I've got to show my children how to handle grief. This is an inevitable part of life. You realize that you're always going to miss the person when they're gone, and you have to learn to live with it. But once you come to terms with that, hospice shouldn't be a scary thing. It's something you do for yourself and for the people you love."

- Marilyn, Norman's



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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Dec. 9-15, 2024**

The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonefeather.com.

Brady, Nathan Karl – age 42
Arrested: Dec. 9
Released: Dec. 12
Charges: Pre-trial Release Violation

Robbins, Gary Anthony – age 60
Arrested: Dec. 9
Released: Dec. 9

Charges: Temporary Hold

Esquivel, Deliah Grace – age 22
Arrested: Dec. 10
Released: Dec. 10
Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Squirrel, Karina Lea-anne – age 34
Arrested: Dec. 10
Released: Dec. 10
Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Swayney, Thadius Ray – age 26
Arrested: Dec. 10
Released: Dec. 12
Charges: Public Intoxication

Rattler, Zechariah Blaize – age 22
Arrested: Dec. 11
Released: Dec. 14
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Resisting, Delaying, Obstructing Officers

Wolfe, Russell McKinley – age 47
Arrested: Dec. 11
Released: Dec. 11
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Zepeda, Travis Aron – age 28
Arrested: Dec. 11
Released: Dec. 11
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Anaya, Gaspar Antonio – age 23
Arrested: Dec. 13
Released: Dec. 14
Charges: Temporary Hold

Oocumma, David – age 76
Arrested: Dec. 13
Released: Dec. 15
Charges: Offensive Touching, Probation Revocation

Powers, Brittany Lightdove – age 35
Arrested: Dec. 13
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 16)
Charges: Resisting Public Officer, Warrants for Other County

**CIPD Arrest Report for
Dec. 23-29, 2024**

The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonefeather.com.

Hayes, Brandon Lee – age 33
Arrested: Dec. 25
Released: Dec. 25
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Hornbuckle, Erin Charise – age 41
Arrested: Dec. 25
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 30)
Charges: Assault on Law Enforcement Probation or Parole Officer, Resisting Public Officer, Communicating Threats, Aggravated Weapons Offense



Thomas, Stephen – age 40
Arrested: Dec. 25
Released: Dec. 25
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Wahnetah, Kyle Austin – age 33
Arrested: Dec. 25
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 30)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Dolson, Kelly Sue – age 55
Arrested: Dec. 26

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Keener Cabin

Keener Cabin was originally built as a parsonage in the 1840s, and is one of the oldest piece of architecture remaining on the Qualla Boundary. A two-story log building, it stands on the site of the Echota Mission, established in 1830 as the first mission to the “Kituhwa Cherokee” by Methodist Minister Rev. Horace Ulrich Keener. Over the years, it has served as residence and craft shop.

Source: “Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook”, by Dr Barbara Duncan and Dr. Brett Riggs
Photo: Cherokee One Feather

Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 30)
Charges: Possession of Contraband

Childers, Kristen Ozzy – age 22
Arrested: Dec. 27
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 30)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Soto, Nelson – age 32
Arrested: Dec. 27
Released: Dec. 28
Charges: Temporary Hold

Santiago, Rafael – age 37
Arrested: Dec. 28
Released: Dec. 28
Charges: Temporary Hold

CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 30, 2024 to Jan. 5, 2025

The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at the onefather.com

Bernhisel, Jonah Tyler – age 24
Arrested: Dec. 30
Released: Jan. 2
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Crowe, John David – age 52
Arrested: Dec. 30
Released: Dec. 30
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Driver, Calvin Douglas – age 27
Arrested: Dec. 31
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 7)
Charges: Speeding to Elude Arrest, Weapons Offense, Failure to Obey Lawful Order of the Court, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Weapons Offense

Queen, Jesse James – age 22
Arrested: Jan. 1
Released: Jan. 4
Charges: Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order

Cucumber, Saith St. Christopher – age 29
Arrested: Jan. 3
Released: Jan. 3
Charges: Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (two counts), Criminal Mischief to Property, Breaking and Entering

Tabacchini, Cortney Nickole – age 37

Arrested: Jan. 3
Released: Jan. 4
Charges: Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer

Taylor, Jordan Michael – age 34
Arrested: Jan. 3
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 7)
Charges: Probation Violation

Viera, Carone Aline – age 39
Arrested: Jan. 3
Released: Jan. 4
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Hornbuckle, Mary Ann Jumper – age 59
Arrested: Jan. 4
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 7)
Charges: Public Intoxication

Otter, Michael Henry – age 21
Arrested: Jan. 5
Released: Jan. 5
Charges: Driving While Impaired

MISSING

Peter Michael Martin

Enrolled with Minnesota Chippewa Tribe-Fond du Lac Band

Height: 5'10" Weight: 165 lbs Male

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Age: 32

Date of last contact: March 8, 2024

Last Known Location: Cloquet, Minnesota

Circumstances of Disappearance: Peter Martin was last seen on 3/8/24 near his residence on Rustic Lane in the Mahnomen neighborhood of the Fond du Lac Reservation. It is unknown of Peter's clothing description at the time of his disappearance.

If you have information about Peter Martin, contact the Fond du Lac Police Department at 218-878-8040 or St. Louis County Dispatch at 218-625-3581.

Source: Namus.gov



REMINDER:

Sec. 136-25. - Obsolete or abandoned signs.

(a) Signs which advertise or pertain to a development complex, business, product, service, commodity, or a purpose which no longer exists or that has not been in use for 30 days or more shall be deemed to be an obsolete or abandoned sign. Signs which are associated with seasonal business shall not be considered obsolete or abandoned, provided there is clear intent to continue the business in the upcoming season.

(b) Obsolete or abandoned signs are prohibited and shall be removed by the owner within 30 days of termination of the business.

(c) If the owner of the abandoned or obsolete sign fails to remove such sign, it shall be removed by the Tribe at the expense of the owner. If the owner fails to pay the removal costs within 30 days, the Tribe shall collect costs under the procedure described in subsection 136-24.

WCU Printmaking Class partners with KPEP on handmade books

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CULLOWHEE, N.C. - Western Carolina University (WCU) Asst. Prof. Tatiana Potts has partnered with Kituwah Preservation Education Program (KPEP) Curriculum Developer Hartwell Francis and other Cherokee language learners in KPEP to produce several books illustrated and handmade by WCU students in her Introduction to Printmaking course.

Each book has centered a theme, from Cherokee legends to local architecture. The most recent iteration features Cherokee ecosystems. “One of my favorite parts about the project was researching the cultural relevance of the things that I was going to be drawing. We picked animals that we knew were in that area that could be found and be familiar. I did a noonday globe snail and a pickerel frog,” said WCU student Wren Petersen, who has now worked on two of the six total books.

Francis said the ongoing project has been a bright example of successful collaboration between WCU and KPEP. “It was great to see how the WCU print artists were able to incorporate and honor [Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians] culture in their prints after discussing the prints with members of the EBCI. All the Cherokee Language Master-Apprentice Program students are becoming cultural experts, and they were able to use their learning to constructively critique the ideas of



WCU Asst. Prof. Tatiana Potts binds books with WCU students Zoila Carrasco, Wren Petersen, Valeria Ramos, Gracelyn Turner, and Samantha Taub. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

the WCU artists. The process produced some exceptional illustrated Cherokee language work that we use in the classroom as inspiration for discussion.”

Potts said trips to Cherokee and New Kituwah Academy have been critical in producing work that will benefit the Cherokee community. “It is our opportunity to talk a little more and learn because we are doing these for the kids. We want the books to feel familiar to them and make sense for them. The second time we went, we got to witness kids reading the first book. That was a really powerful experience because we got to literally see it in use.”

WCU student Zoila Carrasco emphasized active listening as a key part of the project. “I feel like



Pages from Amayuhldi Elohi Iyudanelidasdi (Riparian Ecosystem)

just being open to listen to what the community needs is the first and major step of doing anything community based. I would say just learning, taking in the information and making sure that everything is what they need is crucial to the process,”

“Seeing all of the pieces come together and to be able to advance

our practice and our skills and have it turn into a very beautiful communal project is really nice,” she said.

Looking forward, Potts would like to offer a printmaking workshop to the Cherokee community and partner with Cherokee artists and Cherokee children to create future iterations of the books.

WCU's Project Discovery celebrates, reflects on 40th anniversary

CULLOWHEE – Heath Robertson sat at the back of the bus on a college tour trip when he was asked about his future plans. Robertson's answer? He didn't have any.

He didn't think he could afford it, and even if he could, he sure didn't have the grades. To him, college wasn't even an option — but that's where Talent Search, now called Project Discovery, which is hosted by Western Carolina University, stepped in.

"Had they not had that long sit down with me on that trip, I probably wouldn't have gone (to college)," Robertson said. "Lord only knows what would've happened because I know where I was headed, and it wasn't anywhere good."

Years later, Robertson has a doctorate and works at Cherokee Central Schools. Project Discovery has heard stories like that for decades, as it celebrates its 40th anniversary this academic year.

Project Discovery is a college access program funded by the U.S. Department of Education that serves low-income and first-generation, college-bound students.

Along with encouraging students to graduate high school and pursue a college education for the last four decades, Project Discovery has also helped students navigate the challenges of taking standardized tests, finding financial aid, applying to college and much more.

"There's so many ways that that kind of touches me and speaks to me," Project Discovery director JennieV. Sorrells said on the 40-year milestone.

"I think one thing about being here for 40 years is the depth of relationships that we have in our



Siblings Noland and Brooklyn Brown

communities and the opportunity that's given to us to become a program that really is embedded in so many of the communities that we work with."

The program assists students from 15 middle and high schools across Western North Carolina. While Project Discovery is a college-focused program, its middle school students receive no less attention from any other.

Brooklyn Brown, a Swain County High School and WCU alumna, saw the value in the program when she was in middle school. With the help of Project Discovery, she started to get an idea of what courses to take in high school and where and what she might study in college.

Her brother, Noland Brown, was also a Project Discovery student, and as a high schooler, he understood its value, too.

"Just the amount of support that JennieV. gave us with those common apps and with FAFSA,

that's a lot of really difficult things to navigate when you don't have the resources to do so," Noland said.

"Having that support system is so important whenever you're moving to higher education and kind of attempting to get into that realm and seeing what you can do."

However, even after high school and both siblings went to the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill for undergrad, Sorrells' support didn't stop there.

"Her 'job' ended after I went off to college, but because she cared about where I was and what I was doing, she continued to reach out to be a resource for me through my college education," Brooklyn said.

"I feel like even today I can reach out to JennieV. if I needed a recommendation for a job or something. She's there."

And still, years after their time in Project Discovery, former

students know the importance of the program, especially to a largely rural part of the state.

"School systems in general, especially in rural communities, don't have that economic stability," Noland said. "When you're in a home that doesn't have a lot of economic stability and you're kind of just working to make ends meet, you might not have the forethought for 'I want to go to college,' but having someone like JennieV. and Project Discovery as a whole to help and give you that support can open your eyes a little bit."

That support led to Noland graduating from UNC Chapel Hill debt free after Sorrells helped him with his interviews, essay prompts and resume skills for a scholarship that paved the way for his education.

For the last 40 years, that's what Project Discovery has been all about. It's been about helping families understand the landscape of applications and financial aid. It's been about getting them to a good place.

And it's been about seeing the impact the program has made in the long run.

"Sitting with them in that uneasy space and then knowing that it works out and they find a good fit always feels good knowing that they have been enrolled in a school," Sorrells said.

"But then once they graduate, it's really meaningful to me because I most often see them coming back to their communities and being able to contribute and support themselves, support a family and then support other people in their community."

- Western Carolina University
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Faith Long-Presley selected for SWAIA Native Fashion Week



Faith Long-Presley, an accomplished artist, designer, and member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been selected as a designer for the highly-anticipated SWAIA Native Fashion Week in May. (Photos courtesy of Raven's Eye Media)

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Faith Long-Presley, an accomplished artist, designer, and member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been selected as a designer for the highly-anticipated SWAIA Native Fashion Week in May. This premier event is part of the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts (SWAIA) and highlights the innovative talents of Indigenous designers from across the globe.

Long-Presley is the founder and owner of Ganvhida Designs, LLC, a company named to honor her Long family ancestry. Her designs are rooted in her Cherokee heritage, incorporating traditional motifs, such as intricate patterns inspired by Cherokee basketry, into contemporary fashion. Her upcoming collection, which will

debut at Native Fashion Week, merges culturally significant Cherokee corn beads and basketry patterns with '90s Chanel-inspired tweed, creating a bold fusion of Indigenous heritage and high fashion.

Notably, Long-Presley is one of the few designers representing Southeastern tribes at SWAIA Native Fashion Week, bringing unique regional artistry to this global stage. "I am honored to represent Cherokee artistry on such a renowned platform," Long-Presley said. "This opportunity allows me to share the stories, resilience, and creative brilliance of my people through modern design."

SWAIA Native Fashion Week is known for showcasing the diversity and depth of Indigenous cultures through innovative fashion.



Hope Long stuns in a Cherokee basket-inspired look by Faith Long-Presley at the 2024 Kanesgi Fashion Show.

Held annually in Santa Fe, N.M., this event draws global attention to the artistry and narratives of Native designers, celebrating their creativity and cultural heritage. Faith Long-Presley's participation in SWAIA Native Fashion Week is a milestone not only for her career but also for Cherokee representation in the global fashion industry.

To help fund her collection and participation in SWAIA Native Fashion Week, Long-Presley is organizing fundraising efforts, including community events and sponsorship requests to help cover

material costs, travel expenses, and other requirements for showcasing her work at this prestigious event.

Individuals and organizations interested in supporting Long-Presley can donate directly via PayPal @FaithLong647 or visit www.ganvhidadesigns.org. Every contribution will help bring Cherokee artistry to the forefront of Indigenous fashion on a global scale.

*- Submitted by the
Kanesgi Fashion Show
Planning Committee*



Champions for Children

Candy Ross, left, Family Services manager at Qualla Boundary Early Head Start/Head Start, and Emily Behm, right, family social worker at Qualla Boundary Head Start, were recognized recently by the Region A Partnership for Children (RAPC) as "Champions for Children". RAPC officials state, "These 'Champions for Children' were chosen among nominations made by community members who highlighted their dedication to improving the quality of life for children and families in our counties and creating opportunities for children to achieve their full potential."

RAPC stated said Ross "was recognized as a Champion for her tireless dedication to supporting children with special needs in the Cherokee community. A passionate advocate for Native children, Candy has been instrumental in securing vital services and resources for children with autism and organized the first Cherokee Autism Celebration. Candy's unwavering commitment to children, her tireless efforts to increase awareness and access to support, and her dedication to empowering families have had a significant positive impact on the lives of countless children in the Cherokee community."

RAPC stated Behm "was recognized as a Champion for her exceptional dedication to supporting families in need. Emily consistently goes above and beyond, organizing events for families and providing unwavering support to those she serves. Known for her volunteer spirit, willingness to lend a hand, Emily is reliable, and committed to improving the lives of children, making her a true champion for the community."

They are shown with Jody Miller, second from left, RAPC community engagement coordinator, and Janice M. Edgerton, RAPC executive director. (Photo courtesy of RAPC)

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

The Garden Bug

Hugelkultur is a traditional European gardening practice whereby fallen branches, logs and other woody debris are put into a pit, covered with compost, and then with a growing medium into which a garden is planted. The buried wood acts like a sponge for moisture as it decays, and also provides nutrients for the soil, which are tapped into by the growing plants. The vertical building up of the pile maximizes space. This method dramatically reduces the need for irrigation.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: <https://www.almanac.com/what-hugelkultur-ultimate-raised-bed>

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Brrrrr...

The 2nd Annual Luftee Leap was held in the Oconaluftee River in Cherokee, N.C. on Wednesday, Jan. 1. The water temperature was 40 degrees F when they jumped in at 12 p.m. According to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Dept. of Commerce, a total of 59 people participated raising \$1,063 for the Cherokee Cancer Support Group.

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Cast Iron Cookware 101
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The rangers will demonstrate how to “season” cast iron cookware and some of the common recipes the Cherokee would use in their everyday life. Visitors will also learn about common ingredients that the Cherokee used for their medicine and food.

All ages are invited to this program. Admission is \$6-\$8 and includes self-guided walking tours and museum admission.

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WNC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Call for vendors for Greening Up the Mountains Festival

Artisans, crafters, and food and beverage vendors are invited to submit their application for the Greening Up the Mountains Festival to be held in Sylva, N.C. on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The festival, sponsored by the Town of Sylva, will once again take place in historical downtown Sylva. This year's festival seeks artisans and crafters selling their own handmade products. Arts, crafts, and food vendors from the expanded Appalachian area are encouraged to apply.

Visit the festival's website: <https://www.mainstreetsylva.org/greening-up-the-mountains/>. to review the 2025 Vendor Policies and download your application.

Applications will be accepted through March 15 although vendor capacity has been reached in mid-February each of the past two years. Info: Email the event coordinator at greeningupthemountains@townofsylva.org.
- Greening Up the Mountains Festival release

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dear Board of Directors of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund,

I am deeply honored and grateful to have been selected as a scholarship recipient from the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. This generous award provides invaluable support for my academic journey and professional growth as an educational leader. Through my doctoral coursework, I have gained new insights and tools that empower me to critically examine innovative initiatives in education, ensuring decisions are grounded in the specific needs of my district and the community we serve. This learning

helps me navigate broader complexities such as historical trauma, mental health challenges, substance abuse, federal regulations, and political dynamics, all of which impact our schools.

The knowledge I have gained thus far has already enriched my leadership approach, allowing me to focus on systemic issues and processes rather than personalizing resistance. Research highlights the importance of understanding epistemological differences, which has helped me proactively address challenges and foster collaboration. I am learning to lead with empathy and strategy, ensuring sustainable and meaningful improvements within our community.

This scholarship is not just financial support—it is an investment in my ability to make a difference. I believe I am becoming a stronger, more versatile leader, capable of bridging gaps and inspiring growth. Thank you for believing in my potential.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Martens

Thank you to Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dear Board members of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund,

I am writing to express my gratitude for your generous support of my graduate studies. Your support has provided crucial assistance as I enter the second semester of my PhD studies in History at the University of Georgia. As an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and researcher deeply committed to preserving our history and language, I am honored to receive your scholarship. My academic work on the Cherokee Phoenix newspaper bridges my passion for historical inquiry with my dedication to Cherokee language preservation. Your support has enabled me to focus on this meaningful research while alleviating

the financial burdens that often come with pursuing an advanced degree away from home.

The mission of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund resonates deeply with me, and I am inspired by your commitment to uplifting students like myself who strive to serve our tribal communities in the future. I plan to honor your generosity in the years to come by mentoring future generations of Eastern Band students and contributing directly to EBCI's efforts to preserve our history and culture. Sgi for your invaluable support!

With appreciation,
Constance Owl

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

National Park Service to remove hazard trees in Cades Cove beginning Jan. 20

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - Great Smoky Mountains National Park will remove hazard trees in Cades Cove on Jan. 20-Jan. 24. This includes removing brush from the side of the road to keep vegetation from hitting passing vehicles and removing all hazard trees that could fall onto the road.

This process requires the use of heavy equipment. In order to ensure visitor safety, the park will close Cades Cove Loop Road the morning of Jan. 20 through noon on Jan. 24. Cades Cove will reopen to the public over the weekend, weather permitting. If further work is necessary, the loop road will close again on Jan. 27.

The park will bring in extra crews to complete this process as quickly as possible and appreciates the cooperation of the public as we make Cades Cove safer for all visitors.

As always, please refer to the park's Current Conditions page for the most up to date information on road conditions.

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-Family Support Services

OBITUARIES ᏊᏏᏁᏂ

Francisco Esparza Jr.

Francisco Esparza Jr., age 50, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, at Mission Hospital after a brief illness.

He is survived by his children, Charles Esparza, Hannah Esparza, and Zoey Esparza, all of the home; two grandchildren; father, Francisco Esparza Sr.; brother, Ruben Esparza; sisters, Sylvia Esparza, Diana Rosalez, Christina Esparza, and Esmeralda Esparza; several nieces and nephews; brother-in-law, Charles Welch (Angie); special aunt, Linda Maya (Cowboy); and companion, Jennifer Kahley. Francisco is preceded by his mother, Ramona Esparza; brother, Roy Esparza; and sister, Norma Ramirez.

Francisco was loved by many.

He was a loving father, grandfather, and companion. He loved cooking and spending time with his family. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service was held in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home on Thursday, Dec. 19 with Scott Chekelelee officiating.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Faye Pheasant

Faye Pheasant, 61, of the Big Cove Community, passed away Thursday, Dec. 26, 2024.

She is survived by husband, Jose Molina; children, Jeremiah Pheasant (Brandy), Luna, and Chino; sisters, Sharri Pheasant, Rita Pheasant (Gary), Carla Neadeau (Roger), Devona Toineeta (Sam); brothers, Phillip and David Pheasant; uncles, Calloway Ledford Sr (Martha), Driver Pheasant Jr. (Selene), George Pheasant (Sherry), Daniel Pheasant (Amy); aunts, Rosie Sneed (Skipper), Lula Ledford, Christine Walkingstick, Rick Ledford, Anita Pannell (Rick), Ollie Pheasant; best friend Cindy Arch-Reed; grandchildren, Jeremiah Pheasant Jr., Joshua Pheasant, Nestoria Pheasant; two great grandchildren, Karma and Xavier Pheasant; nieces and nephews, James Pheasant, Cory Pheasant (Samantha), Cade Huskey, Nataya Huskey, ImaDeanne Sequoyah, Mary Ledford, Dana Pheasant, Jayda Pheasant, Philicia Pheasant, Cody Driver (Kristen), Rolanda Driver, Kelsey Driver, Cassandra Driver (CJ), Derek Driver, Ashley Teesateskie (John), Kira Teesateskie (Richard), Hayden Neadeau (Carmen), Tyce Neadeau, Tasia Neadeau, Ahki Neadeau, Connor Pheasant, Kayla Pheasant; and an abundance of great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Chuck Pheasant; mother, Arlene Watty; father, Charles Pheasant; grandmothers, Lillian Ledford and Nettie Pheasant; grandfathers, Mason Ledford and Driver Pheasant; uncles, David Ledford, Jesse Pheasant, Perry Pheasant, Jimmy Pheasant, Scott Pheasant; aunts, Velma Lossiah and Lisa Queen; and granddaughter, Dalilah Pheasant.

She worked at the Big Cove Head Start, Cherokee Youth Center, and the Welcome Center.

She liked to spend time with her husband, children, family and her best friend Cindy, volleyball, working, painting, and drawing.

Services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at Straight Fork Baptist Church with burial in the Pheasant Family Cemetery. Rex Sellers and Harley Maney officiated the services.

Pallbearers were Calloway Ledford Jr, Allen Ledford, Mark Ledford, Frank Driver, Melvin Ledford, Doug Pheasant, and Kirk Lossiah.

Honorary Pallbearers were Jeremiah Pheasant Jr, and Joshua Pheasant.

Gary Randall Toineeta

Gary Randall Toineeta, 63, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away at his home on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024. He was born Sept. 18, 1961 to the late Nick A. Toineeta and Marie Hornbuckle Harrison. He previously worked as a Security Officer and as a Police Officer for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. His family was the most important part of his life.

In addition to his father, he is preceded in death by a daughter, Cheyenne Nicole Toineeta, and a niece, Harlee Marie Harrison. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife and

life partner of 37 years, Sheila Standingdeer; five children, Storm Toineeta, Andrea Standingdeer (Jake), Elisha Wildcat (Lok), Evan Standingdeer, and Eveie Welch; three sisters, Brenda Toineeta Pipestem (Wilson), Susan Toineeta, and Terri Harrison; seven grandchildren, Makaylah Pipestem, Madilyn Bennett, Makensey Bennett, Makailah Oocumma, Byron Locust, Arthey Locust, and Layla Locust; two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and special friends. He is also survived by his dog Razzle.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025 at the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home with the Rev. Bear Lambert officiating. Burial followed in the French Family Cemetery located in Big Cove.

Tom Sequoyah Driver Jr. (June Bug)

Tom Sequoyah Driver Jr. (June Bug), 60, of the Big Y Community, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Tom Sequoyah and Waneema Littlejohn. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by an infant sister, Barbara Faye Driver; sister, Onita Bowman; and one brother, T J Thompson.

He is survived by his wife and love of his life, Ernestine Driver; children, Tom Driver, Brittany Benning and husband Scenca; Gavin Kalonaheskie, Raylin Kalonaheskie, John Lossiah; special son, Earl Martin, Cory Ross; grandchildren, Kayleigh, Joshua, Lyla, Bailey, Joslyn, Jolden, Anali, Zayden, Lili-Anne; Sister, Jeanie Saunooke, and brother Tommy Driver; his lifelong friend and special sister, Lorie Blankenship; and numerous nieces and nephews,



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great nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, Jan. 5 at Big Witch Baptist Church. Rev. Scotty Chekelelee officiated with burial at Driver Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Lossiah, Davey Davis, Cory Ross, Nick Swayney, Scenca Benning, Mark Crowe, John Cruz.

Honorary pallbearers were Randy Saunooke and Isaac Saunooke.

Mary (Wolfe) Lambert

Mary (Wolfe) Lambert, age 75, of the Wolftown Community, Cherokee, N.C., passed away at Mission Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024 after an extended illness.

Mary worked at Cherokee Indian Hospital for over 45 years. She started working there very young in the Ceta Program, she continued working and became an inpatient coder and worked in medical records. Mary retired twice from CIHA.

Mary is preceded by her parents, Eli Wolfe and Irene (Pheasant) Wolfe; son, Ernest Delbert Lambert; brothers, William Wolfe and Glenn G. Wolfe; and sisters Marion Walkingstick, Adonna Wolfe and Alice W. Forney.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Ernest L. Lambert; children, Roberta L. Sneed (Dune), Will "Cheezer" Lambert (Amanda), Melvin "Moose" Lambert (Julie), and Birda Lambert; 11 grandchildren, Kiri Lambert, Kyle Sneed, Kylen Sneed, Kyra Sneed, Aiyana Lambert, Ayden Lambert, Shelby Solis, Elija, Justice, Dana and Lilianna Hamilton; six great-grandchildren; brother, Robert Wolfe (Nita); sisters, Berdina Wolfe and Pearl J. Wolfe; many nieces and nephews; and special friend, Mary Ann "Bugg" Swayney.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025 at Macedonia Baptist Church with Dan Conseen officiating. Burial was in the Jimmy Reed Cemetery. Pallbearers were Joshua Lambert, Jacob Lambert, Jordan Lambert, Kyle Sneed, Tim Bond and George Hernandez.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Jamie Ray Jenkins

Jamie Ray Jenkins, age 40, passed away at home on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, after an extended illness.

He loved football and the Atlanta Falcons, and he loved metal music. He enjoyed watching his nephews play football. Jamie loved his Family and just being at home, watching tv with his wife and two dogs. He was a jokester, and he was funny and smart. He had a heart of gold. He is going to missed by anyone that knew him.

Surviving of the home is his wife of 18 years, Sally and two dogs, Beeper and Ruger; daughter, Athena (Brodie); granddaughter, Lorelei; brothers, Matthew Otter and Billy Jo Hensley; sisters, Trinia Ensley and Becky Jenkins; and many aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces that loved him very much.

He is preceded by his mother, Frieda Otter Jenkins, and father, Junior Jenkins; maternal grandparents; paternal grandparents; nephew, Aaron Frady; and special friend, LeaAnn.

A Memorial Service will be announced at a later date.

Long House Funeral Home will announce arrangements.

Ted Henry Treadway

Ted Henry Treadway, 79, of Whittier, N.C., passed away Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025. A native of Swain County, he was the son

of the late James Nelson and Julia Lambert Treadway.

He was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters, Tommy, Frank, Ann, Fred, and Jean. He was also preceded in death by his son, Teddy Treadway.

He is survived by his son, Mike Treadway (Regina); grandchildren, Tori and Nathan Treadway; daughter, Annie Paige; grandson, Riley Randall; and stepson, Wally Treadway (Stephanie) and children.

The family received on Thursday, Jan. 9 at Crisp Funeral Home with burial following at Birdtown Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mike Treadway at PO Box 2808, Bryson City, NC 28713 for funeral expenses.

The family would like to give a special thanks to all the family and friends who contributed to his wellbeing.

Georgia Imogene Toineeta Hunter

Georgia Imogene Toineeta Hunter, 71, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025. Georgia was born Feb. 17, 1953 to the late Howard and Tiney Smith Toineeta in Cherokee.

She worked for many years for the Shell Company completing her career as an assistant manager at the Sylva store. She enjoyed her fur-babies and loved to cook. Her bean bread was loved by all her family and friends.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 20 years, Jerry Hunter of Cashiers. She is also preceded in death by her twin brother, Johnny Toineeta; and three other brothers Jimmy Toineeta, Jessie Toineeta, and Charlie Toineeta.

She is survived by her two sons, James and Theodore Toinee-

ta, both of Cherokee; six sisters, Gail Parker, Barbera Toineeta, Brenda Toineeta, Tiney Toineeta, all of Cherokee N.C., Patsy Palmer of Franklin, N.C., Frances Tahbonemah of Lawton, Okla.; two brothers, George Toineeta of Asheville, N.C. and Joe Toineeta of Cherokee; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces nephews and extended family. She is also survived by Angie Jackson who was her best friend.

There are no services planned at this time.

Tom Queen Jr.

Tom Queen Jr., 63, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, in Florida surrounded by his loving family. He was born July 28, 1961, in Cherokee, N.C. to the late Tom Queen Sr. And Julia Sherrill Queen. Tom was a character and loved by many he never met a stranger. His family was the most important thing to him on this earth.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son Hawk; uncle Henry; sister Becky; and nephews, Little John and Justin.

He is survived by his children: 41 Allen, 32 Marlene, 26 Jesse, 25 Gary(Jalynn), 22 Rajun(Rosa); grandchildren, U-sgwa-ni-gdi, Ta-wo-di, A-ge-yv, U-wa-du-ga-da, Wa-le-la; special grandchildren, Tivan, Shawnee, Bella, Abby and Tori; great grandsons, Tristen Jr., Matthew, A-gv-yi; siblings, Mary, Tammy, Kina, and Jasper; special nephew, Josh; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 13 at the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home with Scot-tie Chekelelee officiating. Burial followed in the Queen Family Cemetery.

COMMENTARY

Put the sign back

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

A debate between the tribal business committee and the tribal museum has left the community without a roadside sign to alert those traveling on Tsali Blvd that there is a valuable source of education and information about our tribe since May 2024.

Ken Blankenship (1943-2021), former long-time executive director of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian (now known as the Museum of the Cherokee People) made

a profound and significant comment at one of the meetings of the Greater Cherokee Tourism Committee (GCTC) many years ago. The GCTC was established and organized while Mary Jane Ferguson (1950-2024) was director of EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Travel and Tourism to bring together the major attractions and tribal programs to unify the marketing efforts of Cherokee under a common branding message, including a unified imaging campaign. The Cherokee Preservation Foundation (CPF), under the direction of Susan Jenkins at the time, provided a large grant to the entities of the GCTC to enhance their effort. It was important to CPF that the Eastern Band culture was promoted and preserved as a result of the efforts of that grant.

Ken understood that to further the goals of public education and understanding for the history and culture of our tribe, that not only did there need to be revenue generated to fund the projects of the museum, but also foot traffic in the museum, from the feet of members of our community to the feet of the tourists coming into our community. Ken also knew that revenue generation depended on the tourists coming in, because tribal members do not pay to visit the museum exhibit.

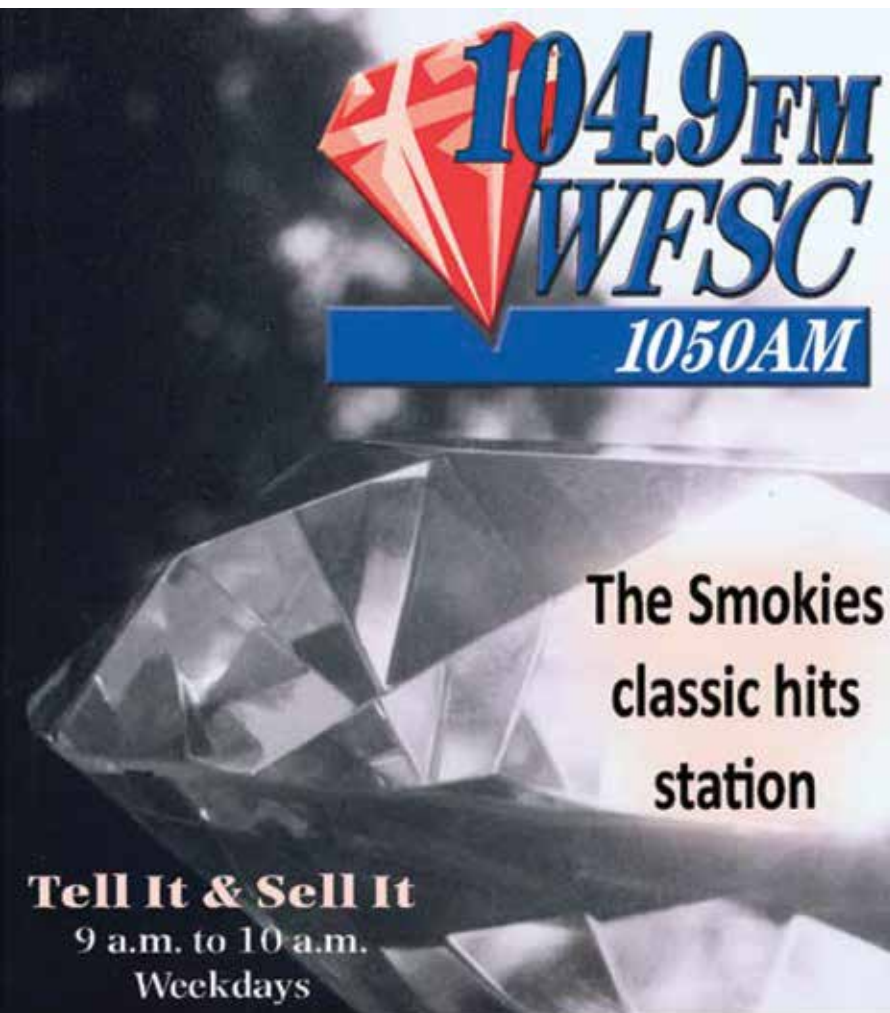
So, during one of the GCTC meetings, one of the marketing agencies touted the fact that the Great Smoky National Park dumped much of its traffic, at the time estimated 11 million visitors, right onto Tsali Blvd every season. The agency representative congratulated Cherokee on having that traffic moving through the town, saying that Cherokee was the true gateway to the Smokies. If any of you knew Ken, you know that he did not have any issues stating his position bluntly. Ken responded directly to the agency representative. He told the representative that Cherokee had never had any trouble getting the traveling public to “pass through” Cherokee. Ken stated, “I don’t need to know how to get people to go through Cherokee. They do that naturally. I need for you to figure out how to get them to pull into my parking lot”.

During that same time frame, one of the initiatives implemented to achieve the goal that Ken has articulated was to revamp the signage for the cultural district. And it was not a “do your own thing” project. The GCTC planned on how that could incorporate the brand strategy into the signage, a plan that would bring all of its

member entities into a uniform promotional effort with similar looks. So those oval signs of various sizes that became familiar throughout the cultural district were created to promote the district, right down to the maroon and gold paint jobs. All signs even had the same font for their lettering. The theme was cultural unity and the purpose was to provide both community members and tourists an identifying marker so that they knew which parking lot to pull into so as to experience the history and culture of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

But times and people change. You don’t hear a lot from the GCTC these days. My understanding is that it still exists along with the large grant that precipitated its creation, but it seems to be a much less vocal organization and its influence is unclear. New museum leadership brought fresh ideas for exhibits and the marketing of the museum. More importantly, from the start, the leadership’s new direction targeted a merging of historical pieces of remembrance and the modern art of local artisans. As a part of that new strategic initiative. Younger minds and artists were tapped to create new exhibits and to create a new identity for the museum, including the marketing elements and signage.

In an article written by Scott McKie Brings Plenty titled “Museum of the Cherokee People made to remove sign” (published May 31, 2024), the artist tasked with expressing the new direction of the MOTCP in signage explained his vision for the museum’s signage. “Drawing inspiration from my culture, community, and my own experiences, I aimed to create something that makes a statement about us as Cherokee people,



inviting viewers to think about the piece, and it's message, to create emotions and have them think. Ultimately, my art is a testament to the power of creativity, expression, when given the opportunity to do so."

Clearly a departure from the "uniform" ideas of the past. Luke is a talented artist. I know from working with artists over the years, they put much of themselves into their creations, even when they are expressing a communal idea.

In the same article, the current executive director of the MOTCP, Shana Bushyhead Condill, further explained rationale for the sign remodel. "When we were initially talking about artist interventions at the Museum. Luke's work immediately came to mind. As we work to cultivate Cherokee traditional knowledge in our community. Luke has an amazing way of incorporating traditional elements into art that can speak to multiple generations. We each, as Cherokee people, have our ways that we continue to protect, and learn, and share with each other. I love that my kids, our kids, are able to be inspired by Luke's work and designs."

So, new ideas and strategies. Young minds are not necessarily reinventing the Eastern Band culture but sharing a unique interpretation. And I applaud that effort. We need more of that in our other cultural elements, including the strategies to improve the acknowledgement and use of the Cherokee language.

But, as the title of the article inferred old Cherokee law clashed with new museum marketing during the last week of May. A letter sent to the MOTCP leadership read, "The Tribal Business Committee expressed concern over the proposed sign renderings for

the Museum sign." The TBC said in the letter that the new museum sign did not "promote economic and social activities that are consistent with the Cherokee Indian Reservation's history and environment."

They added, per Cherokee Code, "Signs shall be limited to three colors not including logos, provided none of the colors or materials are florescent, earth tones are preferred." The museum was given ten days to "immediately cover and cure the violations within ten days" or be directed to remove the sign.

The MOTCP leadership were sent a subsequent letter documenting that the museum was choosing not to address the Business Committee on the sign issue, would not make adjustments to the sign and so would take it down.

And since that day in May, there has been a large oval metal frame at the roadside of the museum that once beamed community members and tourists to visit our museum to learn about

us. During the most active months for our people and for outside travelers, that empty metal frame had been our representation of our cultural district.

We are now into our eighth month of this sign debacle. And here is my message and my ask. Tribal government, even if the sign did not meet current signage regulations, it would have been better than leaving our museum without roadside signage. It would have been better to have that presence than for our tribe to get a black eye in the community and visiting public. Embedded in the Code is a caveat that allows the Business Committee to override regulations if they feel it is in the best interest of the tribe. Maybe this is one time that leave to suspend the rules should have been invoked until a compromised could be reached.

To MOTCP leadership, I don't know if the decision to not immediately put up a sign that would be in compliance was a fiduciary decision or just a way to make a statement to tribal government, but the end result is that the community

suffered the decision not to have a sign at roadside in a prominent intersection of the cultural district. For going on eight months, the people of our community have endured that empty frame. Pride shouldn't prevent us from making good decisions. Choosing not to come to the table to try to find common ground may not have been the best solution. A temporary sign that would have met compliance to existing law could have been placed while negotiating a sign with the government that would have also met the vision of the MOTCP leadership.

I love much of what the MOTCP is doing to modernize the exhibits and involve our artist community. I also appreciate the structure and unity that our tribal government is attempting to enforce. But there is common ground to be had regarding this sign issue, I ask both entities to come together for the sake of the community and resolve this before the next tourism season begins. And please, put the sign back up.

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Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	All day	Brown Trout	Egg patterns, midges, cahills, yellow stimulator, light colored Caddis, small nymphs
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	N/A	All day	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Egg patterns, midges, cahills, yellow stimulator, light colored Caddis, small nymphs

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REASONS TO OPPOSE LUMBEE RECOGNITION

A Brief Report
By Jakeli Swimmer

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By granting the Lumbee, who have NO direct ties to the Tribes they've claimed, federal recognition would allow them the ability to take sacred and cultural liberties they have NO true historical rights to.

While some academic researchers have argued having only one fed. Tribe (EBCI) in the state of NC diminishes the ability for sacred objects and remains to be properly rematriated to the tribes they belong; they ignore that the allowance of fraudulent or questionable tribes would truly be more detrimental.

If the Lumbee are recognized they could take ownership or position on any sacred object or remains of the tribes they've claimed. Thus taking away true sovereignty from established nations like the Tuscarora and Cherokee

*as a side note some presently violate other federal regulations as many Lumbees illegally possess Eagle feathers for which they refuse to relinquish without force



This series of political cartoons are by Jakeli Swimmer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The series will run, one each week, over the next several issues.

We took this with
a telephoto lens.

Your cell phone
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Just observe from
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Surprise!

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.
(author of "Preacher Spurs",
Christian Faith Publishing,
Meadville, Pa., 2022)

Have you ever received a gift and didn't know where it came from or why? Then later you find out who gave you the gift. Were you surprised? Did it mean more to you to know who gave you the gift? Did you feel more love or affection for the giver, knowing it came from them?

All, and I mean ALL, gifts and good things come from God. Even the ones others gave you, or you received, unaware of where they came from. Thank God for those gifts, but also thank Him and love Him more to know that God gave each excellent gift.

I am being repetitious purposely – because God is good all the time, and all His gifts are good, too. Knowing and accepting that truth should make us even more thankful and more in love with the One who gives us everything. Be grateful, especially for the knowledge of knowing who our giver is. Where our salvation comes from and who our God is.

"O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; For his lovingkindness endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34

What if you didn't know Jesus? What if you have never acknowledged God? Maybe you are one of those folks with a God-given gift of talent, beauty, skill, ability, knack, or intelligence that socially lifts you above others without those gifts. People always told you that you were God's gift at something. All this time, you thought you were just lucky. You

didn't thank anyone because there was no one to thank. You thought your parents had good genes. You might be right about that, but who gave you your parents? You make up all kinds of reasons for your ability that no one else has. You're simply better than the rest. Lucky you! You might be one of those who lean into themselves and say, "I'm self-made. I deserve all this because I worked hard at it."

You might have a point, but then again, who gave you the drive? The inspiration? The desire? Did your folks teach you? Did you have a good teacher or coach? Think about it. It all came from God. Every bit of it. Did you decide where you were born, what color you are, who your parents are, where you went to school, and who your examples were? Nope, none of that. God's sovereignty did all that.

"Every good gift and every

perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning." James 1:17

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

"For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it be received with thanksgiving." 1 Tim. 4:4

"And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Whether you feel you are gifted or ungifted, talented or talentless, God's perfect sovereignty makes everything suitable, and He is there waiting for you to choose Him. He has already chosen you; now, you must accept Him.

Without Him and the Spirit you receive, you'll never understand what greatness He has in store for you. Those blessings come through Him now on this earth and for eternity in Heaven. Accept the most precious gift of all, Jesus.

"Now the natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged." 1 Corinthians 2:14

"Jehovah is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeks him." Lamentations 3:25
That's all You, Lord. Praise Your holy name—the giver of our life and eternal salvation. Name a more excellent gift that can be given than that.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23



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To his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand.

JUDGES 14: 5,6

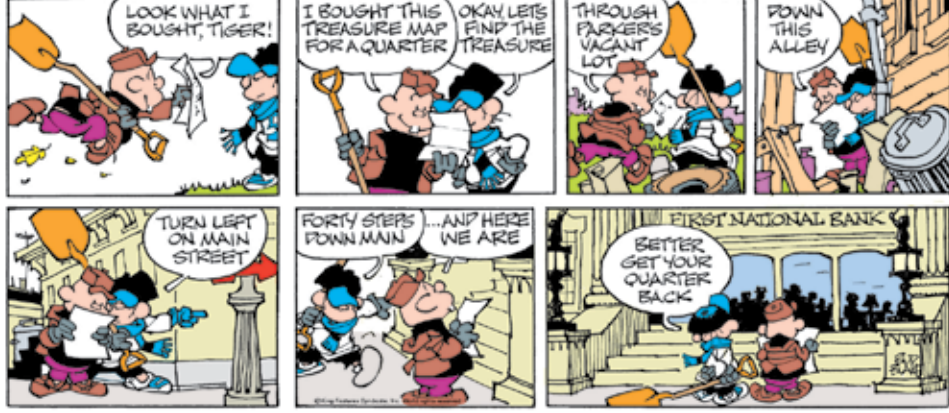
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

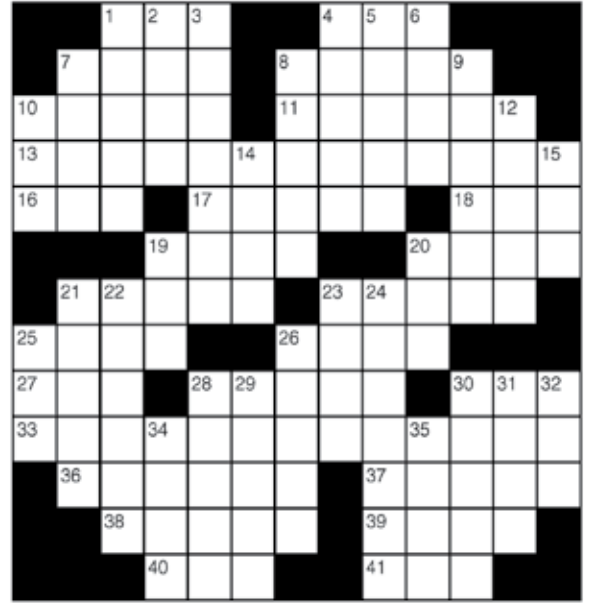
Differences: 1. Fingers are not showing. 2. Counter is not as wide. 3. Hand is moved. 4. Mouth is open. 5. Straw is different. 6. Table is thicker.

Trivia Test Answers:
1. Australia (Oceania); 2. Wade Wilson; 3. 128; 4. Marty Byrde; 5. Punt; 6. Detroit, Michigan; 7. "Pride and Prejudice"; 8. The cheetah; 9. Muscle twitch; 10. "Great work"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Kitten's cry
- 4 Bit of advice
- 7 Prop for Sherlock
- 8 Vice President Burr
- 10 Ancient Greek region
- 11 Future ferns
- 13 Mental agility
- 16 Rds.
- 17 Pitchers
- 18 Stickum
- 19 Unpaid TV ads
- 20 Close
- 21 Revue segments
- 23 Lover's meeting



- 25 Smack a baseball
- 26 1982 sci-fi film
- 27 Signing need
- 28 "- of One's Own"
- 30 1959 Kingston Trio hit
- 33 Burger King, for one
- 36 Kilt pattern
- 37 Lubricated
- 38 Canary snacks

- 39 Hosp. scans
- 40 Triage ctrs.
- 41 Salty expanse
- 9 Stallion sounds
- 10 Mensa stats
- 12 Animal's nose
- 14 "Jabberwocky" starter
- 15 Inherited
- 19 Peach center
- 20 Wd. from Roget
- 21 Hard work
- 22 Sunflower State
- 23 Walked (on)
- 24 Date movies, for short
- 25 Beach lotion letters
- 26 Animated figures
- 28 Pursuing
- 29 Highways
- 30 Sasha's sister
- 31 Alliances
- 32 Moreover
- 34 Sloth's home
- 35 Employ

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Solution time: 24 mins.
Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the smallest continent by area?
2. MOVIES: What is Deadpool's real name in the movie series?
3. MEASUREMENTS: How many ounces are in 1 gallon?
4. TELEVISION: What is the name of the character that Jason Bateman plays in "Ozark"?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the dimple at the bottom of a wine bottle called?
6. U.S. CITIES: Which city also is known as Motown?
7. LITERATURE: The movie "Bridget Jones Diary" is loosely based on which novel?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only big cat that doesn't roar?
9. MEDICAL: What is a common name for fasciculation?
10. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin term "magnum opus" mean?

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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.

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Fundraiser for Cherokee Senior Citizens trip. Jan. 18 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Breakfast (bacon, sausage, eggs, hashbrowns, grits, gravy, biscuits, juice, and coffee or tea) for \$15. There will also be a bake sale and a 50/50 raffle. Money raised will go towards the annual senior trip.

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

Beginner Cherokee Language. Jan. 13 to Feb. 19 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. Educator Landon French, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will lead bi-weekly Cherokee language lessons for beginners. This offering is free of charge and open to all. Registration is not required: just show up. Participants are encouraged to attend each session, but drop-ins are welcome. Week 1: Jan. 13 and

15, Week 2: Jan. 20 and 22; Week 3: Jan. 27 and 29, Week 4: Feb. 3 and 5, Week 5: Feb. 10 and 12, and Week 6: Feb. 17 and 19.

Cherokee History & Stories. January through June 2025 on the first Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the TJ Holland Education Room at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. Museum of the Cherokee People welcomes storyteller and historian Kathi Littlejohn, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, for Cherokee History & Stories. This free educational series will explore culturally significant places, stories, and key figures in Cherokee history. All are welcome to listen and learn; no registration is required.

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 Robbins-

ville, 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.)

Qualla Housing Committee.

Jan. 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Parks & Rec. Committee. Jan. 16 at 1 p.m.

Work Session – Noquisi

Mound. Jan. 21 at 9 a.m.

Planning Board. Jan. 21 at 1 p.m.

POW WOW LISTINGS

First Peoples Festival Friendship Pow Wow. Jan. 18-19 at the Estes Park Events Complex


in Estes Park, Colo. MC: Steve LaPointe. Host Northern Drum: Lame Deer. Host Southern Drum: Cozad Jrs. Info: No contact information provided

MMIP Central Oklahoma 3rd Annual Benefit Gourd Dance.

Jan. 25 at the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Chena Building in Tryon, Okla. MC: Coy McLemore. Head Singer: Jake Chappell. Info: (405) 481-4089 or mmip.coc@gmail.com


Seminole Tribal Fair and Pow

Wow. Jan. 31 – Feb. 1 at the Seminole Hard Rock Event Center in Hollywood, Fla. Emcees: Juquin Hamilton and Ruben Little Head. Info: 1-800-683-7800 ext. 11468; Wanda Bowers (954) 444-9827, or Eugenia Osceola (954) 594-2992




Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK
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Nu na, a Chihuahua, lives with Sally Rogers in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)



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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 Analenisgi. Info: www.AAwnc80.com

Cherokee Cancer Support

Group, potluck dinner with a speaker the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Betty's Place, 40 Goose Creek Rd, Cherokee, N.C. Anyone is welcome to attend the potluck. The group provides educational and emotional support to clients and families of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians members with cancer. The group can provide financial assistance for fuel, lodging, and transportation and also can assist with mastectomy items, nutritional supplements, wigs, and related products. The group can

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Shutting people out to avoid distractions, even under a deadline, can cause hurt feelings. Instead, return calls and messages, and explain why you need a zone of privacy for now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although your keen Bull's eyes can usually discern what's fact from what's faux, an upcoming decision will need really solid data before you can risk a commitment.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As your confidence grows, you should be able to work toward your goals with more enthusiasm. Open your mind to suggestions; some of them might even work for you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reconnecting with someone from your past stirs up an old sense of adventure. But before you do anything else, be sure to get answers to any lingering questions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some people might resent the way you plan to resolve a difficult situation. But your commitment to making tough but fair decisions soon wins you their respect and support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Mixed signals could be causing a vexing workplace problem. Before you choose to leave a project, ask for a meeting where you can get things out in the open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your good intentions could backfire if you're not careful with other people's feelings. Try using persuasion, not pressure, to get others to see your side of the situation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your dedication to finishing the task at hand is laudable. But be careful not to overdo the midnight oil bit. Instead, take time for relaxation with someone very special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although your intuition will help you make some tough choices during the first half of the month, you'll need more facts to back up your actions later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All your hard work and research in the workplace finally pays off as you'd hoped it would. Ignore comments from jealous types who are out to get the Goat riled up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unfair decision creates unnecessary problems, but avoid anger and move carefully as you work this out. Expect to get support from an unlikely source.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A fuzzy financial vista persists until the end of the month, when things begin to clear up. You'll also gain a better perspective on how to handle some pesky personal problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of being there for those who need your help in difficult times. You're a very reliable person.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

When the Punishment Does Not Fit the Crime

I had to read the sentence three times before I understood that it really did say what I thought it did: A Department of Veterans Affairs nurse stole pain drugs from dying patients and got a slap on the wrist.

The name was familiar, and I realized that yes, I'd written about this nurse earlier this year when she pleaded guilty to diverting the drugs. I said at the time that the maximum possible sentence of four years was way too short for the crimes.

Specifically, this nurse would take the pain drugs intended for patients in intensive care and only give a partial dose. She would take the rest of the dose herself and falsify the medical records. She did this to one patient alone 19 times in nine days. She even volunteered to care for a certain patient so she could steal his drugs.

The three drugs in question were hydromorphone (which is two to eight times stronger than morphine), fentanyl (which is 50-100 times more potent than morphine and heroin) and oxycodone — all high-power medications for serious pain. Can you imagine being the patient who needed the pain relief and didn't get it?

As someone who once had surgery that required morphine afterward for pain control, I can't imagine the horror of experiencing pain and not getting relief from medication that your doctor has ordered ... because the nurse is stealing it.

And I said at the time, four possible years in prison for these crimes would not be enough.

But now she's finally been sentenced, and what did she get for punishment? Two years of probation. And that's what I had to read three times, because surely it didn't really say that — except it did. And of that two years, the first six months will be home confinement.

I wish someone would explain to me how hanging out at home for a few months and then being on probation is anywhere near the right punishment for these crimes.

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New Year, New Cat

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My parents at Christmas said I'm finally old enough to have a kitten! We are going to the local Humane Society this weekend to adopt one. What suggestions do you have so that I train the kitten right? — William in Manassas, Virginia

DEAR WILLIAM: Grab a book on cat care at the local bookstore or library and read it cover to cover. While cats are considered to be easier to care for than dogs, they still need to be properly house-trained and given a routine (which helps immensely with reducing anxiety-related behaviors, too).

I'm sure you've already stocked up on kitten food, though it's a good idea not to buy too much to begin with. You'll want to try a few different brands and types of food — dry, wet or fresh — to see what the kitten likes and how well he responds to each.

When you pick up your new kitten, talk to the shelter staff to learn about any particular behaviors the kitten has, any health issues that need monitoring, and any advice they have for getting him or her settled in. Cats being prepared for adoption are sometimes fostered out to make sure they can live easily with humans and to observe them for any health or behavioral issues that need to be ironed out before they're ready to go to a forever family. The shelter will have that information for you so that there are no surprises (like territorial peeing).

Congratulations, and best of luck! Sounds like you will soon have a new friend in the household.

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

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

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

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

Life@WesternCarolina. each

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

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

WNC and BEYOND EVENTS Carolina Cruiser (Congressman Chuck Edwards' mobile office). Jan. 16 from 10 a.m. to

11:30 a.m. at the Swain County Visitor Center and Heritage Museum at 265 Main St. in Bryson City, N.C.

Lester Laminack to present book ("A Cat Like That"). Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. at the City Lights Bookstore at 3 E. Jackson St. in Sylva, N.C. He will present his new children's book, "A Cat Like That", an entertaining tale about a day in the life of an island cat.

Brian Lee Knopp to present book ("Dreams I'm Never Gonna See: The Takeover of WDIZ Rock 100/FM and Other Essays"). Jan. 18 at 3 p.m. at the City Lights Bookstore at 3 E. Jackson St. in Sylva, N.C. The title piece relates the takeover of central Florida's hottest rock radio station by the Ida Lupino Liberation Organization, of which he was a member.

Sydney Kale presents "The Love Language of Plants". Jan. 23 at 6 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore at 3 E. Jackson St. in Sylva, N.C. "The Love Language of Plants" is a collection of co-authored essays written by a human and her plants. These heartfelt essays capture intimate moments and encounters between human and plant, where connections

are forged through the shared language of experience and love, simultaneously transcending and embracing species boundaries.

Asheville authors Andrew K. Clark and Nathan Ballingrud reading. Jan. 25 at 3 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore at 3 E. Jackson St. in Sylva, N.C. They will present their new novels "Where Dark Things Grow" and "Crypt of the Moon Spider".

Authors Clint Bowman and Emma Ensley reading. Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore at 3 E. Jackson St. in Sylva, N.C. Bowman will read from his latest poetry collection "If Lost", and Ensley will read from her forthcoming story collection "The Computer Room".

Georgia History Festival's Super Museum Sunday. Feb. 9 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Chief Vann House Georgia State Historic Site at 82 Hwy 225N in Chatsworth, Ga. Admission is waived and everyone can tour the historic Cherokee plantation home, Vann Kitchen/Workhouse Cabin, 1800s Cherokee Farmstead cabins, and the Visitor Center with a 15-minute film. Info: (706) 695-2598, vann_house_park@dnr.ga.gov

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Archaeology Day. April 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chief Vann House Georgia State Historic Site at 82 Hwy 225N in Chatsworth, Ga. See tools of an archaeologist, artifacts from the Vann's era, participate in a "digging" activity, and enjoy other archaeology-themed activities. No archaeological digging on this day. Info: (706) 695-2598, vann_house_park@dnr.ga.gov

Vann House Day. July 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chief Vann House Georgia State Historic Site at 82 Hwy 225N in Chatsworth, Ga. Demonstrations and activities like that of an 1800s farming family. Local craftspeople will demonstrate 19th century skills such as blacksmithing, quilting, weaving, blow guns, and more. The Vann Mansion, Cherokee Farmstead, Vann Kitchen, and Museum will be open for self-guided tours. Enjoy live fiddle music. Info: (706) 695-2598, vann_house_park@dnr.ga.gov

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 10:30 a.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 Mission-

ary 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

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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

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

BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hebrews (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Matthew 16:23, to whom did Jesus say, “Get thee behind me, Satan”? *Andrew, Rizpah, Elijah, Peter*
3. Who was stoned to death for preaching that Jesus was the Savior? *Stephen, Joel, Asa, Malachi*
4. How many men did Nebuchadnezzar see walking in the fiery furnace? *2, 4, 20, 40*
5. According to Luke 2:4, what village was known as “The City of David”? *Nimrod, Antioch, Bethlehem, Babylon*
6. From the Bible, who could be called “Mr. Patience”? *Naaman, Jairus, Philippi, Job*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Peter, 3) Stephen, 4) Four, 5) Bethlehem, 6) Job
Find expanded trivia online with Wilson Casey at www.patreon.com/triviaguy. FREE TRIAL!

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Moments in time

• On **Jan. 27, 1906**, Norwegian speed skater Rudolf Gundersen set an impressive world record in a 500-meter speed skating event in Davos, Switzerland, completing the distance in just 44.8 seconds.

• On **Jan. 28, 1917**, a maid named Carmelita Torres objected to the chemical delousing frequently given to Mexicans crossing into the U.S. by initially refusing to leave the trolley carrying her and other immigrant workers, then hurling whatever she and her fellow riders could find at American authorities in what became known as the Bath Riots, which lasted through the following day.

• On **Jan. 29, 1958**, one of Hollywood’s most enduring marriages began in Las Vegas, Nevada, when actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward tied the knot. The union lasted until Newman’s death from lung cancer in 2008, at the age of 83.

• On **Jan. 30, 1835**, Andrew Jackson experienced the dubious distinction of being the first American president to be the victim of an assassination attempt. He clubbed the attacker, Richard Lawrence, several times with his cane and escaped angry but unscathed, thanks to both of Lawrence’s guns misfiring, and Lawrence spent the rest of his days in a mental institution.

• On **Jan. 31, 1945**, Private Eddie Slovik was shot and killed by a 12-man firing squad in eastern France, making him the first American soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion.

• On **Feb. 1, 2003**, the Space Shuttle Columbia broke up while entering Earth’s atmosphere over Texas, killing all seven crew members. Strangely, worms used in a study by the crew, that were stored in a canister aboard the shuttle, did survive.

• On **Feb. 2, 1897**, inventor and businessman Alfred Cralle, a porter at the Markell Brothers drugstore in Pittsburgh, patented the first ice cream scoop, which he called the “ice-cream mold and disher.” The Pittsburgh Press reported that the scoop could serve up “40 to 50 dishes of ice cream in a minute,” while avoiding “the soiling of the hands.” Cralle was the first Black man in Pittsburgh to receive his own patent.

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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 Creek Missionary Baptist Church. 240 Sherrill Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening

service 6 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Pastor Rev. Ned Welch. Check our FB Page "Rock Creek Baptist Church" for the latest updates.

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 morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday evening service 7 p.m., third Saturday singing 7 p.m. Pastor Ernie Cable. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

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

Confirmation hearing for Larry Blythe to the TCGE Board of Advisors

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 9:30 a.m.
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.

These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A.

Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

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

The final date for public comment will be
Wednesday, Jan. 15.



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Advertise your item in the Cherokee One Feather classifieds. All items under \$25,000 are **FREE** of charge. Send your listing - up to 30 words - to Indica Climbingbear at indiclim1@ebci-nsn.gov or Cherokeonefeather1966@gmail.com.



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BRYSON CITY RENTALS:
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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**

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**

Land for sale - \$28,700.00 total for 3 lots. #1-0.77, #2-1.10, #3-0.75 acre, Tax value \$60,670.00 Located in Whittier, NC, Jackson County, Upper Sawbuck Ridge. Easy access to Hwy 441 828-506-9364. **1/22**

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

Dianna Brady
P.O. Box 1738
Cherokee, NC 28719
1/22

construction of a 70-unit apartment complex with commercial space, extensive parking, and modern amenities like streetlights, a sprinkler system, and security cameras. This significant investment in local infrastructure also includes important cultural and environmental considerations. Interested parties should contact Jacob George at jacogeor@ebci-nsn.gov or 828-359-6931 for more details. **1/15**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing Division is inviting proposals for a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) to oversee the development of the Whitetree Court Apartment Complex. This ambitious project includes the

Request for Qualifications

Procurement of Architectural Services for New Robbinsville Elementary School

The Graham County Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") is accepting submittals for architectural services for a new Robbinsville Elementary School, to be

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

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construction on a land owned by the Board adjacent or near to the current Robbinsville High School and Middle School buildings (collectively, the "Project").

The Board is hereby soliciting responses from capable and experienced architecture firms. A selection committee will determine a first and an alternate candidate and negotiate scope and fee to be considered by the Board. If an agreement cannot be reached with the selected candidate, negotiations with the alternate will

commence.

It is anticipated that the Board will select the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) delivery method; the selected architect shall work in cooperation with the Board of Education and selected CMAR to design and construct the Project in line with the Board's programmatic needs, standards, goals, schedule, and budget endorsed by the Board.

Deadline for receipt of responses is January 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. A short list of firms will

be determined, and the Board will interview the design teams with a selection being made in early February, 2025.

The full RFQ including a statement better defining the scope of work is available on the Graham County Schools website at www.graham.k12.nc.us. All questions, inquiries and submittals shall be made only to:

David Matheson Assistant Superintendent Graham County Schools 52 Moose Branch Road Robbinsville, NC 28771

Phone: (828) 479-9820, ext. 1012
Fax: (828) 479-9844
Email: dmatheson@graham.k12.nc.us

Under no circumstances shall contacts be made with other Graham County Schools' personnel or members of the Board regarding this Request for Qualifications and selection process. Based upon interviews, a firm and alternate will be named followed by negotiations for a service fee.

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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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Who can apply?

Applicants must be ages 18-34 and a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe, Band, and/or Village (will need to complete a Form 4432), with a HS diploma or GED.

Where is the program?

Open positions are located across the United States with host sites ranging from the Fish & Wildlife Service to Wildlife Refuges to the Forest Service & more!

What are the benefits?

- \$600 living allowance per week
- \$3,447 AmeriCorps Education Award
- Professional Development Funds for site specific training
- Student loan forbearance during AmeriCorps service
- Educational and professional experience

When is the program?

Positions will start between May-June 2024 and last 26 weeks



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 Inpatient Technician –PTI – Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26
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 Employment Specialist - Kanvwotiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134
 PA/NP Psychiatry – ANA Inpatient – PTI
 Residential Support – Female - PTRWOB - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

DIETARY

Food Service Supervisor - \$19.66 - \$22.25

EXECUTIVE/ ADMINISTRATION

Administrative Assistant - Nursing/Medical - \$19.66 - \$22.25

FINANCE

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25

IT

Information Security Technician - \$24.55 - \$27.99

MEDICAL

Physician - \$157,686 - \$197,108 (Primary Care, Pediatrics)
 Physician – Emergency Department FT - \$227,068 - \$283,835
 Physician - Emergency Department - Part Time (up to 20 hours per week) - \$227,068 - \$283,835
 Clinical Dietitian - \$50,723 - \$63,404
 PA/NP – PTI Analenisgi Inpatient – Psychiatry - \$109,504 - \$136,880
 PA/NP – Advanced Practice Provider - Emergency Department – PTI - \$109,504.00 – \$136,880.00

THIRD PARTY RESOURCE

Medicaid Coordinator - \$22.76 - \$25.89

TRIBAL OPTIONS

Tribal Options Business Analyst - \$67,082 - \$83,852

NURSING

Specialty Services Nurse Supervisor – Procedure Suite - \$36.56 - \$42.11
 RN Care Manager - \$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus (Primary Care, Diabetes)
 LPN/CMA – Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
 C.M.S - \$18.32 - \$20.67 (Diabetes, Pediatrics, Primary Care, JVN)
 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
 ED RN – PTR - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
 Inpatient RN – PTI - \$33.68 - \$38.72
 RN – ER - \$33.68 - \$38.72 – PTRWB - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
 RN – Inpatient - \$33.68 – \$38.72 – PTI
 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)
 RN – Immediate Care Center - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000 - Hiring Bonus
 RN Supervisor – ED - \$35.56 - \$42.11
 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)
 Clinical Nurse Educator \$67,082 - \$83,852

OPERATIONS

Advanced Clinical Pharmacist - \$117,326 - \$146,658
 Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67
 Dental Hygienist - \$67,082 - \$83,852
 Dentist - CIHA and Satellite
 Dentist-Pediatrics
 Clinical Pharmacist – PTI - \$102,023 - \$153,034
 Eye Clinic Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 – \$20.67
 Pharmacy Technician III - \$21.13 – \$23.98
 Certified Occupation Therapist Assistant I - \$22.76 - \$25.89

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Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$22.76 - \$25.89 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
 Registered Nurse - \$35.00 - \$40.22 - **\$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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
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1. Director of Business Enterprises – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L17 \$74,148 - \$92,685)

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1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

2. Child Advocate Coordinator – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)

3. Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$19.13 - \$23.92 per hour)

4. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

5. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

6. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

7. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L12 \$21.41 - \$26.76 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

8. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

9. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.29 - \$20.37 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)

11. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)

12. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$100,232 - \$133,643)

13. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$73,927 - \$98,570)

14. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)

15. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$19.61 - \$24.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

16. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$25.79 - \$32.25 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

17. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$16.21 - \$20.26 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

18. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$28.57 - \$35.71 per hour)

19. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.02 - \$22.53 per hour)

20. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

21. Part-time Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$35,568 - \$42,144)

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

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

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

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

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

Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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





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