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Healing is culture

New Museum exhibit on view at CIHA

Submitted by Museum of the Cherokee People

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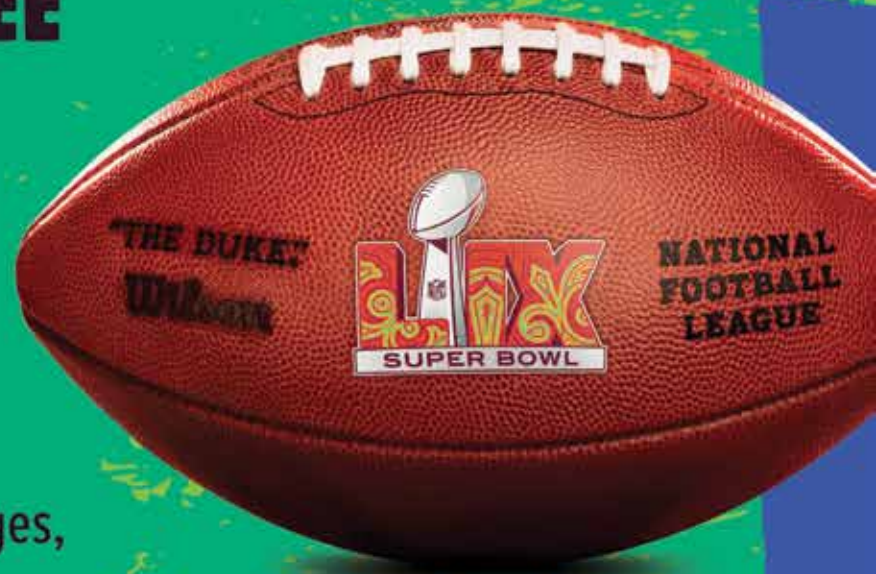
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cultural practices, Cherokee people have continuously found physical, mental, and emotional healing through ceremony.

“We are honored to host this exhibit outside of the Analenigsi Recovery Center,” said Cherokee Indian Hospital CEO Casey Cooper. This exhibit elevates traditional pathways to healing - pathways that remain vital to the health and well-being of the Cherokee people. By highlighting the success stories of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who have embraced Cherokee medicine and ceremony to heal from mental health challenges and substance abuse, we endeavor to inspire others and reaffirm the power of cultural practices. This is more than an exhibit; it is a testament to our resilience, our heritage, and our commitment to fostering culturally rooted healing for the next seven generations of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

Alongside historic objects and photographs from the Museum’s collections, the exhibit uplifts living, first-person perspectives from Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal members who have found healing in Cherokee culture and experienced the transformative impact of reconnection. Nvwoti is curated by Museum Director of Education Dakota Brown and Director of Collections and Exhibitions Evan Mathis. The exhibition, on view through Dec. 31 was designed by Tyra Maney, Museum designer.

“One of CIHA’s Guiding Principles, ᎠᎵᎾᎿ - ‘It belongs to you’ - is at the heart of the work we do and the care we provide and for me, this exhibit exemplifies the ownership we take in our own health,” said Zane Wachacha, Museum of the Cherokee People board member

and Performance Improvement Specialist at CIHA. “Healthcare for the Eastern Band was not a gift but a right purchased by our ancestors through treaties, paid for with unimaginable sacrifices. This exhibit serves as a powerful reminder that our healthcare system, much like our cultural practices, is a legacy entrusted to us. By sharing stories of healing through Cherokee medicine and ceremony, we honor the resilience of our people and ensure that this inheritance continues to empower future generations.”

As the tribal museum of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Museum is honored to offer resources for Cherokee people interested in deepening their connection to culture or learning more about their tribal and family history. To book a private appointment to view the Museum’s archival and object collections, conduct research, or to schedule a genealogy appointment, please contact collections@motcp.org.

ᎠᎵᎾᎿ Nvwoti: Healing is Culture Main Interpretative Panel

Healing is Culture
Healing is an important part of Cherokee culture and ideology, and the roots of trauma in our community are firmly connected to a long history of systematic oppression by the federal government. The intentional attempted removal of Cherokee ceremonial practices has left many in our community seeking reconnection. Despite these attempts, Cherokee pathways to healing have endured and many have found physical, mental, and emotional healing through community and ceremony.

Quotes on the Main Interpretative Panel

“I spent years chasing or following people and trends trying to find out who I was or where I fit in. Our

culture was all I ever needed. The more you learn about how we lived and the things we did, the more you will understand yourself, your place in this world, and how we are supposed to live.”

- *Levi West, (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, b. 1989)*

“The opposite of addiction is connection, and there is no greater connection than being Indigenous, being Cherokee! Culture really is the answer for me, and I know for a fact it’s how I made it as far as I have.”

- *Rob Martens, (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, b. 1981)*

“The sound of my shells shaking and the leaders singing gives me a powerful feeling that I never thought I could experience. To be a part of something so sacred and special to our culture and being looked up to by others . . . it gives me a sense of honor and a meaning to my life that alcohol could never give on any night of the week. Culture and ceremony have changed my life.”

- *Alea Tisho, (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, b. 1996)*

Objects in exhibit

1: Photograph (Untitled), 1935, Photograph of Will West Long (EBCI) holding an eagle feather dance wand and a gourd rattle. Frank G. Speck (b. 1881, d. 1950), Collection of the Penn Museum, 380083 (Penn Museum)

2: Photograph (Untitled), circa 1920’s, Cherokee traditional dancers performing the women’s dance, singer with water drum at the Cherokee Indian Fair in the 1920’s. Artist Once Known, Shephard Photo Collection, 2011.201.0001.20

3: Photograph (Untitled), 2024, Community Stomp Dancing at the 2024 Cherokee Winter Social on January 27th, 2024. Kristy Maney Herron, (Eastern Band of Chero-

kee Indians, Diné, b. 1979), Image Courtesy of the Artist

4: Photograph (Untitled), 1948, Big Cove dancers performing the Horse Dance at the old Cherokee Fair Grounds in 1948. Left to Right: Morgan Wolfe, person once known, Jim Driver, Sr., Wallie Driver, person once known, Lizzie Sequoyah, person once known, person once known; 2nd row center Allen Long. Artist Once Known, Collection of the Museum of the Cherokee People, 2009.002.0100.2

5: Mask (Untitled), A-ni-go-di-ge-wi (Wild Potato) Clan mask. Butternut wood, horsehair. Paul Hornbuckle, (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, b. 1959), Collection of the Museum of the Cherokee People, 2019.202.0004

6: Mask (Untitled), Booger mask showing a smiling expression with tongue sticking out. Buckeye wood, paint. John Julius Wilnoty, (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, b. 1940, d. 2016), Collection of the Museum of the Cherokee People, 2019.202.0011

7: Mask (Untitled), 1963, Yo-na (bear) dance mask. Bass wood, black paint, red fingernail polish. Sim Jessan, (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, b. 1903, d. 1982), Collection of the Museum of the Cherokee People, 2019.203.0001

8: Mask (Untitled), Booger mask with large eyes and pyrography designs present on the nose. Buckeye wood, paint, pyrography. John Julius Wilnoty, (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, b. 1940, d. 2016), Collection of the Museum of the Cherokee People, 2020.91520.0140

9: Mask (Untitled), A-ni-gi-lo-hi (Long Hair) Clan mask. Butternut wood, horsehair. Paul Hornbuckle, (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, b. 1959), Collection of the Museum of the Cherokee People, 2019.202.0003

Cherokee Police Commission holds first meeting of 2025

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Police Commission held their first meeting of 2025, including the newly sworn commissioners, in the Ginger Lynn Welch building on the afternoon of Thursday, Jan. 16.

Commissioners in attendance were Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove), Rick Queen (Wayohi, Wolfstown), Regina Rosario (Aniwodihi, Painttown), Kym Parker (At-Large), Hillary Norville (Tutiya, Snowbird & Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.), Israel Rodriguez (At-Large), Anita Lossiah (Elawodi, Yellowhill), and Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown). Guests in attendance were Cher-

okee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Attorney Cody White, Cherokee One Feather Editor Robert Jumper, and Cherokee One Feather Reporter Brooklyn Brown. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by former Chairperson Crowe

The commission elected new officers. The first election was for the position of chairperson. Johnson nominated Crowe. Rodriguez nominated Lossiah. Norville, Parker, Rosario, Rodriguez, and Lossiah voted for Lossiah. Queen, Johnson, and Crowe voted for Crowe. Lossiah was elected as chairperson and moved to conduct the rest of the meeting.

Rosario nominated Crowe for vice chairperson, and Crowe was the sole nominee. Crowe was elect-

ed as vice chairperson.

Crowe nominated Parker for secretary, but Parker withdrew her name from consideration. Rosario nominated Norville, but Norville also withdrew her name from consideration. Parker nominated Rodriguez, and Rodriguez was elected as secretary. Queen volunteered to assist Rodriguez with his various roles as secretary, including minute keeping and distributing the agenda.

Rosario nominated Parker for treasurer. Rodriguez nominated Johnson, but Johnson withdrew his name for consideration. Parker was elected as treasurer. Johnson and Norville volunteered to assist Parker in the various roles of treasurer, including monthly stipend processing, travel and training spending, and overseeing the budget.

In orientation of the new commissioners, Chairperson Lossiah stated that the purpose of the commission was the oversight of law enforcement and the public safety of the community. The commissioners will be completing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) training at a future meeting.

White provided the monthly report for CIPD. White noted in the report that overdoses in 2024, both fatal and non-fatal, have decreased significantly since 2023, with an average of 10 per month in 2023, which decreased to 5 per month in 2024. White reiterated that CIPD is supposed to be involved in every overdose that is called in to dispatch. He emphasized that in fatal overdoses, CIPD starts an immediate investigation into death by distribution. White also noted that CIPD keeps naloxone (Narcan) readily available in

Cherokee tribal courts, the clerk's office, and the front desk of the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center.

The report included that special victim crimes were the most common on average in 2024, with an average of 79 cases per month. Rodriguez asked White how the commission could help to decrease that number. White encouraged the commissioners to discuss the importance of reporting special victim crimes with their communities, rather than protecting offenders. White said reporting helps to create a bell-curve effect, where numbers of cases increase, but crime eventually decreases with the conviction of offenders.

Rosario asked about prosecution of mothers for babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS). White said prosecution is difficult because of jurisdiction issues, as the prosecution must prove that the mother used drugs in the jurisdiction of the court, but convictions are possible if there is proof of drug use in the associated jurisdiction.

White said he is currently prosecuting tribal court cases for the prosecutor's office due to staffing shortages, but applications are open, and the office is working on contracting prosecutors.

White shared that cameras are now positioned around the Qualla Boundary that have the capability to read license plates that may be connected to AMBER alerts or other criminal activity.

Rosario asked about the new evidence building, which White responded is currently being built in the gravel lot below the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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CHEROKEE, N.C. - In fall 2024, the Cherokee Preservation Foundation awarded 10 grants to partners within Western North Carolina. Grants totaled more than \$2.1 million and were awarded to projects advancing the Foundation's mission of improving the quality of life for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and neighboring communities.

The 2024 fall grants were awarded to the following organizations and programs:

- **Western Carolina University** - To support Cherokee language learning through Western Carolina University programming, which will increase the chances for survival of the Cherokee language for

future generations - \$223,014

- **EBCI Division of Commerce** - To support the marketing efforts of the Greater Cherokee Tourism Council (GCTC) and increase visitation by diversifying attractions & amenities in the town of Cherokee - \$1,075,000

- **Mountain Discovery Charter School** - To support EBCI youth in developing a sense of awareness and cultural identity - \$7,860

- **Museum of The Cherokee People** - To increase the visitation and sustainability of the Museum of the Cherokee People by purchasing Cherokee artwork - \$40,000

- **Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute - Right Path Lead-**

- ership** - Fiscal Agent: Cherokee Boys Club - To implement the SGAOT Right Path program to develop cultural leadership opportunities for the Cherokee community based on the Cherokee Core Values and world view - \$133,329

- **Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute - Cherokee Youth Council** - Fiscal Agent: Cherokee Boys Club - To support the Cherokee Youth Council's efforts to create selfless leaders with a traditional Cherokee world view who are also grounded in Cherokee Core values - \$198,924

- **Conserving Carolina** - To increase the availability of white oak, rivercane, and yellowroot for Cherokee artisans - \$49,500

- **Western Region Educational Service Alliance (WRESA)** - To prepare the town of Cherokee's future workforce with digital mastery and literacy skills - \$206,855

- **The Center for Native Health, Inc.** - To identify, expand, and protect traditional Cherokee artisan resources for future generations - \$114,300

- **WNC Nonprofit Pathways** - Fiscal Agent: Community Foundation of WNC - To support Cherokee and regional nonprofit organizations in enhancing sustainability and project impact through focused development and strategic initiatives - \$88,200

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Stress & Healing Arts Retreat: Cost is free but only a limited number of participants are accepted. Dates are Wednesday, March 19th (8:00-4:30 pm) & Thursday, March 20th (8:00 am - 3:30pm). Learn about stress & healthy ways to manage it. Learn about grief & trauma and how to process it within yourself. Also, experience massage, healing touch, sound therapy, yoga, crafts, and much more. Contact Yolanda at 359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov or Tori at 359-6778 or victram@ebci-nsn.gov for more information. Deadline for applications is Monday, March 3.

Meditation is shown to increase focus, reduce stress, and promote calmness. Everyone is welcome to join. Classes meet Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30 and February 6 from 12:00 – 12:50 in the Cherokee Choices Yoga room. Class limited to 10 participants. Text Nancy @ 828-688-0530 or email nancstep@ebci-nsn.gov

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Healthy New Year Lunch and Learn Series: Thursdays @ Noon Starting January 30th Come enjoy a FREE lunch while learning how nutrition can help to prevent and manage chronic disease such as diabetes, cancer, osteoporosis and how it can impact mental health. To sign up contact April @ 359-6201 or apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov

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Beginner Pilates: Pilates is a type of exercise that helps improve strength, stability and flexibility. This is a beginner level class but all levels are welcome! Mondays @ Noon Starting January 27th . Space is limited. To sign up contact April @ 359-6201 or apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Jan. 6-12, 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 theonefeather.com.

Cline, Damion Dae – age 29
Arrested: Jan. 6
Released: Jan. 7
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Wahnetah, Dylan Keith – age 38
Arrested: Jan. 6
Released: Jan. 7

Charges: Second Degree Trespassing; Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (two counts); Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance; Possession of a Controlled Substance

Wolf, Brittany Lynn – age 29
Arrested: Jan. 6
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 13)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Probation Violation

Bark, Brandon Jordache – age 34
Arrested: Jan. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 13)
Charges: Assault by Strangulation (three counts); Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (two counts);

Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury (two counts); Assault on a Child; Child Abuse in the Second Degree (seven counts); Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray; Pre-Trial Release Violation; Child Abuse in the First Degree

Figueroa, Francisco Kalvloi – age 23
Arrested: Jan. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 13)
Charges: Public Intoxication, Reckless Endangerment

Jackson, Kendall Luanne – age 30
Arrested: Jan. 8
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 13)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Sanchez, Mauricio – age 33
Arrested: Jan. 8
Released: Jan. 8
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Davis, Jeremiah Israel-Dementric – age 26
Arrested: Jan. 10
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 13)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Driving While License Revoked, Resisting Public Officer

George, Michael Anthony – age 31
Arrested: Jan. 12
Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 13)
Charges: Probation Violation

Panther, Rodney Allen – age 38
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Released: Jan. 12
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

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Cherokee Names in Big Cove

Big Cove, “The place of the Raven”, kalan-vyi, we also have names for Bunches Creek, the name of the Beaver dayunah. Indian creek which branches of Bunches creek “Where the community sat”, gaduananati. Another area called Heintooga is called untuga – “where a group of people are taking a drink”. There may be a spring there. Straight Fork, steshkv, it’s a kind of sallet that grew in that area. The plant itself is called, usteshkv, it was gathered and fixed like you would greens from the garden. In the Sherrill Cove area where I was born and raised, its called gadudeganiha ama, “where the water is on top”.

- Words by the late EBCI Beloved Man Dr. Jerry Wolfe



Source: “Cherokee Heritage Trails Guidebook”, by Dr Barbara Duncan and Dr. Brett Riggs
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4th Grade Principal Honor Roll: Alaina Smith, Alex Holiday, Amaye Bradley, Bradley Allison, Cecilia Armachain, Charlie Driver, Chloe Rivera, Cooper Stamper, Dominic Cline, Isabella Conseen, Izley Bell, Jax Panther, Jenesis Diaz, Krezdon West, Kylee Teesateskie, Linus Freeman, Luci Cash, Maylynn Walkingstick, Nathaniel Solis, Nikola Thomas, Preston Trampler, Rhyder Lambert, Roman Thompson, Roxanna Rattler, Taelen Arch, Tehya Lin-

coln, Tinley Ross, Xerena Locust, Yona -uweluga Swimmer
4th Grade A Honor Roll: Jackson Addy, Lawson Martinez
4th Grade B Honor Roll: Ahnewake Streets, Alana Swayney, Andre Williams, Anna Jackson, Brayden Arch, Charles Maney, Cheydon Calhoun, Clarence Thompson, Dai'myah Toineeta, Daisy Jenkins, Demetri Taylor, Gracelyn Welch, Henry Ensley, Herbert Johnson, Israel Solis, Jaiva Brown, Joseph Crowe, Kaia Crowe, Kimee Crowe, Olivia Sampson, Penelope Stamper, Reichen Mahan, Ryan Lambert, Saphira Crowe-Darguzas, Travis Bautista, Xaiden Bigmeat
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9th grade

Principal's Honor Roll:

Jessica Arsana, Lillian Bradley, Zohanet Colon-Maysonet, Kahya Cucumber, Khloe Cucumber, Zoe De Los Reyes, Jean Layno, Lilly Lossiah, Wakinyan Raines, Kiara Sneed, Annaleigha Vesser, Makayla Vesser,

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Oocumma, Roxy Solis, Thomas Tramper, Aliyah Watty, Cainyan Welch,

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10th grade

Principal's Honor Roll:

Emilee Brady, Livia Crowe, Reginald Hyatt, Johnny Long, Chaz Martens, Elizabeth Myers, Utsela Saunooke, Annie Tramper,

Alpha Honor Roll: Nayaa Addo, Carter Bird, Brandon Blankenship, Jarvis Brady, Jezeiah Driver, William Ellwood, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Alexis Grimes, Kayla Guillen, Courtney Hitt, Kyitan Johnson, Drallen Ledford, Denver Porterfield, Joscelyn Stamper, Kaden Stephens, O-Ga-Na Swimmer, Kingston Welch,

Beta Honor Roll: Jade Arneach, Martin Arteaga, Dillon Beam, Elias Blankenship, Jayden Bradley, Trennan Calhoun, Marley Crowe, Ayaisha Driver, Kymani Foalima, Kiowa George, Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Ayanna Lambert, Kolbey Littlejohn, Chloe Locust, Deanna Long, Christian Luna-Martinez, Emily Maney, Jamee McMillan, Levi Oocumma, Dawson Panther, Aaliyah Rogers, Kylen Sneed, Luke Stamper, Addison Stewart, Auron Taylor, Journey Watty, Madigan Welch, Dalton Yates,

11th grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Tayvin Bark-Cruz, Brihana Burgos Delgado, Javan Garcia, Oscar

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Alpha Honor Roll: Marleigh Aguilera, Francesca Armachain, Maya Brabham, Audrina Cooper, Elora Fuson, Jayvin George, Leland Locust, Leilah Lossie, Christian Malloy, Matix Stamper,

Beta Honor Roll: U-sgwa-nigdi A-kwi-na, Krenston Armachain, Kyrus Bell, Logan Biddix, Owen Bird, Traelin Carey, Trinity Clark, Talan Crowe, Zayden Crowe, Payton Driver, Adaneti Durham, Da-Wo-Ni Dv-di-s-di, Tsa-li Dv-di-s-di, Taylor Kazhe, Shawnee Kirkland, Josilyn Ledford, Marlee Hicks, Lexcy Ortiz, Dailin Panther, Jaime Panther, Jadence Saunooke, Jocelyn Saunooke, Yvonne Saunooke, Jonathan Saylor, Nia Sequoyah, Gabriella Smith, Keith Smith, Izabella Terrell, Sara Toineeta, Jayden Tramper, Dominic Williams,

12th grade

Principal's honor roll: Kendra Arch, Paytyn Barker, Lillian Blythe-Ramos, Kennica Bradley, Jessie Catolster-Hernandez, Julian C Castro-Wachacha, Noqwisi Crowe, Jada Cruz, Alexis

Davis, Emery Driver, Isabelle Fourkillerj-Raby, Gideon Freeman, Kiri Hill, Abreana Hornbuckle, Cameron Jackson, Amiya Lequire, Kyla Moore, Nevayah Panther, Sadie Rivera-Gomez, Thomas Sequoyah, Elijah Squirrel, Marilyn Swayney, Keeifer Taylor, Tyruss Thompson, Addyson Welch, William E. Welch,

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OBITUARIES ƆHƆR

Lloyd Leslie Ledford

Lloyd Leslie Ledford, age 66, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025.

Lloyd loved going to car shows with Les Murphy and playing guitar. But his passion was building and restoring old cars.

Lloyd is preceded by his parents, Noah Ledford Sr. and Geneva Tsigoih; grandparents, Riley Ledford and Polly Graybeard Ledford; brothers, Jake Allen Ledford, John Richard Ledford, Charlie Ledford, and Noah Ledford Jr.; and sisters, Annette Ledford Braun, Virginia Ledford, Polly Ledford, and Ruth Ledford Long.

He is survived by his daughter, Michelle Standingdeer; two grandchildren, Halie and Lauren Standingdeer; brother, Sonny Led-

ford; sisters, Vera Ledford, Betty Ledford, and Golinda Ledford; many nieces and nephews; and special friends, Sammi Walkingstick, Willis Davis, Mernie Taylor, and Harry Taylor.

A private family service was held on Thursday, Jan. 9.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements

Bernard Kenneth Biddle Jr.

Bernard Kenneth Biddle Jr., age 73, also known as "Kenny", passed away at Vero Health and Rehab on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025, after an extended illness.

Kenny loved his cats, Kipper, Phoebe and Special Dog, Lucy. He was caring and loving of other people. He loved his grandchildren with all his heart.

He is survived by his loving companion of 27 years, Lillie

Squirrel; children, Rebecca Sneed (Jayson), Desmond Biddle (Kristin), and Angel Cobb; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; brother, Darwin Biddle; and sisters, Sharon McCoy and Leticia George also survive.

Kenny is preceded by his parents, Bernard K. Biddle Sr. and Edna Arch; sister, Martha Biddle; and grandson, Xavier Squirrel.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at Bethabara Baptist Church.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Agnes Irene Price Gerding

Aug. 27, 1930 – Jan. 14, 2025

Agnes I. Gerding went peacefully to be with her Lord on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, at the age of 94. Agnes was preceded in death by

her husband, Fred William Gerding, and sons Donnie Gerding and Alvin Gerding.

Agnes leaves behind her surviving children, daughters Barbara Gerding Owen, Debra Gerding Rickman, Kathleen Murphy Gerding and sons Robert Gerding and David Gerding; and also four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

In the 1960's, early 1970's she worked for the National Park Service at the Oconaluftee Visitor Center and as a participant on the National Park's Oconaluftee Farmstead where she operated the weaving loom. When she left the Park Service, she continued to work seasonal retail jobs in Cherokee, N.C., working until the age of 89. She loved people and the interaction that this work afforded; however, as age caught up to her,

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she had to discontinue her work that she so loved.

Funeral Services were held at Crisp Funeral Home on Tuesday, Jan. 21. There was a family graveside service on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at the First Baptist Pigeon Forge cemetery.

Bertha Mathews Pilkington

Bertha Mathews Pilkington, 82, of the Towstring Community, went home to be with the Lord Friday, Jan. 17, 2025. A native of Swain County, she was the daughter of the late Seab and Floy Lambert Mathews and wife of the late Buddy Pilkington.

She was a member of Towstring Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Doug Mathews, Rob Mathews, Wayne Mathews, Janice Crutchfield, and Rachel Mathis.

She is survived by siblings, Raymond and Roy Mathews; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Jan. 19 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Raymond Mathews officiate with burial in the Towstring Cemetery.

Janice Gayle (Smith) Wilnoty

Janice Gayle (Smith) Wilnoty, age 53, of the Big Cove Community, passed away on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025 at Mission Hospital. She is the daughter of the late Vaughn Smith and Malinda Smith-Mahan. She enjoyed her culture, which included weaving baskets and making pottery. Her biggest passion was being able to help revitalize Cherokee Women's Stickball, and she loved spoiling her grandchildren.

Janice is survived by her

children, Ashley Smith, Ashford Smith, Thomas Wilnoty, and stepson, Laranzo Wilnoty; six grandchildren, Malakai Fourkiller-Raby, Maria Fourkiller-Raby, Isabella Fourkiller-Raby, Kaizer Smith, Thaydon Murphy, and Mary Murphy; and sisters, Sandra Smith, Frances Smith and Deborah Smith. In addition to her parents, Janice is also preceded by her husband, Loranzo Wilnoty.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 17. Burial was in the Driver Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Mary Jo Rogers

Mary Jo Rogers, 92, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, after a long illness. She went to her forever home to be with the Lord.

Mary Jo was a full-blooded enrolled member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Born on June 9, 1932, in Cherokee, N.C., she was the only child of Nell Rattler and graduated from boarding school in 1950. Mary Jo then attended Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee, where she met the love of her life, Alvin. After graduating, they moved to Plantation, Fla., where she became an elementary school English teacher. They retired in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after several years of teaching. Mary Jo and Alvin spent six months in Fort Lauderdale and six months in Chero-

kee. She was a member of the Fort Lauderdale First Baptist Church and their choir, as well as Cherokee Baptist Church, where she and Alvin got married. Mary Jo was also involved with Tsali Manor, traveling to all 50 states. She was a truly godly, loving, caring, intelligent, and beautiful woman. Mary Jo loved to bake sweets, eat ice cream, and do crossword puzzles and word searches. She also enjoyed watching The Price Is Right, Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, and the news. Mary Jo was deeply loved by everyone she encountered and will be forever missed.

She is survived by her son, Glenn Rogers. She is also survived by her triplet grandchildren, Rachel Bruneel, Matthew Bruneel, and Sarah Bruneel (John). Her other grandchildren are Tiffanie Bruneel, Jessica Schmidt (Tyler), and Jennifer Patterson (Noah). Her great-grandchildren include Nyla, Austin, Sam, Maddie, Henry, Charlie, Raeleigh, Evie, Carter, and Josephina.

Mary Jo is preceded in death by her mother, Nell Rattler; her loving husband, Alvin Rogers; her daughter, Myra Nell Rogers-Bruneel; and her son-in-law, Kevin Bruneel.

A family-directed Memorial Service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 89 Mt. Pleasant Church Rd. Sylva, N.C., 28779

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Call for vendors for Greening Up the Mountains Festival

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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

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

Great Smoky Mountains National Park seeks help in identifying historic homesites

GATLINBURG, Tenn.— Great Smoky Mountains National Park is seeking help to identify and document former homesite locations within the park. Volunteer-In-Park Frank March, in conjunction with Park Archeologist Allison Harvey, is leading these research efforts which includes documenting field locations with associated historic records.

The public is invited to join park staff and volunteers at Wilderness Wildlife Week from Tuesday, Jan. 28, to Saturday, Feb. 1 to learn more about the project and to add copies of their historic records to the collection. Held at Ramsey Hotel and Conference Center at 3230 Parkway in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Wilderness Wildlife Week celebrates the abundance of wildlife, variety of plants, trees and wildflowers, and rich history of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee through

a series of classes, seminars, demonstrations, guided hikes, panel discussions and workshops.

Some estimates posit that there are more than 2,800 former homesites in the park. Records associated with the purchase of approximately 1,200 farms between 1920 and 1940 for the creation of the park are preserved in the park's Collections Preservation Center. Others have been documented since, but many more remain, including homesites from before the 20th century.

The park encourages the public to bring historic photos of old homesites, hand drawn maps or other documents that will help the park identify these locations. Several additional volunteers who are familiar with homesites in specific areas of the park, such as Elkmont, Greenbrier, Sugarlands and the North Shore of Fontana Lake, will also be on hand. For additional information please contact Allison Harvey, allison_harvey@nps.gov.

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COMMENTARY

We should consider elections for more leading positions in the Tribe

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

We have struggled for several years in attempts to create a constitution “by the people for the people”. The most recent failed attempt was six years in the making. The proposed constitution, was approved by the government to be brought to the community for a referendum vote, along with elected official term questions that had been scheduled to be brought to the people for two years. In the course of a month (and just two months before the election when those referendum questions were to be decided by the people) the people were allegedly protect-


ed from what was presented as an ill-considered decision. This outcome even after many of the same officials who just a month before the reversal said that it was more important to let the people decide than what they thought of the proposed changes to the law. We had appointed officials and in the legal system making hypothetical statements and providing challenges against the proposed constitution by stirring fear with a litany of “what ifs”.

Don’t get me wrong. The governing document of any nation should be a well thought out, well-defined document that guides us into the future. But it is also a document that should be based

on the will of the people it is to be set in place to govern. If only the framers of the Charter had considered that instead of crafting a document of convenience, one that is “by the government to do business”. As was pointed out in the hastily assembled argument against the people’s vote, the vagueness of the Charter is well-suited to negotiation and bargaining with other governments and other entities because of its being so vague. Unfortunately, it is also almost silent on tribal members’ civil rights. So, since May 8, 1986, or thereabouts, the tribe has used the Charter to govern our nation. And for twenty-plus years since then, the

people have been trying to find our way back to a constitution, off and on.


The new constitution committee is working as best they can to prepare another attempt at a representative governing document. The governors of the Tribe thought it best to create a new workgroup, a constitutional convention made up of government officials, community club leaders, previous constitution committee members from the community, and youth. The make-up of this committee looks very similar to the make-up of the group that assembled six years ago (maybe seven now) with one exception, elected officials are now serving on the committee.



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This is a departure from the previous years of effort where elected officials didn't want to influence or direct on a document that is being touted as "by the people". But they are meeting and reporting out on what is admittedly a slow process. I believe that the target date for getting to the people for referendum vote is the 2027 election. If that is the case, there is a long road and a bunch of work ahead for the constitution convention.

The possibilities for our Tribe are and the benefits could be great. For example, the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (South Dakota) members elect their tribal treasurer, as does the Delaware Nation (Oklahoma). In the meantime, maybe some of those in the know in the committee should look into what important steps forward they could make in the governance of our tribe and introduce legislation to amend what we already have that might help identify and implement meaningful changes in government that would better recognize the rights and will of the people. We shouldn't have to wait for rights to be incorporated into law until a complete constitutional proposal is submitted to Tribal Council, which that has been fruitless for over two decades.

Things like amending the

Charter to formally make the Cherokee Court the third branch of government I think most of us agree that it is a long overdue change. The tribe should give thought to the possibility of electing justices to their seats. And before you say it, it is possible to set guidelines in the Cherokee Code and the election law to set criteria for qualifying as a candidate that could be used to make sure that we get qualified candidates. I surely don't have anything against judges we have serving us. But everything we do as a people should be done with a eye toward the generations to come and ensuring that we and they have input into our leadership choices. The most direct way to do that is through the right to vote.

The same is true for the Offices of Attorney General and Tribal Prosecutor. And it is not uncommon for Indian tribes to elect their attorney general. Again, the excuse that we are afraid we would get someone who is not qualified doesn't hold water. Tribal law can set whatever qualifications it needs to on candidates to make sure they fit the job. Notable nations who elect their attorney generals are Cherokee Nation, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and the Osage Nation. Typically, in these tribes,

the mandate for attorney general elections come from their tribal constitutions, but, alas, we don't have one of those. And a tribal prosecutor is the equivalent of district attorneys in the outside world. I know thinking these things as a tribal member is a little overwhelming and would likely mean we would have to rethink the entire election guidelines and process. It might be that elections for those offices would have to include the ability of tribal members to vote on members from other tribes or non-enrolled to fill seats in those areas because of the skill set required for the seat and potentially limited candidate pool. But we are smarter than some people think we are, and I believe we could and would elect good representation.

And it might be beneficial to us all for the Tribe to revisit the entire issue of term limits, staggered terms, and extended terms. This change would be a pivotal change for our tribe. There are so many good things that would come from introducing a four-year term for legislators with term staggering and instituting breaks in service with term limiting. These changes would encourage more engagement in the political process. Voters would feel more empow-

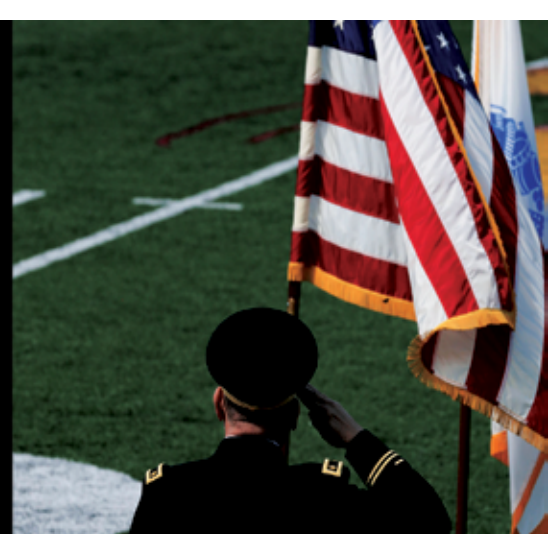
ered. Community members would be emboldened to step into the political arena. And sitting elected officials would have more time to focus on running the tribe instead of running for office.

We have discussed before how little the Charter speaks to the power of the people. Making these changes are ways to push it closer to the day when we have governance by the people for the people. Our voting right is the right we have under the current governing document to take control of our own destiny. We need to stop being okay with having privileges through the Charter and Code and get a real bill of rights for the membership of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

I believe that government and community do want to establish a governing document that both reestablishes and recognizes tribal member rights. I think we have let fear and fearmongering turn back the clock on the constitution for over twenty years. I hope that the new constitutional convention fares better and can get past the fear and subsequent apathy that has stifled us. And I hope that that committee or some other will step forward to propose immediate change in those areas where it will be a benefit to our people.

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

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REASONS TO OPPOSE LUMBEE RECOGNITION

A Brief Report
By Jakeli Swimmer



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The Lumbee are the TRUE bullies...

While much has been said by the Lumbee claiming the EBCI and other federal nations the aggressors, there is a complete lack of the full story. On multiple occasions the EBCI and fellow federal nations have requested the Lumbee go through the Office of Federal Acknowledgement (OFA) process. While previously they were barred from such process, an issue they used on several petitions, it is no longer the case since 2016. Instead of utilizing the opportunity they continually ask to be recognized by an act of Congress.

Given the sheer size of the Lumbee nation 60-80,000 members, they are spread across the Nation and have embedded themselves into positions of influence thus making it hard for many smaller federal tribes or individuals to challenge their questionable claims. There has been multiple instances from professors in NC University institutions being silenced for challenging departments led by Lumbees.

But the biggest problem is their political voting power, again having a large population makes their federal recognition a priority for many state official's campaigns. Recently under the influence of Lumbee interests-Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC) blocked a bill that would have protected the Wounded Knee Massacre site because they Lumbee did not garner federal recognition.

This is just a present example of their intentions and a clear reminder that their recognition comes at a cost for TRUE tribal nations.

**and to acknowledge what will be argued by the Lumbee on their request of Congress recognition, the EBCI were recognized by such an act but for the protection of our already established tribal homeland. Thus the reason we do not live on a reservation. The recognition protected us from exploitative timber companies. Our recognition should not be used as an argument for a future Lumbee history.*



AROUND THE BOUNDARY INK.

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. This is week two of four.

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alive when "Ramblin' Man"
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- Marilyn, Norman's



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Small beginnings

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

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

Scripture References: Matthew 5:16, 13:31, 17:20, Mark 4:31, 6:41, Luke 13:19, 17:6, James 3:5

God is big, and we often think of Him in His grandiose state more than we consider Him in small things like a mustard seed or a yud. What's a yud, you ask? The yud is the tenth and smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet. It is a small mark that looks like the English version of an apostrophe. The difference in what it means in Hebrew is much more critical.

The yud has historical significance because it is the precursor of the Roman letters Ii and Jj. Note that both have a dot above the lowercase letter. The yud also has a parallel in the Greek alphabet as the 'iota.' In this case, the 'iota' is also the tenth letter and means ten. 'iota' and 'jot' are synonymous. Hence the phrases, 'not one iota' or 'not one jot or tittle' have become associated with the smallest dots or marks written on parchment. ("Yod - the Tenth Letter of the Hebrew Alphabet - Chabad.org," n.d.)

What makes the yud so powerful? The yud is significant because it is noted in brief as the power of God. In Hebrew, it is the first letter in Yahweh or YHVH. The name of Jesus begins with a yud, as does Jerusalem and Israel. Could it be a coincidence? How is it that the smallest of letters is the beginning of the greatest of words?

Consider other Biblical refer-

ences to small but powerful things. In the book of James, he writes about the bit in a horse's mouth that controls a large animal and the small rudder that steers a large ship, and in verse five, he writes, So the tongue also is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how much wood is kindled by how small a fire! James 3:5

What can God do with such small things as these? What can God do with you when you consider yourself so small? Minor in ability, small in respect from others, small in resources or strength. The Holy Bible contains multiple stories where God takes the insignificant or small and does great things. Both Old Testament and New give us examples. David was just a young boy, and he defeated a giant through the power of God. Jesus fed thousands twice, taking the small remnants of what they had between those there and multiplying that into feasts. That story relates to what this Spur is all about. The power of God cannot be

underestimated. No one can put God in a box and say, "This is all He can do," or "He can't do that." In Mark 6:41, Jesus did this. "And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake the loaves; and he gave to the disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided him among them all."

Do you know how many people disbelieve this miracle and the other miracle like it in Mark, where Jesus feeds four thousand? God is still in the miracle business. People who doubt that fact need only to look around and see that God still saves, performs miracles, and is still on His throne. Think how often we see but rarely recognize the miracle of birth. The entire process is the making of life and a human. Think of how small that process began.

Our very beginnings in life and growth begin small and get bigger with time. How about you? Do you think you are too small or insignif-

icant to make much difference? I can't speak for God, but His word says explicitly that you are wrong. He has given you gifts to use, and He will appoint you to glorify Him by doing things He has planned for you. What you need to do is be available to Him and His calling. So, dwell on this word from God today in Matt 5:16...

"Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Might I add...no matter how small you are.

Lord God and Father, though I am weak, You are strong. I praise and thank You for reminding me that You are always there to lean on when I feel small and insignificant. I know that You are great, and You lead and guide me. You are my strong tower, and hold me in Your mighty right hand of power. Thank You as I remember that no one can stand against me when You are for me. What a mighty God You are. Amen.



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...Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

✎ 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 57,58 ✎



Detail of "Praying Girl" by Kathe Kollwitz (1892)

Amber Waves

GEEZ TIME GOES BY FAST. IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY I WAS JUST YOUR AGE.



SOMEDAY YOU'LL BE GROWN WITH KIDS OF YOUR OWN AND A NICE YOUNG WIFE.



NO WAY! I'M GONNA TRAVEL THE WORLD SEEKING ADVENTURE AS A LONE WOLF.

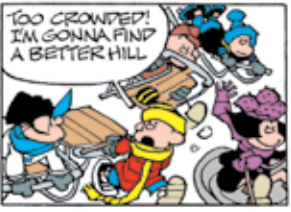


A MAN OF EXCITEMENT WHO RIDES ALONE. MAINLY BECAUSE GIRLS ARE WEIRD.

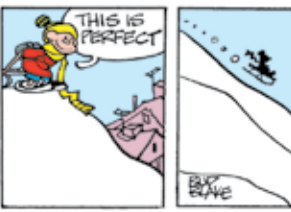


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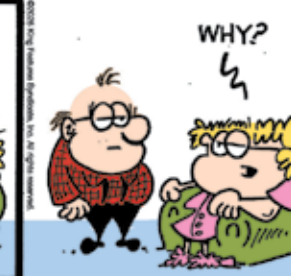
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by Bud Blake



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by Jeff Pickering

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Desk leg is missing; 2. Book is missing; 3. Door knob is higher; 4. Blackboard is wider; 5. Bow is missing; 6. Pencil is added on desk.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pickle holders
- 5 Klutz
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- 9 Favorable sign
- 10 Follower (Suff.)
- 11 Service charge
- 19 Squealer
- 21 Soup cooker
- 23 Skewed entree
- 24 Assess
- 25 Smooch
- 26 Chicago paper, briefly
- 27 Actress Farmiga
- 28 "American Idol" host Ryan
- 32 Sang softly
- 33 Minnesota footballers
- 35 Catchall abbr.
- 36 Learning ctr.
- 38 Poker pot
- 39 Played a part
- 42 Actor O'Shea
- 43 Conspiracy
- 44 Stitches
- 45 Boxing legend
- 46 Morsel
- 48 Numerical prefix

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- 1 Want-ad listings
- 2 Region
- 3 Coral formation
- 4 Sleeper
- 5 Eye-related
- 6 One-time link
- 7 Tex-Mex wraps

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: Who created the retro TV series "Stranger Things"?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state is the home of Yellowstone National Park?
3. ASTRONOMY: Which is the only planet in our solar system to rotate on its side?
4. MOVIES: What is the given name of the large bird in the animated movie "Up"?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which three zodiac signs are considered earth signs?
6. LITERATURE: What is the name of Hagrid's half-brother in the "Harry Potter" book series?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital city of Australia?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What type of nut is used in the chocolate spread Nutella?
9. SPORTS: What kind of sports match is divided into 7-minute periods called chukkas?
10. ADVERTISEMENTS: What type of horses often are used in Budweiser beer ads?

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

1. The Duffer Brothers; 2. Wyoming; 3. Uranus; 4. Kevin; 5. Taurus, Virgo and Capricorn; 6. Grawp; 7. Canberra; 8. Hazelnut; 9. Polo; 10. Clydesdale

Hollywood, Fla. Emcees: Juaquin Hamilton and Ruben Little Head. Info: 1-800-683-7800 ext. 11468; Wanda Bowers (954) 444-9827, or Eugenia Osceola (954) 594-2992

Catawba Pow Wow. Feb. 7-9 at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Shelby, N.C. Emcees: JD Moore and Maya Littleturtle. Host Drums: War Paint, Southern Eagle. Info: No contact information provided

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 Mc-Millan (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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full-time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer until a surprise complication is worked out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible without committing yourself to any position.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that you appreciate their words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to reexamine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments, then move on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem and allows your naturally jovial attitude to reemerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success!

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Meanwhile, travel plans continue to be favored.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision that you're not ready to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what's new and challenging. You're quite well-rounded.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Sports clinic 2025: Sign up now

Registration for the 2025 National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic is now open. Scheduled to take place in San Diego this summer August 23-30, veterans who want to go should get started now on the application process. Those who are eligible could get a free round-trip plane ticket, so it's worth the time to get started on your application. Registration cuts off on March 1.

Go online to va.gov and search for "National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic 2025."

You'll need the 2025 NVSSC Veteran Registration Packet, and your primary care doctor needs to sign off on the physical exam form (VA Form 0928c). If you're over 40, you'll need a recent EKG strip. Make your VA medical appointment now to make sure there are no delays.

Click the "Forms Submission" link to upload your medical docs.

Then wait. It might take 45 days after the March 1 deadline for you to get your notification (via email) about whether you are approved to attend.

Who qualifies for the clinics? Veterans who have traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injuries, amputations, PTSD, visual impairments and more. See the sports clinic webpage for the details. If you're actively engaged with the VA for care, you'll likely qualify.

Fine print includes items such as weight limit of 250 pounds if you're dependent or 300 pounds if you move independently. If you bring a caregiver, they pay their own way. If you need help with ADL, your caregiver needs to come along. You'll be expected to stay for the whole week and participate in everything, and you'll need to pay for your own lodging (but they get a group discount).

Priority goes to veterans who've never attended, followed by veterans who've attended one or two clinics. For a third year, you'll need a recommendation. (It still can't hurt to apply. Each application is reviewed individually.)

While the application steps might be a bit daunting, for the rehab, fitness experience and everything you'll learn, the VA sports clinic can't be beat.

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Puppy's anxiety is a real poo

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I adopted a puppy about two months ago. "Spencer" seemed to housetrain just fine, but for the last couple of weeks, he has been pooping on the bathroom rug. It's not diarrhea, just regular healthy poos. He does it between walks — even though he poops as normal during walks! What is going on? — John D. in Burlington, Vermont

DEAR JOHN: Even though Spencer seems healthy, take him to the vet to rule out any underlying health issues. In the days prior to the vet appointment, get out a notepad and write down his behaviors, what time he poops each day, if he's doing a lot of barking — anything. Bring that to the appointment; it might give the vet additional insight.

Puppies go through phases during their growth, and it's not too unusual to see some regression in housetraining periodically. For example, when they're teething, or as they enter their "teen" phase at around 8 months or so, you may see a change in behavior patterns or "forgetting" commands you know they've learned.

If there is no health issue to worry about, focus on training. Go back to basics and teach him how to alert you when he needs to go outside. Work on his basic commands. Observe him closely when you're at home to see whether his behavior is changing.

You may need to adjust your schedule as well. If he's an especially young puppy, his body is changing rapidly and he may need more potty breaks than the training guide says. Be prepared to make those adjustments as you patiently retrain him. And don't worry, he will fully housetrain, as long as you remain diligent.

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

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EVENTS: *from page 25*

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

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

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

MARA (Medication-Assisted Recovery Anonymous) meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the Riv-

ercane Room at Analenisgi. Info: Analenisgi (828) 497-9163 or visit: <https://cherokeehospital.org/locations/analenisgi>

WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

2025 School of Art and Design Faculty Biennial. Jan. 21 to May 2, reception date is Jan. 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bardo Arts Center Performance Hall on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. Info: arts.wcu.edu/faculty-25

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.

Light Chasers with Cloud Cult event. Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bardo Arts Center Performance Hall on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. Info and tickets: arts.wcu.edu/light-chasers, arts.wcu.edu/tickets

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".

22nd Annual Maple Syrup Festival. Feb. 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site at 2620 South Roan St. in Johnson City, Tenn. See how sap is extracted from the maple trees located throughout the grounds of the site and then watch as the sap is boiled down over a wood fired furnace until it becomes the rich, flavorful maple syrup. Admission is \$6/adults and \$3/children under 12, and children 3-and-under are free. Admission with breakfast is \$10/adults and \$5/children. Tipton-Haynes members are free. Info: (423) 926-3631 or email tiptonhaynes@outlook.com.

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

Ballet Hispanico. Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bardo Arts Center Performance Hall on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. Info and tickets: arts.wcu.edu/ballet-hispanico, arts.wcu.edu/tickets

Solstice: A Winter Circus Experience. Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bardo Arts Center

Performance Hall on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. Info and tickets: arts.wcu.edu/solstice, arts.wcu.edu/tickets

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8 p.m. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rock 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



1. Is the book of Ezra (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Proverbs 29, “But whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be ...”? *Made whole, Blessed, Safe, Wise*
3. What does God want us to keep as the apple of our eye? *His law, Brotherly love, Faithfulness, Righteousness*
4. Upon which mountain did Balaam build seven altars? *Olives, Sinai, Pisgah, Carmel*
5. What did David do to Goliath once he slew him? *Stole his armor; Robbed him, Cut off his head, Buried him*
6. Which is known as the “First Book of the Kings”? *Judges, 1 Kings, 1 Samuel, 1 Chronicles*

ANSWERS: (1) Old, (2) Safe, (3) His Law, (4) Pisgah, (5) Cut off his head, (6) 1 Samuel
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Moments in time

• On Feb. 3, 1953, French oceanographer Jacques-Yves Cousteau published a memoir co-written with Frederic Dumas, “The Silent World,” about his time exploring the oceans. It was made into an Oscar-winning documentary directed by Louis Malle three years later, the success of which allowed Cousteau to retire from the navy and devote himself full time to oceanography.

• On Feb. 4, 1913, Rosa McCauley, better known to us today by her married name of Rosa Parks, was born in Tuskegee, Alabama. The lifelong civil rights activist’s refusal to give up her seat on a segregated bus to a white man in 1955 remains a defining moment of America’s civil rights movement.

• On Feb. 5, 2012, 36-year-old Josh Powell, who had been labeled a person of interest in the 2009 disappearance of his 28-year-old wife, Susan, locked out a social worker before killing himself and his two young sons, Braden and Charlie, by setting fire to his Graham, Washington, home. Susan Powell’s remains have still not been found.

• On Feb. 6, 1928, a woman calling herself Anastasia Tchaikovsky (later Anna Anderson) and claiming to be the youngest daughter of murdered Russian czar Nicholas II arrived in New York City. Though she fought for recognition of that identity for more than 50 years, it was never verified.

• On Feb. 7, 1974, viewers at a screening of the Mel Brooks Western spoof “Blazing Saddles” at the Pickwick Drive-In Theater in Burbank, California, enjoyed the film not from the expected comfort of their cars, but on horseback, in one of Hollywood’s most creative P.R. stunts.

• On Feb. 8, 1986, Spud Webb, one of the shortest players in professional basketball history at 5-foot-7, scored a win over his Atlanta Hawks teammate, the 6-foot-8 Dominique Wilkins, in the NBA slam dunk contest.

• On Feb. 9, 1864, Union General George Armstrong Custer married Elizabeth “Libbie” Bacon in Monroe, Michigan, while he was on leave. A passionate defender of her husband’s reputation after his death at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876, her efforts helped establish Custer as an American hero.

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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 meet-

ings also. Interim Pastor - Harley Maney Jr.

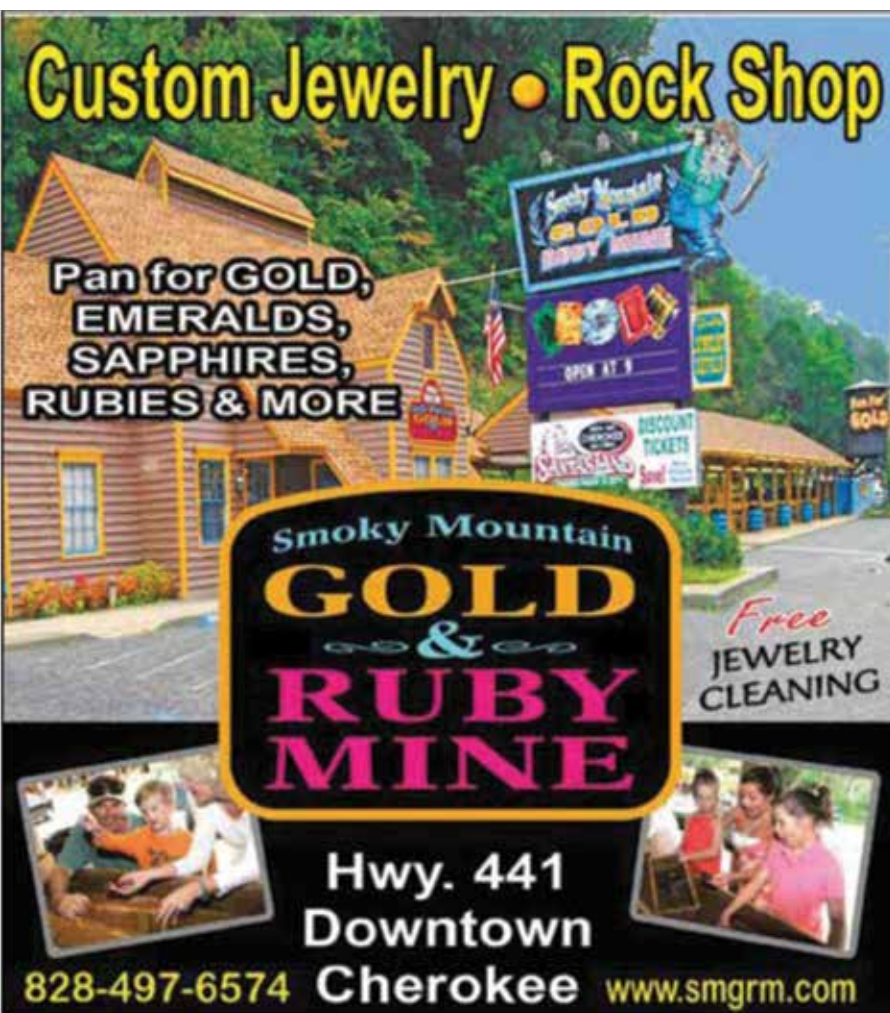
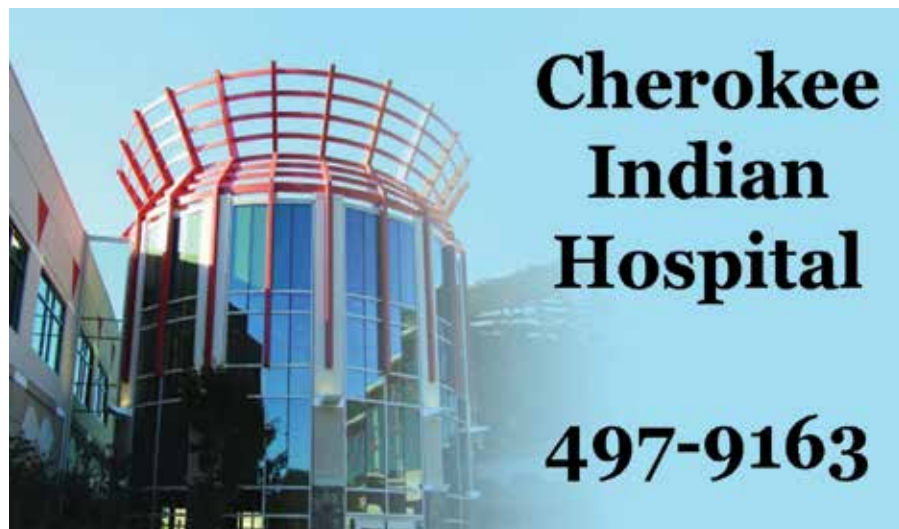
Waterfalls Baptist Church. 82 Waterfalls Church Rd., Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 5 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Scotty Chekelelee, pastor.

Whittier United Methodist Church. 150 Church St., 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



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PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearing pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A
Confirmation hearing for Hillary Norville (Snowbird/Cherokee Co.) to the Cherokee Police Commission

Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 11 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 Tuesday, Jan. 21.



CLASSIFIEDS LOOKING FOR

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

BRYSON CITY RENTALS:

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

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**

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- 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**

For Sale: Two metal filing cabinets, 5 drawers, Steelcase brand that do not have locks on them (tan and medium green), has file folders with them. Good condition. \$75 each. Larry Stout (828) 400-1550. **1/29**

For Sale: Sourwood Honey

from 2024 crop, no comb in them, clear yellowish orange color. \$15/quart. Larry Stout (828) 400-1550. **1/29**

For Sale: Two Zenith color TV's 19" older model, works well, will need to use cable or DISH network to plug into. \$75 each. Larry Stout (828) 400-1550. **1/29**

For Sale: Consumer Cellular Iris Easy Flip Phone, brand new, never used, original paperwork comes with it, Black in color. \$50. Larry Stout (828) 400-1550. **1/29**

For Sale: Small Wormy Chestnut Table, small table that has a wormy chestnut tabletop with pine wood legs and drawer. \$75. Antique item. Larry Stout (828)

400-1550. **1/29**

For Sale: Baseball/Softball Umpire Shirts, Ball Bag and Navy Hat, navy blue short sleeve shirts, two are size large and one is XXL, ball bag is a basic one with pockets for indicator and plate brush. Call for pricing. Larry Stout (828) 400-1550. **1/29**

For Sale: Beautiful wood cherry cabinet by Ethan Allen, glass shelves, lights, hardly used 50" wide 65" tall value \$1,900 selling for \$699. Call to see 828-226-0994 or (828) 497-9427 – Cherokee. **2/26**

LEGAL NOTICES

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



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

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(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)

CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME
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Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

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

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

Dianna Brady
P.O. Box 1738
Cherokee, NC 28719

1/22

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-100

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

MELISSA BELLE GARCIA

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

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

Marcela Garcia
P.O Box 1834
Cherokee NC 28719

2/12

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-001

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

RUSSELL TOONI, JR

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against

this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

Jessica Tooni
P.O Box 2391
Cherokee NC 28719

2/12

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Legal Notice

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

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be January 21, 2025, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2. (C205017) HENDERSON.

A bid bond or bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the bid will be required.

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

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

Department of Transportation, Mr. Lamar Sylvester, PE, Chief Engineer. 1/22

PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, Region 4 Water Division
Permitting and Grants Branch
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, S.W. Atlanta,
Georgia 30303
(404) 562-5264
Public Notice No. 25NC00001
Date: 1/22/2025

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency intends to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, P. O. Box 455, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719. The applicant has a request for reissuance of NPDES No. NC0052469 for its Cherokee Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 2000 Old No. 4 Road, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719. The draft permit authorizes one existing discharge of treated sanitary wastewater (SIC Code 4952) through Outfall 002 (and one backup Outfall 001) to the Oconaluftee River.

The facility makes Class A Biosolids by adding lime and increasing the temperature to above 126°F for 12 hours, then holding for three days. Afterwards, the treated sludge is shipped off to a composting facility to be sold and land applied. When the weather is too cold to land apply the sludge is hauled by a transfer station operated by the tribe to a licensed land fill for disposal.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to any aspects of the permit issuance or wishing to request a public hearing, are invited to submit the same in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice to the NPDES Permitting Section, Water Division, Environ-

mental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, ATTENTION: Ms. Shanna Pearce. Comments may also be sent via email to: Pearce.Shanna@epa.gov. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 124.13, any person who believes that any proposed permit condition is inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments in full, supporting his/her position, by the close of the comment period. The public notice number and NPDES number should be included on the first page of comments.

All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of a final determination regarding the permit issuance. Also, within the 30-day period, any interested person may request a public hearing. Where there is a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit issuance, the EPA Regional Administrator will schedule and hold a public hearing which would be formally announced in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 124.10 and 124.12.

After consideration of all written comments and the requirements and policies in the Clean Water Act and appropriate regulations, the EPA Regional Administrator will make a determination regarding the permit issuance. If the determination is substantially unchanged from that announced by this notice, the EPA Regional Administrator will so notify all persons submitting written comments. If the determination is substantially changed, the EPA Regional Administrator will issue a public notice indicating the revised determination. Appeal of NPDES permits may be filed after the Regional Administrator makes the above-described determination.

Additional information regarding appeal of NPDES permits is available in 40 CFR § 124.19, or by contacting Suzanne Armor of the Office of Regional Counsel at (404) 562-9701.

The administrative record, including the draft permit, fact sheet, a sketch showing the exact location of the permit area, comments received and additional information on hearing procedures is available at cost by writing to the EPA at the address above between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (copies will be provided at a minimal cost per page), or by downloading these documents from <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-epa-region-4-southeast>.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested in this

matter. If you would like to be added to our public notice mailing list, submit your name and mailing address to the EPA, at the address given above.

Request for Proposals General Notice

Qualla Housing Services (QHS) of the Cherokee Indian Housing Division is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for materials and labor to perform the following:

- Licensed plumbing company to install all plumbing components in new construction homes.
- Licensed HVAC company to install all components in new construction homes.
- Licensed electrical company to install all electrical components in new construction homes.
- Licensed General Contractor for a

two-bedroom addition (mandatory site visit).

- Licensed General Contractor for a two-story home remodel (mandatory site visit).
- Exterior painting of five single story rentals.
- Install metal roofing on five single story rentals.

QHS reserves the right to reject all submissions. QHS reserves the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under this RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Bid packages can be picked up at the warehouse or e-mailed to interested parties. Deliver sealed proposals to the QHS warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is February 14th, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. Please contact Robert Welch at robewelc@eb-ci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6344. **2/5**

Legal Notice

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

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be February 18, 2025, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards

and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2.


- (C205052) WAKE;
- (C204797) CUMBERLAND;
- (C204994) COLUMBUS;
- (C205051) MONTGOMERY;
- (C205055) RICHMOND;
- (C204940) RICHMOND;
- (C205054) ROWAN, DAVIE;
- (C204980) FORSYTH;
- (C204978) STOKES;
- (C204979) DAVIE;
- (C205048) CATAWBA;
- (C205053) IREDELL;
- (C204989) IREDELL;
- (C205049) BUNCOMBE;
- (C204883) RUTHERFORD

A bid bond or bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the bid will be required.

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

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

Department of Transportation, Mr. Lamar Sylvester, PE. Chief Engineer. **1/22**



**Cherokee Central Schools
Job Openings**

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

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

- **SAMHSA Grant - Mental Health Behavioral Support Specialist - Elementary**
- **SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant - 48 Semester Hours or an Associates Degree**
 - K-5 Cherokee Language Instructor
 - K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant-3 positions
 - K-5 School Counselor
- **6-8 Special Education Pathseekers Teacher Assistant**
 - 6-8 Science Teacher (2 positions)
- K-12 School Psychologist
- K-12 Special Education Parent Liaison
- **Contract Nurse (RN)**
- **Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach**
- **Varsity Softball Assistant Coach (multiple)**
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828-359-6388

All applications and job descriptions are available at
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Closing Sunday, January 26, 2025

1. Licensed Practical Nurse – Tsalagi Public Health – Public Health and Human Services (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour)
2. Veterans Services Officer – Health Delivery Administration – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)
3. Lead Compliance Officer – Regulatory & Compliance – Public Health and Human Services (L16 \$68,827 - \$86,050)
4. Teacher Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – Education (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
5. Truck Driver – Tribal Construction – Operations (L9 \$35,922 - \$44,907) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Hatchery Technician Fisheries & Wildlife – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Supervisor (Welcome Center) – Destination Marketing – Commerce (L13 \$50,669 - \$63,357)
8. Salesperson (Bottled Water) – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Child Advocate Coordinator – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
3. Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
4. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Sergeant - Corrections - EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Sergeant (Patrol) - CIPD - EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
9. Tribal Prosecutor II - Criminal Law - Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$76,877 - \$102,502)
10. Sr. Tribal Prosecutor - Criminal Law - Office of the Attorney General (L18 \$88,379 - \$117,853)
11. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
12. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
13. Dispatcher/Substitute Driver – Transit – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
14. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
15. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
16. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
17. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$104,229 - \$138,986)
18. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$76,877 - \$102,502)
19. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
20. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
21. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
22. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
23. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)
24. Education Specialist – Higher Education – Education (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
25. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
26. Part-time Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
27. Supervisor - Adult Language - KPEP - CERS (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
28. Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator - Emergency Management (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
29. Quality Inspector - Qualla Housing - Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
30. Carpenter Assistant - Facility Management - Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION



Employment Opportunities

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the following positions:
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APPLY TODAY TO OUR WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM!

Interested in gaining water resources experience? The WaterCorps program - administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Stewards Individual Placements - is a 26-week long AmeriCorps service term that includes professional training and hands-on learning in the field of water resources. WaterCorps members are exposed to a broad array of subjects ranging from basic surface and ground water hydrology, hydropower, flood-control, data collection & analysis, population studies, and more!

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.

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

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!

When is the program?

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



Stewards Recruiting Staff

CONTACT: watercorps@conservationlegacy.org

SEE OPEN POSITIONS HERE



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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Masters Level Therapist - \$58,332 - \$72,915 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

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Inpatient Technician –PTI and FT – Analenisgi Inpatient - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Targeted Case Manager - Analenisgi - \$44,107 - \$55,134

Employment Specialist - Kanvwotiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134

Residential Support – Female - PTRWOB - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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

THIRD PARTY RESOURCE

Medicaid Coordinator - \$22.76 - \$25.89

TRIBAL OPTIONS

Tribal Options Business Analyst - NOT REMOTE - \$67,082 - \$83,852

Healthy Opportunity Pilot Program (HOPP) Director - \$77,144 - \$96,430

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

ED RN – PTR - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus

RN – ER - \$33.68 - \$38.72 – PTRWB - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus

RN – Inpatient - \$33.68 – \$38.72 – PTI

RN – Inpatient – Night Shift - \$33.68 - \$38.72

RN Care Manager Extender – Primary Care - \$18.32 – \$20.67

RN Care Manager Float - \$31.06 – \$35.64

RN Care Manager Supervisor – \$33.68 – \$38.72

(Tailored Care, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Support Services)

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)

Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

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

RADIOLOGY

Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist II (2nd and 3rd shift) - **\$5,000 hiring Bonus** - \$24.55 - \$27.99

TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
Laundry Aide – PTR - \$15.00 – \$16.77

Licensed Practical Nurse - \$26.00 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus

Registered Nurse - \$35.00 – **\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**

Registered Nurse Supervisor – \$45.00 – \$47.99 - **\$10,000 Hiring Bonus**

Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent - \$35.00 - \$40.22

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Nathan Ellis Perry, Desert Gems (detail), 2024, 12 x 16 inches, acrylic on panel. Image courtesy of the artist. © Nathan Ellis Perry.



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INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM SERVICES ON TRUST LANDS

Site Inspection: This process begins at Tribal Realty and is sent through the approval process to identify a buildable house site and road access.

House Lot Survey: Surveying requests for approved buildable house sites.

Site Prep: House site grading and driveway will be constructed on a buildable house site.

Hydroseeding: To help prevent erosion, hydroseeding will be done once site prep is complete.

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

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

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

Block Underpinning: Block underpinning will be installed for doublewides.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Are you scheduled for disconnection and need a little more time to make a payment?

Here's a list of your options, that could buy you a couple of days courtesy of Haywood EMC.

Request an extension. Maybe you need a couple more days until Gen Well or you get paid. Only allowed 1 per quarter!

Get more proactive with these options:

Third-party notification. Designate a trusted friend or family member to get notified when the bill is past due.

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For more information visit [Easy Ways to Pay | Haywood EMC](#)

-Family Support Services

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THE GOOD STUFF



Food sovereignty

Chumper Walker, right, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Cooperative Extension director, and Jessica Mrugala, Empowering Mountain Food Systems extension associate and local foods coordinator, were recognized during the North Carolina State Cooperative Extension Conference in Greensboro, N.C. recently. They were awarded for their exceptional leadership with two Regional Team Awards - the Jones Award and the NCEE Foundation Search for Excellence Awards in Extension. Information from EBCI Extension states, "Walker and Mrugala have been instrumental in advancing food sovereignty efforts for the EBCI. Their work has brought over \$11 million in federal and regional funding, supporting community-driven food production, nutrition education, and the creation of vital infrastructure, including a state-of-the-art meat processing facility. Their efforts, especially in fostering food sovereignty and sustainable farming practices, have helped to transform the food landscape in Cherokee communities. Their leadership has been foundational in increasing the local production of traditional Cherokee foods, preserving foodways, and empowering community food systems." (Photo courtesy of EBCI Cooperative Extension)



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