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Housing is moving forward

Tribe breaks ground on new housing development in Wayohi

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Division of Housing broke ground on a new development in Wayohi (Wolftown) on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 5.

“The name of this project is going to be Macedonia Landing,” said Edwin Taylor, EBCI secretary of housing. “It’s going to be 18 single-family units. They’ll be rental units. They’ll probably be market-ed somewhere around \$850-\$900



The EBCI Division of Housing hosted a groundbreaking for its newest housing project known as Macedonia Landing located in Wayohi (Wolftown) on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 5. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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Quote of the Week

"I'm proud of our people for coming to this point and giving this opportunity to all our young people so they can build the Tribe continually and raise their families in a secure, safe environment."

- Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Dimilawigi (Tribal Council) Rep. Perry Shell speaking at the groundbreaking event for the new Macedonia Landing housing development on Wednesday, Feb. 5

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HOUSING: From front page

range once we get finished.”

Secretary Taylor added, “Right now, the tribe is sitting at about 670 rental units so this will add 18 more to our portfolio. It’ll give some individuals new opportunities to have a safe, sanitary place to live with their families.”

Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks said, “I appreciate all the efforts and the planning for this project. I know it takes a strong team to put these kinds of projects together. I appreciate everybody’s efforts. Obviously, housing is something that is just a continual process. I wish we had more single-home land, but it’s becoming more difficult. We all know that. So, we’ve just got to be creative as to how we move things forward.”

He thanked everyone who is working on projects for the Tribe. “We are fortunate that we have partners that understand the community and that know what we’re trying to get to from a strategy perspective.”

On projects in general, he noted, “There’s a lot of moving parts right now with projects. One of the messages that we’re trying to send to our friends and the contractors is, ‘look, when you guys bid on stuff, you’ve got a timeline and a budget. We expect you to stick to it.’ There’s a lot of capital projects that we have moving right now... We’re going to make a full effort this year to try to get caught up on some of these capital projects. We’re a little bit behind, and I’m confident that we can do that.”

Jacob George, EBCI Division of Housing interim housing production project manager, told the One Feather, “Our plan includes nine lots, each capable of accom-



Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks speaks at Wednesday’s groundbreaking event.

modating two 2-bedroom, 16x60 single-wide homes with porches on the hitch end.”

Secretary Taylor praised George’s work. “I want to say thank you to Jacob. Jacob was

once it’s finished.”

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Rep. Tom Wahn-etah, who also serves as chairman of the Housing Committee, commented, “I look forward to this

to this project getting started and getting our enrolled members in some housing.”

Kolanvwyi (Big Cove) Dinilawigi Rep. Perry Shell said, “I, too, would like to congratulate Housing and all the people that were involved in getting this to this point. I appreciate what the Chief said about accountability and where we’re at right now with our budgeting process. As dollars become more scarce, and with the challenge that we face with our growing population, this is always going to be an issue, but it’s very important to get the best value for your treasury, for our people.”

Rep. Shell went on to say, “I’m proud of our people for coming to this point and giving this opportunity to all our young people so they can build the Tribe continually and raise their families in a secure, safe environment.”

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- Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks

instrumental in getting this project off the ground and getting us to the point where we can break ground. We’re looking to be finished with this project within about 12 months. We’ll start placing individuals for applications probably about six months out from this day so that we have everybody ready to start moving in

project taking off and getting our people in some homes. That’s our objective, to get our enrolled members in housing and I think this is a good start. I know it’s been a difficult project for Tiny and his staff to get this one rolling because of soil concerns and everything. But, I think they’ve worked out a good plan and I’m looking forward



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A bill that would place 76 acres of land containing several historic sites, such as the Tanasi Memorial (shown above), in eastern Tennessee in trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

LAND BACK EFFORT CONTINUES

Bill to place Tennessee lands into trust for EBCI passes House

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

A bill (H.R. 226) that would place 76 acres of land, containing several Cherokee historic sites in eastern Tennessee, in trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has passed the U.S. House of Representatives. It passed in a House voice vote on Wednesday, Feb. 5 marking the fifth Congress in a row that the legislation has passed in the House.

H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act) was introduced into the 119th Congress on Jan. 7 by Congressman Charles J. “Chuck” Fleischmann (R-Tenn.).

Rep. Fleischmann said in a statement following House passage, “It is long past time for Congress to fulfill its promise to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and return the sacred land taken forcibly from them due to tragic and misguided federal policies of the past. Today marks the fifth consecutive time that my bill to restore 76.1 acres of land to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has overwhelming passed the House of Representatives, and it is time for the Senate to pass this bill and send it to President Trump’s desk for him to sign into law.”

He added, “It is on these 76.1 acres that the Cherokee People have honored the birth and life of Sequoyah, one of the most influential and important Native Americans to have lived. The Eastern Band of Cherokee has been promised repeatedly that this sacred land will be returned to them, and the Eastern Band has committed to improving the site to include expanding the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum so more Americans can learn and know about the important legacy of Sequoyah and the history of the Cherokee People. Still, so far, Congress has not lived up to its repeated promises to return this land. I strongly urge my colleagues in the Senate to realize the urgent importance of passing this bill and finally correct a historic wrong by returning this sacred land to the

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks said in a statement to the One Feather when the bill was introduced, “The reintroduction of the Eastern Band Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act by Representative Charles Fleischmann represents a long-overdue opportunity to restore what has always been rightfully ours. These lands that include the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, the Chota and Tanasi memorials, and the Chota Peninsula in Tennessee are part of our ancestral homelands, where our ancestors lived, worked, and cared for the land for generations. They hold immense cultural, historical, and spiritual significance to the EBCI. For too long, these sacred lands have been outside of our stewardship, and this legislation will allow us to honor our responsibility to protect and preserve them for future generations.”

Previous versions of the bill included H.R. 548 (118th Congress) which passed the House by a unanimous voice vote, H.R. 2088 (117th Congress) which passed the House by a vote of 407-16, H.R. 453 (116th Congress) which passed the House by a unanimous voice vote, and H.R. 146 (115th Congress) which passed the House by a vote of 383-2. All of these bills died in the Senate.



The Chota site is shown in the photo above.

According to language in the bill, the 76 acres includes approximately 46 acres at the site of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, around 18.2 acres which includes the Chota Memorial and the Tanasi Memorial, and another 11.2 acres known as “support parcel”. Also included in the bill are permanent easements for the Chota Peninsula, which includes 8.5 acres, and the Chota-Tanasi Trail which has 11.4 acres.

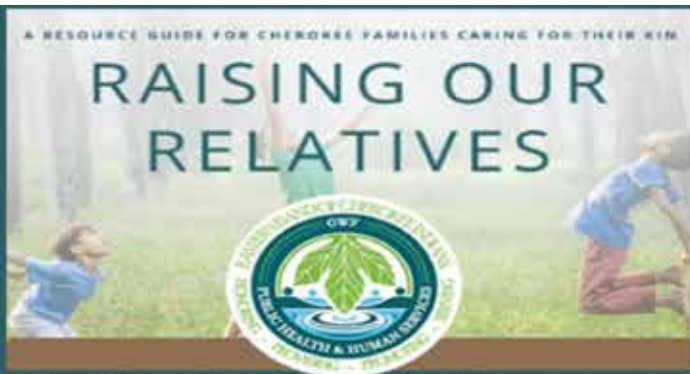
Charlie Rhodarmer, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum director,

noted the importance of the area, “Tanasi was the first Cherokee capital in what is now this area of east Tennessee. It was set up by Moytoy of Tellico in the late 1720s/1730s. Moytoy was the first ‘emperor’ (spokesman) of the Cherokee. By 1753, Chota had become the mother town of the Overhill. During the eighteenth century, Chota was the political and cultural capital of the Cherokee Nation. It was known as a peace town.”

He added, “Chota was the lon-

gest existing Cherokee capital in the east before the Removal. Chota is center stage for Lt. Timberlake’s visit. Timberlake wrote his memoirs of his visit to the Cherokee Overhill, which gives us an incredible insight into Cherokee life in the mid-eighteenth century. By 1788, the Cherokee had moved their capital south to Georgia.”

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New Kituwah Academy Playground ribbon-cuttings

ABOVE: Adela (Eryx Watty) cuts the ribbon for the new 3- to 5-year-old playground at New Kituwah Academy on the morning of Feb. 4.

LEFT: Svdeni (Ava Van Middlesworth) cuts the ribbon for the new 1- to 2-year-old playground at New Kituwah Academy on the morning of Feb. 4

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Jan. 27 to Feb. 2, 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.

Dolson, Kelly Sue – age 55
Arrested: Jan. 27
Released: Jan. 30
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Toineeta, Marlena Lorraine – age 46
Arrested: Jan. 27

Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 3)
Charges: Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray; Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult; Pre-Trial Release Violation

Arch, Jasmine Danielle – age 33
Arrested: Jan. 28
Released: Jan. 28
Charges: Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Poston, Nicholas Dewayne – age 37
Arrested: Jan. 28
Released: Jan. 28
Charges: Temporary Hold

Rattler, Jacob Hunter – age 32
Arrested: Jan. 28
Released: Jan. 28
Charges: Drug Trafficking, Possession of a Controlled Substance

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Winchester, Tonya Rae – age 35
Arrested: Jan. 28
Released: Jan. 28
Charges: Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

West, Kyra Tyrea – age 20
Arrested: Jan. 29
Released: Jan. 29
Charges: Driving While Impaired Driving After Consuming

Owl, Sierra – age 38
Arrested: Jan. 30
Released: Jan. 30
Charges: Public Intoxication

Sneed, Wilson Ledford – age 49
Arrested: Jan. 30
Released: Jan. 30

Charges: Failure to Appear
Silva, Jose Angel – age 30
Arrested: Jan. 31
Released: Feb. 1
Charges: Temporary Hold

Watty, Irene Polly – age 30
Arrested: Jan. 31
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Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Walker, Toma Jerome – age 37
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BASKETBALL: Cherokee Lady Braves 112 Swain Co. Lady Maroon Devils 23
Lady Braves Jr. (#14) Marlee Hicks sinks a three in the Lady Braves victory over Swain Co. Jan. 4 in Tsalisdoni (Bryson City). The Lady Braves punched their highest final score yet of the 2024-25 season with a final of Cherokee 112 Swain 23 (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



BASKETBALL: Cherokee Braves 79 Swain Co. Maroon Devils 62
Cherokee's (#35) Sr. Luke Smith and (#25) Sr. Savian Davis get up for the block against Swain's (#11) Jr. Druw Cody in the Cherokee Braves victory over Swain Co. Jan. 4 in Tsalisdoni (Bryson City). **FINAL SCORE: Cherokee 79 Swain 62** (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



2nd Annual National Girls & Women in Sports event

The SAVVY Board at Harrah's Cherokee Casinos held their 2nd Annual National Girls & Women in Sports event at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 4. Former NFL quarterback and U.S. congressman Heath Shuler and sports marketing expert Stacey Hepp were guest speakers at the event. Student athletes from several regional schools were in attendance, including Cherokee Central Schools and Swain County Schools. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

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Museum of the Cherokee People dedicated to using a Cherokee voice

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Visitors walking into the Museum of the Cherokee People these days will see much work being accomplished on the lobby area and beyond. Museum staff is currently working diligently to update the main exhibit which is scheduled to re-open in March.

“The overarching theme for this one is a shift into being a true Cherokee first-voice museum,” said Shana Bushyhead Condill, Museum executive director. “We walked through the exhibit yesterday for the millionth time and seeing how often the word ‘they’ is in the label versus ‘our’ or ‘we’ is really interesting. Just to think about going through the whole thing and changing the perspective. We’ve been saying that and now we can have the pen in our own hand.

What does that actually look like. So, that, I think, is exciting for us.”

Sustainability for the Museum is one of the four strategic priorities along with communications, identity, and community buy-in. “We had to shut down the exhibit for a minute and that was a cost to us. We discounted admission. We have an unusual business model where 80 percent of our income comes from box office. That’s not typical for any museum I’ve ever worked at before. Usually you have a more diverse stream of funding. So, as we think about what could those streams of funding be, can we do it in this space? These are



Some of the staff of the Museum of the Cherokee People are shown in the main exhibit, which is undergoing an update at the moment and is scheduled to re-open in March. Shown, left to right, are Evan Mathis, Museum director of collections and exhibitions; Michael Slee, Museum director of operations; Dakota Brown, Museum director of education; Shana Bushyhead Condill, Museum executive director; and Eden Brown, Museum director of finance. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

the questions that we’re asking.” Revenue is important to any business, but the Museum is also dedicated to serving the people. “We of course always want to be of our community,” said Condill. “What’s the point if we’re not serving our community.”

She added, “What we’re able to do right now is use our current space as lab space... ‘Sovereignty’ is an experiment. That’s one of those themes that we’re talking about. Instead of saying, ‘In the beginning was the Paleo Period’, we’re going to talk about sovereignty.

What does that look like through time and for us? Maybe we’re addressing various, different times within that theme.”

Cost for the transformative updates will be minimal as the work is being done in-house.

Dakota Brown, Museum director of education, said the Museum is dedicated to using a Cherokee voice in everything going forward. “One of the things that, as far as challenges are concerned, I think that any kind of change is sometimes scary for folks. So, I think that’s one of the challeng-

es that we’ve seen is that there’s not a model, really, that exists in this area or even in the museum world. It’s very uncommon to see a first-voice museum. There’s a few examples that we’ve been able to pull from. FAM (First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City) is one of those examples and then IAAM (International African American Museum in Charleston) is another example of a first-voice museum. So, there is a little bit of trial and error when it comes to this. We do have to be a little fearless when it comes to the way that we ap-

proach things. We have to kind of test them out to see if it's going to work. And, we also have to be willing to pivot and know when to pull back when things aren't working." She went on to say, "For the most part, we've seen a great response to the way that we've approached that. Most people, I think, can resonate with authenticity and being in authentic spaces. So, when they come into our spaces and see that authentic representation, we've gotten good feedback from folks about that."

Evan Mathis, Museum director of collections and exhibits, noted, "Our current 'Sovereignty' exhibit is not super kid-friendly. We want to make sure that we bring every age group. We want every age group to be able to enjoy the gallery spaces so that was a lesson for us. Kids don't really care about a super academic exhibit about sovereignty so that's a goal for us as well."

All of our exhibits going forward will be culturally safe for our community to go through. There won't be any funerary or sacred objects on view and people will have the opportunity to consent to viewing those things if they come here to view those things in the object collections."

He spoke of one exciting addition to the new space. "We're also, for the first time in the old exhibit, acknowledging who the makers of the objects are and making sure that they're acknowledged in the exhibit. Before when you walked through, there was no names of the makers listed...unfortunately, that information, a lot of it has been lost. They have really poor records. We don't know where some of the materials came from. But, if we have the information, we're going to list it."

Michael Slee, Museum director



The logo of the Museum of the Cherokee People is in the process of being painted behind the register in the lobby by its designer, Tyra Maney.

of operations, also spoke about the voice of the Museum. "I think it's important to remember that as we tell these stories about Cherokee history that it's important that it's coming from Cherokee people. Because we're not just talking about people in the past. We're literally talking about our own grandparents and our communities. This history that we're talking about is my grandma. So, just being conscious of that with everything that we do and sensitive to it."

Brown said they want the updated exhibit to be a place all ages can enjoy. "We're hoping to target a 4th-5th grade level throughout the exhibit. That way we can have our area schools come and see the exhibit and our kids have something to do when they come here. What we're hoping to do is show that contrast of, 'this is where we're headed, this is where we've been' and show clear examples of, 'what could be wrong with this? Or why might we say 'we' and 'our' instead of 'they'?' So, we're hoping to show those contrasts in

the interpretation of how far we've come and what being a first-voice museum looks like."

She said the goal is to have visitors interact with the exhibits mentally. "We're hoping that we're going to get our visitors to ask questions and question what they're seeing. That's kind of the hope of our approach is that folks will be able to question what they're seeing and be thoughtful about what they're seeing. One of the responsibilities that we have as a museum is that folks come in our door and what's on the wall they take as absolute truth. So, what we want to do is challenge our visitors to think critically about what they're seeing and how they're walking through the space."

Showing that Cherokee people are not just historical beings is very important to Condill and the entire staff. She noted, "It's heartbreaking to me and I hate it, but when I was deciding to go into museums in 1998, I remember writing about the struggle for acknowledgement - to not be

invisible. That we are still here is something that I was writing about back then and, unfortunately, it's still relevant today. We ask our young people what they want us to say, and that's what they say. We want people to know that we're still here. So that piece of being contemporary Native people who are alive and thriving today has to be a piece of every single thing we do, in every exhibit we do, ever."

She said the new, updated exhibit will just build on a proud tradition the Museum has fulfilled since its inception. "Our museum here has always been innovative, always on the cutting edge of what museums can be...we're still on that cutting edge. We're still building on the legacies of those that came before us here at the museum, but it's an opportunity now to take that next step, which is exciting."

For more information on the Museum of the Cherokee People, visit: <https://motcp.org>

Qualla Arts & Crafts, Inc. looking towards the future

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – With sunlight shining into the gallery space at Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc. (Qualla), brilliantly illuminating some of the Cherokee baskets, Amanda McCoy and Taya Houser discuss the future of the cooperative. Qualla features arts and crafts by its almost 350 artist members who are all also members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

McCoy has taken the reins as manager of Qualla following the retirement of Vicki Cruz in December 2024, and Houser is now serving as assistant manager.

Information from Qualla on Cruz states, “Qualla Arts and



Taya Houser, left, and Amanda McCoy are the new assistant manager and manager respectively for Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc. They are shown in front of the storefront on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 5. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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Crafts Mutual works with other cultural organizations in the region including the Museum of the Cherokee People, Mainspring Trust, and Cherokee Central Schools. Vicki and her staff worked with Western Carolina University to catalog the co-op's (Qualla) permanent collection, placing much of it online for public viewing. Under Vicki's management, Qualla Arts and Crafts has made significant physical improvements to its facility, increased its capacity for grant writing, and added classes to its offerings. A recent highlight of her work experience was coordinating an effort with Google to create a 'doodle' honoring famed carver and co-op member, the late Amanda Crowe."

McCoy and Houser are committed and determined to keep Qualla moving forward.

"I have always been involved in the arts. My mom was an artist," said McCoy who joined Qualla's membership of artists in 2013 for beadwork. "It's just a special place. You get to know different artists and all of the different arts and crafts, and it just makes you want to try them."

She learned a lot about Cherokee basketry, in particular, from Lucille Lossiah while working previously at the Oconaluftee Indian Village. McCoy said that having intimate knowledge of the arts and crafts and the work that goes into each helps her in educating the public about them. "With the example of baskets, we know the time that it takes to build these baskets. The artists go out and gather their own materials, and they go out and gather those dye materials, and the hours that it

takes to do them."

Houser noted, "I've always been a seamstress. I raised my three kids doing alterations for bridal and formal. I didn't grow up in Cherokee. So, when I came here all of the tradition and history of art was new."

When she came to Cherokee, she worked some with Nancy Maney, noted maker of traditional Cherokee clothing. Houser said, "She (Maney) really taught me a lot about traditional and historical Cherokee clothing which gave me a whole new avenue."

Houser said she hopes to become an artist member of Qualla this summer in the fibers category. Qualla has a main floor of contemporary arts and crafts for sale, and it also has a permanent, not-for-sale gallery. McCoy commented, "For the gallery, we want to have our past along with our present – have it flow. We can't move along into the future without honoring our past and knowing where we come from. Our generation is going to be the generation that bridges the gap between what we know as traditional or historical and contemporary. We have to bridge that gap. At one time, each and every one of these arts that we know now as traditional or historical was very contemporary at their time. I just like to remind people of that – we didn't always have handles in our baskets. We didn't always have the cool colorations that we get in pottery. It's all trial and error."

Both McCoy and Houser said that educating the public and encouraging interaction about the arts and crafts is a huge part of their mission.

Houser noted, "When our visitors come in, we ask, 'do you have any questions? Would you like to see anything?' And, a lot of times,

they will have questions. Many times, they say they don't want to be offensive or sound dumb, but you have to ask. Then, that starts conversations."

McCoy added, "There's no such thing as a dumb question. The one that is never asked is the one that you'll never know. It's all learning."

She also encourages EBCI tribal members to visit Qualla often. "Just come in and learn the history of the cooperative itself. We were started in 1946 with crafters and craft supporters. This year, we'll be 79-years-old, and that does, to our knowledge, make us the oldest Native American arts and crafts cooperative in the country. So, be proud of that. This is in your hometown. You can become a member of it if you just continue practicing your craft."

For more information about Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc., visit: <https://quallaartsandcrafts.org>

To submit a missing or murdered indigenous people case for the W.A.R. team to research and bring to light, go to <https://war-podcast.com>

EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCR working with Tribe to establish an Autism/IDD Program

Cansler Collaborative Resources (CCR is working with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in establishing an Autism/IDD Program. One of the first tasks identified was to provide Person-Centered training.

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* The importance of being listened

to and the effects of not being listened to and not having positive control

* Learning to listen to people who don't communicate in traditional ways
* Discovering what is important to people and sorting what is important to and what is important for them
* Respectfully addressing significant issues of health and safety while supporting individual choice and control
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TOGETHER, we can create a world where everyone feels valued, empowered, and supported. Thank you for your time and participation.

DATE of TRAINING: Feb. 24 and 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at the Dora Reed Center at 897 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. (828) 359-6590

If you are interested in participating in the training, please contact Kara Froberg at kfroberg@ccr-email.com or let Candy Ross {candross@ebci-nsn.gov or (828) 359-2203} know your interest and she can share your information with Kara Froberg.

- EBCI Public Health and Human Service release

sponsored by the Town of Sylva, will once again take place in historical downtown Sylva. This year's festival seeks artisans and crafters selling their own hand-made products. Arts, crafts, and food vendors from the expanded Appalachian area are encouraged to apply.

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

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

- *Greening Up the Mountains Festival release*

George H.V. Cecil Journey Scholarship now open

WNC Communities has opened this year's application cycle for the George H.V. Cecil Journey Scholarship. From now until March 17, qualifying high school seniors may apply for one of several scholarships available, ranging in amount from \$1,250 to \$2,500. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years.

The scholarship honors the legacy of George H.V. Cecil, who gave decades of service to our rural communities across western North Carolina. Mr. Cecil was among the founders of the WNC Honors program in 1949 and served the program for 71 years. In recognition of Mr. Cecil's lifetime contributions, and his dedication to higher education for all students living within the most rural geographies of western North Carolina, the governing board of WNC Communities renamed this scholarship program in his honor.

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Call for vendors for Greening Up the Mountains Festival

Artisans, crafters, and food and beverage vendors are invited to submit their application for the Greening Up the Mountains Festival to be held in Sylva, N.C. on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The festival,

Scholarship applicants must live or participate in a community that is active in the WNC Honors Awards Program managed by WNC Communities. Students must have their application signed by an officer from one of the community clubs listed on page 2 of the application to be eligible. Extra consideration is given to applicants who have previous involvement with their community center. All applicants are expected to demonstrate good character, strong academic record, dedication to community service, and leadership qualities. Additional eligibility requirements can be found on the application.

Applications are available through high school guidance counselors, community center officers, and found on WNC Communities' website at wnccommunities.org/scholarship/

Info: gailparker@wnccommunities.org or (828) 252-4783
- WNC Communities release

WNC Communities seeks nominations for 2025 WNC Agricultural Hall of Fame

WNC Communities is now accepting nominations for the Western North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame. This prestigious honor recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the agricultural sector, driving sustainability and growth in our region. As Western North Carolina continues to explore innovative methods for sustainability, we are proud to celebrate the visionaries who have shaped the future of our agricultural community.

Established in 1991, the objectives of the Western North Carolina

Agricultural Hall of Fame are to honor significant contributions to agriculture, to recognize individuals who have been responsible for agricultural advancement, and to improve and promote agriculture and agribusiness in Western North Carolina. Selection of members for the Western North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame is conducted annually and the general public is invited to submit nominations for this honor. The guidelines, criteria and nomination form for 2025 may be downloaded at wnccommunities.org or you may pick up a hardcopy at the WNC Communities office at 594 Brevard Rd., Asheville, NC. Nominations must be received by Monday, March 10.

WNC Communities will hold the annual Western North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Aug. 8 at the Davis Event Center, WNC Agriculture Center in Fletcher, N.C., where the WNC Ag Hall of Fame display is located.

- WNC Communities release

terment of us all. Because of this, I look forward to coming back to Cherokee and being on the donating side of the Yogi Crowe Scholarship this Fall.

Thank you,
Raven G. Rattler



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. This relief pitcher won World Series titles with the 1969 New York Mets and the 1980 Philadelphia Phillies. His son is a country music star. Who is he?

2. Who did Muhammad Ali defeat in a hard-fought unanimous decision to retain the undisputed heavyweight championship at New York City's Madison Square Garden on Sept. 29, 1977?

3. Name the motorsports driver, engineer, designer and businessman from New Zealand who was killed in 1970 while testing a new racecar in England.

4. Center Will Perdue won three NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls from 1991-93 and won his fourth title with what team in 1999?

5. Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver Calvin Johnson, who played for the Detroit Lions from 2007-15, was nicknamed after what "Transformers" character?

6. Atlanta Drive GC, Boston Common Golf, Jupiter Links GC and The Bay Golf Club are among the teams in what indoor/virtual golf league?

7. Name the Hall of Fame jockey who won the Kentucky Derby riding Sea Hero in 1993 and Grindstone in 1996.

Answers

1. Tug McGraw (his son is Tim McGraw).

2. Earnie Shavers.

3. Bruce McLaren.

4. The San Antonio Spurs.

5. Megatron.

6. TGL Golf.

7. Jerry D. Bailey.

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Volunteer Income Tax Appointments - VITA

February 2025 calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First day of VITA 9am - 7pm	3	9am - 7pm	4 8am - 5 pm	5 10am - 7pm	6 9am - 4pm
9am - 7pm	10	9am - 7pm	11 8am - 5 pm	12 10am - 7pm	13 9am - 4pm
No VITA	17	9am - 7pm	18 8am - 5 pm	19 10am - 7pm	20 9am - 4pm
9am - 7pm	24	9am - 7pm	25 8am - 5 pm	26 10am - 7pm	27 9am - 4pm

Appointments are available to everyone in the community at no cost. Located at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Call (828)-359-6001 to schedule an appointment, evening appointments are available too.

Tax Prep Checklist

Everyone:

- ID
- Social security numbers (yourself, spouse & dependents)
- Dates of birth (yourself, spouse & dependents)
- Bank Account/Routing #s

Income

- W-2s
- Pension/IRA/annuity income (1099-R)
- Social security/RRB income: SSA-1099, RRB-1099
- Interest, dividend income (1099-INT, 1099-OID, 1099-DIV)

- Income from sales of stock or other property (1099-B, 1099-S)
- Gambling income (W-2G)
- Any other 1099s received
- *If you are enrolled in GenWell you will not be issued a 1099

Health Insurance

- Form 1095-A if you enrolled in an insurance plan through the Marketplace (Exchange)

Educational Expenses

- Forms 1098-T from educational institutions
- Form 1098-E if you paid student loan interest

Misc.

- IP Pin issued by the IRS if you have previously been a victim of tax-related identity theft.

OBITUARIES ᏊᏗᏁᏂᏁ

Otis Wayne Shaw

Otis Wayne Shaw, 54, of the Lauada community in Bryson City, N.C., passed away unexpectedly on the morning of Friday, Jan. 31, 2025, at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C. He is the Son of the late Chris Jean and Otis Shaw.

Otis will be missed by all who knew him. There will be a missing piece for Marcie and Jared, "Team Shaw", as he referred to them, as they were always together. Now, they will carry on as 2, with a guardian angel.

Otis is survived by his wife of 25 years, Marcie Shaw; children, Jared David Shaw and Paige Shaw; brother, Devan Hall (Shawn); in-laws, David and Linda Baxley, of Robbinsville, N.C.; brother-in-law,

James and sister-in-law, Alexis Baxley.

A graveside service was held on Friday, Feb. 7 in the Blythe Cemetery.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Edna Rowena Bradley

Edna Rowena Bradley, 76, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Deweese and Edith Welch Bradley.

She was a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church and in her later years, attended Yellowhill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Jennifer Lynn Smith; brother, Jimmy Bradley; and sister, Janie Bradley.

She is survived by her chil-

dren, Christine Bradley, Jackie Smith, Harold Smith (Bumper); grandchildren, Demetryus Bradley, Tierney Bradley, Malla Bradley, Carmen Smith, Autumn Lomas, Ryder Sneed, Ella Smith, Elliott Smith; and several great grandchildren; two sisters, Nikki Nations, and Regina Crowe; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friend, Faye Wilnoty.

Funeral services were held Friday, Feb. 7 at Yellowhill Baptist Church. Rev, Foreman Bradley officiated with burial in the Welch Bradley Cemetery.

Kristin Marie Lane

Kristin Marie Lane, age 40, of the Big Witch Community in Cherokee, N.C., passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, at Park Ridge Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tenn.

A native of Cherokee, NC, Kristin was a lifelong resident. She graduated from Smoky Mountain High School and earned an AAS degree from Southwestern Community College. She was the director of Cherokee Transit for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Kristin is preceded in death by her father, Jarrett Thomas Bradley, and her son, Jaxsun Lane.

She is survived by her son, Ryan Thomas Cooper; her mother, Linda Bradley; and her brothers, Michael Bradley, Aaron Bradley, and Mark Bradley.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Feb. 12 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home.

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THE GOOD STUFF

Catcuce Tiger encourages culture every day

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

On a chilly evening in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), people begin filing into the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex, and they hear a familiar voice on the microphone. Catcuce Tiger, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who also has Seminole Tribe of Florida heritage, is serving as emcee for the Cherokee Winter Social and he reminds everyone to hold onto their raffle tickets.

Later on, he reminds them to hold onto something much more important – their culture.

Catcuce is a man on a mission, and that mission is very clear – to inspire people to learn more about their Cherokee culture.

At the “From Darkness Into Hope” Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event held at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. last September, Tiger spoke of gaining hope and identity from culture. He noted, “I was told one time by someone that everything that we struggle with, every problem that we’re faced with can be surpassed or overcome with cultural knowledge...to me, what that means is knowing one’s self.”

During that event, he also said, “I do feel like a lot of struggles can be helped from learning about yourself through culture. Learning about yourself through language, through dances, through history, song, and, one of my favorite cultural things is food...our food is healing. Everything is medicine.”

Catcuce, who serves as a cultural facilitator in the Cherokee Central Schools Culture Dept., is always encouraging everyone, especially young people, to become involved in their culture. In covering events, I’ve heard him say numerous times, “This is yours. This culture is yours.”

He traveled to New Zealand in April 2023, as part of a contingent from Cherokee Central Schools, and met with a group of Māori who were involved in their own language revitalization efforts. When members of that group visited Cherokee in October 2023, I interviewed him along with others.

At that time, Catcuce said seeing the language revitalization of the Māori during their trip was inspiring. “It gives me hope. We can do it but it’s going to take a whole lot more work than what we’re doing now. We’re just going to have to gear up even more and work even harder to get that. But it gave me hope.”

He added, “What I try to do on a daily basis is to instill pride into the kids because I feel that they feel connected, but I don’t think a lot of them feel that they have a lot of cultural or language knowledge to feel that they’re real owners, agents, of their future and their culture.”

Instilling pride and instilling hope is what Catcuce Tiger is all about. He speaks to it at every event, and he is a shining example of the importance of being hopeful, being positive, and encouraging others.



Catcuce Tiger sings an honor song during the “From Darkness Into Hope” Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event held at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. on Sept. 4, 2024. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



Tiger serves as emcee during the Cherokee Winter Social held at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex on Jan. 25, 2025.

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Just missed him

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

(author of "Preacher Spurs",

Christian Faith Publishing,

Meadville, Pa., 2022)

Scripture references: John 5:39-40, 1 John 5:11-12, Matthew 11:2-5, Galatians 2:21, John 3:18, John 9:40-41, John 10:24-25, John 10:31-33, John 14:6-7

The Jews, Muslims, Christians, and the rest of the world may know about Jesus, but this message is dedicated to showing who He is to me and you. JESUS IS LORD!

The story is in the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They witnessed Christ in the flesh on earth and in ministry using His own words. You only need to reread them to look for those who didn't recognize Jesus as the Messiah, The Son of God, The Son of Man, God in the flesh. The fact remains that people were looking for the Messiah yesterday and are looking for the Messiah today and will continue to look for Him tomorrow. He's been here, and He's coming back. There is no other.

Many seek God and miss Jesus. The Pharisees and scribes, the Sadducees, and Jews all studied and sought after the Word of God to find the Messiah only to look right over Him while in their presence. He was standing right before them, and they missed Him. All the clues of the Old Testament, all the miracles He performed, all the things He said of Himself, and they missed Him. People still miss Him.

Ever look for something you can't find all over the house, garage, or workplace? You know what it looks like. You're sure it has to be someplace close to where it belongs, but you don't see it. Then someone else points to exactly where it is, and you have already looked over that same spot a dozen times. It's like you were blind. Someone might say, "If it had been a rattlesnake, it would have bitten you." Strange comparison right there. You can hear a rattler and not see it; if you don't believe what you hear and know your danger, you might die. That's what it's like to search for and miss the kingdom of God. People can learn all about Jesus but miss the relationship that He is Lord

and that He saves. It is those who miss that and condemn themselves in disbelief.

"He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18

"Ye search the scriptures because ye think that in them ye have eternal life, and these are they which bear witness of me; and ye will not come to me, that ye may have life." John 5:39-40

How did the ancient ones seeking the Kingdom of God respond to Jesus? In their minds, they knew what He was supposed to look like. They decided who He was supposed to be and what they wanted for themselves. In their minds, filled with pride, they were confident that they knew better than their scripture what the Messiah should be. He was not who they wanted.

That thinking is hubris, conceit, pride, and ultimately blind ignorance. In their defense, they were spiritually blinded. They were pre-ordained to condemn Him. That was the plan. People of today seeking the Kingdom of God want to skirt Jesus and make their own way to Heaven. They create their own religion, their own gods, and their own rules. They think they know better, too. But the difference is that the ancient ones were blinded for a grand purpose;

you can call upon Jesus to show you the truth through the Holy Spirit.

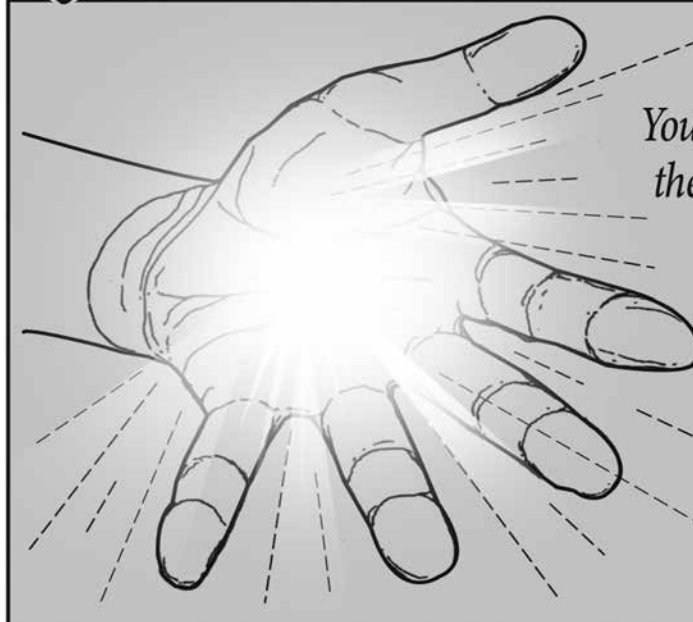
Who is blinding you? What's your excuse? Satan is a liar and will keep you from understanding who Jesus is if you let satan get in the way. Jesus is stronger, His Spirit is stronger, and He overcomes the wiles of satan. All you need to do is believe and repent knowing Jesus is Lord God Almighty, and it is He who saves. It is He who is the way to God and the Kingdom of Heaven. Let His Spirit lead you. Ask Him to come into your heart. If you miss Him today, you will miss eternal life with Him. Don't miss Jesus.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also: from henceforth ye know him and have seen him." John 14:6-7

Lord, God, and Father, we ask that Your Spirit lead and guide us closer to living a Kingdom life with You as our guide. Light our path, direct our feet, and lead us in a closer walk in truth and in Spirit. Thank you, Lord, for revealing who You are so that our faith becomes the belief to accept You as our Saviour and Lord. Teach us how to live in Your light and walk in Your way. Amen



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PSALM 145: 16,17

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by Dave T. Phipps

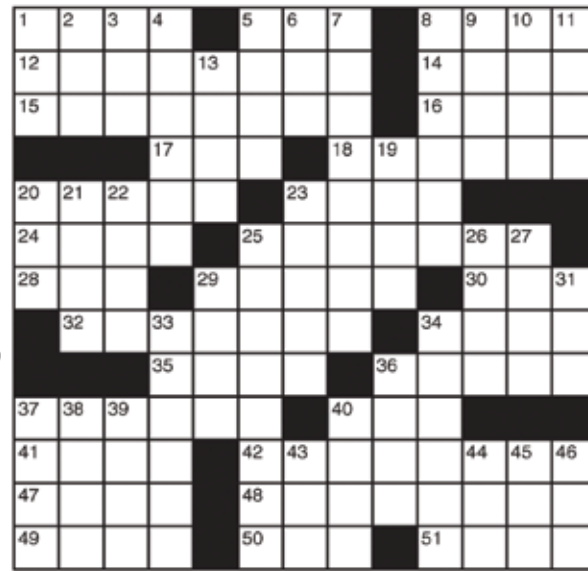
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- 14 Ogled
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- 17 Pentagon gp.
- 18 Mild cheese
- 20 Singer Mann
- 23 "— Las Vegas"
- 24 Not that
- 25 Verbal attack
- 28 Yr. parts
- 29 Some latte sizes
- 30 Cut the lawn
- 32 Italian corn-meal recipe
- 34 Race finish
- 35 Rapscallions
- 36 Word list, for short
- 37 Goldberg on "The View"
- 40 — Lingu
- 41 Honker
- 42 Refines
- 47 Duel tool
- 48 Investigates
- 49 Holler
- 50 "Mayday!"
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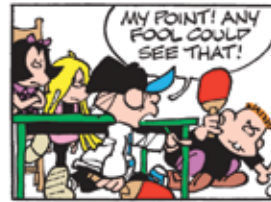
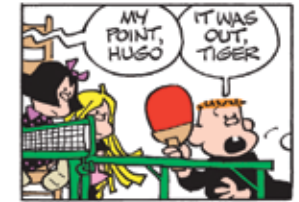
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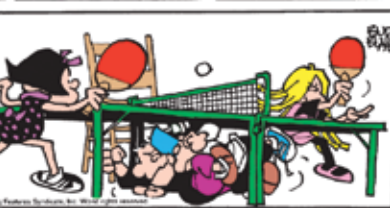
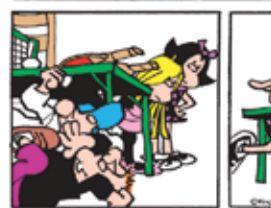
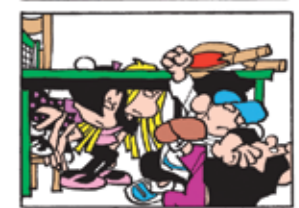
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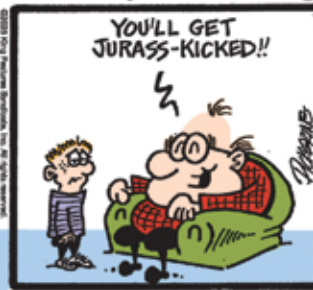
TIGER



by BUD BLAKE



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Spatula is wider. 2. The is different. 3. Sleeve is longer. 4. Ear is larger. 5. Pancake is added. 6. Cap is larger.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest mountain in Canada?
2. TELEVISION: Who is the host of the long-running reality series "Survivor"?
3. LITERATURE: Which animals represent the Communist Party in "Animal Farm"?
4. U.S. STATES: Which state is the birthplace of the singer Elvis?
5. ASTRONOMY: How long does it take the moon to orbit the Earth?
6. MOVIES: What is the score Elle receives on her law school admission test in "Legally Blonde"?
7. AD SLOGANS: Which product's slogan is "Is It In You"?
8. LANGUAGE: What is an eraser called in the United Kingdom?
9. SCIENCE: What are the four primary precious metals?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Valentine's Day arose from which Roman ritual?

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HAPPENINGS

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

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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

- Feb. 15 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Ava Walkingstick's 8th grade trip
- Feb. 22 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility
- March 1 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Doober George family

Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser. Feb. 14 at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

Bingo Fundraiser. Feb. 14 at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., Bingo starts at 6 p.m. \$20 for adult packs (15 games) and \$10 for kids packs (15 games).

Indoor Community Yard Sale. Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Qualla Community Club at 80 Shoal Creek Church Loop in Whittier, N.C. \$20 for two tables. Barbeque fundraiser lunch served from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For tables, message Qualla Community Club on Facebook.

Senior 2025 Fundraisers at the West Senior Center (formerly

Tsali Manor). Info:
- March 15. Bingo
- April 14. Basket Raffle
- May 25-31. Silent Auction

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

"The Truth According to Ember" book discussion and Q&A with author. Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People store. Books on the Boundary: A Museum of the Cherokee People Reading Circle will discuss its winter read, "The Trust According to Ember": A Chickasaw woman who can't catch a break serves up a little white lie that snowballs into much more in this USA Today bestselling rom-com by critically-acclaimed author Danica Nava, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Valentine's Day Open Craft Night. Feb. 12 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Qualla Boundary Public Library in Cherokee, N.C. Food, fun, and more. Hinigoliya participants will receive extra points.

MANNA Foodbank Community Market. Feb. 20 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (or, until food is gone) at the Wolfstown Gym at 27 Long Branch Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. This event is free and open to all community members. Stop by for free grocery staples, produce, and other per-

ishables from MANNA Foodbank. Info: (828) 359-6930, chumwalk@ebci-nsn.gov

Bingo Night. Feb. 21 at the Painttown Community Building in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo starts at 6 p.m. Concessions will be available, and specials will be played and sold separately. Adult packs are \$20, kids packs are \$10.

Exploring Birds on the Boundary. Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. This free program is being facilitated by ecoEXPLORE. Attendees must RSVP. Call Virginia Shell (828) 788-8659 to sign up.

EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS/EVENTS

Cherokee Storytellers meet

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

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

NAIA Daughters meetings. Each meeting is from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Qualla Java in Cherokee, N.C. Meetings are scheduled for Feb. 16, March 20, April 16, and May 18.

Cherokee History & Stories.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK
Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida
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Buttercup is a domestic duck who lives in Aniwodihi (Painttown) with humans Kelby, Camreigh, and Kamiyah.

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

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Power Princess Afterschool

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Having second thoughts could be a good thing, even if you're determined to go through with your plans. You might find it worthwhile to take a fresh look at how things have been set up.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial matters could continue to be a problem until you're able to straighten out some of the more pesky situations. Once this happens, the rest should be easier to unsnarl.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters once again take center stage and should be dealt with competently and quickly. Again, insist that others take on their fair share of the responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your creative pursuits seem to be running into a roadblock. But rather than blame outside factors, look within to see if you might be holding back your efforts for some reason.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Keep your keen Cat's Eye focused on relevant aspects of this new situation in your life. Don't be distracted by trivial matters. You need the pertinent facts before making a decision.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) As much as you prefer doing things on your own, continue to accept help if you still need to resolve the problem that affects your project. Meanwhile, some cheerful news is about to come your way!

LIBRA (September 23 to October

Boxing Program. Starts Feb. 10 and will be held Mondays from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Ages 10-14 girls. Info: Keahana Lambert (828) 359-6193, keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov

Women's Boxing Program. Starts Feb. 10. Mondays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. and Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Info: Keahana Lambert at keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov

3-v-3 Co-Ed Basketball Valentine's Day Tournament. Feb. 12 at the Pam Taylor Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Must be 18-years-old or

22) While you might begrudge the added time it will take to get your project from point A to B to C, etc., you could benefit from the facts that will emerge over this expanded time span.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Regarding your workplace suggestions, be prepared to produce the facts to counter reactions from skeptics who feel like your approach is unreasonable or even impossible.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Savvy Sagittarians will look for work-related answers on their own rather than relying on unproved assumptions. It might take more time to do so, but the payoff is worth it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects continue to favor family issues, with a special emphasis this week on changes in and around your home. Get everyone to suggest what they would like to see done.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A matter you thought had been settled still might produce surprises. Best advice: Continue to gather facts to bolster your position just in case you need to produce them quickly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) While your instincts are usually right when discerning 'twixt truth and deception, you could benefit from doing more research on the new "prospect" that you've been pitched.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your wisdom is only matched by your generosity, making you the sort of friend everyone hopes to have.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Take charge of your medical care

The Veterans Administration Office of Inspector General has been busy. As always, their focus is on identifying problems that cause harm to veterans.

For example, in one VA medical center there were concerns about the care given by a dermatologist on staff. Specifically, there were 48 instances where biopsies weren't done quickly, which allowed cancers to grow and spread. And abnormal test results weren't communicated, which delayed treatment. And the dermatologist documented procedures that weren't actually done. And specialists weren't called in. And inadequate treatment was given for certain cancers. And the dermatologist had been in the habit of copying and pasting previous notes from one appointment to the next, which meant that new information wasn't added to patient files. And, and, and ... so many instances of deficiency in care, all by one dermatologist. This went on from 2021 to 2023.

The supervisors weren't let off the hook in the OIG report. During performance reviews, they rated the dermatologist as "unsatisfactory" but focused on tardiness problems instead of big concerns like not actually doing biopsies. Instead of bouncing the dermatologist out the door, they decided to recommend nonrenewal of clinical privileges, which allowed the dermatologist to keep working with patients.

And (it just keeps getting better and better) senior staff claimed not to know about what was going on despite continued reporting by staff of their concerns and the dermatologist having been given two unsatisfactory reviews. Further, they didn't follow policy and report the dermatologist to the state licensing board.

Enter the VAOIG — in response to allegations of deficiencies in care — and patient records were finally reviewed, including 13 additional records given to the OIG. What the OIG found was grim, especially with cancer diagnoses.

If you have a medical concern, be sure that it's addressed. If a test or biopsy is done and no one calls you, get on the phone to them in seven days and insist on knowing the result. Don't trust that "no news is good news."

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Owner wants dog in the bedroom at all times, even on Valentine's

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My fiance insists on keeping the bedroom door closed, and my dog "Charlie," on the opposite side of it, when we're having sex. But Charlie whines, yelps and scratches the door the entire time we're at it. I think that letting him in won't be an issue, and he'll just curl up at the foot of the bed, but my fiance says it's creepy for the dog to be in the room at the same time. How can I get him to come around? Valentine's Day is almost here, and I don't want our romantic day to be spoiled by a whining dog outside the door. — D.R. in Fort Myers, Florida

DEAR D.R.: So, I'm a pet care columnist, not a relationship expert, but I'll do my best here. Pets are a part of our family, and love being the center of attention, but they do not need to be present at every moment of your life. Furthermore, you're in a relationship with another person, and a healthy relationship includes negotiation and compromise.

I think you can agree that the whining and scratching outside the door annoys both of you.

Instead of arguing about whether he's in or out, place Charlie in another section of your home where he can't hear your, um, Olympian efforts in the bedroom. The living room, the kitchen or a screened-in porch — wherever. If he uses a kennel cage, place him in there with a treat and his favorite toys and his binky, and then enjoy your evening.

Wherever you place Charlie, make sure there are no Valentine's chocolates or other goodies from your dinner in the same room. Chocolate, as you know, is poisonous to dogs (and cats).

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

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older to play. Sign-ups start at 4:30 p.m., games start at 5 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 per team. 5-man roster. There needs to be one female on the court at all times.

Big Y 40+ Basketball League.

Will be played on Mondays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Big Y Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Registration is open until Feb. 26. Fee is \$40. 40+ and over league for men and women; games will be played 3-on-3 half court with 12-minute halves. Maximum of six on a roster. There will be a maximum of six men's and six women's teams. Info: Ben Bradley (828) 507-3392, benjbrad@ebci-nsn.gov

St. Patrick's Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament.

March 16 at the Pam Taylor Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Must be 18-years-old or older. 8-person roster, must be two males on the court at all times. Looking for the first six teams. Sign-ups start at 12 p.m., games start at 12:45 p.m.

3-v-3 Co-Ed Easter Basketball Tournament.

April 6 at the Pam Taylor Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Sign-ups start at 12 p.m., games start at 12:30 p.m. 5-person roster. Entry fee per team is \$20. Ages 14-16.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

HIP Committee. Feb. 12 at 8:30 a.m.

Parks & Rec. Committee. Feb. 13 at 1 p.m.

Roads Commission. Feb. 18 at 9 a.m.

Timber Committee. Feb. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Planning Board. Feb. 18 at 1 p.m.

Health Board. Feb. 19 at 8:30 a.m.

Election Services Presentation. Feb. 19 at 1 p.m.

Qualla Housing Committee. Feb. 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Constitution Convention. Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.

POW WOW LISTINGS

Spirit of Nations Pow Wow.

March 29 at Jefferson County High School in Dandridge, Tenn. Info: www.indiancreekproductions.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery meets every

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: www.AAwn80.com

Cherokee Cancer Support Group,

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

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

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

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

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

WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

Nature U Workshop Series by Western Carolina University. Tuesdays from Feb. 11 to March 11 is "Getting the Most out of Organic Gardening". March 13, April 3, and May 1 is "Mindful Birding for Joy and Connection with Nature". April 25 is "The Art of Nature Journaling". May 23 and June 6 is "Forest Bathing". Register at learn.wcu.edu/nature

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

Chris Aluka Berry will share his new book, "Affrilachia".

Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore at 3E Jackson St. in Sylva, N.C. Berry will share his new book, "Affrilachia: Testimonies with Ann Miller Woodford". "Affrilachia," a term first coined in 1991 by Kentucky poet Frank X Walker, refers to the cultural contributions of African Americans who live in Appalachia, a largely mountainous region stretching over thirteen states from Mississippi to New York. Although Black Americans have greatly influenced the popular culture landscape in this region, their stories, trials, and triumphs are often undocumented because Appalachia is perceived as wholly white.

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, blowguns, 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, roger-

smoker@yahoo.com

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

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

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

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Abundant Life Apostolic Church. 171 Johnson Br. Road, Bryson City. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Worship. 7 p.m. Pastor Kevin Linkinhoker 488-8937

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

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

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m and 7 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Youth Meeting Wednesday

7 p.m. Pastor Max Cochran (828) 341-5801, Church number (828) 497-7770

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

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

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

Boiling Springs 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, Whit-

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

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

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Conference Center. Full season starts Aug. 4. Sunday School 10 a.m. and Morning Worship 11 a.m. Year-round services – church online live-streamed from the 24/7 church channel, Embassy TV <https://em->

bassytv.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 Wolfstown 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



Moments in time

• On Feb. 24, 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court voted to overturn a \$200,000 settlement awarded to the Reverend Jerry Falwell for the emotional distress he suffered after being parodied in the pornographic magazine *Hustler*, deciding that the satire, while in bad taste, was covered under the First Amendment's protection of freedom of speech.

• On Feb. 25, 1956, poets Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes met for the first time at a party. They married just four months later, but the union was rocked by Plath's discovery of her husband's adultery the same year their second child was born. After her suicide in 1963, Hughes edited several volumes of her poetry, one of which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1982.

• On Feb. 26, 1974, Nike received a U.S. patent for its waffle trainer running shoes. The company's co-founder, Bill Bowerman, invented the iconic soles by pouring polyurethane into a waffle iron at breakfast one morning.

• On Feb. 27, 1935, 6-year-old rising Hollywood star Shirley Temple took home the first-ever kid-size "juvenile" Oscar, measuring roughly half the height of a standard Oscar.

On Feb. 28, 2013, 85-year-old Pope Benedict XVI officially resigned his position as the leader of the Roman Catholic Church, citing his advanced age as the reason. He was the first pontiff to relinquish power in nearly six centuries.

• On March 1, 1864, Rebecca Lee Crumpler became the first African American woman to earn a medical degree. She also wrote one of the first medical manuals by an African American doctor — and woman — in the United States. Though she faced discrimination from fellow medical professionals due to her sex and race, she wrote that she cared for "a very large number of the indigent" in a "population of over 30,000."

• On March 2, 1807, the U.S. Congress passed an act to "prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States ... from any foreign kingdom, place or country." It would go into effect at the start of 1808.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

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

2. What's the finish to this Proverbs 14:23 verse: "In all labor there is ..."? Profit, Righteousness, Grace, Rewarding

3. At whose well did Jesus meet the Samaritan woman? Joshua's, Jonah's, Jacob's, Judas'

4. From Revelation 21, how many gates does the New Jerusalem have? 1, 4, 12, 16

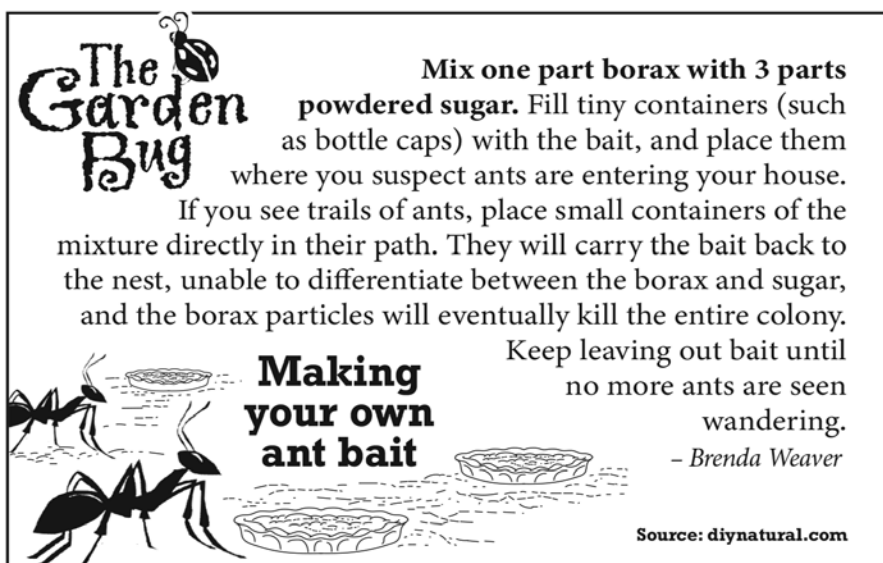
5. Who was king during Zechariah's time of prophecy? David, Daniel, Darius, Saul

6. How long did Aaron's followers mourn him? 3 days, 13 days, 30 days, 3 months

ANSWERS: (1) Old, (2) Profit, (3) Jacob's, (4) Twelve, (5) Darius, (6) 30 days

Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com.

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The Garden Bug

Mix one part borax with 3 parts powdered sugar. Fill tiny containers (such as bottle caps) with the bait, and place them where you suspect ants are entering your house. If you see trails of ants, place small containers of the mixture directly in their path. They will carry the bait back to the nest, unable to differentiate between the borax and sugar, and the borax particles will eventually kill the entire colony.

Keep leaving out bait until no more ants are seen wandering.

— Brenda Weaver

Source: diynatural.com

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

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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Mission. 82 Lambert Branch Road. Mass on Saturday (English at 4:30 p.m. and Spanish at 6 p.m.). During the winter months, between the beginning of Advent until Easter Sunday, the Mass is celebrated in the Kateri Center adjacent to the main Church. Pastor Fr. Victor Ameh MSP

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spruce Grove Baptist Church. 780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday evening service 7 p.m., third Saturday singing 7 p.m. Pastor

Ernie Cable. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

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

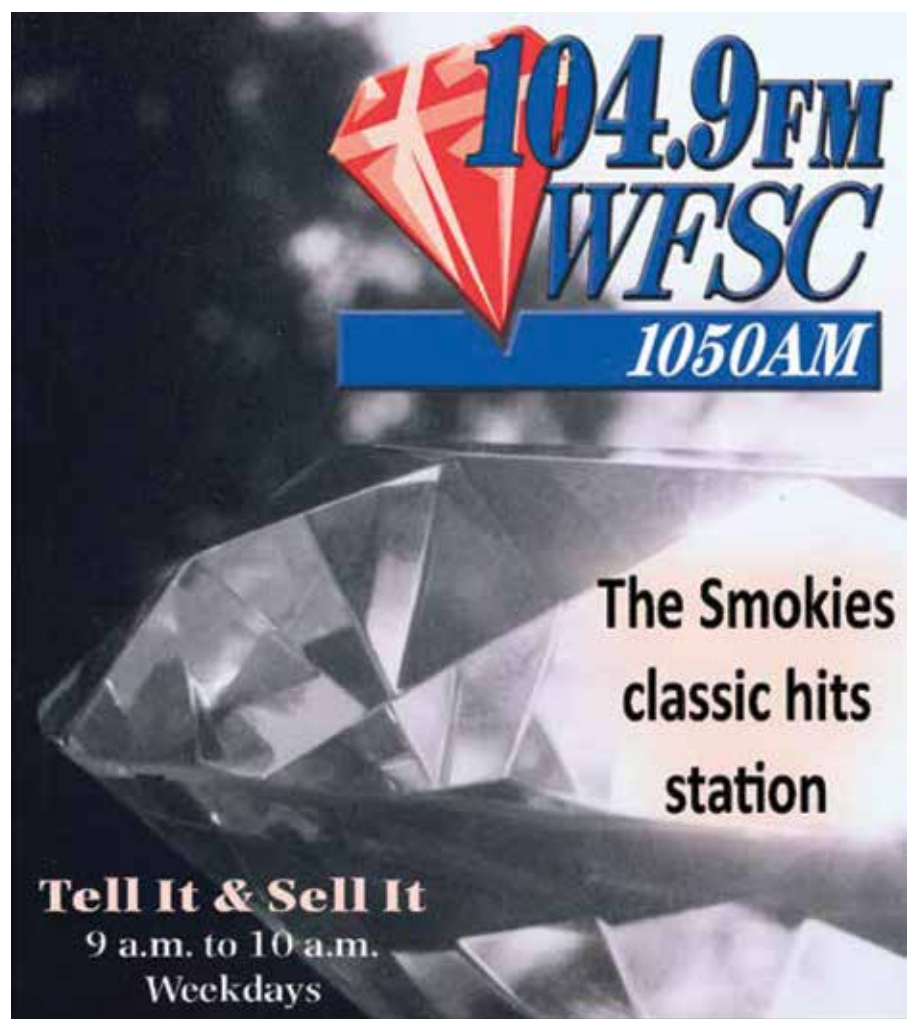
Waterfalls Baptist Church. 82 Waterfalls Church Rd., Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 5 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Scotty Chekelelee, pastor.

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

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

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

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





CLASSIFIEDS

Upcoming Yard Sales at Granny's Kitchen in Cherokee, N.C.

Feb. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, and 23. Info: (828) 508-6743. **2/12**

For Sale: RING Pro Doorbell, dining room table with four high chairs and two stools, king size bed frame, twin bed frame and new mattress, propane monitor heater, portable kerosene heater, Epson computer printer. Call or text Charlene Owle (828) 788-3723 for more information. **2/12**

For Sale: Spray-tech paint sprayer \$200. Tile saw with many extras \$200. Pipe threader tool kits (2) \$50 for both. Freud Dado set \$75. Located in Whittier (828) 736-2413. **2/12**

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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. **2/26**

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LEGAL NOTICES

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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

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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-001
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
RUSSELL TOONI, JR

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Jessica Tooni
P.O Box 2391
Cherokee NC 28719
2/12

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Cherokee, North Carolina
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**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
KAREN LYNN GEORGE**

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Jordan E. Tranter
94 C Bradley Dr
Cherokee NC 28719
2/19

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-006

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
LILLIE MAE TUCKER a/k/a
LILY MAY TUCKER**

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Noel J. Blakely
3542 Wrights Creek Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
Miriam Blakely
3542 Wrights Creek Rd
Cherokee,NC. 28719
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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-101

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
CLAUDE RAY SNEED**

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Mona Sneed
45 Campbell Ln
Cherokee NC 28719
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- SAMHSA GRANT- Mental Health Behavioral Support Specialist - Elementary
- SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant - 48 Semester Hours or an Associates Degree
- Agriculture Teacher
- Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach
- CMS Track and Field Head Coach
- CMS Track and Field Assistant Coach
- K-5 Elementary Teacher Assistant
- K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant - 2 positions
- 6-8 Math Teacher
- 9-12 Special Education Lifeskills Teacher Assistant
- K-12 Special Education Parent Liasion
- K-12 School Psychologist
- Substitute Food Service Worker
- Food Service Worker (6 Hour Full-Time)
- Contract Nurse (RN)

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

Michelle Standingdeer
P.O. Box 171
Cherokee NC 28719

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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-008

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: GEORGIA IMOGENE HUNTER

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

James Edward Toineeta
P.O. Box 1232
Cherokee, NC. 28719

3/12

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-014

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: MARY JANE FERGUSON

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

TION
Donald Joe Ferguson
P.O. Box 102
Cherokee, NC. 28719
3/12

BIDS, RFPs, etc. Request for Proposals General Notice

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

- Turnkey of New Construction Single Family Homes
 - Three (3) 3- Bedroom Single Family Homes. Blueprints will be provided.
 - One (1) 5- Bedroom Single Family Home. Blueprints will be provided.
- QHS reserves the right to reject all submissions. QHS reserves the right not to 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 28, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. Please contact Robert Welch at robewelc@eb-ci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6344. 2/19

BIDS
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

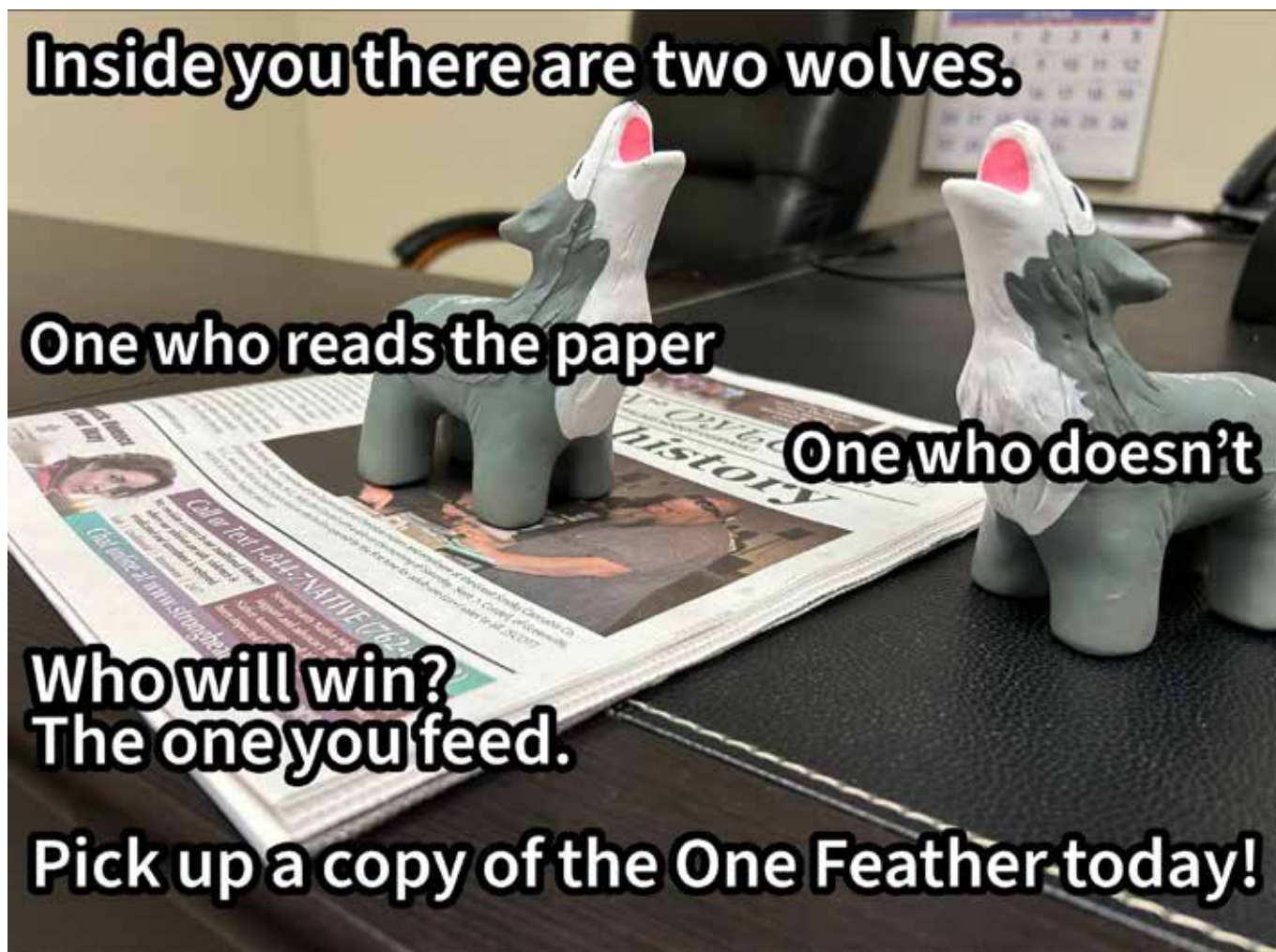
be held in contract standards and development unit conference room (room 156 a/b), building b, North Carolina department of transportation, century center complex, 1020 birch ridge dr., Raleigh, nc 27610. Please enter door b-2. (c205062) McDowell

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. 2/12





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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- (4) FT Teachers (\$31,800 - \$39,750/year with Benefits)
- (2) Behavioral Techs (\$55,000 - \$75,000/year with Benefits)
- (1) Family Partnership Coordinator (\$55,000 - \$75,000/year with Benefits)
- (1) Education/Staff Supervisor (\$47,700 - \$53,000/year with Benefits)

BUS & TRUCK

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

SHOP & GARAGE

- (1) FT- DETAIL TECH (\$31,800-\$39,750/year with Benefits)
- (2) Master Techs (\$39,750 - \$47,700/year with Benefits)

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Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25

MAINTENANCE

EVS Technician - \$15.00 - \$16.77

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

OPERATIONS

Advanced Clinical Pharmacist - \$117,326 - \$146,658

Chief Optometrist - \$131,405 - \$164,256

Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67

Dentist - CIHA and Satellite

Dentist-Pediatrics

Clinical Pharmacist - PTI - \$102,023 - \$153,034

Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 - \$20.67

Pharmacy Technician III - PTI - \$21.13 - \$23.98

Speech Language Pathologist - \$67,082 - \$83,852

Occupation Therapist Assistant I - \$22.76 - \$25.89

NURSING

Specialty Services Nurse Supervisor - Procedure Suite - \$36.56 - \$42.11

Specialty Services Nurse RN - Procedure Suite - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus

RN Care Manager - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus** (Primary Care, Diabetes, Pediatrics, Clinical, Tailored Care, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Support Services, Children and Families Specialty Program)

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 - ER - FT - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - **\$3,000 Hiring Bonus**

C.N.A. - Immediate Care Center - Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26

C.N.A./Medical Clerk - PTI - \$17.12 - \$19.26

Care Manager Extender - Primary Care \$18.33 - \$20.67

RN - Inpatient - Night Shift - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

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

Care Manager Supervisor - TCM - \$33.68 - \$38.72

RN - Immediate Care Center - Satellite - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - **\$5,000 - Hiring Bonus**

RN - Infection Control - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

RADIOLOGY

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

Radiology Technologist II - PTRWB - \$24.55 - \$27.99

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Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus

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

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

RN Supervisor TCC - \$45.00 - \$47.99 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

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828-359-6388

All applications and job descriptions are available at
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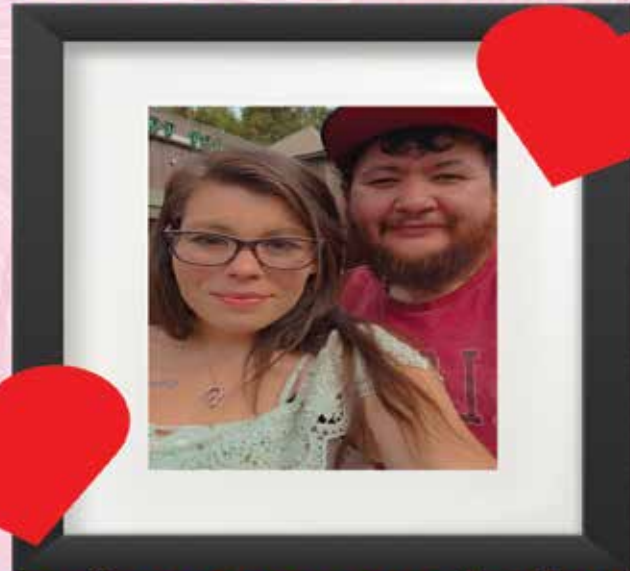
Closing Sunday, February 16, 2025

1. Lead Compliance Officer – Regulatory & Compliance – Public Health and Human Services (L16 \$68,827 - \$86,050)
2. Rounds Tech/Operator – Water Treatment – operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
3. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Program Coordinator – Fisheries & Wildlife Management – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
5. Aquatic Biologist – Fisheries & Wildlife Management – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
6. Community Development Coordinator – Cooperative Extension – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
7. Maintenance Technician – Housing Program – Housing (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Heavy Equipment Operator – Infrastructure – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
9. Manager (Property) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L13 \$50,669 - \$63,357)
10. Director of Destination Marketing & Sales – Destination Marketing – Commerce (L17 \$77,106 - \$96,387)

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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) 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. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
25. Part-time Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
26. Supervisor - Adult Language - KPEP - CERS (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
27. Quality Inspector - Qualla Housing - Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
28. Carpenter – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

Happy Valentine's Day To My Wonderful fianche, he has been my rock since day 1 and I'm forever thankful for this man of mine he is a wonderful father and fianche he knows just what to do and say and showed me what true love really is and I fall for this man over and over, I can't wait to marry you in October and spend forever with you! I love You Nicholas Adam Thomas Forever and always till death do us part in this life and the next



Love forever and always
Roxanne Thomas

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Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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



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When's the last time you paid your power bill?

Did you know you can pay ahead on your power bill? That's right.

Paying ahead is a small sacrifice that reduces the stress of managing regular monthly payments. Especially, those on a fixed income or those with no income outside of per capita or Gen Well.

Family Support Services recommends you use December/June percapita and GenWell to reduce your burden. You can pay by phone, enroll in auto-payment, pay in person (local sites around Cherokee for Haywood EMC accounts, Bryson City or Sylva for Duke Energy) or enroll in equal payment plans for predictable bill throughout the year.

-Family Support Services

THE GOOD STUFF



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Let's Say It in Cherokee!



All-Star selection

Whitney Rogers, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior member of the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity basketball team, has been selected to play in the 2025 WNC All-Star Game. The game itself is scheduled to be played at Warren Wilson College on Saturday, March 29 at 6 p.m. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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How are you?

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

We took this with a telephoto lens.
Your cell phone won't do the same.
Just observe from a safe distance (150ft.) and leave the photos to us.
Be smart.
Don't become a meme.





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.