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# With a Native voice

“Homelands”: EBCI artists featured in McClung’s mound exhibit

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

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – Four artists of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) are among Indigenous artists featured in a new exhibit at the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn. The exhibit is entitled “Homelands: Connecting to Mounds through Native Art” and will be on display at the McClung for the next three years.

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John Henry Gloyne’s 4’ x 7.5’ acrylic painting entitled “Birthright: A Vision into the Plight of Southeastern Indigenous Culture Through the Eyes of Guernica” is on display in a new exhibit at the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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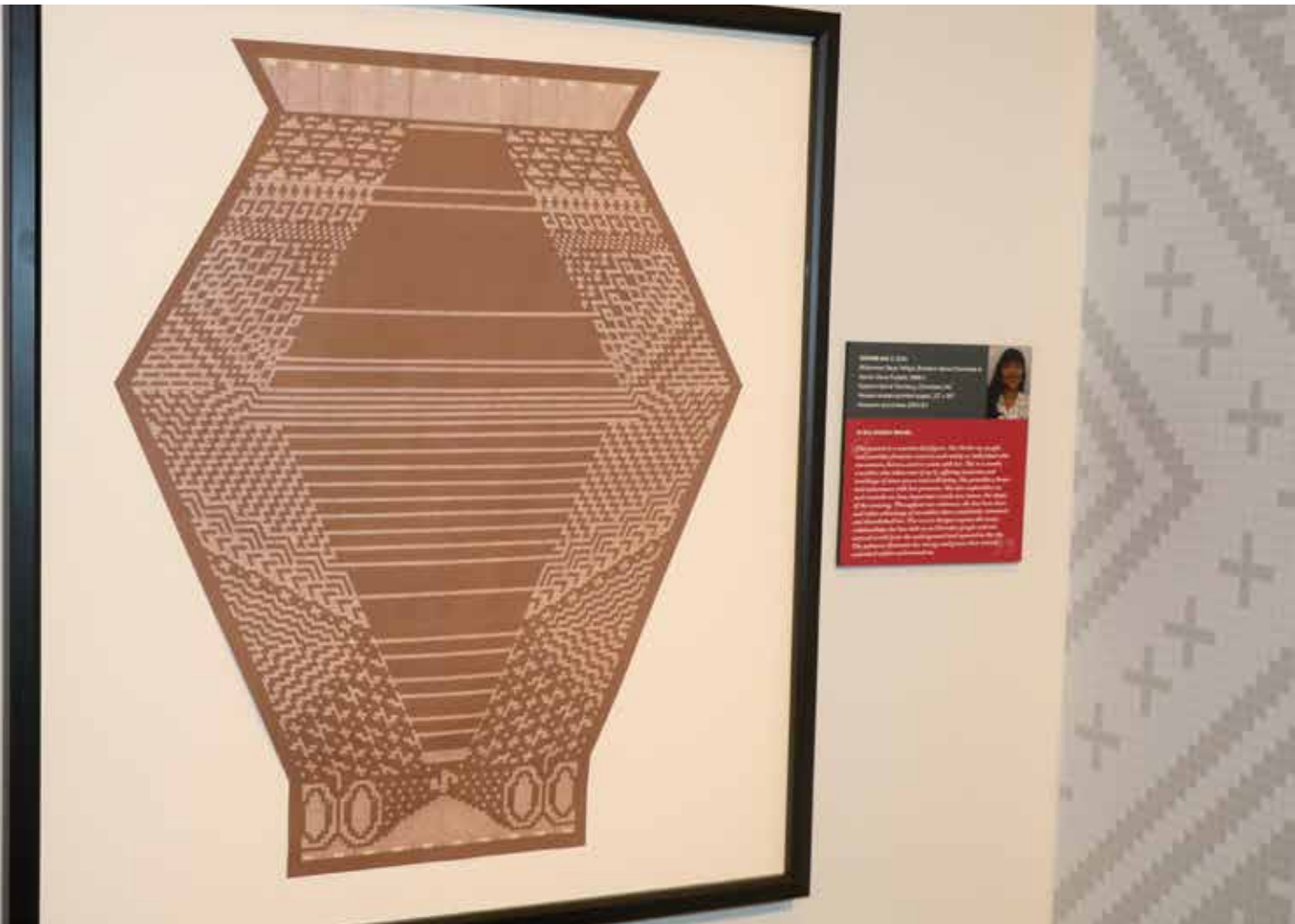
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Rhiannon Skye Tafoya's woven screen-printed paper piece exhibited entitled "Womb No. 1"



## HOMELANDS: From front page

“It was agreed upon by all of us (at McClung) that this needed to be a collaborative exhibition with Native nations with ties to Knox County,” said Sadie Counts, McClung curator of Indigenous Collections and assistant curator of exhibitions. “Everything in the exhibition was driven by our Native partners. We approached them and said, ‘The idea is about mounds. What do you want to see in this space?’ And, they wanted to see contemporary artwork, which I was very excited about.”

Counts noted that the exhibit doesn't include any photos of mounds as requested by the tribal partners.

The exhibit features artists from the EBCI, the Cherokee Na-

tion (Okla.), the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (Okla.). The EBCI portion of the exhibit was co-curated by Dakota Brown, Museum of the Cherokee People director, and Miranda Panther, EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office NAG-PRA officer.

The four EBCI artists featured in the exhibit include John Henry Gloyne, Rhiannon Skye Tafoya, Atsei Cooper, and Aaron Lambert.

Gloyne has a 4' x 7.5' acrylic painting on display entitled “Birthright: A Vision into the Plight of Southeastern Indigenous Culture Through the Eyes of Guernica”. In his artist statement on the piece, Gloyne states, “My remix of Picasso’s ‘Guernica’ depicts the horrors of colonialism and mound desecration from a Cherokee

perspective. Cherokee symbols replace Spanish ones, from the fallen warrior’s topknot hairstyle and war club to the buffalo, hunted out of existence in North Carolina after contact.”

He further stated, “A mound on fire is protected by a masked Medicine Man, holding the hearth flame in a fire pot. Pots, which were important to my Ancestors, have been found in mounds excavated by academics. Pots are an Indigenous person’s birthright to the land, made of the very earth they live upon and decorated with designs specific to their Tribe.”

Tafoya has a woven screen-printed paper piece exhibited entitled “Womb No. 1”. Of her piece, she states, “The mound is a matriarchal figure. She births my people and provides feminine

roots to each entity or individual who encounters, listens, and co-exists with her. She is a womb, a mother who takes care of us by offering moments and teachings of inner peace and well-being. She provides a home and sustenance with her presence. She also replenishes us and reminds me how important vessels are, hence, the shape of the weaving. Throughout our existence, she has been hurt and taken advantage of as settlers have countless extracted and demolished her. The woven designs express the many relationships she has with us as Cherokee people and our natural world from the underground and upward to the sky. The pattern illustrates her energy and power that remain embodied within and around us.”

Cooper has a 24” x 48” acrylic



Aaron Lambert's 36" x 24" oil on canvas in the entitled "Days Past"

painting on birch in the exhibit entitled "Private Property". Of her piece, she states, "This painting is a meditation on the remains of our ancestors, our sacred sites, and our medicine objects, and how the concept of private property bars Indigenous communities from reclamation. Private property is a relatively new concept and was key in colonizing the Americas, and creating competition for the land and resources, which were considered communal. The title 'Private Property' juxtaposed with the powerful elements in this work is a critique of capitalist ideology."

Lambert has a 36" x 24" oil on canvas exhibited entitled "Days Past". Of his piece, he states, "Mounds were essential to the Cherokee People. They commonly supported townhouses – gathering places that held the central and sacred fire and helped reinforce the community as a whole. I

Painted a scene of a village with a mound at the center, and dwellings encircling it. The encompassing mountains are those you see in western North Carolina today. The nearby river symbolizes the sacredness of water to all life and the Cherokee. I hope viewers will marvel at the beauty and culture of my people and wonder what it was like for people living in that time and place."

Counts said the only parameter they gave the artists was size. "We just let the artists do their thing. As the Museum, we purchased all of that artwork for our permanent collection so that it would have a home here at McClung moving forward and to show our commitment to contemporary Native American arts. We really wanted to center Native voices in this space and be clear that this was words coming from our co-curators, not coming from

us as the Museum. Each label was written by the artists themselves so they could be the ones to interpret their piece rather than having me interpreting their pieces. And, we made sure to include photos (of the artists), too, because I really wanted it to be clear that all of the artwork you're seeing is by living, contemporary people."

The EBCI's exhibit has a statement provided by Brown and Panther entitled "Mounds are the Center" that states in part, "For Cherokee people, mounds can be many different things, but they are often a symbol of our community makeup. A physical representation of the center of a community, mounds are affirmation of known cultural knowledge and offer clues to traditional knowledge that has been dormant. More than a place, mounds tell us the story of a community full of life – where children grew up, ceremonies were

held, and decisions were made... they are the physical embodiment of the Cherokee connection to our ancestral homelands."

Panther commented, "The Homelands exhibition was a multi-year project that we started working on in January 2022. I was honored to represent the EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) as a co-curator for the Homelands exhibition. This was the first time I've had the opportunity to work on an exhibition from the very beginning. Too often, the THPO is brought in near the end of a project and expected to rubber stamp it.

I thought the concept of using contemporary art created by tribal members was a thoughtful and creative way to connect to mounds in Tennessee and throughout the Southeast. It is a great way

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to highlight tribes, including the EBCI, who call the state of Tennessee home. For years we have been moving away from simply displaying objects found or looted from archaeological sites and instead focusing on incorporating tribal stories and perspectives told by tribes themselves. The exhibition is tribe focused and driven by tribes which has been a refreshing experience. It was a pleasure to partner with Dakota on this project as she has invaluable insight as both a tribal member and museum specialist. After working with McClung Museum and other University of Tennessee-Knoxville staff on the 'Homelands' exhibition, the bar has been set high for other museums on how to work and truly collaborate with tribes. I hope other museums will look to this exhibition as an example to aspire to. The pieces by the EBCI artists are stunning and all the pieces from the other tribal artists are unique and beautiful. The talent of the tribal artists featured is extraordinary."

Emily Reichard, McClung communications and annual giving professional, said the reception to the exhibit has been

very positive. "I think people are excited to see a big change in this space...and, we've had a really high increase in classes that have asked for programming in this space. The day that we opened, we had one of the highest visitor counts that we've had in January ever. So, it's exciting to see the interest."

She added, "This exhibition is so different because there was no rubber-stamping of anything. Every single choice that was in this exhibition was approved and decided by the Native co-curators that were involved. So, it's a different form for us, but every decision, every conversation was vetted. It was really cool."

The other artists featured in the exhibit by tribe include: Cherokee Nation – Vivian Garner, Betty Frogg, Jane Osti, Lisa Rutherford; Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana – Lucy Alfaro, Landon Daigle, Eli Langley, Loretta Williams; Muscogee (Creek) Nation – Johnni Diacon, Mary Smith, Dana Tiger, Jerome Tiger; and Starr Hardridge (Muscogee) was selected by the McClung.

The McClung is free to visitors. For more information, visit: <https://mcclungmuseum.utk.edu>



Atsei Cooper's 24" x 48" acrylic painting on birch in the exhibit entitled "Private Property"



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# Terri Henry appointed as Government Liaison for the Office of the Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief)

Submitted by Office of the Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief)

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks has appointed Terri Henry as the new Government Liaison for the Office of the Ugvwiyuhi, bringing her extensive experience in tribal governance, advocacy, and policy to this critical role. As the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) faces political challenges, including the Lumbee group’s push for federal recognition - Henry’s experience in sovereignty, legal reform, and government relations will help keep the EBCI’s interests front and center.

“Terri has spent decades championing sovereignty and self-governance for Indian nations at both the national and international levels,” said Ugvwiyuhi Hicks. “Her leadership, deep understanding of tribal law, and commitment to our people make her an ideal fit as we navigate the challenges ahead. I have full confidence in her ability to represent and defend the best interests of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

Henry’s distinguished career includes serving as the first chairwoman of the EBCI Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) from 2013-15, where she also led the Tri-Council of the Cherokee Nations at the historic Cherokee capital of Red Clay, Tenn. She was appointed

the first Secretary of State for the EBCI in 2016. At the national level, she played a key role in the passage of landmark federal laws, including the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2013. Her advocacy has strengthened the authority of tribal courts and expanded protections for Native women.

Internationally, Henry was selected, in 2016, as one of 16 experts to serve on the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, this forum provided expert advice and information on indigenous issues concerning economic and social development, human rights, culture, the environment, education, and health.

“I am honored to step into this role at such a pivotal time for our tribe,” said Henry. “The EBCI has always been a leader in Indian Country, and I look forward to continuing our efforts, alongside Chief Hicks, to protect our sovereignty, defend our legal standing, and advocate for the rights of our people.”

The Office of the Ugvwiyuhi noted, “Henry’s appointment shows the tribe’s dedication to strong leadership during a time of legal and political challenges, ensuring that the sovereignty and the best interests of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and Indian Country, remain a top priority.”



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**CIPD Arrest Report for Feb. 3-9, 2025**

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Beal, Pamela Renee – age 41

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Released: Feb. 4  
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Reed, Samuel Enoch – age 34  
Arrested: Feb. 4  
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 10)  
Charges: Elder Abuse and Neglect

Crow, Timothy Ryan – age 34  
Arrested: Feb. 5  
Released: Feb. 5  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Locust, Richard Fred-Hawk – age 23  
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Charges: Simple Assault, Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Monti, Dustin Lewis – age 34  
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sisting Public Officer


Wahnetah, Dylan Keith – age 39  
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**BASKETBALL: Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) win regular season SMC title**

Cherokee's Joscelyn Stamper goes for a shot as the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) hosted the Swain County Lady Maroon Devils at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 13. FINAL SCORE: Cherokee 97 Swain Co. 12. With the win, the Anata Anitsvyasdi finished the regular season undefeated in the Smoky Mountain Conference and took the title. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)







**BASKETBALL: Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) are runner-up in SMC regular season**  
 Cherokee's Luke Smith goes inside for a shot as Swain County's Jade Wade defends as the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) played the Swain Co. Maroon Devils at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 13. FINAL SCORE: Cherokee 103 Swain Co. 63. With the win, the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi took second place in the Smoky Mountain Conference regular season behind Robbinsville. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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**1,000th career point**  
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February 13, 2024

At what point did the need to sell newspapers take precedence over human decency? A local newspaper in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Prosecutorial District recently released an article about a pending child sexual abuse case that included sensitive, harmful, personal and potentially dangerous information concerning a minor child. The article detailed motions heard in a courtroom earlier this week. Instead of using discretion, compassion and ethics in journalism, the newspaper included details that identify the minor child victim and the aftermath of child sexual abuse. There was no need to include the sensitive information concerning the child in the case.

As the District Attorney, I oftentimes find myself asking what is wrong with people when I see the crimes humans commit on one another. Traditionally, there has always been a professional understanding that printing sensitive information about child sexual abuse victims and/or rape victims in a newspaper would not happen. Unfortunately, for one organization that professionalism and human decency appears to be gone.

This is not the first time this newspaper has engaged in such behavior. The last time this occurred, it involved an adult rape victim who had to testify in court. The newspaper chose to print her name and all the traumatic details of her testimony. That is inhumane in any setting, but in a small town it is worse. After this first article, we reached out to the paper in and were assured this wouldn't happen again. Now it has and it's even worse, because it involves a child.

The unimaginable cruelty and suffering faced by a child that experiences sexual abuse is indescribable. The bravery it takes to come forward is epic. In addition to fear, oftentimes there are other complicated emotions involved in coming forward including confusion, betrayal and embarrassment. These emotions are intensified when a child comes forward to law enforcement and must then navigate the criminal justice system.

Journalists need to remember that their words have consequences. Journalists should attempt to minimize harm to victims of crime, especially when it comes to children. The public has a right to know what is occurring in their courtrooms, and the press has an obligation to report information. In writing news stories about crimes, the news can be delivered most times without including all the seedy and personal details involved. Words and actions have consequences far beyond the weekly sales of a local newspaper. They can have a chilling effect on other victims in deciding to come forward.

Just because you can does not mean that you should. Do better.



# Mistee Cutshaw named 2025 recipient of Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation's Lula Owl Gloyne Award

Submitted by  
Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation has announced Mistee Cutshaw as the recipient of this year's Lula Owl Gloyne Award, recognizing her remarkable dedication and contributions to healthcare within the Cherokee community.

Mistee has devoted her career to caring for others, exemplifying the very essence of a compassionate and skilled nurse. "Mistee embodies the heart and soul of nursing," said Dr. Carmaleta Monteith, chair of the CIHA Governing Board and member of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation and Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. "Her dedication to her patients, her mentorship of fellow nurses, and her compassionate spirit have made an indelible mark on our hospital and our community. We are honored to celebrate her incredible service."

Since joining the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) in 2016, Mistee quickly became a trusted leader and caregiver, earning the respect and admiration of patients and colleagues alike. She is known for her tenacity and commitment to the wellbeing of her patients and staff. She has been more than just a caregiver, she has been a mentor, an advocate, and a trusted presence for both her patients and her colleagues. Mistee has been a guiding light within our hospital, ensuring that those in her care receive the highest level of support and attention.



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The Lula Owl Gloyne Award, named in honor of the first Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) public health nurse, is given to individuals who exemplify excellence in health care and a deep commitment to serving the Cherokee people. Mistee's impact on the CIHA community reflects the very essence of this award.

Last fall, Mistee received the heartbreaking news that she had been diagnosed with pancreatic and liver cancer. True to her resilient spirit, she approached this battle with strength and determination, immediately beginning treatments in hopes of improving her outcome. Even in the face of this adversity, Mistee continues to check in on her team, offer support

to colleagues, and put the well-being of others before herself. Her selflessness, courage, and compassion remain an inspiration to all who know her.

"Mistee Cutshaw's dedication to the Cherokee community embodies the very spirit of Lula Owl Gloyne's teachings—providing compassionate, patient-centered care while uplifting those around her. For three decades, Mistee has been significant in the lives of so many, serving as more than just a nurse; she has been a healer, an advocate, and a source of strength for both her patients and colleagues," said Cherokee Indian Hospital CEO Casey Cooper. "Her influence extends far beyond the walls of CIHA, shaping the lives

of those she has cared for and the many staff members she has inspired. She is a truly deserving recipient of this honor, and we are grateful for the immeasurable impact she has made on our hospital and our people."

Mistee's legacy will be highlighted at the 14th Annual Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Gala in June, where her contributions and impact will be celebrated among colleagues, family, and friends.

For more information about the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Gala and the Lula Owl Gloyne Award, visit [CIHFoundation.org](http://CIHFoundation.org).



# Services expanding at Tsali Care Center

Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority expands Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Language Pathology Services to Tsali Care Center

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Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) has announced the expansion of its Rehabilitation Department to include services at Tsali Care Center. Effective the week of January 20, 2025, CIHA's Physical Therapy, Wound Care, and Orthopedic Clinic will assume the rehabilitation services for residents of Tsali Care Center, ensuring access to high-quality, in-house care. This expansion follows the opening of the new, closer-proximity Tsali Care Center facility and a strategic decision by CIHA's Executive Staff to enhance rehabilitation services for residents. The transition marks a major milestone in providing seamless, comprehensive care to the elders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Previously, Tsali Care Center's rehabilitation services were outsourced to external providers. However, in September 2024, CIHA expanded its service offerings to include Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology - two critical therapies that had not been previously avail-



CIHA Rehabilitation Department staff demonstrate guided assistance techniques for stair navigation at the new Tsali Care Center, utilizing proper hand placement, weight shifting, and verbal cueing to support residents in safely ascending and descending steps during rehabilitation therapy. (CIHA photo)

able in-house. With this addition, CIHA is now able to fully integrate rehabilitation services at Tsali Care Center.

Jennifer Thompson, DPT, CLT, CIHA's Rehabilitation Manager and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is leading this initiative with a deep commitment to community care.

"I have made it my life mission to ensure that my community receives the best possible care. As the leader of our Rehabilitation Department, I've had the honor of developing new service lines, launching new clinics, and now, revamping rehabilitation services for one of our Tribe's most precious investments—our elders,"

said Thompson. "On the first day I spoke with my new team at Tsali Care Center, I charged them with the responsibility of treating our patients like family—because for me, they are family."

Residents of Tsali Care Center will now have access to Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech-Language Pathology directly within the facility. What makes this transition particularly unique is the continuity of care—patients receiving inpatient rehabilitation at CIHA can continue their treatment at Tsali Care Center and, upon discharge, follow up at CIHA's outpatient facilities, including the main campus, Snowbird Clinic, or the soon-to-open Cherokee County Clinic in Fall 2025.

Additionally, CIHA's Speech-Language Pathology program has expanded to include Modified Barium Swallow Studies, an essential diagnostic service for skilled nursing facility patients and those recovering from medical events.

CIHA's Rehabilitation Department continues to grow, and this expansion is a testament to its commitment to delivering the highest standard of care to the Cherokee community. This initiative ensures that residents of Tsali Care Center receive the compassionate, quality care they deserve - right at home.



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**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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**WHAT IS PERSON CENTERED  
THINKING?**

\* Teaches a set of skills-- discovery skills, everyday learning skills, and management skills, which help family, friends, and support staff learn what is important TO and important FOR the person and

how to provide balanced and best support

\* Has been used across the world for over 30 years to make a positive difference and to support each person's opportunities to share their gifts and live an everyday life.

\* Invites each of us to open our hearts, tell stories, share conversation, examine what is working and not working, learn together, and empower people to have choice and control in their lives.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

This training is recommended for and is the foundation for everyone involved in supporting people with intellectual developmental disabilities, autism, mental health needs, and other people using long term services.

**WHAT TO EXPECT & LEARN FROM  
CORE SKILLS IN PCT TRAINING?**

\* 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

\* Provides a way for action and moving forward with developing, improving, and implementing person centered plans that improve outcomes and support people to achieve their goals and aspirations.

TOGETHER, we can create a world where everyone feels valued, empowered, and support-

ed. 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](mailto:kfroberg@ccr-email.com) or let Candy Ross {[candross@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto: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  
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WCU faculty, staff and students, have been collaborating with Cherokee organizations and community members as well as the design firm HW Exhibits to create a master plan of exhibits across campus that recognize the living Cherokee culture in and around WCU.

The planning committee wants your input on the design and content of these exhibits. Please come join us for drop-in style listening

session at the Qualla Boundary Public Library on Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Organizers will share the proposed design scheme and exhibit concepts and hope that EBCI community members will share your ideas and thoughts about the project, and enjoy some refreshments.

For more information, please contact Carmen Huffman at [chuffman@email.wcu.edu](mailto:chuffman@email.wcu.edu) or Brett Riggs at [bhriggs@wcu.edu](mailto:bhriggs@wcu.edu).

- *Western Carolina University release*

### WNC ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Call for vendors for Greening Up the Mountains Festival

Artisans, crafters, and food and beverage vendors are invited to submit their application for the Greening Up the Mountains Festival to be held in Sylva, N.C.

on Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The festival, sponsored by the Town of Sylva, will once again take place in historical downtown Sylva. This year's festival seeks artisans and crafters selling their own handmade products. Arts, crafts, and food vendors from the expanded Appalachian area are encouraged to apply.

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

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

- *Greening Up the Mountains Festival release*



#### Our sincere gratitude

Sgi for your kind expressions of love, empathy and sympathy. The love you have shown has given us complete comfort during our great loss and difficult time. It is deeply humbling and appreciated and will forever be remembered by the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and the family of Henrietta Sampson, our 'Beloved Sweet Momma, Babaw, eldest Sister and Aunt Zet.

We are truly thankful for our Tribal EMS and Cherokee

Hospital (ER). The care, respect and compassion shown to our Momma and her family surpassed the call of duty. And for that, we cannot begin to express in words our gratitude for you all.

We thank our family and friends, without you, we would not have been able to get through such a tremendous loss. Your love carried us, and your prayers strengthened us.

To our Cherokee community, no words will or can ever return the praise of showing us love when we needed it most. We are honored to be part of this great Tribe.

Sincerely,

**Tyson, Quedi, Donovan,  
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### THANK YOU LETTERS

#### Thank you

Thank you to the Yogi Crowe Board Members for their continued support as I pursue the Doctoral Program at the University of Tennessee this Spring Semester 2025. Research is vital to my writing requirements and travel to the facilities/sites is expensive.

I am grateful for the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship, in the past, this scholarship has provided me with much needed help during my academic career to earn my master's degree and has continued to help as I pursue my doctoral degree.

This scholarship is available to all Eastern Band of Cherokee Students who are pursuing a masters or doctoral program.

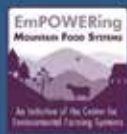
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## OBITUARIES ƆᎠᎿᎠ

### Joy Lee (Sissy) Allison Smith

Joy Lee (Sissy) Allison Smith, 69, peacefully entered into the arms of her Savior on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025. Born on Jan. 17, 1956, in Cherokee, N.C., Joy was the beloved daughter of the late Ronald L. and Roberta Joan Allison.

Affectionately known to all as Sissy, she spent much of her early life on the Cherokee Reservation, where she formed lasting bonds and cherished memories. Her life journey led her to Polk County, N.C., where she met and married her late husband, Danny Lee Wilkerson, with whom she shared many years until his passing in 1992. Sissy later lived in Landrum, S.C., for several years before returning to Cherokee in 2011, where

she spent her final days surrounded by family.

Sissy's love for her family was immeasurable, and her heart always had a special place for the youngest members, particularly her beloved grandchildren. She was an avid gardener with a deep love for flowers, and her talent as a bead worker shone through in many beautiful creations, she shared with those she loved. She was also an enthusiast of music, with a voice that could often be heard in joyful song. She enjoyed dancing and embracing the rhythms that brought her so much happiness.

In addition to her parents and husband, Sissy was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jesse E. and Ethel Owl McCoy; grandchildren, Lauren Richea Clark and Ivalee Lyn Screamer; and a dear friend, Calvin Waldroup.

She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and cherished memories. She is survived by her children, Laura Clark of Paclet, S.C., Sharon Heffner (Billy) of Sunny View, N.C., Danny (Boone) Wilkerson (Katie) of Spartanburg, S.C., and Jessie Colon (Felix) of Greer, S.C.; grandchildren, Dylan and Trent Clark, Brandon, Dakota, Cierra, and Talon Screamer, Cherish and Ethan Heffner, and Alyssa Carter; her great-grandchildren, Dalyah and Waylon Screamer, Ariston Bradley, and Jackson and Luna Clark; her siblings, Odie Allison, Dean Allison, and Darlene Norton (James), all of Cherokee, N.C.; her special cousin, Mickie Crowe; along with her special friends, Chris and Scott Brand of Landrum, S.C., also survive her, along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will forever hold her memory in their hearts.

The family received friends

on Friday, Feb. 14 at the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Funeral Services immediately followed the visitation with Brother Joe Wolfe officiating. Burial followed in the Birdtown Cemetery.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff at Tsali Care for their exceptional care and compassion during Sissy's final days.

Pallbearers were Brandon Screamer, Trent Clark, Talon Screamer, Mitchell Norton, Jacob Norton, Ethan Heffner, and Jon Maney.

### Justice Dara Taylor

Justice Dara Taylor, 27, of Cherokee, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family and friends, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025. Justice was born Aug. 28, 1997, to the late Lehua Joan Walkingstick and Darrell "Dragon" Taylor.

Justice was an individual whose smile could and would light up a room. She enjoyed attending music festivals and concerts, music was one of her greatest joys. She was the life the party and everyone loved being around her.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Russell Tooni Jr., and paternal grandmother, Mary Lou Feather.

She is survived by her three sisters, Marilyn Walkingstick, of Cherokee, N.C., Emma Perez (Oscar) of Sylva, N.C., and Cecilia Perez of Sylva, N.C.; maternal grandmother, Gracia Taylor; paternal grandfather, David "Smurf" Taylor Sr.; two uncles, Cecil Walkingstick and James Walkingstick, both of Cherokee, N.C.; special aunt, Marlene Armachain; and five nieces and nephews, Tylan Walkingstick, Christian Perez, Ariella Silva, Anayeli Maney, and

Uwoduhi Silva. She is also survived by her siblings of the heart, Netanya Crowe, Halie Settlemyre, Rex Walkingstick; and a host of extended family, friends, and community.

Funeral Services were held Monday, Feb. 17 at the Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Pastor Ann French officiating. Burial followed in the Wolfe Cemetery off Calhoun Rd.

### Mario A. Solorzano

Mario A. Solorzano, age 68, passed away at his residence in Big Cove after an extended illness on Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Mario is preceded in death by his sister, Luisa Solorzano.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ismelda Colindres, of the home; his son, Isaac L. Solorzano, also of the home, and his two daughters, Rachel A. Solorzano, of the home, and Denisse Canelas, of Honduras. Three grandchildren also survive him. Additionally, he is survived by his mother, Lenore Solorzano; his sisters, Ruth Solorzano and Irma Solorzano; and special friends, Luis Hriaga, Abraham Dominguez, Juvenal Sanaoval, Billy Jo, and Johnny Miller and family.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 15 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Burial followed in Fairview Memorial Gardens, in Sylva, N.C.

Long House Funeral Home in charge arrangements.

### Charles Edwin Lossiah "Chuck"

Charles Edwin Lossiah "Chuck", 45, of the Yellowhill Community, went home to be with the Lord, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of Little Joe and Jessie Lossiah Watty both of Cherokee.



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Chuck was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles Lossiah, Edith Swayney Wachacha, Johnny Watty, and a cousin, Lively Colindres.

In addition to his parents, he is also survived by his wife, Summer Crowe; four children, Zaccus Watty, Noah Watty, Izabela Crowe-Lossiah, Penelope Watty; his grandmother who helped raise him, Ella Lossiah; one brother, Conan Tchakirides; nine sisters, Ariella Watty, Charlene Crowe, Rita Tchakirides, Tresa Sampson, Ronda Colindres (Hector), Freida Saylor (Daniel), Jasmine Trammell (Dalton), Sullivan Sherrill (Steve), Talisa Bradley (Dave); and special fur-baby, Chop Lossiah.

Funeral Services were held Monday, Feb. 17 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Lossiah Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Zaccus Watty, Noah Watty, Little Joe Watty, Deon Bailey, Dalton Trammell, and Hector Colindres.

#### **Mistee Lynn Cutshaw**

Mistee Lynn Cutshaw, 53, of Bryson City, N.C., went home to be with the Lord Friday, Feb. 14, 2025. A native of Swain County, she was the daughter of the late Michael Sooter and Wanda Jenkins.

She was a member of Deep Creek Baptist Church. Mistee was a devoted wife and mother. She excelled in taking care of others. She was a registered nurse for 30 plus years and touched countless lives and families along the way.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Wayne Cutshaw; children, Sarah Cutshaw, Jacob Cutshaw; grandson Ryan Cutshaw; and many aunts uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 22 at Deep

Creek Baptist Church. Rev Mike Cogdill will officiate with burial in the Mason Branch Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21 at the church.

#### **John Boaze**

John Boaze, of Whittier, N.C., passed away peacefully on Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, after a period of illness.

John was born in 1942 to Robert and Marie Boaze in Lynchburg, Va. Following his passion for the outdoors, he attended Tennessee Technological University for his undergraduate degree and earned his master's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Early in his career, while borrowing a microscope in the biology lab at Randolph-Macon Women's College, John met Pam, who was working in the lab as a student. Their connection grew, and they married in 1967.

John was employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, working in Tennessee and Utah before transferring to Cherokee, N.C., in 1977. He later started his own environmental consulting business, which he ran with the help of his wife, Pam, for over 25 years. John was an avid hunter and fisherman, traveling across the United States for many outdoor adventures. Known affectionately as the "Blueberry Man," John was devoted to his blueberry farm. In the early 1980s, he took advantage of a government program aimed at helping impoverished farmers diversify their crops, offering a choice between blueberries or mushrooms. With Pam's encouragement, John chose blueberries. What began with 25 bushes has grown to 745 bushes today. John was often seen riding his John Deere Gator,

chatting with pickers and sharing where to find the best berries. John was active in many organizations throughout his life, including the Bryson City Lions Club and the American Fisheries Society, which honored him for his lifetime contributions to fisheries. He was a member of Bryson City United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sister, Virginia Childress, and her husband, Jeff; his niece, Donna Jean Burnette; and his great-granddaughter, Blair Brooks.

John is survived by his wife of

57 years, Pam Boaze; three daughters, Fran Brooks (Sean), Nancy Woodard (Greg Dandridge), and Becca Wiggins; seven grandchildren: Cole Wiggins (Stevie), Allie Brooks, Jace Wiggins, Drew Woodard (Dawson), Ian Brooks (Karly), Zack Woodard (Reagan), and Nikole Blankenship (AC); one great-grandson, Kohen; and two more great-grandchildren on the way.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Bryson City United Methodist Church. Ben Bushyhead will officiate.

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# True Sovereignty and Transparency: No buts about it.

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

The word “but” typically negates most of the statement before it. For years, I have listened for that word to be in every spoken or written sentence. Oxford defines but as a word “used to introduce a phrase or clause contrasting with what has already been mentioned. When discussing absolutes, a “but” in its presentation completely undoes what say.

Sovereignty: “a: supreme power especially over a body politic b: freedom from external control: autonomy c: controlling influence” (Merriam-Webster).

Transparency: “...a situation in which business and financial activities are done in an open way without secrets so that people can trust that they are fair and honest” (Cambridge Dictionary).

Sovereignty and transparency are “all in” words. Being “kinda” sovereign or “kinda” transparent is like being “kinda” pregnant. Either you are transparent, or you are not. Either you are sovereign, or you are not.

As we think of ourselves or call ourselves sovereign as a federally recognized tribe, we need to think about the term “recognized” and see if there is a “but” in that term. The word “recognize” means “to acknowledge formally: such as a: to admit as being lord or sovereign b: to admit as being a particular status c: to admit as being one entitled to be heard: give the floor to d: to acknowledge the de facto existence or the independence of” (Merriam Webster).

There has been a huge discussion among federally recognized

tribes and between tribes, groups, and the federal government concerning what it means to be Indian in the United States.

Back in the day, when there was a question of sovereignty among tribes, there wasn’t a “sovereign...but” clause in the world. When a group challenged the rights of a tribe, the tribe either used its might to assert its sovereignty or succumbed to the challenging group. Part of being sovereign is being able to defend the right to freedom through the assertion of supreme power. Also back in the day, the federal government and the indigenous tribes of what is now the United States parlayed to coexist through things called treaties. The term “treaty” means “a contract in writing between two or more political authorities (such as states or sovereigns) formally signed by a representative duly authorized and usually ratified by the lawmaking authority of the state” (Merriam-Webster). A treaty is only as good as your ability to enforce it and is typically full of “buts”.

I read several commentaries that say federally recognized tribes are sovereign, but we cannot, in most instances, prosecute people who violate our laws who are not native. But we can’t make laws in our tribal government that contradict those of the federal government. We are permitted (permitted is another “but” word) by federal law to pursue adult gaming operations. But we had to negotiate a compact (another word for treaty) with the state of North Carolina to set guidelines for operation. The federal government granted (side asking for a friend-if

you are sovereign, why would you need to be granted or given permission for anything?) permission to grow, produce, and sell cannabis products, but according to the same federal government that “approved” tribes to do business in cannabis, also noted that cannabis is still a controlled substance and illegal to possess in certain quantities, for consumption and sale.

As to transparency, it seems that being “open without secrets” is a long-gone concept. Using the premise that “they are all out to get us” has long been the justification for keeping critical decision-making information from public view. Things are further complicated by a gradation of who the public is, and which public may view what information. There are few absolutes in modern society, and we try to blend concrete concepts with imaginary gray areas by using rhetoric. I think we have a communication culture based on fear. The government is afraid to release information because they fear the information will get into malicious hands. A former sitting government official once said that certain information was too complicated for the community to understand and that trying to explain it to us would waste valuable time. They feared that putting the community’s information into our own hands might lead to leaks that could potentially harm us. So, for our own good, it was felt that much of the information that belongs to us would be hidden from us, because of the malicious “they” out there who might do us harm.

Due to the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) instituting a ban on any

public release of any financial information, it is very challenging for the public and media to know project costs, overruns, and basically any income and expenditure information about our financial dealings as a tribe. For some reason, there was a pause or waiver of the no-disclosure policy during the February session of Dinilawigi.

There was a resolution brought forth by a tribal member to purchase property under the “\$500 per acre for undeveloped property for home sites” law that is on the books. This discussion was held in open session. There were personal reasons that prompted the submission of the resolution, a situation that presumably has been going on since last year. At issue was that the land in question had recently previously been purchased by the tribe as a larger parcel to the tune of a quarter-million dollars (\$250,000) per acre. As I watched the discussion, it looked to be a very emotional challenge for Dinilawigi. They were trying to balance the needs of the one against the needs of the many. Surely, if an individual tribal member is in distress, the leadership wants to bring them relief. On the flip side, the Dinilawigi are accountable for making land purchases that benefit all tribal members. At least one representative stated that the purchase had at least been discussed as a commercial-use property, meaning that it was intended to generate income for all tribal members. Alternative solutions were discussed but ultimately the vote went in favor of the individual tribal member.

see COMMENTARY next page



# Lumbee Tribal Chairman attacks media coverage of Lumbee federal recognition

By the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board

On the afternoon of Feb. 10, John L. Lowery, tribal chairman of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, released a public memo making accusations of “propaganda articles” and “fake news reports” from the “smear campaign” of the “multi-million-dollar propaganda machine of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

It is unclear in the statement

what particular articles or media entities Lowery is referencing, but the Editorial Board of Tsalagi Soquo Ugidahli (Cherokee One Feather), the official media outlet of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), would like to reiterate that we are committed to providing consistent and journalistic coverage of the Lumbee issue as it pertains to discussions of federal recognition in Indian Country and the tribal sovereignty of the EBCI.

As is thoroughly detailed in Chapter 75 of the Cherokee Code, it is the mission and execution of the One Feather to be of public service to the Cherokee community, devoid of political influence, and steadfast in providing upright journalism with a high standard of media ethics.

Our journalism is based on thorough research and transparency. We do not provide false news. We do not receive any amount of money, certainly not

millions, from the EBCI to publish propaganda, and we have worked diligently for decades to ensure in tribal law and policy that our paper is absent from any such corruption.

Our integrity as an award-winning community newspaper with high quality editorial leadership and reporting remains intact, and we will continue our coverage of this critical contemporary issue for our tribe.

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A motion and second was recognized by Chairman Parker and the resolution was put to a vote. Keep in mind that our governing documents use a prescribed weighted vote for each Dinilawigi seat, based on a tribal census (although our tribe has not had the prescribed tribal census to determine that weight of the vote since the early 2000s—a “census” was conducted in 2023 by resolution, the publicly released version of this document makes no mention of the total response to the census, which is critical for understanding the percentages represented in it and it was never used for updating community weights for Dinilawigi votes, as was implied when the resolution to do the 2023 census was approved on Dec. 8, 2022).

According to the video of the Feb. 6, 2025 meeting of the Dinilawigi on the land issue, the “raised-hand” vote was as follows:

In-favor- Chairman Michael Parker, Wahohi (Wolfstown) 12 percent, Tom Wahnetah, Elawodi (Yellowhill) 7 percent, Bo Crowe Wahohi (Wolfstown) 12 percent, Jim Owle Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) 12 percent, and Richard French, Kolanyvi (Big Cove) 7 percent; Opposed-Dike Sneed, Aniwodhi (Painttown) 6 percent, Michael Stamper, Aniwodhi 6 percent, Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Elawodi 7 percent, Bucky Brown Tsisqwohi/Tutiya (Cherokee County/Snowbird) 6 percent, Boyd Owle Tsisqwohi 12 percent, and Adam Wachacha Tsisqwohi/Tutiya 6 percent. There was one abstention, Perry Shell, Kolanyvi 7 percent. Checking the percentages, that’s 50 in-favor, 43 opposed, and 7 in abstention. Of course, the legislation now goes to the Ugwiyuhi (Chief) as the next step to ratification.

If this interaction is indicative of other financial issues that we are dealing with that the community doesn’t get to see because of the gag order on financials,

shouldn’t the community be concerned about that lack of transparency? Let me be clear, I know there are negotiations for contractual obligations that should remain confidential until we close deals and execute contracts, but I think it is dangerous in a democratic, representative government for the community to be shielded from its own information. This is not a knock on our leadership. I am just acknowledging a long-held fact of life: What you don’t know can harm you.

What we have been calling a challenge to tribal sovereignty is really a battle to protect the indigenous identity. What is on the line is federal recognition itself. When anyone dilutes what it means to be Indigenous, as is currently being suggested by a group intent on bypassing the federal recognition process, it erodes one of the most influential tools of native tribes in America, and that is the federal recognition itself. While it matters little to an Indian what the federal

government thinks of who we are, this recognition has typically been predicated by meeting criteria so that the historical and genealogical standards within tribes may be arbitrarily verified. Once you throw away the criteria and let tribal recognition become a political football, every tribe’s identity is endangered.

True sovereignty and transparency are surely things worth fighting for, both within the tribe and outside. Whether we achieve either will depend on how willing we are to effect change in the way we are governed and how passionate we are to hold on to our identity.

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# Roger Smoker provides hope to language revitalization

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

A State of Emergency for the Cherokee language was declared in Tri-Council, a meeting of the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes, on June 27, 2019. Roger Smoker, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the chairman of the Cherokee Speakers Council, is determined to see the language thrive – not just survive.

Smoker, a first language Cherokee speaker from Tutiya (Snowbird), is constantly encouraging others to speak the language – even if it is just a few words.

At the first annual Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdadisdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day) event held on Nov. 26, 2024 at the Kalvgviditsa Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Tsunatsohisdihi (Cherokee Speakers Place), Smoker encouraged everyone to learn and use the Cherokee language. “Speak what you know. Use what you know... you can add on a little bit more every year, or every day, and in a month’s time you’ll be able to say a lot of words. I want to encourage all of the second learners, for you guys to step in. And the speakers that are left, it’s up to us to encourage these second learners coming up to speak. It’s our duty to do that right now while we’re around.”

His message is consistent. At the Annual Cherokee Speakers Walk on April 19, 2023, he noted, “Use what you know. You can add a little bit more later on, though. We don’t want to lose the language.”

At every event that I’ve ever



Roger Smoker, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the chairman of the Cherokee Speakers Council, is shown in the Cherokee Indian Fair Parade on Oct. 4, 2022 where the Speakers Council served as grand marshals. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

heard Smoker speak, he has encouraged people to use the language – providing hope.

He is also completely dedicated to serving his people.

Smoker is one of the long-time organizers of the Fading Voices Demonstration Day in Tutiya each May which highlights the lifeways of the Snowbird Cherokees. He also serves as Snowbird Community Club chairperson and represents

that community on the EBCI Election Board.

Smoker was honored, along with the rest of the Cherokee Speakers Council, as grand marshals of the Cherokee Indian Fair Parade on Oct. 4, 2022, and he was one of the people honored during the Cherokee Central Schools Honoring Our Elders presentation in December 2024.

In addition to encouraging use

of the Cherokee language, another constant for Smoker is his smile and kind demeanor. He is always nice and helpful and is a great example and role model to others – especially the younger generation of Cherokees.

But, above all of that, Smoker provides hope to others that Cherokee language and culture will not only survive but will thrive.



# A Cherokee Valentine's Day

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

My favorite fruit is ani (strawberry), partly because I enjoy them and I grew up with Strawberry Shortcake (the cartoon and the dessert), but mainly because of the Cherokee Legend of the First Strawberry that I first heard in kindergarten in Mrs. Sammi Saunooke's class.

The story goes that the first man and the first woman were in a fight. The first woman decided to leave him and started down the river valley. The man followed her in desperation, and the sun saw him and pitied him. The sun helped him plant fruits in her path, from kawaya (huckleberry) to kanugali (blackberry), but it wasn't until she saw ani (strawberry) sprout up along the path that she stopped to taste the fruit.

The sweetness of the berry reminded her of her happy home, and the heart shape of the berry reminded her of her love for her husband.

There are a lot of Cherokee love stories, and a theme I often find in them is reciprocity. The two are always giving and providing something



Beaded strawberry earrings by Shoshoni West that won third place in the 6th Annual Kanesgji Art Show. West details in her artist statement to the left of the beadwork that she was inspired by the legend of the first strawberry. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

to each other. Selu provides corn and gardening while Kanati provides hunting and meat. There is always equality in the love story - giving what you have to offer, and most importantly, receiving what the other person has to offer. As Valentine's Day comes around and everyone gets mushy gushy on the Rez, remember that true Cherokee love is about reciprocity, respect, equality, and giving and receiving love

in a symbiotic way.

And it never hurts to give your significant other a gift, especially food...

Because Cherokee women will head down the river valley and leave you standing there talking to yourself, even if we're the only two people on planet earth.

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

**Info: Gregory Hunt (828) 342-2024 or Gerard Ball (919) 805-2572**



# He Thinks of Us

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

Scripture reference: Psalm 139

Psalm 139 is a great place to put God's love in perspective. Verses 13-16 are often used to prove from God's Word that life begins at conception and that God controls our making in the womb.

"For thou didst form my inward parts: Thou didst cover me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Wonderful are thy works; And that my soul knoweth right well. My frame was not hidden from thee, When I was made in secret, And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance; And in thy Book they were all written, Even the days that were ordained for me When as yet there was none of them."

It is unconscionable to me that anyone could think an unborn person is not a child of God and should be treated with the same respect as any person. Only an unbeliever, in my opinion, could think otherwise.

But the chapter contains much more about His love, concern, and thoughts about us. So if you have gone this far without reading the entire Psalm 139, stop now and go back and read it entirely.

My intent is not to repeat everything Psalm 139 says but to highlight those parts that might seem fantastic or deeper than how

we think about the workings of God. The conclusion is obvious to me. We haven't got a clue about the height and depth of God's mind or abilities. These are things people forget when we consider how great is our God.

The Psalm begins with how God knows us (ALL of us) and our every move, regardless of how small or insignificant. He also knows our thoughts and what we are thinking. He knows where you are going when you will rest, and all your ways of doing things. It goes on to relate how there is nowhere you can go where God is not there with you, beside you, in front and behind you. He is within you. It says He knows you better than you know yourself. He has known you since before you were born. He made you. He put you together. He gave you all the talent you need. He protects and surrounds you. He thinks about you more often than there are pebbles of sand. He is with you, always everywhere.

You can't even hide. He loves you more than you love yourself.

Yes, He made you. He knew you from the beginning of this life and before you were given life. He sees your entire life string, and you haven't even finished yet. He knows when you don't even know what you will do next or what you will do when you get there. He knows.

He gave you your soul before He gave you life. He will deal with you as long as you are alive and after you die. God is with us.

What should our response be? They are in verses 19-22. In a nutshell, we need to know what side we are on and live like it. Identify our enemies and shed the wickedness in our lives.

"Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: Depart from me therefore, ye bloodthirsty men. For they speak against thee wickedly, And thine enemies take thy name in vain. Do not I hate them, O Jehovah, that hate thee? And am

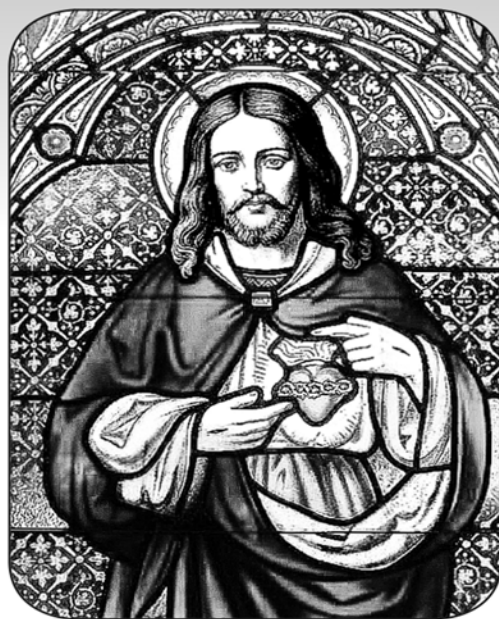
not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: They are become mine enemies."

Finally, concede what you can't ignore. Embrace the sovereignty of God and request His way to overcome your life to live righteously. "Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts, And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."

If you want to put some icing on this cake, now read Psalm 39. Father God in Heaven and on earth, my prayer today matches verses 23-24. I need You every hour, Lord. Let me lean on you for everything in my life. My life is Yours. You have given me everything to nurture and mold me; everything I am is what You have made me be. Thank You, Lord, for being my God and making Yourself known to me through Your Word. Amen.



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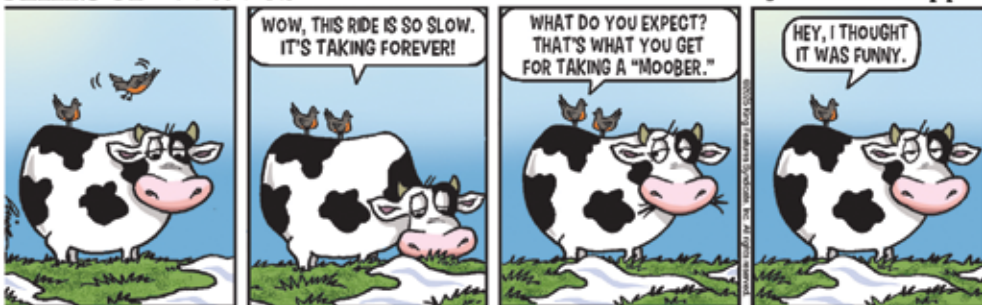


*Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.*

ACTS 17: 30,31

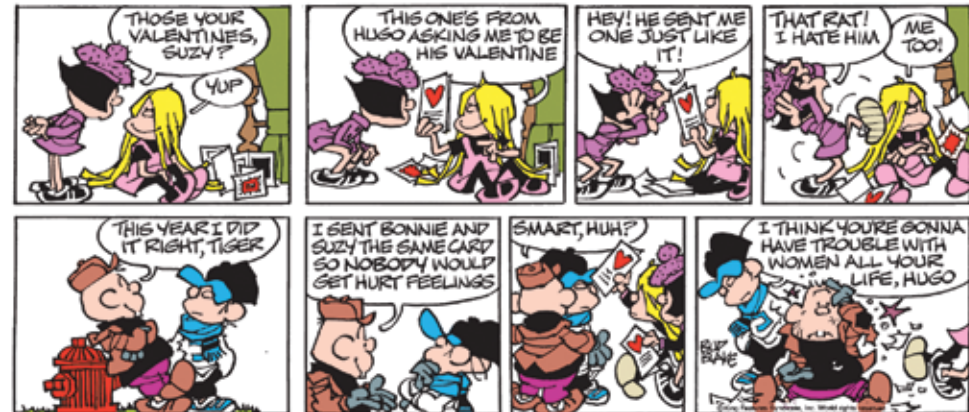


# Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

# TIGER



by BUD BLAKE

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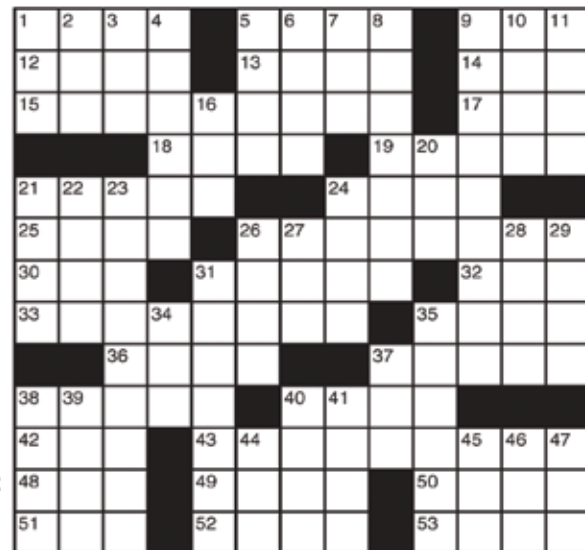


by Jeff Pickering

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

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- 5 Slender
- 9 Venomous viper
- 12 — Bator
- 13 Director Wertmuller
- 14 Cutesy- —
- 15 Beau
- 17 "Nova" ailer
- 18 Oodles
- 19 Media mogul Winfrey
- 21 Brother of Moses
- 24 Concerning
- 25 Large amount
- 26 Novelty dance at a wedding
- 30 Pampering, for short
- 31 Sri —
- 32 Tokyo's historic name
- 33 Quarantines
- 35 L-Q bridge
- 36 Baseball legend Willie
- 37 Mission man
- 38 Arizona city
- 40 Pants part
- 42 Flamenco cheer
- 43 Exceed
- 48 — -Manuel Miranda
- 49 Clump of grass



- 50 Locks
- 51 Young bloke
- 52 Summers in Paris
- 53 Sciences' partner
- 9 Collar, as a suspect
- 10 Japanese noodles
- 11 Ritz
- 16 Director Howard
- 20 Snoop
- 21 Sparkling Italian wine band
- 22 Shakespeare title starter
- 23 Advise
- 24 Pen fluids
- 26 Cave creatures
- 27 French article
- 28 Air freshener target
- 29 Vatican VIP
- 31 Infant's outfit
- 34 Napkin's perch
- 35 Green tea variety
- 37 — de deux
- 38 Bridge fee
- 39 Director Kazan
- 40 Ump's ruling
- 41 Tolkien creatures
- 44 Trench
- 45 Off-pierced body part
- 46 Petty peeve
- 47 ER workers

## DOWN

- 1 Vat
- 2 "Xanadu"
- 3 Comic Romano
- 4 Cash received
- 5 Skirt feature
- 6 Fibs
- 7 Hostel
- 8 "Vogue" singer

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# Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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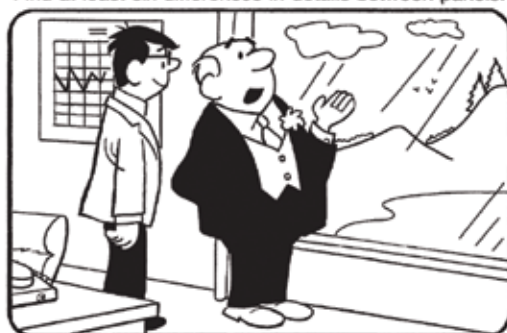
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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Vest is shorter. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Chair is taller. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Chart is different. 6. Curtain is not as wide. 7. Chair is taller. 8. Arm is longer. 9. Vest is shorter. 10. Foot is moved.

- 1. Seven; 2. Bhutan; 3. Joanne; 4. An insulator; 5. Alaska; 6. Two; 7. Griffith Observatory; 8. Movement and balance; 9. Atlanta, Georgia; 10. 1666

## Trivia Test Answers



1. TELEVISION: How many castaways are on "Gilligan's Island"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which Asian nation's nickname is "Land of the Thunder Dragon"?
3. LITERATURE: What is author J.K. Rowling's real first name?
4. SCIENCE: What is a type of material that can't carry an electrical charge?
5. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "The Last Frontier"?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How many quarts are in a half gallon?
7. MOVIES: Which famous landmark is featured in the movie "Rebel Without a Cause"?
8. ANATOMY: What does the cerebellum control in the human brain?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Where is the late Jimmy Carter's presidential library located?
10. HISTORY: When did the Great Fire of London occur?

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

## King Crossword





# HAPPENINGS

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

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

### Granny's Kitchen Turkey & Dressing To-Go Fundraiser.

Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. at Granny's Kitchen in Cherokee, N.C. This fundraising event is for two of our Granny's Kitchen employees and their collegiate cheer and dance teams. Both teams will be attending National competition in April. \$15 per meal box including: turkey and dressing with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, creamed corn, roll, cranberry sauce, gourmet cookie, and drink. Locally delivery may be available for pre-paid orders of 20 or more. Pre-ordering preferred but no mandatory. Info: (828) 508-6743

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

\* Feb. 22 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Amanda Cagle's medical travel expenses - Any questions or donations, please contact Amanda Cagle at (786) 676-4056 or Perry Shell (828) 269-0926

\* March 1 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Doober George family

### 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

**MANNA Foodbank Community Market.** Feb. 20 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (or, until food is gone) at the Wolftown 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 perishables from MANNA Foodbank. Info: (828) 359-6930, [chumwalk@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto: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.

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


### 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

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK


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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.

### Breakaway Sports Cherokee Sports Camp (Baseball 5, Kickball, and Ultimate Frisbee).

June 9-11 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Donald "Kool-Aid" Queen Gym in Cherokee, N.C. In partnership with Cherokee Baptist Church, daily Bible devotions and snacks are included. Info: Call or text (423) 933-6986

see EVENTS next page



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Try to say as little as possible about the work you're doing through the end of the month. Then you can make your announcement and accept your well-deserved plaudits.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A more difficult challenge than you expected emerges early in the week. But with your strong Taurean determination, you should be able to deal with it successfully by week's end.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Before you act on your "feelings" about an upcoming decision, it might be wise to do a little fact-checking first. You could be very much surprised by what you don't find.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A recent workplace success can open some doors that were previously closed to you. On a personal level, expect to receive some important news from a longtime friend and colleague.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Put your wounded pride aside and do what you must to heal a misunderstanding, before it can take a potentially irreversible turn and leave you regretting the loss of a good friend.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) One way to kick a less-than-active social life into high gear or rebuild an outdated Rolodex file is to throw one of your well-organized get-togethers for friends and associates.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Getting out of an obligation you didn't really want to take on can be tricky. An honest explanation of the circumstances can help. Next time, pay more attention to your usually keen instincts.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Use your Scorpion logic to push for a no-nonsense approach to a perplexing situation. This could help keep present and potential problems from creating more confusion.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A friend's problem might take more time than you wish to give. But staying with it once again proves the depth of your Sagittarian friendship and loyalty.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat can benefit from an extra dose of self-confidence to unsettle your detractors, giving you the advantage of putting on a strong presentation of your position.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might want to ask a friend or relative for advice on an ongoing personal matter. But be careful not to give away information that you might later wish you had kept secret.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Use the weekend for a creativity break to help restore your spiritual energy. Once this is done, you'll be back and more than ready to tackle whatever challenge you need to face.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You get great joy out of creating beautiful things and sharing them with others who appreciate them.

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## VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

### Create your own Veterans Legacy Memorial page

The Department of Veterans Affairs has just expanded the use of the Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) — the online digital platform dedicated to the memory of veterans who have passed away. Until now, a page for a veteran was created, usually by family, after that veteran died. Now the new feature — "Your Story, Your Legacy" — means that living veterans can create their own page, to be activated after their death.

This is a great addition to the project, especially for veterans who have no family who would create the page. The veteran can submit all the information in advance and have it just the way he or she wants. The VLM will hold the information until they're notified of the death and burial.

There is one caveat: The veteran needs to have advance approval for pre-need eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery.

Have you seen the Memorial? At this point there are 10 million Legacy pages. (The VLM automatically creates a generic page when there is a burial in a VA national cemetery.) Go online to [www.vlm.cem.va.gov](http://www.vlm.cem.va.gov) and explore the various ways the memorial pages have been done. Standard information includes the dates of birth and death, rank and branch of service, decorations, plus the location of burial (including a satellite photo of the location) and a photo of the marker.

But you'll also find a variety of ways that veterans have been memorialized by additions from friends and family, with photos, bio, historical documents, stories and more. You can create your page any way you'd like — after you've been approved for burial in a national cemetery.

For pre-need approval for burial, you'll need several documents, including DD-214, and the completed application VA Form 40-10007. (Download the form at [va.gov/find-forms/about-form-40-10007](http://va.gov/find-forms/about-form-40-10007).) If you need help with the paperwork, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117.

For more information about the creation of your Legacy page, see [vlm.cem.va.gov/livingveteranhome](http://vlm.cem.va.gov/livingveteranhome) or call them at 866-245-1490.

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My neighbor yells at her dog. Is it abuse?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** Every morning, my next-door neighbor walks her dog past my house. Every morning, she berates her dog, calling him an idiot and a bad dog, especially after picking up his poo. I cannot see the dog doing anything wrong, so I don't know why she's constantly yelling at him. I know it's affecting him, though — he has his tail between his legs most of the time. Is there anything I can do for that dog? — Bill in Oshkosh, Wisconsin

**DEAR BILL:** That's hard to watch — emotional abuse can be as damaging to an animal as physical abuse.

Strong verbal correction is OK in obedience training when you need a dog to stop doing something immediately. But it should be limited to a firm "No!" and a quick tug on the leash if necessary — followed by proper corrective training.

When an owner simply berates the dog and takes out their anger verbally on them, it isn't training. It doesn't correct their behavior. Behavioral issues often get worse, not better. And the mixed signals and negative feedback that the dog constantly receives can cause trust issues that never fully go away.

What can you do as an outside observer? Rescues or animal control likely won't intervene in a simple case of yelling at a dog.

If you feel safe talking to the owner, try starting a conversation with them. You may be able to glean more info about why they are yelling at the dog, and you might be able to give training advice.

However, you should also observe and document the situation. Write down the dog's physical condition and behavior and note if they deteriorate. If you see physical abuse from the owner, note the date, time and place and, contact animal control.

Send your tips, comments or questions to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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**EVENTS:** *from page 27*

### TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

#### Qualla Housing Committee.

Feb. 20 at 8:30 a.m.

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

### POW WOW LISTINGS

#### Ira Hayes Veterans Social Pow

**Wow.** Feb. 21-22 at Sacaton Fairgrounds in Sacaton, Ariz. MC: Gabriel Ayala. Host Northern Drum: Wild Krew. Host Southern Drum: Greaswood. Info: Marcus Sekayouma (520) 610-9411, nezperce46@yahoo.com

#### Thunder on the Beach Pow

**Wow.** Feb. 21-23 at Indian River County Fairgrounds in Vero Beach, Fla. Host Northern Drum: Warpaint. Host Southern Drum: Battle Horse. Info: Richard Gallant (772) 519-7888, fihapowwows@gmail.com

#### 2nd Annual Southwestern

**College Pow Wow.** March 1 at Southwestern College in Chula Vista, Calif. Info: David Salomon at dsalomon@swccd.edu

#### University of Maryland Pow

**Wow.** March 1 at the University of Maryland Richie Coliseum in College Park, Md. MC: Tracy Peterson. Host Drum: Zotigh. Info: Kyrsha Balderas at balderas@umd.edu

#### 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 Chero-

kee 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

#### Voices in the Laurel's 7th

**Annual Bingo Event.** Feb. 22 at the Smoky Mountain Event Center in Waynesville, N.C. Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. \$20 each includes admission, 20 games of Bingo with great prizes, and a chance to win door prizes. Extra cards and games can be purchased at event with cash. Featuring a mini-concert by the Voices in the Laurel Choirs. Tickets available at [voicesinthelaurel.org](http://voicesinthelaurel.org) or by calling (828) 400-6663

#### 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](http://arts.wcu.edu/solstice), [arts.wcu.edu/tickets](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

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

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

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

**Goose Creek Baptist Church.** Sunday School – 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., Sunday Evening Services 6 p.m. Pastor –

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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

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

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

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

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic 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.**



# Moments in time

• On **March 3, 1877**, Rutherford B. Hayes was sworn in as the 19th president of the United States in the Red Room of the White House. Two days later, he was again inaugurated, but this time in a public ceremony.

• On **March 4, 2004**, Mianne Bagger, a golfer from Denmark, earned a place in sports history at the Women's Australian Open as the first transgender athlete to compete in a professional golf tournament, noting to reporters that it took a while to overcome the anxiety associated with the feat: "I don't know where my swing was. ... I was pretty numb the first seven holes. I couldn't really feel much below my shoulders."

• On **March 5, 1839**, "Jane Eyre" author Charlotte Bronte declined a marriage proposal from the Reverend Henry Nussey, informing him that he would find her "romantic and eccentric" and not practical enough to be a clergyman's wife.

• On **March 6, 1475**, Michelangelo Buonarroti, considered by many the greatest of the Italian Renaissance artists, was born in Caprese. The son of a government administrator, he became an artist's apprentice at age 13. He would go on to master painting, sculpture and architecture, becoming best known for masterpieces like "David" and his ceiling frescoes in the Sistine Chapel.

• On **March 7, 2002**, the defense rested in the trial of Andrea Yates, a 37-year-old Texas woman who murdered her five young children by drowning them in a bathtub. Less than a week later she was convicted and sentenced to life in prison, but the conviction was later reversed on the grounds of insanity. In 2006, she was committed to a state mental hospital in Texas, where she remains today.

• On **March 8, 2014**, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew members, lost contact with air traffic control less than an hour after taking off from Kuala Lumpur, then veered off course and disappeared. Most of the plane and all on board were never recovered.

• On **March 9, 1979**, the 26 Major League Baseball teams were ordered by MLB commissioner Bowie Kuhn to allow equal access to all reporters, regardless of their sex.

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Levi (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 5:5, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the ..." *Kingdom, Earth, Compassion, Heavens*
3. In which book's 10th chapter do we find the good Samaritan parable? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
4. From Proverbs 29, what happens when the wicked have authority? *People mourn, Heavens blackened, Masses kill, Taxes abound*
5. In Numbers 22, what animal did God allow to speak? *Lamb, Donkey, Camel, Ram*
6. From II Chronicles, what did Solomon ask for? *Wealth, Long life, Wisdom, Honor*

ANSWERS: (1) Neither, (2) Earth, (3) Luke, (4) People mourn, (5) Donkey, (6) Wisdom

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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**The Garden Bug**

### How to air-dry your roses

1. Strip leaves from the stem, leaving the flower. Cut stems no shorter than six inches. Remove from sunlight after cutting.
2. Secure the bottom of the stems to a hanger so that they hang upside down to dry. Find a dark, dry area with good circulation, such as an attic or unused closet, and leave flowers to hang there for two to three weeks until completely dry.
3. When dry, spray with unscented hairspray for protection.

— Brenda Weaver  
Source: [www.proflowers.com](http://www.proflowers.com)

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

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

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

**Spruce Grove Baptist Church.** 780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday evening service 7 p.m., third Saturday singing 7 p.m. Pastor Ernie Cable. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

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

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

p.m. Scotty Chekelelee, pastor.

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

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

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

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



**Don't miss a single game.**

[theonefeather.com/events/](http://theonefeather.com/events/)  
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**Are you scheduled for disconnection and need a little more time to make a payment?**

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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**

**FOR SALE: 5 Maltipoo puppies** needing forever homes. Originally priced at \$1,500.00, asking a rehoming fee of \$400.00. (828)-226-9417. **2/19**

**For Sale: New recliner**, light blue/ grey \$250. Call 828-226-9417. **2/26**

**Free to Good Home: 2 AKC Reg Male & female Yorkie puppies** free to a good home, if interested, contact danamorgan189@gmail.com. **3/26**

## EMPLOYMENT

**Now Hiring**  
Cherokee/Great Smokies KOA Holiday is seeking local employees, for front desk, housekeeping, grounds, and Cafe' positions. To apply go to indeed.com. **2/26**

### V.O.C. Now Hiring Temporary Administrative Assistant

Cherokee Vocational Rehabilitation Services (CTVRS) is seeking a Temporary Administrative Assistant to join our team.

Applications and job descriptions are available at the VOC office, located behind Great Smoky Cannabis Company (formerly Tribal Bingo).

For inquiries, contact us at 828-497-4300.  
Application deadline: February 28

at 4:00 PM.  
Don't miss this opportunity—apply today! **2/19**

### V.O.C. Now Hiring Case Management Specialist II

Cherokee Vocational Rehabilitation Services (CTVRS) is seeking a Full-time Case Management Specialist II to join our team.

Applications and job descriptions are available at the VOC office, located behind Great Smoky Cannabis Company (formerly Tribal Bingo).

For inquiries, contact us at 828-497-4300.  
Application deadline: February 28 at 4:00 PM.  
Don't miss this opportunity—apply today! **2/19**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-095

### Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

**KAREN LYNN GEORGE**

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

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**2/19**

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Department of Transportation  
Raleigh, NC

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be March 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. (C204797) CUMBERLAND; (C205067) VANCE, GRANVILLE, WARREN; (C205058) GRANVILLE; (C205063) VANCE; (C204933) CHATHAM; (C204938) CLEVELAND; (C204766) MADISON;

(C205060) CHEROKEE, SWAIN

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, PA  
Chief Engineer

**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

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

Noel J. Blakely  
3542 Wrights Creek Rd  
Cherokee, NC. 28719

Miriam Blakely  
3542 Wrights Creek Rd  
Cherokee, NC. 28719

**2/26pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 24-101

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**

**CLAUDE RAY SNEED**

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

Mona Sneed  
45 Campbell Ln  
Cherokee NC 28719

**3/5**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 25-005

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**

**LLOYD LESLIE LEDFORD**

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

Michelle Standingdeer  
P.O Box 171  
Cherokee NC 28719

**3/5 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians**

Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 25-008

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**

**GEORGIA IMOGENE HUNTER**

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

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**

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.

## SSY Gadugi Education Coordinator

In partnership with Cherokee Central Schools, Smokies Life is looking for an Education Coordinator.

The coordinator will design culturally relevant units aligned with K-12 science standards, incorporating Cherokee histories, traditions, and perspectives into lesson plans for use through Cherokee Central Schools and Smokies Life.

The full-time salaried position will be based in Cherokee, NC, working in the park and at schools, both indoors and outdoors.

For a full job description, visit [SmokiesLife.org/Employment](http://SmokiesLife.org/Employment), or contact Leah Ayers, Smokies Life Human Resources Assistant, at (865) 436-7318 x 234 or [leah@smokieslife.org](mailto:leah@smokieslife.org).

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cary(s) listed below.  
 Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
 FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-  
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Donald Joe Ferguson  
 P.O. Box 102  
 Cherokee, NC. 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
 Cherokee, North Carolina  
 Estate File No. 25-009

**Notice to Creditors and  
 Debtors of:**

**TOM SEQUOYAH DRIVER JR**

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rations having claims against this  
 estate are notified to exhibit them  
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 payment to the appointed fudi-  
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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
 FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-  
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Ernestine Driver  
 64 Salolaneeta Dr  
 Cherokee, NC. 28719

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**BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

**Request for Proposals**

**General Notice**

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

Turnkey of New Construction Sin-  
 gle 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 pref-  
 erence. 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

**The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Presents The  
 WNC Fly Fishing Trail  
 Weekly Fishing Report**

**Feb. 17-23, 2025**

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckasegee River</b>	N/A	Late morning to mid-afternoon	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Midges, parachute Adams, black Caddis, pheasant tail, girdle bugs, prince nymph, wooly bugger/ small streamers
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	N/A	Late morning to mid-afternoon	Brown Trout	Midges, parachute Adams, black Caddis, pheasant tail, girdle bugs, prince nymph
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	N/A	Late morning to mid-afternoon	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Midges, parachute Adams, black Caddis, pheasant tail, girdle bugs, prince nymph

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AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE
3:03 AM-5:03 AM 3:23 PM-5:23 PM	3:44 AM-5:44 AM 4:05 PM-6:05 PM	4:27 AM-6:27 AM 4:50 PM-6:50 PM	5:14 AM-7:14 AM 5:39 PM-7:39 PM	6:04 AM-8:04 AM 6:31 PM-8:31 PM	6:58 AM-8:58 AM 7:26 PM-9:26 PM	7:54 AM-9:54 AM 8:23 PM-10:23 PM

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**CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

**TSALI CARE CENTER**

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11am - 3pm  
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**CHEROKEE, NC 28719**



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## Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

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

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

- \*SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant - 48 Semester Hours or an Associates Degree
- \*Varsity Football Head Coach
- \*Agriculture Teacher
- \*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)



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# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY



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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Child and Family Outpatient Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852  
Masters Level Therapist - \$58,332 - \$72,915 **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

(Analenisgi Outpatient, Analenisgi MAT, Integrated Classroom, Family Safety, Kanvwotiyi)  
MAT/OTP Nurse RN - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse RN - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**  
RN – Behavioral Health – Inpatient PTI - \$33.68 - \$38.72  
RN – Behavioral Health – Inpatient FT - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

## Dietary

Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
Food Service Worker – FT and Emergency Hire - \$15.00 - \$16.77

## FINANCE

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25

## MEDICAL

Advanced Practice Provider, NP or PA – ER - \$109,504 - \$136,880  
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

## 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  
LPN – Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
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

## TSALI CARE CENTER

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**

PO Box 553  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
828-359-6388

All applications and job descriptions are available at  
[www.ebci.com/jobs](http://www.ebci.com/jobs)

**Closing Sunday, February 23, 2025**

1. Receptionist – Transit – Operations (L5 \$15.00 - \$20.28 per hour)
2. Recreation Aide – Cherokee Life: Recreation – CERS (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
3. Grants Analyst (Multiple) – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)
4. Crew Leader (Electrician) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Assistant Supervisor (Mother Town) – TERO (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)

**Open Until Filled**

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



**Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements**

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

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

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

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

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

**AGELINK**

- (4) FT Teachers (\$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 Coordinator (\$47,700 - \$53,000/year with Benefits)
- (1) 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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**REMINDER:**

**Sec. 136-25. - Obsolete or abandoned signs.**  
 (a) Signs which advertise or pertain to a development complex, business, product, service, commodity, or a purpose which no longer exists or that has not been in use for 30 days or more shall be deemed to be an obsolete or abandoned sign. Signs which are associated with seasonal business shall not be considered obsolete or abandoned, provided there is clear intent to continue the business in the upcoming season.  
 (b) Obsolete or abandoned signs are prohibited and shall be removed by the owner within 30 days of termination of the business.  
 (c) If the owner of the abandoned or obsolete sign fails to remove such sign, it shall be removed by the Tribe at the expense of the owner. If the owner fails to pay the removal costs within 30 days, the Tribe shall collect costs under the procedure described in subsection 136-24.

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# MISSING

## Rudy Macias

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'8" Weight: 155 lbs Male Age: 68

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Date of last contact: July 8, 2006

Last Known Location: Aberdeen, Washington, Grays Harbor County

Circumstances of Disappearance: Rudy was reported missing by his wife after she had not seen him since 6/28/2006. His wife stated that she was supposed to meet Rudy in Redway, California. Both subjects were listed as transient at time of the reporting. Rudy was last seen in person on 07/08/2006 in Aberdeen, CA. He has tattoos as follows: skull sleeve on right arm, unspecified tattoo on left arm, and social security number on left leg. No photo available.

If you have seen or have information about Rudy Macias contact Detective Cory Nacnac, Pacific County Sheriff's Office (360) 875-9395.

Source: Namus.gov



## EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS DINILAWIGI WEIGHTED VOTE

"In order to provide equal representation to all members of the Eastern Band, the members of the Tribal Council shall, in their deliberations, cast votes on a weighted basis, with the weight of each vote determined by each Council member. A tribal census, for the purposes of determining the weight of the votes to be cast by each Tribal Council member, shall be conducted prior to the 1981 tribal election and prior to the election each ten years thereafter to determine the number of enrolled tribal members residing in each township." EBCI Tribal Charter Section 19

Wayohi (Wolfstown) Representatives (2) 12% each

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Representatives (2) 7% each

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Representatives (2) 7% each

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Representatives (2) 12% each

Tsalagi Gadugi/Tutiya (Cherokee County/Snowbird)  
Representatives (2) 6% each

Aniwodihi (Painttown) Representatives (2) 6% each



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LETTER: Dr. Bunio encourages vaccinations  
COMMENTARY: The U.S. government should



# THE GOOD STUFF



## Digital Art class

Nancy Pheasant, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, edits her drawing in "Introduction to Digital Art with Kevin Tafoya" at the Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center in Robbinsville, N.C. on Saturday, Feb. 8. (Photo courtesy of Karen McCracken/Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center program director)



## Shot Put champion

Nse Uffort, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior member of the Swain Co. High School Indoor Track team, won the state title in the shot put at the 1A State Indoor Meet held at the JDL Fast Track facility in Winston-Salem, N.C. on Friday, Feb. 14. He threw 59-10.25 to win the title. (Photo by Tena Donkor)



## Qualla Clans Wrestling Club participates in state meet

The Qualla Clans Wrestling Club competed in the Team NC Elementary, Girls, and Jr. High State Championship at RISE Sports in Bermuda Run, N.C. on Feb. 7-9. The following wrestlers, left to right, represented the Club – Parker Kirkland, second place; Sti-wi Lambert; Leighton Bryson; Jaxson Sequoyah, third place; Kale Smith, second place; Mattie Moore, first place; Cullen Bradley; and Enoch Walkingstick, first place. Not pictured: Peyton Arch and Colton Wilnoty. (Photo courtesy of Keisha Lambert)

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# Norman's Story: Hospice on His Terms

Four Seasons provides hospice care based on what's most important to you. We work with you and your family to co-create a care plan and provide support and care along the way. Norman Gordon embraced this time of his life and he was actively involved in his Palliative and Hospice Care.

*"Norman taught our whole family a lesson in how to handle this part of your life. We were so blessed with the strength that he had. That's not to say that he didn't want to live; of course he did. But he was a smart man and made peace with what he knew was happening in his body.*

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

- Marilyn, Norman's



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