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“Every Brave, Every Day”

CCS School Board holds two meetings in February

Feb. 3 meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools met on Monday, Feb. 3 in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:44 p.m. by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Co-Vice Chairperson Melanie Lambert led roll call. Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Yellowhill rep., Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Big Y rep.; Micah Swimmer, Painttown

see **SCHOOL BOARD** page 4



The Cherokee Central School Board held two meetings in February and discussed various issues from funding to student achievement. A classroom is shown at CCS. (One Feather file photo)

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

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

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

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Winner of 10 North Carolina Press Assoc. awards in 2023-24, including: Community Coverage (third place)



Image of the Week

Qualla Boundary residents were greeted with an amazing sunrise on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 18 as shown in this photo taken in Aniwodih (Paint-town). (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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SCHOOL BOARD: From front page rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Big Cove rep.; Melanie Lambert, co-vice chairperson and Birdtown rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wolfstown rep.; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent; Dr. Jo Ray, human resources director; and Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant.

Michael Stamper, Tribal Council representative, had an excused absence.

The opening prayer was led by Hyatt.

The agenda was approved as amended with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Swimmer. The amendment to the agenda was to add "Native American Student Information System (NASIS) Administrator job description update" under new business.

In the "Good News" portion of the meeting, Girty shared that Frosti Adams, Cherokee Middle School (CMS) Special Education (SPED) teacher, received the Employee Recognition Award for the month of February. Girty said, "Frosti exemplifies what it means to show up with dedication, courage, and heart each day. She is a driving force in shaping a positive school culture, reinforcing good behavior, and ensuring that every student feels seen, supported, and valued. Whether organizing fundraising efforts at a ballgame, managing the PBIS store and keeping it stocked, or rallying students to give back to the community through song at Christmas time, she continuously finds ways to uplift those around her.

Her unwavering support extends beyond students to her colleagues, always stepping in when needed and fostering a true sense of teamwork. She embodies

the "Every Brave, Every Day" spirit by demonstrating that education is more than just lessons—it's about connection, kindness, and service. Cherokee Middle School is incredibly fortunate to have Frosti as a part of our team. Thank you, Frosti, for your selflessness, your passion, and your commitment to making a difference every Brave, every day!"

Adams was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a \$100 VISA gift card.

In other good news, Cherokee Elementary School (CES) SPED Teacher Shae Deck said her students completed another book project titled, "Cherokee Animals and Plants." The book includes Cherokee syllabary, phonetics, and English. Deck noted that she received help from Nicole Effird, Tagan Crowe, and Richie Bottchenbaugh.

Deck is working with EBCI Tribal Option to get a corresponding story walk for the nature trail on the CCS campus.

The board agreed to purchase a book for each student in the class and a book for CES library. Deck thanked the board for their time and support.

The consent agenda was approved as amended with a motion by Reed-Cooper, seconded by Lambert. The amendment was to pull resolution 25-118 REDACTED Cherokee Middle School Track & Field Head Coach.

The following resolutions were approved:

25-113: REDACTED is approved as the Cherokee Language Instructor for the Cherokee Elementary School.

25-115: REDACTED is approved as the Substitute Teacher for the Cherokee Elementary School.

25-116: REDACTED is approved

as the Substitute Teacher for the Cherokee High School.

25-117: REDACTED is approved as the Gear Up Coordinator for the Cherokee Middle School.

25-119: REDACTED is approved as the PK-12 Mental Health Behavioral Support Specialist for Cherokee Central School.

In new business, the NASIS Administrator job description was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper, seconded by Lambert.

In other announcements, Toineeta voiced her concern about closing the school and continuing with sporting events. She said she would like to cancel any sporting events if the school closes.

Girty said school was cancelled due to sickness and staffing shortage. She stated there are other sports teams forfeiting due to sickness. She said if CCS has sick students, they urge them to stay at home.

Hyatt asked if Girty could get that information out to the public to let parents know why school was cancelled but sporting events were not.

Swimmer asked if the board had a policy to address Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Girty said the superintendent legal team sent information out to all the superintendents in the state. She said the information received is good guidance and it comes with a script for front office workers. She sent the information to Attorney General Mike McConnell to make sure it does not conflict with tribal code.

Swimmer asked if the school has funds to pay for SAT/ACT tests for students. Payne said they have a testing day where students can take the ACT and the school covers the cost. Payne said she would

look into doing the same for the SAT.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Feb. 18 meeting

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools met on Tuesday, Feb. 18 in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Co-Vice Chairperson Tara Reed-Cooper.

Co-Vice Chairperson Melanie Lambert led roll call. Members and staff present included Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Big Y rep.; Micah Swimmer, Painttown rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Big Cove rep.; Melanie Lambert, co-vice chairperson and Birdtown rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wolfstown rep.; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent; Heather Driver, human resources coordinator, Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; and Michael Stamper, Tribal Council representative.

Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Yellowhill rep., had an excused absence.

Guests in attendance were Deborah Foerst, CCS finance director; Rhonica Via, CBC finance director; and Brooklyn Brown, One Feather reporter.

The opening prayer was led by Driver.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Toineeta seconded by Hyatt.

Wahnetah and Via provided financial reports, both reporting no significant changes.

In the "Good News" portion of the meeting, Girty shared student and staff shoutouts, including students: Sean A. (CES), Maddox P. (CES), Raylyn W. (CES), Sophia

L. (CES), Julian S. (CES), Jayla P. (CHS), and staff: Cara Heatherly (CES Teacher), Frances Long (CMS Teacher), Til Flores (CMS Support Staff), Laura Bottchenbaugh (CMS Support Staff), Community Affairs Rosie Bryson, Matt Martens, Jae Winchester (Central Office Support Staff and Administrator).

Stamper suggested an awareness or recognition day for the CCS special education staff. Reed-Cooper noted that Dec. 2 is Special Education Day. Girty said she would look into doing something for them.

The consent agenda was approved unanimously with a motion

by Lambert, seconded by Hyatt.

The following resolutions were approved:

25-120: REDACTED is approved as the Softball Assistant Coach for the Cherokee Middle School

25-121: REDACTED is approved as the Baseball Assistant Coach for the Cherokee Middle School

25-125: REDACTED is approved as the Parent Liaison for the Cherokee Central School.

25-126: REDACTED is approved as the Permanent Substitute Teacher for the Cherokee Middle School.

Payne provided an update on the ARPA fund spending plan for CCS, which was adjusted to

include new scoreboards in the Charles George Memorial Arena, new sound systems for the baseball, softball, and soccer fields, and ATV or side-by-side vehicles for navigating the trails around the school.

The board approved a salary update for REDACTED with a motion by Lambert, seconded by Hyatt.

The board held first readings of revisions to Policy 1310/4002 Parental Involvement, Policy 2302 Remote Participation in Board Meetings, Policy 3225/4312/7320 Technology Responsible Use, Policy 3227/7322 Web Page Development, and Policy 3420 Student

Promotion and Accountability.

The board entered a closed session at 5:15 p.m. for an employee appeal and to discuss the following resolutions:

25-122: REDACTED Student Accountability Coordinator

25-123: REDACTED Varsity Softball Assistant Coach

25-114: REDACTED Varsity Softball Assistant Coach

The next meeting is a joint meeting with Swain County School Board scheduled for Monday, March 3 at 4:45 pm in the Central Office Multipurpose Room.

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



Feb. 24-March 2, 2025



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Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Late morning to mid-afternoon	Brown Trout	Midges, parachute Adams, black Caddis, pheasant tail, girdle bugs, prince nymph
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	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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Bill introduced to restore Alaskan mountain name to Denali

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

President Donald Trump issued an executive order recently changing the name of the mountain known as Denali to Mount McKinley – a name it had from 1917 to 2015. Now, two Alaskan senators have introduced a bill to change it back.

S.573 was introduced on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025 and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. At 20,310 feet, the mountain is the highest point in North America according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), who co-sponsored the bill with Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), said in a statement, “In Alaska, it’s Denali. Once you see it in person and take in the majesty of its size and breathe in its cold air, you can understand why the Koyukon Athabascans referred to it as ‘The Great One’. This isn’t a political issue – Alaskans from every walk of life have long been advocating for this mountain to be recognized by its true name. That’s why today I once again introduced legislation that would officially keep this mountain’s quintessential name, ‘Denali.’”

In a press release on Jan. 24, 2025 following President Trump’s executive orders on names, the Interior Dept. stated, “In accordance with President Donald J. Trump’s recent executive order, the Department of the Interior is proud to announce the implementation of name restorations that honor



President Donald Trump issued an executive order recently changing the name of the mountain (shown in photo) known as Denali to Mount McKinley – a name it had from 1917 to 2015. Now, two Alaskan senators have introduced a bill to change it back. (Photo by Marc Mooney/Pixabay)

the legacy of American greatness, with efforts already underway. As directed by the President, the Gulf of Mexico will now officially be known as the Gulf of America and North America’s highest peak will once again bear the name Mount McKinley. These changes reaffirm the Nation’s commitment to preserving the extraordinary heritage of the United States and ensuring that future generations of Americans celebrate the legacy of its heroes and historic assets.”

The release continued, “In 1917, the country officially honored President McKinley through the naming of North America’s highest peak. Yet after nearly a century, President Obama’s administration, in 2015, stripped the McKinley name from federal nomenclature, an affront to President McKinley’s life, his achievements, and his sacrifice. The decision to return the peak to its historical name is a meaningful recognition of President McKinley’s enduring legacy.”

The name was changed from Mount McKinley to Denali in Order No. 3337 from then-Interior Secretary Sally Jewell on Aug. 28, 2015.

The order explains, “On March 11, 1975, Governor Jay S. Hammond of the State of Alaska, in furtherance of a resolution passed by the Alaska State Legislature, formally requested that the Secretary of the Interior direct the United States Board on Geographic Names (Board) to change the name of ‘Mount McKinley’ to ‘Denali’. Denali is a local Athabaskan name for the mountain, which is the highest in North America and is located entirely within Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska. The mountain was originally named after President William McKinley of Ohio, but President McKinley never visited nor did he have any significant historical connection to the mountain or to Alaska.”

State politicians in Alaska

mostly agree with Sens. Murkowski and Sullivan. House Joint Resolution No. 4 was passed in the Alaskan State Legislature on Jan. 27, 2025 by a large margin (Senate – 19-0 in favor with one absent, House – 31-8 in favor).

HJR No. 4 urges “the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the United States Board on Geographic Names, and the members of the state’s delegation in Congress to maintain Denali as the official name for the tallest mountain in North America”.

It states in part, “The use of, and names and terms from, Athabaskan languages have a rich legacy in the Interior and Canada; and traditional Indigenous names for certain geographic features, places, and communities are commonly used by local, state, and federal government agencies in the state...”

2025 CHEROKEE INDIAN FAIR THEME CONTEST PRIZE IS \$250 FOR THE WINNING ENTRY!

- ▶ Contest is open to all ages. Entrants younger than 18 must have a parent or guardian to co-sign the liability release form and submit it with a W-9 form.
- ▶ The theme MUST be culturally oriented.
- ▶ The theme must be seven words or less and write a short paragraph describing the meaning of your theme. (Last year's fair theme was "They Made The Way")
- ▶ Only one entry per person

Entry forms will be available at the Cherokee Welcome Center, (828)359-6490, between the hours of 7:45am till 4:30pm, daily. Forms can also be emailed to interested participants. Please contact Lisa Frady at lisafrad@ebci-nsn.gov or Brandy Sequoyah at bransequ@ebci-nsn.gov for a form.

Please email your entry form to Lisa Frady, Brandy Sequoyah or turn it in at the Cherokee Welcome Center. The winner will be selected at the next Cherokee Indian Fair Committee meeting.

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W@&S!
Talehvga!
Stand!

hJ@.
Nitsiwi.
Everyone say it

W@&S!
Talehvga!
Stand!

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Gesdi yigoliga.
I don't understand.

GWY EJ hJ@.
Tsalagi gvhdidi nitsiwi.
Everyone say it in Cherokee.

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Keep standing.

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Nitsiwi
Everyone say it

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Hidogesdi.
Keep standing.

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Tsalvdisgi.
You're crazy.



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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Feb. 10-16, 2025**

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

Chekelelee, Kaleb B. – age 37
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 10
Charges: Simple Assault

Lossiah, Brent James – age 32
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 17)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Owle, Kenneth Randall – age 62
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 13
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Possession of Firearm by Felon

Rattler, George Alan – age 48
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 10
Charges: Assault on a Female

Taylor, Alan Curtis – age 44
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Feb. 11
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Watty, Irene Polly – age 30
Arrested: Feb. 10
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 17)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Santoyo, Ana Maria – age 35
Arrested: Feb. 11
Released: Feb. 13
Charges: Surrender by Bondsman

Childers, Lucinda Faye – age 42
Arrested: Feb. 12
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 17)
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Conseen, Venyall Lashaun – age 44
Arrested: Feb. 13
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 17)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V

Oxendine, Krista Crouse – age 53
Arrested: Feb. 13
Released: Feb. 14
Charges: Temporary Hold

Reed, Danielle – age 37
Arrested: Feb. 13
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 17)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V

Sherill, Tameka Schalene – age 33
Arrested: Feb. 13
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 17)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V, Probation Violation

Bradley, Calvin Ray – age 42
Arrested: Feb. 14
Released: Feb. 14
Charges: Communicating Threats

Climbingbear Jr., Henderson – age 76
Arrested: Feb. 14
Released: Feb. 15
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Parton, Chandra Bird – age 36
Arrested: Feb. 14

Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 17)
Charges: Simple Assault; Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult, Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code; Injuring Telephone Wires, Wires, or other Communication Equipment, Interfering with Emergency Communication

Bivins, Ronda – age 45
Arrested: Feb. 15
Released: Feb. 16
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Crowe, Sheena – age 43
Arrested: Feb. 15
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 17)
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Childers, Kristen Ozzy – age 22
Arrested: Feb. 16

Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 17)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Lambert, Austin Roger – age 43
Arrested: Feb. 16
Released: Feb. 16
Charges: Driving While Impaired

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CIHA receives North Carolina Award for Excellence – Advanced Level

Submitted by

Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) was honored with the North Carolina Award for Excellence – Advanced Level from North Carolina State University’s Industry Expansion Solutions during a special presentation on Friday, Jan. 31, at Cherokee Indian Hospital. This prestigious recognition, modeled after the Baldrige Excellence Framework, acknowledges organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to performance excellence, continuous improvement, and delivering high-quality services to their communities.

Accepting the award on behalf of CIHA were Dr. Richard Bunio, CIHA medical director, and EBCI Beloved Woman Dr. Carmaleta Monteith, chair of the CIHA Governing Board.

“This award is a reflection of the dedication and hard work of every team member at Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority,” said Dr. Bunio. “Our commitment to providing the highest quality care to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is at the heart of every-



The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) was honored with the North Carolina Award for Excellence – Advanced Level from North Carolina State University’s Industry Expansion Solutions during a special presentation on Friday, Jan. 31, at Cherokee Indian Hospital. Shown, left to right, are Sarah Wachacha, quality improvement manager; Christa Williamson, professional writer-editor; Brooke Brown, performance improvement specialist; Dr. Richard Bunio, director of medical services; EBCI Beloved Woman Dr. Carmaleta Monteith, chairperson of CIHA’s Governing Board; representatives from NCSU Industry Expansions Solutions (names not provided); and Teri Morris, executive director of Quality/Patient Safety at CIHA. (CIHA photo)

thing we do, and we are honored to be recognized at this level.”

The North Carolina Awards for Excellence recognize organi-

zations that exemplify leadership, strategy, workforce engagement, and performance excellence across multiple industries. This recog-

nition places CIHA among North Carolina’s top healthcare organizations, reinforcing its leadership in tribal healthcare innovation.



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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.

Person Centered Thinking Training is an opportunity to learn new skills and empower lives for yourself and others you support!

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 supported. Thank you for your time and par-

ticipation.

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

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


- EBCI Public Health and Human Service release

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

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on a new, campus-wide exhibit to recenter Cherokee history, culture and contemporary life on the WCU campus. The goal of the exhibit is to inform students, faculty, staff and visitors about Western Carolina University - Tali Tsisquayahi (Two Sparrows Place) - as a truly Cherokee place, past, present and future.

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 or Brett Riggs at 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.

- *Greening Up the Mountains Festival release*



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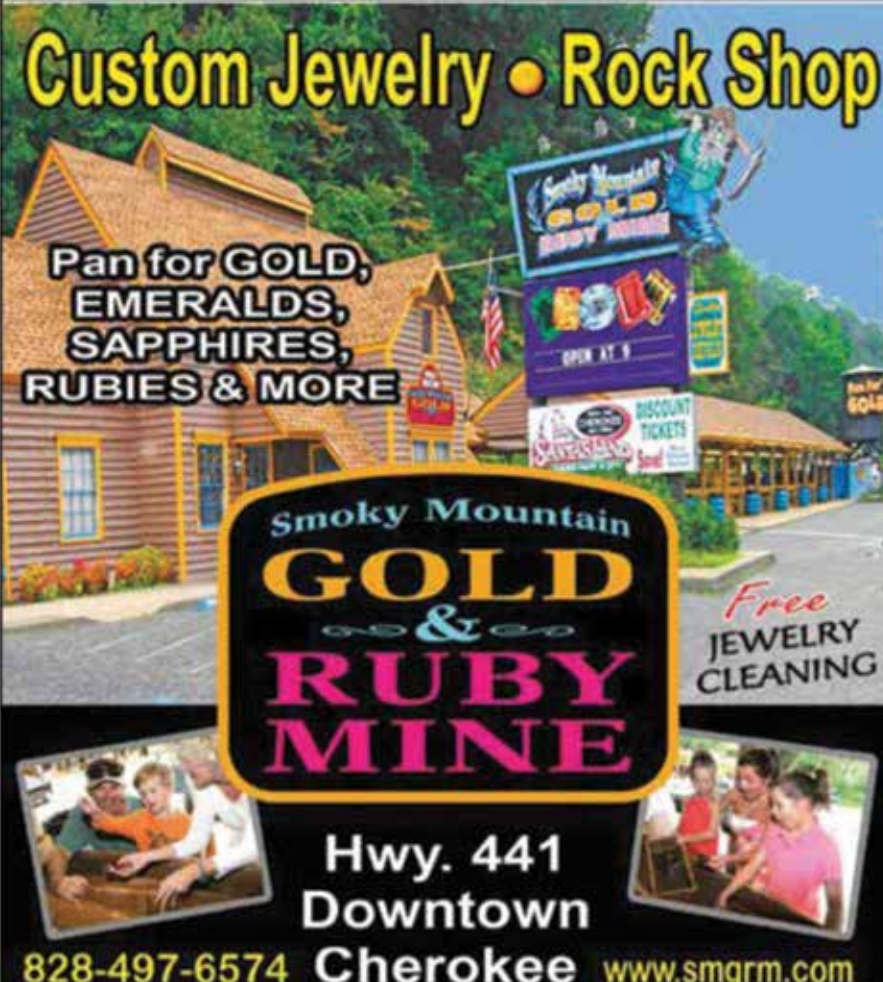
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OBITUARIES ᏆᏍᏏᏁᏃ

Wiggins Blackfox

Wiggins Blackfox, age 71, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Friday, Feb. 14, 2025, at Cherokee Indian Hospital.

He is the son of the late Amanda Littlejohn and Ross Blackfox. In addition to his parents, Wiggins is also preceded in death by his son, Noon Standingdeer; brothers, Wesley and Adam Blackfox; and sister, Nancy Blackfox.

He is also survived by nephews, John Bigmeat, Jeff Blackfox, Justin Blackfox, and Anderson "Junior" Wildcatt; foster father, Glenn Davis; foster mother, Thelma Davis of Brevard, N.C.; and aunt Sally and Esiah Reed.

Wiggins was a teacher and a fluent Cherokee speaker. He taught the Cherokee language

at Western Carolina University. Wiggins attended Cherokee High School and SCC, where he obtained his surveying license before joining the Native American Surveying Team, traveling through Indian Country to survey Indian land.

He is survived by his sister, Sarah Wildcatt; foster brothers, Larry, Billy, and Marty Davis; and foster sister, Sissy Davis, all from Brevard, N.C. He also leaves behind nephew, Coon Bigmeat; great-nephew, Haven Johnson; and great-niece, Shay Postoak, whom he considered his own. Additionally, many cousins survive him.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Macedonia Baptist Church. Mr. Blackfox remained at the church until the service hour on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Merritt

Youngdeer and Dan Conseen officiated. Burial followed at Blythe Cemetery. Family and friends served as pallbearers.

Long House was in charge of arrangements.

Reginald "Reg" Enloe Moody Sr.

Reginald "Reg" Enloe Moody Sr., 89, passed away Monday, Feb. 17, 2025, at Mission Hospital after a period of extended illnesses.

Born in 1935 at CJ Harris Hospital in Jackson County, Reg is the son of the late E.H. Bill and Mary Enloe Moody of Swain County. Being raised in Swain County, he was a 1954 graduate of Swain County High School. He attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity and graduated from Western Carolina University in 1959. He

served in the U.S. Army in Europe for two years. In 1961, he married Judy Fisher Moody. After first owning and operating a camera shop in Cherokee, Reg learned the funeral business in Bryson City from his father, E.H. Bill Moody. In 1964, Reg purchased Moody Funeral Home and later purchased Fairview Memorial Gardens in Sylva. He bought Bill Moody Funeral Home in Bryson City in 1978, along with Swain Memorial Park. Reg's companies provided meaningful and vital services to the rural population as the primary funeral facilities in Jackson and Swain counties for decades. In addition to the funeral homes, he also was the provider of Jackson County Emergency Medical Service for 30 years.

As a result, Reg seemed to know everyone, and everyone

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The Zuraw Wagon



The Zuraw Wagon, located at the Foxfire Museum & Heritage Center in Rabun County, Ga., is not a wagon type but the name of a specific wagon used during the Cherokee Removal. It is the last remaining documented wagon with ties to the Trail of Tears. Originally owned by Green B. Daves (or Davis) and donated to the museum by Retta Picklesimer Zuraw, the donor letter for the wagon recounts some of the oral history surrounding the artifact.

"Mr. Hicks detachment started today, and passed us about one mile. Some of his wagons however had been unable to get up on account of the mud. Mr. Hildebrand's detachment came up within about a mile of us, excepting some wagons mired down in the mud."

— Rev. Daniel S. Butrick, January 14, 1839

Source: Ricers, "Rails & Roads Transportation During the Cherokee Removal, 1837-1839"

National Park Service

seemed to know him. His heartwarming sense of humor brought many comforting smiles in otherwise difficult times. Reg also dedicated his life to generous service in his community. He served as president of the Bryson City and Sylva Jaycees and was active in the district and North Carolina Jaycee leadership. He received the Young Man of the Year award from the North Carolina Jaycees and the coveted Ambassador award. He was also named Young Man of the Year in Jackson County. He served for 23 years on the Dillsboro Board of Aldermen, most of that time as Vice Mayor. He was president and a member of the Sylva Rotary Club for over 50 years, during which he received the Paul Harris Fellow award. He was active in the local, regional, and statewide Democratic Party. Over the years, he enjoyed serving on numerous boards and committees, including chairing the Jackson County United Fund drive, the Sylva Recreation Commission, the board of directors of Sylva First Union National Bank, and the Harris Hospital Foundation board. He was an active member of the Sylva, Bryson City, and Cherokee Chambers of Commerce, as well as the American Legion and the board of trustees of the Cherokee Historical Association. He was a long-serving member of the C. J. Harris Hospital and WestCare board of trustees, where he also served as chair, receiving the North Carolina Trustee Service Award. He was a lifetime member of the Sylva First United Methodist Church, where he served on and chaired numerous boards and committees.

He served on the Southwestern Community College Foundation Board of Directors for 20 years, where the Reg Moody Family Scholarship Fund was created for

nursing students, and was a key stakeholder in establishing the New Century Scholars program. He was a member of the Western Carolina University Board of Trustees. He served as Chairman of the WCU Foundation Board, a member of the WCU Alumni Association and Catamount Club boards of directors. He gave generously and consistently participated in Western Carolina University activities throughout his lifetime while being a supporting member of the Catamount Club for more than 50 years. Through his time with EMS, the agency provided emergency medical coverage for countless WCU and other area sporting events. Reg was among the first Patrons of Quality members. He chaired the initial WCU Annual Fund Drive. Notably, Reg sponsored billboards in support of the North Carolina educational bond referendum and received the WCU Distinguished Service Award. With many hobbies, sports, and travels that Reg enjoyed with his family, he bought a small farm in Dillsboro where he raised, showed, and bred Appaloosa horses. Reg was president of the WNC Appaloosa Horse Show Club and was instrumental in creating the horse complex at the WNC Agricultural Center and the James B. Hunt Horse Show Complex in Raleigh.

Surviving is his wife of 63 years, Judy Fisher Moody of the home; his two sons, Reginald "Reg" Moody Jr. of Sylva; Ed Moody and wife (Trudy) of Flora, Mississippi; and his daughter, Mary Bumgarner and husband (Jeff) of Whittier. Reg has seven grandchildren: Madison Burch and husband (Cole), McKae, Mabry, and Mary Emelyn Bumgarner, Christine, Anne, and Hayden Moody; and his niece, Regina

Fleenor of Waxhaw, N.C.

Services were held on Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Sylva First United Methodist Church. A graveside service was also held on Saturday at Swain Memorial Park in Bryson City, N.C. Officiating the services were Rev Karen Doucette and Re Jessica Green.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bryan Steven Squirrel

Bryan Steven Squirrel, 41, of Cherokee, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of George Squirrel of Cherokee and the late Sarah Elizabeth Bradley.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Fred and Elzina Bradley; brothers, Donnie Jackson, Denny Jackson; and nephew, Devin Jackson.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his sister, Lisa Burke; brother, Jason Bradley; sister, Tammy Reed; nieces, Kelcey, Kayla, Hannah, Jacie, Shayla, and Kaleigh; longtime girlfriend, Trudy Taylor and children of the home, Jolden, Anali, and Zayden Kalonaheskie.

The family received friends Monday, Feb. 24 at Crisp Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Bradley Family Cemetery.

Mary Catherine "Tootie" Smith

Mary Catherine "Tootie" Smith, age 94, of Wolftown Community, widow of Sibbald Smith, passed away, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025 at Hospice at the Cherokee

Hospital.

She was born Jan. 5, 1931 in Cherokee, N.C., and was the daughter of the late, George and Leola Burgess. Tootie was a graduate of Cherokee High School. Before leaving Cherokee with her husband as he pursued a career with the National Park Service, Tootie ran the family Motel (Syble's) in Soco Valley. She enjoyed gardening, taking care of her pets, and all types of crafts. Surviving is her sister, Vivian Owle of Birdtown; her daughter, Cathy (Smith) Burns of Cherokee; her son, Gary Smith (Catherine) of Clinton S.C.; her grandchildren, Krispen Brandt (Matt), Jimmy Burns (Emilee), Kellie Bowen (Mike), Jake Smith (Emily), Meggie Carden (Tony), Jocelyn Smith, Deana Giunta (Brian), and Karen Wham (Allen); and 15 great grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, Tootie is preceded in death by her son, Sibbald Michael Smith along with her brothers, Herbert, Ralph, John, and Richard Burgess.

A funeral service was held on Monday, Feb. 24 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Pastor Ben Reed officiating. Burial was in the Blythe-Burgess Cemetery. Pallbearers were among Family and Friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cherokee Baptist Church 812 Tsalagi Road, Cherokee NC 28719.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Fear of missing out (FOMO)

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

(author of "Preacher Spurs", Christian Faith Publishing, Meadville, Pa., 2022)

Scripture reference Romans 4:1-16

Have you ever seen any of the Scared Straight documentaries on TV? Some programs still exist that use hard-core prisoners to scare troubled youth. The local sheriffs take the boys and girls into real prisons to see and talk with murderers and rapists about the harsh realities of life in prison and what they can expect if they stay on their path of crime and misbehavior. The documentary-type programs say it works on a percentage of those who go through the day-long verbal and mental abuse from actual prisoners inside. The self-proclaimed tough ones learn there are consequences of disobedience to the law. Someone is waiting for them that is always tougher, and fear is real. The truth about these programs is that they don't always work. (Scheff 2016) Fear of the outcome lasts for only so long. Does the prospect of hell scare people to Jesus? Yes, for a few who have been there. Jesus talked of hell more than He spoke of heaven. How about the other fear tactic standard, "You aren't promised tomorrow; you could get killed on the way home." Does anything ALWAYS work?

Our plans are not God's plans. Even Jesus did not win every person He met to believe in Him. We do what we can to plant the

seeds of obedience and faith and then pray for the Spirit to do the rest. That's what we are called to do. We are the fishermen – the Spirit is the soul catcher. Our battle is against the principalities of a world and satan pulling down people with sin. And he has been doing that for much longer than we have been trying to lead a good church program. He has powerful tools and is well-equipped with a game plan that is tested and proven.

But...our God is stronger! He has defeated satan from the beginning to the end. We are on the winning team. Amen? Amen!

If people have the FOMO, how about we change that to a FOMO on the blessings of heaven? Satan has been bombarding our society with the destruction of the family, and belonging, not just with each other but the entire church family. The church should be a family with genuine relationships, including worship and devotion to a real God and Life

Everlasting. People are looking for unity—a place to belong.

Few churches excel at discipleship education and experiences. We must teach the expectations of being faithful and loving to those around us. I'm not talking about a school atmosphere but a family atmosphere built on love and trust. In that whole-church concept, we must develop the talents and gifts given to our family with opportunities to use them and share them with the entire church. Think of Acts when people met in homes instead of segregated rooms. Our churches should create an environment of everyone worshipping together instead of segregated youth, college-aged, professionals, young married, retired, and elderly groups.

Want to learn a culture and how to speak a foreign language? The church is unfamiliar and alien to many not raised there from birth. Immerse them in the culture, and assimilate their time and energy into church activi-

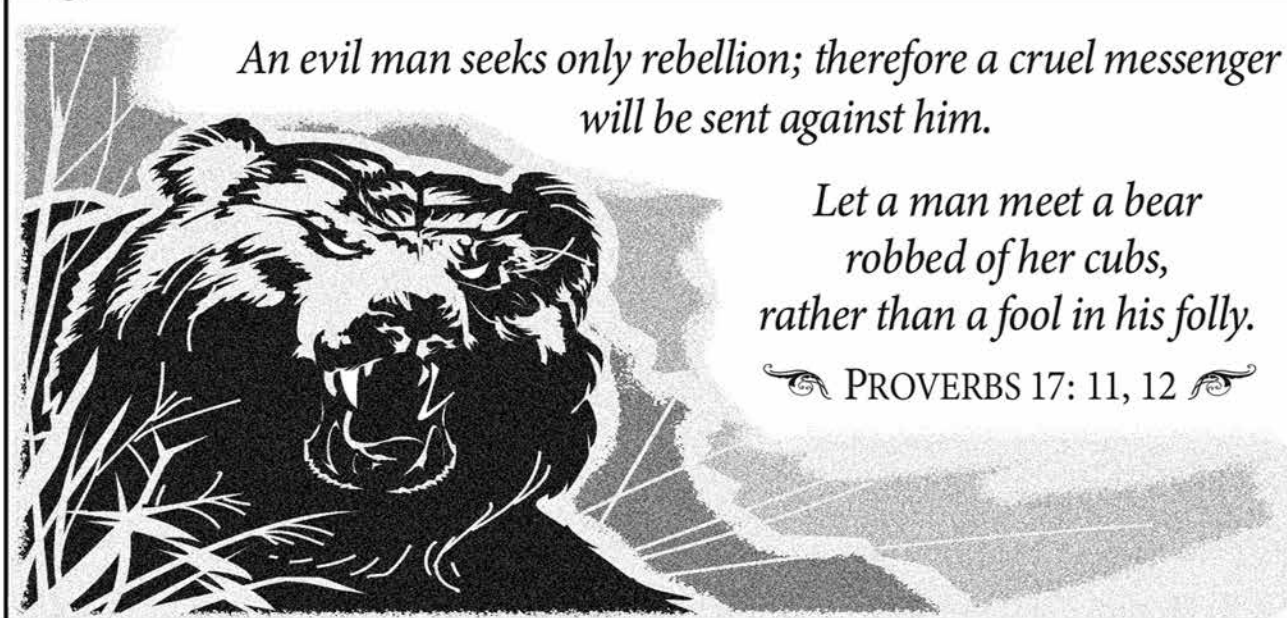
ties and relationships with other Christians. Create a community of people with the unity of the Holy Spirit.

I know this is not a unique concept of what a perfect church might look like, but we fail to do our best if we are not trying to create this environment of unity, love, and respect for our fellow Christians. We ask God to join us much too often. We need to join Him using the plan He developed. Jesus is the root vine; God is the tender of His vineyard. We are the shoots to make fruit.

Lord, God, and Father, we praise Your name. Remind us each day how You are the perfecter of unity. Even the Hosts of the Trinity are a constant reminder of unity in One. Jesus, You have asked everyone to come to You united in one Spirit and one family, in one faith. Show us how to gather into one church without division or separation. Bring us together as Your church, a family of Christians living for You.



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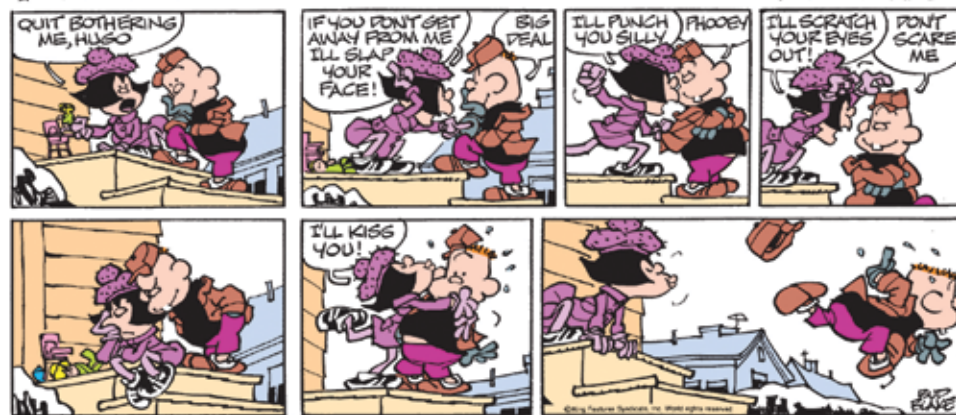
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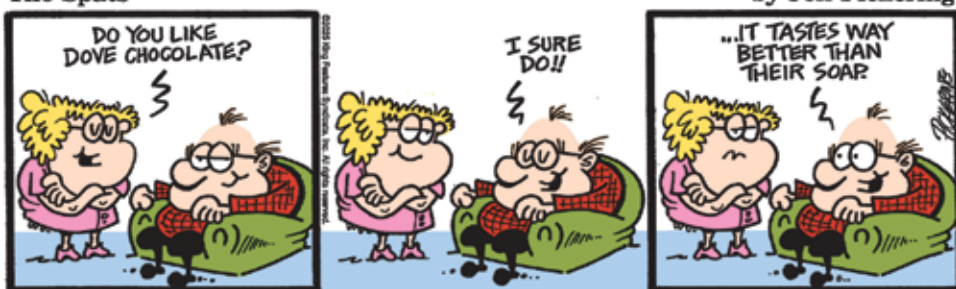
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by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Doubtfire or Dalloway
- 4 Pesky insect
- 8 Blaze
- 12 "Alley —"
- 13 Verdi heroine
- 14 Booty
- 15 Sugar suffix
- 16 Some online essays
- 18 Doppler device
- 20 "Diamonds" singer
- 21 Brzezinski of MSNBC
- 24 Group character
- 28 Coin that keeps turning up
- 32 Stitched
- 33 Artist Yoko
- 34 "— luck!"
- 36 Actor Stephen
- 37 Euro fraction
- 39 Pub game
- 41 Cognizant
- 43 "No seats" signs
- 44 Olympics chant
- 46 Loan shark's crime
- 50 Ginsberg and Kerouac, for two
- 55 — Maria

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- 56 Eyebrow shape
- 57 Microwave, slangily
- 58 Request
- 59 Citi Field team
- 60 Love god
- 61 "— a Rebel!"
- 7 Labels
- 8 Parade attractions
- 9 Cyclades island
- 10 Decay
- 11 UFO engineers
- 17 Diner dessert
- 19 Sound booster
- 22 Handle
- 23 Poker payments
- 25 Medal earner
- 26 Actor Clive
- 27 Hitch
- 28 — Raton, Fla.
- 29 From the start
- 30 Lady of Spain
- 31 Belgian river
- 35 Stirs up
- 38 "We hold these — to be ..."
- 40 Letter addenda, for short
- 42 Sixth sense
- 45 Top-notch
- 47 Beehive State
- 48 Get up
- 49 Tibetan herd
- 50 "Kapow!"
- 51 Before
- 52 Play segment
- 53 Where Lux. is
- 54 Ring decision

DOWN

- 1 Heath
- 2 Activist Parks
- 3 Raced
- 4 Angel with a trumpet
- 5 Zero
- 6 Commotion

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is lower. 2. Log is lower. 3. Elbow patch is longer. 4. Cap is different. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Jacket is longer.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. TELEVISION: The show "Happy Days" is a spinoff of which older sitcom?
2. LITERATURE: Which author created the character Hercule Poirot?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Where is Barack Obama's presidential library located?
4. GEOGRAPHY: What river forms part of the border between the United States and Mexico?
5. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system has the strongest gravitational pull?
6. U.S. STATES: Which four states intersect at the Four Corners monument?
7. SCIENCE: What is anemophily?
8. MOVIES: How much does an Oscar award trophy weigh?
9. WEATHER: What is a haboob?
10. MEASUREMENTS: How many millimeters are in a meter?

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Kimlyn Sneed Lambert brightens the community with her work and smile

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – If you see the current Senior Miss Cherokee at events, there are two things that are ever-present – a smile and grace. Kimlyn Sneed Lambert, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), is that person, and she has served her people for over 40 years in various capacities.

In 2023, Lambert retired as executive director of VOC (Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee), and she worked for over two decades with the EBCI Higher Education & Training Division. She also has served on the TERO Commission.

Lambert is highly educated holding a bachelor of science degree in business administration and a master of arts degree in educational administration from Western Carolina University. She was the first EBCI tribal member to serve on the North Carolina State Rehabilitation Council, and she also served as a Governor appointee to the North Carolina State Independent Living Council.

My colleague, Brooklyn Brown, reported on the 2024 pageants in



Kimlyn Sneed Lambert, 2024-25 Senior Miss Cherokee, waves to the crowd during the 2024 Cherokee Christmas Parade held in Cherokee, N.C. on Dec. 14, 2024. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

which she wrote, “Judith Smith conferred the crown to Kim Sneed Lambert after holding the title for 20 years. Lambert was posed the question, ‘What would it mean to you to win Senior Miss Cherokee?’ to which Lambert answered, ‘It would be the great honor of my life.’”

In attending events as Senior

Miss Cherokee, Lambert brings her smile and can-do attitude to these events and the community as a whole.

She is also representing the EBCI in the Senior Games as part of the Tsalagi Cougars cheer-leading squad which won a silver medal at the North Carolina games last year in Raleigh.

I’m looking forward to covering the remainder of Lambert’s year as Senior Miss Cherokee as she is simply a delight to see and to photograph. She’s an excellent ambassador for the EBCI and brings her positivity with her each step of the way.

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9am - 7pm	10 9am - 7pm	11 9am - 7pm	12 8am - 5pm	13 10am - 7pm	14 9am - 4pm
No VITA	17 9am - 7pm	18 9am - 7pm	19 8am - 5pm	20 10am - 7pm	21 9am - 4pm
9am - 7pm	24 9am - 7pm	25 9am - 7pm	26 8am - 5pm	27 10am - 7pm	28 9am - 4pm

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

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

Income

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

- Income from sales of stock or other property (1099-B, 1099-S)
- Gambling income (W-2G)
- Any other 1099s received
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Health Insurance

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

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March Birthdays

- 3/2 - Jeddiah Church
- 3/3 - Presley Lambert
- 3/3 - Ayla Ross
- 3/4 - Vickie Clark Jumper
- 3/4 - James Robert Smith
- 3/5 - Madilynn McCoy
- 3/9 - Genesis Ensley
- 3/9 - Kasey Lynn Mancy
- 3/14 - Peanut & Radonna Crowe wedding anniversary
- 3/15 - Dallas Bennett
- 3/16 - Lindley Wyatt
- 3/22 - Colton Toineeta
- 3/22 - Jackie Fuller
- 3/24 - Reagan Panther
- 3/25 - Paula Wojtkowski
- 3/29 - Rachel Hall
- 3/31 - Misty Johnson

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HAPPENINGS

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Senior 2025 Fundraisers at the West Senior Center (formerly Tsali Manor). Info:

- March 15. Bingo
- April 14. Basket Raffle
- May 25-31. Silent Auction

Cherokee Family Safety Program Ride. July 12 starting from 7923 Big Cove Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Registration at 9 a.m., KSU at 12 p.m. \$25 per rider, \$30 with passenger. Proceeds will benefit the Cherokee Family Safety Program. Info: Thomas Wolfe (828) 269-8989

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

Cherokee History & Stories with Kathi Littlejohn. March 2 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People TJ Holland Education Room in Cherokee, N.C. Historian and storyteller Kathi Littlejohn, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, leads an informal lecture series this winter and spring. March 2 topics include the first session of her Cherokee Regions series, covering the Lower Towns in north Georgia and South Carolina, and prominent people including Round O, William Holland Thomas, Yonaguska, Gide-

on, and Rebecca Morris. Attendees will also learn about trade and land cessations, petroglyphs, Etowah, and much more. This opportunity is free and open to all. Info: Museum of the Cherokee People (828) 497-3481

Immersive Conversational Cherokee Language with David Jumper. Biweekly for six weeks from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People TJ Holland Education Room in Cherokee, N.C. on the following dates: March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, and April 2, 7, and 9. Led by educator David Jumper, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, this is an intensive (rather than excelled or advanced level) class offered free of charge. Participants will use language as much as possible during class through call and response, partner and group work, and questions and answers. Topics will include everyday activities that apply to everyone, such as going places, working, etc. A general outline for class will be provided. Students will have the opportunity to hear and practicing speaking the language. All ages and "levels" of learners are welcome. Info: Museum of the Cherokee People (828) 497-3481

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 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.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK


Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

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"TURKEY"

Turkey is a wild turkey who lives in Aniwodihi (Painttown) with humans Kelby, Camreigh, and Kamiyah.



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ANIMAL CARE CLINIC

828-497-3401
1100 US 441N, Whittier, NC 28789

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

POW WOW LISTINGS

2nd Annual Southwestern College Pow Wow. March 1 at Southwestern College in Chula

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You find yourself making sheep eyes at someone who seems receptive. While the situation looks promising, you might not be ready for a long-term commitment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The delay in getting your task done leaves you pawing the ground in frustration. Be patient. The reason for the holdup will soon become apparent. Meanwhile, an opportunity to travel comes from an unexpected source.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your usually sharp instincts about people should be right on the cutting edge in regard to a major decision. You might want to hold off on a commitment until (or unless) you feel like both the person and project are trustworthy.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Resist the impulse to tell tales about a co-worker. Even if your motives are sincere, they'll be seen as self-serving. A personal situation remains unstable. Wait for things to settle down.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You love to lap up compliments. But be wary of someone at work who is drowning you in an outpouring of praise. In your personal life, pay more attention to your spouse or partner.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A perplexing romantic situation turns out to be less complex than you thought. A simple explanation soon clears up all misunderstandings.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Try to remain balanced as you cope with two emotional people. They

want your advice — but at a price to your equilibrium.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Avoid being goaded into making stinging remarks you could later regret. Best advice: Walk. Don't talk. There'll be time later to deal with the situation in a way that makes you look good.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A family matter becomes too demanding as it overflows into several areas. Try to narrow your focus to where it will do the most good with the least drain on your time and energy.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's fix-up time. Make plans to get things repaired and repainted around your home. A relationship could also stand some patching up before the damage is beyond repair. Schedule a physical checkup.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A job that seems to offer everything you've always wanted might require moving to a new city. Your family offers support no matter what you decide to do. Other options will also require some hard decision-making.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Get back into the social swim. Enjoy some fun time with old friends and be open to making new ones. A previous health problem recurs, but prompt attention makes everything all right.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a deep reservoir of strength that you can draw from to help you get through difficult times. Your compassionate nature allows you to offer support and comfort to others. You are artistically gifted in many areas.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

New VA Secretary Doug Collins

Changes are coming fast and furious at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Since these impact many of us, we need to pay attention to what's going on — and who's now in charge.

The VA has a new secretary, Douglas A. Collins, the 12th in the position since the VA was started in 1988. Collins is an Air Force veteran, served as chaplain, has been a Reserve colonel for 23 years and additionally served for two years in the Navy. He served in Iraq and at his confirmation hearing said that he slept next to burn pits for many months. He's an attorney and was a U.S. representative for a Georgia district from 2013 to 2021.

Quite the resume, and the Senate vote to confirm him was fairly strong: 77 to 23.

He's jumped right in, saying he wants to expand the VA's private sector care and figure out how to get rid of employees who aren't doing their job. He stopped the employee teleworking right away, insisting people come back to work, and put a hiring freeze in place until things shake out and they see if there are any vacancies once people decide if they're staying or going. Further, he vowed to fix the \$16 billion computer system that's been sitting unfinished for two years.

Sometimes you just want to see a man and hear his voice before you make up your mind about him. Go online to YouTube and look for "Doug Collins opening remarks in Veterans Affairs secretary confirmation hearing."

Watching that video, I liked things about him that have nothing directly to do with the VA and the position he's been given, but instead tell what kind of a man he is. He's been married 36 years, he still has a bracelet a female Airman made for him when he was a flightline chaplain 15 years ago and he thanked his 88-year-old father. In the end, those things matter.

I wish him well.

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Is my rabbit depressed?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I took over the care of a rabbit named "Chucky" a few weeks ago, after the previous owner, my aunt, passed away. Since he got here, Chucky has spent most of his days inside his hutch. When I try to take him out, he huddles tightly against the far wall. I don't see him eat or drink during the day, but he does come out at night after I go to bed. Is he depressed, or is it something else? — Jim F., Chula Vista, California

DEAR JIM: Chucky does sound pretty stressed out, and depression is definitely on the table here. He also may be having trouble adjusting to his new environment, and is missing your aunt, too. A stressed and unhappy rabbit is tense, staying in a down position with their ears flattened against their body. Their nose doesn't twitch. They don't hop around the cage freely, and they'll hide away if you reach for them.

The first thing to do is establish care, if you haven't done so already. Take Chucky to a veterinarian specializing in small animals (including rabbits) for a checkup, explain the circumstances, and detail his behaviors. The vet will rule out any underlying health conditions and can give you a wealth of advice on helping him be more comfortable and easing his transition to a new owner.

It's important to be supportive and not force interaction at this time. Keep Chucky's cage clean and fresh, change his water and food daily, and provide him with rabbit toys and chews strewn around the cage that he can explore. Talk to him in a soothing voice while you are near his cage. As he adjusts, he will gradually respond and feel comfortable with you.

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: www.AAwnc80.com

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

Solstice: A Winter Circus Experience. Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bardo Arts Center Performance Hall on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. Info and tickets: arts.wcu.edu/solstice, arts.wcu.edu/tickets

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Association meeting. March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Don Casada will present "Deep Creek Part II: A Virtual Tour".

Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

Pine Needle Basket Class.

March 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and March 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is \$30 per person and materials are included. Space is limited to 10 people. Tonya Dockery, a life-long resident of Tellico Plains, Tenn., is the instructor. Call to register (423) 884-6246

Beaded Rope Bracelet Class.

March 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and April 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is \$35 per person and materials are included. Space is limited to eight per class. Tonya Dockery, a life-long resident of Tellico Plains, Tenn., is the instructor. Call to register: (423) 884-6246

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

Vann House Day. July 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chief Vann House Georgia State Historic Site at 82 Hwy 225N in Chatsworth, Ga. Demonstrations and activities like that of an 1800s farming family. Local craftspeople will demonstrate 19th century skills such as blacksmithing, quilting, weaving, blow guns, and more. The Vann Mansion, Cherokee Farmstead, Vann Kitchen, and Museum will be open

for self-guided tours. Enjoy live fiddle music. Info: (706) 695-2598, vann_house_park@dnr.ga.gov

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

Big Cove Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the new community building at 6 p.m. Chair Butch Hill (828) 506-8936. For building rental contact any of the Officers.

Big Y Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community gym at 6:30 p.m. Info: Chair Bunsey Crowe (828) 788-4879, bunsey.crowe@kituwahllc.com

Birdtown Community meets the second Monday of each month at the community building; potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Joey Owle (828) 508-2869

Cherokee County Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building; potluck at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Joe Palmer (828) 361-9219, joepalmer1013@yahoo.com

Painttown Community meets the last Monday of each month at the old community building across from the casino at 5:30 p.m. Info: Chair Shannon Swimmer (828) 736-3191, swimmer.shannon@gmail.com

Snowbird Community meets the first Tuesday of each month, or the Tuesday before Tribal Council, at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex, at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Roger Smoker (828) 479-8678 or 735-4959, 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

Wolfown 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

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streamed from the 24/7 church channel, Embassy TV <https://embassytv.net> Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Will Chambliss, Thursday Night Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

Goose Creek Baptist Church. Sunday School – 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., Sunday Evening Services 6 p.m. Pastor – Bro. James Gunter 631-0331, Info: John and Linda George 497-3512

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

Grace Community Church of Cherokee. Yellowhill Activity Center on Acquoni Road. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

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

Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries. 1921 US 441 N. Sunday service 10 a.m. Thursday service 7 p.m. Pastor Margie Hall 736-9383

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

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 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 Wolfstown 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



Moments in time

• On **March 10, 1948**, the communist-controlled government of Czechoslovakia reported that noncommunist Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk had died after jumping out of a window. The story was met with suspicion in the West, but nothing to the contrary was ever definitively proved.

• On **March 11, 1903**, accordion-playing musician and entertainer Lawrence Welk, aka the “King of Champagne Music,” was born on a farm in rural North Dakota.

• On **March 12, 2020**, after New York state and city leaders placed Covid-19 restrictions on public gatherings of more than 500 people, the Broadway theater district announced it would go dark for an unprecedented 32 days, the longest shutdown of its history. The closure ended up being extended to the end of May 2021, however, costing billions of dollars in tourism losses.

• On **March 13, 1865**, the Confederacy reluctantly approved the use of Black troops, its last source of fresh manpower, as the main Rebel army faced long odds against much larger Union counterparts. The measure did not help to save the Confederacy, since the several thousand Black men who were enlisted could not balance out the nearly 200,000 Black soldiers fighting for the Union.

• On **March 14, 1924**, John “Jack” Mack, who co-founded Mack Trucks, Inc., then known as the Mack Brothers Company, with his brothers Augustus and William, was killed when his car collided with a trolley in Pennsylvania.

• On **March 15, 2021**, Deb Haaland was sworn in as Secretary of the Interior, becoming the first Indigenous person to serve as a cabinet secretary in American history. A few years before, she was also one of the first two Native American women elected to Congress.

• On **March 16, 1881**, 40-year-old Francisco “Chico” Forster met an untimely end in downtown Los Angeles, courtesy of his former lover, 18-year-old Lastania Abarta. Forster had promised to marry the girl after she performed at a party, but failed to return to their hotel with either a ring or a priest. Abarta tracked him down and tried to force him to church, but when he hopped out of his cab, she fatally shot him. After her attorneys defended her on the grounds of “female hysteria,” she was acquitted and left town.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Acts (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In 1 Kings 20, who besieged and made war against Samaria after gathering his forces? *Ben-Hadad, Menahem, Rezin, Omri*
3. What king asked for the help of a woman who was a medium? *Jehu, Amaziah, Saul, Neco*
4. From 1 Samuel 19, whose life was saved when his wife put an image of a man into his bed? *Samson, David, Amon, Cyrus*
5. Who was the father of Elkanah? *Jeremiah, Philip, Esau, Jeroham*
6. From Esther 1, how many days did Ahasuerus' feast last? *2, 4, 7, 10*

ANSWERS: (1) New, (2) Ben-Hadad, (3) Saul, (4) David, (5) Jeroham, (6) Seven

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscribersite at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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The Garden Bug
Herbs for stuffy heads

Bring a few cups of water to a boil, then pour carefully into a large heat-safe bowl. Gather some fresh herbs such as basil, chamomile, eucalyptus, lavender, mullein leaf, oregano, mint, rosemary, sage, thyme, tea tree or yarrow, and place directly into the bowl of steaming water. Cover the bowl and let it steep for 10 minutes; then, being cautious of the hot steam, place your face over the bowl and cover your head with a towel to keep the steam in. Close your eyes and slowly breathe in the herbal steam, then gently breathe out. This helps moisturize the nasal passageways and loosen up any mucus in the chest and sinuses. – Brenda Weaver

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School gym. Sunday services 10 a.m. Pastor Aaron Langston

Rock Creek Missionary Baptist Church. 240 Sherrill Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Pastor Rev. Ned Welch. Check our FB Page "Rock Creek Baptist Church" for the latest updates.

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

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 3755 Big Cove Road. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 1 p.m. Wednesday Night

Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor Tim James 497-7644

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

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

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

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

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

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thomas Valley Road. Sunday school: 10

a.m., Worship: 11a.m., Sunday night worship: 6 p.m., Wednesday prayer service: 7 p.m., every other Thursday night (Youth night) singing, bible study and crafts: 6 p.m. Pastor: Johnny Ray Davis

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

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

Pine Needle Basket Class at

Sequoyah Birthplace Museum
576 HWY 360 Vonore, TN. 37885

Saturday, March 8th at 10am - 3pm

or

Saturday, March 22nd at 10am - 3pm

Join us in the Pine Needle Basket Class taught by Tonya Dockery. Cost of the class is \$30 per person, materials are included. Space is limited to 10 people per class. Call to register 423-884-6246.



Tonya Dockery, is a life-long resident of Tellico Plains, TN. She travels the southeast doing programs and teaching pine needle and coil baskets, corn shuck dolls, beadwork and finger weaving, also portraying living history lifestyles of Appalachian families between the time period of the late 1700's to early 1800's.

Beaded Rope Bracelet Class at

Sequoyah Birthplace Museum
576 HWY 360 Vonore, TN. 37885

Saturday, March 15th at 10am - 3pm

or

Saturday, April 12th at 10am - 3pm

In this class you will learn how to make a beaded rope bracelet taught by Tonya Dockery. Cost of the class is \$35 per person, materials are included. Space is limited to 8 people per class. Call to register 423-884-6246. You will be dealing with small beads, bring your glasses or magnifying glass if you have trouble seeing small items.



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EMPLOYMENT



Now Hiring
KG3 Cost Accountant. For complete job description and application please come by the KG3 office or Maggie Toineeta – maggie.toineeta@kituwahg3.com. **2/26**

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**

CLASSIFIEDS

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: 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**

Permanent Camper for Sale - at Smoky Mountain RV Park and Resort Lot 193. Summer Vacation spot, lot rent is \$2,800 from May to October. \$300 for winter

storage. 10 minutes from Harrahs Cherokee Casino. Serious inquires please call Charlene Wooliver at 865-740-3984. **3/26**

LEGAL NOTICES

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
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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 im-

Employment Opportunities

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the following positions:
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- **Hairstylist and Nail Techs** - must have a current NC Cosmetology License

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***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

Apply in person or contact Angie Pugh at angieh@mandaraspa.com or 497-8550.

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

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

BUS & TRUCK

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

SHOP & GARAGE

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

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITY

- (1) SKILLED CARPENTER (\$31,800-\$39,750/year with Benefits)

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mediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.

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

Mona Sneed
45 Campbell Ln
Cherokee NC 28719

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

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

Michelle Standingdeer
P.O Box 171
Cherokee NC 28719

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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-008

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

GEORGIA IMOGENE HUNTER

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

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

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

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

Donald Joe Ferguson
P.O. Box 102
Cherokee, NC. 28719

3/12

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

TOM SEQUOYAH DRIVER JR

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

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

Ernestine Driver
64 Salolaneeta Dr
Cherokee, NC. 28719

3/12

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-017

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

GLENDA DALE WELCH

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

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

Elaine Hope Garcia
120 Tom Mccoy Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-018

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

MARIE SWAYNEY

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS

FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Lawrence D. Swayney
P.O. Box 362
Whittier, NC. 28789

3/19

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-019

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

MARY EDITH WOLFE LAMBERT

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

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

Roberta Vanessa Lambert Sneed
30 Bud Sneed Dr
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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Project Title: Rough Branch Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program is seeking the services of a licensed general contractor for the construction of a 20'x32' Water Treatment Plant complete with all treatment units and piping and two 8'x8' well houses, installation of well pumps, demolition of existing well house and treatment building, site grading, asphalt paving, and erosion and sediment control.

The project is located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation at 711 Rough Branch Housing Road, Cherokee NC 28719. Contact Author Sluder at 828-359-6751 authslud@ebci-nsn.gov with CC to Henson Littlejohn henslitt@ebci-nsn.gov and Adam Brox-

ton abroxton@jmt.com with any questions or to request a copy of the RFP.

Proposals should be addressed to Author Sluder in a manner prescribed in the RFP and must be received by 2:00 p.m. on 3/25/25. Any proposal received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) regulations apply for award and execution of this contract. **3/5**

Request for Qualifications

Procurement of Construction Manager at Risk Services for New Robbinsville Elementary School
The Graham County Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") is accepting submittals for construction manager at risk services for a new Robbinsville Elementary

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

The deadline for receipt of responses has been extended to Monday, March 10, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. A short list of firms will be determined, and the Board will interview the design teams with a selection being made in early April, 2025.

The full RFQ including a statement better defining the scope of work is available on the Graham County Schools website at www.graham.k12.nc.us. All questions, inquiries and submittals shall be made only to:
David Matheson
Assistant Superintendent
Graham County Schools
52 Moose Branch Road
Robbinsville, NC 28771
Phone: (828) 479-9820, ext. 1012

Fax: (828) 479-9844

Email: dmatheson@graham.k12.nc.us

Under no circumstances shall contacts be made with other Graham County Schools' personnel or members of the Board regarding this Request for Qualifications and selection process. Based upon interviews, a firm and alternate will be named followed by negotiations for a service fee. **2/26**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION Request for Proposals

Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment

April 24, 2024

Edwin Taylor

Secretary of Housing

Cherokee Indian Housing Division

P.O. Box 1749

687 Acquoni Rd

Cherokee, NC 28719

2/26



Cherokee Inn

Kituwah Hospitality LLC (Cherokee Inn) has the following job available

Housekeeper - Part time
- Saturdays and Sundays Required

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office (Old Chestnut Tree Inn) or at the Cherokee Inn between the hours of 9am - 4pm. Monday - Friday or email kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com



Cherokee Cinemas & More

Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following Job Opportunities

Floor staff - \$10.00 hr - Part time
Janitor - \$12.00 hour - Part time

Job description and applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC at 37 Tsalagi Rd., Old Chestnut Tree Motel or at the Theater.

If you have any questions, please call Kristin Smith at 828-508-6502.

Open Until Filled

Trying to sell a couch, a lamp, etc.?

Advertise your item in the Cherokee One Feather classifieds.

All items under \$25,000 are **FREE** of charge. Send your listing - up to 30 words - to Indica Climbingbear at indiclim1@ebci-nsn.gov or Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com.



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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 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

Varsity Football Head Coach

SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom Teacher

Assistant - 48 Semester Hours or an Associates Degree

Agriculture Teacher

K-5 Elementary Teacher

K-5 Elementary Teacher Assistant

K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant - 2 positions

K-5 Cherokee Language Instructor

6-8 Math Teacher

9-12 Special Education Lifeskills Teacher Assistant

K-12 School Psychologist

Substitute Food Service Worker

Food Service Worker (6 Hour Full-Time)

Contract Nurse (RN)

MISSING

Kyonnea Lynn Dunn

American Indian/Alaska
Native/Hawaiian Pacific
Islander

Height: 5'5"

Weight: 160-240 lbs

Female Age: 31

Hair: Black

Eyes: Brown Date of last contact: January 1, 2024

Last Known Location: Shawnee, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance: Kyonnea was last seen in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Kyonnea may be experiencing homelessness in Shawnee on the south side of town.

If you have seen or have information about Kyonnea Lynn Dunn contact Detective Austin Bizzell, Shawnee Police Department.

Source: Namus.gov



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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - \$44,107 - \$55,134
 Child and Family Outpatient Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852
 Employment Specialist – Kanvwotiyi – \$44,107 - \$55,134
 Masters Level Therapist - \$58,332 - \$72,915 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 (Analenisgi Outpatient, Analenisgi MAT, Dora Reed, Integrated Classroom, Family Safety, Kanvwotiyi, Family Intensive Treatment)
 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- Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 - \$38.72
 RN – Behavioral Health – Inpatient FT - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

Dietary

Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26

FINANCE

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25
 Patient Access Specialist – Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26

MEDICAL

Advanced Practice Provider, NP or PA – ER - \$109,504 - \$136,880
 Clinical Dietitian - \$50,723 - \$63,404
 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

OPERATIONS

Advanced Clinical Pharmacist - \$117,326 - \$146,658
 Chief Optometrist - \$131,405 - \$164,256
 Clinical Pharmacist – Part Time Intermittent - \$102,023 - \$153,034
 Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67
 Dentist - CIHA and Satellite
 Dentist-Pediatrics
 Pharmacy Technician I - \$17.12 - \$21.27
 Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 – \$20.67
 Pharmacy Technician III – Part Time Intermittent - \$21.13 – \$23.98

MAINTENANCE

HVAC Technician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$22.76 - \$25.89

NURSING

Care Manager Extender – Primary Care \$18.33 – \$20.67
 Care Manager Supervisor – TCM and IDD/TBI/LTS - \$33.68 – \$38.72
 C.M.S - \$18.32 - \$20.67 (Diabetes, Pediatrics, 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 – Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 LPN/CMA – Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 LPN – Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 RN – Cherokee County Clinic - \$31.06 – \$35.64 - **\$5,000 Hiring bonus**
 RN – Immediate Care Center – Satellite - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - **\$5,000 - Hiring Bonus**
 RN – Infection Control - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 RN – Inpatient – Night Shift - \$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)
 RN Care Manager Float - \$31.06 – \$35.64
 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 – Part Time w/Benefits - \$24.55 - \$27.99

TRIBAL OPTION

HOP Medical Social Worker (3 positions) - \$44,107 - \$55,134

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**
 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

Closing Sunday, March 02, 2025

1. Senior Office Administrator – Emergency Management – Operations (L12 \$46,301 - \$57,886)
 2. Electrician – Facility Management – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 3. Compliance Officer – Regulatory & Compliance – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$61,776 - \$77,230)
 4. Lead Compliance Officer – Regulatory & Compliance – Public Health and Human Services (L16 \$68,827 - \$86,050)
 5. Recreation Aide – Cherokee Life: Recreation – CERS (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
 6. Crew Leader (Electrician) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 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) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 12. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 13. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 14. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
 15. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
 16. Legislative Legal Counsel – Tribal Council – Legislative Branch (L19 \$104,229 - \$138,986)
 17. Family Safety Attorney – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$76,877 - \$102,502)
 18. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
 19. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 20. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 21. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 22. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)
 23. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 24. Part-time Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
 25. Supervisor - Adult Language - KPEP - CERS (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
 26. Quality Inspector - Qualla Housing - Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
 27. Carpenter – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 28. Carpenter Assistant - Facility Management - Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

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Wrestling champion

Aynsley Fink, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Tutiya (Snowbird), won the 110lb weight class at the Jimmy May Open this past weekend. Fink competes for the Ottawa Braves and is currently ranked 18th in the country in the NAIA rankings. (Photo courtesy of Jeff Frank/Ottawa University)



Far West Honor Band

Korbin Sampson, left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a junior at Cherokee High School, represented the school in the Far West Honor Band Invitational held at Swain Co. High School on Feb. 14-15. Sarah Hopkins, shown right, Cherokee Central Schools band director, commented, "This is the first year that Cherokee High School has had the opportunity to participate in this incredible experience. This is a two-day event that brings together students from all over western North Carolina to create music together." Sampson is a percussionist (drums, mallets, and auxiliary). (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools)



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Middle School Champions

During halftime of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) game on Thursday, Feb. 13, the Middle School Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi were recognized for winning the 2024-25 Smoky Mountain Conference Championship. Shown, left to right, are Assistant Coach Raylen Bark, Walela Hernandez, Adalynn Taylor, Cambry Stamper, Ariel Crowe, Nahnie George, Taya Jackson, Kyla Keel Aguilera, Tsi Arch, Viola Williams, Tyatum Saunooke, Maya Lossiah, Lolo Bell, Austin Fourkiller-Raby, and Coach Ahli-sha Stephens. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Signs with UNC Chapel Hill

Monday Uffort, center, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Swain Co. High School, has signed with UNC Chapel Hill to continue his track and field career. Uffort, two-time Smoky Mountain Conference Lineman of the Year (football), as well as a multiple state, regional, and conference shot put and discus champion and record holder, signed his letter of intent during an event at Swain Co. H.S. in Bryson City, N.C. on the morning of Friday, Feb. 21. Uffort is also nationally ranked in both the shot and discus. He is pictured here with his parents, Tina Donkor, left, and Monday Uffort. (Photo courtesy of Swain Co. High School Athletics)



Black belt

Cooper Lee Wildcatt, right, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, graduated Saturday, Feb. 22 with his Tiny Tigers junior black belt at Danny Antoine's Martial Arts & Fitness Academy in Franklin, N.C. He is the son of Johnny Wildcatt and Karri Vaughn. (Photo contributed by family)

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Far West Honors Band

Briley A. Powers, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Tutiya (Snowbird) and a member of the Robbinsville Middle School Band, participated in the Far West Honors Band and Clinic on Feb. 14 - 15 at the Swain County Arts Center in Bryson City, NC. She is part of the Percussion Section. Powers has been in the band for three years. She is also part of the RHS Marching Band and will be starting trumpets in the Fall for the marching season. She is also a mezzo - soprano in the Middle School Choir. (Photo courtesy of family)



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