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# “Noble warriors”

Post 143 hosts National Vietnam War Veterans Day event

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – As the wind gently blew across the Cherokee Veterans Park, in Cherokee, N.C., on the overcast morning of Saturday, March 29, Warren Dupree’s voice rang out, “There are no noble wars. There are only noble warriors.”

Dupree, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a Vietnam War veteran, was speaking at a National Vietnam War Veterans Day event hosted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 of which he is

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Warren Dupree, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a veteran of the Vietnam War, speaks during a National Vietnam War Veterans Day event hosted by the Steve Youngdeer Post 143 at the Cherokee Veterans Park in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Saturday, March 29. Dupree serves as Post 143 commander. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather photo)

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*Quote of the Week*

**“There are no noble wars. There are only noble warriors.”**

- Warren Dupree, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 commander, speaking at a National Vietnam War Veterans Day event at the Cherokee Veterans Park in Cherokee, N.C. on Saturday, March 29

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**VIETNAM:** From front page

commander.

“For most Americans who read this or hear this, they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. And to those of us who survived that war, and to the families of those who did not, we still see the faces. We feel that pain that these numbers created. And we are, until we, too, pass away, will be haunted by these numbers because they were our friends, our fathers, husbands, wives, sons, and daughters.”

According to the U.S. Army, as of March 26, 2025, “About 5.4 million Vietnam veterans are alive today. About 500 Vietnam veterans die every day; many reside in hospices and long-term care facilities.”

According to the National Park Service, of which the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC is a unit, there are 58,318 names inscribed of men and women who died during the Vietnam War.

Two of those were members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians including: PFC John Edward Oocomma, U.S. Army, who was killed in action on Feb. 16, 1967 in the Kontum Province; and Sgt. John Decatur Burgess, U.S. Army, who was killed in action on April 18, 1969 in the Quang Tri Province.

Dupree said, “The Vietnam War lasted 12 years plus and caused tremendous suffering all because of political ideology. That is madness.”

He added, “We, as young men

and women, were either drafted or voluntarily joined the military at 18 and 19 years old. We were raised by World War II veterans, and we were taught patriotism. We were taught love of this great nation. But, in Vietnam it all came apart for so many people. And those who survived, ladies and gentlemen, we bear the scar tissue. Each and every one of us relive the horrors and the nightmares.”

Dupree gave some statistics of names inscribed on the Wall including:

- The first known American casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon who was killed in action on June 8, 1956. His son, Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, is also on the Wall as he was killed in action on Sept. 7, 1965.
  - There are three sets of fathers and sons inscribed on the Wall.
  - Of those on the Wall, 33,996 were 22-years-old or younger with 8,283 being 19; 33,103 being 18, 12 being 17, 5 being 16, and 1 being 15.
  - A total of 997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam and 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day.
  - There are a total of 51 names on the Wall from western North Carolina (Qualla Boundary and Swain, Jackson, Macon, Cherokee, Haywood, and Clay counties)
- Dupree went on to say, “We, as brothers and sisters in arms, we know what service is and we know sacrifice and we know hardship... we’re here to serve our community - our veterans. When we came home from Vietnam, we were treated worse than an animal. Why? We were young men and women. We volunteered to serve.

We volunteered to do our duty, to be treated so badly by our nation. And, it still hurts.”

He concluded by saying, “We served our country in strength and honor, always, in everything that we do. And now we serve our community, our people.”

President Barack Obama issued a proclamation on March 29, 2012 proclaiming the day as Vietnam Veterans Day. The proclamation states in part, “On Jan. 12, 1962, United States Army pilots lifted more than 1,000 South Vietnamese service members over jungle and underbrush to capture a National Liberation Front stronghold near Saigon. Operation Chopper marked America’s first combat mission against the Viet Cong, and the beginning of one of our longest and most challenging wars. Through more than a decade of conflict that tested the fabric of our Nation, the service of our men and women in uniform stood true.”

It continued, “Our veterans answered our country’s call and served with honor, and on March 29, 1973, the last of our troops left Vietnam. Yet, in one of the war’s most profound tragedies, many of these men and women came home to be shunned or neglected – to face treatment unbecoming their courage and a welcome unworthy of their example. We must never let this happen again.”

Five years later, President Donald Trump signed into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 that officially established March 29 annually as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

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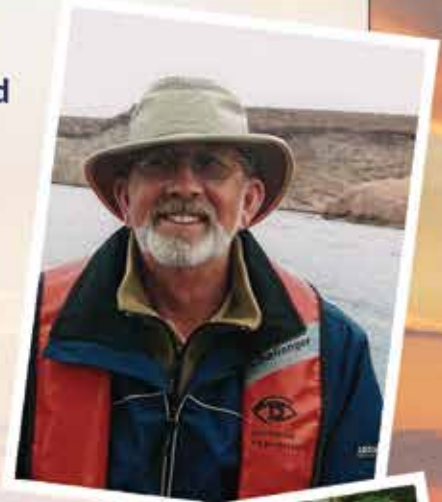
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*After he passed, I thought okay, he showed us how to handle [dying]. So now, I've got to show my children how to handle grief. This is an inevitable part of life. You realize that you're always going to miss the person when they're gone, and you have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

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# Cannabis-friendly K-9 Program launched in Cherokee

Submitted by Qualla Enterprises, LLC

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Qualla Enterprises, LLC, and Great Smoky Cannabis Company have announced an historic collaboration with the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) to establish a new K-9 program. Aimed at addressing critical needs in drug detection while aligning with modern cannabis policies, this initiative underscores our commitment to supporting community safety and innovation.

Recognizing the challenges faced by law enforcement in the region, including limited funding for K-9 programs and the evolving landscape of cannabis legalization, Qualla Enterprises is funding the purchase of a specially trained K-9 for the CIPD. Unlike traditional police dogs, this new K-9 will be trained to detect hard drugs, such as opioids and methamphetamines, while deliberately excluding cannabis detection from its repertoire. This cannabis-friendly approach reflects the realities of legal cannabis in the region and ensures that enforcement efforts are focused on combating the proliferation of dangerous substances.

“It is an honor to partner with the Cherokee Indian Police Department on this initiative,” said Jonee Taylor, culture & community relations manager of Qualla Enterprises, LLC. “By funding this specially trained K-9, we’re addressing a critical gap in regional law enforcement resources while supporting a program that aligns with the legal cannabis industry’s role in our community, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work together. This partnership represents the strength of our collective efforts to create a positive impact, and we look forward to the meaningful work ahead.”

The CIPD’s new K-9 will be a fully certified



Shown, left to right, front row – Logan Woodard with Ganula (“grass”); back row - Jerae Jackson, Jonee Taylor, Sassy Washington, Ryan Tranter, and Marsha Jackson. (Photo courtesy of Qualla Enterprises, LLC)

police dog, equipped to assist officers in detecting and preventing the spread of dangerous narcotics—enhancing public safety in Cherokee and surrounding areas.

Carla Neadeau, CIPD Chief of Police, said, “The reason to have a drug canine that is not certified on cannabis is because of the THC. THC is in both cannabis and hemp, and the canine cannot tell the difference between the two. Also, with the decriminalization of cannabis in Cherokee, an officer could conduct a traffic stop where a canine could be deployed. The canine could indicate, and for example, methamphetamine and cannabis are both located. No one knows which drug caused the canine to indicate: the cannabis with THC or the methamphetamine. This would give a defense attorney an argument, whether the open-air sniff conducted by the canine is a valid reason

after the canine indicated to search the vehicle. If you remove anything that contains THC, such as cannabis and hemp from the canine’s training, then there would be no question of why a canine indicated...removing all arguments in court.”

The funding provided by Qualla Enterprises, LLC, will cover the cost of the K-9 purchase, as well as specialized training to ensure the dog meets the highest standards of law enforcement.

Qualla Enterprises, LLC officials noted, “This collaboration is a testament to the power of partnerships between the private sector and public institutions, demonstrating a shared commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of our Cherokee community.”



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Date of last contact: December 9, 2024  
Last Known Location: Sante Fe,  
New Mexico



Circumstances of Disappearance: Tome Jo was last seen on December 6, 2024. Tome Jo's Family last had contact with him over the phone and noticed Tome Jo's lack of an online presence on December 9, 2024.

According to Tome Jo's family, he may have been heading to Flagstaff AZ in a Silver Jetta. On December 11, 2024, Tome Jo's vehicle was seen on LPRS on I-40 Westbound outside Gilbert, AZ. On February 8, 2025, Tome Jo's Silver Jetta was located on the Hopi Reservation, but Tome Jo was not with the vehicle.

If you have seen or have information about Trujillo Tome Jo, contact the Santa Fe Police Department, (505) 428-3710.

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## SOFTBALL

# Lossie signs with Montreat College

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

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CHEROKEE, N.C. – Ami-La Lossie, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior member of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity softball team, signed a letter to intent to play collegiately for Montreat College during an event held at the Charles George Memorial Arena in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Monday, March 24.

“It’s been a dream of mine, since I was young, to play at the higher level,” Lossie, who has been playing softball for 10 years, told the One Feather.

When asked her favorite thing about playing softball, she commented, “It’s one of the only things I can do to just get out of my head. It’s like the one thing I can do that makes everything else feel at peace.”

Lossie wanted to give thanks to the following, “My family, my friends, my coaches, Coach Doolley, Coach Dre, Kevin (Jackson), all my other coaches.”

Leigh-Anne Jackson, Lossie’s mother, noted, “It’s great, but I’m more proud that she’s continuing her education. That’s the biggest thing for me. It’s not about softball, but that’s her dream, so I’m good with it.”

She said Lossie should serve as an inspiration to other youth. “For other kids, don’t get down when there’s people that don’t believe in you. We’ve seen that time and time again with her. She’s had people tell her, ‘you’re not going to make



Amila Lossie, seated second from left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior member of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity softball team, signed a letter to intent to play collegiately for Montreat College during an event held at the Charles George Memorial Arena in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Monday, March 24. Shown, left to right, back row – siblings Colin Lossie, Colby Lossie, Anna Lossie; Travis Lossie, Amila’s father; siblings Keedan Lossie and Kodesgi Jackson; sitting - Charlotte Littlejohn, Amila’s grandmother; Amila Lossie; Leigh-Anne Jackson, Amila’s mother; and Kevin Jackson, Amila’s step-father. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

it’ or just show that they don’t believe in her. This is what can happen when you believe in yourself and you don’t let them define you. You put in the work yourself... she’s worked for it.”

Craig Barker, Cherokee High School (CHS) principal, told the crowd gathered on Monday, “Today is truly a great occasion for us at Cherokee High School. We’ve got one of our top student-athletes signing to continue her playing career and, most importantly, her

academic career at Montreat.

Mimi is a top-notch young lady. I have seen her in the classroom, on the softball field, put in the work and I’m a firm believer that you get what you deserve. She has worked hard for this. We’re very proud of her.”

Dre Swimmer, Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity softball team head coach, said, “She’s developed this leadership role...she’s really quiet, but somehow she always gets

those girls straightened out on the field.”

Swimmer added, “She is a great leader, and I know she’ll do well at Montreat both on and off the field. And, I’m so excited to be a part of that journey and to have been a part of your journey...I’m proud of you.”

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**Joscelyn Stamper**  
All-State  
Third Team

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All Conference -  
Dvdaya Swimmer,  
Madison Rogers,  
Joscelyn Stamper,  
Lilly Lossiah  
Honorable Mention -  
Daisee  
Fourkiller-Raby

**Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi**  
All Conference -  
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Honorable Mention -  
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# Cooper signs with Frostburg State Univ.

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

**B**RYSON CITY, N.C. – Anasette Cooper, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Swain County High School (SCHS), signed a letter of intent to wrestle collegiately for the Frostburg State University Bobcats during an event held at SCHS on the morning of Friday, March 28.

“It feels great,” she told the One Feather. “I never thought I’d be signing, honestly, so it feels great to finally be doing it.”

Cooper has been wrestling since she was a freshman. “I just fell in love with wrestling. It was just so fun and just getting the chance to meet a bunch of different people. I got to make a lot of friends wrestling because everyone’s connected, everyone’s really nice. You get to talk to everybody and meet everybody.”

At Frostburg State, she plans to major in pre-med and bio-chemistry with the goal of getting a doctorate in forensic pathology.

She thanked her wrestling coaches for helping her achieve this dream. “They taught me how to wrestle, and I got to go get a lot of opportunities to go across the country and wrestle.”

Cameron Cooper, Anasette’s father, played college football at Western Carolina University. He noted, “She’s done it all herself. The one thing I’ve always told her is, ‘you have to want to do this. This isn’t something that I want. This is something that you have to want. What I’m going to do is provide you the opportunity and



Anasette Cooper, seated, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Swain County High School (SCHS), signed a letter of intent to wrestle collegiately for the Frostburg State University Bobcats during an event held at SCHS on the morning of Friday, March 28. Shown, left to right, are Brandi Cooper, Anasette’s mother; Anasette; Cameron Cooper, standing in back, Anasette’s father; and Mechelen Cooper, Anasette’s brother. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

the guidance to get to that level if that’s what you want to achieve’.”

He added, “She’s the one that got up in the mornings and went and worked out. She’s the one that said, ‘dad I want to go do this tournament. Dad I want to do this’. I just helped to make it happen. So, I give all the kudos to her because, at the end of the day, she’s not here without her own work ethic and as strong as she’s been.”

Brandi Cooper, Anasette’s mother, commented, “She’s doing awesome, and I’m really proud of her. I’m excited, and I’m ready for her to go and grow up. She’s going to learn a lot. We know it. She knows it.”

Adam Jaimez, Swain Co. women’s wrestling head coach, said, “The thing that I would say about Anasette Cooper is the power of

consistency. She understands it very well and it’s not just every other day, it’s every day. I just wish everybody could understand the power of that is so impactful, not just in your life but in your everyday choices. If you can try to be consistently the best version of yourself, with every turn, every choice, and every opportunity they can give, it’s going to lead to big things.”

He went on to say, “I’m extremely proud of her for just showing up every day. I hope she continues to do that and I believe she will.”

Ian Roper, Swain Co. women’s wrestling assistant coach, said, “She has really been a foundation of what our girl’s program has turned into. We’ve been the state runners-up in the past two years in

the dual teams for girls wrestling. When we look back on the genesis of our program and the success it’s had, there are three kids that are going to stand out above all others...our three seniors this year. All three of them eclipsed a 100-win mark this year.”

In January, Anasette got her 100th career wrestling win. Roper noted, “Anasette has the third highest win total in girls wrestling history at Swain County High School and is graduating as a three-time state qualifier. She’ll always have a big part in whatever we go on to become as a girl’s wrestling program. I appreciate all the hard work she put in.”

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## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Submitted by EBCI Tribal Option

April marks Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about this critical issue that affects too many, especially within Native American communities. Native American children are disproportionately affected by abuse, a situation deeply rooted in historical, social, and cultural complexities and traumas. While Native Americans make up just 2 percent of the U.S. population, they account for over 15 percent of reported child abuse cases. That means Native children are seven times more likely to experience physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or a combination of these harms than their peers. Among all demographic groups, American Indian and Alaska Native children face the highest rates of victimization.

These heartbreaking statistics don't exist in a vacuum. They're rooted in generations of historical trauma—boarding schools, forced family separations, and systemic injustices that continue to impact Native families today. That trauma doesn't disappear. Instead, it often shows up in the form of Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs.

### What Are ACEs?

ACEs are traumatic events during childhood—like abuse, neglect, or witnessing domestic violence—that can shape a person's health and well-being for the rest of their life. High ACE scores are linked to chronic illness, mental health struggles, substance use, and other serious outcomes in adulthood. And Native communities often carry a heavier ACE burden, not just individually, but collectively.

Understanding these traumas is vital for fostering resilience in children and families to help alleviate negative consequences. Recognizing and understanding these traumas is the first step toward healing. When trauma goes unaddressed, it increases the risk of the cycle continuing. But when we invest in healing—through culturally rooted, community-led support—we can break that cycle. For instance, historical mistrust of external authorities may lead to hesitance in reporting suspected abuse, driven by fears of children being removed from their communities and



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placed in foster care. These complex traumas and not addressing them and understanding these can lead to the abuse cycle to continue.

### Culture is Medicine

Healing doesn't come from just one program or one solution—it comes from connection. For the Cherokee Community, services like Analenisgi and other cultural and behavioral health resources are designed with this understanding at their core. These services recognize that our traditions, language, and sense of community are powerful tools for healing.

Child abuse prevention isn't just about reacting after something happens. It's about creating a world where families are supported before they reach a breaking point.

That means looking at the big picture—things like housing, access to care, mental health support, cultural reconnection, and community programs that lift families up. It also means making sure that our institutions—schools, hospitals, law enforcement—understand the unique history and needs of Native communities. Preventing child abuse through a social-ecological model acknowledges the variety of factors that influence caregivers' capacity to nurture and protect their children. These factors operate at three levels: societal (e.g., federal and state policies, societal norms regarding parenting), systems (e.g., community collaborations to support families), organizational (i.e., the programs and policies of individual agencies), community (i.e., representing the voices of community members and leaders with lived experience), and the family itself.

The well-being of children is intrinsically

linked to the well-being of their families and communities. To combat child abuse, we must consider the various factors affecting families, including government policies, community support, and family dynamics. In Native American communities, it is especially vital to prioritize family support over reactive measures to abuse. When a community actively supports its parents and children, it becomes easier for all families to flourish. We all have a role to play:

- Listen without judgment.
- Speak up when something doesn't feel right.
- Support parents and caregivers, even in small ways.
- Share info about programs that can help.

Thriving families contribute to thriving communities. Every child deserves to grow up in a safe environment with hope for the future. Organizations like CIHA and other EBCI community resources are committed to providing culturally informed services to better assist the community.

When we protect children, we invest in the future of our entire community and can ensure the prosperity of the next seven generations. Together we heal. Together we protect. Together we rise.

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# Wasdi Iga (Ramp Day) with the U.S. National Forest Service

By MONICA WILDCATT  
EBCI Senior Center manager

On Thursday, March 27, the United States National Forest extended an exciting invitation to forage ramps at Standing Indian, located just beyond Franklin, N.C. The elders, eager to embrace this opportunity, quickly signed up. Having spent much of their lives in close connection with nature, they often hold invaluable knowledge about local plants and herbs. These seasoned foragers know precisely when and where to find ramps, ensuring their sustainable harvest without depleting local populations.

Although the Forest Service's involvement was smaller than usual this year, their impact remained significant. Typically, over 30 workers assist with ramp gathering, but only three were available this time due to the ongoing wildfires in western North Carolina. Despite their reduced numbers, these Forest Service staff members played a crucial role in supporting the foragers. Safety, especially for the elders, is always a top priority during such activities.

In an era where convenience often replaces self-sufficiency, the ability of elders to stay mobile and gather their own food is a testament to their resilience, vitality, and deep connection to nature. Foraging for ramps—often in challenging terrains like forests and hills—offers them not just physical exercise but also a sense of independence and empowerment. The benefits of being outdoors far



On Thursday, March 27, the United States National Forest extended an exciting invitation to forage ramps at Standing Indian, located just beyond Franklin, N.C. A dinner was held during the event. (Photo contributed)

outweigh any concerns. Many elders face chronic health conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, but time spent outside provides them with fresh air, a grounded connection to nature, and, perhaps most importantly, a renewed sense of purpose.

Foraging keeps their minds engaged, as they recall the paths and techniques passed down through generations. It's the small things—the connection to the earth, the memory work, the joy of gathering—that truly make a difference. The physical mobility involved in gathering ramps and other wild foods also helps elders stay active and engaged in community life, sharing their wisdom with younger generations. This active participation is a symbol of strength and autonomy, while also contributing to physical health. Movement through nature—whether bending, walking, or digging—enhances flexibility, balance, and cardiovas-

cular health, all of which are vital as people age.

The day was a beautiful example of intergenerational connection. The youngest forager was just 11 years old, while the oldest was around 82. A sense of purpose is essential as people age, and elders pass on their foraging skills to younger generations, teaching not just how to dig for ramps but also how to prepare and use them for medicinal purposes. The relationship between elders and the earth is built on respect and reverence, as they understand the delicate balance of nature and the need to preserve these plants for future generations.

During the lunch break, everyone came together to share a meal. Friends and family of the U.S. National Forest Service helped prepare the food, and the spread covered three picnic tables - an abundant, heartwarming celebration of community and shared

purpose. The practice of foraging ramps and using them for their medicinal properties underscores the invaluable wisdom passed down through the ages. From their antioxidant-rich leaves to their detoxifying qualities, ramps offer numerous health benefits. As more people turn to natural remedies, the knowledge of elders who have lived in harmony with the land becomes increasingly essential. By preserving and honoring these traditions, we ensure that the healing power of ramps—and the connection they represent to the earth—remains intact for future generations.

The ability of elders to stay mobile, gather their own food and medicine, and pass down this wisdom enriches their lives and those around them, ensuring the continuity of a cycle of health, sustainability, and knowledge for years to come.



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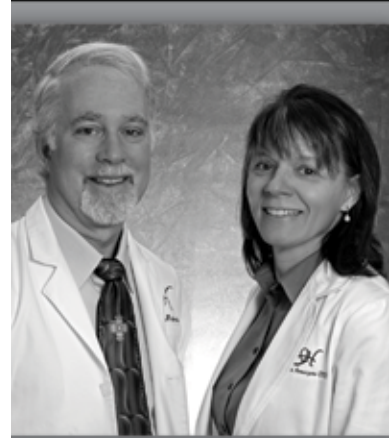
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June-01	Absentee request for the Primary Election begins
June-16-21	Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Saturday
June-23-28	Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Saturday
June-25	Absentee Request by mail ends for the Primary Election
July-11	Registration Books Close at 4:00pm
July-11	Absentee Voting In-person for the Primary Elections ends @ 4:00pm
July-21	Registration Book re-open
July-17	Primary Election 6:00am-6:00pm
General Election Information	
August-01	Absentee Request for the General Election begin
August-11-16	Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Saturday
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August-25	Absentee Request by mail ends for the General Election
August-29	Registration Books Close at 4:00pm
August-29	Absentee Voting In-person for the General Election ends @ 4:00pm
September-4	General Election 6:00am-6:00pm



## John C. Campbell Folk School celebrates 100th Anniversary

BRASSTOWN, N.C. – A beloved hub for creativity, community and Appalachian traditions, the John C. Campbell Folk School is marking a milestone anniversary this year. For 100 years, the Folk School has been a vibrant space where arts, crafts and music merge, enriching lives and sparking connections.

The centennial festivities will kick off with the highly anticipated Fall Festival on Oct. 4-5, 2025, and continue throughout the year into 2026 with a series of special occasions, workshops and community gatherings.

Founded in 1925, the Folk School has been a beacon for creative learning and preserving Appalachian traditions while fostering innovation and connection among

artists, makers and lifelong learners.

The centennial celebration will honor this rich legacy through exhibitions, storytelling events, artist showcases and projects that highlight the school's enduring impact.

“Reaching our 100th anniversary is a testament to the vibrant community that has supported the Folk School for generations,” said Bethany Chaney, executive director of the John C. Campbell Folk School. “This milestone is not just about looking back on history – it’s about honoring the generations of local families, craftspeople, performers, instructors and students who have shaped the Folk School into what it is today. We are thrilled to welcome new and returning visitors to experience the magic of learning, creativity and connection that have defined us for a century.”

Key centennial events taking

place in 2025 will include:

- Log Cabin Museum ribbon cutting (Sept. 22): the newly renovated and staged museum is a revitalization of two one-room log cabins established on the site in 1926 and features rotating exhibits that educate students and visitors on traditional Appalachian crafts.

- Fall Festival (Oct. 4-5): a weekend of live music, craft demonstrations and artisan markets, marking the official launch of the 100th anniversary celebrations.

- Forge After Dark (Nov. 7-8): a family-friendly hammer-in event and fundraising auction at the Folk School's blacksmithing studio.

The Folk School was founded by Olive Dame Campbell and Marguerite Butler in 1926. They were inspired by the Danish folk school model, which emphasizes lifelong learning and community engage-

ment. The pair named the school in honor of Olive's late husband, John C. Campbell. While the original curricula focused on agricultural practices and home handiwork, the Folk School has evolved with the times and today offers a non-competitive environment for learning traditional and contemporary crafts, music and dance. Over the past century, the school has grown into a cherished Southern Appalachian institution, welcoming tens of thousands of students from around the world while maintaining its commitment to preserving and evolving folk traditions.

More details on centennial events will be announced in the coming months. To stay updated, visit [www.folkschool.org/100](http://www.folkschool.org/100).

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**James Robert "Poat" Squirrell**

April 25, 1946 - March 24, 2025

James Robert "Poat" Squirrell was called to his eternal rest on March 24, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, and cher-

ished memories. A devoted family man, loyal friend, and respected member of his community, Poat touched the lives of many with his warm heart, generous spirit, and his infectious smile.

Born on April 25, 1946, Poat was a resident of the Birdtown community of Cherokee, N.C. Poat was the son of Mianna Screamer Squirrell and Shepherd Squirrell. He lived a life rich with experiences and accomplishments, dedicating himself to his craft as a well-known stone mason. His artistry can be found throughout the Qualla Boundary and western North Carolina, each stone placed with passion and integrity. Poat's work ethic was unmatched - he believed in doing things the right way, putting in the time and effort to create something that would last for generations. He took pride in passing down his skills, teaching his nephews and others the trade, ensuring that his legacy would live on not just in the structures he built but in the hands of those he mentored.

That same unwavering determination carried into his other passions. Poat was a Golden Gloves Champion and didn't just stop there - he went on to train and lead his own boxing team, shaping young athletes with the same discipline, strength, and resilience that he carried throughout his life. His work ethic and desire for growth never faded, and at 67 years old, on Feb. 7, 2014, he earned his GED from Southwestern Community College, proving that hard work and perseverance have no age limit. Beyond his professional life, Poat was known for his deep love of his native culture, pursuing passions like carving, gardening, and beadwork.

Yet, for all his accomplishments, Poat's greatest pride was

his family. He was a beloved husband, dad, g-paw, brother, uncle, and friend who always put his loved ones first. He is survived by his loving wife, Ann Squirrell; his daughter, Dawn Squirrell Jumper (Dave); his son, BJ; granddaughters, Clareece, Karina "Botch", Brionna, and Bella; grandsons, Christopher (Nicole), Ian, and Sully; great-grandchildren, Zaynon Taylor and Gogi Jumper; and his brother, George Squirrell. He is also survived by his nephews, Herb Squirrell (Pam), Fred Squirrell, Buck Squirrell (Glenda), DD Martin (Christy), Lamont Squirrell (Angel), and his special niece, Mianna "Peaches" Squirrell. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Poat was preceded in death by his sisters, Mary Squirrell and Irene Martin; brothers, Joshua Squirrell and John Adam Squirrell; and niece, Arlene Squirrell.

Special family friends who were dear to him include Duck Lossiah and family, Vanessa John and family, and Brianna Lambert and family.

His presence brought light and laughter to every gathering, and his absence leaves an irreplaceable void. Though he is no longer with us in person, his spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. His legacy lives in the stone he laid, the wisdom he shared, and the love he gave so freely to his family and community.

A service to honor Poat's life was held on Thursday, March 27 at Yellowhill Baptist Church, with burial following at Yellowhill Cemetery.

**Julie Anne Smith**

Julie Anne Smith, born on Oct. 21, 1967, passed away on Monday, March 10, 2025, Julie was a life-

long resident of Cherokee.

Julie is survived by her devoted daughter, Jaimee Smith, and her beloved granddaughter, Jozie Smith. She also leaves behind her brothers, Richard Smith, Greg Smith, and Robin Lambert, as well as her sister, Crystal Rich. Julie shared a special bond with her dear friend Shannon Washington. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Anne Rich; father, Jack Cecil Smith; her children, Charissa Newman and Jon Smith; and brother, Jon Mitchel Smith.

Throughout her life, Julie was known for her wild spirit. She had a passion for painting.

A memorial service was held at Yellowhill Baptist Church on Monday, March 24.

She will be deeply missed, but her spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

**John Joseph Long**

John Joseph Long, 71, passed away at Mission Hospital on Saturday, March 22, 2025. He was the son of the late Posey Long and Bessie (Catolster) Long.

John was a loving, caring husband and a wonderful Papa John to his stepchildren and grandchildren. He shared a special bond with Farrell, whom he treated as his own. John learned from the best - his mother and father. He treated everyone equally and never judged anyone. He was calm and quiet, yet always happy, with a big smile and a great sense of humor. John was sincere; he loved telling stories and connecting with people. He also had a deep love for Jesus, and his favorite scripture was John 3:16. He enjoyed singing the song, "Oh, How I Love Jesus." John played the guitar and loved to sing with his group, "The Long Family," worshiping the Lord through these songs. He was

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cherished by his church family at Macedonia Baptist Church.

John was also a fluent Cherokee speaker. He enjoyed his job at The Cherokee Speakers Place, working alongside Scarlett Guy. He treasured the time spent with Dawnenna West, singing old gospel hymns in Cherokee. Their dedication made him very proud of learning the language and

becoming a Cherokee speaker. He will be sadly missed and always remembered.

In addition to his parents, John is preceded by his son, Farrell Oocumma, and his brothers, Wilbur Axe-Long, Garfield Henry Long Sr., David Long, and his nephew, Garfield Axe-Long Jr. John is survived by his loving wife, Donna; his stepdaughters, Maria

Lyons (Loyd II) and Abby Murphy (Jess); his grandchildren, Emily Lyons and Loyd Lyons IV; and his nephews, Charles Welch, Jamie Long (Angie), and Eugene Long (Shannon), along with many other nieces and nephews.

The family received friends on Wednesday, March 26 at Macedonia Baptist Church, followed by a funeral service officiated by Dan

Conseen. Burial followed in the Long Family Cemetery. Pallbearers included Loyd Lyons IV, Tyler Kefer, Deino Panther, Delbert Ross, Jesse Houston, and Mason Long.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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THE GOOD STUFF

# Always a hero

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – I was in the process of writing my weekly Good Stuff column on a Cherokee hero when I got an email from a funeral home. It was the obituary for a hero of mine and many others – PFC Reuben Taylor, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

It took me a week to get my thoughts back together on my column as it took a different turn. He passed away recently at the age of 99 – leaving a legacy of service to others. I struggled with writing about him in my Good Stuff column since his passing, but his life and his legacy are definitely what defines “The Good Stuff”.

I’ve written multiple articles on PFC Taylor over the years and have taken his photo many times. He was always gracious and exemplified everything you think of when thinking about an elder. He was, and will remain, a true hero.

PFC Taylor served in the U.S. Army from 1942-47 in the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division. At the age of 16, yes 16, he entered basic training at Fort Bragg, N.C. on Aug. 13, 1942. He then attended Paratrooper Training at Fort Benning, Ga., after which he was assigned to the then-newly formed 82nd Airborne Division.

In 1943, PFC Taylor was deployed to Casablanca, North Africa



PFC Reuben Taylor, seated, is presented with the “Standing Strong” Pendleton blanket by his daughter, Frances Walk- ingstick, left, and Sharon French, right, representing the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Auxiliary Unit 143 during a ceremony held at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of May 13, 2024. PFC Taylor was presented with the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion during the event. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

after which they went back to Eu- rope. He was a part of Operation Market-Garden, also known as the Invasion of Holland, on Sept. 17, 1944. Several months later, he and his fellow soldiers took part in the Battle of the Bulge.

In an interview with Warren Dupree, Steve Youngdeer Amer- ican Legion Post 143 commander, PFC Taylor spoke of some of his service during World War II noting, “The Bulge, Christmas Eve 1944, we were stuck in the freezing weather thousands of miles from home. We were eating ice-cold K-Rations and C-Rations. Our feet were numb from the freezing weather we were living in. We were being shelled nightly from German 88s that made it impos- sible to get any rest. Our machine gunners were dead tired.”

He continued, “After witness- ing the horrors of war, as friends were blown away, we were near



PFC Taylor is shown at the Veteran’s Day Celebration at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. on Nov. 11, 2017.

exhaustion both mentally and physically. Sixteen days in the Battle of the Bulge was worse than 73 days in Holland.”

In the same interview, PFC Taylor noted, “For myself, as well as all those others in the 82nd Airborne Division who remember the roar of planes at night, the instant when the warning light flashes on, and the magnificence of the night skies full of swaying parachutes, I want to say this, we hope with all our hearts that there will always be an 82nd Airborne Division. If you can know that somewhere young men will dare the challenge to stand up, hook up, and know the moment of pride and strength which is its reward, then a part of us will always be alive.”

For his service, he received the following awards and decorations: Bronze Star, Purple Heart Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Europe/Africa/Middle East Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, WWII Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, French Croix de Guerre, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

On May 2, 2023, the PFC Reuben Taylor JROTC Obstacle Course, dubbed “Reuben’s Run”, was officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony at Cherokee Central Schools.

On that day, Dr. Heath Robertson, Cherokee Central Schools CTE/STEAM director, stated, “When deciding who to honor with



PFC Taylor, left, is shown receiving the American Legion Distinguished American Award from then-Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Richard G. Sneed during a Veteran’s Day Celebration at the old Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds in Cherokee, N.C. on Nov. 10, 2018.

the dedication of this course, to me there was no better choice. I knew from day one who I wanted to honor with the dedication. Collectively, we felt that this needed to be an Army veteran as our ROTC is an Army ROTC. But, we also wanted someone who exemplifies what it means not only to be a soldier, but a good example of what a good citizen and person should be.”

He added, “It was stressed that we need to honor a hero that our

students can not only see but can actually talk to...someone that they can ask advice from, hear their words, and shake their hand...In my mind, there isn’t any person that is more deserving of this honor than PFC Reuben Taylor.” In May 2024, PFC Taylor was presented with the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion by Gregory Hunt, a Marine Corps veteran.

During that ceremony, Hunt commented, “It’s imperative that

we see and take heed of the service of Reuben Taylor. That service that he exhibited during his World War II military service and his service as a veteran to his community since coming home, we just want to honor and thank our brother Reuben for all that he has done.”

PFC Taylor was a part of the “Greatest Generation” and will always be remembered as a man of honor, integrity, and valor.

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# Back to work

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

Scripture references: Ephesians 2:8-10, James 2:26, Colossians 3:23-24, Hebrews 12:15, Ecclesiastes 11:4-6, Psalms 90:17, and 1 Corinthians 15:58

For many years, I led groups of maintenance technicians in a public school system. I was fortunate that many on each team were Christians. Occasionally, people need counseling when they become discouraged. Especially in an environment where working hard was expected, but few were ever appreciated or noticed. That's the nature of the maintenance field. I often used these verses.

“whatsoever ye do, work heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that from the Lord ye shall receive the recompense of the inheritance: ye serve the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24

The verses worked on the Christians but did not affect those less spiritually inclined. I referenced this passage, especially in the weeks before I retired from that establishment. Pastors and teachers shy away from discussing work for fear that some might think it is a way they can earn their way into heaven, which is far from the truth. Working in the ministry shows love and faith in the Father, who has done exceedingly more for us. It is one way we can tithe by offering the best of ourselves to Christ. After all, God gives all good gifts, including our talents and inspiration.

The sixteenth chapter of Romans (see v. 1-16) is a great reference when you wish to honor those who glorify God working in His service. We all know individuals who expect to be praised, while others expect nothing because they are humble and desire to serve their Lord.

I've had the extreme privilege of working alongside many excellent and talented people in ministry. To list them all would make me sound like a braggart when the reality is I was honored to be among some great Christians who were sold out in service to God. God gives all good gifts, and many of those gifts come to people as talents and abilities that others do

not possess. You don't need to name names; they know who they are, and everyone else knows who they are. They are the ones that organize and promote events, cook the meals, enlist others, gather resources, generate ideas, clean the floors, buy the little extras that are needed, and pick up the pieces, whatever they are.

Sometimes we might wonder what motivates others to write letters and notes, clean up the messes, stand in the hot sun or cold weather, do the shopping, set up the tents, hand out the bulletins, play music, pull the cables, visit the sick or dying in the hospitals, homes, or hospices. I'm speaking of those who may never ask but do it out of love or compassion. After they are asked, some jump in with both feet and tear into their task like a bulldog. As administrators, we sometimes want to put the brakes on their spirited zeal. It is a blessing to have a group of people dedicated to working. A lot can be done, even if it is only a small group of four or five dedicated people. God blesses whenever two or more like-minded servants are gathered together.

The others not described above pull down and quench the Spirit. They are often the ones Satan can convict to do nothing or worse; they backbite, compromise, tattle, and espouse contrary gossip to other potential workers, undermining the proposed idea or program.

These displays, whatever you might call them, are church killers. Sadly, I confess being guilty; I've been there too.

We can't forget the passive-aggressive types, either. These are the ones who were not asked to help, won't volunteer, and now impede the progress with slow hands and feet, or cease to show up when needed. They are hard to spot, and you might even identify with them at times in your own Christian life. It doesn't feel good to know you can identify with them sometimes.


My confession is that I love to be asked and rarely turn down a request, but I also rarely volunteer. We should aspire to be the sheeple God wants us to be when supporting our church activities. We might not fully agree with the program and may even be somewhat envious of the leaders, but we should never be the ones to quench the Spirit or slow-walk and impede the progress.

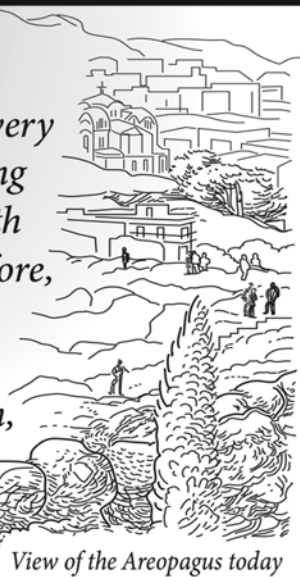
“looking carefully lest there be any man that falleth short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby the many be defiled;” Hebrews 12:15 In other words, don't be that person. Test yourself. If you ask God to search your heart and reveal any evil or wickedness, ask forgiveness and repent. Everyone will be lifted because of it.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.*

ACTS 17: 22-24 



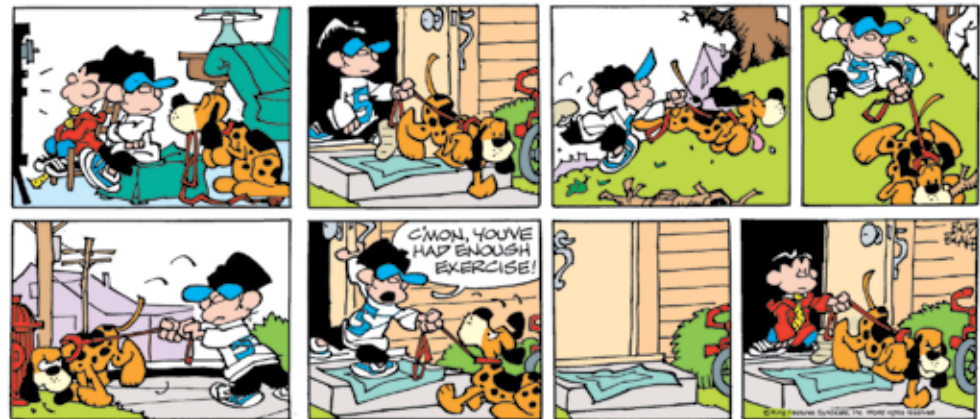
View of the Areopagus today

# Amber Waves



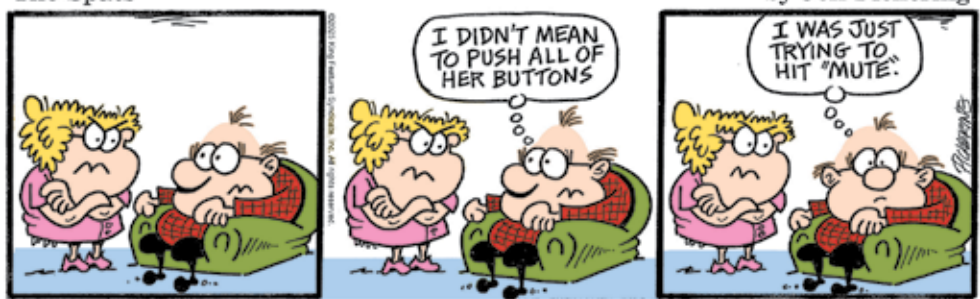
by Dave T. Phipps

# TIGER



by BUD BLAKE

# The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 "Li'l Abner" creator
- 5 Yellowstone grazer
- 8 Cymbal's kin
- 12 Petri dish gel
- 13 Sturgeon product
- 14 Ancient Dead Sea land
- 15 Fierceness
- 17 Milan money, once
- 18 PC alternative
- 19 Sheryl Sandberg best seller
- 21 Grating
- 24 Harangue
- 25 "Rhyme Pays" rapper
- 26 With passion
- 30 Monk's title
- 31 Piquant
- 32 Tic-tac-toe win
- 33 Hit song by ABBA
- 35 Friend
- 36 Curved lines
- 37 Jiggly dessert
- 38 Rum cocktail
- 41 Pear-shaped fruit
- 42 Spumante source
- 43 Agitates
- 48 Actor Schreiber



- 49 Colorful card game
- 50 Sleek, in car lingo
- 51 Salinger girl
- 52 Journey part
- 53 Must have
- 8 Trattoria desserts
- 9 Valhalla VIP
- 10 Sushi wrapper
- 11 Fed. agents
- 16 Low isle
- 20 Jealousy
- 21 Jazz phrase
- 22 Estate measure
- 23 Burn somewhat
- 24 Tears apart
- 26 Imaginary
- 27 Toy store buy
- 28 Lounge
- 29 Cellist Ma
- 31 Actress Reid
- 34 Indigenous
- 35 Sea off Greece
- 37 Comic Carrey
- 38 Like ganders
- 39 Unrepaired
- 40 Detail
- 41 Toad's kin
- 44 Away from WSW
- 45 Formerly called
- 46 Three, in Rome
- 47 Turf

## DOWN

- 1 Half- (latte option)
- 2 Candle count
- 3 Standard
- 4 On time
- 5 Idle or Bana
- 6 Parcel of land
- 7 Bogart/Bacall classic

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# Weekly SUDOKU

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

## 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. Plank is missing. 2. Pencil is missing. 3. Paper is added. 4. Screwdriver is longer. 5. Pan is smaller. 6. Box is missing.

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

## King Crossword



1. TELEVISION: In the sitcom "Modern Family," Gloria is from which country?
2. LITERATURE: Which author wrote "The Kite Thief" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the deepest lake in the world?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which first lady's nickname was Lady Bird?
5. ASTRONOMY: How many stars make up the Big Dipper?
6. MOVIES: Which famous Hollywood couple played lead roles in the film version of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf"?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of skunks called?
8. GEOMETRY: How many sides does a decagon have?
9. ART: Which American artist focused on women and children in her paintings?
10. ANATOMY: What substance gives skin its color?

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Trivia Test Answers  
1. Colombia; 2. Khaled Hosseini; 3. Lake Baikal, Russia; 4. Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson, wife of President Lyndon Johnson; 5. Seven; 6. Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor; 7. A surfeit; 8. 10; 9. Mary Cassatt; 10. Melanin

# HAPPENINGS

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

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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

- April 14. Basket Raffle
- May 25-31. Silent Auction

### Leap of Faith Performing Arts

**Bingo Night.** April 5 at the Swain County Senior Center in Bryson City, N.C. Concessions open at 5 p.m., Games start at 6:15 p.m. \$20/adult pack for 15 games, \$10 kids pack for 5 games, 3 specials, 50/50 raffle. Great prizes.

**Bingo Night Fundraiser.** April 5 at the old Painttown Community Building in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 5 p.m., Bingo starts at 6 p.m. This is a fundraiser for medical-related expenses for Jedidiah Church. Adult packs/\$20, Kids packs/\$10, special games sold separately. Concessions will be available.

### Bingo Benefit for David Nichols.

April 11 at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 4 p.m. Hot dog plates for \$5, Adult Bingo games for \$25, Children's Bingo games for \$10, Special Bingo games for \$2. Bingo prizes include: wampum necklace, turquoise and silver jewelry, ceremonial bags, ribbon skirts, handmade quilt, and a 50" television.

**Turkey Shoot.** April 12 at 2 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanyvi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. This is a fundraiser for the Big Cove Free Labor Group. A potluck dinner will start at 2 p.m., and the Turkey Shoot will start at 3 p.m. Good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

**Big Y Free Labor Side X Side Fundraiser Ride.** April 26 at 10 a.m. Start and finish at the Big Y Gym at 2641 Wrights Creek Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. This event is sponsored by the Big Y Community Club, and all proceeds will go to Big Y's Free Labor group. \$50 per vehicle, drivers must be 18 or older. Two free meals for each vehicle, additional meals \$10/each. Door prizes, must be present to win. Info: Bree Lambert (828) 788-3308

**Cherokee Speakers Council Bingo Fundraiser.** May 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrell Recreation & Sports Complex in Cherokee, N.C. \$25 adult packs (15 games), \$10 kids packs, five specials will be sold separately. Concessions will be available.

**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

**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: 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

**Easter Egg Market.** April 4 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Lunch by Melitia. Lots of local vendors and crafts. Info: Denise Walkingstick (828) 508-2211

**Super Hero Every Child Matters Walk/Ride.** April 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Motorcycles, side-by-sides, and cars are welcome to join. Walk, bike, or ride in this event. Meet at the Museum of the Cherokee People parking lot in Cherokee, N.C. at 11 a.m. The walk/ride begins at 12 p.m. and

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida  
SŌHi ႠD RVLႠႠJ DႠႠYL



**I'm Riggs, a mastiff rescue who lives with Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians members Rebecca Wolfe Damas and Renner and Hutton Damas in League City, Texas.**

**I love to play tug-of-war with humans with my toys, and I usually win!**



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travels Tsali Blvd. to the Oconaluftee Island Open Air Market. Activities to follow at the Island. Join PHHS Family Safety and community partners for an afternoon dedicated to raising awareness and providing education about child abuse. Info: Amy Nations (828) 359-1520

**Indoor Flea Market and Bake Sale.** April 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Tables are \$10/each or two for \$15. To reserve a table, call Virginia (828) 788-8659, Judy 736-3593, or Carmaleta 736-9392

**Cornhusk Doll Workshop.** April

12 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. This workshop will cost \$40 and is led by Laura Walkingstick. Class size is limited. If interested, call Virginia (828) 788-8659, Judy 736-3593, or Carmaleta 736-9392.

**9th Annual Spring Garden Fair.**

April 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. This event features seeds, plants, yard art, education information, and a Re-Purpose It contest for youth ages 5-17. Vendor tables are available for \$10 or a door prize

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Professional relationships grow stronger, but you still might need to ease some problems with someone in your personal life. One way could be to try to be less rigid in your views.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You might be too close to a perplexing personal situation to even attempt to make a rational decision about it right now. Stepping back could help you gain a wider perspective.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Being asked to choose between the positions of two friends is an unfair imposition on you. It's best to reject the demand and insist that they try harder to work things out on their own.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A change of mind about a workplace decision might be called for, once you hear more arguments — pro and con. A personal event suddenly takes an unexpected (but pleasant!) turn.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Romance once again looms large for single Leos and Leonas, with Cupid favoring Taurus and Libra to inspire those warm and fuzzy Leonine feelings. Meanwhile, expect another workplace change.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A surprise gift with no strings attached could happily come just when you need it to avoid a delay in getting your project done. Expect education to dominate the week.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) Someone close to you might ask for your support as they face a demanding personal challenge. Offer it, by all means, but be careful that you don't neglect your own needs at this time.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected development could put your relationship with a partner or spouse to an emotionally demanding test. But your determination to get to the truth should save the day!

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A recent agreement appears to be coming apart over the surfacing of unexpected complications. You might need to get expert advice on how to resolve the situation.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your keen business sense helps you get to the truth about a suspicious business deal. Expect to have many colleagues rally to support your efforts in this important matter.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Someone who once moved in and out of your life through the years might now want to come back in on a more permanent basis. Give yourself a lot of time to weigh your decision.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Showing frustration over a delayed workplace decision might get someone's attention — but not necessarily make them move any sooner. The best advice would be to be patient and wait it out.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are drawn to excitement and thrilling adventures. You also enjoy fast tempo music — the more brass, the better.

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# VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

## Rust on the surgical instruments?

Good grief. Just how many deficiencies can one Department of Veterans Affairs facility have? A recent VA Office of Inspector General report itemized just how many when they inspected one particular hospital.

Starting at the door of this facility, there was the small problem of signs leading to the emergency room, which the facility no longer had. Other outdoor signs were so faded they were difficult to read. Interior navigational signs were inaccurate. Add to that, there was no place to sit once one got in the door, only in the vending machine area down the hall, described as “dirty and disorganized.”

Two employees were designated as toxic exposure navigators, staff meant to give the screenings to veterans. It was determined that over 450 screenings had not been done.

One disturbing deficiency at this particular facility concerned the delays in notifying patients of abnormal test results. The VAOIG had dinged this facility a few years ago for that same problem and saw there had been no improvement. The plan: Develop a process to ensure prompt communication of test results. Target date for that: July 31, 2025.

And then we have the areas where biohazardous materials were stored, yet there was no sink nor hand sanitizer, no warning signs about the “potentially infectious material” — along with cracks in the floor, holes in the walls, dust on the bed rails and handbooks that were years out of date.

The biggest problem unearthed by the VAOIG concerned the continued improper sterilizing processing of reusable medical equipment, something the VAOIG had reported on the previous year. The facility claimed that improvements had been made, yet during the inspection itself, even more problems with the sterilizing process came to light — including surgical instruments with rust.

It's gut-wrenching to read VAOIG reports like this and know that some veterans have no choice but to seek their health care at facilities with serious deficiencies like those at this VA facility.

I hope the new VA secretary reads these reports when they cross his desk.

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## Senior needs help getting cats prepared for flea season

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** The weather is getting warmer, and that means the flea invasion of my apartment will soon begin. I have two cats, and they suffer mightily through the summer — as do I, with my legs covered in flea bites. I'm in my 70s and can't give my cats flea baths. How can I get fleas under control? — Jim G. in Acworth, Georgia

**DEAR JIM:** Yep! As the weather warms, especially in the southern states, the onslaught of fleas begins. Treating your pets for fleas before their eggs begin to hatch is especially important right now.

If you have issues that keep you from beginning flea treatment — whether giving a monthly bath using a pet-safe shampoo, placing a flea collar, or applying a monthly topical flea treatment — please ask for help. There are resources in your community. Call your area senior center (for you, that's Cobb County, Georgia: [www.cobbcounty.org/senior-services](http://www.cobbcounty.org/senior-services)) and explain your dilemma; they can connect you with resources. You can also call your cats' veterinarian and explain the situation; they can talk with you about solutions — such as getting a trusted friend or family member to help.

Preventing fleas also requires treating or eliminating places where they can hide. Fleas love carpet; they'll lay eggs in it, beginning the infestation cycle anew. Vacuum carpets weekly. If you have hardwood or laminate floors, run a dust mop as frequently as possible. Take up area rugs and have them cleaned. You may qualify for home-maker services — these invaluable people handle light household chores like vacuuming, trash and laundry.

You have to make your apartment a hostile environment for fleas — one they'll struggle to live in. To do that, you've got to enlist every organization that can help.

A new edition of “Fighting Fleas” is coming, and 10 lucky readers will get a free, signed copy! To enter, email [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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

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donation. Vendor tables are free for informational, educational, and activities for children. NAIWA will be serving breakfast biscuits and Indian Dinners. For more information or to reserve a table, call Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

## 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.

**NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association, Inc.) Cherokee Chapter** meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Eligibility for membership: any American Indian or Alaska Native or Canadian First Nations woman, 18 years of age or older, who is officially identified as a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe/Nation. The meetings contain information on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

**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 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

**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.

**Snowbird From Darkness Into Hope event.** May 1 at 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Little Snowbird Field on 1897 Snowbird Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. This is a mental health and well-being event focusing on suicide prevention. Vendors needed. Info: (828) 359-1529, radocrow@ebci-nsn.gov

**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.)*

**Work Session on Land Use.** April 2 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**Confirmation Hearing for Barak Myers to the Tribal Gaming Commission.** April 14 at 9 a.m.

## POW WOW LISTINGS

**Haskell Indian Nations University Spring Resilience Pow Wow.** April 5 at the Haskell Indian Nations University Coffin Complex in Lawrence, Kan. MC: Manny King. Info: Leandra Galindo (785) 760-0091, jgalindo@haskell.edu

**University of Minnesota Circle of Nations Indigenous Association 40th Annual Pow Wow.** April 5 at the University of Minnesota Cougar Sports Center in Morris, Minn. MC: Pat Bad Hand Sr. Host Drum: Yellow Medicine. Info: Tashina Red Hawk at redhao06@morris.umn.edu

**Riverside Indian School Youth Pow Wow.** April 5 at the Riverside Gymnasium in Anadarko, Okla. Emcees: River Michael-Bread and Cecil Gray. Host Drum: Risnhc Singers. Info: Mr. Yeahquo (405) 760-8700

**University of Central Oklahoma 51st Annual Pow Wow.** April 5 at the University of Central Oklahoma Hamilton Field in Edmond, Okla. MC: Marshall Williamson. Host Drum: Full Metal Jacket. Info: Alexis Flick (405) 875-3350, aflick1@uco.edu

**Lane Community College Annual Pow Wow.** April 5 at Lane Community College Gymnasium in Eugene, Ore. MC: Nick Sixkiller. Host Drum: Bad Soul. Info: Avery Old Coyote at oldcoyotea@lanecol.edu

## 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, hangups, 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@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](http://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>

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets on Mondays at 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. Info: North Carolina NA Helpline (855) 227-6272, or [www.NA.org](http://www.NA.org)

## WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

**Upcoming events at the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center** at 123 Cromwell Dr., Townsend, Tenn. Info: (865) 448-0044

\* Smoky Mtn. Fiber Fair. April 25-26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\* Storytelling on Sundays. April 27 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\* Kids Take Over the Museum Day. May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

\* Sunset Series Concert: Acoustic Eidolon. May 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

\* Storytelling on Sundays. May 25 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\* Legends Concert: Smooth Sailor. May 30 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting.** April 3 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. During the meeting, Chris Siewers will present "Triumph of a Community: The Marianna Library". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

**Pet Easter Bunny Photos.** April 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Animal Clinic at 1100 US441N in Whittier, N.C. Bring your pet in for photos with the Easter Bunny and refreshments. You are welcome to take a photo with your cell phone, or a professional photographer will be available as well. There is no charge for the photos, but they do ask you to provide a monetary donation or pet food donation to contribute to the Clinic's monthly food drive. Copies of the photographs will be provided digitally. Info: (828) 497-3401

**WCU Master of Fine Art Thesis Exhibition.** April 8 to May 2 in the WCU Bardo Arts Center in Cullowhee, N.C. A reception will be held April 10 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Info:

[www.arts.wcu.edu/mfa-25](http://www.arts.wcu.edu/mfa-25)

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

**Easter Egg Hunt.** April 12 at the Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center at 121 Schoolhouse Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. The Easter Bunny will make an appearance at 10:45 a.m. followed by the Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. The remainder of the schedule includes: Peeps on the Creek at 11:30 a.m., Easter Bunny appearance at 11:45 a.m., cupcakes and Easter Bunny photos at 12 p.m. Info: (828) 479-3364

**"The Making of Our Planet" with Dan Tapster.** April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the WCU Bardo Arts Center Performance Hall in Cullowhee, N.C. Info: [www.arts.wcu.edu/ourplanet](http://www.arts.wcu.edu/ourplanet) and [www.arts.wcu.edu/tickets](http://www.arts.wcu.edu/tickets)

**Biscuit Basket Class.** May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is \$55/person with materials included. Bring your lunch. Mary Welch Thompson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will teach the class. Space is limited. Call (423) 884-6246 to register and pay for the class.

**Southern Highland Craft Guild's Fiber Day.** May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Folk Art Center Auditorium at Milepost 382 in the Blue Ridge Parkway near Asheville, N.C. This annual event, a favorite tradition for over 30 years, highlights the diverse and vibrant world of fiber arts,

from felting and quilting to weaving, knitting, spinning, and more. This year, Fiber Day takes on special significance as it serves to support the recovery of the western North Carolina craft community in the wake of Hurricane Helene. While admission to the event is free, attendees are encouraged to consider making a donation to support the Folk Art Center staff, who have been instrumental in assisting local artisans as they rebuild their livelihoods. Every donation helps to strengthen the resilience of WNC's creative economy and supports the artists who are keeping the region's handmade traditions alive. Info: Folk Art Center (828) 298-7928, [info@craftguild.org](mailto:info@craftguild.org), or <http://craftguild.org/events>

**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](mailto:vann_house_park@dnr.ga.gov)

## CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

**Birdtown Community** meets the

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

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

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

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

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

**Wolftown Community** meets the first Tuesday of each month at the community building; potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Dwayne "Tuff" Jackson (828) 788-4088, [dwayne4251@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:virginia.shell52@gmail.com)

**CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP**  
**Abundant Life Apostolic**

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**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

**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Peter (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. How did God identify Himself when speaking from the burning bush? *I am who I am, King of all, Jesus Christ, Lord of Jehovah*
3. Which of these was not one of the 10 plagues in Egypt? *Locusts, Wicked skins to stone, Water turned to blood, Livestock diseased*
4. 2 Kings 19 and which other book and chapter are almost alike word for word? *Jeremiah 50, Job 16, Isaiah 37, Deuteronomy 7*
5. Which judge of Israel had 30 sons? *Samson, Jair, Ephraim, Gideon*
6. What king dug wells in the desert? *Abner, Isaac, Uzziah, Abimelech*

ANSWERS: (1) New, (2) I am who I am, (3) Wicked skins to stone, (4) Isaiah 37, (5) Jair, (6) Uzziah  
More than 1,200 brand-new trivia questions in Wilson Casey's latest book "Quest for Bible Knowledge" available in bookstores and online.

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**Moments in time**

• On April 14, 1932, Loretta Lynn (née Webb) entered the world in Butcher Hollow, KY. A bride at 15 and grandmother by 29, she went on to become one of country music's most beloved and successful artists, thanks in part to the encouragement and business savvy of husband Oliver "Doolittle" Lynn, and earned the Country Music Association's first award for Female Vocalist of the Year in 1967.

• On April 15, 1997, the 50th anniversary of his first Major League Baseball game, the league retired Jackie Robinson's number, 42. He is the only player in MLB history to have his number retired across all teams.

• On April 16, 1943, Swiss chemist Albert Hofmann accidentally consumed LSD-25, a synthetic drug he'd created in 1938 while researching the medicinal value of lysergic acid compounds. After taking the drug deliberately once more to confirm it had caused his two-hour bout of strange but "not unpleasant" hallucinations and sensations, he published a report describing his discovery.

• On April 17, 1942, French general Henri Giraud, who'd been captured by the Nazis two years before, escaped from a castle prison at Konigstein by lowering himself down its wall and leaping aboard a moving train that carried him to the French border, then made it to safety in North Africa via a British submarine.

• On April 18, 2014, 16 Nepali mountaineering guides, most of whom were ethnic Sherpas, died in an avalanche on Mt. Everest in one of the worst accidents in the Himalayan peak's history.

• On April 19, 1989, 28-year-old investment banker Trisha Meili was beaten and sexually assaulted while jogging in New York City's Central Park. Five teenage boys from Harlem were wrongly convicted of the crime but released in 2002 when the real attacker, who was already imprisoned, confessed.

• On April 20, 1979, while fishing in a Georgia pond, President Jimmy Carter used his johnboat paddle to deflect an aggressive swamp rabbit swimming toward him, earning him considerable teasing from the press after the story was made public by A.P. White House correspondent Brooks Jackson.

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**The Garden Bug**

Glasshouse whiteflies are destructive to tomato plants. Planting marigolds alongside tomatoes helps protect them from glasshouse whitefly infestations. Researchers from Newcastle University discovered that one of the compounds given off by marigolds is limonene, a terpene that the whiteflies find repugnant. Marigolds can also repel cabbage moths, Mexican bean beetles, nematodes, slugs and tomato hornworms. Marigolds are also a food source for pollinators.

— Brenda Weaver

Sources: [cen.acs.org](http://cen.acs.org), The Herbalist Garden

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



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. In July 2000, what Major League Baseball team held a Bob Wickman All-Star Poster Night giveaway the day after the team traded pitcher Wickman to Cleveland?

2. Great Britain's Ben Ainslie, who won four straight Olympic gold medals from 2000-12, competed in what sport?

3. What was the name of Cleveland's WNBA team that played from 1997-2003?

4. Name the Phoenix Cardinals player who threw for 973 yards and three touchdowns and also punted six times in the 1989 NFL season.

5. What is the nickname of Purdue University Fort Wayne's athletic teams?

6. In 1860, dentist William George Beers established the first set of codified rules for what sport, which Indigenous people of Canada had been playing for centuries?

7. How many goals did Manchester City's Erling Haaland score in 2022-23 to set a new record for most goals scored in a single English Premier League season?

#### Answers

1. The Milwaukee Brewers.

2. Sailing.

3. The Cleveland Rockers.

4. Tom Tupa.

5. The Mastodons.

6. Lacrosse.

7. 36.

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

#### Goose Creek Baptist Church.

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

#### Grace Bible Church.

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

#### Grace Community Church of

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

#### Grace Fellowship Church.

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

#### Jesus is the Light Full Gospel

**Ministries.** 1921 US 441 N. Sunday service 10 a.m. Thursday service 7 p.m. Pastor Margie Hall 736-9383

#### Living Waters Lutheran Church.

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

#### Macedonia Baptist Church.

1181 Wolftown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 497-1611, [mbccherokee@outlook.com](mailto:mbccherokee@outlook.com), Website: [www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church](http://www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church)

**Newsong Church.** 3548 Wolfetown Rd. Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Sunday night service 6:30 p.m., Tues-

day 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 Catho-

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

#### The Peaks Church.

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

#### Rock Creek Missionary Baptist

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

#### Rock Springs Baptist Church.

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

#### Sequoyah Sovereign Grace

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

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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., Sun-

day 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

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



**March 31-April 6, 2025**



WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckaseegee River</b>	March 3-7	Mid-morning to late afternoon	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Midges, parachute Adams, black Caddis, pheasant tail, girdle bugs, prince nymph, wooly bugger/ small streamers
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	N/A	Mid-morning to late afternoon	Brown Trout	Midges, parachute Adams, black Caddis, pheasant tail, girdle bugs, prince nymph
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	N/A	Mid-morning to late afternoon	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Midges, parachute Adams, black Caddis, pheasant tail, girdle bugs, prince nymph

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## BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, MARCH 31	TUESDAY, APRIL 1	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2	THURSDAY, APRIL 3	FRIDAY, APRIL 4	SATURDAY, APRIL 5	SUNDAY, APRIL 6
GOOD	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE++	AVERAGE
2:11 AM-4:11 AM 2:40 PM-4:40 PM	3:09 AM-5:09 AM 3:39 PM-5:39 PM	4:10 AM-6:10 AM 4:41 PM-6:41 PM	5:12 AM-7:12 AM 5:43 PM-7:43 PM	6:13 AM-8:13 AM 6:43 PM-8:43 PM	7:12 AM-9:12 AM 7:39 PM-9:39 PM	8:05 AM-10:05 AM 8:30 PM-10:30 PM

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## EMPLOYMENT



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repairs, and housekeeping. Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office (Old Chestnut Tree Inn) between the hours of 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday -Friday or email kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com. **4/9**

### CLASSIFIEDS

**For Sale:** Dynaglo Heater 18,000btu New \$100, Chest Deep Freezer \$75, Set/3 Antiq Oak Library Ladders brass rails,-wheels,equipmt \$200, Triple Rattan Room Dividers/2 \$125, Free treadmill, recumbent bike, 828/736-0480. **4/9**

**Permanent Camper for Sale -** at Smoky Mountain RV Park and Resort Lot 193. Summer Vaca-

tion spot, lot rent is \$2,800 from May to October. \$300 for winter storage. 10 minutes from Harrahs Cherokee Casino. Serious inquires stop in and see Charlene Wooliver. **5/28**

### LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 25-021 **Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**  
**KRISTIN MARIE LANE**  
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  
Ryan Thomas Cooper  
58 Thomas St  
Sylva, NC. 28779  
**4/2**

### BIDS, RFPs, etc.

**Request for Proposals**  
CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION  
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  
**4/30**

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

## Employment Opportunities

**Now Hiring for Our New Spa!**

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Angie Pugh, Spa Operations Manager  
828-497-8550 angieh@mandaraspaspa.com  
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Grant Writing Services; IHBG  
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Contact: Edwin Taylor  
Cherokee Indian Housing Division  
P.O. Box 1749/ 687 Acquoni Rd.,  
Cherokee, NC 28719

**SUMMARY**

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD), the Tribally designated housing division for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is inviting appropriate individuals and firms to submit proposals for the provision of grant writing to the CIHD for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Program--Competitive Grants FR-6600-N-43 (forecasted) and FR-6600-N-48 (forecasted). All proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must conform to the requirements and specifications outlined in this document in its entirety. It is the goal of this

solicitation to qualify consultant firms to provide the needed grant writing services for the funding of this opportunity.

Proposals submitted in response to this Request for Proposals will be received at the following address until 2:00 P.M. local time, on April 15, 2025.

Cherokee Indian Housing Division  
687 Acquoni Rd  
P.O. Box 1749  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Pavement Markings  
CDOT-STRP-2025  
Pavement Markings (Striping) on roadways of the Eastern Cherokee Indian Reservations  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT office is requesting sealed bids for Pavement Markings (Striping) on Roadways. Date and time of bid is listed in the RFP (Request for Proposal). Please have bids submitted to the CDOT office by April 25, 2025 by 10:00 am

Be advised that all Tribal Procurement Policies, applicable State and Federal Rules, Regulations and Laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full RFP and bid requirements for these proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Maceta Bradley at 828-359-6531 or mbradley@ebci-nsn.gov. **4/16**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SURVEY SERVICES CDOT 2025-SURVEY**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT office is seeking to

obtain services of a Professional Land Surveyor. Survey services are required to provide information used for the construction of paved roads and survey stakeout for construction, other survey services may be requested as needed by CDOT. The deadline to submit Qualifications from Proposing Firms must be submitted to the

CDOT office by April 25, 2025 by 10:00 am.

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**Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings**

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

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

- Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach
- Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach
- \*SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom Specialist
- K-5 school counselor
- \*K-5 Elementary Teacher
- \*K-5 Elementary Teacher Assistant
- \*K-5 Special Education Dreamcatchers Teacher
- \*K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant - 2 positions
- \*6-8 Math Teacher
- \*Substitute Food Service Worker
- \*Contract Nurse (RN)

You may request the scope of the RFQ and bid requirements for these proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Maceta Bradley at 828-359-6531 or mbradley@ebci-nsn.gov. **4/16**

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
THE CHEROKEE COURT  
CHEROKEE, NC

FILE NO. CV18-374

PAUL TAYLOR AND KAREN  
TAYLOR, PLAINTIFFS  
V. CODY WATTY

TO: CODY WATTY

TAKE NOTICE THAT a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought against you is:

CHILD CUSTODY

IN RE: A.R.T. and A.M.T. (D.O.B. 9/18/2017)

This is the 23rd day of March, 2025 in Cherokee, North Carolina.

A written answer to the complaint must be filed with the EBCI Clerk of Court within 40 days of the first publication of this Notice of Service of Process by Publication. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than May 6th, 2025.

Mara Nelson, Attorney for Plaintiff

P.O. Box 521  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
828-788-4328

**4/16**

### Request for Proposals

2025 Cherokee Indian Fair Sound, Light Production and Entertainment

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians/Destination Marketing is seeking a company to provide quality sound, lighting, a SL320 stage package, headliner, and

entertainment for all productions during the Cherokee Indian Fair from October 7, 2025, through October 11, 2025. Contractor shall furnish all services, personal, labor, goods, equipment, materials, transportation, tests, and supervision required to complete the work.

Proposal submission deadline is 4p.m. EST., April 18, 2025.

For full details and packet, contact Lisa Frady, Supervisor of Fairground Operations, Commerce Division – Destination Marketing Mailing Address: P.O. Box 460, Cherokee, NC. 28719 Phone: (828)359-6471

Email: lisafrad@ebci-nsn.gov

**4/16**

### Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals from qualified engineering firms to perform creek bed delineation services at 1133 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Interested parties may re-

quest the information packet by contacting Jacob George at (828) 359-6931 or by Email at Jacogeor@ebci-nsn.gov. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and received no later than 3:00 PM on April 18th.

We appreciate your interest and look forward to your proposals. **4/16**

### Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is requesting proposals from qualified TERO contractors for the complete gut-out of a residential property. A mandatory site visit will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 11:00 AM at 61 Lucy Long Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. Contractors must attend this site visit to be eligible to submit a bid. For additional details or questions, please contact Jacob George at (828) 359-6931 or jacogeor@ebci-nsn.gov. **4/16**

**Calling EBCI Artists 18+ years old: RFP for 2025 Kanasesgi**

### Event Artwork

The Kanasesgi Planning Committee is seeking proposals from qualified artists to create original digital artwork for the 2025 Kanasesgi event. The selected artist will provide artwork that aligns with the event's theme Cherokee Metamorphosis and colors (see RFP) will be used for marketing, merchandise, and promotional materials. Respondents will be asked to address the detailed scope of work and submission requirements as outlined in the Request for Proposal, which is available upon request.

For a complete copy of the request, please visit: [www.kanasesgi.com](http://www.kanasesgi.com) or contact:

Tonya E. Carroll

Kanasesgi Planning Committee  
Phone: (828) 359-5545

Email: [kananesgi17@gmail.com](mailto:kananesgi17@gmail.com)

The deadline for submitting proposals is 4/11/2025 at 5:00 PM.

**4/9**

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[www.ebci.com/jobs](http://www.ebci.com/jobs)

**Closing Sunday, April 06, 2025**

1. DV Intervention Coordinator – Domestic Violence – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
2. Adult Language Educator – Snowbird Language & Culture – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
3. Dispatcher/Substitute Driver – Transit – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
4. Program Coordinator – Fisheries & Wildlife Management – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
5. Project Coordinator – Infrastructure – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
6. Compliance Officer – TERO (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46)

**Open Until Filled**

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) 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. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
11. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
12. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
13. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
14. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
15. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
16. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
17. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
18. Maintenance Technician – HBLP – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
19. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)
20. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
21. Part-time Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
22. Carpenter – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**



**Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements**

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

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

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

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

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

**AGELINK**

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

**SNOWBIRD**

- (1) FT Teacher (\$31,800 - \$39,750/year with Benefits)
- (1) Behavioral Techs (\$55,000 - \$75,000/year with Benefits)

**BUS & TRUCK**

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

**SHOP & GARAGE**

- (1) FT- DETAIL TECH (\$31,800-\$39,750/year with Benefits)
- (1) Master Techs (\$39,750 - \$47,700/year with Benefits)
- (5) Seasonal Mowing Crew Helpers (\$15.29/hour NO BENEFITS)

**CHILDREN'S HOME**

- (1) FT Resident Counselor (\$17.00/hour with Benefits)
- (1) PT Resident Counselor (\$17.00/hour without Benefits)

**NO IN-HOUSE POSITIONS**

**\*SAFETY SENSITIVE\***

**REMINDER:**

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

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# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY



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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
 Employment Specialist – Kanvwtiyi – \$44,107 - \$55,134  
 Inpatient Technician – ANA - PTI - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Masters Level Therapist - \$58,332 - \$72,915 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
 (Analenisgi Outpatient, Analenisgi MAT, Dora Reed, Integrated Classroom, Family Safety, Kanvwtiyi, 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  
 Residential Technician, men's – FT - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 RN – Behavioral Health – Inpatient- Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 - \$38.72  
 RN – Behavioral Health – Inpatient FT - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
 Targeted Case Manager - \$44.107 –\$55,134

## Dietary

Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26

## EXECUTIVE

Nursing/Medical Admin. Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

## EVS

EVS Technician- \$15.00-\$16.77

## FINANCE

Business Analyst Revenue Cycle - \$67,082 - \$83,852  
 Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25

## 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 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, Procedure Suite)  
 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, 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 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  
 Tribal Option Business Analyst – NOT A REMOTE POSITION - \$67,082 - \$83,852

## TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
 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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

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

### Confirmation hearing for Barak Myers to the Tribal Gaming Commission

**Monday, April 14 at 9 a.m.**  
**Tribal Council Chambers;**  
**Cherokee, N.C.**

These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

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

**The final date for public comment will be  
Monday, April 7.**



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