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TWO IN A ROW

BASKETBALL

Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) repeat as state champions

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

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – For the second year in a row, the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) lifted the 1A Women’s Basketball Championship trophy. In doing so, they made school history by being the only team from Cherokee High School to win

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The Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) celebrate with the student section from Cherokee High School following winning their second consecutive 1A Women’s Basketball state championship.(SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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- Miranda Long Stamper, Tsalagi Anata Anitsvvasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) head women's basketball coach, on the fan support they received during the 1A West Regional Final

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The Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi are shown at midcourt following being awarded their state championship trophy and medals. The Anata Anitsvyasdi defeated the East Bladen Eagles 84-48 in the 1A Women's Basketball title game played at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C. on the afternoon of Friday, March 14. Shown, left to right, are Asst. Coach Jason McMillan, Madison Rogers, Team Statistician Ahli-sha Stephens, Tsuli Lossiah, Livia Crowe, Asst. Coach Paige Stamper, Whitney Rogers, Dvdaya Swimmer, Joscelyn Stamper, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Emily Brady, Yvonne Saunooke, Marlee Hicks, Head Coach Miranda Long Stamper, Kyla Moore, Lilly Lossiah, and Team Manager Will Poolaw. In front, holding the ball, is Team Mascot Penelope Stamper.

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back-to-back state titles. They defeated the East Bladen Eagles 84-48 in the championship game held at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C. on the afternoon of Friday, March 14.

One astounding statistic from the game is the Anata Anitsvyasdi held the lead in the game for 29:53 of the 32-minute game.

In a post-game press conference following the championship game, Miranda Long Stamper, Anata Anitsvyasdi head coach said, "It was a little rough. We had a lid on the bucket at the beginning, but one thing I know is they're not going to buckle. They're not going to shut down. They're going to keep on. If we've got to shoot 200 shots a game, then we'll shoot as many as it takes to win that ballgame.

They're not going to give up."

The Anata Anitsvyasdi ended up winning big, but it was close in the first half. Cherokee led 18-15 at the end of the first period and took a four-point (35-31) lead into the locker room. In the second half, they turned it on and outscored East Bladen 18-8 in the third to lead 53-39 going into the fourth.

Coach Stamper commented on East Bladen, "They're aggressive. They're strong... #23 (Laila Smith), #1 (NeNe Ward), we had to have a plan for them, too. Our goal was to wear them out. I know that these girls (the Anata ANitsvyasdi) can run most teams into the ground, so it was just put pressure, don't get in foul trouble. But East Bladen came to play today, and it was a rough first half. And, until the fourth quarter when we pulled away, it was a tough competition."



Dvdaya Swimmer (#4), junior, was named the 1A State Championship Game Most Outstanding Player for Cherokee. She had 15 points, 10 rebounds, 6 assists, 5 steals, and 1 block on the afternoon. Swimmer is shown driving to the basket in front of East Bladen's Cabria Baldwin.

Cherokee had its biggest lead of the game at 36 points with :15 seconds left. East Bladen led by 2

points early in the first period but trailed the remainder of the game. On the game, Cherokee shot

34 of 97 (35.1 percent) from the field, but that percentage was much higher in the fourth period as they shot 13-24 (54.2 percent) and outscored the Eagles 31-9 to take the championship.

Coach Stamper said the dynamic for the team is about mutual respect. "As they trust me, I trust them."

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During the press conference, she commented, "It showed how much grit we have as a team. And, it shows how much we can push. It lighted how we are able to come back from the situations that we weren't in last year. Some people may doubt us in those situations, but we knew this year there was going to be times when we had to come back and we were able to do that this year."

Patty Evers, East Bladen head coach, praised her players for their effort and spoke on the grit and determination of Cherokee. "We just couldn't keep them in front of us. They were just taking us out to dribble...they took us out to dribble and kicked it out to the wing and they were open. We even tried to double-team, once somebody got by, especially when #13 (Joscelyn Stamper) was in. Then #13 picked up another foul. We just couldn't keep them in front of us."

Hundreds of Cherokee fans showed up for the game, and Coach Stamper said her team



Whitney Rogers (#32), senior, led the way for the Anata Anitsvyasdi with 33 points, a season high, 7 rebounds, 3 assists, and 5 steals. She is shown going for a shot over East Bladen's Cabria Baldwin (#10). Rogers was named the NCHSAA Kay Yow MVP for her efforts.

feeds off of that energy. "Even sometimes we see a little worry on these girls' faces, but they never let us falter. They never let us fall behind. When they hear that, it's just fuel to their fire every night."

Other Cherokee statistics for the championship game included: Madison Rogers 10 points, 5 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 block; Daisee Fourkiller-Raby 6 points,

6 rebounds, 7 assists, 7 steals; Joscelyn Stamper 8 points, 11 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 blocks; Marlee Hicks 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal; Kyla Moore 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 steals; Lilly Lossiah 4 rebounds, 2 steals; Yvonne Saunooke 4 points, 2 rebounds; and Tsuli Lossiah 4 points, 1 rebound.

East Bladen statistics included: NeNe Ward 12 points, 8

rebounds, 2 assists, 1 steal; Ariel Cromartie 4 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal; Cabria Baldwin 6 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal, 1 block; Laila Smith 22 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, 1 block; Niyah Wooten 2 points, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 2 steals; Aaliyah Monroe 2 points, 2 rebounds; Taylor

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Dowless 3 rebounds, 1 assist; and Sana'a Singletary 1 rebound.

Prior to the start of the championship game, Cherokee's Kyla Moore, senior, was given the NCHSAA Sportsmanship Award for Cherokee for the 2024-25 season.

Stamper, a sophomore, has won a state title both seasons she has played in high school. When asked how the Anata Anitsvyasdi will reload for the 2025-26 season, she noted, "We've got little sisters coming up from middle school. We've got a few of them. They're going to roll right into it. Then, us as sophomores, we have amazing seniors that take a lot of the load of having to come out and lead the team. I think that we're going to roll into those positions and do a pretty good job at it and it will just be alright."

1A West Regional Final

The Anata Anitsvyasdi had to stage a comeback back to win the 1A West Regional Final against Bishop McGuinness on Tuesday, March 11. Cherokee led 15-12 after the end of the first period, but the Lady Villains outscored the Anata Anitsvyasdi 22-10 in the second period to take a nine-point (34-25) lead into the locker room.

Cherokee trailed by as much as 11 points in the third, but a flurry at the end of the period saw them trailing by only 6 points (48-42) going into the fourth. The Anata Anitsvyasdi outscored Bishop McGuinness 23-13 in the fourth and Daisee Fourkiller-Raby hit a three-point shot with 14 seconds left to give them a 64-61 lead. They'd go on to win 65-61 to advance to the final.

Following that game, Stamper thanked the fan base in a press



Cherokee's Joscelyn Stamper, right, sophomore, plays tough defense against Bishop McGuinness' Olivia Stone during the 1A West Regional final on the night of Tuesday, March 11. Stamper led the Anata Anitsvyasdi on the game with 29 points, 22 rebounds, and 2 blocks.

conference, "We knew it was going to be loud...our crowd is the best in probably the whole eastern United States...some people call them our "Sixth Man", but that's our family. That's who they play for. That's who they come out every single night and practice for. They've got those little babies out there looking up to them and they get it done a lot of times for the fans."

Of her shot, Fourkiller-Raby noted, "I had all the confidence in the world at that point. I just knew that I wanted it more than

anybody on that court."

When asked how she keeps her focus in high pressure situations, she said, "I think about everybody else around me. It's not just me. It's my team, my family, the fans. They traveled all this way to watch us play. I just think, 'I'm not just doing this for myself, I'm doing it for everybody around me.'"

During Tuesday's game against Bishop McGuinness, Cherokee was led by Joscelyn Stamper, sophomore, who had 29 points, 22 rebounds, and 2 blocks. Two

other Cherokee players were in double figures scoring including Daisee Fourkiller-Raby with 18 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 blocks; and Madison Rogers, sophomore, with 10 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, and 1 steal.

Stamper said in the press conference, "We just had to rely on each other. We were trying to play not selfish but individual basketball. Once we realized that we need to have trust in each other, that's when the momentum changed and we started leaning on each other - each other's strengths - and we locked down on D that second half."

She thanked the fans, "You've got to give them a lot of credit for the success that we have because not only does it fuel us, it takes the other team off their game as well. They've never had 500 people on this side, 500 people on that side screaming at them at the same time."

Other Anata Anitsvyasdi stats included: Kyla Moore, senior, 1 rebound; Dvdaya Swimmer, junior, 4 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, 4 steals, 1 block; Lilly Lossiah, freshman, 1 rebound, 1 assist, 1 steal; Marlee Hicks, junior, 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist; and Whitney Rogers, senior, 2 points, 1 steal.

Bishop McGuinness stats included: Jenna Moore, junior, 14 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists, 5 steals; A. Jernigan, senior, 25 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 steals, 1 block; Claire Sullivan, junior, 13 points, 3 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals, 1 block; Morgan Aho, junior, 7 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals; and Olivia Stone, senior, 2 points, 1 rebound, 1 assist.

The Charter and Governing Document

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CHEROKEE, N.C. – The current governing document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is known as the Charter and Governing Document. It was set in motion by the EBCI with Res. No. 132 (1986) on May 8, 1986.

How it was enacted

Res. No. 132 states, “The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has operated under a governing document known as the State Charter which was approved and adopted by the Tribal Council before submitted to the North Carolina General Assembly for enactment. The State Charter has not been directly amended by the Tribal Council since 1897. The Tribal Council deems it necessary and proper to update the Charter in order to guarantee principals (sic) of due process and equal protection of the law to present and future members of the Eastern Band.”

For context, the State Charter was ratified on March 11, 1889 and amended on March 8, 1897.

Res. No. 132 continued, “The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Special Council assembled at which a quorum is present that the Tribal Election Board shall conduct a referendum among eligible voters of the membership of the Eastern Band, as set forth in the current Tribal Election Rules and Regulations, to approve or disapprove the changes to the Charter as proposed.”

The proposed changes put

forth to referendum on Oct. 8, 1986 were as follows:

- Section #5: Council members shall serve staggered four-year terms. FAILED (889 No, 147 Yes)
- Section #6: Principal Chief and Vice Chief must be elected by a majority of at-large votes cast. PASSED (614 Yes, 421 No)
- Section #9: In order to run for any elected office, candidates must be enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. PASSED (642 Yes, 384 No)
- Section #16: The first generation of an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall enjoy all property, both real and personal, that is held in said enrolled member’s possession at their death. First generation shall include all children born to or adopted by an enrolled member. PASSED (639 Yes, 397 No)
- Section #19. All members of Tribal Council, including the Chairperson shall be entitled to vote on all issues. PASSED (536 Yes, 501 No)

According to a report from the EBCI Board of Elections, a total of 1,044 (12.5 percent) people voted in the 1986 referendum. That report does state, however, “The figure of 12.5 percent included all persons that are on the roll. Our Charter and C.F.R. T25, Sect. 81.1(k) set our blood degree at 1/16 or more. Therefore, we conclude from the above figures, that only 6 percent of our duly qualified tribal members voted in the 1986 Referendum. The Tribal Council on May 8, 1986 passed Resolution No. 132 which set it at 25 percent of eligible voters. This is 5 percent less than the ‘30 percent of those entitled to vote’ as proscribe (sic) by the C.F.R. Sects. 81.1(k) and 81.7. Therefore, according to Res. No. 132-1986, the Code of Federal Regulations Sect. 81, the Indian

Civil Rights Act, and our rights to due process, the 1986 Referendum was at the time of the vote count and from that date on null and void.”

Despite the finding from the EBCI Election Board, Tribal Council passed Res. No. 461 on Jan. 9, 1987 which stated “that the results of the Oct. 8, 1986 Charter Amendment Referendum are hereby recognized, ratified, and confirmed.”

The Charter

Let’s delve into the Charter. The part after the bolded “Section” headers is the actual language found in the Charter. Some of the sections will be followed by a “discussion notes” header because the section might require extra explanation. That part is written by the One Feather.

Section 1. The officers of the Tribe shall consist of a Principal Chief, Vice-Chief and twelve members of Council as follows: From Yellowhill Township two members; from Big Cove Township two members; from Birdtown Township two members; from Wolfetown Township two members; from Painttown Township two members; from Cherokee and Graham Counties, constituting one Township, two members.

Discussion Notes: This is pretty straightforward except that the representatives from Cherokee and Graham Counties are usually referred to as Snowbird/Cherokee County representatives.

Section 2. The Principal Chief or Vice-Chief and members of Council shall be elected to their respective offices by the enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years. All officers elected by the Council shall hold office until the

first annual council held after the next tribal election and all officers shall hold office until their successors are duly qualified.

Section 3. The election for Principal Chief and Vice Chief and Tribal Council shall be held on the first Thursday in September, 1987, and every two (2) years thereafter, under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the council.

Discussion Notes: This section is a little confusing as it states that the election for Principal Chief and Vice Chief and Tribal Council shall be held every two years. That is not the intent however. Section 5 states the terms of office as two years for Tribal Council representatives and four years for both Principal Chief and Vice Chief.

Section 4. There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Principal Chief and Vice-Chief. The committee shall execute and carry out tribal laws and administer the daily operations of the Tribe.

Section 5. The representatives elected to the Tribal Council shall hold office for terms of two years. The Principal Chief and Vice Chief shall hold office for terms of four years.

Section 6. The Tribal Council shall establish a Board of Elections and enact election rules and regulations for the conduct of tribal elections. Election for Principal Chief and Vice-Chief must be by a majority of at-large votes cast by eligible voters.

Section 7. The Principal Chief shall receive as compensation for his services such sum as shall be appropriated by the Tribal Council, not to exceed one pay raise per annum. The Vice-Chief shall receive such sum as shall be

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fixed by the Tribal Council, not to exceed one pay raise per annum. Both the Principal Chief and Vice-Chief shall receive such traveling expenses as may be authorized by the Tribal Council. The members of the Tribal Council shall receive such compensation as shall be appropriated by the Tribal Council, with no pay raise to take effect until the next council is seated. All other officers and employees of the Tribe shall receive compensation for their services as shall be provided by the Tribal Council.

Section 8. The seat of government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall be centrally located within the Qualla Boundary, North Carolina.

Section 9. In order to run for or serve as Principal Chief, Vice-Chief or Tribal Council member, a candidate must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band. For the offices of Chief and Vice-Chief a candidate must also be at least thirty-five years of age by the date of the election and have resided on Cherokee trust lands continuously for at least two years immediately preceding the date of the election. For the Tribal Council a candidate must be at least eighteen years of age by the date of election and have resided in the township which he is to represent for at least ninety days immediately preceding the date of the election.

Section 10. There shall be an Annual Council held on the first Monday in October of every year, and in cases of emergency the Principal Chief may call a Special Council, but no business can be transacted in either Annual or Special Council unless a quorum of the members shall be present, with a quorum consisting of a majority of the members of Council elect-

ed at the last preceding election. The Principal Chief shall have the right to call a Grand Council of all enrolled members to attend and he shall preside over such meeting.

Discussion Notes: The last Grand Council was called by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert and was held in the Charles George Memorial Arena in Cherokee, N.C. on April 18, 2017. According to the Cherokee Tribal Court, the meeting didn't have the "force of law". In a 13-page order filed in Tribal Court on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, Judge Sharon Barrett, then-temporary associate judge, wrote of several issues surrounding the meeting including a lack of advance notice to all EBCI tribal members, irregularity in voting, and lack of precedent regarding the rules and procedures used. There is nothing in the Cherokee Code that further explains Grand Council or its procedures.

Section 11. At the convening of the Annual Council a new chairman, vice-chairman and clerk shall be elected by its members and hold office until the next Annual Council; provided, that all officers elected or appointed by the Council shall serve during the pleasure of the Council and for failure to perform their duties may be removed by said Council and others elected in their stead.

Section 12. All acts of Council shall be signed by the chairman and the clerks, and countersigned by the Principal Chief or Vice-Chief.

Section 13. The Principal Chief shall have the power to veto all acts of Council but his veto shall not prevail against a two-thirds vote of Council. All acts neither ratified nor vetoed by the Principal Chief within thirty (30) days shall be deemed valid legislation.

Section 14. In the case of death, resignation or disability of the Principal Chief, the Vice-Chief shall become the Principal Chief and shall serve the balance of the elected term of office until removal or disability or his successor is elected. In case of death, resignation or disability of the Vice-Chief, the Council may elect a successor who shall serve until removal or disability or his successor is elected. In the event the offices of both Principal Chief and Vice-Chief become vacant simultaneously, the Chairman of the Council shall become Principal Chief and shall serve the balance of the elected term of office and the Council shall elect a Vice-Chief who shall serve the balance of the elected term. If the Chairman does not meet the qualifications for the office of Principal Chief, the vacancy shall be filled by an election under rules established by the Council.

Section 15. In case of death, resignation or disability of any member of Council a new member shall be elected by the Township under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by Council or election rules.

Section 16. The Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall direct the management and control of all property, either real or personal, belonging to the Tribe, but no person shall be entitled to the enjoyment of any lands belonging to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as a tribe, or any profits accruing therefrom, or any monies which may belong to the Tribe, unless such person shall be an enrolled member of the Tribe, and in case any money, derived from any source whatsoever, belonging to the Eastern Band of Cherokees, shall be distributed among the members thereof, the same shall be distributed per cap-

ita among the members entitled thereto.

The first generation of an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall enjoy all property, both real and personal, that is held in said enrolled member's possession at their death. First generation shall include all children born to or adopted by an enrolled member.

Section 17. No person shall ever be eligible for office or appointment of honor, profit, or trust who shall have aided, abetted, counselled, or encouraged any person or persons guilty of defrauding the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, or themselves have defrauded the Tribe, or who may hereafter aid or abet, counsel or encourage anyone in defrauding the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Neither shall any person be eligible to such office, who has been convicted of a felony.

Section 18. The Principal Chief, Vice-Chief and members of Council before entering on the duties of office shall take the following oath before some officer authorized to administer oaths: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of _____ of the Eastern Band of Cherokees and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the charter and governing document and laws confirmed and ratified by the enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not obtained my election or appointment to Tribal office by bribery or any undue or unlawful means or fraud, and that in all measures which may come before me I will so conduct myself as in my judgment shall appear most conducive to the interest and prosperity of the Eastern Band of

Cherokees.”

Section 19. In order to provide equal representation to all members of the Eastern Band, the members of the Tribal Council shall, in their deliberations, cast votes on a weighted basis, with the weight of each vote determined by each Council member.

A tribal census, for the purposes of determining the weight of the votes to be cast by each Tribal Council member, shall be conducted prior to the 1981 tribal election and prior to the election each ten years thereafter to determine the number of enrolled tribal members residing in each township. After the regular 1981 tribal election and each ten years thereafter, the Tribal Council, at its first regular meeting, shall determine the total number of votes to be cast in the Tribal Council and shall allot

a voting authority to each Council member. The voting weight allotted to each Council member shall be determined by computing the mathematical ratio, fraction or proportion that exists between the number of enrolled tribal members residing in each township and the total number of enrolled tribal members. All Council members, including the Chairman, shall be entitled to vote on all issues.

Discussion Notes: The last Tribal Census affecting weighted vote was held in 2001. Per the Charter, a Tribal Census was due to be held in 2011, and that didn't occur. It was due to be held in 2021, and that didn't occur either. The current weighted vote of the Tribal Council is based on the community populations from the 2001 Tribal Census. An electronic Census was held for the EBCI

in 2023, but the results have not been put forth as official statistics for the weighted vote as of this printing.

Section 20. No money shall be paid out except upon warrant of the Principal Chief as authorized by an act of the Council.

Section 21. The Executive Committee shall present a proposed budget to Tribal Council no later than July 1 of each year. **Section 22.** Any officer of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who violates his oath of office, or is guilty of any offense making him ineligible to hold said office may be impeached by a two-thirds vote of council.

Section 23. The Tribal Council is hereby fully authorized and empowered to adopt laws and regulations for the general government of the Tribe, govern the management of real and personal property held by the Tribe, and direct and assign among its members thereof, homes in the Qualla Boundary and other land held by them as a Tribe, and is hereby vested with full power to enforce obedience to such laws and regulations as may be enacted.

Section 24. Whenever it may become necessary, in the opinion of the council to appropriate to public purposes for the benefit of the Tribe any of the lands owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and occupied by any individual Indian or Indians of the Tribe, the Council may condemn such land for the aforesaid purposes only by paying to the occupant of such land the value

of such improvements and betterments as he may have placed or caused to be placed thereon, and the value of such improvements or betterments shall be assessed by a jury of not less than six competent persons, who are members of the Tribe, under such laws and regulations as may be prescribed by the Council. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will not use eminent domain under this section or any other Tribal or Federal laws to take an individual Tribal member's possessory holding except for bridges, roads, power lines, schools, hospitals, or sewer and water lines. Each Tribal member shall receive proper notice, proper hearings, and proper compensation for their lands.

Discussion Notes: This Section was added following a referendum vote on Sept. 5, 1995.

Branches of EBCI tribal govt.

The Charter discusses the two branches of government for the EBCI – Executive and Legislative and outlines the duties of the Executive Branch (Section 4) and the Legislative Branch (Tribal Council, Section 16 and 23). The Charter doesn't mention a Judicial Branch. That branch was established in Cherokee Code with the passage of Ord. No. 29 on April 1, 2000.

Amending the Charter

The Charter doesn't mention anything about amendments, and we cannot find anything in the Cherokee Code which speaks to this matter.

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**Cherokee Tribal Court
Disposition Summary
for Feb. 1-28, 2025
(Last names M-Z)**

Submitted by
Cherokee Tribal Court

Note: The following cases were disposed of in Cherokee Tribal Court during the time period of Feb. 1-28, 2025. The date of each offense is in parenthesis. This report shows the last names of M-Z. The first part of the report (A-L) was published in last week's (March 12) One Feather.

Maney, Dalton C.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 17, 2018). Dismissed

Maples, Carly D.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 3, 2020). Dismissed
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (April 9, 2021). Dismissed

Martinez, Fredia A.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 10, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Aug. 10, 2021). Dismissed

Martinez, Raul P.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 31, 2021). Dismissed

McCoy, Timothy J. II
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (June 2, 2021). Dismissed

McCoy, Autum L.
- Violation of Registration Provisions (April 16, 2018). Dismissed
- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (April 16, 2018). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 11, 2018). Dismissed

McCoy, Mildred R.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (April 26, 2019). Dismissed

McCoy, Richard T.
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 10, 2021). Dismissed

McCoy, Jackie W.
- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (Jan. 6, 2015). Dismissed

McKinney, Eric C.
- Obstructing Governmental Functions (Jan. 10, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Medford, Kasey L.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 28, 2021). Dismissed

Medford, Charles R.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Aug. 12, 2024). Guilty
- Reckless Driving - Wanton Disregard (Aug. 12, 2024). Dismissed per plea

Mendoza, Cecilia G.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Oct. 16, 2023). Guilty per plea

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Oct. 2, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea
- Criminal Conspiracy (Octopus. 2, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea
- Criminal Mischief to Property (July 13, 2023). Guilty per plea
- Injuring or Tampering with Vehicle (Oct. 2, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea
- Disorderly Conduct (Oct. 2, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea
- Criminal Mischief to Property (Oct. 2, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea

Meuse, Julie A.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (May 19, 2020). Dismissed
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Dec. 21, 2020). Dismissed
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Jan. 6, 2021). Dismissed

Moesly, Sherry L.
- Driving While Impaired (Feb. 5, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction

Morgan, Trevor D.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 28, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Aug. 28, 2021). Dismissed

Morgan, Travis R.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 16, 2021). Dismissed
- Speeding to Elude Arrest; Seizure and Sale of Vehicles (April 4, 2023). Dismissed in the interest of justice
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (April 4, 2023). Dismissed

in the interest of justice

Murphy, James A.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept 24, 2020). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 5, 2020). Dismissed

Murphy, Reena L.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 4, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (May 20, 2019). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (April 5, 2018). Dismissed

Murphy, Tashina M.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 4, 2019). Dismissed

Murphy, Isaac N.
- Unlawful to Permit Violations of this Article (Jan. 10, 2020). Dismissed

Negara, Sophillia L.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 6, 2021). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (March 16, 2019). Dismissed

Osborne, Marcus S.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Aug. 3, 2024). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction

Otter, Kerry H.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (April 20, 2023). Dismissed due to no labs and/or discovery

provided	- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Jan. 26, 2021). Dismissed	- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Nov. 30, 2023). Dismissed, codefendant accepted responsibility	(Oct. 14, 2018). Dismissed
Owl, Joshua R.	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 30, 2020). Dismissed	- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Nov. 30, 2023). Dismissed, codefendant accepted responsibility	Queen, Jesse B.
- Probation Revocation (May 20, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (May 27, 2021). Dismissed	- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Sept. 14, 2024). Dismissed due to no labs and/or discovery provided	- Aiding/Abetting/Actin in Concert/Accessory Before the Fact (Nov. 28, 2023). Dismissed, codefendant accepted responsibility
- Probation Revocation (May 20, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Jan. 22, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea	- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Sept. 14, 2024). Dismissed due to no labs and/or discovery provided	- Resisting, Delaying or Obstructing Officers (Nov. 30, 2023). Dismissed, codefendant accepted responsibility
Owle, Brian D.	- Cruelty to Animals (Jan. 22, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea	Pheasant, Cory M.	- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect or Abuse of Minors (Nov. 30, 2023). Dismissed, codefendant accepted responsibility
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (April 2, 2024). Guilty	- Cruelty to Animals (Jan. 22, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea	- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers License (a) License Required (Sept. 16, 2021). Dismissed	Queen, Marlene M.
- Cruelty to Animals (Jan. 22, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea	- Cruelty to Animals (Jan. 22, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea	Pierce, Stacy A.	- Aiding/Abetting/Acting in Concert/Accessory Before the Fact (Nov. 28, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea
- Cruelty to Animals (Jan. 22, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea	- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 1, 2024). Guilty	- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (June 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea	- Kidnapping (Nov. 28, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea
Owle, Kenneth R.	- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (June 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea	- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea	- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Nov. 28, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Dec. 4, 2019). Dismissed	- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea	Plummer, Elizabeth R.	- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Nov. 28, 2023) Guilty
- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (Dec. 4, 2019). Dismissed	- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 20, 2018). Dismissed	Queen, Shannon N.
Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (Dec. 4, 2019). Dismissed	Plummer, Santiago	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (March 22, 2019). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified *Sept. 5, 2020). Dismissed
Owle, Alfred W. Jr.	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 4, 2019). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (March 22, 2019). Dismissed	- Issuance, and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Nov. 8, 2021). Dismissed
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 13, 2024). Dismissed due to no labs and/or discovery provided	Paul, Jason L.	Powell, Lady Bird	Radford, Jake
Panther, Alma L.	- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 20, 2018). Dismissed	- Aiding/Abetting/Acting in Concert/Accessory Before the Fact (Nov. 30, 2023). Dismissed, codefendant accepted responsibility	- Public Intoxication (Sept. 26, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 4, 2019). Dismissed	- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 20, 2018). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 23, 2021). Dismissed	- Probation Revocation (Sept. 26, 2024). Guilty
Perez, Juan M.	- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 20, 2018). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 23, 2021). Dismissed	Rattler, Xavier N.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (March 16, 2021). Dismissed	- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 20, 2018). Dismissed	- Violation of Registration Provisions (June 23, 2021). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 31, 2021).
Pheasant, Brandon C.	- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 20, 2018). Dismissed	- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required	see COURT REPORT next page

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Dismissed
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 18, 2024) Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness

Rattler, Denise S.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Sept. 1, 2021). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 13, 2021). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 29, 2019). Dismissed

Raya, Michael A.
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Dec. 24, 2019). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (March 15, 2019). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (March 15, 2019). Dismissed

Reed, Danielle
- Probation Revocation (May 24, 2024). Admitted
- Probation Revocation (May 24, 2024). Admitted
- Probation Revocation (May 24, 2024). Admitted

Reed, Polly J.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Dec. 4, 2020). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 18, 2021). Dismissed

Reed, Francis L.
- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (March 30, 2021).

Dismissed
Rich, Crystal L.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 21, 2018). Dismissed

Rickman, Patrick L.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Aug. 30, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify
Riley, Fredrick H.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 2, 2019). Dismissed

Roach, Kenneth M.
- Child Restraint Systems Required (Feb. 28, 2019). Dismissed

Roland, Kandi L
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Feb. 22, 2021). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 19, 2021) Dismissed

Ross, Austin C.
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 14, 2021). Dismissed
- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (Oct. 14, 2021). Dismissed
- Reckless Driving (Oct. 14, 2021). Dismissed

Ross, Cassandra D.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (July 2, 2021). Dismissed

Santiago, Reuban S.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required

(April 5, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (April 5, 2021). Dismissed

Santiago, Reuben S.
- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (March 14, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (March 14, 2021). Dismissed

Saunooke, Christina B.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers License (a) License Required (Sept. 10, 2021). Dismissed
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Oct. 13, 2021). Dismissed

Sequoyah Lossiah, Sammi L.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Sept. 22, 2021). Dismissed

Shell, John C.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 25, 2018). Dismissed

Sherrill, Tameka S.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Feb. 13, 2025). Dismissed

Sierra, Benjamin I.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Dec. 10, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify

Smith, Vincent D.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (March 21, 2019). Dismissed

Smith, Ashley N.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 1, 2018).

Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Nov. 27, 2018). Dismissed

Smith, Billy R. Jr.
- Reckless Endangerment (June 25, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence
- Reckless Endangerment (June 25, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence
- Assault on a Female (June 25, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 25, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence

Smoker, Kaleb S.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 25, 2024). Not Guilty upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence

Sneed, Samuel O.
- Probation Revocation (May 20, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Probation Revocation (May 20, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Probation Revocation (May 20, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Probation Revocation (Aug. 16, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Probation Revocation (Aug. 16, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Probation Revocation (Aug. 16, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Probation Revocation (Aug. 16, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Driving While License Revoked (Aug. 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Improper Passing (Aug. 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 27, 2023). Not Guilty upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Feb. 14, 2023). Not Guilty upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence

- Reckless Driving - Wanton Disregard (Aug. 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Aug. 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- Flee/Elude Arrest W/MV (Aug. 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- Reckless Endangerment (Aug. 10, 2024). Alford Plea

Soap, Thomas K.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 1, 2021). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 25, 2021). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (May 1, 2018). Dismissed

Sockey, Edna D.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Sept. 28, 2019). Dismissed

Standingdeer, Sadie A.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Aug. 3, 2021). Dismissed

Strickland, Mary

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Feb. 23, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction

Sutton, John T. Jr.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (July 30, 2018). Dismissed
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Sept. 22, 2018). Dismissed

Swayney, Rex A.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers License (a) License Required (April 7, 2021). Dismissed

Swayney, Jill C.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 3, 2019). Dismissed

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Jan. 22, 2018). Dismissed

Swayney, Darren D.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Dec. 4, 2020). Dismissed

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Sept. 24, 2021). Dismissed

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 24, 2021). Dismissed

Swayney, Dwayne E.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Oct. 3, 2018). Dismissed

Swayney, Steven L.

- Speed Restrictions (Jan. 27, 2022). Dismissed per prior plea
- Impaired Driving [N.C.G.S.] (Jan. 27, 2022). Guilty per plea

- Weapons Offense (Jan. 27, 2022). Dismissed per prior plea
- Speeding to Elude Arrest (Jan. 27, 2022). Dismissed per prior plea

Swimmer, Ashley D.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Nov. 24, 2020). Dismissed

Taylor, John P. Sr.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 10, 2018). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (March 24, 2018). Dismissed

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 23, 2018). Dismissed

- Vehicle Control Signs and Signals (Oct. 23, 2018). Dismissed

Taylor, Carol D.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Jan. 9, 2021). Dismissed

Taylor, Jonathan D.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (April 2, 2018). Dismissed

Taylor, Justice D.

- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (May 8, 2020). Dismissed

- Transporting an Open Container of Alcoholic Beverage (Oct. 19, 2020). Dismissed due to defendant or necessary witness deceased

- No Operators License/Drivers License (Oct. 19, 2020). Dismissed

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Simple Possession of Marijuana) (Oct. 19, 2020). Dismissed due to defendant or necessary witness deceased

Taylor, Charles E.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 2, 2021). Dismissed

Taylor, Heather L.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 9, 2018). Dismissed

Taylor, Michael N.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Sept. 16, 2021). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 3, 2021). Dismissed

Taylor, Jalen R.

- Second Degree Trespass (Feb. 24, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Nov. 7, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Nov. 7, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- Breaking and Entering (Feb. 24, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- First Degree Trespass (Feb. 24, 2024). Guilty

Taylor, Autrey V.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 26, 2021). Dismissed

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 26, 2021). Dismissed

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 26, 2021). Dismissed

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 26, 2023). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (March 21, 2019). Dismissed

- Violation of Registration Provisions (July 1, 2018). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 1, 2018). Dismissed

Teesateskie, Patricia D.

- Child Restraint Systems Required (Nov. 16, 2018). Dismissed

Teesateskie, Steven D.

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- Probation Revocation (Jan. 24, 2025). Admitted
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- Probation Revocation (Jan. 24, 2025). Admitted
- Probation Revocation (Jan. 24, 2025). Admitted
- Breaking and Entering (Jan. 24, 2025). Dismissed per plea

Teesateskie, Fashia

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 3, 2019). Dismissed

Teesatuskie, Shauna J.

- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (March 14, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Jan. 19, 2022). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Jan. 19, 2022). Dismissed
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (March 14, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (March 14, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (March 14, 2021). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 25, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (November. 9, 2021). Dismissed

Thomas, Jessica M.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 2, 2020). Dismissed

Toineeta, Victoria E.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Jan. 14, 2018). Dismissed

Toineeta, Alisha K.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (June 18, 2024). Not Guilty
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (June 18, 2024). Not guilty
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (June 18, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence

Toineeta, Kendra L.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 5, 2020). Dismissed

Toineeta, Marlena L.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 12, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (July 12, 2021). Dismissed
- Aiding/Abetting/Acting in Concert/Accessory Before the Fact (Nov. 30, 2023). Dismissed, codefendant accepted responsibility
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Nov. 30, 2023). Dismissed, codefendant accepted responsibility
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Nov. 30, 2023). Dismissed, codefendant accepted responsibility

Tooni, Norman A.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Aug. 21, 2024). Guilty

- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (Aug. 21, 2024). Dismissed per plea

Tooni, Denise D.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (May 24, 2019). Dismissed

Tramper, John L.

- Reckless Endangerment (June 12, 2024). Guilty
- Driving While Impaired (June 12, 2024). Dismissed per plea

Tsatoke, Isaac D.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Dec. 4, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Dec. 4, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Oct. 20, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice
- Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public (Oct. 20, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice

Tushka, Trajan D.

- Disorderly Conduct (Oct. 8, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence

Wachacha, William B.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Oct. 5, 2020). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 21, 2021). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 3, 2018). Dismissed

Wahnetah, Dylan K.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (May 21, 2018). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Jan. 29, 2018). Dismissed

Waldroup, Courtney A.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Aug. 20, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Aug. 20, 2021). Dismissed

Waldroup, Calvin D.

- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (June 11, 2021). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 11, 2021). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 1, 2020). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (July 4, 2021). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 4, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (July 4, 2021). Dismissed
- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (April 27, 2019). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (April 27, 2019). Dismissed

Waldroup, Jessica J.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Oct. 21, 2021). Dismissed
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Oct. 12, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provi-

sions (Oct. 12, 2021). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 31, 2021). Dismissed	sions (Jan. 25, 2019). Dismissed	2024). Guilty
Walk, Patty L.	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 18, 2018). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 11, 2019). Dismissed	- Public Nuisance (Jan. 17, 2025). Guilty
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Jan. 27, 2019). Dismissed	- Violation of Registration Provisions (March 22, 2019). Dismissed	Watty, Quentin J.	- Public Nuisance (Dec. 27, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea
Walkingstick, Mike D. Jr.	- Operation of Motor Vehicle without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (March 22, 2019). Dismissed	- Limitations on Privilege of Overtaking and Passing (April 10, 2019). Dismissed	- Drug Trafficking (April 23, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Nov. 7, 2018). Dismissed	Washington, Tyler D.	Watty, Joseph M.	Welch, Charla H.
Walkingstick, Norman R.	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 19, 2021). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 28, 2021). Dismissed	- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Aug. 30, 2024). Dismissed due to no labs and/or discovery provided
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 27, 2021). Dismissed	- Violation of Registration Provisions (June 19, 2021). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 31, 2021). Dismissed	Welch, James M. Jr.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (April 26, 2021). Dismissed	Watkins, Dillon W.	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 6, 2021). Dismissed	- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Sept. 19, 2020). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (April 30, 2021). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 25, 2018). Dismissed	Watty, Toree R.	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 12, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 27, 2021). Dismissed	Watty, Elizabeth A.	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Jan. 29, 2018). Dismissed	Welch, Emerson S.
- Violation of Registration Provisions (April 30, 2021). Dismissed	- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (May 31, 2021). Dismissed	Welch, Jason A.	- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Dec. 4, 2020). Dismissed
Walkingstick, Tony	- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (May 31, 2021). Dismissed	- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (Oct. 7, 2021). Dismissed	West, Alexander
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 10, 2020). Dismissed	- Violation of Registration Provisions (May 31, 2021). Dismissed	- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 7, 2021). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 31, 2019). Dismissed
Walkingstick, Michael W.	Watty, Felicia A.	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 7, 2021). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 8, 2018). Dismissed
- Infractions and Criminal Offenses for Violations of Inspection Requirements (July 2, 2019). Dismissed	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (May 30, 2021). Dismissed	Welch, Shaylene A.	West, Tracy D.
- Operation of Motor Vehicle without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (July 2, 2019). Dismissed	Watty, Jason A.	- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 2, 2018). Dismissed	- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Nov. 7, 2018). Dismissed
Ward, Thomas W.	- Violation of Registration Provisions (Jan. 25, 2019). Dismissed	Welch, Anthony D.	West, Dalton K.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 28, 2021). Dismissed	- Speed Restrictions (Jan. 25, 2019) Dismissed	- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 23,	- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 28, 2021). Dismissed
	- Violation of Registration Provi-		Wildcat, Carrie I.
			- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or

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While Disqualified (March 25, 2018). Dismissed

Wilnoty, Clarissa L.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 10, 2021). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 18, 2021). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 21, 2017). Dismissed

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 21, 2017).

Winchester, Tonya R.

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Jan. 28, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify

Wolfe, Jonah B.

- Unlawful to Drive While License

Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Nov. 5, 2021). Dismissed

Wolfe, Charles D.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 17, 2020). Dismissed

Wolfe, Leonard D.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Feb. 7, 2021). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 13, 2018). Dismissed

Wolfe, Victor J.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 13, 2018). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (April 13, 2019). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (May 13, 2019).

Dismissed

Wolfe, Tara L.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 14, 2019). Dismissed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Jan. 25, 2020). Dismissed

Wolfe, Russell M.

- Elder Abuse and Neglect (Feb. 3, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify

Wolfe, Ravecca N.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Jan. 17, 2020). Dismissed

- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (Jan. 17, 2020). Dismissed

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Dec. 28, 2018). Dismissed

Wolfe, Dustin T.

- Solicitation (Sept. 18, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice

- Tampering with Witnesses (Sept. 18, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice

- Public Intoxication (Sept. 18, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice

Woodson, Michael A.

- Larceny (July 2, 2023). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction

Yanez, Colby L.

- Public Nuisance (April 12, 2024). Guilty

- Cruelty to Animals (April 12, 2024). Dismissed per plea

Youngdeer, Lystia L.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 1, 2021). Dismissed

Zapeda, Travis A.

- Resisting Lawful Arrest (Oct. 17, 2024). Guilty

- Disorderly Conduct (Oct. 17, 2024) Guilty

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
March 3-9, 2025**

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

Mata, Mary Loretta – age 37
Arrested: March 3
Released: March 4
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Ramirez, Hugo Gardo – age 40
Arrested: March 3
Released: Not released as of report date (March 10)

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts), Probation Violation

Ross, Magdalene Mae – age 22
Arrested: March 3
Released: March 3
Charges: Breaking and Entering, Larceny, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Criminal Mischief to Property

Caldwell, Kevin Buryl – age 63
Arrested: March 4
Released: March 4
Charges: Temporary Hold

McCoy, Veronica Eniki – age 52
Arrested: March 4
Released: March 4
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Rattler, Jacob Hunter – age 32
Arrested: March 4

Released: Not released as of report date (March 10)
Charges: Probation Violation

Parker, Mystical – age 54
Arrested: March 5
Released: March 5
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Reckless Endangerment

Crowe, John Everette – age 52
Arrested: March 6
Released: March 9
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Rattler, Rajun River – age 22
Arrested: March 6
Released: Not released as of report date (March 10)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Ross, Magdalene Mae – age 22
Arrested: March 6
Released: March 6
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bark, Preston Leander – age 41
Arrested: March 7
Released: Not released as of report date (March 10)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Bird, Regina Dawn – age 32
Arrested: March 7
Released: March 8
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts); Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or

Possession with Intent to Manufacture or Sell or Deliver a Controlled Substance

Climbingbear Jr., Henderson – age 76
Arrested: March 7
Released: March 7
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Martin Jr., George David – age 43
Arrested: March 7
Released: March 7
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Welch, Susan Ashley – age 39
Arrested: March 7
Released: Not released as of report date (March 10)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Brady Sr., Billy Joe – age 57
Arrested: March 8
Released: Not released as of report date (March 10)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Climbingbear Jr., Henderson – age 76
Arrested: March 8
Released: March 8
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Swimmer, Ashley Davada – age 40
Arrested: March 8
Released: Not released as of report date (March 10)
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

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Cherokee Police Commission holds March meeting

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. -The Cherokee Police Commission met in the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) training room on the afternoon of Thursday, March 13.

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

Guests in attendance were Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Attorney Cody White, Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) Lead Agent Norman Reed Jr., and Cherokee One Feather Reporter Brooklyn Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 12p.m. by Chairperson Lossiah. Rodriguez led roll call. All commissioners were present.

The agenda was approved unanimously with a motion by Crowe seconded by Rodriguez.

The February meeting minutes were approved with amendments to change Gene Tunney Crowe's name in the minutes from "Eugene" to Gene, and Kym Parker's

name in the minutes from "Kym Lambert" to Kym Parker. White provided the monthly CIPD report. White noted that numbers of arrests and investigations are up because CIPD is operating with a fuller staff. He noted that citations are down because CIPD is still transitioning to Tribal X for digital citation processing.

White said that overdoses are down with two overdoses, one of which was fatal. White also said CIPD is looking to hire a child support process server.

Rosario asked why CIPD began investigating and prosecuting felonies, rather than automatically giving felony cases to the FBI. White said the FBI is selective in the cases they pursue, and it is good for CIPD officers to be capable of handling felony cases. White said CIPD works closely with the FBI on major cases, and he spoke highly of their working relationship with FBI agents Bianca Pearson and Kaley Kowalsky.

Parker asked if an Assistant Chief of Police had been named, and White said no.

Johnson asked why DUI arrests were up if checkpoints were down. White said this is a good statistic because it shows that officers are applying reasonable suspicion to crack down on drunk driving. White said checkpoints usually drop in the winter and go back up in warmer weather.

Johnson requested a CIPD events calendar so that he could share events like concealed carry classes and other trainings with his community club. White said he would look into providing a calendar.

Queen asked about NRE small claims citations in Tribal X. White said they are still building out the digital program.

The report was approved with

a motion by Crowe seconded by Rosario.

Reed provided the ALE report dating from Feb. 4 to March 4. Reed explained that public education and training is a large part of ALE officers' monthly duties. Reed said they completed 14 trainings for the month at the Harrah's Cherokee Casinos and other businesses. He also said alcohol inspections and compliance checks are regular duties for ALE.

Reed shared that they had made four arrests and assisted CIPD on 18 calls.

Reed said they are in the process of starting a program like D.A.R.E. in collaboration with the school resource officers at Cherokee Central Schools.

Reed said they are down one officer. They have six officers and one evidence tech.

Crowe asked if Reed could provide a picture of ALE to the commission at the next meeting. The report was approved with a motion by Queen seconded by Crowe.

Lossiah said the commission needed to reach out to Leo Phillips, lead prosecutor in the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor, to begin providing their monthly report.

Lossiah asked if the commission was interested in attending the International Chief of Police (IACP) Conference in Denver, CO, Oct. 18-21. Rosario and Crowe asked Lossiah to look into a conference that relates more to law enforcement in Indian Country.

Parker suggested the commission do something for CIPD for Law Enforcement Appreciation Month in May. The commission decided to either have a cook-out or cater a meal.

Norville shared that the quarterly Community Club Council meeting would be taking place in Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee Co.) April 24 at 6p.m.

Parker moved to adjourn, with a second by Rosario. The meeting adjourned at 1:40p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10.

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ON THE SIDELINES

“Let’s go” has varying meanings for players

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

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – Cherokee’s Daisee Fourkiller-Raby shouted “Let’s go” after she hit a key three-point shot late in the NCHSAA 1A West Regional Final on Thursday (March 11) night at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. The Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) went on to win the game over Bishop-McGuinness 65-61 to advance to the state final, and they were driven by a determination and a “Let’s go” attitude.

Fourkiller-Raby, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), was joined by her teammates in shouting “Let’s go” throughout the game. And, that phrase has multiple meanings for players serving as a motivator, an exclamation of a good play, and a reminder to never, ever give up.

The Anata Anitsvyasdi were down 11 points in the third period, but their “Let’s go” attitude kept them in the game as they kept driving, kept shooting, kept rebounding, and just, overall, kept going.

The idea of “Let’s go” is one that permeates an athlete’s career if they allow it in. It can be “Let’s go” for the 6 a.m. wake-up time to train. It can be “Let’s go” during practice after practice after practice. It can be “Let’s go” for time spent in youth basketball, travel league, weekend tournaments, and more. It is a “Let’s go” attitude in every day life including getting enough sleep, getting proper nutrition and hydration, keeping grades



Cherokee’s Daisee Fourkiller-Raby celebrates a three-point shot late in the 1A West Regional final at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C. on the evening of Tuesday, March 11. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

up, etc.

It’s far easier to just cruise and not go than it is to decide to “Let’s go”.

Gabby Douglas, U.S. Olympic gymnastic champion, once said, “Hard days are the best because that’s when champions are made.”

She is very true. She decided, just like the Anata Anitsvyasdi, over and over to “Let’s go”.

Another aspect of “Let’s go”

was shown on Tuesday night with the Cherokee fanbase who showed up by the hundreds. They all decided the same thing – “Let’s go”. Let’s go support. Let’s go cheer.

And, the parents, grandparents, aunties, and uncles, etc. all decided a long time ago to “Let’s go”. Let’s get up at 5 a.m. and drive to a tournament on a Saturday morning to give the young ladies a chance to do what they

love. Let’s go to each game and support.

Michael Jordan, the person I consider to be the GOAT, once said, “Some people want it to happen. Some wish it would happen. Others make it happen.”

The Anata Anitsvyasdi make it happen each day they wake up and say “Let’s go”.

Wadulisi Crew asks for community input

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Natural Resources Department (NRD) and the Junaluska Museum are collaborating to conduct interviews with EBCI members to aid co-stewardship between the EBCI and the United States Forest Service (USFS). They are asking for the community's help in providing input.

Avery Guy, EBCI NRD conservation outreach coordinator, and Angelina Jumper, cultural resource supervisor for the Junaluska Museum, are leading the Wadulisi Crew, a group of EBCI members conducting interviews to center Cherokee voices in co-stewardship. The Wadulisi Crew includes Guy and Jumper, as well as Malia Crowe-Skulski, environmental educator; Alayna Morgan; and Payton Bradley, EBCI NRD forestry technician.

A co-stewardship plan began in 2022 between EBCI NRD and the USFS to emphasize traditional ecological knowledge and Cherokee land rights. Specific initiatives for the plan began in 2023 and 2024, including the founding of the Elohi Dinigatiyi (Earth Keepers), an advisory group of elder Cherokee speakers and environmental experts who identified Kituwah principles for the co-stewardship relationship. Currently, the Wadulisi Crew is part of the co-stewardship ini-



An elk is shown grazing in the field adjacent to the Oconaluftee Visitors Center in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

tiative. “We are conducting community interviews to hear what tribal members wish to see in this new relationship with the USFS. We discuss topics like permitting, designation of sites (how the land is managed or protected), how to increase access to federal lands for tribal members, and what changes the tribe would like to see,” Guy shared.

“Topics can include increased accessibility to white oak, increased accessibility to gather culturally significant plants and food, protections for waterways and locations, interpretive signage to correctly convey the relationship between the tribe and our ancestral homelands, increased privacy for ceremony and traditions, and more.”

Skulski said the information gathered from the interviews will be protected information used by EBCI NRD, Elohi Dinigatiyi, and the Junaluska Museum to advo-

cate for the Cherokee community. “This effort aims to bring Cherokee voices into discussions about land management, cultural site protection, and policy decisions... The information gathered will be used to advocate for policy changes that better reflect Cherokee stewardship values and cultural connections,” she said.

“This project is critical because it amplifies the voices of the Cherokee community in decisions that impact ancestral lands. Past policies have often excluded Indigenous knowledge; by gathering community input, we aim to ensure Cherokee land stewardship practices are recognized and respected in future policies and management strategies.”

Bradley highlighted the importance of these interviews for future generations. “It’s important that we share knowledge with our younger generations and the ones that are coming after them. Your

great-great grandchildren can listen to your voice and learn what you had to say for yourself about our homelands and how to manage them.”

Morgan said this project is a call to action for the entire Cherokee community to share their voice, “Please share this information with any other EBCI community members you think might be interested in participating. This is a community effort that can help preserve and strengthen our cultural knowledge. Together, we can ensure that our voices are heard and that our traditional ecological knowledge is integrated into conservation efforts for the benefit of future generations.”

If you have questions or are interested in participating in an interview, contact Avery Guy at averyguy@ebci-nsn.gov or (828) 507-4504.

Anitsalagi Anigeya

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – March is Women's History Month. For the month of March, the One Feather will be sharing articles that highlight strong, intelligent women behind the day-to-day operations of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

This week's article features anitsalagi anigeya (Cherokee women) from New Kituwah Academy (NKA), the early childhood to sixth grade Cherokee language immersion school.

Irene Smoker Jackson, Cherokee fluent speaker and NKA Cherokee language specialist for the third and fourth grade classrooms, travels hours to get to and from work each day, but she says the children make it all worth it. "It's amazing to hear them speak and learn. It's challenging at times, but to keep it up and keep it going, that's what we're all about—the Cherokee women that carry on the language and teach others, not only the kids but the coworkers and the community," she shared.

"Just coming to work every day and just to see the kids smiling and hearing them speak, that brings real great hope to me that this generation is going to carry it on. I don't think the language is ever going to die, as some people would say it would. It's a great pleasure to carry that on and we are determined to do that by coming here."

Madison Crowe Woodard, NKA physical education teacher,



Pictured left to right back row - Tavish Lambert Brown, NKA early childhood supervisor; Zhana Michelle Long, NKA family partnership lead teacher; Madison Crowe Woodard, NKA physical education teacher; Joni Ledford, NKA fifth and sixth grade teacher's assistant; Kelly Murphy, NKA kindergarten teacher's assistant; Kaitlyn Roberts, NKA second grade teacher; front row - Losi Sneed, fluent speaker and NKA teacher in three- and four-year-old classrooms; Caroline Oocumma, NKA lead teacher in the three-year-old classroom; Irene Smoker Jackson, fluent speaker and language specialist for the third and fourth grade. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

said the traditional and historical values of Cherokee women are part of the foundation of the academy.

"Cherokee women are the cornerstone of why we even exist today. I feel like they were leading the pack back in the day and we're leading the pack again in the present. As the school goes, we're run by women— our supervisors, our managers, everyone from us up are women."

Kelly Murphy, teacher's assistant in the kindergarten classroom, added that the women around her at NKA motivate her. "Women are the backbone of our tribe. I look around and I see all these strong women just like Caroline [Oocumma], Losi [Sneed], our elders, Stacy [Wolfe] and Stacy [Rogers] that come here every day. There are days I'm like, 'Oh, I don't want to come today.' Then you see them sitting here and that's why you should be here."

Caroline Oocumma is the lead teacher in the three-year-old classroom, and she is re-learning her language as she teaches. "Cherokee was my first language, but I forgot it. I'm trying to get it all back, and sometimes I don't want to say it. I feel like I'm going to say it wrong, but I think about it at night, 'I need to say this, I need to talk more,' and when I'm lying in bed, I can talk to my mom. I can act like she's answering me. Sometimes I can hear her saying it to me."

Oocumma said Losi Sneed, Cherokee fluent speaker who teaches in the three- and four-year-old rooms, challenges her to continue speaking.

Woodard said she learns from the children how to be brave when learning the language.

"They have an innocence when learning the language. The kids aren't afraid to mess up. Sometimes I think we have to, as

second language learners, think of ourselves like that. Don't be afraid to mess up. That's how you learn how to get better and that's something I take from them, not being afraid."

Jackson shared that the strength of Cherokee women, especially when working with the Cherokee language, is generational. "It's a generation that we had come from, from our mothers and grandmothers, and we tend to carry that on and want to carry that on. My mother is no longer with us, but I can carry on her tradition and what her language was. Even when I first came here, I was able to call her up, and a word that I couldn't say or I couldn't remember, I would just call her, and she would tell me over the phone. And now she's no longer with me, but I can still hear her, and I am able to carry her and all her generations from where she came from."

Joni Ledford, teacher's assistant for fifth and sixth grade, reiterated that generational impact. "Women are the rock of the families. My great grandma was, my grandma was, my mom. That's all I can remember are them just being the rock of the family. When you lose them, you lose a lot."

Kaitlyn Roberts, second grade teacher, continues to learn how to be a Cherokee woman from the women she works with at NKA. "I feel like the women here who were raised in a more traditional way have been very open and generous in teaching me about a woman's role in Cherokee society and what it means to be a Cherokee woman," she said.

"I've learned how important women are in preserving and passing on our culture and also what our responsibilities are to our community, to each other and also especially to the kids."

EBCI Community Clubs win WNC Honors

Several Community Clubs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians won in categories at the recent WNC Honors Awards, a program of WNC Communities. The Wolfstown Community Club won the Impact Award.

WNC Communities says of Wolfstown, "This award recognizes a community for their outstanding effort to achieve a measurable increase in their community's well-being. This year, Wolfstown was awarded for their organized activism to support 212 families in crises across the wider EBCI community in 2024. This began with a support group called the Community Cafe where individuals could come to Wolfstown to express their mental health needs during the pandemic. Once Wolfstown members began realizing the extent of the needs, they began weekly meetings. They organized coordinators to collect statistics on residents' needs, to identify helpful community resources, and to guide families in need to specific mental health, employment, recovery, family support, housing, and transportation resources. Then, during a special meeting with Pub-

lic Health and Human Services, the Wolfstown group and Community Cafe participants were able to voice their concerns regarding social services being provided to EBCI families, using well-researched facts and statistics. Now, one of the Wolfstown coordinators sits on the EBCI Family Safety Policy Board as a community liaison. The winner of this prestigious award receives \$3000 and a site visit from the Dogwood Health Trust team and WNC Communities to help them identify ways to move forward with their community's goals."

All participating communities received \$1,000 to support their efforts. Additionally, communities were assessed across six different competencies and awarded a level of Trillium, Mountain Laurel, Redbud, or White Oak according to their demonstrated capacity to lead and serve. These competencies include Good Governance, Leadership Excellence, Financial Stewardship, Volunteer Recruitment and Retention, Community Programs and Civic Engagement, and Collaboration.

Some communities advanced to the next level and Best in Class Awards were awarded to the stand-out communities at each level. The 15 Best in Class communities for Trillium took home

an additional \$500. Fourteen communities received an extra \$1,000 for Best in Class in Mountain Laurel. Two communities were awarded an extra \$2,000 for Best in Class at the Redbud level, and one community received an additional \$3,000 for Best in Class at the White Oak level.

Cherokee County Indian Community and Towstring were honored at the Trillium level, with Cherokee County taking home a Best in Class. Big Cove, Big Y, Birdtown, Painttown, Snowbird, and Yellowhill were recognized at the Mountain Laurel Level, with Big Y and Snowbird each receiving a Best in Class. Wolfstown was recognized at the Redbud Level and received a Best in Class.

- Information taken from WNC Communities release

Poteete to be guest speaker at Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Gala

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation has announced that Troy Wayne Poteete, Executive Director of the National Trail of Tears Association, will be the distinguished guest speaker for the 14th Annual Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Gala on June 21. A Cherokee Nation citizen and lifelong advocate for the preservation of Cherokee history, Poteete brings unparalleled expertise in the Trail of Tears and the lasting impact of generational trauma. His leadership in historical preservation and his work to educate communities on the forced removal of Cherokee ancestors make him the ideal speaker for this year's event.

This year's gala, themed "A Midsummer Night's Dream," will not only be an evening of elegance but also one of reflection and pur-

pose. Funds raised will support the creation of a recreational outdoor space at the new Cherokee County Clinic, set to open in October 2025. Significantly, this clinic sits on ancestral land of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and features a section of the historic Trail of Tears on its property.

Poteete has dedicated his career to preserving Cherokee culture. In addition to his role with the National Trail of Tears Association, he is a former Cherokee Nation Supreme Court Justice and has worked extensively to ensure the history of the Cherokee people is honored and shared with future generations. His deep knowledge and compelling storytelling will offer attendees a powerful perspective on resilience, healing, and the importance of cultural recognition in modern healthcare.

Table Registration is now open for the 2025 Gala. Individual tickets will be available beginning April 4. To reserve your spot, or for more information about the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation, contact Foundation Director Brittney Lofthouse at Brittney.Lofthouse@CherokeeHospital.org.

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EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarships approaching

The Board of Directors of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund reminds graduate and post-graduate students that April 1 is the deadline for requesting financial assistance from the Fund for summer semester. Applications and eligibility guidelines are available from any of the board members, from Tribal

Education or from the Website www.yogicrowescholarship.org. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date and mailed on or before the deadline. Applications not post-marked or received electronically by the deadline will not be considered.

For more information, contact any of the Scholarship Fund board members: Dr. Jennifer Thompson, president (507-5997); Dr. Reva Ballew, vice president (736-9936); Gerri Grady,

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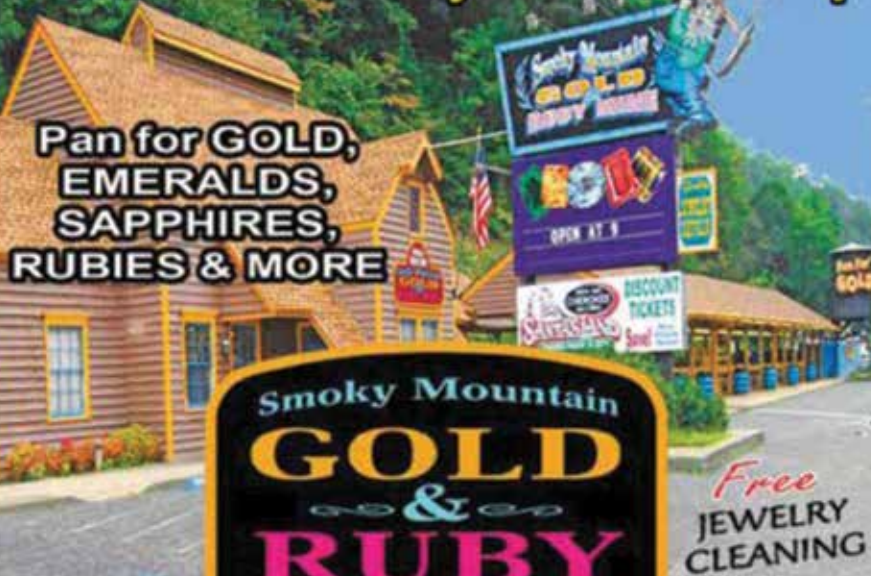
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Reuben Edward Taylor

Reuben Edward Taylor, 99, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord and loving wife, Mary Jane, Wednesday, March 12, 2025. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Timpson and Cinda Reed Taylor.

Reuben was a US Army Veteran and one of the last two surviving WWII Veterans from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He was one of the first in the 82nd Airborne, and was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal WWII, Europe-Africa-Middle East Medal WWII, Victory Medal WWII, WWII Occupation Medal-Army, National Defense Service Medal, French Croix de Guerre WWII, and the Presidential Unit Citation with OLC, and the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor and Bronze Medalion for lifetime selfless service to all peoples regardless of race, color, or religion.

He was a member of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143. He was a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Wanda Taylor; two great grandchildren, Cinda Taylor and Talia Taylor; and one great great grandchild, Cynthia Saunooke.

Reuben is survived by his daughter, Frances Walkingstick and husband Sammy; son, Chuck Taylor; grandchildren, Dee Toineeta, Kim Wildcatt, Monica Wildcatt, JR Walkingstick; great grandchildren, Peaches Squirrell, Clayton Arch, Dustin Pheasant, Danielle Murray, Lil' Rich Bottchenbaugh, Shakyra Bottch-

enbaugh, Skylar Bottchenbaugh, Moke Tafoya, MJ Tafoya, Shad-ow Raya, Oliver Tafoya, Ernie Pheasant, Aryahnie Pheasant; great great grandchildren, Jeff Toineeta, Danny Toineeta, John Murray, Jovane Saunooke, Delilah Wildcatt, Kyrin Whitecotton, and Kainen Whitecotton; and his sister, Helen Arch.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 17 at Rock Springs Baptist Church. Revs. Keith Carson, Greg Morgan and Scott Chekelelee officiated. Military Graveside Rites were conducted by the US National Guard and the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 at the Welch-Taylor Family Cemetery following the service. Pallbearers were Chuck, Dee, JR, Lil'Rich, Skylar, Moke, Richie, Kevin, and Draven. Greg Hunt served as an honorary pallbearer.

Carolyn Ann Wolfe

Carolyn Ann Wolfe, 66, of Cherokee, "Headed Out" on her final journey, at Mission Hospital, March 8, 2025. Carolyn was born June 27, 1958, in Commerce, Ga. to the late Waymon Cain and Johnnie Sue Patrick Hill. Carolyn was a homemaker and spent her life providing a home and life for her family. She married the love her life Charles Wolfe in 1982.

Carolyn loved her family, yard work, gospel music, the out-

doors, and she truly loved thrift-ing and shopping. A true mother, she was a true matriarch. Her personality was bigger than the world. Everyone knew when she was in the room and how much she loved her "kids".

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 38 years and the love of her life Charles; a daughter, Myranda Daniel; a brother, Waymon Junior Cain; and a sister, Betty Jane Denton.

She is survived by two daughters, Crystal Daniel, Heather Panther (Charles Lequire); four grandchildren, Brandon Daniel, Kristian Daniel, Corbin Wolfe, and Shashoni Panther; four great-grandchildren, Myranda Loshi Sherrill, Addison Sherrill, Charli Sherrill, Harli Sherrill, and an unborn grandson who she was so excited to meet who will be arriving later this month. She is also survived by five siblings, Linda Kitchens (Dennis), Pam Weldon (Greg), Kathy Sosbee, Tony Hill, and Ricky Cain (Lindy), all of Commerce, Ga. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

A funeral service was held Thursday, March 13 at the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Cremation followed services.

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



Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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



COMMENTARY

Hating behavior

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

“Hate the sin. Love the sinner.” That is a phrase I have heard since I was a toddler. The adage implies it is never okay to devalue a person, even if we may disagree with their behavior. I have struggled with that philosophy all my life. After all, when a person is disagreeable and hate-filled toward

me, my first thought isn't, “Wow, I hate those actions”. My thought is, “What a miserable person he/she is” (using more kind language to protect innocent ears). Our thoughts almost immediately, in many cases, turn to retaliation. Very few have the presence of mind to consider reconciliation when in the heat of battle or after a first physical or emotional blow has damaged us.

I have always been fascinated by the stories of our veterans of foreign wars. These incredible men and women have done and seen things in battle that we cannot even fathom and certainly cannot relate to. Throughout time,

war has pitted man against man in a cause that is ideology against ideology. It is an enormous emotional and philosophical dilemma for individuals with any kind of moral/ethical code. War is almost always a fight to the death of either persons or governmental powers. Dueling, for example, was an accepted way for many years around the world to settle disputes among individuals. A verbal slur against one man's integrity was seen as a good cause to either take another man's life or lose your own.

One story that struck me was that of Diana Oestreich, who was a Combat Medic in the 724th Engineering Battalion during the Iraq

War. She wrote an article describing her experience with battle both in Iraq and at home regarding war. First, she describes a meeting with her commander and fellow soldiers, highlighting her struggle with the concept of loving people and hating actions.

“The commander went on to describe a tactic the enemy used to interrupt the American invasion. They would push Iraqi children in front of military convoys; when the trucks slowed or stopped to avoid hitting the children, the enemy would attack the last trucks in the convoy. Being at the end of the convoy made the soldiers sitting ducks; they couldn't move

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forward to get away, and with no other trucks behind them, they were easily ambushed. The commander barked over the voices of a hundred soldiers in the tent, I repeat: If you slow the convoy to avoid harming a child, you will be responsible for your battle buddies getting ambushed. If anybody can't do their duty and protect their battle buddies, stand up now and identify yourself. His words hung in the air, suspended by a growing feeling of dread. I wasn't sure I could run over a child to obey this direct order from my commander. I believed in sacrificing to serve my country, even taking a life to save a life, but this? This pricked my conscience. I knew it wasn't an option to stand up and say- as the lone female soldier in the company- that I wouldn't put the lives of my battle buddies first and do my duty. It would be a betrayal. But getting up the next day and choosing to run over a child didn't feel possible either."

She talks about her faith and the revelation that killing can't be a part of loving. So, she chose not to carry a weapon for the remainder of her tour of duty, a total of 397 days. When she finished and returned home, she had a different perspective and different priorities based on her revelation. It became

more important to love than to be "right".

"Waging peace looks a lot different back home than it did on the battlefield of Iraq. As a little family, we committed to showing up for anyone and everyone if they asked, blackmailing ourselves to love first and asking questions later. This meant that the usual strings attached to who we showed up for, like agreement, sharing the same faith or politics, or being friends -would no longer apply. Choosing love first meant everyone would be in our jurisdiction to love. No one would be outside of our 'yes'. When a group in our community raised their hand and asked people to show up for them when violence hits them, we would do it. We decided that we would be the first to love, every single time. We were going to throw kindness around like confetti, to love like it was growing on trees, without needing to determine if the person in front of us deserved it or not. We stopped talking about what peace might mean and started being the peace that our neighbors and community needed. We did it because peace isn't the absence of conflict; it's showing up in the middle of it. Waging peace meant our faith was no longer a weapon used to divide 'us' from 'them.'" (Diana Oestreich, "Why I laid

down my gun in the middle of a war", Fellowship Magazine, March 22, 2024)

Aren't we all guilty of painting people with their opinions and judging their worthiness based on how their ideology fits our personal scorecards? Topics like politics and religion may be so volatile that the slightest mention can turn fast friends into permanent enemies. We find the most innocuous "things" to hate people over. We hate over the color of skin whether red, black, brown, or, yes, even white. We hate over race. Within our own tribe, we hate those who don't seem as "Indian" as we think they should be, calling them slurs like "coconut".

Many times, we allow our convictions over ideology to turn into or be perceived as hating people. And surely there is a fine line between disagreement with thoughts and hating of flesh. Some actions are so egregious or heinous that the stain of actions marks an individual for life, as in the case of a serial killer, for example. But most of our day-to-day challenges are more subtle. "He is a Republican, and she is a Democrat: He is from a federally recognized tribe, and she is from a group that is not: He supports Jewish people, and she supports Palestinian people: He backs the Braves, and she supports

the Maroon Devils." Labels themselves may be catalysts for hate because any generalization will make it easier to hate on a bigger scale. In my experience, there are very few "diehard" people. As you go through a list of identifying characteristics of a group of people, you don't have to go far down that list to find a difference of opinion between those in the group.

Like Specialist Oestreich, we all must come to the realization that hating or disagreeing with actions doesn't have to mean hating the person holding them. And if there are ways to first love the people, to set that as the initiating factor in a relationship, maybe that would make it easier to find common ground on issues and ideologies. Surely, it would at least help us to communicate with each other so that if agreement isn't possible, maybe peace could be achieved.

The dream that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., shared in 1963 is greatly to be sought by all.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

EBCI BANISHMENT LIST

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Cracked Pot

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

Scripture references: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18,
Romans 11:29

God has given each of us a talent or gift to be used for His Glory. It comes with a lifetime warranty to be used for as long as we are valuable to Him. (His Word says we are so valuable to Him that He gave His only Son to die for us.) Some gifts and talents may be for a season, and that season is for a reason, but there is always another gift or talent that can be used for a lifetime. So whether you are young or old, in development or past your prime, engage yourself in service to God, for He has a purpose in you.

From a personal perspective, many retired people have concluded that being retired means doing nothing and being responsible to no one. Others feel they are not gifted or do not want any extra work beyond whatever might bring a paycheck home. Yet, as Christians, we are ALL ministers; as such, we each have responsibilities to glorify God, continuing in the Great Commission in any way we can. Using the talents God gives is also a matter of tithing, in my opinion. God gave you the talent to use to glorify Him. If you still have the talent, give back to Him in gratitude that you can still use that talent.

The following story is well known and often used to encourage those who feel inadequate or broken. Maybe they have an evil past. Perhaps they cannot do what they want to do for Christ. Trust God in what He says; each of us has been gifted through His Spirit to do a good thing for His glory. This story has many attributes to draw to, and this discussion is one. The story was copied from Poonan n.d.).

A water-bearer in India had two large pots, both hung on the ends of a pole, which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot always arrived half full.

The poor cracked pot was ashamed of its

own imperfection and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water-bearer one day by the stream:

‘I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you. I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house. Because of my flaws, you must do all of this work, and you don’t get full value from your efforts.’

The bearer said to the pot, ‘Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot’s side? That’s because I have always known about your flaw, and I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you’ve watered them. For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.’ (Poonan n.d.)

The story is relative to the fact that God uses cracked pots. You do not need to be perfect for God to use you. Draw strength in Paul’s words to motivate yourself and others

“Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day.” 2 Corinthians 4:16

As John Wesley wrote, ‘Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.’ (Goodreads 2018)

A. L. Williams, the founder of the term life insurance company Primerica of the 80s, used this quote to inspire his sales force to work harder. As John Wesley wrote above, the motto is good for ministers to live a Christian life. The impact of these words comes into force when you read them four times with different inflections on the verbs. “All you can do is all you can do.” Try it, and you will see the strength in the motto. (Daledawn, 2020)

God can and will use you to glorify Him. He wants you to be useful to Him. Therefore, serve Him and love Him with all your heart, with all your strength, and with all your soul.

“For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.” Romans 11:29

Lord, my God, thank You for being such a mighty and awesome God. When the world would cast us aside for our weak and uselessness, give us strength and power to work for You. What a blessing it is from You to be useful to You and Your Glory. Take me home when You are done. Let me say I fought the good fight and ran the whole race not out of pride for anything but for serving You. Amen.



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HAPPENINGS

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

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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

- March 21. Bingo
- April 14. Basket Raffle
- May 25-31. Silent Auction

Yabba Dabba Do! Bowl for Kids' Sake.

March 22 from 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at the Galaxy Lanes in Sylva, N.C. This annual fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson, Swain, Macon, and Graham Counties benefits kids who could use a mentor. Teams of 4-5 bowlers enjoy two hours of bowling. Team members are asked to raise or donate at least \$50, all of which goes directly to programs. Register/learn more at: <https://secure.cqgiv.com/event/bfks2025/>

Turkey Shoot.

March 22 at 2 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. Sponsored by Delbert Ross. Starting at 2 p.m., there will be a .22 caliber shoot for youth 15+ under, 10 rounds, \$1/shot. Bring your own target however you have it set up (open sight, red dot, scope, etc.). It will be safe and fun. The regular shoot will begin at 3 p.m. Good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

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: March 19, 24, 26, 31, and April 2, 7, and 9. Led by educator David Jumper, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, this is an intensive (rather than excelled or advanced level) class offered free of charge. Participants will use language as much as possible during class through call and response, partner and group work, and questions and answers. Topics will include everyday activities that apply to everyone, such as going places, working, etc. A general outline for class will be provided. Students will have the opportunity to hear and practicing speaking the language. All ages and "levels" of learners are welcome. Info: Museum of the Cherokee People (828) 497-3481

Seed Saving & Sovereignty

lecture. March 25 from 1 p.m. to 4

p.m. at 876 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Preservation of heirloom seeds helps to ensure future generations maintain a reliable food supply, supports financial self-reliance, preserves agricultural heritage, and reflects cultural traditions. This half-day workshop on the practice of seed saving will be led by Chris Smith from the Utopian Seed Project and Mary Thompson from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Attendees will hear an introduction to Seed Saving and how to increase income from seed sales and will experience a demonstration of Utopian Seed Project's Mobile Seed Processing Unit. Thompson will share her seed-saving experience, related pottery, and issues surrounding tribal food security and sovereignty. Presenters will also cover Technical Aspects and Considerations of Seed Saving, Implications

of Climate Change on Seed Saving, and Enterprise Budget Development for Profitable Seed Saving. There is no charge for this event. To register, call the Southwestern Community College Small Business Center (828) 339-4426. Info: EBCI Extension Agent Eric Mullen (828) 359-6928 or EmPOWERing Mountain Food Systems Director Laura Lauffer (828) 359-6936

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,

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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 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

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 informa-

tion, and a Re-Purpose It contest for youth ages 5-17. Vendor tables are available for \$10 or a door prize 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

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The week promises a calmer aspect. Although there might be some lingering effects from a recent job problem, things should continue to ease up. Also expect a change in a home-based situation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) If you feel uneasy about a colleague's suggestion, it might be that your wise inner Taurean guide is alerting you to a potential problem. Stepping away could turn out to be the right thing to do.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A family get-together opens up new opportunities for renewing ties. It can be especially effective in dealing with disagreements that should have been resolved but never fully were.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might be surprised at the response you get to a recent decision. You might be even more surprised by the reasons behind it. In any event, you'll learn something important.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your aspects favor resolving any tensions left over from a recent incident. You might want to consider having a "clear the air" talk as soon as you can. A call can lead to a change of plans.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid repeating yourself. If your first few efforts fail to connect, maybe it's because you haven't found the right way to get your message across. Try changing your approach.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Good intentions plus a strong resolve to succeed can take you where you want to go. Don't give up just because someone suggests you might be pursuing an impossible cause.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected setback can be a blessing in disguise. Use it to recheck your facts and how you've presented them. Meanwhile, look for ways to expand your contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You should finally be seeing a positive change in a recent personal situation. However, an on-the-job matter might need more attention than you realized. Stay with it!

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While you should be close to completing an important matter, you still need to maintain your focus. Things will ease up in time for weekend fun with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A certain matter might take an unexpected turn. Don't simply accept it; ask for an explanation. What you learn might be helpful in shifting the situation around to your benefit.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Projecting a positive attitude helps restore calm, even when you're confronting some pretty stormy situations. Stay the course! The outcome will be well worth your efforts.

BORN THIS WEEK: While you enjoy tradition and stability, you also appreciate the good things that change can bring. You know how to achieve a great balance within this area of your life.

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by Freddy Groves

VA by the numbers

According to a recent headline, the Department of Veterans Affairs processed one million disability claims two weeks faster than they did in the last fiscal year.

The VA has been averaging 10,000 claims processed each week. Recently on one day alone they processed 12,000 claims, the highest number they've ever reached. By January they'd processed benefit payments totaling \$62 billion and saw their accuracy rate go up to 92%.

Which is all good news for those who are waiting for their claims to be processed.

While it's all over the news that the VA fired 1,400 probationary employees in the latest round of forced dismissals, what you might not see touted anywhere is that the VA is still hiring for the 300,000 mission-critical slots it needs to fill.

Those 1,400 employees were "probationary," which means they'd been on the job less than a year in non-mission-critical jobs or were in a different employment category for less than two years. The savings from that opens up \$98 million to be put into health care benefits.

Those 300,000 mission-critical positions they need to fill are exempt from the hiring freeze and include 94,000 nurses, 3,000 physical therapists and 12,000 pharmacists — all necessary for health care services.

Additionally, per the blog put out by VA Secretary Doug Collins, the elimination of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives in the VA frees up \$14 million for health care services. Halting the contracts for DEI training and materials adds another \$6 million to the kitty.

And while it doesn't add any dollars to the health care budget, the new VA flag policy does have value. Specifically, it limits the types of flags that can be on display at VA facilities. The U.S. flag, Prisoner of War (POW) flag and Missing in Action (MIA) flag are on the very short list of flags that may be displayed at the VA.

If you'd like to keep an eye on what Secretary Collins is doing and saying, go to Secretary's Blog at news.va.gov/category/secretarys-blog and watch the videos.

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My dog has cancer. What next?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My Golden Retriever, "Jasmine," was recently diagnosed with lymphoma. I'm devastated. She seemed to tire easily, so I took her to the vet for a checkup, where they said her lymph nodes were enlarged. They did a biopsy to confirm that it was cancer. My question is, what now? The vet said she needs more tests, but I'm not sure what happens after. — Grace T., Hartford, Connecticut

DEAR GRACE: I'm glad you took Jasmine right to the vet, because even though the diagnosis is a serious one, she can start getting treatment that much sooner.

According to the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine, lymphoma is sadly common in Golden Retrievers and other dog breeds. However, it can be treated, with chemotherapy as the primary therapy. Surgery might be recommended depending on the type of cancer.

Now that lymphoma has been confirmed through the biopsy, the next step is to determine how far the cancer has spread through Jasmine's body. Several tests are done: blood tests, urinalysis, a bone marrow test, X-rays and sonograms. Some veterinary offices are equipped for these tests, but you may be referred to specialist care for more advanced testing. These tests are essential for developing an appropriate treatment plan for your dog.

If the vet has not yet followed up with next steps since the diagnosis was made, call and ask for more details and their recommendation. Most vets provide this information along with the diagnosis, so it's worrisome that you don't have a path forward. You can always select a different vet if you aren't confident in the current one.

Has your pet been treated for cancer? Tell me about the experience at ask@pawscorner.com.

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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 March 20, April 16, and May 18.

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

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

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.)

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

Enrollment Committee. March 19 at 1 p.m.

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

Constitution Committee. March 20 at 5:30 p.m.

POW WOW LISTINGS

5280 2nd Annual Awaxa'wi Round Dance. March 20 in Lake-wood, Colo. MC: Donny Speidel. Info: Shotae Tveter (520) 840-1176, Shotaetveter98@gmail.com

Bde' Maya' Tho' Wacipi. March 22 at the Prior Lake High School Activity Center in Savage, Minn. MC: Jerry Dearly. Host Drum: The Boyz. Invited Drums: War Thunder, Red

Lake, Imnizaska. Info: Freddy De Leon (952) 245-0562. fdeleon@plsas.org

50th Annual Dance for Mother Earth. March 22-23 at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor, Mich. Emcees: Shannon Martin and Bud Day. Host Drum: Meskwaki Nation. Info: danceformotherearth@gmail.com

Mascoutin Society of Chicago-land Winter Social Dance. Westminster Presbyterian Church in Munster, Ind. MC: Leonard Malatare. Host Drum: Strongheart. Info: Mary Oost at Oostmm@aol.com

National Native American Hall of Fame Benefit Community Round Dance. March 22 at the Thunderbird Casino Event Center in Norman, Okla. Emcees: James Parker Shield and Dr. Cornel Pewewardy. Info: Cheryl Anquoe (405) 250-6931, cheryl@nativehalloffame.org

University of Redlands Pow Wow. March 22 at the University of Redlands in Redlands, Calif. Info: Native Student Programs (909) 748-8344, nativestudentprograms@redlands.edu

3rd Annual Marin Pow Wow. March 23 at the College of Marin Gymnasium Kentfield Campus in Kentfield, Calif. MC: Tom Phillips. Host Drum: Northern All Nations. Info: Regina Weldon (415) 342-2049, Marinindnuz@aol.com

19th Annual Westwood Pow Wow. March 28-29 at Westwood High School in Mesa, Ariz. MC: Rick Yazzie. Host Northern Drum: Wild Krew. Host Southern Drum: Buc Wild. Info: Jaden Bird (480) 472-4606, jebird@mpsaz.org
FIHA 59th Annual Pow Wow. March 28-30 at St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in Fort Pierce, Fla. Host

Northern Drum: Warpaint. Host Southern Drum: Battle Horse. Info: Richard Gallant (772) 519-7888, fihapowwows@gmail.com

2nd Annual Grand Mesa Pow Wow. March 28-30 at Colorado Mesa University's Brownson Arena in Grand Junction, Colo. MC: Jackson Rollingthunder Tahuka. Co-MC: Steve LaPointe. Host Northern Drum: Black Lodge. Host Southern Drum: Cozad. Info: Monique Terpstra (970) 773-4765, mterpstra@wsnarc.com

Honor Pow Wow for Arlene Schonchin Comanche Nation Jr. Princess 2024-25. March 29 at the Comanche Nation Complex in Lawton, Okla. Emcees: Martin Flores and Louie Pohawpatchoko. Head Gourd Dance Singer: Kevin "Bubba" Sovo. Head War Dance Singer: Larry Monoessy. Info: JJ Schonchin (580) 583-2649 or Lynn Schonchin (580) 483-7067

Spirit of Nations Pow Wow. March 29 at Jefferson County High School in Dandridge, Tenn. Info: www.indiancreekproductions.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Ananienisgi. 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 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

WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

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

* Storytelling on Sundays. March 23 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

* 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.

Jackson County Republican Party monthly meeting. March 20 at 6 p.m. at the Jackson County headquarters located at 40 W. Sylva Shopping Area in Sylva, N.C.

57th Annual Western Carolina University Juried Undergraduate Exhibition. Now through March 21 at the WCU Bardo Arts Center in Cullowhee, N.C. A reception will be held March 20 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Info: www.arts.wcu.edu/57-ju-ried

Swain Genealogy Society "Photo Day". March 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Swain County Genealogy Research Center at 91 Brendle St. in Bryson City, N.C. The public is invited to bring their old photos to the Swain County Genealogical Research Center where you will have the opportunity to share those photos, along with your family history and stories that were passed down thru your family, with the researchers. All photos that are brought will be scanned and returned to the owner at that time. Info: (828) 488-2932

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

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

"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 and 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.

Vann House Day. July 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chief Vann House Georgia State Historic Site at 82 Hwy 225N in Chatsworth, Ga. Demonstrations and activities like that of an 1800s farming family. Local craftspeople will demonstrate 19th century skills such as blacksmithing, quilting, weaving, blow guns, and more. The Vann Mansion, Cherokee Farmstead, Vann Kitchen, and Museum will be open for self-guided tours. Enjoy live fiddle music. Info: (706) 695-2598, vann_house_park@dnr.ga.gov

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

Big Y Community meets the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yellowhill Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Yellowhill Activity Center at 6 p.m.

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Info: Chair Virginia Johnson (828) 788-8659, virginia.shell52@gmail.com

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Abundant Life Apostolic Church.

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

Acquoni Baptist Church.

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

Antioch Baptist Church.

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

Bethabara Baptist Church.

1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m and 7 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Youth Meeting Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Max Cochran (828) 341-5801, Church number (828) 497-7770

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church.

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

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.

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

Bigwitch Baptist Church.

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

Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

960 Old Bryson City Road in the 3200 Acre Tract. 488-9202

Cherokee Baptist Church.

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

Cherokee Bible Church.

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

Cherokee Church of Christ.

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

Cherokee Church of God.

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

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene.

72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Food and Cloth-

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

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church.

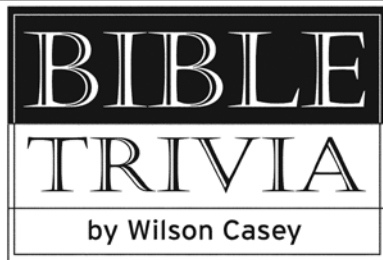
Located behind the Wolfetown Gym. Sunday School: 10 a.m, Sunday worship: 11 a.m, Sunday evening worship: 5 p.m. Wednesday night worship: 6 p.m. Pastor Tim Melton 674-2690

Cherokee United Methodist Church.

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

Cherokee Wesleyan Church.

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



1. Is the book of Lot (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From what book does a woman call on the north and south wind to blow on her garden? *Proverbs, Daniel, Hebrews, Song of Solomon*
3. What was Herod's last name who had John the Baptist beheaded? *Pilate, Laban, Herod, Antipas*
4. Who said in Deuteronomy 6, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord"? *Moses, Joshua, David, Jacob*
5. From Exodus 16, what bird served as food for the Israelites in the wilderness? *Dove, Quail, Duck, Robin*
6. In Revelation 9, what sort of creatures had tails like snakes? *Sheep, Oxen, Horses, Fish*

ANSWERS: (1) Neither, (2) Song of Solomon, (3) Antipas, (4) Moses, (5) Quail, (6) Horses
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Moments in time

• On **March 31, 1492**, King Ferdinand II of Aragon and Queen Isabella I of Castile issued the Alhambra Decree, which mandated that all Jews be expelled from the country by the end of July. The church had already forced much of Spain's Jewish population to convert, and modern historians estimate that around 40,000 Jews emigrated.

• On **April 1, 1963**, ABC aired the first episode of "General Hospital," which became the longest-running serial program produced in Hollywood. On the same day, rival network NBC premiered its own medical-themed soap opera, "The Doctors." Both networks aimed to capitalize on the popularity of shows such as "Dr. Kildare" and "Ben Casey."

• On **April 2, 1992**, mob boss John Gotti, aka the "Teflon Don" due to his notable ability to avoid conviction, was found guilty on 13 counts, including murder and racketeering, and sentenced to life in prison. A decade later, he died of throat cancer at age 61.

• On **April 3, 1948**, "The Louisiana Hayride," a country radio program broadcast out of Shreveport, Louisiana, debuted. It launched the careers of several country music giants, and also that of a certain teenage, honey-voiced aspirant by the name of Elvis Presley.

• On **April 4, 1975**, Operation Baby-lift, an American airlift to the U.S. and other Western nations of Vietnamese children deemed war orphans, had a disastrous start when an Air Force cargo jet crashed shortly after takeoff in Saigon, killing more than 135 passengers.

• On **April 5, 1984**, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored the 31,420th point of his career, breaking Wilt Chamberlain's NBA all-time scoring record. Abdul-Jabbar's record would remain intact for almost four decades.

• On **April 6, 1909**, American explorer Robert Peary believed he had fulfilled a long-cherished dream when he, his assistant Matthew Henson and four Inuits reached what they determined to be the North Pole. Decades after Peary's death, however, navigational errors were discovered in his travel log, in all probability placing his expedition several miles short of its goal.

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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

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., Wednesday services 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brent Stewart. Search Grace

Bible Church NC on Facebook. Check the page as some Wednesdays there are no services. Also, Sunday worship service is live-streamed.

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

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

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

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

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 497-1611, mbccherokee@outlook.com, Website: www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spruce Grove Baptist Church. 780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City,

N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday evening service 7 p.m., third Saturday singing 7 p.m. Pastor Ernie Cable. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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



EMPLOYMENT



Global Government Group LLC.

HR/ Administrative Assistant

Kituwah Global Government Group, LLC is seeking a HR/ Administrative Assistant to help with day-to-day functions of the HR Department. Including hiring and interviewing staff, provides support to HR department and other staff when complex, specialized, and sensitive questions and issues arise; may be required to administer and execute routine

tasks in delicate circumstances such as providing reasonable accommodations and investigating allegations of wrongdoing.

Anyone interested should pick up an application and complete position description at the KG3 office building, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or contact Maggie Toineeta at maggie.toineeta@kituwhag3.com or (828) 604-8229. Position will be opened until filled. Native American preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will be accepted in conjunction of all applications. **3/26**

BRUSH CUTTER WORKER WANTED. Billboard company needs someone to cut brush and

trim billboard sites. Must have experience with chainsaws, weed eaters, etc. Must have a valid driver's license. Part-time, Full-time. Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm. \$14.00 - \$17.00 per hour depending on experience. Apply in person or call Santa's Land at 828-497-9191, 571 Wolfetown Road, Cherokee NC 28719.

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CHEROKEE TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION

Cherokee Tribal Gaming Commission Filling 2 License Coordinator Positions

License Coordinator Tribal Gaming Commission Cherokee Annual Pay: \$41,038.40 – \$51,292.80

Minimum Mandatory Qualifications:

1. 3 years of related experience required. Experience to consist of three (3) years in gaming or a professional office setting and include two (2) years in gaming licensure or pre-employment background check processing.
2. High School Diploma or GED Equivalent required.
3. Must be at least twenty-one years (21) of age.
4. Valid driver's license.
5. Must be able to obtain CJIS Certification with NIGC/FBI immediately upon hire.

Preferred Qualifications:

Associate's degree in a related

Now Hiring

Oconaluftee Indian Village:
Artisans, tour guides, box office, concessions, retail

Unto These Hills:
Box office, ushers, concessions, food prep, parking crew

Year-Round
Full-time maintenance

Apply at CherokeeHistorical.org
or 564 Tsali Blvd



MANDARA SPA.

Employment Opportunities

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking applicants for the following positions:
*****Signing Bonus up to \$2500.00**

- **Hairstylist and Nail Techs** - must have a current NC Cosmetology License

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

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

field from an accredited educational institution.

*Applications must be submitted to Richard Simpson, Human Resources Officer, in-person at the CTGC Main Office or via email at rsimpson@cherokeetgc.com *

*Hiring standards observed in accordance with Tribal Ordinance. * Job Description and Applications are available at the following:

Cherokee Tribal Gaming Commission Main Office located at: 154 Stillwell Branch Rd Cherokee, NC 28719

Closing Date: Open until filled 4/9

CLASSIFIEDS

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

Permanent Camper for Sale - at Smoky Mountain RV Park and Resort Lot 193. Summer Vacation spot, lot rent is \$2,800 from May to October. \$300 for winter storage. 10 minutes from Harrahs Cherokee Casino. Serious inquires please call Charlene Wooliver at 865-740-3984. 3/26

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 25-017 Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

GLEND A DALE WELCH
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

Elaine Hope Garcia
120 Tom Mccoy Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
3/19

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 25-018 Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

MARIE SWAYNEY
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the 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

Lawrence D. Swayney
P.O. Box 362
Whittier, NC. 28789
3/19

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
MARY EDITH WOLFE LAMBERT

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the 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

CATION
Roberta Vanessa Lambert Sneed
30 Bud Sneed Dr
Cherokee, NC. 28719
3/19

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 Quote

Hyatt Pipeline LLC is offering the following opportunities for subcontracting on the Rough Branch Water Treatment Plant Upgrades project that bids Tuesday March 25, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.: Grading, Building Construction, Paving. If you are interested in providing a quote for these elements of the job, please contact Tommy Hart at tommy@hyattpipeline.com or Rob Hyatt at rhyatt@hyattpipeline.com by Monday, March 24, 2025. You can also view plans and specs at 492 Buckeye Cove Rd, Canton, NC 28716 by appointment. 3/19

Request for Proposals
EBCI – ROUGH BRANCH WTP UPGRADES



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) Family Partnership Coordinator (\$55,000 - \$75,000/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)

CHILDREN'S HOME

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

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITY

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

SAFETY SENSITIVE

BID PROPOSALS DUE DATE:

Thursday March 20th, 2025.

BID DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

BID TIME: 2:00 PM EST

We invite your firm to provide a proposal on any portion of the project as described below, per the Plans & Specifications:

The project consists of upgrading the existing water lines owned and operated by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee, North Carolina. The work includes construction of 20' x 32' Water Treatment Plant complete with all treatment units and piping and two 8'x8' well houses (well #1 & well #5), installation of wet well pumps, demolition of existing well #2 house and treatment building, site grading, asphalt paving, and erosion and sediment control, as shown on

the drawings and described in the specifications.

We are seeking proposals on the following scopes of work:

- Fencing
- Painting
- Submersible Well Pumps
- Pipe/Fittings/Valves
- Concrete/Rebar
- Masonry
- Wood Trusses
- HVAC
- Electrical
- Generator/ATS
- Paving
- Plumbing

Electronic bidding documents may be requested by email from Ryan Gabbard, Herrick Company at the following email address: ryan@hci96.com

Federal wage rates DO NOT apply to this project. AIS requirements DO NOT apply to this

project.

All proposals must be provided to Herrick Company by Thursday, March 20, 2025 for review and consideration. You may send your proposals to ryan@hci96.com, cody@hci96.com, luke@hci96.com, reno@hci96.com, jonah@hci96.com. **3/19**

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

Bid Proposals

Robins & Morton will be accepting bid proposals from Subcontractors and Vendors for the projects noted below:
The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Pharmacy Expansion, Cherokee, NC.

The following scopes of work are available to bid:
Demolition, concrete, masonry, exterior native stone work, metal fabrications, structural steel and misc. metals, millwork, roofing, metal wall panels, firestopping, expansion joints, doors, frames and hardware, storefronts, glass & glazing, framing, drywall, act ceilings, flooring, painting, exterior canopy, appliances, mats, fire protection, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, earthwork, landscaping, aggregates & asphalts, utilities.
Proposal Due date for Subcontractors and Vendors is: April 16, 2025. A site visit is scheduled for March 26 at 9:00. Please let us know of your intentions to attend.

Please contact Bob Legler at bob.legler@robinsmorton.com or 205-803-0178 office or cell 808-349-2209 for further information regarding this request for proposal.

Every bidder is responsible for reviewing all contract documents and including all costs associated with the contractor's scope of work. Any questions regarding discrepancies, conflicts or insufficient information are to be directed to Bob Legler bob.legler@robinsmorton.com. The project is to be bid per plans and specifications. Voluntary alternates, methods and/or substitutions are encouraged, but must be identified and quoted separately from your base bid. **3/26**

Request for Proposal

Kituwah LLC is seeking qualified services in the areas of Janitorial - Room Cleaning, and Carpet Cleaning.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must have 5 years of professional cleaning experience.
2. Must provide 3 current or recent client references.
3. Must utilize professional cleaning equipment.

Interested persons should contact Chad Carver for a copy of the official RFP(s), including scope of work information, via email chad.carver@kituwahllc.com. **3/26**

Legal Notice For Bids

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RALEIGH, N.C.

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be April 15, 2025, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and



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

(C205083) WARREN;
(C205084) FRANKLIN;
(C205061) GUILFORD;
(C205066) ALAMANCE;
(C205059) STOKES;
(C204567) ASHE

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

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

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

Department of Transportation
Mr. Lamara Sylvester, PE
Chief Engineer

3/19

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Grant Writing Services; IHBG
Competitive Grant
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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SPECIAL NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RALEIGH, NC IMAP STATEWIDE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is requesting interested parties submit Proposals to participate in the Department's Incident Management Assistance Patrol (IMAP) Sponsorship Program. The program will contract with the successful Proposer to provide sponsorship of the IMAP through private sponsorship. This Request for Proposals is for portions of routes in various counties in Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14.

As such, interested parties should send a request, by e-mail only, to rfq_package_request@ncdot.gov for a Request for Proposals detailing the requirements for submitting a Proposal. The following contact information must be included in the e-mail request: company name, physical address, city, state, zip code, contact person, phone number and current e-mail address. The Proposals must be received by 3:00 p.m., June 4, 2025 at the address shown below:

Mr. Ron E. Davenport, PE State,
Contract Officer
NCDOT - Contract Standards and
Development Century Center –
Building B
Entrance B-3
1020 Birch Ridge Drive Raleigh,
NC 27610

All available Project information is on the NCDOT Alternative Delivery link of the website at connect.ncdot.gov under "Bidding & Letting". Project information is continually being added, so it is

advisable to monitor this website for the most up to date information.

In addition, due to the unique nature of this work, prospective Proposers are encouraged to request an individual optional question and answer meeting to be held on April 14, 2025, via Microsoft Teams.

Send questions related to this advertisement or the Request for Proposals to altdelivery@ncdot.gov. For tracking purposes, questions will only be answered through e-mail requests. When making requests by e-mail, it is advisable to request a return receipt for your records. 3/19



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What two NHL teams combined for 18 major penalties for fighting and 144 total penalty minutes in a March 1997 game dubbed "Fight Night at the Joe"?
2. Outfielder Bake McBride won National League Rookie of the Year honors in 1974 playing for what Major League Baseball team?
3. Gymnast George Nissen invented what piece of sports equipment in the 1930s?
4. What boxer died 10 days after being knocked out by Emile Griffith in the 12th round of their welterweight championship bout in March 1962?
5. Name the World Golf Hall of Famer from South Africa who won the U.S. Open in 2001 and 2004.
6. The Helvetic Mercenaries, Nordic Storm, Madrid Bravos and Panthers Wroclaw are among the teams in what European-based American football league that played its inaugural season in 2021?
7. Tight end Pete Metzelaars played in four Super Bowls with the Buffalo Bills but didn't earn a championship ring until he was on the coaching staff of what team?

Answers

1. The Colorado Avalanche and the Detroit Red Wings.
2. The St. Louis Cardinals.
3. The modern trampoline.
4. Benny Paret.
5. Retief Goosen.
6. The European League of Football (ELF).
7. The Indianapolis Colts, Super Bowl XLI champions.

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The Garden Bug
Coffee grounds

Used coffee grounds are relatively high in nitrogen and also contain potassium and phosphorus. They are acidic, so plants like blueberries and roses will love them. They improve soil structure and water-holding capacity, and are a great additive for compost containers or worm bins. Applying coffee grounds directly onto the soil around most plants is usually fine, but if too much is dumped together in one spot, the fine particles may form a clump that prevents water and air from reaching plant roots. – Brenda Weaver

Source: www.gardenersworld.com

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY



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New Positions This Week

Nursing/Medical Admin. Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25
 Business Analyst Revenue Cycle- NOT A REMOTE POSITION - \$67,082 - \$83,852
 Phlebotomist - \$17.12 - \$19.26

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - \$44,107 - \$55,134
 Child and Family Outpatient Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852
 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
 Residential Technician, women's – PTWOB - \$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**

Dietary

Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26

FINANCE

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 I - \$17.12 - \$21.27
 Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 – \$20.67
 Pharmacy Technician III – Part Time Intermittent - \$21.13 – \$23.98

MAINTENANCE

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

NURSING

Care Manager Extender – Primary Care \$18.33 – \$20.67
 Care Manager Supervisor – TCM and IDD/TBI/LTS - \$33.68 – \$38.72
 C.M.S - \$18.32 - \$20.67 (Diabetes, Pediatrics, JVN, 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, Tailored Care, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Support Services, Children and Families Specialty Program)
 RN Care Manager Float - \$31.06 – \$35.64
 Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

RADIOLOGY

Radiology Technologist II (2nd and 3rd shift) - **\$5,000 hiring Bonus** - \$24.55 - \$27.99
 Radiology Technologist II – Part Time w/Benefits - \$24.55 - \$27.99

TRIBAL OPTION

HOP Medical Social Worker (3 positions) - \$44,107 - \$55,134
 Tribal Option Business Analyst – Not a remote position - \$67,082 - \$83,852

TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 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



Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at

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

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

*SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom

Teacher Assistant - 48 Semester Hours or an Associates Degree

*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

*Food Service Worker (6 Hour Full-Time)

*Contract Nurse (RN)

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



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- Credit Counseling
- Land Transfer Documents



March 19, 2025, at the John Welch Senior Center from 9-11 am and at the Jacob Cornsilk Shared Classroom from 1 - 3 pm.

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OR EMAIL @
MICHSTAM@EBCI-NSN.GOV



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2025 Election Calendar

Tribal Council (12 Seats) & School Board (Big Cove, Wolfstown, and Birdtown)

Primary Election Information	
May-5-9	Candidate filing
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
August-18-23	Early Voting 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Saturday
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

MISSING

Jessica Renea Sherwood

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'5" Weight: 120 lbs Female

Hair: Red/Auburn Eyes: Brown Age: 36

Date of last contact: April 1, 2024

Last Known Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance: Last contact with Jessica was on 04/01/2024. No other information available. No photo available.

If you have seen or have information about Jessica Renea Sherwood, contact Investigator Jason Lucas, Oklahoma City Police Department, (405) 297-1129.

Source: Namus.gov



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



All applications and job descriptions are available at
www.ebci.com/jobs

Closing Sunday, March 23, 2025

1. Laborer – CDOT – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
2. Truck Driver – Tribal Construction – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Quality Inspector – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)

Open Until Filled

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

THE GOOD STUFF



Beloved Woman receives DAR Award

Myrtle Driver Johnson, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, received a Woman in American History Award on Saturday, March 8 from the Clear Creek Militia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution whose core values are historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Beloved Woman Johnson was identified by the National Society as a Woman in American History for her dedicated service and commitment to upholding the Cherokee traditions by preserving the Cherokee language. She was joined by seven other recipients and their families for the ceremony which was held in Mint Hill, N.C. (Photo contributed)

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

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

- Marilyn, Norman's



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