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# It's ok to feel the pain

## Cherokee High School student advocates for mental health

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**  
One Feather reporter

**C**HEROKEE, N.C. - Ava Walkingstick is a sophomore at Cherokee High School (CHS). After losing her best friend and cousin, Cynthia “Mouse” Saunooke, in November 2023, Walkingstick has turned her grief into advocacy.

Saunooke’s family, including Walkingstick, were instrumental in the inaugural “From Darkness Into Hope” Mental Health



Ava Walkingstick performs in Braves on Broadway in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Dec. 13, 2024. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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The EBCI Tribal Member Information Portal

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## INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM SERVICES ON TRUST LANDS

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**Site Inspection:** This process begins at Tribal Realty and is sent through the approval process to identify a buildable house site and road access.

**House Lot Survey:** Surveying requests for approved buildable house sites.

**Site Prep:** House site grading and driveway will be constructed on a buildable house site.

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**Block Underpinning:** Block underpinning will be installed for doublewides.

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**Quote of the Week**

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*- Evan Mathis, Museum of the Cherokee People  
director of collections and exhibitions*

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## MENTAL HEALTH: From front page

Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event held on Sept. 4, 2024, at the Oconaluftee Island Park. The next event is coming up soon in Tutiya (Snowbird) on May 1 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Little Snowbird Field.

Walkingstick, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was a guest speaker at the event, where she shared her personal realizations after the loss of her friend, “I realized it’s ok to be hurt. It’s ok to feel the pain that you feel. It’s ok to cry. It’s ok to be mad. Because all those things that you feel are what is a part of you. It’s not just something that’s there, it’s something you’ve got to feel, it’s something you’ve got to express.”

Walkingstick says helping other teens with their mental health has become her passion, which she hopes to turn into a career, “I keep that mindset that helping teens is a big part of my goal right now. I want to do psychology. I want to minor in psychology, and I want to go into my major with a Native American law so I can use that psychology I know, and that psychology that I have personal experience with, to help Native Americans, because Native Americans have difficulty in mental health with suicide, mental illness, depression, and anxiety.”

In addition to her mental health advocacy, Walkingstick is treasurer of the student council, a member of the National Honor Society, part of the youth cultural exchange, in youth council at the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute, a defensive specialist on the junior varsity Lady Braves volleyball team, a field athlete for CHS track and field, manager of the Lady



Ava Walkingstick speaks at the “From Darkness Into Hope” Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event on the evening of Sept. 4, 2024 at the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Braves soccer team, a frontline associate at the Museum of the Cherokee People, and she just received the lead role of Sandy in the Cherokee Central School Musical Theater’s rendition of “Grease.”

With quite a lot on her plate, Walkingstick prioritizes her own mental health by journaling, going on walks on the nature trail around the school, talking to her friends or her mentor, CHS English teacher and student council advisor Mindy Ledford, or just taking a day off to rest.

“Cynthia and I are similar. We’ll smile on days that we don’t want to show something, but I’ve kind of learned how to try to not do that,” she said.

“I think, ‘What would Cynthia want me to do rather than grieve?’ And something that I think she would think would be important is to help those who don’t speak up. She would want me to share our

story and how I came from what happened and try to help other kids.”

Walkingstick added that anti-bullying is part of her mental health advocacy. “A teen’s point of view for me would be that there’s

a lot of bullying, and I see it a lot and I don’t like it...I think schools everywhere could benefit from maybe trying to pull the kid who is bullying aside and finding out, ‘Is there anything going on? Is there anything at home? Are you going through something? Are you doing this because you are feeling pressured or feeling like you need to do it because you want to fit in?’ Have a conversation with them to the point that you are not just getting onto them, but you’re trying to help them. You’re trying to lend a hand or lend advice.”

“If it is a friend group, start at the friend group. You need to start with every single person there and talk one-on-one with them, not in a big group. Because if you do it in a big group, you’re just giving them a laugh. But if you do it one-on-one, they may be more open to listening.”

Walkingstick says mental health advocacy, even anti-bullying, is about empathy. “Unless you put yourself in their shoes, you never know what someone’s going through—until you walk in the lane that they’re walking in.”



Ava Walkingstick serves the volleyball in a JV match versus Swain Co. on the evening of Sept. 3, 2024 in Charles George Memorial Arena in Cherokee, N.C. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

# Qualla Boundary MMIW prepares for annual walk

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C - The 6th Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relative Walk led by the Qualla Boundary MMIW (QBMMIW) grassroots organization is coming up on Saturday, May 3 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., beginning at the Storyteller's Fire Pit of the Oconaluftee Island Park.

The walk is an annual awareness event started by the QBMMIW to give families and community members the opportunity to publicly recognize and honor their missing and murdered Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) loved ones.

QBMMIW is planning a few new elements for the walk this year, including a virtual 5k walk/run. Sign up for the virtual 5k here: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Cherokee/QuallaBoundaryMMIRAwarenessRun>

The group is hosting an art build for the walk on Saturday, April 26, location to be announced. They are also hosting a vigil on May 5 for family members. Follow Qualla Boundary MMIW on Facebook to keep up with important updates.

If you would like your missing and/or murdered EBCI loved one to be honored during the walk, the group asks that you fill out this form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Z5GDI5CypthI4L-IRo8bLGedobofmGPSexz5vz-clBs74/edit>

The form must be completed and submitted prior to Friday, April 4, which is the print deadline for honor banners that will be placed along the walk. "Without a formal database or comprehensive historical records,



Atsei Cooper, QBMMIW co-chair, speaks at the 5th Annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relative Walk held on May 5, 2024 in Cherokee, N.C. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

the group relies heavily on the community and families to share information and submit names, which helps ensure that those who have been impacted by these tragedies are not forgotten," QBMMIW shared in a formal statement.

The statement continued, "The Qualla Boundary Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) group is deeply committed to not only raising awareness about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) but also creating a space that is respectful and healing for those mourning the loss of their loved ones. Through ongoing community feedback, the group is working to ensure that its efforts to honor the lives of those lost are sensitive to the emotional needs of families

and community members. In addition to the annual awareness walk, we will be hosting a vigil for family members who choose to participate, offering a place for reflection, support, and collective grieving."

QBMMIW recently defined the datapoints of their EBCI Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) cases:

- 1) Missing persons (who have not been located after 90 days)
- 2) Murdered persons (victims of homicide, including cases classified under unsolved, under investi-

- gation or closed)
- 3) Cases where the death remains undetermined with foul play suspected or warrants further review by law enforcement officials
- 4) Domestic violence homicides (deaths linked directly to intimate partner violence)
- 5) Fatal negligence (death caused by the reckless disregard for safety including manslaughter)"

The One Feather will provide coverage of the QBMMIW MMIR Walk on May 3.



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to see what's going on in  
Cherokee and beyond.**

# The weighted vote system

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) uses a weighted vote system.

The weighted vote system is outlined in Section 19 of the Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. “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.”

It continues, “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.”

Prior to the Charter being approved in 1986, Res. No. 288 was passed on March 18, 1975 establishing the voting system for Tribal Council and the first weighted vote system for the EBCI.

That legislation states, “The Tribal Council is under mandate of the United States District Court of the Western District of North Carolina to revise its election procedure to provide equal representation for each enrolled member of the Tribal Council as guaranteed by the Indian Civil Rights Act.” Res. No. 288 states, “After the 1975 regular tribal election, the total number of votes to be cast by the twelve Council members at Tribal Council shall be thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) votes.”

Per that legislation, the breakdown of the vote per community at the time was as follows (shown total per community, total per Council representative:

- Wolfetown (3 total, 1.5 per representative)
- Birdtown (3 total, 1.5 per representative)
- Snowbird/Cherokee County (1.5 total, .75 per representative)
- Big Cove (2 total, 1 per representative)
- Painttown (2 total, 1 per representative)
- Yellowhill (2 total, 1 per representative)

Several years later, Tribal Council passed Res. No. 430 on June 24, 1981 which sheds light on the origins of the weighted vote system for the EBCI. This legislation stated, “The 1979 tribal election was the first such election conducted and supervised by the Cherokee Tribal Board of Election; and the United States District Court, in the case of Mose Wachacha v. Eastern Band (W.D.N.C.

1974), ordered the Eastern Band to reapportion its Tribal Council to insure (sic) equal protection of the laws to tribal members; and as a result of the Wachacha suit, the Tribal Council adopted the weighted vote concept and directed that the Tribal Council would reapportion itself every ten (10) years beginning in 1981.”

Res. No. 77 was passed on Jan. 9, 1992 and changed the weighted vote following the “1991 reapportionment census” as it was called in the legislation. The weighted vote approved with that legislation is as follows:

- Birdtown (12 votes per representative)
- Wolfetown (12 votes per representative)
- Yellowhill (7 votes per representative)
- Cherokee/Graham Counties (6.5 votes per representative)
- Big Cove (6.5 votes per representative)
- Painttown (6 votes per representative)

The last time the weighted vote for the EBCI was changed was with Res. No. 20 which was passed on Oct. 10, 2001 and changed it as follows:

- Birdtown (12 votes per representative)
- Wolfetown (12 votes per representative)
- Yellowhill (7 votes per representative)
- Big Cove (7 votes per representative)
- Painttown (6 votes per representative)
- Snowbird/Cherokee County (6 votes per representative)

Res. No. 20 came with a graph showing the Proportional Votes for Council Representatives per the 2001 Census as follows (total population, percentage of total EBCI population, each vote percentage,

rounded)

- Birdtown (3,148; 24.97 percent; 12.49 percent; 12 percent)
- Wolfetown (2,986; 23.69 percent; 11.84 percent; 12 percent)
- Yellowhill (1,735; 13.76 percent; 6.88 percent; 7 percent)
- Big Cove (1,750; 13.88 percent; 6.94 percent; 7 percent)
- Painttown (1,593; 12.64 percent; 6.32 percent; 6 percent)
- Snowbird/Cherokee County (1,394; 11.06 percent; 5.53 percent; 6 percent)

A census was not held in 2011 nor 2021. An electronic census was held in 2023, but the results have not been brought forth in legislation to alter the weighted vote nor to confirm that it should stay the same.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Name the golfer from Spain who won the Masters in 1994 and 1999 and was captain for Europe in the 2012 Ryder Cup.
2. Pro track league Grand Slam Track was founded in 2024 by what four-time Olympic gold medal-winning American sprinter?
3. Who was fired as head coach of the Chicago Blackhawks four games into the 2008-09 NHL season?
4. What short-lived (1989-90) winter pro baseball league for players ages 35 or older (32 for catchers) included teams like the St. Petersburg Pelicans, the West Palm Beach Tropics and the Orlando Juice?
5. What was the name of the turbojet-powered vehicle that driver/designer Art Arfons used to claim the land speed record three times from 1964-65?
6. What Soviet/Russian figure skater, along with husband Sergei Grinkov, won gold medals in the pairs event at the 1988 Calgary and 1994 Lillehammer Winter Olympics?
7. Businesswoman and philanthropist Joan Whitney Payson was co-founder and served as president of what Major League Baseball team from 1962-75?

**Answers**

1. Jose Maria Olazabal.
2. Michael Johnson.
3. Denis Savard.
4. The Senior Professional Baseball Association (SPBA).
5. The Green Monster.
6. Ekaterina Gordeeva.
7. The New York Mets.

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# Lady Braves Varsity Volleyball goes before School Board

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**  
One Feather Reporter

**C**HEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, March 17 in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Co-Vice Chairperson Melanie Lambert led roll call. Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Widagalinidigv (Big Y) rep.; Micah Swimmer, Aniwodih (Painttown) rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) rep.; Melanie Lambert, co-vice chairperson and Tsiqwohi (Birdtown) rep.; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Jo Ray, human resources director; Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; Ashley Leonard, attorney; and Michael Stamper, Tribal Council representative.

Roberta Toineeta, Wayohi (Wolftown) rep., and Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent, had an excused absence.

Guests in attendance were Deborah Foerst, CCS finance director; Rhonica Via, CBC finance director; Brooklyn Brown, One Feather reporter; and members of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity volleyball including Joscelyn Stamper, Dvdaya Swimmer, Lilly Lossiah, Maya Brabham, and Head Coach Pam Sumner Price.

The opening prayer was led by Driver.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Swimmer.

Deborah Foerst, CCS finance



Members of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity volleyball team spoke to the Cherokee School Board on Monday, March 17. They are shown, left to right, Maya Brabham, Joscelyn Stamper, Dvdaya Swimmer, and Lilly Lossiah (Photo contributed by Micah Swimmer)

director, and Rhonica Via, CBC finance director, provided financial reports. Foerst shared that they are working on a system for better tracking of transportation spending, including athletic travelling and school field trips.

In good news, Girty shared that in the EVAAS (Education Value-Added Assessment System) for K-12, Lisa Livengood's second grade class received "exceeds," and the entire sixth grade received "exceeds" in reading and math.

Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi varsity volleyball including Joscelyn Stamper, Dvdaya Swimmer, Lilly Lossiah, Maya Brabham, and Head Coach Pam Sumner Price, presented on their fundraising efforts for their upcoming trip to Hawaii. The trip will include a volleyball tournament with at least six games, as well as cultural and historical visits. Swimmer shared that she is most excited to learn more about the Indigenous cultures in Hawaii. Stamper shared that there will be

educational opportunities to visit historic sites like Pearl Harbor. They raised around \$20,000 through 50/50 raffles, concessions, and bingo, including their Mother's Day bingo event coming up on May 3. They have \$15,000 more left to raise. The school board is considering donating once the team has completed their fundraising efforts. Rep. Stamper said Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) would "cover the shortfall" once they have finished fundraising.

The consent agenda was approved unanimously with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert.

The following resolutions were approved from the consent agenda:

25-143 REDACTED is approved as the Special Education Teacher Assistant for the Cherokee Elementary School

25-144 REDACTED is approved as the Special Education Teacher Assistant for the Cherokee Elementary School

25-145 REDACTED is approved as the Mental Health Classroom TA (Grant Funded) for the Cherokee Elementary School

25-146 REDACTED is approved as the Teacher Assistant for the Cherokee Elementary School

Several policy updates were approved, including Policy 1310/4002 Parental Involvement, Policy 2302 Remote Participation In Board Meetings, Policy 3225/4312/7320 Technology Responsible Use, Policy 3227/7322 Web Page Development, and Policy 3420 Student Promotion and Accountability.

The board entered closed session at 5:45p.m.

**CIPD Arrest Report for  
March 10-16, 2025**

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

Smith, Noah Thomas – age 53  
Arrested: March 10  
Released: March 10  
Charges: Sexual Assault

Smith-Cabe, Precious – age 44  
Arrested: March 10  
Released: March 11  
Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor

Brady-Cole, Jullian Kaye – age 35  
Arrested: March 11  
Released: March 11  
Charges: Failure to Appear on  
Misdemeanor

Sampson, Dustin Vernon – age 39  
Arrested: March 11  
Released: March 13  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful  
Order of the Court

Climbingbear Jr., Henderson –  
age 76  
Arrested: March 12  
Released: March 12  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Herbin, Brandon Stacey – age 43  
Arrested: March 12  
Released: March 13  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Mathis, Randy Dean – age 48  
Arrested: March 12  
Released: March 13  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass;  
Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing  
Officers

Myers, Thomas Kelly – age 54  
Arrested: March 12  
Released: March 12  
Charges: Unauthorized Use of a  
Vehicle

Davis, Victoria Illene – age 18  
Arrested: March 13  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (March 17)  
Charges: Possession of a Stolen  
Motor Vehicle

Primero, Rosa Maria – age 22  
Arrested: March 13  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (March 17)  
Charges: Interference with a  
Criminal Process, Tampering with  
Evidence

Quijada, Emerald Fire – age 18  
Arrested: March 13  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (March 17)  
Charges: Grand Larceny

Rattler, Payne Quick Killer – age  
24  
Arrested: March 13  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (March 17)  
Charges: Homicide in the First De-  
gree, Interference with a Criminal  
Process, Tampering with Evidence

Toineeta, Marlina Lorraine – age  
46  
Arrested: March 13  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (March 17)  
Charges: Interference with a  
Criminal Process, Tampering with

Witness

Murphy, Tashina Michele – age 39  
Arrested: March 14  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (March 17)  
Charges: Drug Trafficking

Wahnetah, Samuel – age 30  
Arrested: March 14  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (March 17)  
Charges: Possession of a Con-  
trolled Substance

Ramirez, Hugo Gardo – age 40  
Arrested: March 15  
Released: Not released as of report  
date (March 17)  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Jones, Jason Bradley – age 49  
Arrested: March 16  
Released: March 16  
Charges: Domestic Violence and  
Dating Violence

Neugin, James – age 48  
Arrested: March 16  
Released: March 16  
Charges: Possession of a Con-  
trolled Substance

Roberts, Tony Durk – age 61  
Arrested: March 16  
Released: Not released as of report  
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Charges: Possession of a Con-  
trolled Substance

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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

## SOCCKER

# Blythe-Ramos signs with Shaw University

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Lillian Blythe-Ramos will trade the maroon and gold of Cherokee High School (CHS) for the same colors at the next level. She signed a letter of intent to play collegiate soccer with Shaw University, located in Raleigh, N.C., during a ceremony at the Charles George Memorial Arena in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, March 18.

Blythe-Ramos, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior on the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity soccer team, plans to study



Lillian Blythe-Ramos, seated second from right, signed a letter of intent to play collegiate soccer with Shaw University, located in Raleigh, N.C., during a ceremony at the Charles George Memorial Arena in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, March 18. She is shown with her family including, left to right, seated – Ann Blythe, grandmother; Nate Crowe, brother; Mike Ramos, father; Lillian; Laura Blythe, mother; and standing- former Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Larry Blythe, grandfather. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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Blythe-Ramos, a defender, heads the ball away from the box during a match against Mountain Heritage at Cherokee High School in Cherokee, N.C. on March 14, 2024.

elementary education at Shaw.

She told the One Feather, “It feels very surreal. I don’t think I’ve processed it yet. It feels pretty awesome knowing the I’m the second person ever.”

When asked her favorite thing about soccer, Blythe-Ramos responded, “I think my favorite thing is probably the way it makes me feel. It gives me a confidence that I didn’t think that I had before and I think it definitely shaped me to be the person I am now.”

A fierce defender, she said of her favorite thing about her position, “Definitely the physicality. I like being able to hit people. I think it takes a different mentality. You have to have that type of aggressiveness.”

Blythe-Ramos added, “I would definitely like to thank Primo and Taran just because they have pushed me to be better. They gave me some outlets. I’d like to thank my club soccer coaches because they definitely opened it up for me and showed me a different view of soccer. I’d like to thank all my teammates because they’ve always been there for me.”

She is the second person in the history of Cherokee High School to sign to play collegiate soccer. Sidnie Yanez signed in 2016 to play at Brevard College.

Craig Barker, CHS principal, told the crowd on Tuesday, “We’re very proud of Lily here. She lets her actions speak for her on the soccer field and in the classroom, too. Lily is a top-notch young lady.

She has been a key component of our soccer program that continues to grow and expand and get better and better and improve.”

Kevin Primo, Cherokee women’s soccer head coach, was unable to attend Tuesday’s event due to illness. Taran Swimmer, Cherokee women’s soccer assistant coach, noted on his behalf, “He’s very proud of you and he doesn’t know anyone who is more deserving of this honor and to be able to play at the next level. He’s proud of how hard you worked from freshman year to where you are now.”

Swimmer said of Blythe-Ramos, “She’s grown in confidence and that shows through how she plays and how she leads on the field. She’s been a captain for three years, starting her sophomore year. Freshman year she found her footing and then since sophomore year she’s become a solidified component, the main component, in our defensive line. She has saved us from losses of games. She’s come through with shots that have won us games.”

Laura Blythe, Lillian’s mother, told the

One Feather, “I don’t know if there’s a way to describe it - proud, beyond proud, honestly. In my mind, it’s amazing to see how she has been able to accomplish it. Her father and I, of course we’re the parents and we’re going to do the things the parents need to do, however Lily took every step of the way when she made the decision and that is how she has gotten here to be able to play soccer at the next level. So, proud...it’s astonishing in my mind. It’s a bit overwhelming. It’s a bit sad just to see her complete this chapter and move into the next one. It’s very hard to put into words. It’s something within my heart that is just bursting and I can’t get it out fully.”

She also told the crowd that Lillian did her college research herself. “She searched all of her colleges. She searched all of her teams. She made contact with those coaches. She had phone calls with those coaches. Mom and daddy wasn’t sitting there. Lily did all that on her own. She researched Shaw University. They’re back-to-back national champions in their division. They have the elementary education that she wants to go into.”

The Shaw Bears compete in the USCAA (United States Collegiate Athletic Association) affiliated with NCAA Division II.

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Shana Bushyhead Condill, left, Museum of the Cherokee People executive director, and Evan Mathis, Museum director of collections and exhibitions, examine an impressive basket in the Museum’s Collections on the morning of Wednesday, March 19. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

# “Our objects are living”

Museum of the Cherokee Peoples’ Collections tell an important history

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Evan Mathis puts on plastic gloves, opens an area, and begins examining several old Cherokee baskets. He is

working diligently to not only protect the items contained in the Museum of the Cherokee Peoples’ Collections area; but, he is working to help others learn about these fascinating and culturally-important items.

Mathis, Museum director of collections and exhibitions, commented, “We know that our objects are living and an extension of the maker. So, we want our collections to be happy when they’re being housed in a cold, dark room. They’re in a cold, dark room because it’s best for their longevity. But, we also try to

bring people back here as much as we can so that they can interact with living, Cherokee people.”

He said that the Cherokee community has such a great base of knowledge regarding tribal artifacts. “That’s why it’s so important to bring the community back here. They know best how to care for these objects, who the makers are, and all the stories that are connected to them. So, we try to bring people back here as much as we can.”

Mathis said that he is organizing the ob-

jects by family groups rather than alphabetically.

“There’s still a lot of research to be done and we learn more every day.”

Shana Bushyhead Condill, Museum executive director, commented, “The first strategic plan was about getting on track - enhancing our employee handbook to actually have policies that we need, fiscal management policies... we didn’t have a collections policy. That’s why we have objects from all over the world in our collections is because we didn’t have a scope of what we were collecting. So, to codify that we collect Cherokee objects was a major step in just our structure, in formalizing our museum structure.”

She said identifying the pieces in the Collections has been a major goal. “One of the things that Evan does that almost brings tears to my eyes every time I see it is ‘maker once known’. It’s what he’ll put if we don’t actually know who made the object. So, it ties it to us as being Cherokee people. We are not just our objects.”

Condill added, “We have objects from all over. We live in a removal state and so when folks have objects that are Native, they would just come here. We were taking them and we’re happy to care for them, because in the same way that I hope folks are caring for our objects that are all over the world. But also, we know they want to go home. We had the opportunity to return a Kiowa cradleboard home. This thing was beautiful. It took up a lot of shelf space and, of course, shelf space is a resource. We were happy to care for it...gorgeous and then we were like, ‘let’s see how we can get it home’. And, of course Evan started doing all this research and getting in his network and figuring out



Mathis, right, and Dakota Brown, Museum director of education, look at carved figurines by the late John Julius Wilnoty on Wednesday morning.

who would be the correct people.”

Dakota Brown, Museum director of education, said, “We believe that if we return these objects that don’t belong to us or belong in our community, that it makes room, it makes space in a lot of different ways to accept things back that are all over the place. There are things all over Europe that are Cherokee and all over the world that are Cherokee just sitting on collections shelves. Most of it was collected unethically so we would love to be able to welcome those things back home that our community can learn from them, our artists can interact with them, and that we could learn more about our past and who our ancestors were by bringing these things home.”

Mathis said identifying the artist is a job he works on every day. “We’re also, for the first time in the old exhibit, acknowledging who the makers of the objects are and making sure that they’re acknowledged in the exhibit. Before when you walked through, there was no names of the makers listed...

unfortunately, that information, a lot of it has been lost. They have really poor records. We don’t know where some of the materials came from. But, if we have the information, we’re going to list it.”

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

Brown noted that listing the names of the artists is extremely important. “I think it humanizes it a little bit for the visitors because sometimes they look at these objects and they just see the object. They don’t realize that somebody actually made this. That sometimes gets lost on our visitors. So, even if we have to put ‘maker once known’, that’s a part of our label standards now, but if we have to put ‘maker once known’ then it at least humanizes it and shows that

somebody made this. Somebody somewhere made this.”

Mathis said that 60 to 70 percent of the non-archaeological objects are now identified.

He encourages EBCI tribal members to visit the Museum Collections. “We put in our policy that all of these materials belong to every living and future Cherokee person, so it belongs to everybody. We are just the stewards of this material so come in and utilize it. That’s what we always tell people - this belongs to you, come use it.”

To schedule a visit, email Mathis at [evan.mathis@motcp.org](mailto:evan.mathis@motcp.org).

He noted, “It’s pretty easy. We do need about two weeks to get you on the calendar because our calendars stay insanely packed here. So, we do need about a two weeks heads up just to make sure that we’re available to get you on the calendar.”

You can also visit the Collections online at <https://motcp.org/collections/>.

## Women's History Month

# The caring profession

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 Cherokee women from several programs within the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Division.

Celine Lambert, from Wayohi (Wolfstown), is an intake technician for the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault (DVSA) program. DVSA is preparing for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, as well as Denim Day on April 30.

"It's important to let survivors know that we believe them and that we stand behind them and support them," Lambert said.

Lambert said Women's History Month reminds her of the strength of the women in her family, particularly her grandmother.

"My grandma is going to be 90 years old this year and she's just still very independent. She's still going, she's still bowls, and she's just strong and resilient," she said. "Anytime there's something wrong or anytime I need support, all of my aunts, all the women in my family come together and just help in whatever way they can."

Sheena Kanott Lambert, from Elawodi (Yellowhill), is the PHHS Public Health director. Kanott Lambert said the women of PHHS



Shown, left to right, are Stella Blankenship, Tsalagi Public Health manager; Jenny Bean, ICWA supervisor and expert witness; and Sheena Kanott Lambert, Public Health director. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

bring expertise and compassion to the table. "A lot of us are mothers, grandmothers, sisters, and they just have a tremendous amount of experience and knowledge that they bring, and with wisdom comes compassion, too," she said.

"I think being Cherokee and having that matrilineal history, women are truly the backbone of our people. They are mothers and providers, healers, supporters, we cheer for each other. There have been a tremendous amount of people in the health field that have been Cherokee women—some known and some unknown, but they all have brought tremendous value."

Kanott Lambert shared some PHHS initiatives that women in the community may be interested in, including the Nurse-Family Partnership program, the Women, Infants and Children program, and the Vending Machine project, which offers menstrual products, pregnancy tests, and more.

Jenny Bean, from Wayohi (Wolfstown), is the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) supervisor

and social worker, as well as an expert witness in related cases for the EBCI. "Being a social worker, I work with women all over the United States, and it's just empowering to work with other women for the benefit of our children, to keep our families together where they're supposed to be and connected to each other," she said.

Bean said in addition to her work with families, she also has several teenage girls on her caseload who she works to encourage. "I visit every month, and I try to spend a little extra time with them, encourage them to know that they can be whatever they want to be, and they can go out into the world. They might not be in the best place right now, but we're working together, she and I and her social worker and her family, to get her so that she knows she can be whatever she chooses and she can be that person."

Bean highlighted family, community, and being healthy as core values for her. "I run 5Ks, 10Ks, and keep myself healthy so I can be there for my family and help



Brandy Davis, Health Operations director. (Photo contributed)

raise my grandchildren. I think kindness, compassion, empathy, and humor are very important. We have got to find something funny somewhere in the day, but I just think all of that combined is important."

Bean said her great grandmother has been an inspiration. "I think my great grandmother probably was the one who was the most influential. She spent the most time with me and taught me a lot and would talk to me in Cherokee. She was a big part of my life."

Brandy Davis is the PHHS Health Operations director and the acting lead compliance officer. "PHHS is a very female dominated division. Out of the directors, three of the four are women, and since I've been here, the secretary has been a woman," she shared.

"It's like a sisterhood. I like to hear other women's ideas, sharing those ideas, and with us being a very matriarchal society, it's kind of natural for us to automatically bond and just have a connection to empowering other women."

Davis emphasized the historical importance of Women's



History Month. “It’s just been a little over a hundred years ago that we were actually able to vote, and even less so for native women during that time. It’s important to recognize pioneer women because they actually paved the way to allow us to have the voice and the ability to do what we do every day,” she said.

“If it wasn’t for them, we wouldn’t be here. It’s important to recognize that, and it’s important to keep that going for future generations of strong Native women.”

Stella Blankenship is the manager of Tsalagi Public Health. Blankenship said 11 out of her 12-person staff are women. “Having the culture that we have that we as women serve our people, I think it really connects us. I enjoy working with other women,” she said.

“That’s always been a thing with us as Cherokee. We empower women. I think that respecting your body, respecting who you are, knowing who you are, where you come from, and just having a healthy mind, physically and spiritually, is important because we are caregivers.”

Blankenship said she learned her value as a Cherokee woman from the women in her family. “I come from a strong line of women that have been through a lot, and they’ve come out on top. They don’t give up.”

Gretchen McNab is the administrator RN for Tribal In-Home



Celine Lambert, DVSA intake technician. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

Care. “Currently, our staff consists of 100 percent women, and home care as a profession is dominated by women across all fields that make up our services,” she shared. McNab said Women’s History Month is impactful in recognizing the contributions of women that are often forgotten in history. “Women’s accomplishments have historically been overlooked and they’ve also been underrepresented. They’ve been compared to the accomplishments of their male counterparts in order to validate it,” she said.

“Think about Marie Curie, she’s often labeled as the ‘female Einstein,’ but Marie Curie was the first person to win two Nobel prizes in two different scientific



Gretchen McNab, administrator RN for Tribal In-Home Care. (Photo contributed)

fields. Even though she has that on her tremendous list of accomplishments, her accomplishments are still compared with those of men as though they require endorsement in order to be recognized... women and girls need to see themselves and their achievements as equally important and valued.” McNab shared the Cherokee cultural value of women. “Cherokee women are the heart and soul of our families as we come from a historical matriarchy. This continues to be evident over time and persists in the many ways that we interact in our family circles. The focus on family and knowledge of our family history is huge,” she said.

“It’s usually our women

who pass that information to us throughout our lives. My own mother was our family genealogist; she collected endless amounts of data, historical photos and stories over her lifetime, and she loved to share that information with anyone who was interested in learning it. She made telling her children and her grandchildren a priority.”

McNab said learning, especially through mentorship, is also cultural. “There are many other traditional ways that we learn from our matriarchs, such as the correct ways to ensure we’re gathering from nature without damaging resources. Many times these are learned observationally just by simply having accompanied women as they perform those tasks,” she said.

“When I was a young woman, I was fortunate to have known many older Cherokee women that freely mentored me with the most useful guidance regarding the importance of remembering our cultural practices, including our ethical principles that are rooted in our history.”

PHHS is a division dominated by women, as is the healthcare profession. McNab posited as to why, “There’s that commonality that you find among women in a profession that historically is a caring profession. Caring professions are just historically dominated by women and women led in those professions.”



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# SCC, TERO hosts tiny house project

CHEROKEE – In a continued partnership with the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) in Cherokee, Southwestern Community College has started a class that trains students how to build a tiny house.

The class, which began on Jan. 22, consists of 20 students who are all working together to build the structure. The group is currently developing floor plans and practicing plumbing and electrical work.

The partnership between SCC and TERO allows enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to receive training that could help meet workforce needs in the Qualla Boundary.

Student tuition has been covered by SCC, and TERO covered the material costs.

“We’re excited to start our second class in partnership with TERO and the EBCI,” said Scott Sutton, Dean of Workforce Continuing



Taylor Davis, left, has been serving as the instructor, teaching students the fundamentals to building a tiny house in this most recent class that began in January. Gerri W. Grady, right, works at EBCI Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) as a training specialist. (SCC photo)

Education at SCC. “The skills these students gain will lead to stable, fulfilling employment for everyone willing to learn, put in the time and work hard. I’m personally very excited to see the progress as this class builds a tiny house from the foundation all the way until the

last shingle is nailed onto the roof.”

For more information or to sign up for a future class, contact Latresa Shuler at 828.339.4425 or [ldowns@SouthwesternCC.edu](mailto:ldowns@SouthwesternCC.edu).

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### Timothy Isaiah McKinnell

Timothy Isaiah McKinnell, 18, of the Painttown Community in Cherokee, N.C., joined Heaven's Orchestra on Monday, March 10, 2025. Timothy was born June 16, 2006, to Kansas "Kandee" Parker of Cherokee, N.C. and Robert McKinnell.

Timothy loved his family and always said his best friend was his brother, Joshua. Timothy was painfully shy, but once he let you in, he showed his true heart of gold that was sprinkled with a dusting of sarcasm. He was eager to help anyone who asked and always did it with a smile.

Timothy appreciated the wonders of nature and expressed amazement at each brilliant sunset, summer thunderstorm,

foggy morning, or swirling creek. He shared photographs of freshly fallen snow, a cloud formation he found to be special, or the tiniest flower. Timothy could sit for hours on the mountaintops listening to Earth speak to him while he looked across the ridges toward the stars where he longed to be. From birth, he was enamored with outer space and knew that was where he was destined to go.

Timothy struggled with his Epilepsy but was determined to live life to the fullest. He did not let the diagnosis hold him back from working towards his dreams. He chose to attend the University of North Dakota where he was accepted into the Aerospace Engineering program. Timothy loved playing the clarinet. He built on his years of jazz, concert and marching bands with Swain Middle and Swain High by excitedly becoming a member of the University of North Dakota Pride of the North Marching Band.

Timothy is preceded in death by his cousin, Christopher Parker of Okeechobee, Fla.; great aunts, Edwina Lambert, Henrietta Lambert, and Pamela Crowe, of Cherokee; special uncle, Clarence Welch of Cherokee; maternal great-grandfather, Henry Lambert; paternal great-grandparents, Junior Wright and Iva Lee Wright,

all of Cherokee; and great-grandmother, Lottie Tiger Huff of Okeechobee, Fla.

Timothy is survived by his mother, Kandee Parker; brother, Joshua Lanning; uncle, Robert "Bo" Parker (Van); aunts, Kayla and Kaitlyn Wright; cousin, Jackson Parker; grandmother, Deetra Huff (Allen), and grandfather, Benjamin Wright (Dianne); along with numerous great aunts, great uncles, cousins and friends.

A funeral Service was held Wednesday, March 19 at the Cherokee Baptist Church with the Rev. Percy Cunningham officiating. Burial followed the service at the Henry Lambert Family Cemetery.

Pall bearers were Detective Ashley Cromer, Jason Cole, Ben Gunter, Ryver Gunter, Aaron Lambert, and Joshua Lanning.

### Johnny Wayne Browning

Johnny Wayne Browning, 68, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 16, 2025, after a long battle with cancer, surrounded by his family. He was born Oct. 1, 1956, to the late John and Bida Silver Browning. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Jacob Lee (Rooster), Roger and Jimmy Browning.

Johnny is survived by his wife of 33 years Karen F. Browning;

two sons, Chancey Browning of Maggie Valley and Blake French of Cherokee; two daughters, Crissy Lambert (Bear) of Whittier and Colette Lindsey of Cherokee; three granddaughters, Kendra Hernandez (Daniel) of Hendersonville, Alyssia Lindsey of Asheville, and Brooke Rios (Hilda) of Waynesville; three grandsons, Hunter, Trace, and Tay Lambert, all of Whittier; four nieces, April Browning (Shaun) of Waynesville, Tammy Styles (David) of Sylva, Deb Browning of Waynesville, and Debrada Browning of Simpsonville, S.C.; one nephew, Tim Browning of Waynesville; 11 great grandchildren; along with several other family and many more friends.

Johnny loved the Lord most of all, and all his family and friends. Johnny was the kind of person that would do anything he could to help anyone. He loved to attend church at Old Antioch Baptist Church in Cherokee. He worked for 20 years at Anton Chevrolet as a paint and body technician. He also worked for HTT repairing boilers for years.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 21 at Old Antioch Baptist Church in Cherokee. Burial followed at the French Swayney Cemetery on Big Cove Loop Rd.

Pallbearers included Hunter, Trace and Tay Lambert, Daniel Hernandez, Daniel Carr, and Shaun McGowan. Honorary pallbearers were William (Porky) Carr, Kenny Dillard, and Blake French.

Smoky Mountain Cremations and Funeral Service of Maggie Valley is caring for the family, and the online register is available at [www.smokymountaincremations.com](http://www.smokymountaincremations.com).

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## Stephen J Houghton

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Hair: Black Eyes: Blue  
Age: 36 Male

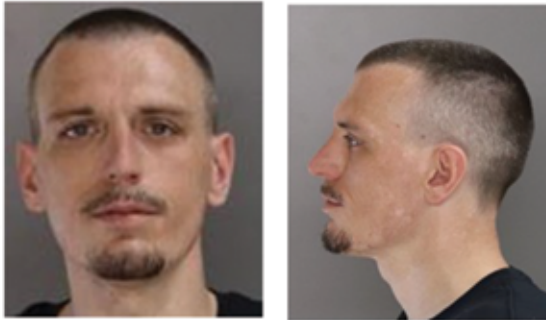
Date of last contact: February 20, 2022

Last Known Location: North Hudson, New York

Circumstances of Disappearance: Stephen J Houghton reported missing by mother on 8/18/2023. Last seen on 2/2/2022 by state police at Glen Falls National Band in the town of Moirah. Stephen Houghton's vehicle was located abandoned on Johnson Pond Road in the town of North Hudson. Physical identifiers: right bicep tattoo "Jace", right upper arm "war bonnet", left wrist unrecognizable tattoo. Last known vehicle 2011 Chevrolet Impala, gray sedan, New York KUU4866 Exp. 2024.

If you have seen or have information about Stephen Houghton, contact the New York State Police-Plattsburgh (518) 314-7516.

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# Cherokee High School 3rd quarter Honor Roll

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## 9th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Kiarra Caley, Kimberly Crowe, Khloe Cucumber, Zoe De Los Reyes, Weston Fuson, Jean Layno, Jae McMillan, Camaron Oocumma, Kahmera Pheasant, Wakinyan Raines, Kiara Sneed, Briann Teesateskie, Aliyah Watty, Armani Watty, William J. Welch

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Ander Antone, Zailiana Blythe, Lillian Bradley, Mack Burgess, Kahya Cucumber, John Gloyne, Felix Lossiah, Lilly Lossiah, Derick Owle, James Smith Jr., Kimo Sokol, Cainyan Welch

**Beta Honor Roll:** Alexander Antone, Jessica Arsana, Tsalagi Brady, Mason Crowe, Audree Edwards, Eloise Frady, Dagoberto Guerrero, Morgan Hernandez, Raul Hernandez, Nanette Hull, Olivia Huskey-Morales, Maia Lane, Haley Locust, Elvia McCoy, Vladimir Owle, Jayla Pheasant, Meikka Pheasant, Keiarah Queen, Ashton

Saylor, Grace Smith, Roxy Solis, Alana Squirrel, Haley Swadling, Kylea Swayney, Marcelita Swayney, Christopher Toineeta, Thomas Tramper, Ezekiel Welch, Brendan Wolfe

## 10th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Nayaa Addo, Dillon Beam, Elias Blankenship, Emilee Brady, Livia Crowe, Ayanna Lambert, Johnny Long, Christian Luna-Martinez, Chaz Martens, Elizabeth Myers, Dawson Panther, Kylene Sneed, Joscelyn Stamper, Luke Stamper, O-Ga-Na Swimmer, Kingston Welch, Dalton Yates

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Jayden Bradley, Chloe Cooper, Ayaisha Driver, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Reginald Hyatt, Emily Maney, Aaliyah Rogers, Utsela Saunooke, Kaden Stephens, Annie Tramper,

**Beta Honor Roll:** Jade Arneach, Martin Arteaga, Carter Bird, Brandon Blankenship, Jameson Bradley, Jarvis Brady, Marley Crowe, Kaden Cucumber, Jezakiah Driver, William Ellwood, Nicholas Ensley, Kymani Foalima, Ajaidyn George, Kiowa George, Alexis Grimes, Kayla Guillen, Courtney Hitt, Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Kyitan Johnson, Deanna Long, Ariel Lossiah Rice, Jamee McMillan, Samuel Owle, Denver Porterfield, Rodrigo Santiago, Zaynon Squirrel Taylor,

Addison Stewart, Auron Taylor, Ava Teesatuskie-Walkingstick, Journey Watty, Madigan Welch, Abigail Witt

## 11th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Francesca Armachain, Tayvin Bark-Cruz, Oscar Guillien-Swayney, Marlee Hicks, Cecily Swimmer, Samantha Toineeta

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Brihana Burgos Delgado, Traelin Carey, Jessika Carroll, Talan Crowe, Javan Garcia, Samuel Hernandez, Shawnee Kirkland, Isaiah Ledford, Jaime Panther, Ayden Queen, Yvonne Saunooke

**Beta Honor Roll:** Krenston Armachain, Logan Biddix, Hayden Bowling, Maya Brabham, Payton Driver, Adaneti Durham, Tsa-li Dv-di-s-di, Elora Fuson, Emiliano Garcia, Jayvin George, Alyssa Hoyle, Conner Junuluska, Taylor Kazhe, Josilyn Ledford, Leland Locust, Colby Lossie, Leilah Lossie, Christian Malloy, Trinity Martinez, Lexcy Ortiz, Hailey Owle, Calvin Roan Eagle-Littlejohn, Timber Sampson Rattler, Jonathan Saylor, Nia Sequoyah, Keith Smith, Matix Stampfer, Madison Teesateskie, Johnathon Thompson, Sara Toineeta, Jayden Tramper, Zaina Williams, Dayton Wilnoty

## 12th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Keaton Arch, Paytyn Barker, Lillian Blythe-Ramos, Kennica Bradley, Tricyus Calhoun, Alexis Davis, Brett Elders, Gideon Freeman, Cameron Jackson, Zackery Johnson, Amiya Lequire, Aubree Lossiah Rice, Amila Lossie, Kyla Moore, Nevayah Panther, Joseph Porter, Sadie Rivera-Gomez, Devin Swayney, Marilyn Swayney, Keeifer Taylor, Tyruss Thompson, Ariyanna-Ali Toineeta, Hailee Velazquez-Lossiah, Addyson Welch, Kaniah Wolfe

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Jessie Catol-

ster-Hernandez, Noqwisi Crowe, Kiri Hill, Watshenniiostha Jacobs, Cheyton Medford, Ella Sokol, Elijah Squirrel, Samuel Welch

**Beta Honor Roll:** Si-da-ni Calhoun, Jada Cruz, Emery Driver, Isabelle Fourkiller-Raby, Matthew Garcia Wahnetah, Azure Gaston, Waushila Grant, Abreana Hornbuckle, Maxine Lossiah Rice, Ismael Matamoros, Lakota Russell, Kai Saunooke, Elliott Shell, Josiah Sherrill, Cameron Squirrel, Alvin Swayney, Addi Taylor, Josiah Teesateskie

# Cherokee Elem. School Honor Roll - 3rd 9wks. Grading Period

Submitted by  
Cherokee Elementary School

## 3rd Grade

**Principal Honor Roll:** Aaron Beach, Addi Martens, Alfred Brady, Analee Garcia-Hernandez, Berklee Hicks, Blair Owle, Carter Smith, Cassia Crowe, Dallas Ricks, Damiyn Squirrel, Declan Junaluska, Harper Walkingstick, Jessilyn Tipton-Lambert, Julian Santos, Keedan Lossie, Kiona French, Lawson Davis, Mattie Moore, Mikah Ledford, Nevaeh Hull, Raylyn Watson, Remington George, Shane West, Tucker George, Vaelyn Owl, Venus Diaz, Waylon Walkingeagle, William Wolfe, Zaiden Armachain

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Adrian Hernandez, Ayla Winter Wildcatt, Journie Armachain, Kason Bradley, Lyla Thompson, Michael "Zain" Trotter

**Beta Honor Roll:** Adacynne Arch, Alena Wade, Ana Bradley, Asher Ivey, Auley Taylor, Avaleena Teesatuskie-Taylor, Calcifer Gloyne, Carleetoe Maye, Chanton Ryn-



olds, Channing Stamper, Draelyn Saunooke, Dominic Morton, Ellis George, Erik Treadway, Fallon Littledave, Fischer Deck, Ian Lopez, Izzabell Taylor, Jamison Lambert, Jeremiah Read, Joe Long, Josiah Bigmeat, Kain George, Kamryn Saunooke, Kyler Huskey, Leyoni Frady, Lyla Davis, Lyla McCormick, Makenzy Welch, Meleah Rickman, Melody Medford-Torres, Noah Hall, Nya Queen, Osley Blankenship, Preston Wright, Remedi Bark, Ryker Walkingstick, Spencer Taylor, Warrick Jones, Zayden Kalonhieskie

#### 4th Grade

**Principal Honor Roll:** Ahnewake Streets, Alana Swayney, Alex Holiday, Bradley Allison, Cooper Stamper, Demetri Taylor, Kaia Crowe, Kamden Pitts, Lawson Martinez, Linus Freeman, Nikola Thomas, Olivia Sampson, Taelen Arch, Tehya Lincoln, Tinley Ross  
**Alpha Honor Roll:** Andre “Nox” Williams, Aubrey Arch, Brayden Arch, Krezdon West

**Beta Honor Roll:** Alaina Smith, Amiyah Brown, Anna Jackson, Aubrey Blankenship, Aurora Garcia-Hernandez, Briana Locust, Cecilia Armachain, Charles Maney, Cheydon Calhoun, Chloe Rivera, Clarence Thompson, Dai’Myah Toineeta, Daisy Jenkins, Dominic Cline, Faith Torres-Medford, Gracelynn Welch, Isabella Conseen, Isreal Solis, Jaiva Brown, Jenisis Diaz, Joseph Crowe, Julyssa Ramirez-Sequoyah, Kayden French, Kelani Groenewold, Kimee Crowe, Kyra Reed, Liza Young, Luci Cash, Maddox Pheasant, Maylynn Walkingstick, Nathaniel Solis, Penelope Stamper, Reichen Mahan, Roman Thompson, Roman Saunooke, Roxie Rattler, Rhyder Lambert, Saphira Crowe-Darguzas, Sebastian Cruz, Travis Bautista, Uweluga Swimmer, Valeria Ledford, Wasose Moore, Westyn Hicks, Xaiden Bigmeat,

Xerena Locust

#### 5th Grade

**Principal Honor Roll:** Addison Sherrill, Alavia Owle, Alexander Rodriguez-Davis, Ariyana Hornbuckle, Ataliana Calhoun, Braylon Squirrel, Camden Standingdeer, Clarice Smith, Coleesia Maye, Colt Miles, Daaed Climbingbear-Esquivel, Elijah Milholen, Gia Crowe-Taylor, Haleigh Bowman, Henry Turner, Huxley Blythe, Kyden Crowe, Leah Walkingstick, Leighton Myers, Marcella Wolfe, Nevaeh Rhinehart, Penelope Watty, Riley Solis, Sakira Otter, Taiquan Driver, Taylah Ingram, Tegan Johnson, Teleah Arch, Tivelle Slinkey, Tokahey Grant, Warner Jones, Xander Long

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Jaden Lambert, Kyle Wahnetah, Liam Maney, Lula Ramirez-Sequoyah, Tolden Thomas

**Beta Honor Roll:** Ami Bradley, Anastasia Hull, Aubree Reed, Bailey Swimmer, Benjamin Collins, Brantly Brown, Brodie Smith, Carter Nations, Dayla Luna-Martinez, Eli Taylor, Elias Teesateskie, Elijah Lopez, Evard Bradley, Holden McCormick, Isabella Crowe, Jaden Shelton, John Beheler, Joselina Crowe-Wilnoty, Kylexandra Pheasant, Kyrin Whitecotton, Levi Winstead, Lucy Smith, Maria Garcia-Armachain, Mosiah Brady, Nyla Teesateskie, Pepper Hoyle, Theodore Squirrel, Tucker Blankenship, Tyran Parker, Zaiden Bradley

## Cherokee Middle School 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

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Cherokee Middle School

#### 6th Grade

**Principal’s Honor Roll:** Bristol Armachain, Bryson Beach, Kabiru Beheler, Caitlyn Bone, Cypress Climbingbear-Esquivel, Jeremiah Davis-Doney, Drake Donlin, Amaya Eaglestar, Tsani Komenda, Shannon Lineberry, Colton Owl-Wiggins, Amaya Rodriguez, Eli Simpson, Daryan Smith, Conner Thompson, Mya Wahnetah, Richard Williams  
**Alpha Honor Roll:** Ayden Antone, Aiden Couey, Marlie Jones, Ehko Lossiah, Wyatt Moore, Mato Raines, Loki Raya, Mariam Read, Kaeson Reed, Leiland Rhinehart, Luke Rudisill, Khloe Sequoyah, Marilyn Squirrel, Keagan Taylor, Meeka Taylor, Jayden Teesateskie, Jayce West

**Beta Honor Roll:** Peyton Arch, Makenzie Bark, Kaden Bennett, Jurnee Bernhisel, Ava Bird, Mika Bradley, Alivia Catolster, Dara Codynah, Dahvie Conseen, Ariel Crowe, Kale Crowe, Kinley Crowe, Cole Davis, Savannah Driver, Lula Ensley, Mitchell Johnson, Eli Lane, Dayla Long, Makray Lossiah, Neymar Mayo-Arkansas, William Mesteth, Yoana Meza, Christopher Miles, Mary Montelongo, Marley Murphy, Jayla Owl, Kai Peone, Zoie Phillips, James Plummer, Payton Potter, Lakshmi Pratama, Lindsey Reed, Michael Reed, Olivia Rincon-Wahnetah, Ezekiel Sampson-Lossiah, Nikwasi Sequoyah, Xavier Shelton, Myranda Sherrill, Kaizer Smith, Mariah Staton, Raven Swayney, Evelyn Taylor, Jada Taylor, Jalen Taylor, Kenton Welch, Darryn West, Kenietha Wildcat, Kaylahni Williams, Oakley Wolfe

#### 7th Grade

**Principal’s Honor Roll:** Laylana Allison, Keilani Arch, Drayzin Beheler, Uliahna Beheler, Amelia Holiday, Gabriel Read, Lily Robertson, Carter Stephens  
**Alpha Honor Roll:** Kirsten An-

derson, Kaiser Hernandez, Makai Hernandez, Kealan Jumper, Emily Maney, Curren McCoy, Emma Milholen, Odie Owle, Adalynn Taylor  
**Beta Honor Roll:** Rhema Anders, Brannon Arch, Makeena Armachain, Joshua Bernhisel, Samuel Browning, Emaline Cucumber, Chotky Davis, Xavion Davis, Aiyana Evans, Tai Foalima, Nahnie George, Kody Gloyne, Deagan Hornbuckle, Kenleigh Hornbuckle, Shane Hornbuckle, Jakob Jackson, James Ledford, Brayden Littlejohn, Brayden Lomas, Abelia Mahan-Flores, Jack Maney, Story Martens, Hunter McMillan, Kaelyn Montelongo, Lucas Myers, Aryahnie Pheasant, Adrian Santos, Sean Schultz, Joshawa Swayney, Zoey Swimmer, Serenity Teesateskie, Nickyle Teesatuskie, Channing Toineeta, Lillianna Toineeta, Sophia Tremko, Quinn Velazquez-Lossiah, J-Leoni Walkingstick, Skyler Welch, Ahniah Wildcatt, Selina Yanez

#### 8th Grade

**Principal’s Honor Roll:** Nazari Bell, Kellin Blankenship, Blaze Crowe, Jeron Martens, Kalia Reed, Hailey Winchester  
**Alpha Honor Roll:** Kennedy Moore, Nyra Reed, Cambry Stamper  
**Beta Honor Roll:** Angelica A-kwina, Jaylee Arch, Jaymsey Armachain, Mathias Arneach, Dagan Conway, Laila Crowe-Taylor, David Davis, Georgija Girty, Kodesgi Jackson, Kyson Jenkins, Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Abigail Lambert, Hynasha Ledford, Maya Lossiah, Colin Lossie, Christopher Martinez, Riley McCoy, Ava Murphy Walkingstick, Greyson Panther, Jordan Panther, McKyan Panther, Andyn Pheasant, Janiyah Rattler, Kirk Reed, Simon Rincon-Wahnetah, Josue Rivera, Brayon Tucker, Nashoba Tushka, Julius Walkingstick, Tahquette Wallace, Tyus Watty-Soap, Elliott Wildcat, Devyn Wittman

## COMMENTARY

# Hard truths - hirings and appointments

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, NC

We have heard our tribal governmental administration say on multiple occasions that they prioritize hiring tribal members for tribal government positions. This commitment benefits every enrolled member, at least on the surface. In a highly political environment, the application of Indian preference may either be a blessing or a curse depending on whether you are being considered for hire or the one who is receiving services.

To achieve true benefit from the tribal affirmative action law, commonly termed “Indian preference”, we must balance preference in hiring with the needs of our community. Affirmative action, as defined by the Oxford Languages Dictionary is “the practice or policy of favoring individuals belonging to groups regarded as disadvantaged or subject to discrimination.” I hope that this is the definition we are using and not just that we are doing this because we are “sovereign” and want to exclude other races so only one race reaps the benefit. There is a term for that, and I think we all understand what that is.

Within the current tribal Indian preference policies for our tribe, the minimally-qualified tribal applicant has a preference in hiring even if there are non-tribal candidates with far superior credentials. Do we all understand

what that means? It means that, hypothetically, a person just out of college with a couple of years of experience could land a job, say, overseeing the finances of our tribe over someone who has a doctorate in business administration and twenty years of experience, depending on how the job description is written. All indications are that we are in a period of rebuilding or restructuring our tribal finances while the federal government (and most state and municipal governments) are bracing for recession-like conditions. In a climate where our financial strategy must be very calculated and precise, our laws and policies might say that we pick the person to guide us in that strategy who potentially is the less qualified candidate.

Faced with the choice of best care for your medical needs, do you want a minimally-qualified nurse or doctor? Who do you want holding your heart in their hands when that time comes? There are some things you don’t need statistics for, it is simply good common sense. And that is not a slam on anyone. It is about ability, not ethnicity. When we have needs in our day-to-day lives, we want the best quality products and services, not the ones that are in or just out of their trial period. We like to talk about the one person who will get a job or contract but not the hundreds, potentially thousands in the community who may get a lesser quality product or service because we passed over the most qualified candidates.

During a February EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Planning Board meeting, presided over by Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, the following statements were made (for full

context, watch the video of the Planning Board session available on EBCI Communications Facebook page):

EBCI Project Management Manager Rebecca Bowe stated, “We have been having an open dialogue with TERO (Tribal Employee Rights Office) on how we can draw more interest in the projects because they are a good size that I would think would suit a lot of people. The other thought is that right now, East Tennessee and North Georgia are booming construction areas. The competition or the need to go outside of those areas is not a big draw for folks, and so we are leaning on the local resources, and you end up with a lot of the same folks on all of our projects, which isn’t a bad thing necessarily, but to make it more competitive, I think that’s how we’re going to drive prices down.”

Operations Secretary Anthony Sequoyah (addressing Jacob Crowe, TERO Compliance Officer representing TERO on the Planning Board): “I am hearing from other contractors that we are going to have to break our habit of using the same contractors on every project because we are beating our contractors who bid. We are stretching them thin. We have got to be more I say competitive by trying to bring more people in. And I am hearing that from some of the local contractors.”

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Representative Tom Wahneta said, “I think another obstacle for the general area of Asheville and around with the contractors is they’ve bid before and then where our TERO vendors get the second bid and wind up getting the contract. They are just tired of wasting time bidding and not getting the contract because they get beat by that

second bid for the TERO vendors. I think that is something we need to look at also. And I think maybe breaking up the contractor at risk section into different groups, you know the dirt work, the building, you know, kind of break them up to and that would allow other contractors to be part a of it without having to do all.”

Ugvwiyuhi Hicks commented, “I think these are some of the reasons that we need to sit down with TERO. We need to get into some deep dive on some of these thoughts and concerns. How do we find a better way to benefit all? We want (our) people to stay busy, we want the jobs out in these local TERO companies, but we also want to make sure the tribe is getting their opportunity with more efficiency.”

The last statement from Ugvwiyuhi Hicks is very important. While it is right and proper under an affirmative action philosophy to want to provide good jobs, award contracts, and make board appointments to tribal members, whether that is individuals filling positions in tribal government and entities, contractors bidding for tribal projects, or people being appointed to boards and committees, we must not lose the focus of why the job, project or board seat exists. It is not for the betterment of one individual who might obtain a job, a contract, or even a piece of property. The government is supposed to make life better for the membership as a whole, to equally lift up the entire population of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

During a recent confirmation hearing, a candidate was denied an appointment. During the hearing, Ugvwiyuhi Hicks said, “I would like to summarize this for the public. The boards and committees



that I've had the opportunity to interview folks for have been a great sequence of conversations. Since this administration has been in office, there have been 13 openings (excluding the Police Commission who are primarily appointed by community clubs). Without question, many applications or resumes have come through. Of the 13, we have brought forth 10 new names for these positions. There have been three individuals that have rolled over. There was one that rolled over on the TCGE from the Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Community. There was one gentleman who rolled over on Kituwah Economic Development from the Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Community. On Audit and Ethics, there was a lady there who rolled over from the Tsisqwohi Community. I feel comfortable with the process. I believe we can develop more defined criteria and create a points system. We didn't go that route; however, I know lots of notes were taken over multiple interviews. I just want to get out in front of the thought that we continue to put the same old people on the boards. We are bringing new names. We also must remember that if we have individuals for this tribe, whether male or female that bring experience to the table that can make a difference, then we have to make sure we continue to protect ourselves and keep that experience alive."

You know that many of our people say that we should be thinking, planning, and strategizing for what the next seven generations will encounter. We, at the One Feather, have said many times that the policies, resolutions, and ordinances we try to work under are not for those of us currently working here. We work to propose changes in the law that will support the concept of free press and speech because we know it will make our tribe better and stronger in the future to do so. We plan for the next and future editors, reporters, and staff of the newspaper so that they will be able to communicate important information to our community and that the One Feather will be able to document freely and accurately the history of the EBCI-government and community.

The words of our Ugvwiyuhi are encouraging. That forward future focus is what I am hearing in his presentations to Dinilawigi (Tribal Council). But it is going to take long, hard, diligent work on the part of our government to overcome the perception and impression that many have concerning hiring, contract awards, and appointments. The Ugvwiyuhi mentioned it himself; the perception that we appoint the "same old" people and that we award contracts likewise.

And he implied he doesn't

want that, or at least that is not the goal. He said that he wants what we used to call in business "aces in their places"; ensuring that the people with the best attributes are leveraged for the betterment of our community. Because everything we do now will impact the next generation of community members.

According to the Annual Report released by the administration, there are 16,415 of us. And that number will surely grow from generation to generation. When we, for example, issue land to one, it has an impact on 16,415. When we award a contract for community services to one contractor, it impacts the whole of our community. When an appointment is made to one, that one appointment impacts our entire community. When we hire people for positions of service, the hire reaches beyond today in the positions' effectiveness for the entirety of the community. These impacts may seem small in the present, but their effect will amplify over time and affect more people than just those involved today. We need to be steadfast in making decisions that avoid impulse decisions, that is seeing and immediately wanting, and instead inspire diligent consideration and fairness for all enrolled members.

The following may seem corny or out of place, but it is nonetheless true. When it comes to the

governance of our community, the government would do well to consider a quote from a science fiction movie from the early 1980s. The character Spock must decide whether to save his life or sacrifice it for the lives of the entire crew of his ship. He chooses to save the crew and when asked why he sacrificed himself, he says, "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one". If you work for the tribal government, that should be your motto. And if you are in a position of power considering making an appointment, a hire, or awarding a contract, it should be your guiding principle.

People who have spoken up on this issue have been criticized. They have been wrongly accused of being against Indian preference. That is not the case at all. Indian preference does not need to come at the cost of quality goods and services. Our people can get any post-graduate education they want and have the same opportunities to work and gain experience as anyone else. Surely, if there are two equally qualified candidates, the one who is of our tribe should have preference. It would be the task of the government to see that they are indeed equally qualified and ensure that the needs of all tribal members outweigh the needs of the few or the one. May the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians live long and prosper.

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

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



# Your engine light is on

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

Scripture references: Psalms 1:1-2, 1 Corinthians 2:6-16, Romans 12:2, Matthew 4:1-11, Philippians 4:8, Romans 8:5-8, Romans 8:39-39

If you had ever ridden with me in my old 2005 pickup, you might have seen my engine light glowing on my dash. It's been like that for about five years now. It makes my wife nervous, and it used to bug me, too. I've tried fixing it and taken it to several mechanics; they all have prescribed fixes. I've tried those remedies that only cost a few bucks. A few recommendations would have cost a lot of money, and I've not done those. You see, the pickup starts and runs fine with the light on.

There may be a real fix, but it doesn't matter because I know it's not a big deal. I figured out I could get by. I ignore the lie; I don't get excited about it or change my driving habits.

The Intel that the sensor and indicator give me is faulty. False intel in life, if believed, can have costly, if not fatal, results. The idea is that sometimes we make bad decisions based on faulty intel. Many times that intel comes directly from the lies of Satan.

False Swatting has become a significant problem across the US. You can Google what it is and find several incidents at schools, businesses, and private homes. An infamous event happened on Dec 28, 2017, in Wichita, Kansas. A local police officer (sniper) shot Andrew Finch to death after being mistakenly Swatted by an online gamer playing Call of Duty. The unidentified gamer got into an argument with another online gamer and decided to play a prank. He submitted a 911 call and mistakenly gave the wrong address resulting in a SWAT team response. Andrew Finch answered the door and was told to put his hands up. When he unexpectedly dropped one hand to his waist, he was immediately shot by the sniper officer. He was DOA at the hospital.

The original Intel was false, and the result was permanent. Andrew Finch, a father who

had young children, was murdered.

In many ways, we all live with false information that pervades our daily lives. Some of it is the news we receive from media of all types. Some of it is gossip we hear from friends or family. As Christians, we should be diligent in keeping ourselves from falling into these lies and deceptions. Our walk should be in Spirit and truth, but it is much more complicated than just saying so.

Consider how many people do terrible things based on false information. Suicide, murder, abortion, divorce, fights, division, you can name several negative results based on people taking action based on false information.

Critical thinking requires us to fight the indicator light. Those lights on your car's dashboard have been called 'idiot lights' by mechanics for years because they know the truth. Indicator lights don't tell you the whole story. You must dig deeper. You have to see all the angles and not jump to conclusions. You can not let prejudice or even previous experiences tell you what is right or wrong. You have to weigh the evidence and search for the truth. If you don't know the difference between true and false, you can't make a good decision, and you may as well hope for good luck. Do not put your faith into a warning light regardless of how long it burns.

Peter A. Facione, an identified leader in the use of Critical Thinking, said in 2011, "Critical thinking is skeptical without being cynical. It is open-minded without being wishy-washy. It is analytical without being nitpicky. Critical thinking can be decisive without being stubborn, evaluative without being judgemental, and forceful without being opinionated."

All of this advice about indicators transfer directly to everyday living. Christians, especially, need to be critical thinkers, too.

We must know where our truth comes from and never doubt it. Satan is the liar of all liars, and he will invade every thought process you have to skew the truth and give you the false indicator he wants you to react to. Do not accept the lies. The truth is that you are a child of God, and when you know that, you can brush off all those lies above.

The cartoon that shows the devil sitting on one shoulder and an angel sitting on the other shoulder whispering in the ears of the decision-maker comes to mind. Satan can't control your mind, but he can influence the way you think.

If you are wary that you might be lied to and you begin to accept the lie because the idiot light continues to blink, then it's time to reintroduce yourself to the only book of how to live on earth by God, the author of life.

That devil sitting on your shoulder screaming in your ear, "Loser, Worthless, Unloved, Hated," is lying to you. They come from the father of lies, the great accuser and master of false indicators. So shed that junk and believe what God says. Ask Him for help. Use His Word to combat the fiery arrows being shot at you. Read Matthew 4:1-11 and do what Jesus did when Satan tried to sway Jesus into sin.

And never forget that God is on your side. You have become a child of God, and as such, who can be against you if God is for you? The battle has been won; stay on the right side.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

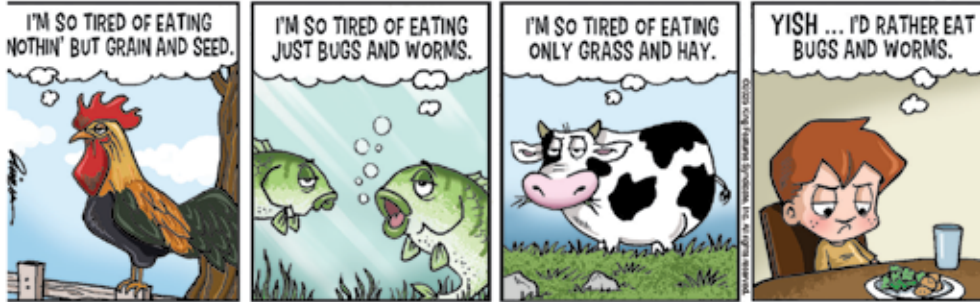


*For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.*

LAMENTATIONS 3: 31-33 

Detail of "The Widow I" by Käthe Kollwitz (1922-23)

# Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

# TIGER



by BUD BLAKE

# The Spats

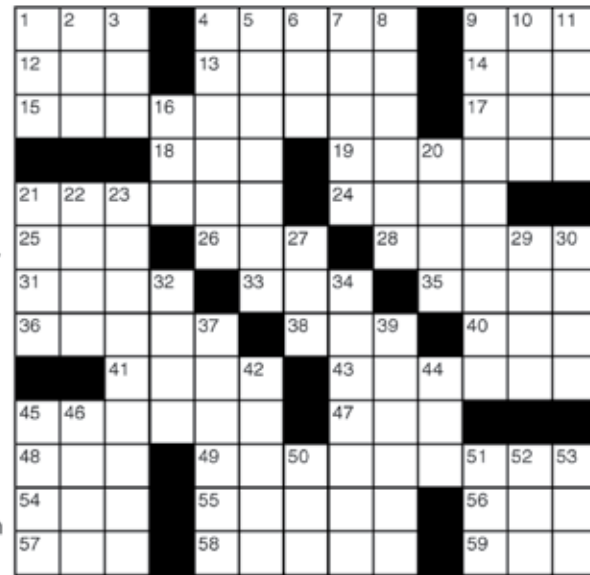


by Jeff Pickering

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Menagerie
- 4 Embedded spies
- 9 "Frontline" aier
- 12 Year in Spain
- 13 Empathic words
- 14 Land in la mer
- 15 Unfortunate soul
- 17 "Wham!"
- 18 Ga. neighbor
- 19 Tabloid subjects
- 21 Cal — (baseball's "Iron Man")
- 24 Scored 100 on
- 25 Buckeyes' sch.
- 26 Crater edge
- 28 Succinct
- 31 Shakespeare title starter
- 33 LAPD alert
- 35 Peruse
- 36 Sasha's sister
- 38 With it, once
- 40 Summer mo.
- 41 Norms (Abbr.)
- 43 In a morose way
- 45 Concludes by
- 47 Tank filler
- 48 Zodiac cat
- 49 Precinct canine



- 54 Fiddle stick
- 55 Ten — (long odds)
- 56 Flying saucer
- 57 New England cape
- 58 Trudges
- 59 Apply cream
- 5 South Pacific region
- 6 Restroom, for short
- 7 Writer Jong
- 8 Choose
- 9 Fantasy mass
- 10 Shapeless mass
- 11 Stitches
- 16 '60s Atty. General
- 20 Lusty look
- 21 Meander
- 22 Actress Fisher
- 23 Earns
- 27 Speedometer stat
- 29 Biblical king
- 30 Jittery
- 32 Poses
- 34 Imploring
- 37 Conforms
- 39 Locales
- 42 Pub seat
- 44 Employ
- 45 Exile isle
- 46 Inert gas
- 50 Brit's restroom
- 51 Flop
- 52 One — kind
- 53 Sailor

## DOWN

- 1 Microwave
- 2 Yoko from Tokyo
- 3 Tic-tac-toe win
- 4 Bette in "Beaches"

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# Weekly SUDOKU

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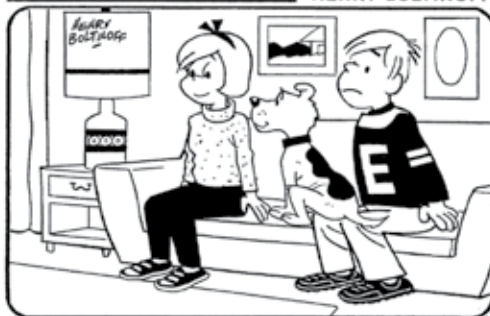
## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Drawer handle is different. 2. Picture is reversed. 3. Stripes on sleeve are higher. 4. Spot on dog's back is smaller. 5. Curtain is shorter. 6. Design on lamp is different.

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

## King Crossword

- 1. The Himalayas; 2. "Gone With the Wind"; 3. Neptune; 4. The National Archives; 5. A conspiracy; 6. Baltimore, Maryland; 7. Indonesia; 8. Title character in "Oliver Twist"; 9. Rembrandt; 10. Cold-blooded

# HAPPENINGS

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

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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

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

**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 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

**Ethelyn (Sis) Roberts Celebration of a Fantastic Life.** March 28 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. The family states, "We look forward to seeing everyone and sharing our wonderful memories with each other. Thank you, The Roberts and Owl family."

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

**Super Hero Every Child Matters Walk/Ride.** April 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Motorcycles, side-by-sides, and cars are welcome to join. Walk, bike, or ride in this event. Meet at the Museum of the Cherokee People parking lot in Cherokee, N.C. at 11 a.m. The walk/ride begins at 12 p.m. and travels Tsali Blvd. to the Oconaluftee Island Open Air Market. Activities to follow at the Island. Join PHHS Family Safety and community partners for an afternoon dedicated to raising

awareness and providing education about child abuse. Info: Amy Nations (828) 359-1520

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

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

**9th Annual Spring Garden Fair.** April 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the

Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. This event features seeds, plants, yard art, education information, and a Re-Purpose It contest for youth ages 5-17. Vendor tables are available for \$10 or a door prize donation. Vendor tables are free for informational, educational, and activities for children. NAIWA will be serving breakfast biscuits and Indian Dinners. For more information or to reserve a table, call Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

## EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS/EVENTS

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

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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**Clucky,**  
a Rhode Island  
Red chicken,  
lives with Leona  
Ramirez (pictured)  
and her family in  
Wayohi  
(Wolftown).



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*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

VTGᏍᏗᏰᏱ?  
doiyusdi?  
What is that?

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aditodi  
spoon

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aditodi sgidisi  
give me the spoon

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

**NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association, Inc.) Cherokee Chapter** meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Eligibility for membership: any American Indian or Alaska Native or Canadian First Nations woman, 18 years of age or older, who is officially identified as a member of a federally recognized Indian

Tribe/Nation. The meetings contain information on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

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

**Cherokee History & Stories.** January through June 2025 on the first Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the TJ Holland Education Room at the Museum of the Cherokee People

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) With change dominant this week, don't be surprised to find new emerging facts that could put a slant on a situation and offer you another choice. Think it through before you decide.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) There could be some lingering problems from a previous matter that involved a decision you felt you had to make. Resolve the situation with your strong Taurean no-nonsense approach.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The Gemini's carefully made plans could be undone by someone's unexpected decision. Getting the full story behind a surprise move can help you decide how to deal with the matter.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Recently uncovered information might put a new light on a situation you thought had been resolved. Keep an open mind about possible changes that you might have to consider.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) With a potential revision of an old agreement, you can't beat the Big Cat for knowing how to sharpen a "clause" to the best advantage. Meanwhile, someone close could have the news you've been waiting for.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Certain issues in the workplace could put you in the middle of a dispute you'd rather not deal with. Express your honest feelings before the pressure to take sides builds up.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October

22) You might feel uneasy disagreeing with someone you've been close to. But your relationship should be able to withstand and even thrive when you confront your true feelings.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A romantic situation seems to be creating more confusion than you can handle. If so, own up to your feelings. The sooner you do, the better your chances are for working things out.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) With change directing the Archer's aim, consider a second look at your plans and see where they might benefit from a revision. In other news, a workplace matter is close to a resolution.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) New contacts help you learn some important information about upcoming developments. The week calls for the Sea Goat to be more flexible than usual in a number of matters.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) With both change and uncertainty in your aspect, you might feel less confident in a previous decision. This is OK. Check it out and see where it could be modified, if necessary.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Old relationships that seemed to be sinking are buoyant again, and new relationships are benefiting from Cupid's loving care. This could be a good time to make a major move!

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You prefer making your own path, but you'll go out of your way to help someone in need. You define what it means to be a true trailblazer.

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by Freddy Groves

## A slimmed-down VA

The staffing cuts at the Department of Veterans Affairs continue. As of today, another 585 non-mission-critical or duplicate contracts are terminated, out of 90,000 existing contracts totaling \$67 billion. This will put \$900 million back in the kitty to be spent on veterans, their caregivers, families and survivors.

That's a lot of money.

It makes me wonder how those contracts came to be in the first place. The canceled contracts covered such services as taking minutes at meetings, leadership coaching, mentoring staff, creating meeting agendas and creating PowerPoint slides (laughingly called "executive support.")

Are those not things that staff should be doing?

These contract cancellations are on top of the additional 1,400 probationary positions that were eliminated (employees who had worked for the VA for less than a year), saving \$83 million to be spent on veterans for benefits, services and health care.

Meanwhile, plans continue to fill 300,000 mission-critical positions at the VA that were exempted from the hiring freeze. These include: 94,000 nurses, 8,300 psychologists, 12,000 pharmacists and 3,000 physical therapists — all hands-on for care of veterans.

I do, however, worry about the VA Office of Inspector General in all of these cuts. I hope cool heads prevail and they take a moment to realize just how much money the VAOIG saves by identifying, investigating and auditing VA waste. At this time I can't find any mention of staff cuts at the VAOIG, thankfully. Recent updates on their activities show scammers being caught for fraud (\$1 million), fraud (\$300,000) and more fraud (\$392,000). In the last 12 months, the OIG has derailed schemes totaling \$3 billion being stolen from the VA.

If anything, I would wish that the VAOIG be listed as a "mission critical" department and have their staff doubled. My second wish would be that the penalties (prison time, fines and restitution) also be doubled. Too often the criminals seem to only get a slap on the wrist for their scams against the VA.

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## Stray cat advice stirs up pet owners

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I received quite a few responses to my recent article on a stray cat that was being fed by a neighbor! Here are a couple of them from opposite sides.

**DEAR PAWS:** Bad advice in your article regarding stray cats. The complaining neighbor never mentions she has a cat while expressing concern for neighbor cats. This means she's a busybody or a cat hater who should mind her own business. Why should she care if the cat feeder buys specialty food? Not her business, and you should have said so.

Your answer mentions contracting FIV. This is a small risk. If cat owners are worried about disease, they should keep their cats inside. You didn't mention that the complainer could help by getting involved with TNR [trap-neuter-return], by working with the feeder to help the homeless cats. There are proactive ways to help.

You should have commended the person who feeds the cats for helping. We need more people like her and less like the person who was complaining. — Debbi J.

**DEAR PAWS:** I completely disagree with your answer to feeding outdoor stray cats. Those cats would not be strays if PEOPLE would act like grownups, spay and neuter their pets and stop dumping cats whenever they feel like it.

One unspayed female dumped outside will struggle to survive and can have two or three litters a year. Her babies will be feral because they don't have human contact. At three months of age the kitten can also reproduce. There could be 40 or so by the end of the year. Relocating them does not work. A trap/neuter/return program reduces their numbers humanely.

Getting a pet is a 15- to 20-year commitment. If you can't do it, then don't acquire a pet and certainly don't dump them. — Linda G.

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

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## EVENTS: *from page 29*

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.)*

## POW WOW LISTINGS

**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 Ana-

lenisgi. 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](http://www.NA.org)

## WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

**Upcoming events at the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Cen-**

**ter** at 123 Cromwell Dr., Townsend, Tenn. Info: (865) 448-0044  
\* Smoky Mtn. Fiber Fair. April 25-26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
\* Storytelling on Sundays. April 27 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
\* Kids Take Over the Museum Day. May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
\* Sunset Series Concert: Acoustic Eidolon. May 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
\* Storytelling on Sundays. May 25 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
\* Legends Concert: Smooth Sailor. May 30 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting.** April 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. During the meeting, Chris Siewers will present "Triumph of a Community: The Marianna Library". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

**WCU Master of Fine Art Thesis Exhibition.** April 8 to May 2 in the WCU Bardo Arts Center in Cullowhee, N.C. A reception will be held April 10 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Info: [www.arts.wcu.edu/mfa-25](http://www.arts.wcu.edu/mfa-25)

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

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

and [www.arts.wcu.edu/tickets](http://www.arts.wcu.edu/tickets)

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

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

#### **CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS**

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

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

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

**Cherokee County Community** meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building;

potluck at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Joe Palmer (828) 361-9219, [joepalmer1013@yahoo.com](mailto:joepalmer1013@yahoo.com)

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

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

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

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

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

#### **CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

**Abundant Life Apostolic 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 Prac-

tice 5 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m. Pastor Merritt Youngdeer (828) 788-6614

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

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

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

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

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

**Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church.** 960 Old Bryson City Road in the 3200 Acre Tract. 488-9202

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

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

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

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

**Cherokee Church of the Nazarene.** 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8 p.m. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

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

**Cherokee United Methodist Church.** Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Church Service 11 a.m. Wednesday dinner at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study. Pastor Robert Griffin (828)

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582-0564

**Cherokee Wesleyan Church.**

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

**Christian Acts Church at the**

**Crossroads.** 3501 Hwy. 441, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

**Echota Baptist Church.** 1274

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

**Ela Baptist Church.** 4450 Ela Rd.,

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

**Embassy Christian Center**

**Church of God in Christ.** 87 Vine-

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

**Goose Creek Baptist Church.**

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

**Grace Bible Church.** 344 Whittier

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

**Grace Community Church of**

**Cherokee.** Yellowhill Activity Center on Acquoni Road. Sunday Morning

Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

**Grace Fellowship Church.** Great

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

**Jesus is the Light Full Gospel**

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

**Living Waters Lutheran Church.**

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

**Macedonia Baptist Church.**

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

**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Romans (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Chronicles 14, where was Abijah buried? *City of David, Jerusalem, City of Gath, Nazareth*
3. According to Numbers 33, how old was Aaron when he died? *100, 113, 123, 132*
4. Which of these sons of Jesse did not go into battle with Saul? *Eliab, David, Abinadab, Shimea*
5. From 2 Kings, who was Elijah’s successor? *Solomon, Elisha, Nimshi, Nimrod*
6. Which of Saul’s daughters loved David? *Merab, Michal, Cornelius, Paulus*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) City of David, 3) 123, 4) David, 5) Elisha, 6) Michal  
Find expanded trivia online with Wilson Casey at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy). FREE TRIAL!

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**Moments in time**

• On April 7, 1961, President John F. Kennedy sent a letter to Congress endorsing America’s participation in an international campaign to preserve ancient temples and historic monuments in Egypt’s Nile Valley. The campaign was initiated by UNESCO with the aim of saving sites threatened by the construction of the Aswan High Dam.

• On April 8, 1994, the body of grunge rocker Kurt Cobain was discovered at his home in Seattle by a workman. The heroin-addicted, troubled artist had died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, leaving behind fellow rocker Courtney Love, his wife, who had reported him missing, and toddler daughter Frances Bean Cobain.

• On April 9, 1859, 23-year-old writer Samuel Langhorne Clemens received his steamboat pilot’s license. He navigated his own boats for two years until the Civil War put a halt to steamboat traffic, and in 1861 penned a humorous travel letter signed “Mark Twain,” a pseudonym he would continue to use as a popular author for nearly five decades.

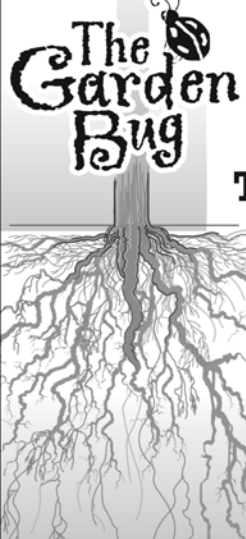
• On April 10, 1975, 41-year-old Lee Elder became the first Black golfer to play in the Masters, considered the sport’s most prestigious event. The Professional Golfers’ Association, organizer of the main professional tours played by men in North America, hadn’t approved participation by African Americans in events it cosponsored until 1952.

• On April 11, 1979, Ugandan dictator Idi Amin fled the capital of Kampala as Tanzanian troops and forces of the Uganda National Liberation Front began to close in. Two days later, Kampala fell and a coalition government of former exiles took power. Amin, who was notorious for his brutality, escaped to Libya and eventually settled in Saudi Arabia, where he died in August 2003.

• On April 12, 1861, the American Civil War began after Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina.

• On April 13, 1360, a hailstorm killed an estimated 1,000 English soldiers in Chartres, France. One survivor described it as “a foul day, full of mist and hale, so that men died on horseback.”

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**The Garden Bug**

The three main types of root systems are called “taproot,” “lateral root” and “heart root” (also known as “oblique root”). **Tap root systems** are very stable. Some common species with tap roots are oaks, pines, hickory, sweet gum, tupelo and walnut.

**Lateral root systems** spread widely under the tree and help distribute its weight. Most trees have a lateral root system. **Heart (or oblique) root systems** get their stability from the weight of the root “ball.” If the soil is very wet, a strong wind can make the tree and its root ball rotate in the ground, like a ball-and-socket joint. – Brenda Weaver

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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



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**Let's Say It in Cherokee!**

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ᎠᎠᎠᎠ Nitiswi! Everyone say it!	ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ Tisahvga! Put solids on surface!	



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## 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. **3/26**

### 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. 25-021

#### 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

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### BIDS, RFPs, etc.

#### Request for Proposals

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment April 24, 2024

Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Housing Cherokee Indian Housing Division P.O. Box 1749 /687 Acquoni Rd,Cherokee, NC 28719

**4/30**

### 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

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828-497-8550 [angirh@mandaraspa.com](mailto:angirh@mandaraspa.com)  
Email: [HRRecruitment@onespaworld.com](mailto:HRRecruitment@onespaworld.com)

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**

### 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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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Pavement Markings  
CDOT-STRP-2025

Pavement Markings (Striping) on roadways of the Eastern Cherokee Indian Reservations

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

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

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

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

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT office is seeking to obtain services of a Professional Land Surveyor. Survey services are required to provide information used for the construction of paved roads and survey stakeout for construction, other survey services may be requested as needed by CDOT. The deadline to submit Qualifications from Proposing Firms must be submitted to the CDOT office by April 25, 2025 by 10:00 am.

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

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

### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION THE CHEROKEE COURT CHEROKEE, NC FILE NO. CV18-374 PAUL TAYLOR AND KAREN TAYLOR, PLAINTIFFS V. CODY WATTY

TO: CODY WATTY

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

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

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

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

Mara Nelson, Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 521  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
828-788-4328

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# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY



# CHOOSE CIHA

## New Positions This Week

Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner - \$117,146 - \$146,658  
 Clinical Pharmacist (Overnight) - \$102,023 - \$127,528  
 Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 Human Resources Business Partner I - \$50,723 - \$63,404  
 Licensed Practical Nurse – Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98

## 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  
 Targeted Case Manager - \$44,107 - \$55,134

## Dietary

Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26

## EXECUTIVE

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

## FINANCE

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

## MEDICAL

Advanced Practice Provider, NP or PA – ER - \$109,504 - \$136,880  
 Clinical Dietitian - \$50,723 - \$63,404  
 Physician - \$157,686 - \$197,108 (Primary Care, Pediatrics)  
 Physician – Emergency Department FT - \$227,068 - \$283,835  
 Physician - Emergency Department - Part Time (up to 20 hours per week) - \$227,068 - \$283,835

## OPERATIONS

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

## MAINTENANCE

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

## NURSING

Care Manager Extender – Primary Care \$18.33 – \$20.67  
 Care Manager Supervisor – TCM and IDD/TBI/LTS - \$33.68 – \$38.72  
 C.M.S - \$18.32 - \$20.67 (Diabetes, Pediatrics, JVN, Procedure Suite)  
 C.N.A – ER – FT - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$3,000 Hiring Bonus  
 C.N.A. - Immediate Care Center – Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 C.N.A./Medical Clerk – Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
 LPN/CMA – Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
 LPN – Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
 RN – Cherokee County Clinic - \$31.06 – \$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
 RN – Immediate Care Center – Satellite - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000 - Hiring Bonus  
 RN – Infection Control - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
 RN – Inpatient – Night Shift - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
 RN Care Manager - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus (Primary Care, Diabetes, Pediatrics, Clinical, Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Support Services, Children and Families Specialty Program)  
 RN Care Manager Float - \$31.06 – \$35.64  
 Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

## RADIOLOGY

Radiology Technologist II (2nd Shift) - \$5,000 hiring Bonus - \$24.55 - \$27.99  
 Radiology Technologist II – Part Time w/Benefits - \$24.55 - \$27.99

## TRIBAL OPTION

HOP Medical Social Worker (3 positions) - \$44,107 - \$55,134  
 Tribal Option Business Analyst – NOT A REMOTE POSITION - \$67,082 - \$83,852

## TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
 Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
 Licensed Practical Nurse - \$26.00 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
 Registered Nurse - \$35.00 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus  
 Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent - \$35.00 - \$40.22



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
**HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

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

**Closing Sunday, March 30, 2025**

1. Manager – Public Safety Communications Center – Operations (L15 \$61,776 - \$77,230) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications Center – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Crew Leader/Operator/ Saw Man – Tribal Construction – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Utility Worker – Tribal Construction – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Wood Cutter – Family Support Services – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. DV Intervention Coordinator – Domestic Violence – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
7. Project Coordinator – Infrastructure – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 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) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
12. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
13. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
14. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
15. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
16. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
17. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
18. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
19. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
20. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)
21. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
22. Part-time Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
23. Carpenter – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION



ATLANTA BOTANICAL GARDEN



Museum of the Cherokee People



**Seed Bank Internship**

Hands-on experience with conservation seed banking & horticulture

The Atlanta Botanical Garden invites applications for two short-term paid internship opportunities that will provide training and a living wage while building capacity for Tribal Nation partners. This opportunity aims to host individuals affiliated with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and/ or the Museum of the Cherokee People.

**Qualifications**

- Minimum of one year of prior work experience
- Be able to spend 3 weeks in Atlanta, Georgia and 1 week in Gainesville, Georgia (Housing stipend provided in Atlanta, housing provided in Gainesville)
- An interest in biology, botany, horticulture, and plant conservation
- A valid Driver's License
- Able to lift/carry up to 50 lb

Apply by March 31st to start in April or May



**Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements**

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

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

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

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

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

**AGELINK**

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

**SNOWBIRD**

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

**BUS & TRUCK**

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

**SHOP & GARAGE**

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

**CHILDREN'S HOME**

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

NO IN-HOUSE POSITIONS

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**Cherokee Central Schools  
Job Openings**

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

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

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

## Now Hiring

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Full-time maintenance

Apply at [CherokeeHistorical.org](http://CherokeeHistorical.org)  
or 564 Tsali Blvd



# THE GOOD STUFF



## Cheer squad leading nation

The Galaxy Senior Supernovas (10-18u) Level 1 Rec. Division cheer group from the Leap of Faith Performing Arts studio in Bryson City is ranked first in the nation with over 500 points above second place. They will continue to compete at cheer competitions within the next month and finish the season at The Open Grand Nationals in Orlando Florida at Universal Studios at the end of April. Some of squad are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Shown, left to right, front row - Texie Crisp, Ari Orr (EBCI), Coach Brittany Fuller (EBCI), Campbell Stephens, Jayla Fuller (EBCI), Grace Hamilton; back row - Reyna Huerta, Alaya Fuller (EBCI), Abby Adkins, Loshi Frady (EBCI), Khloe Sequoyah (EBCI), TaLeah Arch (EBCI). Not pictured – Abigail Adkins, Taylor Stewart, Skye Herrin, Addison Barker, and Gabby Hernandez (EBCI). (Photo courtesy of Karyl Frankiewicz)



## U.S. Postal Service to issue Pow Wow Stamps

The United States Postal Service announced on Thursday, March 20 that it will release four Forever Stamps depicting Native American Pow Wow dancers on Friday, April 25 at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque, N.M. Information from the USPS states, "The four pow wow stamps showcase original paintings of Native American dancers by Cochiti Pueblo artist Mateo Romero. The artist took photographs of the dancers in their traditional clothing while performing and then painted on top of the images. The stamps include the Women's Traditional Dance, Crow Hop Dance, Men's Hoop Dance, and Women's Fancy Shawl Dance. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamps, which will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce rate." (Photo by U.S. Postal Service)

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CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER \* TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

## April Birthdays

- 4/5 - Drevan McCoy
- 4/6 - Zoey Cable
- 4/7 - Jordan Hopkins
- 4/10 - Bo Crowe
- 4/11 - Tabitha Larch
- 4/13 - Beloved man and Chief Robert S. Youngdeer
- 4/15 - Buford Smith
- 4/15 - Dave Ensley
- 4/19 - Madison Ledford
- 4/20 - Madison Crowe Woodard
- 4/21 - AJ Ledford
- 4/22 - Phillip Milligan
- 4/22 - Bonnie Claxton
- 4/26 - Sally Price-Brady
- 4/29 - Nevayah Panther
- 4/30 - Frank Herron

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## H.E.L.P. Program Lawn Maintenance and Garden Plowing

**Applications available March 6, 2025 at Cherokee Senior Center**

**\*\*Deadline for Applications will be May 31, 2025\*\***

### Eligibility Requirements

- I. Must be an enrolled member of EBCI
- II. Applicants applying for assistance must be living in the home
- III. Applicants under the age of 70 must not be physically able to mow  
~Proof of disability \*Social Security Administration statement of Doctors note required)
- IV. Applicants 70 and older are not required to submit a disability or doctors statement



### Mowing

- \*Client/ Family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash/debris
- \*Animals must be properly secured when mowing contractor arrives
- \*Residence must be within the (3) county service area: Swain, Jackson and Haywood
- \*Seasonal: April 1st - September 30th
- \*Mowing/ weedeating will include a 50 ft. perimeter around the home including carports
- \*Lawns mowed outside the 50ft. perimeter will be the homeowners responsibility



### Garden Plowing

- \*Seasonal: March 1st - May 30th
- \*Available up to a 100 ft. by 100 ft. area
- \* (1) garden per household

**Please call (828) 359-6638 with any questions you may have.**





SATURDAY,  
APRIL 26, 2025

10 AM - 4 PM • SYLVA, N.C.

- **FREE** ADMISSION
  - 9AM 5K RUN/WALK
  - ARTS AND CRAFTS VENDORS
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 10-11 AM- TLQ+2 •  
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