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Women's History Month

Maker of War, boxing club

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).

Keahana Lambert is a prevention specialist for Cherokee Choices. Lambert has presented at several conferences and symposiums, led trainings for many tribal programs, and hosts continuous events to promote health, wellness, and resiliency for her tribal community. Lambert also leads a women's boxing class on Monday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., and Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.



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Keahana Lambert teaches hitting techniques to her women's boxing class.(BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

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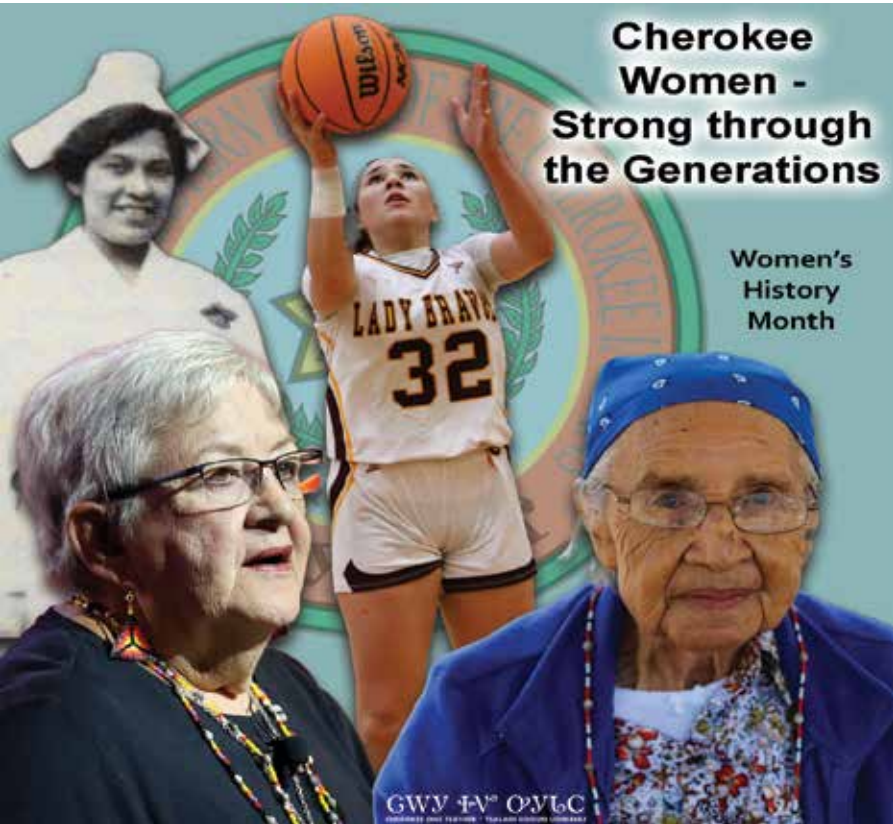
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“We think there are some efficiencies within various agencies. There are some state groups in the State of North Carolina, that are not federally recognized, that are receiving substantial funds, and we think that is concerning. They found loopholes within the systems. And, we think, as you guys go through the evaluation process that would be beneficial to take a peek at – some of these funding levels that are not supporting federally recognized tribes but state recognized groups that are achieving some of this funding. And, it’s substantial dollars.”

- Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks testifying before the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 26.

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BOXING: From front page

at Cherokee Choices.

Lambert encourages women of all ages and skill levels to participate and gears the workout toward their specific needs—whether that be to match their skill level or nurse certain injuries. Lambert hopes that the women who attend her class leave feeling empowered and strong.

“My goal for every young lady that comes through here is to know their worth and to know their power. That doesn’t mean go out and fight. That doesn’t mean go out and shoulder check somebody. It means, ‘Hey, I have a right to my opinion. This is my body, these are my thoughts, and you have no right to tell me otherwise. It’s simply just being an empowered Indigenous woman,” she said.

Lambert’s lifelong interest in boxing led her to develop the class for a cause close to her heart. “I’ve always had an interest in boxing because my daddy [Robert Lambert] was a boxer, and I just grew up watching boxing matches and just found it fascinating. My intent for implementing it here started probably four years ago, almost five years ago, in response to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women crisis. Knowing how many of our babies are missing, how many of our babies are dead, family members that have been killed, and the members that are missing, and knowing that I was almost one



Keahana Lambert observes her women’s boxing class.

of them made me do this.”

As a survivor of domestic violence, Lambert feels passionately about not only giving her class techniques for protecting themselves but also addressing their trauma through exercise.

“I want you all to know you have a voice and to use it, and if that means taking care of things physically, you have the ability to do that. But also, we have all this stored trauma. Trauma can be anything that alters your life path. It’s not the same for everybody. It could be a dog bite, a car wreck,

divorce, loss of job, domestic violence, sexual assault, a death. If you don’t process that event, that jolt to your nervous system, then that jolt stays in your nervous system and it stores in your body, which when you stay in that amped up or shut down phase of your nervous system, then it’s wearing on your body. So, this is actually a way to work out that stored trauma.”

Though Lambert’s class helps others, it has also helped her in her own healing. “It has given me freedom and inner confidence and

empowerment and having to walk what I talk. And that’s hard. So, if I’m telling the girls use your voice, you have a voice, you’re priceless, I’ve got to remind myself of that, and I forget that every day,” she shared.

“As for my traumas, this has been so empowering to know that I am a war woman now and I will fight back. I’m not going to sit by and let someone be mistreated and I’m not going to be mistreated anymore. I have a voice and I’ll not be silent.”

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EBCI Planning Board discusses several projects

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks chaired the Feb. 18 meeting of the Planning Board of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Several items were discussed.

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahnetah noted that the indoor pool at the Cherokee Life Center will be permanently closed. He said several in the community, particularly elders, had asked when a community pool would be available. Rep. Wahnetah suggested that one might be included in the plan for John Crowe Park. The space behind and below the old Hungry Bear Restaurant which

is being renovated into a park was discussed with an ask to incorporate public access to the river because some community members like to go down into the river. Ugvwiyuhi Hicks said that handicap access is part of the plan.

A Bingo facility was once again brought up by a tribal elder. Ugvwiyuhi Hicks indicated that some bingo was taking place (or soon would be) with prizes funded by the tribe. He said that efforts were being made to have the games, but they must be TGC (Tribal Gaming Commission) compliant.

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Chairman Michael Parker, Wayohi (Wolfstown), stated that suitable land was being looked at for a



Construction work has started on the new Kituwah Hangar Project. (Photos courtesy of EBCI Project Management)

bingo hall. On the subject of a pool, Chairman Parker mentioned that some community elders had requested river access at the park under construction just below the

former Hungry Bear Restaurant (Riverview Greenspace). Ugvwiyuhi Hicks stated that handicapped

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access is already in the plan for the park.

Edwin Taylor, EBCI Secretary of Housing, announced the groundbreaking for the Macedonia housing project and identified Arrowhead as the contractor, and the engineer is CDC-Civil Design Concepts for the project. He said the current phase of construction is grubbing, getting fencing in, and putting erosion control measures in place. Estimated completion is “March of next year”. Water and sewer issues are being addressed. Taylor said plans are for 18 to 20 rental units to be on the property.

Taylor updated on the White Tree Court project next to Road to Soco which is scheduled to be 59 units with 9,600 square feet of commercial space. It is currently in the design phase, and the architect is Shook-Kelly. The engineer is CDC. Tribal Construction has a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Housing for portions of this project. The estimated state time is October of this year with a two-year build-out.

Taylor updated on the Cooper’s Creek project. The engineer on the project is Woods Engineering, and it is currently at the environmental assessment and preliminary site planning. They are planning to subdivide this project into one-acre lots. There must be water and sewer facilities on-site. There is no estimated completion, and it is estimated to be 35 to 40 sites.

The next project Secretary Taylor updated was Hyatt Cemetery off Olivet Rd. “We have purchased 46 acres there.” They are currently completing the environmental assessment. The engineer, JML, is headquartered in Sylva and Asheville. There are an estimated 20 to 22 one-acre lots in this



Construction is ongoing for the new water features in the Horseshoe Area of downtown Cherokee, N.C.

project. When Dinilawigi passed this project, it was designated for affordable housing and low-income families. No projected completion dates were discussed.

Taylor also discussed the Boundary Tree project. An Environmental Assessment has not started. Housing has a proposal from an engineer. Taylor said the challenge with the property is access. Regulatory issues have slowed progress. There were no projected completion dates mentioned.

Next to speak was Rebecca Bowe, EBCI Project Management and Planning manager. She noted a groundbreaking for the Soco Falls Trailhead. The targeted completion is April 21. The existing trailhead and parking area are closed for the safety of the public

during construction. The project includes a new parking lot, trailhead, kiosk, informational signs, picnic tables, and benches, with ADA and elder parking near the observation deck.

Cherokee Post Office repairs and expansion. A groundbreaking ceremony has taken place for this project. The planned completion date is the end of August. The contractor started with the addition on the back of the building to minimize disruption of the day-to-day activities of the post office. There will be interior renovation and a new roof for the facility.

Riverview Greenspace is under construction. A groundbreaking has taken place. The current targeted completion date is June. Doing tree removal and erosion control. Starting on a restroom facility

for the site, building in March. Getting proper clearances to build a handicapped-accessible fishing pier. More access to the river is a priority in this project. A proposal for a name for the site was brought up. The Planning Board wants research done and proposed names brought back to the next Planning Board meeting.

Bowe updated on the downtown water features. The completion date is no later than March 21. Tribal Construction handled the demolition and replacement of the water and sewer lines that will feed the new features, the Welcome Center, and other adjacent businesses. The contractor, Arrowhead, has installed all of the supply lines for the new water features. Cool Hub and Vortex are the manufacturers of the water features, and they are “coming out of the ground” with those features currently.

The “Kituwah Hanger” is also under construction. Tribal Construction has demolished the existing slab at the site. THPO (Tribal Historical Preservation Office) is doing its archaeological survey. Once THPO completes its assessment, the contractor will come on-site to pour the new slab and erect the pavilion. Bowe estimated that to take approximately a month.

Mingo Falls Trailhead project. A groundbreaking ceremony has taken place. Working on erosion control. Construction is scheduled to begin immediately. The target completion is June 16. This is a “first phase” of the project. Sean Ross, Secretary of Commerce, expounded on the project. “New trails, new landing, new decks at the top, signage, kiosks, and a plan to construct yurts (a portable, round tent covered and insulated with skins or felt and traditionally used as a dwelling by several

distinct nomadic groups in the steppes and mountains of Inner Asia. Modern yurts may be permanently built on a wooden or concrete platform; they may use modern materials such as metal framing, plastics, plexiglass dome, or radiant insulation-source Wikipedia) at the old campsite, and temporary mobile restroom and shower facilities. Ross also stated that cabins have been “acquired from Kituwah” and he discussed renovating and using them for various events and eventually establishing permanent campsites at various locations on the Boundary. Bowe continued with the project list identifying the Evidence Building as the next on the list. Final bids for the project were received in December. Budgetary issues must be addressed. Plans are to begin construction on the facility in March. One of the challenges that Ugvwiyuhi Hicks asked Bowe to elaborate on is the TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) process not being conducive to simulating interest from outside competition. Ugvwiyuhi Hicks stated that he would like to see a work session on the issue to come up with a process that would benefit our tribe.

Ceremonial Grounds is in the design phase. The plan is to bid the project out in April or May with a 6 to 9-month construction timeline. Secretary Ross clarified that the Ceremonial Grounds will stay as a “ceremonial space” with multiple covered pavilions, bathrooms, potential food truck spacing, potential retail and market space, picnic areas and walking paths, a “children’s bike path”, and looking at options for a stage (terraced earth seating). “Our vision for that is to have intimate events, anytime we have speakers events there, or any small pageants, things of that nature for the more intimate events

that we have. We also want to have the flexibility to open up events to the plaza area, so that stage, we could simply turn it to have larger events.” Ross indicated from an aesthetics perspective, that the tribe would be reaching out to the artist community create the “look” of the Ceremonial Grounds.

John Crowe Sports Complex: Bowe stated that master planning is wrapping up and asked to present the plan to the Planning Board in March. Bowe said they are focusing on improving the existing four fields and how you transition from the higher fields to the lower fields, improving the entrance and drop-off areas for the lower fields, including some applications for the “Miracle League”. They are also working on some amenities for families; a playground, walking path, and other features. Current progress including the old VFW and DV buildings has been demolished. The ultimate goal is to add 4 fields to the existing four and enhance parking. She said six to eight fields are needed to attract bigger events. Bowe stated they are working to get a grading permit to start clearing off the mountain and have that as a borrow pit for Tribal Construction for the White Tree Court project.

Junaluska Memorial site: Working to complete the design and have it out to bid late spring 2025. She hopes the tribe will break ground later this summer.

The new Brad Building site: Site plan review complete. Trees have been cleared, and Tribal Construction is graveling that area for some overflow parking and equipment storage. Ugvwiyuhi Hicks stated some of the residents told him that there is “a lot of water on that site and probably some spring heads”. He wanted to know what could be done to mitigate

that. Anthony Sequoyah, Secretary of Operations, responded that steps were being taken to locate the source(s) of the wet areas and then an assessment could be done to identify solutions, like French drains. Bowe said eventually a new Brad Building will be constructed on the site in fiscal year 2026.

Tribal Trout Hatchery Repair: Concrete repair on all raceways was completed in January. A proposal is in hand to begin design for some additional improvements that will help with recirculation, oxygenation, waste management, and current ongoing maintenance issues.

Bowe also mentioned renovations at three fire stations. She said they have a contract that is ready to be presented at the next business committee to expand Station 3, adding four bunk rooms to that facility. New flooring has just been finished at Station 1.

Ugvwiyuhi Hicks made the following comment. “For the general public, we are establishing a higher level of accountability and that’s not only for ourselves and the schedules that we set, the pricing we set, but it’s also for contractors. I’ve spoken to most of the contractors on site and we have to continue with our message. We’re all in this together but we all have to work together. We want to maintain as many projects as we can but we also want to make sure that every layer is accountable to our communities. We are working hard toward that.”

Rough Branch Playground project: Bowe has a meeting with the Recreation Program to discuss, to talk about their vendors and the good work history they have. Bowe said the tribe is “looking for a turn-key venture” for this project. Bowe said she has met with Tribal Council Chairman Parker and Represent-

tative Crowe and identified a site for the playground. The next step is to get vendors on site and get something together to present to the community within the budget. She is hopeful of the completion of the playground this year.

Secretary Ross provided updates on Commerce projects. First, he confirmed with the rest of the Planning Board that it is their understanding that the name of Mingo Falls would not change. Earlier, he explained that name changes prolong the process of getting signage for locations like Mingo. He said the shops previously known as Powwow and Native Earth are now occupied by new tenants. Powwow is now Pop’s Butts on the Creek, a barbeque restaurant. The old Native Earth is now leased by Traditional Hands. Both new tenants are looking at April to May openings. Ross said this timing will coincide with the reopening of the water features in that area. Ugvwiyuhi Hicks asked about the Italian restaurant in that same area, which has been open sporadically. Ross indicated that there had been some dual ownership issues that complicated their operations, but, as he understands it, those are being resolved.

During the conclusion moments of the Planning Board, Ugvwiyuhi Hicks, and Chairman Parker informed the Planning Board that they have been advising the state and federal officials that the closures of the national park roads and Interstate 40 have had a severe impact on the economy of the Qualla Boundary and surrounding counties. Ugvwiyuhi Hicks is coordinating a meeting with the federal park service, bringing in stakeholders, including Swain County, to discuss solutions.

Cherokee Speakers Council holds February meeting

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Dinilawigi (Cherokee Speakers Council) held their monthly meeting on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 27 in kalvgviditsa tsalagi aniwonisgi tsunatsohisidihi (Cherokee Speakers Place). The meeting began with a prayer by Cherokee fluent speaker John Long.

The newest Dadiwonisi cohort from Tutiya (Snowbird), "Ogiyedisgo" (We are always laughing), introduced themselves to the council in Cherokee language. The cohort includes Jacob "Inada" Teesateskie, Senea "Aliheligi" Fortenberry, Madison "Yon Ganoleg" Corbin, Naomi "Ulutsahi" Swimmer, Westin "Tsiyo" Smoker, Aisha "Alenidoi" Owle, and Alaina "Utsima" Haney.

Catuce Tiger, cultural facilitator for Cherokee Central Schools (CCS), presented on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) program partnering with CCS because of efforts by Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) member Stacy Smith Ledford. On Ledford's behalf, Tiger requested a Cherokee name be given to the program by the council. The council said they would come up with a name at the next meeting in March. Tiger noted that SAMHSA is part of the CCS response to the tragic loss of CHS student Cynthia Saunooke.

Kristina Hyatt, program officer for maternal and child health at the Center for Native Health (CNH), presented on the new maternal and child health program, which CNH is calling "the doula project," as the program plans to



Claps erupt as the Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Dinilawigi (Cherokee Speakers Council) vote unanimously to use yvwi gvnahida (long person), instead of gvnahida asgaya (long man), on the morning Feb. 27 during their monthly meeting. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

begin doula training in May with help from an Indigenous midwife from Canada to produce doulas in the Cherokee community. Hyatt shared that the program is receiving help from EBCI elders Onita Bush and Roseanna Belt and was inspired by the late T.J. Holland. Hyatt said the program will provide traditional knowledge and birthing practices, the incorporation of Cherokee language, and regular meetings with mothers from the community. Hyatt was requesting a name for the program, which the council will provide at the next meeting in March.

Fluent speaker Marie Junaluska mentioned a potential collaboration with Amber Ledford's "Mother's Connection" program, which Hyatt said they are pursuing. Fluent speaker Laura Pinnix highlighted the doula work of Jessica Huskey who has helped several mothers in the Cherokee community. Pinnix said Huskey was a doula for her daughter.

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professor Dr. Sara Snyder Hopkins' Cherokee language class introduced themselves in Cherokee to the council. One of the students was Seth Penn, a member of the Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama, who wrote a letter to the editor in April of 2024, claiming that his tribe has fluent Cherokee speakers.

Juanita Wilson presented on changing the name of "Honoring Long Man," the annual clean-up of the Oconaluftee River, to "Honoring Long Person." Wilson said she heard from fluent speaker Tom Belt and the late Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe that gvnahida asgaya ("long man") and yvwi gvnahida ("long person") were used to describe the rivers. Wilson also cited Lisa Lefler's book, "Water and Cherokee Healing", and anthropologist James Mooney's book, "The Cherokee River Cult", as using "long man" and "long person." Wilson also said that T.J. Holland used "long person." Wilson said her research suggests that "long person" is the purest form of the

concept.

The council voted unanimously to change the verbiage from gvnahida asgaya ("long man") to yvwi gvnahida ("long person"). Bo Taylor said he would like to see and hear "yvwi gvnahida" when people promote and talk about the event, rather than "long person." The Idadatseli cohort of Dadiwonisi raised money for fluent Speaker Wiggins Blackfox's funeral expenses. The cohort donated the rest of the money that was not used to the council.

Kathi Littlejohn presented two historical findings to the council. Littlejohn detailed the story of Cherokee ancestor George Washington. She shared that Washington is said to have died above Mingo Falls, where he was also supposedly buried. She said ground penetrating radar revealed that there is one grave in the supposed location, adding validity to the story. Littlejohn said the descendants of Washington are the family of Caroline Oocumma. She said she thinks Oocumma's brothers share a resemblance to Washington.

Littlejohn also shared the story of the first principal chief of the EBCI, Flying Squirrel. She shared that he was said to have a sense of humor. She said his descendants are the Johnsons from Piney Grove.

The meeting ended with a prayer by John Long. The next meeting is scheduled for March 27.

The speakers planned to hold a ceremony for the passing of fellow speaker, Wiggins Blackfox, on the afternoon of Feb. 28 in front of kalvgviditsa tsalagi aniwonisgi tsunatsohisidihi (Cherokee Speakers Place).

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Federal cuts have not affected Cherokee Indian Hospital

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA), providing health care to the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), has not been affected by the recent cuts to funding and staffing to some programs and departments at the federal level.

Casey Cooper, CIHA chief executive officer, told the One Feather, “At this time, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority has experienced minimal disruptions due to decisions made at the federal level. This underscores the impor-

tance of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians’ decision to pursue self-governance, which has significantly reduced our reliance on the Indian Health Service (IHS) compared to many other tribal nations. We have not lost any staff due to federal funding decisions, and we continue to operate efficiently. In fact, we are actively working within our networks to inform federal employees within IHS who may be impacted that we have openings here at CIHA.”

He did say that the hospital is planning to be prepared for any possible issues going forward. “While we have not been directly impacted at this point, we are working closely with tribal leadership to stay informed as federal decisions continue to evolve. As we have seen with this administration, things can change daily. There have been rumors of future federal-level cuts, particularly related to Medicaid, which could have an adverse effect on our

operations. However, as of today, we remain stable. CIHA continues to take a proactive approach to workforce planning and financial sustainability to ensure that we can maintain high-quality care for our patients and support our staff regardless of potential federal changes.”

Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks testified before the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 26. During his testimony, he praised CIHA, “We’ve expanded that hospital to not be just your normal pharmacy and just general services, but we have a lot of physical therapy services. We’ve included an extension around mental health services...we just finished a new 100-bed senior services that provides wonderful care to our people.”

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**Cherokee Tribal Court
Disposition Summary for
Jan. 1-31, 2025**

**Submitted by
Cherokee Tribal Court**

Note: The following cases were disposed of in Cherokee Tribal Court during the time period of Jan. 1-31, 2025. The date of each offense is in parenthesis.

Arch, Cheslie C.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (Nov. 14, 2024). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided

Arkansas, Steven W.
- Issuance and Renewal of Driver's License (May 28, 2018). Dismissed
- Fict/Alt Title/Reg. Card/Tag (May 30, 2024). No disposition was listed

Armachain, Brian W.
- DWLR Not Impaired (Aug. 1, 2024). No disposition was listed

Bailey, Louelyn G.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (April 25, 2021). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness

Bird, Eddie
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (Nov. 27, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (Aug. 30, 2024). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided

Bird, Elexia K.
- Passenger Flee ACC Inj/Death (Jan. 7, 2025). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Bowman Jr., Robert L.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Jan. 18, 2025). No disposition listed

Bradley, Kyren J.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 31, 2024). Not Guilty

Brady Cole, Jillian K.
- Operation of motor vehicle without financial responsibility (June 6, 2023). No disposition listed
- Unsafe Movement (March 26, 2024). No disposition listed

Cabrera-Davis, Victoria I.
- Grand Larceny (Aug. 14, 2024). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided

Cagle, Sherry L.
- Issuance and Renewal of Driver's License (Dec. 1, 2021). Dismissed

Caley, Evan W.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Jan. 21, 2024). Not Guilty

Cole, John D.
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (March 17, 2024). Dismissed with Leave
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (March 17, 2024). Dismissed with Leave

Crow, Timothy R.
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 3, 2021). Dismissed

Crowe, Natasha D.
- DWLR Not Impaired (Sept. 18, 2024). No disposition listed
- DWLR Not Impaired (Nov. 5, 2024). No disposition listed

Crowe, John E.
- Reckless Endangerment (Sept.

13, 2024). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Sept. 13, 2024). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation

Crowe, Kevin K.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 15, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 14, 2021). Dismissed

Crowe, Amber S.
- Probation Revocation (June 24, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Probation Revocation (June 24, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Probation Revocation (June 24, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Probation Revocation (June 24, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Probation Revocation (April 22, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Probation Revocation (April 22, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea

Crowe, Galanvdi W.
- Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray (April 15, 2024). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation
- Tampering with Witnesses (Nov. 2, 2023). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Nov. 2, 2023). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Feb. 5, 2023). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Feb. 6, 2023). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Feb. 7, 2023). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Feb. 9, 2023). Dismissed Upon

Further Investigation
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Feb. 8, 2023). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Feb. 3, 2023). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Feb. 4, 2023). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Feb. 2, 2023). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Feb. 2, 2023). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation

Cucumber, Kenneth E.
- DWLR Not Impaired (June 3, 2024). No disposition listed

Davis, Karli J.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 25, 2024). Dismissed with Leave
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 25, 2024). Dismissed with Leave
- Assault by Strangulation (May 25, 2024). Dismissed with Leave
- Aggravated Reckless Endangerment (May 25, 2024). Dismissed with Leave
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 25, 2024). Dismissed with Leave
- Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury (May 25, 2024). Dismissed with Leave

Davis, Leonardo C.
- Issuance and Renewal of Driver's License (Dec. 1, 2021). Dismissed

Davis, Camille Y.
- Providing or Possessing Contraband (Feb. 18, 2024). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided
- Probation Revocation (Nov. 13, 2023). Admitted
- Probation Revocation (Nov. 13,

2023). Admitted

Driver, Charaya D.

- Stalking (Jan. 26, 2024). Guilty
- Stalking (Jan. 26, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Harassment (Jan. 26, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea

Driver, Richard M.

- Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2024). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided
- Resisting Lawful Arrest (Feb. 20, 2024). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided
- Assault on a Government Employee (Feb. 20, 2024). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided

Ellington, Desmond J.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Sept. 20, 2024), Dismissed Per Plea

Esquivel, Deliah G.

- Disorderly Conduct (Dec. 10, 2024). Dismissed Upon Further Investigation

Figueroa, Francisco K.

- Exceeding Safe Speed (Jan. 7, 2025). Dismissed
- Left of Center Line/Grade/Curve (Jan. 7, 2025). Dismissed
- Fail Maintain Control (Jan. 7, 2025). Dismissed
- Reckless Driving to Endanger (Jan. 7, 2025). Dismissed
- Fail to Give Info/Aid Per Inj. (Jan. 7, 2025). Dismissed

Flippo, Robert E.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Nov. 14, 2024). Dismissed with Leave

Flippo, Emmitt L.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (Nov. 27, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Frazier, Steel E.

- Providing or Possessing Contraband (Oct. 17, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officer (Oct. 17, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (ct. 17, 2024). Guilty

Garcia, Geerman

- Issuance and Renewal of Driver's License (Aug. 24, 2021). Dismissed

George, Harold C.

- Probation Revocation (Aug. 23, 2024). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Aug. 26, 2024). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided
- Reckless Endangerment (Aug. 26, 2024). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided

Groenewold, Benjamin F.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 28, 2021). Dismissed
- Operation of Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility (Aug. 28, 2021). Dismissed

Harrison, Terry L.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Nov. 30, 2021). Dismissed

Hoyle, Daphne R.

- DWLR Not Impaired (Oct. 4, 2024). No disposition listed

Jackson, Rain E.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Oct. 11, 2021). Dismissed Per Plea

- Speed Restrictions (June 18, 2020). Dismissed Per Plea
- Providing or Possessing Contraband (Aug. 4, 2023). Dismissed Per Plea
- Issuance and Renewal of Driver's License (Oct. 9, 2021). Dismissed Per Plea
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (Feb. 18, 2022). Dismissed Per Plea
- Drug Paraphernalia (Feb. 18, 2022). Dismissed Per Plea
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (Oct. 11, 2021). Dismissed Per Plea
- Drug Trafficking (March 20, 2022). Dismissed Per Plea

Jackson, Kendall L.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (April 11, 2021). Guilty
- Transporting a Child Outside the Territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians with Intent to Violate Custody Order (April 11, 2021). Guilty

Jenkins, James D.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (Dec. 2, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (Dec. 2, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 13, 2022). Dismissed Per Plea
- Reckless Endangerment (May 13, 2022). Dismissed Per Plea
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Dec. 2, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- 20-28(a) Driving While License Revoked (Jan. 14, 2021). Dismissed Per Prior Plea
- Driving While Impaired (Jan. 14, 2014). Guilty Per Plea
- Driving While Impaired (May 13, 2022). Guilty Per Plea

Jenkins, Randall

- Second Degree Trespass (April 23, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- False Pretenses (Jan. 5, 2023). Guilty
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Aug. 16, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- DWLR Not Impaired (Aug. 16, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- DWLR Not Impaired (Aug. 7, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Probation Revocation (April 23, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Lambert, Allyson D.

- Providing or Possessing Contraband (March 10, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Drug Trafficking (Jan. 25, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (Jan. 25, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Drug Trafficking (March 8, 2024). Guilty
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (Jan. 25, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Drug Paraphernalia (March 8, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (March 8, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (March 8, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Aiding/Abetting/Acting in Concert/Accessory Before the Fact (Feb. 29, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Drug Trafficking (March 8, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Tampering with Witnesses (March 22, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse

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of Minors (March 1, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea

Lambert, Uriah E.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 8, 2021). Dismissed

Lambert, Kaiden

- Harassment (July 11, 2024). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify

Ledford, James A.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Dec. 5, 2024). Guilty
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (July 4, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea

Lillard, Tynighia A.

- Failure to Maintain Lane Control (Aug. 17, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- DWLR Not Impaired (Aug. 17, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Littlejohn, Shira L.

- DWLR Not Impaired (Nov. 5, 2024). No disposition listed

Long, Madison H.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Nov. 17, 2021). Dismissed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Nov. 17, 2021). Dismissed

Malpass, John W.

- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (May 29, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Maney, Siceria M.

- Probation Revocation (Oct. 11, 2024). Dismissed with Leave

- Probation Revocation (Oct. 11, 2024). Dismissed with Leave
- Probation Revocation (Sept. 5, 2024). Dismissed with Leave
- Probation Revocation (Sept. 5, 2024). Dismissed with Leave

Maples, Carly D.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 8, 2021). Dismissed

McCoy, Mildred R.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 2, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 2, 2021). Dismissed

McNeil, John P.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Jan. 16, 2025). Guilty

Miller, Terra S.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Feb. 7, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Disseminating and Exhibiting Harmful Material or Performances to Minors (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Assault on a Child (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Assault on a Child (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Assault on a Child (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

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- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Assault on a Child (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Assault on a Child (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Disseminating and Exhibiting Harmful Material or Performances to Minors (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Disseminating and Exhibiting Harmful Material or Performances to Minors (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Assault on a Child (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 3, 2024), Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 3, 2024), Dismissed, Interest of Justice

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 3, 2024), Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Morgan, Frances A.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 19, 2024). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness

Morgan, Travis R.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 9, 2021).

Dismissed

Negara, Sophillia L.

- DWLR Not Impaired (Oct. 7, 2024). No disposition listed
- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (Oct. 7, 2024). No disposition listed
- Operate Vehicle No Insurance (Oct. 7, 2024). No disposition listed

Owle, Lloyd E.

- DWLR Not Impaired (Sept. 11, 2024). No disposition listed

Owle Jr., Alfred W.

- Extortion (April 13, 2024). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness
- Theft of Property Lost, Misaid, or Delivered by Mistake (April 13, 2024). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness
- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (April 13, 2024). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness

Parton, Anna E.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Nov. 10, 2024). Dismissed

Pheasant Sr., Thomas E.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 27, 2022). No disposition listed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 7, 2017). Reported Infraction

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (March 30, 2023). No disposition listed
- Operation of Motor Vehicle without Financial Responsibility (May 23, 2023). No disposition listed

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification,

or While Disqualified (May 23, 2023). No disposition listed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (June 12, 2023). No disposition listed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 12, 2023). No disposition listed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (March 30, 2023). No disposition listed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 15, 2023). No disposition listed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (May 23, 2023). No disposition listed
- Vehicles Required to be Registered (May 23, 2023). No disposition listed
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 4, 2023). No disposition listed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (July 4, 2023). No disposition listed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (July 5, 2023). No disposition listed

Plummer, Elizabeth R.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 24, 2024). Dismissed

Poston, Nicholas D.
- Injuring Real Property (Jan. 28, 2025). Dismissed, Lack of Jurisdiction
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 28, 2025). Dismissed, Lack of Jurisdiction

Prez, Emma
- Issuance and Renewal of Driver's License (Dec. 1, 2021). Dismissed

Pursley, Jacob J.

- Assault on a Female (Oct. 8, 2024). Guilty

Queen, Justin R.
- Grand Larceny (May 24, 2019). Guilty

Rattler, Zechariah B.
- DWLR Not Impaired (Nov. 20, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Dec. 11, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Dec. 11, 2024). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness

Reed, Tamara A.
- Drug Paraphernalia (March 13, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Second Degree Trespass (Nov. 9, 2023). Dismissed Per Plea
- Probation Revocation (Feb. 22, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 3, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea

Roach, Kenneth M.
- Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell or Deliver of a Counterfeit Controlled Substance (Feb. 28, 2019). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Feb. 28, 2019). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness
- Drug Paraphernalia (Feb. 28, 2019). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (Feb. 28, 2019). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness
- Reckless Endangerment (Feb. 28, 2019). Dismissed, Unavailability of Officer/Necessary Witness

Roland, Davita C.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Nov. 18, 2024). No disposition listed
- A&A DWLR Not Impaired (Nov. 18, 2024). No disposition listed

Rosario, George L.
- Resisting Lawful Arrest (July 13, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Disorderly Conduct (July 13, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice
- Public Intoxication (July 13, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Smith, Vincent D.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 11, 2022). Dismissed

Soap, Thomas K.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 11, 2021). Dismissed

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

Swayney, Benjamin L.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Nov. 11, 2017). Dismissed
- Operation of a Motor Vehicle without Financial Responsibility (Nov. 11, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Nov. 11, 2017). Dismissed

Swayney, Justin R.
- Expired/No Inspection (Oct. 9, 2024). No disposition listed

Tahquette, Michelle L.
- DWLR Not Impaired (Nov. 5, 2024). No disposition listed

Taylor Sr., John P.
- Probation Revocation (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Taylor, Alan C.
- Elder Abuse and Neglect (July 29, 2024). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify

Taylor, Brandon C.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 25, 2012). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Taylor, Heather L.
- Probation Revocation (Sept. 12, 2023). Dismissed Per Prior Plea
- Probation Revocation (Set. 12, 2023). Dismissed Per Prior Plea
- Providing or Possessing Contraband (Jan. 16, 2025). Guilty
- Probation Revocation (Sept. 12, 2023). Dismissed Per Prior Plea
- Probation Revocation (Sept. 12, 2023). Dismissed Per Prior Plea
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Jan. 15, 2025). Dismissed Per Prior Plea
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (July 24, 2023). Dismissed Per Prior Plea

Taylor, Jordan M.
- Probation Revocation (Jan. 3, 2025). Admitted
- Probation Revocation (Jan. 3, 2025). Admitted
- Probation Revocation (Jan. 3, 2025). Admitted
- Probation Revocation (Jan. 3, 2025). Admitted
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- Probation Revocation (Jan. 3, 2025). Admitted
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Taylor, Shaina M.

- DWLR Not Impaired (May 16, 2024). No disposition listed
- Failure to Wear Seat Belt (May 16, 2024). No disposition listed

Teesateskie, Beth S.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (May 11, 2023). Dismissed Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence

Teesateskie, Shelby S.

- Failure to Stop at Stop Sign/

Flashing Red Light (Nov. 1, 2024). No Contest

Tobal, Leonardo J.

- No Operator's License (Oct. 1, 2024). No disposition listed

Tolley, Lawrence A.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (June 13, 2024). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Torres, Selena J.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Nov. 14, 2023). No disposition listed
- Issuance and Renewal of Driver's License (May 17, 2015). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (May 17, 2015). Dismissed

Tramper, Bryan D.

- Unlawful to Drive While Li-

cense Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 26, 2023). No disposition listed

Tramper, Kenneth L.

- DWLR Not Impaired (Oct. 15, 2024). No disposition listed

Volkmer-Estrada, Holly K.

- Second Degree Trespass (Oct. 14, 2024). Guilty
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Jan. 21, 2025). Dismissed, Interest of Justice

Wachacha, William B.

- Issuance and Renewal of Driver's License (Nov. 25, 2021). Dismissed

Wahnetah, Kyle A.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 14, 2024). Guilty
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 14, 2024). Guilty
- Arson in the Second Degree (Oct. 14, 2024). Guilty
- Communicating Threats (Oct. 15, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea
- Telephone Harassment (Oct. 15, 2024). Dismissed Per Plea

Ward, Christy A.

- Arson in the First Degree (Dec. 22, 2017). Dismissed
- Injuring Real Property (Dec. 22, 2017). Dismissed
- Criminal Mischief to Property (Dec. 22, 2017). Dismissed
- Reckless Endangerment (Dec. 22, 2017). Dismissed

Watty, Awee A.

- No Operator's License (Sept. 1, 2024). No disposition listed

Watty, Michael R.

- Reserved (Dec. 11, 2015). Dismissed Per Prior Plea
- Restrictions, Hindering Sex Offender Registration (June 30, 2015). Dismissed Per Prior Plea

- Drugs: Possessing a Controlled Substance Classified in Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V (Dec. 4, 2014). Dismissed Per Prior Plea

Wilnoty, Clarissa L.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Nov. 16, 2021). Dismissed

Wolf, Jason

- DWLR License Not Reclaimed (Nov. 19, 2024). No disposition listed
- Reckless Driving to Endanger (Nov. 19, 2024). No disposition listed
- Failure to Maintain Lane Control (Nov. 19, 2024). No disposition listed

Young, Connor J.

- Public Intoxication (Jan. 20, 2025). Guilty

Youngdeer, Steven H.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 9, 2024). Dismissed Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 9, 2024). Dismissed Upon Compliance/Proof/Successful Completion of Deferred Sentence

CIPD Arrest Report for Feb. 17-23

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.

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Owle, Kenneth Randall - Age 62
Arrested: Feb. 17
Released: Feb. 20
Charges: Second Degree Trespass,
Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of
the Court

Climbingbear, Henderson Jr. - Age
76
Arrested: Feb. 19
Released: Feb. 19
Charges: Hold til Sober

Ensley, Charles Dennis - Age 34
Arrested: Feb. 19
Released: Feb. 22
Charges: Domestic Violence and
Dating Violence, Domestic Criminal
Trespass

Jackson, Alexandria Jade - Age 32
Arrested: Feb. 19
Released: Feb. 19
Charges: Drug Trafficking, Driving
while License Revoked, Possession
of Schedule II Controlled Sub-
stance

Locust, Randi Lee - Age 41
Arrested: Feb. 19

Released: Feb. 20
Charges: Temporary Hold

McCoy, Norman Dale - Age 67
Arrested: Feb. 19
Released: Feb. 19
Charges: Failure to Appear on
Misdemeanor

Rattler, Jacob Hunter - Age 32
Arrested: Feb. 19
Released: Not released as of report
date (Feb. 24)
Charges: Possession of Drug
Paraphernalia, Failure to Obey a
Lawful Order of the Court

Junaluska, Kody Francine - Age 42
Arrested: Feb. 20
Released: Feb. 20
Charges: Temporary hold

Locust, Andrew - Age 42
Arrested: Feb. 20
Released: Not released as of report
date (Feb. 24)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful
Order of the Court

Locust, Richard Fred-Hawk - Age
23

Arrested: Feb. 20
Released: Not released as of report
date (Feb. 24)
Charges: Pretrial Release Violation

Maney, Siceria Marquita - Age 36
Arrested: Feb. 20
Released: Not released as of report
date (Feb. 24)
Charges: Probation Violation

Sampson, Donovan Leon - Age 42
Arrested: Feb. 20
Released: Not released as of report
date (Feb. 24)
Charges: Contributing to the
Delinquency Neglect or Abuse of a
Minor (2 counts)

Soap, Thomas Kelly - Age 37
Arrested: Feb. 20
Released: Feb. 20
Charges: Assault Inflicting Serious
Bodily Injury

Watty, Todd M. - Age 32
Arrested: Feb. 20
Released: Not released as of report
date (Feb. 24)
Charges: Probation Revocation

Calonaheskie, Anthony Benson -
Age 32
Arrested: Feb. 21
Released: Feb. 22
Charges: Possession of a Con-
trolled Substance

George, Kelcie Cheyne - Age 34
Arrested: Feb. 21
Released: Not released as of report
date (Feb. 24)
Charges: Sex Offender Crimes

Martin, Brandon Earl - Age 37
Arrested: Feb. 21
Released: Feb. 21
Charges: Larceny, Breaking and
Entering

Reed, Samuel Enoch - Age 34
Arrested: Feb. 21
Released: Not released as of report
date (Feb. 24)
Charges: Public Intoxication, Pos-
session of a Controlled Substance

Strickland, Mary Nicole - Age 39
Arrested: Feb. 23
Released: Feb. 23
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BASKETBALL

Rogers signs with Montreat College

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Around 100 people filed into the Charles George Memorial Arena in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 25 to witness a very dedicated athlete sign to play at the next level. Whitney Rogers, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and a senior member of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity basketball team, signed a letter of intent to play for Montreat College during the ceremony.

“She is a tenacious athlete,” said Miranda Long Stamper, Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi head coach. “It’s just an enormous sense of pride and it’s great for these other younger girls to see.”

She added, “Whitney is definitely one you want on your side. Going into the games, I’ve talked to other coaches and she’s the one that they have a tough time finding someone to defend. That’s exactly who she is. She’s hard to guard. She’s just an incredible kid. What everybody sees maybe on the court doesn’t reflect, she’s super caring. She’d do anything for these girls. She’s out here at practice. She gives it everything. She makes practice fun, as well as the game.”

Rogers noted of signing, “It feels great. I’ve dreamed of this ever since I was playing pee wees.” She plans to study psychology at Montreat. “I want to thank my family and all my coaches.”

When asked what she would tell younger players starting out



Whitney Rogers, second from left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and a senior member of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity basketball team, signed a letter of intent to play for Montreat College during a ceremony at the Charles George Memorial Arena in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 25. Shown, left to right, are Lori Taylor, Whitney’s mother; Whitney Rogers; Madison Rogers, Whitney’s sister; Scott Rogers, Whitney’s father; and Jamie Moore, Montreat College women’s basketball head coach. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

who have a similar goal, Rogers said, “Just keep working to it and to never give up. And always take hours to yourself to work on anything.”

Rogers has won numerous awards over her high school career with some of the big ones being: 2023-24 Big Smoky Mountain Conference Player of the Year, 2023-24 North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association All-District

First Team, and selection to the 2025 WNC All-Star Game set to be played at Warren Wilson College on March 29.

Craig Barker, Cherokee High School principal, told the crowd present, “I know Whitney is a lady of few words. She lets her basketball play speak volumes...I’m a firm believer that you get what you deserve. Whitney has put the work in for countless hours and every-

body here, the support system that she has is a testimony to what kind of young lady she is.

She is one of the best to ever put on the maroon and gold.”

Taline Ugwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley said during the event, “I’ve enjoyed watching you grow up to be an excellent young lady, representing Big Cove and the tribe. It’s been an honor watching you play. I’m very proud

of you.”

Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks also spoke commenting, “You’re definitely one of my favorite players. You’re fun to watch. You play the game right. Your efforts are grooming a lot of these younger girls coming up.”

He praised Rogers’ work ethic and team mentality. “I’m proud of what you guys have accomplished as a team. I’ve heard from so many people that when they watch Cherokee play...they say these Cherokee kids play the game right. You share the ball, you’re not selfish. You just play the game like it’s supposed to be played.”

Lori Taylor, Rogers’ mother, spoke noting, “As her mom, I just want to thank everybody that has supported her, who has helped her along the way. It started in travel league. That was her foundation...I can honestly say, her four years here, she’s had endless support, endless love.”

She spoke of her daughter’s commitment. “This little girl took a basketball outside in our driveway and dribbled endlessly. Whatever moves the trainers taught her, she practiced them endlessly on her own. I didn’t have to get onto her...all I can say is I’m proud of her. I love her.”

She thanked Cherokee High School and the Cherokee community for their support. “I appreciate the love and support that everybody has shown Whitney. They didn’t have to do that. Nobody had to do that, but they did, and I appreciate that. That fills my heart.”

Jamie Moore, Montreat College women’s basketball head coach, commented, “You bring all of these skills to the table and you stood out to us immediately. But, I think, more than anything, you bring this grit and this will to win that not everyone has. There are a



lot of really talented players, but that grit that you have and that tenacity that you have, that’s what we’re most excited about. We feel like you’re somebody that we can build around and we want to take

this championship culture that you all have built here at Cherokee and we want to bring it to Montreat. And, I think you’re just the person to lead that charge.”

The Montreat College Cava-

liers play in the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) in the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

Tiger-Harlan signs with Reinhardt Univ.



Mica Tiger-Harlan, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Smoky Mountain High School (SMHS), signed a letter of intent at SMHS in Sylva, N.C. on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 28 to play softball for Reinhardt University. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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

SYLVIA, N.C. – Mica Tiger-Harlan, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Smoky Mountain High School (SMHS), signed a letter of intent at SMHS in Sylva, N.C. on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 28 to play softball for Reinhardt University.

“It feels good,” she said. “It’s been a dream of mine for a long time.”

Tiger-Harlan plans to study criminal justice with the goal of

becoming a game warden or law enforcement officer.

When asked what she is most looking forward to about going to college, she noted, “Meeting new people and getting a ring, hopefully.”

She added, “I want to thank my parents, my family, all my coaches, and all of my friends for supporting me.”

Vanessa Tiger, Mica’s mother, commented, “I’m excited for her. She’s worked hard since she was 8 years old to get here. She put in a lot of hours on the field and off the field, at home practicing... She had



Mica is shown with family and friends following her signing.

a recruiting page that she set up, that her travel ball coach helped her with. She visited several other schools...her visit from Reinhardt was just the best experience she had. The coach was really inviting. She liked the facilities and the way he runs his program is what sold her. It feels good just to see her be able to keep playing.”

Morgan Dillard, SMHS head softball coach, said, “Mica’s dedication to this sport is unmatched and it’s amazing to see it shine through each and every day. We appreciate you. We’re proud of you. Your teammates here support you as well.

Her leadership truly shines through...she is a leader on the

field, off the field, and the standard that she sets with her work ethic is unmatched.”

David McCoy, Mica’s travel league softball coach, has coached her for five years as a part of the Diamond Mine team. “She’ll do good...Mica thrives in that. The harder you push her, the better she is and the better she gets. She’ll do good down there.”

He went on to say, “The good thing about her is that she listens. I wish I had a whole team of Micas...she can play any position.”

The Reinhardt Eagles play in the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) in the Appalachian Athletic Conference.



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BASKETBALL: Cherokee 78 Carver 29
 Cherokee's Joscelyn Stamper (#13) goes for a shot inside in front of Carver's Laneigh Scales as the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) hosted the Carver Lady Yellow Jackets in the second round of the 1A State Playoffs at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Feb. 28. The Anata Anitsvyasdi dominated throughout cruising to a 78-29 victory. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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Educating through art

Sneed's art shown in exhibit in Hickory

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

Lenoir-Rhyne University students participated in an exhibit at the Hickory Museum of Art recently entitled “The Art of Profession” which featured students in the Advanced Studio Practices, and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) was one of those featured. Tishara Sneed, an EBCI tribal member who also has Dine’ (Navajo) heritage, displayed three ceramic masks for the exhibit.

In her artist statement for the exhibit, she wrote in part, “The creation of these masks allows me to explore and connect to my culture. The process of making these masks also gives me the opportunity to contribute new dialogue that reflects on my culture, such as the importance of stickball. My goal is to continue this series and expand it with the creation of the seven clan masks. Through my art, I seek to celebrate the traditions of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Dine’.”

She told the One Feather, “I’ve never done anything like that before and things like that make me kind of get out of my shell because I am a really shy person.



Tishara Sneed, an EBCI tribal member who also has Dine’ (Navajo) heritage, displayed three ceramic masks for an exhibit held recently at the Hickory Museum of Art entitled “The Art of Profession”. (Photos by Lenoir-Rhyne University)

So, something like that made me think, ‘I kind of want to do that again’. It was really fun. And, also, people who are not from Cherokee had never seen it so that gave me a chance to tell them what it was and explain. And tell them, ‘if you want to see more like that you should visit Cherokee. There are a lot of artists out there that have the same type of work as I do.’”

Sneed, a visual arts major at Lenoir-Rhyne, is set to graduate this May. “It (the exhibit) could be whatever we wanted it to be. At the time, we were starting our senior portfolios. So, our senior portfolio could be on whatever you wanted it to be. I wanted mine to reflect more on my culture, so I did it on something to do with Cherokee.”

When asked what drew her to the idea of masks, she commented, “I made a bunch of masks my junior year. They started out really small, so I ended up giving them all out to family members. So, then I thought for my senior portfolio I wanted to do bigger ones. I wanted to make more face-size.

I’ve always really loved the wood carvings of the masks. I just liked how they do it - they sit there and carve it. I used to work at the Museum (of the Cherokee People) my junior year of high school. I would see some of the people that would display how to make them, and I would watch them sit there and carve the masks. I just thought, ‘whoa, that’s really cool’.”

Sneed is happy that her art

helps to bridge gaps. On the public’s reception to her masks in the exhibit, she said, “They thought I was doing some kind of African masks. Some of them just thought I was doing this for fun. They said, ‘Oh, these are pretty cool. I’ve never seen something like this’. And they were asking me a bunch of questions like ‘what kind of mask is this?’ I told them I’m from Cherokee. I’m Cherokee and Navajo so I kind of look back on some of those things just to get my ideas. They were like, ‘that’s really cool. That’s really great.’”

She takes inspiration from other EBCI artists. “With Cherokee artists, I like to look at Michelle Long. I really love her polymer clay masks. I love them. And then

John Henry Gloyne's...his detailed paint masks, the paintings that he does, I just always look at them because they're so detailed."

In a press release on the exhibit, Claire Pope, M.A., M.F.A., assistant art professor, visual art program coordinator, and instructor for the Advanced Studio Practices class, commented, "It's rare to have a museum show early in an artist's career. This platform allows students to express their unique visual voices to a broader audience. It's about helping students realize who they are as artists and supporting them as they evolve."

Sneed was joined in the exhibit by classmates Meredith Cecil, Connie Dale, and Vivien Becker Peralta.



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EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

March is National Nutrition Month

By **SUSAN BOEKEL, RDN, LDN**

Cherokee Indian Hospital
Nutrition Dept.

This year's theme from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is "Food connects us". Food connects us to our cultures, our families and our friends. The foods we eat also have a strong connection to our health.

People who eat more "cooked at home meals" tend to consume more fruits and vegetables. They also eat less saturated fat and salt for better health. From childhood to our older years, nutrition plays an important role in preventing disease and improving quality of life across all stages of life. Eat more meals at home.

Here are some ways that you can make healthy connections at home:

1. Consider trying a new fruit or vegetable as a family every week in March. Kids really love

marking off the fruits and veggies they have already tried on this list.

<https://www.squaremeals.org/Portals/8/files/FFVP/100%20fruits%20and%20veggies.pdf>

2. Let family members have a role in planning and helping prepare meals. Try some of the "cooking class" videos on this website. <https://diabetesfoodhub.org/>

3. Plan to eat meals together as a family. This helps young family members learn about eating new foods and creates "time to share together" for everyone's wellbeing.

<https://www.gse.harvard.edu/ideas/ed-cast/20/04/benefit-family-mealtime>

4. Try meatless meals like bean bread or three sisters salad as your protein source then add other side dishes. <https://food.ebci-nsn.gov/2023/06/21/bean-bread-tuya-disuyi/#recipe>,

<https://food.ebci-nsn.gov/2021/07/19/three-sisters-salad/>

5. Remember a registered dietitian nutritionist

(RDN) can work with you to develop a safe, realistic eating plan. Call your provider's pod to connect with your RDN today.

Also, remember to celebrate nutrition experts on Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day on Wednesday, March 12.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

Parkwide Burn Ban at Great Smoky Mountains National Park

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - Due to continued dry conditions, winds, and high fire danger, the National Park Service (NPS) is banning all campfires and charcoal use in Great Smoky Mountains National Park effective immediately. The fire ban will be in effect until further notice on both the Tennessee and North Carolina sides of the park. This is consistent with the Sevier County burn ban and the National Weather Service Red Flag Warning in our area.

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The NPS is working with multiple agencies in response to current and predicted weather and fuel conditions. Visitors should use extra caution recreating on public lands including national parks and national forests in North Carolina and Tennessee when fire danger is increased.

- National Park Service release

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship available

RALEIGH, N.C. – The priority application period for the 2025-26 Opportunity Scholarships and ESA+ scholarships for new students closes at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 6. Families who wish to apply can do so any time before the 5 p.m. deadline. Families are encouraged to apply as soon as possible in case they need assistance completing their application.

Complete Opportunity Scholarship and ESA+ applications submitted during the prior-

ity period will be entered into each program's lottery. The Opportunity Scholarship lottery will be conducted according to income tier; students in the lowest household income tier will receive priority when awarding scholarships.

Incomplete applications will not be entered into the lottery. Families are encouraged to confirm their application is complete by visiting the "Eligibility and Awards" section of their MyPortal account prior to the March 6 priority period deadline. From there, they can choose their student's name from the drop down and click on the icon in the "Status" column for details. If the status says "incomplete", or a parent selects the edit function on the application, parents must go back to their "To-Do" list in MyPortal where they will see a link titled "Finish Application." They will need to finish the application and re-submit it.

For Opportunity Scholarship applications received after the priority period closes, scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis as funds are available after all renewal students and priority period students

are awarded. ESA+ applications may re-open after NCSEAA makes a determination of the award amounts for renewal and priority period students and the availability of remaining ESA+ funding. Go to www.k12.ncseaa.edu for more information on how to apply.

About K12 Scholarship Programs:

Opportunity Scholarships are open to North Carolina students enrolled in grades K-12 at an eligible private school. Award amounts are based on a family's household income and can be used to pay the required tuition and fees to attend an eligible private school.

ESA+ scholarships are open to North Carolina students with an eligible disability. Award amounts are based on the student's disability and can be used to pay tuition and fees at an eligible private school and for approved educational expenses.

Info: www.k12.ncseaa.edu or call (855) 330-3955

- NCSEAA release

MISSING

Skye Ethan Wilkins

Caucasian/American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'5" to 5'7"

Weight: 130-160 lbs Male

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Age: 32

Date of last contact: February 25, 2025

Last Known Location: Snellville, Georgia

Circumstances of Disappearance: Left note, cash, and vehicle at the residence. Took a taxi to Yellow River

Park in Snellville, GA. Cell phone has been off since February 5, 2025. Last seen wearing a black and red plaid shirt with green pants and carrying a small black back pack. DO NOT APPROACH.

If you have seen or have information about Skye Ethan Wilkins, contact Julie Price, Detective, Gwinnett County Police (770) 513-5000.

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OBITUARIES ƆᎠᎿᎿ

Nigel Holmes Ledford

Nigel Holmes Ledford, 29 of Cherokee, N.C., passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025.

Nigel was a talented artist. He loved doing crafts and beadwork. He is the son of the late James Ledford and Minnie Ledford. In addition to his parents, Nigel is also preceded by his sister, Kale-nud Ledford, and grandparents, Phillip and Rosemary Powell.

He is survived by his brothers, Mitchell Ledford (Edna), Ma-son Ledford (Anna) and Robert Ledford (Jenna); eight nieces and two nephews; grandmother, Lula Ledford; aunts, Velva Powell, Rose (Skipper Sneed), Christine Walk-ingstick; uncles, Wilson Sneed, Callaway Ledford, and Benji

Powell; special cousins, Qiana and Megan Powell; and several more cousins also survive.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Feb. 28 at Macedonia Baptist Church with Dan Conseen officiating.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements

James Daniel Arch (Hooch)

James Daniel Arch (Hooch), 59, of the Painttown Community, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of Marie Rose Arch of Cherokee and Butch Long of Cherokee.

James was preceded in death by two children, JD, and Lauren Arch, and his step-father, Teddy Rose.

James enjoyed fishing, kay-aking, hanging out with his fur babies, and hunting. He worked Maintenance for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for 27 years.

He is survived by his wife, Leanna Arch; two children, Jas-mine Danielle Arch, and Laurali Jada-Marie Arch; and siblings, Janet Arch, Marcia Arch, Jackie Giddens, and Frances Long.

Funeral Services were held on Sunday, March 2 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Shane Dan-ner officiated.

Mrs. Sara Mae Reagan Waldroop

It is with a heavy heart, we share the passing of Mrs. Sara Mae Reagan Waldroop, 87, Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025.

Mrs. Waldroop was born May 5, 1937, in Swain Co., N.C. to the late Paul and Laura McGee Rea-gan. She was proud of her heritage and was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Mrs. Waldroop worked and re-tired as the director of the Macon County Board of Elections, was a

member of Franklin First United Methodist Church where she was a volunteer greeter and served on the grief women's group. She was a big supporter of Girl Scouts of America, coached competitions square dance teams, and was a big supporter of the Democratic Party.

Mrs. Waldroop family remem-bers her as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to all. She loved to cook by making her famous dishes, coconut cake, lem-on pies, Oreo dishes, cream corn among many other things. She was known to deliver meals on wheels to her younger family members and friend Maggie. Mrs. Waldroop loved to keep the roads hot with her driving.

Most of all Mrs. Waldroop loved doing for others, spending time with her friends. She showed the love of Christ to all that knew and loved her.

Survivors include her three daughters, Mollie Cohen (David) of Asheville, N.C., Mary King (Jef-fery) of Huntsville, Ala., and Jane Beck (Monty) of Franklin, N.C.; six grandchildren, Meggin Booe (Ken-ny), Lauren Harrell (Evan), Jeffrey Hunter King (Madeline Grace), Taylor King (Jennifer), Britany Beck, and Lindy Cochran (Matt); 10 great-grandchildren, Bryson Booe, Kenley Booe, Elin Harrell, Nile Harrell, Everleigh King, Adelaide King, Spencer King, Allyson King, Charlie Beck, and Eva Co-chran; a brother, Mackie Reagan of Canton, Ohio; and an aunt, Dot Lambert (Cody) of Cherokee, N.C. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" Waldroop in 2014, and a granddaughter, Sarah McK-enzie King.

A Celebration of Life service was held Saturday, March 1 at the Franklin First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dana McK-

im, Rev. Vicki Lawrence, Rev. Vic Greene, and Rev. Janet Greene officiating. Burial followed at the Woodlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers were Hunter King, Stevie Tallent, Bobby Gibson, Tony Allen, Jamie Henson, and Gary Tallent.

Online condolences can be left at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the Waldroop family.

Fred Bruner Lunsford

Fred Bruner Lunsford, born March 7, 1925, to the late Inez Rogers and Pearl M. Lunsford; passed to his Heavenly Home on March 1, 2025 (six days before his 100th birthday). He joined his beloved wife of 70 years, Gladys Greene Lunsford, who died on Aug. 14, 2014.

Fred graduated from Andrews High School in the spring of 1943 and he and Gladys were married March 17, 1944, following Fred's induction and basic training in the US Army, during World War II. He was later deployed to the European Theater; with service at the Normandy Invasion, Battle of the Bulge, and the Liberation of France.

Fred was predeceased by sis-ters, Furel and Beatrice, and is sur-vided by brother Hoyt (Margaret). In addition, he is survived by sons, Dan(Beverly) and Tony(Melanie); grandchildren, Shannon(David), Natalie, Eddie(Rae); great-grand-children, Sam, Hannah(Jimmy), and David; and great-great grand-children, ZolaMae and Rowan. In addition, he is survived by a num-ber of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. Many friends and neighbors also grieve at his passing and praise God for his life of ministry and service.



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He began his journey in the Christian faith with a profession of faith at age 12. Upon entering the US Army in 1943, he took his unwavering faith with him as he served in the European Theater, including the Normandy Invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, and the Liberation of France. For his valor, he received numerous commendations, reflecting his dedication and courage. Upon returning from WWII, he was ordained as a deacon by his home church, Vengeance Creek Baptist Church.

Fred was licensed to preach the Gospel on Oct. 23, 1949, by Pleasant Valley Baptist Church (Murphy, N.C.) and was ordained in 1950. His pastoral ministries were at Friendship Baptist (Hiwassee, Ga.), Little Brasstown Baptist (N.C.), Robbinsville First Baptist (N.C.), and Vengeance

Creek Baptist (N.C.); plus four interim pastorates. He served as Director of Missions-Truett Baptist Association for 26 years. Additional ministerial work included Revivals, World Mission Conferences, and Crusades, in excess of 650 times in fourteen states. Also, he served as a consultant for Sunday School Growth for the Baptist State Convention of NC and the Southern Baptist Convention; working frequently at Ridgecrest, Camp Caraway, Camp Caswell, and Truett Camp. He also taught numerous Seminary Extension and Bible Study courses and preached hundreds of funeral services. He was instrumental in establishing the Broyhill Children's Home and Truett Children's Home in Western North Carolina. He served the community as a member of the Foundation Board

of Murphy Medical Center (now Erlanger Hospital).

In 2002, he launched Christian Lighthouse Ministries, with an emphasis on evangelism, church growth and prayer. God grew his vision for evangelism to a passion for a global spiritual awakening. On May 5, 2020 an event known as "Praying on the Mountain" was held where over 100,000 people joined him in fervent prayer for global revival. His ministry also included the authoring of 10 books.

An important part of his life was as an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and he was recognized as an Elder of the Tribe. Additionally, he was pleased to be a member of the American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143; as a part of America's "Greatest Generation.

Fred has been recognized for his life of service to Mankind, the Christian faith and the Baptist denomination:

- 1987- Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention
- 1987- Seminary Extension of the Southern Baptist Convention
- 1990- Women's Missionary Union-BSCNC
- 1991- Truett Baptist Association- 26 years of service
- 2008- Sunday School Ministries-BSCNC
- 2010- Honor Roll- National WW II Museum- New Orleans, LA
- 2014- Broyhill Home Founders Award-BSCNC
- 2015- "Order of the Long Leaf Pine"- State of NC
- 2016- Grand Marshall- Cherokee Indian Fair
- 2017- WW II Veteran's Honor Quilt- American Legion- Steve Youngdeer -Post 143
- 2018- Baptist Heritage Award-BSCNC
- 2020- NC Hwy 141 Bridge Dedication- NC Dept of Transportation

Fred's family expresses their heartfelt appreciation to the incredible caregivers: Cynthia, Debra, Joan, Kelly, Sharon G., Sharon K., Tammy, and Good Shepherd Hospice; plus the staff of the Cherokee Indian Medical Clinic (Marble, NC).

A Celebration of Life was held Friday, March 7 at Little Brasstown Baptist Church located at 6120 Harshaw Road, Brasstown, N.C. Rev. Aud Brown, Dr. Chester Jones, Rev. Derrick Palmer and Rev. Philip Hodge officiated. Music was provided by Mrs. Brenda Blount, Mrs. Lisa Frye and the choirs of Little Brasstown and Vengeance Creek Baptist church.

A graveside service with military honors was conducted by the American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 at Vengeance Creek Memorial Gardens located at 940 Lower Vengeance Creek Road, Marble, NC 28905. Pallbearers were Bruce Rose, Kevin White, Gary Rogers, David Dalton, Sam Finley, and Jesse Hobday. Honorary Pallbearers were John Cook, Mickey Maennle, Herbert Nix, and Baptist ministers who have served or continue to serve in North Carolina.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the following; Christian Lighthouse Ministries, 1045 Ebenezer Rd, Murphy, NC 28906; Mars Hill University (Lunsford Scholarship) Advancement Office, PO Box 336, Mars Hill, NC 28754; Baptist Children's Home, PO Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361; or Vengeance Creek Cemetery Fund, PO Box 253, Marble, NC 28905.

You may send tributes to the Lunsford family at www.townson-rose.com.

Townson-Rose Funeral Home of Murphy, N.C. was in charge of all arrangements.

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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Kathi Smith Littlejohn is passionate about sharing Cherokee culture

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Whether it is captivating an audience with a Cherokee story or sharing history about the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Kathi Smith Littlejohn does it all with passion and an absolutely charming demeanor. She is a noted Cherokee storyteller and elder, but Kathi also has a long history of service to her people.

On Oct. 29, she was honored as Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approved Res. No. 303 (2020) during its Annual Council session that re-named the Cherokee Transportation Center, located in Elawodi (Yellowhill), to the Kathi S. Littlejohn Transportation Center. That legislation states that the Center was opened in 2012 with grant funding obtained by Littlejohn who also “founded EBCI Transit, initially a service of Tsali Manor to provide transportation to seniors, beginning services with only two other staff members”.

In true fashion for Kathi, she thanked others for the honor and didn’t feel she deserved it at all. “This is really big. I cannot tell you how it would have been if I didn’t have God’s help and if I didn’t have wonderful, awesome, hard-working staff. I would not be here today. That’s for sure.”

She said when she was told about the resolution she told the submitters, “No, don’t do that – there’s so many more deserving people, and I’ll name them to you.”

Littlejohn added, “I am humbled, and I am overwhelmed. I thank you for all of your support over these years.”

At that time, then-Ugwyiyuhi (Principal Chief) Richard G. Sneed commented, “She personifies the character of what it means to be a Cherokee. We need more people like her. That value system needs to be manifested in all of us.”

In addition to her tireless work over the years starting and building the EBCI Transit Dept., she is probably best well known regionally and nationally as a noted Cherokee storyteller. Kathi has four CDs including: “Cherokee Legends Volume I, II, and III” and “Cherokee Stories of the Supernatural”.

She is a truly gifted storyteller – one of those who can just capture your imagination.

Kathi is one of several Cherokee storytellers included in “Living Stories of the Cherokee”, a book published in 1998 by the University of North Carolina Press. The book, collected and edited by Dr. Barbara Duncan, includes stories from Kathi, Davey Arch, Robert Bushyhead, Edna Chekelelee, Marie Junaluska, and Freeman Owle. It won the 1998 Thomas Wolfe Literary Award from the Western North Carolina Association as well as the 1999 Storytelling World Award.

In addition to telling stories all over the region, Kathi also recorded a series of 10 videos for YouTube entitled “Cherokee History & Stories – What Happened Here”.



Kathi Smith Littlejohn, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, tells a Cherokee story during the Cherokee Winter Social at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Complex in Cherokee, N.C. on Jan. 27, 2024. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

It can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/@cherokeevideos9203>

It is always a pleasure seeing Kathi and her husband, Leroy, at

events. I always learn something new, and both are two of the nicest, most pleasant people I’ve ever been around.

Clay County's "strong emotions" excuse is not ok

By CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER
EDITORIAL BOARD

Several incidents occurred during the Smoky Mountain Conference varsity girls basketball final between the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) and the Hayesville Lady Yellow Jackets that are just not ok. During that game, played on Saturday, Feb. 22 at Hayesville High School, several Yellow Jackets fans, all adults, were photographed "flipping off" the Anata Anitsvyasdi as they lined up for their trophy presentation following their large win.

As you can imagine, a firestorm ensued. Clay County Schools Superintendent Melissa Godfrey and the Clay County Board of Education released a statement on their official school Facebook page on Tuesday, Feb. 25 in which they wrote, "Competitive sports can bring out strong emotions, and that's exactly what we saw during the SMC Conference Tournament."

Strong emotions...ok...well, there were some game incidents on the court...but, we're talking about adults including a teacher within the Clay County system.

Their statement goes on to say, "We are aware of images that display some of our fans being inappropriate during Saturday night's tournament game. This behavior does not reflect the values of our school system or community and we deeply regret this happened. This behavior will not be tolerated."

But, Clay County, you are tolerating it aren't you? What is being done about this? Have all of

the adults involved received lifetime bans from attending sporting events involving children? That hasn't happened.

And, let's not forget that this sort of behavior has happened before at Hayesville.

An inflammatory Snapchat post was put online and started making the rounds like wildfire just prior to basketball games between Cherokee High School (CHS) and Hayesville High School (HHS) on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020. The post, from a minor student at HHS stated (typed as it was in the post), "Student section theme for tonight's game against the Cherokee Indians is Cowboys, bring your boots ya hats and ya horses and let's scalp some Indians."

Just for clarity, the Cherokee sports teams have the monikers of Anitsvyasdi (Braves) and Anata Anitsvyasdi (Lady Braves), not Indians. Year-over-year, the overwhelming majority of players for Cherokee are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

In an apology letter to then-Cherokee High School Principal Dr. Debora Foerst, Jim Saltz, then-Hayesville High School principal wrote, "On behalf of the Hayesville High School (HHS) community, I would like to apologize for the inappropriate social media posts by a couple of our students and other situations that derived from them. We at HHS in no way will tolerate the content of the posts and the solicited actions."

This latest event is so serious that EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks issued a

statement. "What should have been a proud and joyous moment was instead tainted by blatant racism and hostility – behavior that should never be tolerated, especially from those expected to set a better example. The Clay County School administration has failed to address the issues in a fair manner, and we will not stand for it."

He added, "This is not an isolated incident. Our varsity boys team has also faced similar discriminatory treatment in a prior game at Murphy, making it clear that this vitriol goes beyond a single game. This pattern of behavior is unacceptable, and we will not allow it to continue in the future." And, for Cherokee fans, it is most definitely, 100 percent, maybe 1,000 percent, not an isolated incident.

Following the Snapchat "let's scalp some Indians" debacle, Dr. Foerst, who is the daughter of the late Ray Kinsland (Mr. Brave) and has been around Cherokee athletics her entire life, told the One Feather, "We have faced racist remarks, chants, signs, behavior, and more from schools all across North Carolina as long as I can remember and farther back than that. My dad told many stories about his experiences with our student-athletes over his 60 years volunteering with Cherokee High School, from not being allowed to eat in the dining room of restaurants to having trash thrown on them as they left the field. We have sat through student sections of opposing schools do fake war whoops, run-through banners with 'The Trail of Tears ends here', and fans spitting on our players. We were told it was all in good fun, we

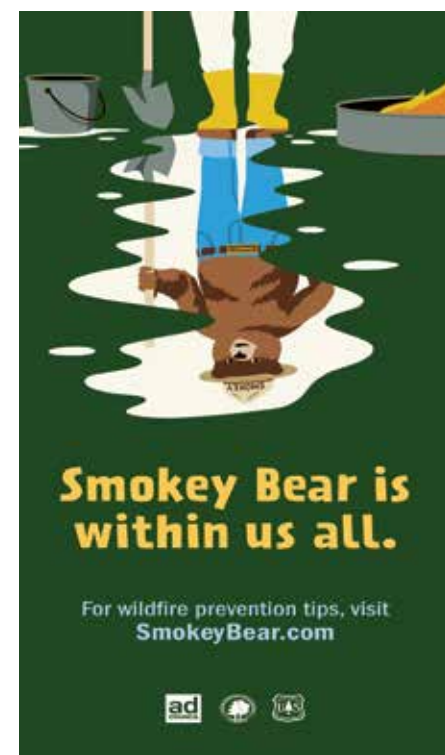
shouldn't be so sensitive, or it is just the students trying to encourage their teams."

So, what's the solution? That's a good question.

First off, we feel that Hayesville should not be allowed to host sporting events for a year. Following that year-long ban, they should be on a probationary period for six months to a year where they can host but an extra NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association) referee is employed for those games to serve as a fan monitor of sorts. It sounds ridiculous, but this entire situation is ridiculous.

In the end, who knows what will be done? But, it must be something this time or it will continue to happen again and again and again. Too many Cherokee student-athletes, current and former, have stories about being abused, and that's incredibly sad.

In short, do better.



Fireworks

By Lamont H. Fuchs Ed. D.

Scripture References Hebrews 12:1-3, Mark 8:34-37, Exodus 36-38

I was born and raised in Montana in the fifties and sixties. The 4th of July was the biggest holiday of the year for me. Bigger than Christmas or my birthday or anything. Our family plans always included doing something special. For many years, it was rodeos in Roundup or Red Lodge, and it always, always concluded with fireworks somewhere. I can't remember too many years since that time that my family and I failed to make an effort to see the fireworks anytime we got a chance. It's not always on the 4th of July that you can see fireworks somewhere.

Have you ever seen them? Think about when you heard and felt the booms, saw the colors, the smoke, and smelled the black powder. How glorious the sights and sounds of a good fireworks display are. I can even give you a rating of good, bad, or mediocre shows. I've spent hundreds of dollars shooting off our shows of fireworks at home, even though it was illegal in some places we lived. But, if you've never lit a fuse, run, and stood back with your eyes to the sky to see the fireworks, then I'd say you may have missed some living.

Do you know who made the fireworks? Ever met anyone who mixed the powders or made the internal packages that created the unique displays of red or green or sparkly blues and gold? How about those guys who lit the fuses and set up the cannons that controlled the direction or the sequence of

all those beautiful bursts of light in the sky? We rarely think about or give credit to the explosives maker or the people who lit the cannons. All we see and remember is the glorious display of lights and sounds.

The people who glorified the skies with their service and talent exemplify humility for us. It is the way we should live our lives, glorifying God. We are his hands and feet, and His glory is the light and action, the flashes and sounds that get all the oooohs and aaaahs from those who witness the fury. We are supposed to be the ones who light the fuses, make the cannons, and coordinate the action to give God the glory.

Do you remember who Bezalel was? Read Exodus 36 through 38 again. He was a talented man. He was likely more talented than anyone in history for his artistry and creativity. We know of many ancient artists who gained great notoriety and fame. Bezalel is hardly remembered or famous by world standards, but he was greatly honored by Biblical standards for his

accomplishments. God inspired him with artistic talent like none other. He was gifted immensely by God. As a result, his fame and glory are lifted to heavenly places, and his name is in the everlasting Word of God.

No one wrote about his houses or cars or jet planes. They didn't talk about his best-selling books or millions in wealth. Instead, Moses wrote how Bezalel made a tabernacle, a tent temple of God that God ordered to be made to His glory. But, of course, the glory was not Bezalel's, who we hardly remember, but to God and His Glory.

That's humility in a nutshell when it comes to ministry. But, unfortunately, for some ministers, preachers, and artists, the desire for the stage becomes a sin, and the crowd's adoration becomes a drug. None of us should wish to be on the pedestal of the crowd. We shouldn't desire to use the pulpit or sanctuary as a springboard to glorify ourselves. Instead, we are to point to the glory of God. We are to light the fuse of the Spirit and give God the stage of light,

sound, and fury.

Check yourself. What are your motives? Are you an actor? Comedian? Great Orator? Are you good at playing an instrument or singing? Check yourself, and when you conclude honestly that your heart and mind are in the right place to glorify God, His glory will manifest itself, and the fruit of the Spirit it yields will be glorious. If you find yourself on the other side of that inspection, do as you might be calling on others. Repent. Ask for forgiveness and get your priorities right. Jesus first, always.

Lord God and Father, protect those You have called into Your service. Keep Satan at bay, and don't allow him to pull our best, brightest, and most talented down into pride and mal-motivations. Lord, protect the servants You have called to draw others unto You. Lord, I ask Your Spirit to pour generous portions of wisdom, humility, grace, and peace over those in Your service. Thank You for each one of them and for all they do for You. Amen.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



(As well as) those who were tormented with unclean spirits - (and) they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

LUKE 6: 18, 19

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Amber Waves

THAT FARMER IS ALWAYS SERVING UP SLOP. I'M GONNA GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND.



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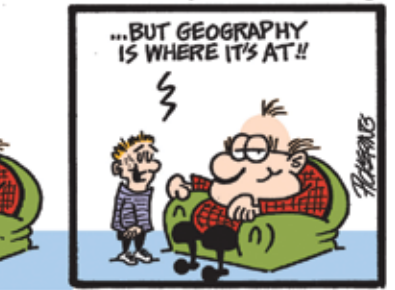
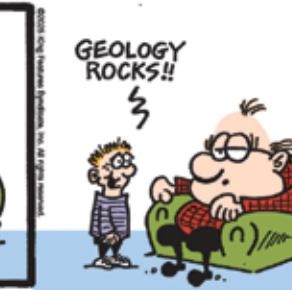
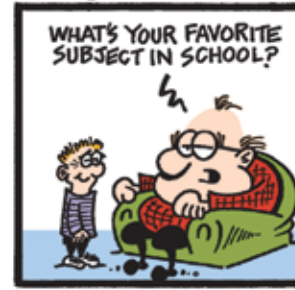
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TIGER



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Harry Potter and the Dursley family; 2. "Family Ties"; 3. Martin Van Buren, born after the Revolutionary War; 4. Mercenary; 5. Maybelline; 6. Battles of Lexington and Concord; 7. Cotton candy; 8. 1929; 9. 8.34 pounds; 10. Green, white and red.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Rug cleaner, briefly
- 500 sheets
- Nursery cry
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- "Prometheus" actor Idris
- Tehran's country
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- Church meet-ups
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- Rural buildings
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- Composer Stravinsky
- Grade-school basics
- Fender instruments
- Baltic feeder
- Brick worker
- SUV's kin
- "Rugrats" dad
- Big bird
- Location
- Crumbly earth
- Two-tone cookies
- Scatters seeds
- Common conjunctions
- Scratch
- Mimic
- Male swan
- Outlet letters
- Physics bit
- Pub serving
- Half dozen
- "Whatever"
- Within (Pref.)
- Comment
- Lothario
- PBS science show
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- Message
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.
Answers
King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Who lives at 4 Privet Drive?
- TELEVISION: Which 1980s sitcom featured the Keaton family?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first American-born president?
- COMICS: What is Deadpool's profession?
- AD SLOGANS: Which makeup company's slogan is "Maybe she's born with it"?
- HISTORY: Which battles marked the beginning of the American Revolution?
- INVENTIONS: The 1904 World's Fair introduced which fluffy confection?
- MOVIES: In which year were the first Oscars awarded?
- MEASUREMENTS: What does 1 gallon of water weigh?
- GEOGRAPHY: What are the colors of the Italian flag?

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HAPPENINGS

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

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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

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

Yabba Dabba Do! Bowl for Kids' Sake. March 22 from 10

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

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

EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS/EVENTS

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

Cherokee storytelling and Cherokee history in the Snow-

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

NAIA Daughters meetings.

Each meeting is from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Qualla Java in Cherokee, N.C. Meetings are scheduled for March 20, April 16, and May 18.

Cherokee History & Stories.

January through June 2025 on the first Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the TJ Holland Education Room at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. Museum of the Cherokee People welcomes storyteller and historian Kathi Littlejohn, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, for Cherokee History & Stories. This

free educational series will explore culturally significant places, stories, and key figures in Cherokee history. All are welcome to listen and learn; no registration is required.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

St. Patrick's Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament.

March 16 at the Pam Taylor Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Must be 18-years-old or older. 8-person roster, must be two males on the court at all times. Looking for the first six teams. Sign-ups start at 12 p.m., games start at 12:45 p.m.

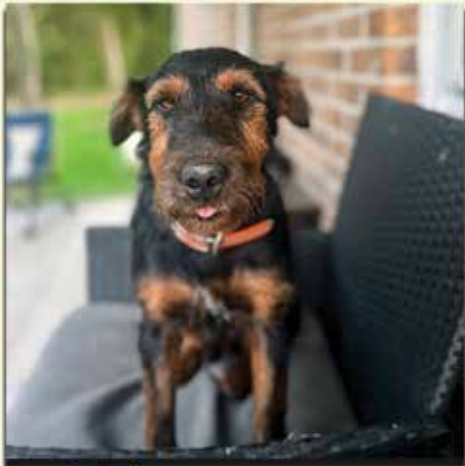
3-v-3 Co-Ed Easter Basketball Tournament.

April 6 at the Pam Taylor Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Sign-ups start at 12 p.m., games start at 12:30 p.m. 5-person roster. Entry fee per team is \$20. Ages 14-16.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Roscoe is a 2-year-old Jagd Terrier. He resides in Wayohi (Wolfstown) with his parents, Noon and Quiana Ensley.



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How do you say that in Cherokee?

MARCH



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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.)

Reports to Council. March 5 at

9 a.m.

Tribal Council. March 6 at 8:30 a.m.

Lands Acquisition Committee. March 10 at 1 p.m.

HIP Committee. March 12 at 8:30 a.m.

Lands Committee. March 13 at 9 a.m.

Parks & Rec Committee. March 13 at 1 p.m.

Roads Commission. March 17 at 9 a.m.

Timber Committee. March 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Planning Board. March 17 at 1

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep the lines of communication open.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can! A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem needs your attention now before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the

gaps that have opened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems regarding someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you still need to do some snipping off of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with taking on a possibly troublesome but potentially well-rewarded situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward a promised career change.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of offering comfort as well as guidance. You would do well in the healing arts.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Holes in the fiduciary program

The Department of Veterans Affairs' Fiduciary Program is set up to help veterans take care of their finances and benefits if they can't handle it themselves because they're sick, injured or elderly. There is a lot of money at stake: \$2.7 billion in a recent year. Each of the hundred thousand veterans who fall in the category of needing assistance are assigned a fiduciary, someone who protects the veterans and their finances.

The VA's Pension and Fiduciary Service, which manages the fiduciaries, is tasked with ensuring the proper handling of veterans' affairs through in-person examinations, fiduciary accountings and investigations into misuse. All goes well with this arrangement ... until it doesn't.

A recent VA Office of Inspector General report details what they found when they investigated the Fiduciary Program.

Over 300 veterans and their financial affairs were not being monitored or supervised by the Fiduciary Program for three years and in some cases longer. The hole in the system was because the program had no way to identify veterans who were in need of fiduciary services or because their records did not move from one system to the other, the Veterans Benefits Management System-Fiduciary (VBMS-Fid), after need was determined.

Which left a whole lot of money out there without oversight: in excess of \$24 million.

A fiduciary is required to submit written reports about how the veteran's money is being spent, and those reports are reviewed by program staff. In the event there's a question, the fiduciary must clear it up. Failure to do that constitutes misuse, and an investigation is supposed to follow.

If you are a veteran who has a fiduciary managing your benefits and if you suspect that person is not acting in your best interests, let the VA know. Call them at 800-827-1000 to report possible fraud and misuse of your benefits. Or call the VAOIG hotline at 800-488-8244 to make a complaint. For a flyer about the VAOIG's crime alert, put "Protect Vulnerable Veterans from Fiduciary Theft" in a search box online.

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Honoring search and rescue dogs

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm writing to ask if you can call attention to search and rescue dogs, who do heroic work every day — from the recent fires in southern California to avalanche rescues and more. I just think they're amazing. — Carlo in Missoula, Montana

DEAR CARLO: You're absolutely right: Search and rescue (SAR) dogs do amazing work nearly every day in the U.S. and around the world. They are unique, highly trained working dogs, often specializing in types of rescue or recovery.

SAR dogs must be energetic but even-tempered, as they often work long hours in chaotic environments. They must be confident, motivated and responsive to their handler. Most are selected when they're puppies, after a period of observation and interaction, and not every SAR candidate makes the cut, even at this early stage. Training can take at least two years, and most SAR dogs retire before they're 9 or 10 years old, as the physical requirements can be demanding.

There are two types of SAR dogs: air-scenting and trailing. An air-scenting dog detects and follows airborne or wind-borne scents over a large area (up to 150 acres or a quarter mile in some instances) and follows them as close to the source as possible; cadaver dogs are one example. They frequently work off-lead and return to their handler to lead them to the source. A trailing dog can discern a specific scent, such as that of a missing person, and follow the exact track of that scent; they usually work on-lead with the handler, proceeding more slowly.

These dogs are so effective that they're used in 70% of rescue missions worldwide, entering dangerous areas ahead of human teams to pinpoint survivors.

So, hats off to search and rescue dogs! And to their dedicated trainers and handlers.

Is there a working animal you'd like to highlight? Tell me at ask@pawscorner.com.

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

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p.m.

TERO Work Session. March 18 at 9 a.m.

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

Enrollment Committee. March 19 at 1 p.m.

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

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

POW WOW LISTINGS

Spirit of Nations Pow Wow.

March 29 at Jefferson County High School in Dandridge, Tenn. Info: www.indiancreekproductions.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery meets every

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

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

Cherokee Cancer Support

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

appointment if it is requested in a timely manner. Betty's Place is open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (828) 497-0788

Life@WesternCarolina. each Wednesday morning during the academic school year the Life@ group meets on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. For those over the age of 50 and looking for ways to engage with the community. To learn more or register visit life.wcu.edu or contact Western Carolina University Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397.

MARA (Medication-Assisted Recovery Anonymous) meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the Rivercane Room at Analenisgi. Info: Analenisgi (828) 497-9163 or visit: <https://cherokeehospital.org/locations/analenisgi>

WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Association meeting. March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center

at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Don Casada will present "Deep Creek Part II: A Virtual Tour". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

Pine Needle Basket Class.

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

Tim Early and Max Hipp readings. March 8 at 3 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore at 3 E. Jackson St. in Sylva, N.C. Earley will read from this new book, "Rattle-Rib", and Hipp will read from his latest story collection, "What Doesn't Kill You Opens Your Heart".

Swain County Democratic Party hybrid in-person/remote meeting. March 10 at 7 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope St. in Bryson City, N.C. and via Zoom. They will be discussing community events and planning future activities. All are welcome. Info: (828) 341-6348, email to SwainCountyDems@gmail.com, or visit: <http://swaincountydems.com>

Beaded Rope Bracelet Class.

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

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

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

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tow String Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building at 7 p.m.

Info: Chair Jacob Long (828)736-9128, jacoblong19982@gmail.com

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

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

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP
Abundant Life Apostolic Church. 171 Johnson Br. Road, Bryson City. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Worship. 7 p.m. Pastor Kevin Linkinhoker 488-8937

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

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

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

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morn-

ing 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. Wednes-

day Night Service 7 p.m. Every third Sunday they have a fellowship meal to celebrate all the birthdays throughout that month. Everyone is cordially invited for any of the services and meals. Pastor Rev. Owen Isaacs (828) 242-0754

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

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

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

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

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads. 3501 Hwy. 441, Whit-tier, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Moments in time

• On **March 17, 1905**, future president Franklin Delano Roosevelt married Eleanor Roosevelt, his fifth cousin once removed, in New York. Former President Theodore Roosevelt gave away the bride.

• On **March 18, 1911**, composer Irving Berlin obtained the copyright for “Alexander’s Ragtime Band,” a multimillion-selling hit that helped turn American popular music into a major international phenomenon.

• On **March 19, 1957**, Elvis Presley arranged to purchase the Colonial mansion on the outskirts of Memphis called Graceland for \$102,500, with a cash deposit of \$1,000. It is still preserved exactly as Elvis left it when he died in 1977 and is one of America’s most popular tourist attractions — the second-most-visited house in the nation after the White House.

• On **March 20, 1345**, according to scholars at the University of Paris, the Black Death, aka the Plague, was created from “a triple conjunction of Saturn, Jupiter and Mars in the 40th degree of Aquarius,” though it was actually carried by fleas that typically traveled on rats. It cut a swath across Europe, the Middle East and Asia during the 14th century, leaving an estimated 25 million dead in its wake, and popped up periodically until the 1700s, but never again reached epidemic proportions.

• On **March 21, 1980**, President Jimmy Carter announced that the U.S. would boycott the Olympic Games scheduled to take place in Moscow that summer, after the Soviet Union failed to comply with his Feb. 20, 1980, deadline to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan. Four years later, in retaliation, the Soviet Union boycotted the 1984 Olympic Games held in Los Angeles.

• On **March 22, 1983**, the Pentagon awarded a production contract worth more than \$1 billion to AM General Corp. for the development of 55,000 high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicles. Nicknamed the Humvee and designed to transport troops and cargo, the vehicles were used by the American military during the 1989 invasion of Panama and the Persian Gulf War in the early 1990s.

• On **March 23, 1839**, the initials “O.K.” were first published in The Boston Morning Post. An abbreviation for “oll korrekct,” a popular slang misspelling of “all correct” at the time, OK steadily made its way into the American vernacular.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lamentations (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In 1 Kings 20:29, how many footmen (soldiers) of the Syrians were killed in one day? 5,000; 10,000; 50,000; 100,000
3. Who made the first “piggy bank” by placing a chest with a hole in it near the altar? *Ezra, Jehoiada, Ahab, Jethro*
4. From Jeremiah 7:32, what did the Lord say that Tophet will be called? *Syria, Valley of Slaughter, Galilee, Mount Zion*
5. Who was the father of Elisha? *Josiah, Shaphat, Zadok, Joshua*
6. In Esther 1, how many provinces did Ahasuerus reign over? 11, 90, 127, 140

ANSWERS: 1) (1) PIO, (2) 100,000, (3) Jehoiada, (4) Valley of Slaughter, (5) Shaphat, (6) 127
 Comments? More Trivia? Gift ideas? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com.

The vernal equinox

ARTIST'S DEPICTION - NOT TO SCALE

- The **first day of spring** arrives Thursday, March 20, 2025.
- This day is known as the “vernal equinox.” In Latin, *ver* means “spring,” *aequus* means “equal” and *nox* means “night.”
- On this day, Earth’s position allows the northern and southern hemispheres to receive the sun’s rays equally; night and day are nearly equal in length. Spring comes to the northern hemisphere and autumn to the southern hemisphere. – *Brenda Weaver*

Sources: earthsky.org, almanac.com, vocabulary.com, [@NWSNorman](https://twitter.com/NWSNorman)

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

Wright's 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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Advertise your item in the Cherokee One Feather classifieds.

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CLASSIFIEDS

Free to Good Home: 2 AKC Reg Male & female Yorkie puppies free to a good home, if interested, contact danamor-gan189@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 inquiries please call Charlene Wooliver at 865-740-3984. **3/26**

FOR SALE: (1) Iris Easy Flip cell phone made by Consumer Cellular. Brand new, still in box, comes with original paperwork. \$45. (2) Wormy Chestnut table with pinewood legs. It is a sturdy

wormy chestnut table top with a single small drawer attached. An antique item. \$60. (3) Mo-have Touring Tire - P205/70/15. Nearly new with less than 200 miles on it. \$75. (4) Steelcase Filing Cabinets (two) - These two cabinets have five drawers each and are in good working order with some scratches on them. \$50. Call 828-400-1550 for more information. **3/12**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 24-101
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
CLAUDE RAY SNEED
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them

to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Mona Sneed
45 Campbell Ln
Cherokee NC 28719
3/5

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-005
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
LLOYD LESLIE LEDFORD
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them

to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Michelle Standingdeer
P.O Box 171
Cherokee NC 28719
3/5

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-008
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
GEORGIA IMOGENE HUNTER
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this



Employment Opportunities

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

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

Competitive compensation and benefits packages available. EEOC

***contingent on FT/PT and availability status

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



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SHOP & GARAGE
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CONSTRUCTION & FACILITY
(1) SKILLED CARPENTER(\$31,800-\$39,750/year with Benefits)

CHILDREN'S HOME
(2) FT Resident Counselors(\$17.00/hour with Benefits) (230 PM - 1030 PM)
1. PT Resident Counselor (\$17.00/hour without Benefits)
a. -230 PM - 1030 PM
a. - 1130 AM - 730 PM
i. Weekends

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estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

James Edward Toineeta
P.O. Box 1232
Cherokee, NC. 28719
3/12

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-014
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

MARY JANE FERGUSON

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Donald Joe Ferguson
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Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
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Estate File No. 25-009

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Ernestine Driver
64 Salolaneeta Dr
Cherokee, NC. 28719
3/12

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
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Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
GLENDA DALE WELCH

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pointed fudiciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

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

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
MARIE SWAYNEY

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

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
MARY EDITH WOLFE LAMBERT

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Roberta Vanessa Lambert Sneed

30 Bud Sneed Dr
Cherokee, NC. 28719
3/19

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Water Treatment Plant Program
270 Water Dam Rd

P.O. Box 536
Cherokee, NC 28719
Ph. (828) 359-6751

Project Title: Rough Branch Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

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

The project is located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation at 711 Rough Branch Housing Road, Cherokee NC 28719. Contact Author Sluder at 828-359-6751 authslud@ebci-nsn.gov with CC to Henson Littlejohn henslitt@ebci-nsn.gov and Adam Broxton abroxton@jmt.com with any questions or to request a copy of the RFP.

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

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

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Request for Qualifications

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the service of assessing and abatement of single-family homes for asbestos.

The service will be for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians residing on-boundary and on trust lands. Contracts will be awarded based on per-project basis and competitive pricing and reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call as needed based on scheduling demands. Contact person for this RFQ is Jacob George, Housing Production Manager, (828) 359-6931 or email at jacogeor@ebci-nsn.gov. **3/12**

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Management Program
810 Acquoni Road, Ste 117
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
Ph. (828) 359-359-6702
Project Title:
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SEEN DRIVE PAVING
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Project Management Program is requesting separate sealed bids for the services of a licensed contractor for the purpose of paving approximately 2700 LF of driveway with a 6" CABG and 2 1/2" of Surface Course Asphalt.

The project area is located on Johnson Arch Road and Conseen Drive, Cherokee, North Carolina. Contract specifications and bidding documents will be provided to any licensed contractor upon request. Contact Becky Bowe, at (828)359-6702 or by email at rebowe@ebci-nsn.gov to request a bid package.

Bid packages should be addressed to Ms. Becky Bowe at the address above and must be received by 2:00 p.m., March 20, 2025 at which time they will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Indian Preference (TERO) applies for award and execution of this contract.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ms. Becky Bowe. **3/12**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION
Grant Writing Services;
IHBG Competitive Grant
Contact:
Edwin Taylor

Cherokee Indian Housing Division P.O. Box 1749
687 Acquoni Rd
Cherokee, NC 28719
SUMMARY
Date: February 28, 2025
To: Prospective Proposers
Subject: Request for Proposals
Proposals due by: 2:00 P.M., April 15, 2025

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
3/5



Cherokee Inn

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

Housekeeper - Part time
- Saturdays and Sundays Required

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



Cherokee Cinemas & More
has the following Job Opportunities

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

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

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

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

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

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



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Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - \$44,107 - \$55,134
 Child and Family Outpatient Supervisor - \$67,082 - \$83,852
 Employment Specialist – Kanvwotiyi – \$44,107 - \$55,134
 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, Kanvwotiyi, Family Intensive Treatment)
 MAT/OTP Nurse RN - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse RN - \$33.68 - \$38.72- **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**
 Residential Technician, men's – FT - \$17.12 - \$19.26
 Residential Technician, women's – PTWOB - \$17.12 – \$19.26
 RN – Behavioral Health – Inpatient- Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 - \$38.72
 RN – Behavioral Health – Inpatient FT - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - **\$5,000 Hiring Bonus**

Dietary

Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26

FINANCE

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25

MEDICAL

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

OPERATIONS

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

MAINTENANCE

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

NURSING

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

RADIOLOGY

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

TRIBAL OPTION

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

TSALI CARE CENTER

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



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Closing Sunday, March 09, 2025

1. Crew Leader (Electrician) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

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



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- *Agriculture Teacher
- *K-5 Elementary Teacher
- *K-5 Elementary Teacher Assistant
- *K-5 Special Education Dreamcatchers Teacher
- *K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant - 2 positions
- *6-8 Math Teacher
- *Substitute Food Service Worker
- *Food Service Worker (6 Hour Full-Time)
- *Contract Nurse (RN)



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Let's Say It in Cherokee!

ᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎ Talehvgal Stand!	ᑏᑎᑎ ᑕᑎᑎᑎ. Tsalagi gvhdni nitsiwi. Everyone say it in Cherokee.	ᑕᑎᑎ. Nage. Over there.
ᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎ Nitsiwi! Everyone say it.	ᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎ. Gatsanula. Fast.	ᑏᑎᑎ ᑕᑎᑎᑎ. tsalagi gvhdni nitsiwi
ᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎ Talehvgal	ᑎᑎ. Hani. Here.	ᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎ Halewisda! Stop! [moving]
ᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎ Heda! Walk!	ᑏᑎᑎ ᑕᑎᑎᑎ. Tsalagi gvhdni nitsiwi.	ᑏᑎᑎ ᑕᑎᑎᑎ. Tsalagi gvhdni nitsiwi
ᑏᑎᑎ ᑕᑎᑎᑎ. Tsalagi gvhdni nitsiwi.	ᑎᑎ. Hani. Here.	ᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎ Halewisda
ᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎ Heda!	ᑏᑎᑎ ᑕᑎᑎᑎ. Tsalagi gvhdni nitsiwi.	ᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎ Hidogesdi. Keep standing.
ᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎᑎ. Gatsanula. Fast.		

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EBCI wrestlers at state

Several members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians competed at the 1A North Carolina State Wrestling Championship held in Greensboro, N.C. recently. Shown, left to right, are Tasia Neadeau, Swain County, 5th place in 126lb; Pippa Welch, Swain County; Jonah Teesateskie, Robbinsville, 4th place in 285lb; Skyler Anderson, Robbinsville, 1st place in 106lb; Kale Stevenson, Swain County, 2nd place in 126lb; and Kellen Ensley, Robbinsville. (Photo by Brooke Haney)



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ROTC

Camdyn Davis, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a freshman at Smoky Mountain High School, is a part of Jackson County's first-ever ROTC program. (Photo courtesy of family)



ᑎᑎᑎᑎ ᑎᑎᑎᑎ - Best Attendance

The following teachers and students, shown left to right, in the Early Childhood Program at New Kituwah Academy were recognized for their attendance for February 2025: back row - ᑎᑎᑎᑎ - Tamara Sampson, ᑎᑎᑎᑎ - Lana Bradley, ᑎᑎᑎᑎ - Karyl Frankiewicz; front row - ᑎᑎᑎᑎ - Atsini Perkins, ᑎᑎᑎᑎ - Carrson Crowe, ᑎᑎᑎᑎ - Blakelyn Wachacha, ᑎᑎᑎᑎ - Kuwaya Walkingstick, ᑎᑎᑎᑎ - Leona Ramirez, and ᑎᑎᑎᑎ - Jachai Arch. (Photo courtesy of New Kituwah Academy)



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