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“Learning by burning”

EBCI Natural Resources holds cultural burning of river cane

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

FRANKLIN, N.C. - On the morning of Wednesday, April 9, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Natural Resources team gathered with members of the Nature Conservancy, Mainspring Conservation Trust, the Junaluska Museum, Cherokee Fire & Rescue, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and more, at Cowee Mound in Macon County to discuss the cultural



Tommy Cabe, left, forest resources specialist for EBCI Natural Resources, and Mary Thompson, a Cherokee basket-maker and potter who is also a part of the Elohi Dinigatiyi (Earth Keepers), start a fire using a traditional Cherokee fire pot in a river cane patch at Gibson Bottoms on the afternoon of April 9. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

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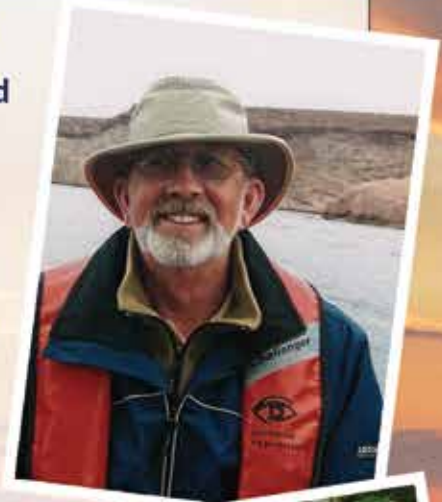
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- Marilyn, Norman's



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"The more I learn and make, the more I connect to the river, the river cane, the mountains. You can't help but have this sense of place," she said.

- Mary Thompson, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, speaking at a cultural burning at Gibson Bottoms - on April 9



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significance of burning river cane to promote healthy cane. The day ended with a live river cane burning at Gibson Bottoms, an area of Mainspring Conservation Trust.

Tom Belt, an elder of the Cherokee Nation and a fluent speaker, led a prayer at the mound and then gave a history of the town of Cowee, discussing the diplomacy and trade of the ancient Cherokee town.

Tommy Cabe, forest resources specialist for EBCI Natural Resources, introduced the fire starter of the day, Mary Thompson, a Cherokee basket-maker and potter who is also a part of the Elohi Dinigatiyi (Earth Keepers), an advisory group of Cherokee elders, speakers and cultural practitioners.

Thompson gave a brief history of the Cherokee fire pot, which can be used to carry fire. Thompson also discussed her connection to

basket making. “The more I learn and make, the more I connect to the river, the river cane, the mountains. You can’t help but have this sense of place,” she said.

After lunch at the mound, the crew headed to Gibson Bottoms for the live burn of a river cane patch.

Cabe discussed the significance of the river cane burning specifically for Cherokee artists who make blowguns and baskets. Belt prayed before the burn, and helped Thompson prep the pot. Thompson carried the fire pot across the field to the cane patch, where Cabe helped Thompson start the fire. Payton Bradley, forestry technician for EBCI Natural Resources, helped feed the flame. Onlookers sat in the field and watched the flames carry through the patch. Cows at a nearby farm mooed wildly when the fire first started.

“Today’s Indigenous Burning Initiative is an expression of trust



Tom Belt, an elder of the Cherokee Nation and a fluent speaker, discusses the history of the Cowee Mound and the ancient Cherokee town of Cowee on the morning of April 9.

in partnerships, participation, and support that allowed our Indigenous values and relationship to land relatives to be expressed and embraced,” Cabe said.



Onlookers watch the river cane patch burn at Gibson Bottoms during a cultural burning on the afternoon of April 9.

Cherokee Police Commission holds April meeting

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Police Commission met in the Ginger Lynn Welch Poke Salad Room on the afternoon of Thursday, April 10.

Commissioners in attendance were Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove), Rick Queen (Wayohi, Wolfstown), Treasurer Kym Parker (At-Large), Hillary

Norville (Tutiya, Snowbird & Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.), Secretary Israel Rodriguez (At-Large), and Chairperson Anita Lossiah (Elawodi, Yellowhill). Vice Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown) and Regina Rosario (Aniwodihi, Painttown) had an excused absence. Guests in attendance were Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Attorney Cody White, CIPD Chief of Police Carla Neadeau, Cherokee One Feather Editor Robert Jumper and Reporter Brooklyn Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 12:04p.m. by Chairperson Lossiah. Rodriguez led roll call.

The agenda was approved as amended with a motion by Johnson seconded by Parker. The amendments were discussion of the Stoney Curve section of Big

Cove Road, a budget update from Parker, and discussion of a community summary report by the commission.

The previous meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Parker seconded by Norville. Chief Neadeau presented the monthly CIPD report. She shared that one complaint on an officer in January about use of excessive force was proved to be unsubstantiated. She said she is drafting a new policy for complaints and a new complaint form. Cherokee Tribal Court has also required that a new policy be drafted for checkpoints, which is why CIPD has not produced checkpoints for the month.

The report also included a study by the BIA which showed that Cherokee's occupant seatbelt use was better than the national rate, with numbers of 84.4 percent compared to 78.1 percent respectively.

In other news, Neadeau shared that Qualla, LLC donated a K-9 and paid for training with CIPD Officer Logan Woodard so that the K-9 would not detect marijuana. Also, the school resource officers (SROs) have started the D.A.R.E. program back up at Cherokee Central Schools (CCS).

The commission and CIPD plan on holding a community event during May for a meet and greet with the commission and officers, and to recognize law enforcement appreciation month.

Johnson brought up the dangers of Stoney Curve. Neadeau said she would talk to the tribal secretaries about putting up a traffic mirror.

The CIPD report was approved with a motion by Johnson seconded by Queen.


White provided the monthly report on behalf of the Office of the

Tribal Prosecutor. White shared that the prosecutors have implemented Axon Justice to store body cam footage and digital discovery. White said they are anticipating the addition of another prosecutor in June. The report was approved with a move by Johnson seconded by Queen.

Parker provided a budget update, stating that the budget has been submitted, and the commission has funds to cover their trainings.

Rodriguez plans to draft a summary report of the commission meetings to provide to the community clubs.

Parker moved to adjourn. The next meeting will be held on May 8 at noon in the Ginger Lynn Welch Poke Salad Room.



Hali Silvers!

Colorado State University Global

Hali Silvers, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, graduated on March 9, 2025 from Colorado State University Global with a Masters in Criminal Justice. Her family is very proud of her!



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Cherokee basketball legend passes away

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – A Cherokee basketball legend with a gigantic smile and an amazing heart passed away recently. Mianna “Peaches” Squirrell passed away on Monday, April 7 at the age of 44. Squirrell’s obit sums up her life. “Peaches didn’t just touch lives – she transformed them.” Following the news of her passing, tributes began pouring in for Squirrell.

Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks said in a statement, “Her lasting impact at Cherokee High School is undeniable. She was a leader, a mentor, and an advocate for our youth. She showed generations of Cherokee athletes what it meant to lead with heart, integrity, and strength.

Whether coaching, mentoring or simply showing up for others, she was a constant source of encouragement and love. She inspired our young people, especially our young women, to believe in themselves, to chase their dreams, and to represent our people with pride. On behalf of our entire Tribe, I extend my deepest condolences to her family, friends, former players, and those blessed to know her.”

Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley commented, “There’s not enough room in the newspaper to talk about all the lives she touched. She was always all smiles, but she was just as feisty as her Granny Irene. Peaches was very passionate about our youth - particularly girls basketball. She worked tirelessly with travel league, middle school, high school, and NAYO. She took the time to know and bond with the kids. I’m sure many



Peaches Squirrell, front, is shown with Doris Johnson cheering on the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) at the 1A Women’s State Basketball tournament final in the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C. on the afternoon of Friday, March 14, 2025. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

families can say the same as me. She made a lasting impact on my daughter, Timiyah, from the time she started peewee basketball until she graduated high school. Peaches was there to encourage her through the injuries and toughen her up on the court. She could always get the

kids to buy in.

Of all the great things she did in our community, the best example she set was getting saved and giving her testimony. I just hope our whole community finds peace in knowing that she probably has all the kids in Heaven dribbling a basketball with

that big ole smile on her face.”

Each year, Cherokee Central Schools Athletics presents the Peaches Squirrell Female Braveheart Award.

Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) issued the following statement, “Words fall short when we try to ex-

press what Peaches Squirrell meant to Braves Nation. She wasn't just part of our story - she wrote chapters with her grit, her grace, and her relentless love for this community. A state champion on the court, Peaches embodied excellence. She played with heart, courage, and fire—but it was off the court where her legacy truly took root. She poured every ounce of that same passion into multiple youth basketball programs, shaping young lives with fierce belief and unwavering devotion.

She showed up. Always. On the sidelines, in the stands, in the quiet moments that mattered most. Her voice carried power—not just in cheer, but in counsel. Her presence was a comfort, her love was a force.”

The CCS statement added, “Peaches didn't just support Braves Nation - she was Braves Nation. Her legacy lives in every young athlete she encouraged, in every game where her spirit still echoes, and in the hearts of all who were lucky enough to call her friend, mentor, family. We lost a legend. But legends don't leave us. They live on—in the work they've done, the lives they've touched, and the love they leave behind. We'll carry her with us - always.”

During a Budget Council session on Jan. 10, 2023, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passed Res. No. 473 (2023) unanimously which renamed the Birdtown Gym to the Peaches Squirrell Sports and Recreation Complex.

Following the vote that day, Squirrell noted, “I want to say thank you. It's such an honor. I love everybody in this community – my mentors before and all of my supporters. Thank you.”

Res. No. 473 states, “Mian-na 'Peaches' Squirrell has been an employee of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for over 20

years serving the community in the (Cherokee) Recreation Program. She has held positions in the Cherokee Recreation Program as a recreation aide, recreation supervisor, youth sports coordinator; and Peaches has served on the NASA (Native American Sports Association) and NAYO (Native American Youth Organization) Board for over 10 years and is currently serving as the NAYO president.”

Having been a part of the 1995-96 Cherokee Lady Braves 1A State Basketball Championship team, Squirrell has also been head coach of the Cherokee Lady Braves JV basketball team and the Cherokee Middle School Lady Braves basketball team. She has also served as an assistant coach for the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity basketball team.

Squirrell was presented the 2021 Frell Owl Award by the Cherokee Boys Club during a luncheon at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on May 4, 2022.

Following receiving the award, she said, “It makes me proud. I've been doing what I love forever, being with the kids. I just loved what I did, you know. I just hope that I can make somebody else's kid a better person. That's always been my goal in life to give back to the community.”

Greg Owle, Cherokee Boys Club general manager, said of Squirrell that day, “Youth sports has been the backbone of her career and she is always looking out for the youth of this community and supporting their efforts. Peaches is always thinking of others and looking for ways to improve programs for our youth and young people. She believes in our youth and has the expectations to match those beliefs helping so many to rise to their potential.”



Greg Owle, Cherokee Boys Club (CBC) general manager, presents the 2021 Frell Owl Award to Peaches Squirrell during a luncheon at Harrah's Cherokee Convention Center in Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 4, 2022. CBC Board Member Tara Reed-Cooper is shown at right.



Squirrell, left, presents Dvdaya Swimmer, a member of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves), with a ball signifying her 1,000 career point. The presentation occurred on the evening of Feb. 13, 2025 at the Charles George Memorial Arena in Cherokee, N.C.

**Cherokee Tribal Court
Disposition Summary
for March 1-31**

Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court

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

Alfaro, Manuel R.

- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (Aug. 20, 2014). Dismissed with leave.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, after Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 1, 2014). Dismissed with leave.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (October. 23, 2015). Dismissed with leave.
- First Degree Trespass (Oct. 23, 2015). Dismissed with leave.
- Second Degree Trespass (Jan. 14, 2016). Dismissed with leave.
- Drugs: Possessing a Controlled Substance Classified in Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V (May 9, 2016). Dismissed with leave.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (May 9, 2016). Dismissed with leave.
- Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (May 9, 2016). Dismissed with leave.
- Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (March 7, 2016). Dismissed with leave.
- Breaking and Entering (Oct. 23, 2015). Dismissed with leave.
- Assault on a Female (Oct. 23, 2015). Dismissed with leave.
- Assault on a Female (July 27, 2015). Dismissed with leave.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Aggravated Possession of Marijuana) (Dec. 1, 2014). Dismissed with leave.

- False Pretenses (Aug. 20, 2014). Dismissed with leave.
- Larceny (Aug. 20, 2014). Dismissed with leave.

Alvarez, Roberto

- No Operator's License (March 25, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.
- Cancelled/Revoked/Suspended Certification/Tag (March 25, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.
- No Liability Insurance (March 25, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (March 25, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.

Anthony Jr., Troy D.

- No Operator's License (Dec. 13, 2024). Voluntary dismissal upon compliance/proof.
- No Operator's License (Dec. 31, 2024). Voluntary dismissal upon compliance/proof.
- No Operator's License (Jan. 19, 2025). Voluntary dismissal upon compliance/proof.
- Low-Speed Vehicle Violation (Dec. 31, 2024). Voluntary dismissal.

Armitage, Nickosia S.

- DWLR License not Reclaimed (Dec. 31, 2024). Voluntary dismissal.
- DWLR Not Impaired (Feb. 15, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

Ayen, Bryon M.

- No Liability Insurance (Nov. 23, 2024). Voluntary dismissal upon compliance/proof.
- Indecent Exposure (June 14, 2024). Alford plea.

Bird, Regina D.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Feb. 28, 2022). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Feb. 28, 2022). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Feb. 28, 2022). Dismissed per prior plea.

Blankenship, Lori

- Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign/Flashing Red Light (March 5, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

Bradley, Nyasha D.

- Reckless Endangerment (July 10, 2024). Guilty.
- Reckless Endangerment (July 10, 2024). Guilty.

Bradley, Terrell D.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (July 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Reckless Endangerment (July 6, 2024). Alford plea.

Bradley, Calvin R.

- Communicating Threats (Feb. 14, 2025). Guilty

Brady, Nathan K.

- Probation Revocation (Feb. 21, 2024). Dismissed.
- Probation Revocation (Feb. 21, 2024). Dismissed.

Brady, David S.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Aug. 4, 2022). Dismissed due to no labs and/or discovery provided.
- Drugs: Possessing a Controlled Substance Classified in Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V (Feb. 9, 2018). Dismissed due to no labs and/or discovery provided.

Bryant, Dana B.

- Possession of Firearms, etc.,

by Felon Prohibited (March. 17, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Cabrera-Davis, Victoria I.

- Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle (March 13, 2025). Stricken.

Castillo, Christopher B.

- Expired/No Inspection (Jan. 16, 2025). Voluntary dismissal upon compliance/proof.

Cisneros, Angela L.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 7, 2017). Dismissed.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (April 7, 2018). Dismissed.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Aug. 8, 2017). Dismissed.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (March 19, 2021). Dismissed.
- Violation of Registration Provisions (March 19, 2021). Dismissed.

Climbingbear, Travis W.

- Assault on a Female (April 25, 2024). Guilty.
- Assault on a Female (April 25, 2024). Guilty.
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed upon further investigation.
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Minors (Jan. 3, 2024). Dismissed upon further investigation.

- Offensive Touching (Jan. 3, 2024). Stayed pending jury trial.
- Assault on a Female (April 25, 2024). Stayed pending jury trial.
- Assault on a Female (April 25, 2024). Stayed pending jury trial.
- Offensive Touching (Jan. 3, 2024). Guilty.
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undisciplined, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Nov. 1, 2023). Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness.
- Offensive Touching (Jan. 3, 2024). Stayed pending jury trial.
- Assault on a Female (Nov. 1, 2023). Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness.
- Offensive Touching (Nov. 1, 2023). Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness.

Cline, Damion D.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Aggravated Possession of Marijuana) (Oct. 31, 2013) Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Oct. 31, 2013). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Cox, Kelsey R.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (July 6, 2023). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Crowe, Joel D.

- Probation Revocation (June 5, 2024). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (June 5, 2024). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (May 29, 2024). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (May 29, 2024). Admitted.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Nov. 22, 2024). Guilty.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Sept. 24, 2024). Guilty.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (June 5, 2024). Guilty.

Crowe, Terrance R.

- Injuring Real Property (May 29, 2021). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Driving by Person Less Than 21 Years Old After Consuming Alcohol or Drugs (May 29, 2021). Guilty per plea.

Daniel, Kristian H.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Aug. 2, 2023). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Domingo, Ayla P.

- Child Not in Rear Seat (March 30, 2024). No contest/responsible.

Doro, Kristian M.

- Assault on a Female (March 31, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Ensley, Charles D.

- Domestic Criminal Trespass (Feb. 18, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Feb. 18, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Ensley Jr., Paul

- Second Degree Trespass (Aug. 15, 2023). Guilty per plea.
- Resisting Lawful Arrest (Aug. 15, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Cruelty to Animals (Jan. 16, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Criminal Mischief to Property (April 4, 2023). Guilty per plea.
- Larceny (May 13, 2023). Guilty per plea.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Feb. 27, 2025). Guilty per plea.

Flippo, Emmitt L.

- Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign/Flashing Red Light (March 15, 2024). Voluntary dismissal.

George, Michael A.

- Larceny (Sept. 16, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.
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Gloyne, Jimmie C.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 20, 2025). Dismissed.

Gomez, Luis M.

- No Operator's License/Drivers License (Jan. 14, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

Grimes Jr., Anthony L.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Dec. 12, 2013). Dismissed.

Hornbuckle, Paul F.

- Theft of Property Lost, Mislaid, or Delivered by Mistake (Jan. 30, 2017). Dismissed
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (May 23, 2024). Dismissed
- Open Container after Consuming Alcohol (May 23, 2024). Dismissed.

Hornbuckle, Cynthia R.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Sept. 22, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Reckless Endangerment (Sept. 22, 2024). Guilty.

Jackson, Alexandria J.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (April 19, 2015). Dismissed

Jenkins, Randall

- Infractions and Criminal Offenses for Violations of Inspection Requirements (Feb. 16, 2023). Voluntary dismissal.

Jones, Jason B.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 16, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Jones, Clay S.

- Domestic Criminal Trespass (Oct. 17, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 17, 2024). Dismissed.

Jordan, Shaunika A.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (May 13, 2023). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Kazhe, Patrick D.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 19, 2024). Guilty.

Keen, Tiffany L.

- Probation Revocation (March 13, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Probation Revocation (March 13, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

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- Probation Revocation (July 25, 2024). Guilty.
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- Cyberstalking (Feb. 20, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (July 12, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Probation Revocation (March 13, 2024). Guilty.
- Probation Revocation (March 13, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Tampering with Witnesses (Feb. 20, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Feb. 20, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Telephone Harassment (Feb. 20, 2024). Guilty.
- Probation Revocation (July 25, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Law, Tamara L.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 17, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Ledford, Storm M.

- Driving While Impaired (Oct. 10, 2023). Dismissed.

Lee, Brandon W.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (May 29, 2024). Dismissed upon further investigation.

Locust, Randi L.

- Fictitious/Altered Title/Registration Card/Tag (March 14, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal.
- DWLR Not Impaired (Aug. 14, 2024). Voluntary dismissal.
- DWLR Not Impaired (Oct. 3, 2024). Voluntary dismissal.

Long, Aaron D.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Jan. 26, 2017). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Long, Aaron T.

- Theft of Property Lost, Mislaid, or Delivered by Mistake (March 23, 2021). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Miller II, Michael E.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 21, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Price, Kaitlyn B.

- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (Oct. 22, 2016). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Primero, Rosa M.

- Tampering with Evidence (Feb. 25, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Interference with a Criminal Process (Feb. 25, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Rattler, Jackie L.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Feb. 25, 2025). Voluntary dismissal upon compliance/proof.

Rattler, Rajun R.

- Tampering with Evidence (Feb. 25, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Interference with a Criminal Process (Feb. 25, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Redcloud, Joseph

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (July 4, 2024). Voluntary dismissal.

Reed, Samuel E.

- Elder Abuse and Neglect (Feb. 4, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of

justice.

Reed, Danny L.

- Assault on a Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (March 22, 2019). Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness.
- Criminal Mischief to Property (March 22, 2019). Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness.

Rice, Daniel R.

- Assault on a Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (June 2, 2023). Guilty.

Roland, Davita C.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Jan. 2, 2015). Reported infraction.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (April 18, 2023). Reported infraction.

Ross, Cassandra D.

- Larceny (May 8, 2013). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Santoyo, Ana M.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Feb. 2, 2024). Guilty.

Saunooke, Tivan D.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 29, 2023). Alford plea.
- Child Abuse in the First Degree (May 30, 2022). Dismissed with leave.
- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (May 29, 2023). Alford Plea.
- Providing Alcoholic Beverages to/Possession of/Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by/Persons under 21 Years Old (April 29, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Assault on a Female (April 29,

2023). Dismissed per prior plea.

Saunooke, Jonah L.

- Weapons Offense (March 30, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Resisting Lawful Arrest (March 30, 2024). Guilty
- Weapons Offense (March 30, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (March 30, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Driving While Impaired (March 30, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Smith-Cabe, Precious

- Communicating Threats (Oct. 24, 2019). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Smith, Noah T.

- Offensive Touching (March 10, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Stephenson, Zachary J.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 14, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 14, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Sutton, John T.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 10, 2024). Guilty per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 29, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 9, 2024). Guilty per plea.

Tabacchini, Courtney N.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Jan. 3, 2025). Guilty.

Taylor, Brandon C.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Advertising) (Sept. 6, 2023). Dismissed upon further investigation.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Sept 6, 2023). Dismissed upon further investigation.

Taylor, Kerri N.

- No Liability Insurance (Feb. 1, 2025). Voluntary dismissal upon compliance/proof.
- Operating a Vehicle with No Insurance (March 5, 2025). Voluntary dismissal upon compliance/proof.

Teesateskie, James E.

- Exploitation of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult: Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code (March 17, 2025). Dismissed with leave

Toineeta, Marlena L.

- Tampering with Witnesses (Feb. 25, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Interference with a Criminal Process (Feb. 25, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (Jan. 22, 2022). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Walker, Alex

- No Motorcycle Endorsement (Feb. 16, 2025). No contest/responsible.
- Unsafe Passing Yellow Line (Feb. 16, 2025). No contest/responsible.

Ward, Delbert C.

- DWLR Not Impaired (Jan. 13, 2025). Voluntary dismissal upon compliance/proof.

- Failure to Maintain Lane Control (Jan. 13, 2025). No contest/responsible.

Welch, Justice E.

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (May 18, 2024). Dismissed.

Wilnoty, Jacob N.

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (April 12, 2020). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Speed Restrictions (March 13,

2015). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Operation of Motor Vehicle without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (May 13, 2016). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (April 12, 2020). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (April 12, 2020). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 6, 2016). Dismissed in the interest of justice.



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Doro, Kristian Michael – age 41
Arrested: March 31
Released: March 31
Charges: Temporary Hold

Swayney, Darren – age 28
Arrested: March 31
Released: April 2
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (two counts), Misdemeanor Larceny

Tutolo, Clinton John – age 39
Arrested: March 31
Released: March 31
Charges: Temporary Hold

Wolfe, Victoria Marie – age 31
Arrested: March 31
Released: Not released as of report date (April 8)
Charges: Failure to Report for Sentence

Bark, Darrin Shaderick – age 47
Arrested: April 1
Released: April 3
Charges: Assault on a Female (two counts), Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult

Calhoun, Travis Lee – age 43
Arrested: April 1
Released: Not released as of report date (April 8)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession of a

Controlled Substance (two counts)

Meuse, Julie Anna – age 38
Arrested: April 1
Released: April 1
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Derrick Kyle – age 32
Arrested: April 1
Released: April 3
Charges: Filing a False Emergency Report, Reckless Endangerment, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Climbingbear Jr., Henderson – age 76
Arrested: April 2
Released: April 2
Charges: Hold Until Sober

George Jr., William Howard – age 37
Arrested: April 2
Released: April 5
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Morgan, Kyle Adam – age 38
Arrested: April 2
Released: Not released as of report date (April 8)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Bird, Elexia Kayleigh – age 19
Arrested: April 3
Released: April 4
Charges: Second Degree Burglary

Mathis, Randy Dean – age 48
Arrested: April 3
Released: April 7
Charges: Aiding and Abetting

Morgan, Tyler Joseph – age 25
Arrested: April 3
Released: April 3
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Powell, Ladybird – age 53
Arrested: April 3
Released: Not released as of report date (April 8)
Charges: Tampering with Witnesses

Price, Colby Taylor – age 33
Arrested: April 3
Released: Not released as of report date (April 8)
Charges: Probation Violation

Tafoya, Phylcia Kaye – age 39
Arrested: April 3
Released: April 3
Charges: Grand Larceny, Second Degree Trespass, Simple Assault

Welch, Anthony Dirk – age 55
Arrested: April 3
Released: Not released as of report date (April 8)
Charges: Probation Violation

Woodson, Michael Allen – age 46
Arrested: April 3
Released: April 3
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Carver, David Wayne – age 46
Arrested: April 4
Released: April 4
Charges: Temporary Hold

Conseen, Carrie Louise – age 25
Arrested: April 4
Released: Not released as of report date (April 8)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession of a Controlled Substance (three counts), Drug Trafficking, Transporting Controlled Substances into the Territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Long, Claudette – age 48
Arrested: April 4
Released: April 7

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

McCoy, Veronica Eniki – age 52
Arrested: April 4
Released: April 4
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Owl, Sierra Anna – age 38
Arrested: April 4
Released: April 7
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Wildcat, Edison – age 59
Arrested: April 5
Released: April 6
Charges: Public Intoxication

McMahan, Gary – age 69
Arrested: April 6
Released: April 6
Charges: Temporary Hold

Mitchell, Joshua Lloyd – age 27
Arrested: April 6
Released: Not released as of report date (April 8)
Charges: Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent; Possession of a Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Sequoyah, Tashina Pepion – age 42
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Cherokee Middle students advocate for Tenn. trust land bill

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Cherokee students are making their voices heard on a House bill that would put land into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) in Tennessee. Students in David Pringle’s eighth grade social studies class at Cherokee Middle School recently completed a project on H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act).

Pringle said, “It was an honor

working through the H.R. 226 project which gave students a deep understanding of the land beneath Lake Tellico and the importance of EBCI stewardship. I hope these efforts will help empower EBCI’s next generation to reclaim more sacred Cherokee lands.”

The bill was introduced into the 119th Congress on Jan. 7, 2025 by Congressman Charles J. “Chuck” Fleishmann (R-Tenn.). The bill was passed by the House of Representatives on Feb. 5, 2025 marking the fifth Congress in a row that the legislation has passed



Students in David Pringle’s eighth grade social studies class at Cherokee Middle School recently completed a project on H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act). The student’s diorama projects are on display in the area outside of the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center in Cherokee Middle School. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Cher Crowe-Garcia and Cambry Stamper, both Cherokee Middle School students, are shown with their project.

the House. It has been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

For the project, the students worked in teams of two and created dioramas of the various sites included in the land reacquisition. They also wrote letters to Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), who serves as the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, advocating for the bill's passage.

In their letter, Nyra Reed and Nazari "Lolo" Bell wrote, "Did you know that the name Tennessee comes from the Cherokee word Tanasi? When North Carolina created 'Tennessee County' in 1788, and later when the new state was organized in 1796, the name 'Tennessee' was adopted from the Cherokee town. The meaning for the Cherokee word 'Tanasi' is still considered to be lost, but some say it means 'where the river bends' or 'meeting place'."

In their letter, Cambry Stamper and Cher Crowe-Garcia wrote, "Sequoyah, the founder of the Cherokee syllabary, was born in Tuskegee, and we don't even have that land anymore, it belongs to non-Native people. Sequoyah is very important in our culture. We all would really appreciate it if

you would vote on H.R. 226 and help us get our land back that was stolen from us."

The One Feather interviewed several of the students in the class including Reed, Bell, Stamper, and Crowe-Garcia.

Stamper said, "We have land in Tennessee that we want back because that's where Sequoyah's birthplace was. And that's where he grew up. I feel like it would be very beneficial because we could have that land and we could put stuff up to educate other people that don't know that that's our land, and for our school to know that that's our land."

She said education of the sites is important. "I feel like none of us really knew about it. None of us really knew that we didn't have that land. We just thought that we had it."

Reed commented, "I think it would be really beneficial because most people don't know that we own that land and it's been denied multiple times. I feel like if it gets passed, then it will be good."

She thoroughly enjoyed the project and the research aspect. "It was really fun and I feel like I got to learn more about the situation and it was just an overall



Nyra Reed and Nazari "Lolo" Bell, both Cherokee Middle School students, are shown with their project.

fun project to do... some people are visual learners and I feel like it's more fun than just reading an article. You're bringing the situation to life."

Crowe-Garcia said she really enjoyed doing the diorama. "We had about two to three weeks. We did most of the research before we did that and then we put it all together. Doing this, you get more of a visual understanding of how it looked back in the day."

Bell stressed the importance of the sites and the connection to Sequoyah. "I think it would be very good because it was his birthplace."

According to language in the bill, the 76 acres includes approximately 46 acres at the site of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, around 18.2 acres which includes the Chota Memorial and the Tanasi Memorial, and another 11.2 acres known as "support parcel". Also included in the bill are permanent easements for the Chota Peninsula, which includes 8.5 acres, and the Chota-Tanasi Trail which has 11.4 acres.

Previous versions of the bill included H.R. 548 (118th Congress) which passed the House by a unanimous voice vote, H.R. 2088

(117th Congress) which passed the House by a vote of 407-16, H.R. 453 (116th Congress) which passed the House by a unanimous voice vote, and H.R. 146 (115th Congress) which passed the House by a vote of 383-2. All of these bills died in the Senate. Charlie Rhodarmer, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum director, noted the importance of the area, "Tanasi was the first Cherokee capital in what is now this area of east Tennessee. It was set up by Moytoy of Tellico in the late 1720s/1730s. Moytoy was the first 'emperor' (spokesman) of the Cherokee. By 1753, Chota had become the mother town of the Overhill. During the eighteenth century, Chota was the political and cultural capital of the Cherokee Nation. It was known as a peace town."

He added, "Chota was the longest existing Cherokee capital in the east before the Removal. Chota is center stage for Lt. Timberlake's visit. Timberlake wrote his memoirs of his visit to the Cherokee Overhill, which gives us an incredible insight into Cherokee life in the mid-eighteenth century. By 1788, the Cherokee had moved their capital south to Georgia."



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Acquoni Baptist Chapel planning for 51st Jubilee

The Acquoni Baptist Chapel is planning for its 51st Jubilee Celebration on Sunday, May 18. They are looking for photos from the beginning year of 1974 and forward and for the Cherokee Children's Home Chapel. If you have photos, someone will be at the Fellowship Hall on April 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to scan in the photos. The deadline for getting the photos scanned is Sunday, April 25. Info: Nancy Wahnetah 226-2124, Melvena Swimmer 506-7012, or Wilbur Paul 507-6809

Atlanta Braves to host Fourth Annual Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase

ATLANTA, Ga. – The Atlanta

Braves will host the fourth annual Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase at Truist Park, June 21-22. The top high school baseball players of Native American descent from around North America will participate in a showcase experience at Truist Park from Saturday, June 21 through Sunday, June 22.

As part of the Braves' efforts to provide access and opportunity for diverse baseball talent, the Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase will highlight Native American high school baseball players who aspire to play the game at the next level. The weekend experience will offer elite baseball development training with former big leaguers and provide exposure for players who otherwise may not have an opportunity to play in front of college and Major League

scouts. In addition to providing the unforgettable experience of playing in a Major League ballpark, players and families will hear from Braves amateur scouts, college coaches, and fellow Braves alumni Julio Franco.

The pro-style workout on Saturday, June 21, will be executed by Marquis Grissom Baseball Association and will focus on defensive work, fielding, throwing, and catcher pop times. Four to six players will be selected during Saturday's batting practice to participate in a Home Run Derby that afternoon following the workout.

The players will be divided into two teams for the showcase game on Sunday, June 22. Major League Baseball former players Marquis Grissom, Johnny Estrada, Marvin Freeman, and Lou Collier will coach the teams. As part of

the showcase, the Atlanta Braves will utilize TrackMan Baseball, a leading technology company in sports analytics, to capture, track, and deliver player statistics to help players improve their game.

Last year, the Braves welcomed 50 high school baseball players of Native American descent for the showcase, representing 23 tribal affiliations from 17 states, including North Carolina, Idaho, California, and Oklahoma, as well as Canada.

Native youth can now register to play in the Native American All-Star Baseball Showcase at braves.com/NAS. Applications are open through April 30, 2025.

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by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Dan Gable, a freestyle wrestler who won gold at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games, hailed from what U.S. state?
2. Name the Major League Baseball first baseman/outfielder who wrote the 1994 book "I Ain't an Athlete, Lady ..." and penned an ESPN.com column titled "Chewing the Fat."
3. Who was crew chief of the Hendrick Motorsports No. 48 car driven by Jimmie Johnson that won seven NASCAR Cup Series championships from 2006-16?
4. Before his careers playing in Major League Baseball (1942-49) and broadcasting, Buddy Blattner was a 1936-37 world champion in what sport?
5. Italian brothers Piero and Raimondo D'Inzeo competed in what sport in eight straight Olympics from 1948-76?
6. What is the name of Japan's Nippon Professional Baseball Central League team based in Hiroshima?
7. Holly Manthei, the NCAA women's soccer all-time assists leader with 129, played for what college team?

Answers

1. Iowa.
2. John Kruk.
3. Chad Knaus.
4. Table tennis.
5. Equestrian show jumping.
6. The Hiroshima Toyo Carp.
7. The University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

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**Mianna Shereece
"Peaches" Squirrelle**

Mianna Shereece "Peaches" Squirrelle was called home to be with the Lord, surrounded by love and carried by the legacy she built through a life of service, compassion, and unshakable faith. Though her physical presence is no longer with us, her spirit lives

on in every heart she touched — and there are so many.

Born on May 20, 1980 to Chuck Taylor and Arlene Squirrelle, Peaches was raised by her beloved granny, Irene Martin, whose love and guidance helped shape the incredible woman she became. Raised in the Painttown housing projects, she was shaped by family, faith, and community. From the very beginning, she was special, filled with heart, grit, and fire — tiny but mighty, soft-hearted but strong-willed. Her nickname came early and stuck forever, lovingly given by her family when someone said, "She's as fuzzy as a peach." That fuzzy little girl grew up to be one of the most beloved and respected leaders Cherokee has ever known.

Peaches was a proud graduate of Cherokee High School, Class

of 1998, and a standout athlete who helped lead the Lady Braves to a State Championship in 1996, earning MVP honors. She also helped take the team to a State Runner-Up finish in 1998, and her contributions to the game were so lasting that her basketball jersey, #11, was retired. She went on to attend Montreat College, where she continued her athletic journey as a member of both the women's basketball and softball teams.

But it wasn't just about playing the game — for Peaches, it was about what the game could teach: discipline, teamwork, heart, and hustle. Her love for sports became her ministry. For more than 20 years, she dedicated her life to the youth of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians through the EBCI Recreation Department, where she served as both Recreation Aide

and Youth Sports Coordinator. Her passion wasn't just in her job title — it lived in every young person she mentored.

Peaches was a natural leader who built programs, coached with intention, and inspired with love. She served as the President of the Cherokee Travel League Program for the last 8 years, where she organized tryouts, selected coaching staff, and shaped teams that reflected her values — not just in skill, but in spirit. Her leadership helped bring home multiple championships, and her selections for coaches and players proved over and over that she had a rare and powerful instinct for seeing potential in others.

She also served as a Board Member for the WNC Basketball League for 8 years and gave more than 13 years of service to the NAYO/NASA Board, where she was currently serving her second term as President of NAYO. A proud athlete herself, Peaches played in countless basketball and softball tournaments and was a member of a championship fast-pitch softball team for NASA. Coaching wasn't just what she did — it was who she was. Peaches poured herself into coaching roles at every level, serving as Assistant Coach for the Cherokee High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team, Head Coach of the JV Girls Team, and Head Coach of the Middle School Girls Team.

She was a 10-year volunteer for the Cherokee Booster Club, a constant presence in community fundraisers, and a tireless advocate for youth programs in volleyball, basketball, cross country, and more. She was an avid Cherokee Braves fan, always the loudest cheerleader and the fiercest believer.

Peaches played a vital role in

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guiding the current Lady Braves Basketball Team to back-to-back state championships, standing as a testament to the strong foundation she helped build. Her wisdom, patience, and discernment in choosing coaching staff and mentoring athletes played a crucial role in that ongoing success.

In 2022, she received the Frell Owle Award from the Cherokee Boys Club for her outstanding leadership and service to the youth of the community — a well-earned recognition for a lifetime spent uplifting others.

Through it all, Peaches carried a quiet, unwavering faith in God. Her relationship with the Lord was her anchor, and it was visible in the way she lived — with peace, grace, humility, and joy. She was kind. She was patient. She was fierce when she needed to be, and gentle when it mattered most. She was a warrior in every way — on the court, in the community, and in her heart.

Peaches didn't just build teams — she built people. She lifted others up and reminded everyone they had a place. Her smile lit up every room. Her presence brought calm. Her love was constant, deep, and unforgettable.

She is survived by Doris Johnson, her quiet constant for many years. Doris cared for Peaches day in and day out, with a devotion that never wavered. Their bond was built on loyalty, laughter, and a shared devotion to community.

She is also survived by her daughter, Paige Stamper (Michael), and her beloved grandchildren, Penelope and SJ, who brought pure joy and pride into her life. Her heart beat for them, and their presence lit up her world.

At the center of her home and heart were her treasured fur

babies, Oscar and Maddie. Their devotion to her was unmatched, and hers to them even greater. They were her peace at the end of every day, her comfort through every storm, and the heartbeat of her quiet moments.

She is lovingly remembered by her siblings — Brooke Saunooke, Jeremy "Suke" Saunooke, Clayton Arch (Heather), and Dustin Pheasant — along with her cherished niece, Elexia Bird "Miss Bird", and nephew, Dreyvon Taylor.

Her circle of family extended to her great-uncle George Squirrel; uncles who were more like brothers, Fred Squirrel, Lamont Squirrel (Angel), and Daryl "Dee Dee" Martin (Christy); and uncles Herb Squirrel (Pam), Harlan "Bucky" Squirrel (Glenda); her great-great aunt Helen Arch; great aunt, Frances Walkingstick (Sammy); and aunts Kim Wildcatt, Monica Wildcatt, and Sammi Saunooke — each playing a meaningful role in the love-filled life she lived.

Other special family include: Ashley, Botch, Squirrelie (Dave), Clareece, Bri, Zaynon (Zaybaby), Gogi, Tashina, Shepherd, Nicolas, Priscilla (Purr), Kymani (Fluff), Robbie, Chelsea "Jade", and Irie.

Her life was made even richer by a circle of devoted friends. Among them: Tara Reed-Cooper, Consie Girty, Sarah Teesateskie, Trista Welch, Janelle Rattler, Sis Fourkiller, Ida Lespier, Artith Par-ton, Viv Wildcatt, Osh Stephens, Miranda Long, Jessica Lambert, and Kevin Nations — companions through every chapter, who stood with her in both laughter and loss.

She was also the founder and heartbeat of the Knocker's Softball Team — more than a team, they were a sisterhood. Through every inning and every season, they celebrated life, forged an unbreak-

able bond, and became her chosen family.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Arlene Squirrel; her grandmother and greatest influence, Irene Martin; her sisters, Cinda and Talia Taylor; her grandfather, Tommy Martin; great-grandfather, Reuben Taylor; great-grandmother, Mary Jane Taylor; grandmother, Wanda Taylor; grandfather, James Welch; her aunt, Mary Squirrel; beloved uncles, Poat, John Adam, and Josh Squirrel; and cousin, Brock Squirrel.

Peaches didn't just touch lives — she transformed them. She leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and grace that will live on in every athlete she coached, every game she influenced, every child she protected, and every soul she lifted.

We will miss her laughter, her wisdom, her voice echoing across gym walls, and her steady presence in every season of life. But we take comfort in knowing that Peaches is now with her loved ones at home, resting in the arms of her Savior. Her journey continues in Heaven — and her legacy lives on right here.

We love you, Peaches. You were the very best of us. Until we meet again, rest in peace and power in the arms of the Lord.

Pallbearers will be: Kevin Nations, Duck Lossiah, Tim Smith, Mark Littlejohn, Bo Crowe, Josh Taylor, Daryl "Dee Dee" Martin, Lamont Squirrel, Herb Squirrel, Fred Squirrel, Jeremy "Suke" Saunooke, Zaynon Squirrel, and Kymani (Fluff) Foalima-Squirrel.

Honorary Pallbearers will be: Jody Saunooke, Harlan "Bucky" Squirrel, Little Rich and Skylar Bottchenbaugh, Jack Wachacha, Edd Owle, Robbie Squirrel, and Shepherd Martin.

Verlon A. McCoy

Verlon A. McCoy, age 85, passed away on Monday, April 7, 2025. He is the son of the late, Lola (McCoy) Queen and Herman Lambert.

Verlon was a mechanic by trade. He loved being outdoors, working on cars, fishing, and digging ramps.

He is survived by a son, Jeff McCoy; brothers, Carl R. McCoy, David Queen, Ricky Queen; sister, Edith Maney; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to his parents, Verlon is also preceded by his wife, Frances Walkingstick; son, Andrew Littlejohn; brothers, David Lambert, Les Lambert, Ronald Lambert; and two sisters.

A direct burial was held on Thursday, April 10 in the Birdtown Cemetery.

Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Nancy H. Brady

Nancy H. Brady, born Sept. 6, 1960, went to celebrate life with the Lord and family on Saturday, April 5, 2025.

Reba Rattler

Reba Rattler, 78 of the Snowbird Community, gained her heavenly wings the morning of Monday, April 7, 2025, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was the daughter of the late Edward and Nancy Wilnoty Jumper. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Freddie Max Rattler Sr.; grandson, Issac Thomas Phillips; her sister and

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brothers; and several nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her daughters, Maxine Lawson (Ernie), of Robbinsville, N.C., Ephleada Anthony (Doug), Cheryl Owle (Joey) both of Cherokee, N.C., and son, Freddie Max Rattler Jr. of Sylva, N.C. She is also survived by 23 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 11 at Zion Hill Baptist Church. Reverends Noah Crowe and Earl King officiated. Burial followed at TNT Family Cemetery. Townson-Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Rattler family.

Joyce Elaine Bradley

Joyce Elaine Bradley passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at Memorial Mission Hospital. A beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, Joyce leaves behind a legacy of care, kindness, and quiet strength.

Joyce, also known as “The Gambler”, dedicated her life to caring for others and retired as a nurse after many years of compassionate service at Mountain View Manor. Her devotion to helping those in need and her warm spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Joyce is loved deeply and will be missed dearly. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate to know her.

She is survived by her children, Cynthia E. Grant, Walter J. Grant (Kay), and Dusti Bark; her grandchildren, Cody C. Buchanan (Taryn), AJ Grant, Estella Grant, Johnathan Ridenbaugh, Rori Bark, and Roxi Bark; one great-grandchild, Nation Bu-

chanan. She is also survived by her brothers, William “Whick” Bradley (Bernadine) and Herbert “Woody” Bradley (Agnes); her sister, Jacquelyn “Cardshark” Raby; and her aunts, Mary Jackson and JoAnn Standingdeer; her uncle, Carl “Toad” Standingdeer; special niece, Denise Bradley and numerous nieces and nephews also mourn her passing. Joyce shared a deep bond with many special friends who were like extended family, including John John Toineeta, Hubert “Dallas” Dennis, JD Arch, Nikki Crisp, Marsha Jackson, and Jeff and Shondi Thompson, and Tyson Sampson. She was preceded in death by her father, Herbert Jerome Bradley of the Paintown Community; her mother, Stella Arneach Bradley, also of Paintown; her brother, George C. Arneach; and her sister, Mary Standley.

Visitation was held in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home on Saturday, April 12, followed by funeral services.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests to make a donation to the Cancer Support or Autism.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Clint Arneach

Clint Arneach passed away Thursday, April 3, 2025 at the

Cherokee Indian Hospital after an extended illness. He was born on Oct. 17, 1944, to the late John Arneach and Savannah Sneed Bigwitch. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jeff Arneach; and sister, Mary Jane Ferguson.

He is survived by his son, John and Aloysa Arneach; daughter, Hattie Trumbull; grandchildren, Savannah, Madisyn, Tsani, Andre, Khaleesi and Jionni Arneach, Jayin (Lexie), Jarrick (Leighanna) Trumbull and Skyzon Mitchell; ex-wife, Catherine Trumbull and sister-in-law, Carol Trumbull. He is also survived by a brother-in-law, Donald “Hoppy” Ferguson; and nieces, Savannah and Samantha Ferguson, and Lloyd Long.

In his past time, you could have found him in the Casino and early mornings hunting sage chickens.

Clint’s last wishes were to come back to Ethete, Wyo. and be with his grandchildren, to see his granddaughter play basketball for Cherokee High School and to fish the Wind River Reservation one last time. Clint loved the Arapaho way of life and beliefs. He used to hunt for his father and mother-in-law, Rita and Buck Trumbull. Ethete, Wyo. was home to Clint and always will be.

Clint was a proud Veteran of the United States Navy beginning in March of 1962 at the age of 18. He served in Vietnam and the “Bay of Pigs”

Clint enjoyed watching sports. His team was the UNC Tarheels, and he enjoyed watching the Cherokee Braves and Lady Braves.

Clint was loved and will be missed.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 10 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home.



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COMMENTARY

A tribal radio station would improve the safety of our community

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

Why don't we have a tribal radio station? AM and FM radio are ultimately portable. Access to this type of one-way communication can be had with a second-hand, two-dollar transistor radio from the thrift store (the two AA batteries needed to power a radio cost more than the radio itself).

Why does this even matter? When I first began working with the tribe in 2002, I would often hear my colleagues and fellow tribal members sharing the top gossip of the day. It was not uncommon for tales of marital infidelity, domestic issues, Boundary crime, even things like evacuations and manhunts that happened the previous night or even in the previous few hours to be discussed. I would ask folks how they knew all this quasi-confidential, personal information, and they would say, "We heard it on the scanner." Of course, they were talking about what we commonly refer to as police scanners. Tribal members would even find out about community events and government announcements via these frequency scanners.

But the days of buying a cheap scanner at Radio Shack or getting a deal on one in the swap shop are long gone. The governments have tightened their use of frequencies, and agencies are finding ways to make their communications more encrypted, if not through direct encryption software, then through more complex truncated systems. Truncation, to my best under-

standing, bundles segments of the frequency bands so that there is an extra layer of access, requiring a scanner that has that capability. That is about as far into the "techno-weenie" world as I am able or willing to dive, but suffice to say, today's scanners aren't your grandma's scanners.

The upside to a scanner back in the day was that once you bought the scanner and either bought the "crystal" set or programmed the frequency, you could just turn it on, and it would pull those transmissions right off the air. That was the end of your investment. Free radio. Free information.

Nowadays, we have been taught as a society to pay for convenience. And we love having it and having it now. We now pay for access to information as readily as we pay our power bill at home. As most people transitioned to smartphones, we began to see those devices as necessities. But convenience comes with a cost. The average smartphone costs \$823 (statista.com), and the annual bill for access to all that wonderful convenience is approximately \$1,700 annually (allconnect.com). Since the big smartphone makers know how we like our luxury, you will see an "upgrade" model appear about once per year. Add to these statistics that some users, roughly 21 percent, upgrade their phones every year, or less (sellcell.com). Based on this information, it is obvious that we are willing to pay to be conveniently in the know. No crystals, no problem, unless you happen to be short on cash.

Then the information may only go to those who can afford it. We have come to trust the cellular network implicitly. At least we did until Hurricane Helene. During the first weeks of that disastrous storm, cell service went dark for several counties in western North Carolina. I know that in the days immediately after the flood in Haywood County, my pastor would drive over to the Boundary just to find a cell signal so he could check on people in the area. And even at that, he could not connect with a majority of those in his church, because those still in the affected area couldn't receive or make calls. It took weeks for cellular services to begin to resemble pre-flood conditions. So even with thousand-dollar phones, we were left helpless and hopeless regarding communication.

During that period, households in the affected areas lost electricity, cable connections, and, in some cases, entire homes. Those who fled the flood waters and the mudslides might have only saved the clothes on their backs and some personal items, like their cell phones. Communications with loved ones to either check on them or let them know that you were okay were next to impossible. Ham radio operators, if you could find one, were helping as best they could to connect friends and family in the wake of the storm, but those in that hobby are few and far between considering the enormity of the disaster. If you salvaged a television (probably not your top priority at the time), the only hope you might

have of getting disaster information or instructions would have been an antenna necessary to receive signals from the airwaves, which most people don't think to purchase these days.

One of the very first, small signs that all hope was not lost, and that civilization would eventually return, was broadcast radio. Most of the broadcasters in the area stopped any kind of entertainment programming and set out to help broadcast information about loved ones (trying to connect the survivors with their families) and to announce places where survivors could get help. AM and FM radio were lifelines for thousands of people in our area (including me). I told my wife that even though the news was depressing, it would have been much more depressing to sit in silence and wonder if there was anybody out there and if anybody cared. Radio helped ease the pain of many during those critical first few days after the flood.

While we had a lesser impact on most portions of the Boundary, our community is one disaster away from being in the same boat as those who lost so much in our neighboring communities. It just doesn't make sense that we do not avail ourselves of a relatively inexpensive way to provide a cheap communication tool that could not only provide critical emergency information but could keep the population informed of important community guidance day-to-day.

The tribe could set a foundation for what could be a significant economic and cultural educational tool if they would

simply start with a low-power FM (LPFM) station. While a federal license is required to acquire a permit and frequency to operate an LPFM, the application adds points toward approval if the station is tribal owned on tribal land, according to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Professional estimates for start-ups range from \$10,000 to \$100,000, depending on how big you care to do initially (radiostationmavericks.com).

We, as a tribe, struggle with the relevancy of language and ways to promote interest in its use in the wider population of the tribe. What better tool for education on language would there be than a communications medium that depends on language for its existence? Radio is the perfect low-cost vehicle for communicat-

ing and educating on the Cherokee language; no thought police needed.

Felicia Fonseca, an Associated Press writer, in 2013, wrote an article titled “Two Tribes Move Closer To Securing FM Radio Stations”. In it, she quotes the FCC’s 2012 Annual Report, “Telling one’s own story, broadcasting in one’s own voice, in an exercise of self-determination and self-reliance, is so important a goal of so many broadcasters in tribal communities that its value cannot be overstated.”

Did the FCC think that having a broadcast station might help with identity and sovereignty? Surely sounds like it to me. A consultant for the Hualapai Tribe, Frank Hannel, stated, “Radio will give them tremendous community outlook. They can rally

the whole community around a radio station, give them a sense of identity.” The original proposed broadcast radius for this tribal operation was 30 miles.

The article further stated, “The spread of information on the reservation otherwise comes through fliers posted at government offices, a tribal newsletter, or word of mouth. Terri Hutchens, project coordinator, said tribal members could have benefited last year from an announcement over the radio about water contamination, which led to a temporary school closure. She said some people received fliers, but others didn’t find out until days later when the problem was fixed.”

Sure, we have state-of-the-art tech at our disposal, but as we have seen recently, technology can fail us. Broadcast radio at both the transmitting and receiving ends is less susceptible. Some might say that satellite radio would do the same but getting local information on a satellite radio channel is unlikely unless you live where the program originates. The best, most effective, and efficient way to get emergency and immediate action information to a community is via broadcast radio.

The Hualapai broadcast effort, started back in the 2010s, has borne great fruit for the tribe. “KWLP 100.9 FM ‘The Peach’”. Local and live from the Hualapai Tribe! KWLP 100.9 FM is the first tribal priority commercial FM radio station in the U.S. It is owned and operated by the Hualapai Indian Tribe as a program of the Hualapai Tribe Health Department. KWLP functions as a community station by utilizing volunteer community DJs, having a non-governing advisory committee and playing a variety of music and talk based on commu-

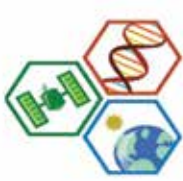
nity preference, as well as airing local language, tradition, and culture. KWLP’s signal reaches all the Hualapai Indian Reservation and covers much of Mohave, Coconino, and Yavapai counties in Northern Arizona.” You may listen to the Hualapai Tribe’s radio station at <https://kwlpradio.com>.

Adding this valuable communication tool to our community would have multi-faceted benefits from emergency information dissemination like Amber Alerts, weather statements, road closures, educational emergency notices, and any other sudden changes in normal, commonly shared services, or any information that the Qualla Boundary community might need quickly. Regular use and repetition are key elements of language learning, for which broadcast radio is uniquely suited. Other audible elements of our culture, like storytelling, conversations and news of our traditions and history, and our music, could all be shared and showcased via broadcast radio.

If you, fellow tribal member, see the benefit to our tribe, in having the incredible tool of a local broadcast radio station, speak with Ugwiyuhi Hicks, Taline Ugwiyu Ensley, Kolanvyi Councilmen Shell and French, Wayohi Councilmen Parker and Crowe, Tsisqwohi Councilmen Jim and Boyd Owle, Elawodi Councilmen Wahnetah and Wolfe, Aniwodihii Councilmen Sneed and Stamper, and Tutiyyi/Tsalagi Gadugi Councilmen Brown and Wachacha.

By the way, the radio moniker for KWLP “The Peach” is a reference to the Hualapai people’s home city, Peach Springs, Arizona. The name is tied to their sense of place and reminds them of their home and who they serve.

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A Close Call - Part One

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

Scripture references: Psalms 118:17, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, Luke 15:7

A close call - FACED WITH DEATH

The author writes:

Before and since I met my wife, I was a motorcycle enthusiast for fifty-some years. Back then, that is what you would have called me unless you saw me riding on the street with my colors, and then you would probably call me a biker.

For 14 years, until as recently as 2018, I was a Christian Biker, and I belonged to a group called Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry. I am no longer a biker. I have quit riding, and though I still desire to ride, I cannot ride safely for reasons resulting from a motorcycle accident I sustained in 2005 and my age.

One week while studying the book of James for Sunday School, I became convicted by God's Holy Spirit. As a teacher in Sunday School, the blessing is learning more than your students because you must be prepared to teach and answer questions. All teachers and preachers know this. James and the Holy Spirit inspired me, and I felt the call to go out on faith to work as a home missionary to a lost world of bikers. I felt then, as I do now, that we are all called as Christians to GO OUT as written in (Matthew 28:19) and spread the gospel.

I felt drawn to the motorcycle biker ministry because most of those sinners do not come looking for Jesus or seeking Him in buildings or sanctuaries like most of our churches, and I lived closely in that circle of bikers. Bikers have a code that is lived by and understood only by other bikers. It is a code I knew well and respected.

Luke 14:23 says, Those He invites are found out there on the highways and the hedges, and we must compel them to come in so God's house might be filled.

Heavens Saints is a 35+ year motorcycle ministry founded by a former Hells Angel, Barry Mason. Because of a praying mother and his

trials and tribulations, he became a new man when Jesus came into his Life (Mayson & Marco, 1982). As a result, he founded a motorcycle ministry, and it is this organization I joined many years ago that ordained me as a minister. Since then, I have actively served alongside other Christian biker organizations, sharing our faith in Jesus with those who will not set foot in a church to hear His Word.

Ten years ago (at the time of this writing), I was called to another ministry named BikerDownLiftedUp. BDLU is a 501c3 – nonprofit organization. The mission of BikerDownLiftedUp is dedicated to prayer, ministry, and financial support of motorcycle accident victims and their families.

Psalms 118:17- 29

I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of Jehovah. Jehovah hath chastened me sore;
But he hath not given me over unto death.
Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter into them; I will give thanks unto Jehovah. This is the gate of Jehovah; The righteous shall enter into it. I will give thanks unto thee; for thou hast answered me, And art become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected Is become the head of the corner. This is Jehovah's doing; It is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day which Jehovah hath made;

We will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, we beseech thee, O Jehovah: O Jehovah, we beseech thee, send now prosperity. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of Jehovah:

We have blessed you out of the house of Jehovah. Jehovah is God, and he hath given us light:

Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. Thou art my God, and I will give thanks unto thee: Thou art my God, I will exalt thee. Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; For his lovingkindness endureth for ever.

After someone has survived a severe motorcycle accident, visiting them allows me to witness to the victims and sometimes to family members who have just experienced a 'Close Call.'

I, too, have had motorcycle accidents, and though none have been as severe as the victims I visited in the hospital, each accident I endured was, no doubt, also a 'Close Call.'

Many people we meet in our lives have had Close Calls. Have you ever said or heard others make statements like...IF only I had been...a minute earlier, or a second later, or IF we had gone left instead of right...IF it had come a half an inch closer. IF I had taken that ride or gotten on that boat. IF I had not looked that split second in that direction, or IF, IF, IF – I know we all have IF stories like that. At the end of the story, IF we have a mind to think of it, we amaze ourselves and wonder, by the grace of God, that person could have been me, or God kept me from the worst of what it could have been. IF you are not thinking and thanking God like that, you should.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Detail of "Portrait of E.H."
by Erich Heckel (1917)

...He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 CORINTHIANS 12: 9,10

Amber Waves

THE TREE FORT IS ALMOST DONE. WE JUST NEED PROVISIONS.



I LOVE THAT MY FOLKS CAN'T GET UP HERE. WE ARE SECURE.



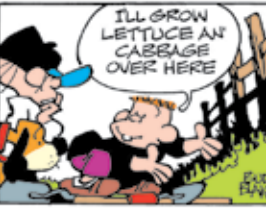
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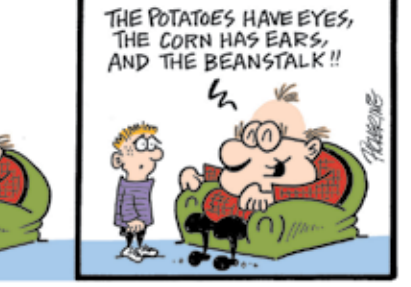
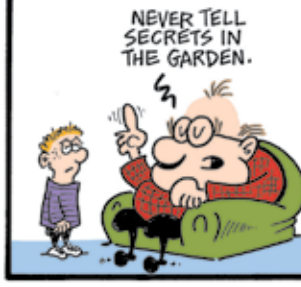
OOPS, BIG MISTAKE... NOW IT'S JUST A WAITING GAME UNTIL I NEED TO GO TO THE BATHROOM.



TIGER



The Spats



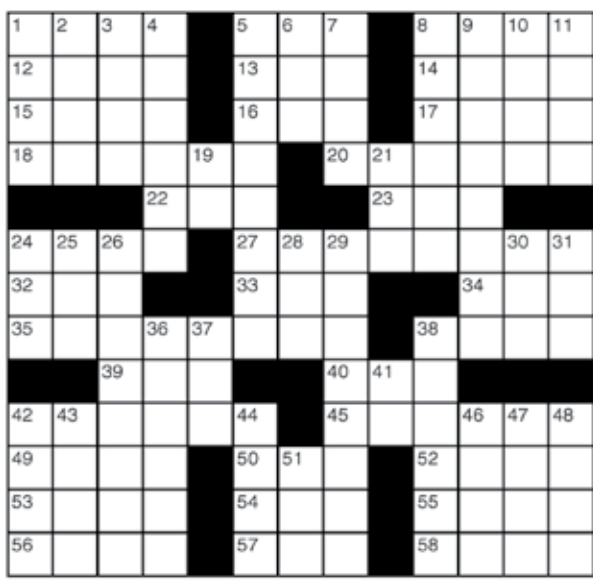
by BUD BLAKE

by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Barn birds
- 5 Snooze
- 8 Humdrum
- 12 Nerd's kin
- 13 Somewhat (Suff.)
- 14 Green land
- 15 Hindu royal
- 16 "My word!"
- 17 Taxi alternative
- 18 Allow
- 20 Peace
- 22 Poetic contraction
- 23 Armed conflict
- 24 Melville captain
- 27 Shortly
- 32 — canto
- 33 Nonpro sports org.
- 34 DDE's opponent
- 35 Parts
- 38 L-Q bridge
- 39 Moray, for one
- 40 Attempt
- 42 "Rats!"
- 45 Actress
- 49 China setting
- 50 "The Greatest"
- 52 Empty truck's weight



- 53 Male deer
- 54 Meadow
- 55 Inventor's inspiration
- 56 Sharpen
- 57 Family
- 58 "Brian's Song" star

- 7 "That was close!"
- 8 Biondi in "It's a Wonderful Life"
- 9 Resident of Monrovia
- 10 War god
- 11 Wife of Zeus
- 19 French article
- 21 "Adorbs!"
- 24 Sit-up targets
- 25 Haw preceder
- 26 Resident of Oran
- 28 D.C. baseballer
- 29 Resident of Vienna
- 30 Summer sign
- 31 Mentalist's gift
- 36 Household
- 37 Yale grad
- 38 Spiritualist
- 41 Egyptian sun god
- 42 Sprint
- 43 Regarding
- 44 Chat
- 46 "Mary — Little Lamb"
- 47 Bailiwick
- 48 Campus big-wig
- 51 Island garland

DOWN

- 1 Shrek, for one
- 2 Gradually withdraw
- 3 Sultry Horne
- 4 Winter vehicle
- 5 Resident of Lagos
- 6 Enzyme suffix

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pot is moved; 2. Box is larger; 3. Apron is different; 4. Cabinet is wider; 5. Curtain is different; 6. Nose is smaller.

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia Test Answers
 1. A centennarian; 2. Jan. 2, 1971; 3. Jake LaMotta (played by Robert De Niro); 4. New York; 5. "Murder, She Wrote"; 6. 1.5 feet; 7. Scottish soup made of smoked haddock, potatoes and onions; 8. Carbon; 9. Canada; 10. Goosebumps

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What do you call a person who has lived to the age of 100 years?
2. HISTORY: When were cigarette commercials banned from American television?
3. MOVIES: Whose life is depicted in the movie "Raging Bull"?
4. U.S. STATES: In which state are the Catskill Mountains located?
5. TELEVISION: Which long-running TV drama was set in Cabot Cove, Maine?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How long is the ancient measurement called a cubit?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What is a dish called Cullen Skink?
8. CHEMISTRY: A diamond is composed of which single element?
9. GEOGRAPHY: What country is home to the Baffin, Victoria and Ellesmere islands?
10. ANATOMY: What is another name for the condition called "piloerection"?

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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: - May 25-31. Silent Auction

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

Cherokee Speakers Council Bingo Fundraiser (updated date and place). May 10 at the Birdtown Community Building at 1146 Birdtown Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo starts at 5:30 p.m. \$25/adult packs for 15 games, \$10/kid packs, and five specials sold separately. Concessions will be available.

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

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

Finger Weaving Friday. Every Friday in April from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio in Cherokee, N.C. Join Lead Atsila Anotasgi Cultural Specialist Nola (EBCI) in a crafting circle. Enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes are

invited to bring a project they're currently working on or begin a new weaving using materials brought from home or sourced from the Museum's selection. Beginners and experienced weavers welcome; instruction available. This opportunity is free of charge and registration is not required.

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church Holy Ghost Revival. April 16 at 7 p.m. at the Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church at 7710 Big Cove Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Pastor Robert French is the revival host and will be joined by Dr. Will Chambliss.

Garden Kit Giveaways. Must show EBCI enrollment card. One kit per household. Info: (828) 359-6939, mmahan@ebci-nc.gov - April 23 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cherokee County Indian Community Club Pavilion in Murphy, N.C.

- April 23 from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex in Tutiya (Snowbird). - April 24 following lunch until 1 p.m. at the West Senior Center (formerly Tsali Manor) in Cherokee, N.C. This is for EBCI elders only.

- April 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Kits will given away during the Spring Garden Fair.

9th Annual Spring Garden Fair. April 25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. This event features seeds, plants, yard art, education information, and a Re-Purpose It contest for youth ages 5-17. Vendor tables are available for \$10 or a door prize donation. Vendor tables are free for informational, educational, and activities for

children. NAIWA will be serving breakfast biscuits and Indian Dinners. For more information or to reserve a table, call Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285


Cruise the Smokies Spring Rod Run. April 25-26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the old Cherokee High School site at 1441 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Admission is free for spectators. For participants, register online at www.CherokeeRodders.com. Info: Cherokee Rodders (828) 226-6853

National Day of Prayer event. May 1 at the Acquoni Baptist Chapel in Cherokee, N.C. Church doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and lunch will be provided in the Fellowship Hall.

Cherokee History & Stories with Kathi Littlejohn. May 4 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People TJ Holland Education Room in Cherokee, N.C. Historian and storyteller Kathi Littlejohn, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, leads an informal lecture series at Museum of the Cherokee People this winter and spring. May topics include the third session of her Cherokee Regions series and will discuss the Overhill towns, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and prominent people including Dragging Canoe, Red Clay, Attacullaculla, Nancy Ward, Timberlake, and Sequoyah. This opportunity is free and open to all. Registration is not required.


Visitor Celebration Day. May

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK
Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida
SŌHi ᎠᎳ ᎠᎳᎳᎳᎳᎳ ᎠᎳᎳᎳᎳᎳ



Mongo, age 7-months, lives in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) with his humans, Tara Wolfe and Dwayne Montelongo.

Sponsored by:
CHEROKEE ANIMAL CARE CLINIC
 828-497-3401
 1100 US 441N, Whittier, NC 28789



17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Welcome Center at 498 Tsali Blvd. in Cherokee, N.C. Live music and entertainment, stick-ball demonstrations, traditional dancers, giveaways, local vendors with unique crafts and goods, food trucks and food vendors, and more. There is no charge for vendors. Tables and chairs will be provided, and sign-up is available at the Welcome Center. This is a free event. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center (828) 359-6490

Vacation Bible School. May 20-22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. nightly at Big Cove Baptist Church in Chero-

kee, N.C. All ages (nursery – adult classes). Everyone is welcome.

13th Annual Seven Clans Rodeo. May 24-25 at 181 Tsali Blvd. in Cherokee, N.C. Gates open at 5 p.m. daily and the rodeo starts at 7 p.m. This is a SRA-sanctioned event for bull riding, bronco riding, saddle bronc, and barrel racing. Adults: \$20, Children 5-and-under are free. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center (828) 359-6490

EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS/EVENTS

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone will try to pull the wool over your eyes. Trust your inborn sense of what's right and what's wrong to help you avoid getting fleeced.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Love dominates the Taurean landscape this week, but someone from the past doesn't feel so kindly to the divine Bovine. Resist an attempt to goad you into a fight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A perplexing on-the-job situation that you thought was resolved reopens with a new twist. But this time, you'll have more people willing to help you deal with it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A major move could be good for your career, but you worry that it might cause problems for your loved ones. Before making a decision, talk things over with them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Kitty's glitter dazzles the right people who react to your charm. But they'll want more proof that you can do the job they're offering.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Continue to assess both sides of a workplace situation before deciding which to support. An old friend brings potentially life-changing news. Listen well.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Your natural inclination for fairness might conflict with the special needs of a friend. Weigh both issues carefully and make your decision in your usual honest way.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A misunderstanding causes a rift in a once-closed relationship. Make a move toward sealing the breach before it grows too wide to ever be repaired.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You can keep secrets like no one else can, but an unexpected development may force you to consider revealing one of them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone tries once again to goad the Goat into a confrontation, but resist. Remember that you've nothing to gain by being the butt of someone else's ambitions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An opportunity that recently opened up needs to be fully explored to make sure that no unsettling surprises will emerge later on. Ask questions and demand answers.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An old friend reveals a secret from the past that can lead to changes in relationships with family and friends. Expect a shocking reaction from a surprising source.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a reservoir of self-confidence that you can draw on forever. Your energy output makes you seem like a living example of perpetual motion.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Finding other veterans

The Veteran Buddy Link, created by Together We Served, has over 2.4 million veterans listed in its directory. And you're invited to join them.

The Buddy Link's purpose is clear right on the front page: "Veterans take care of each other, and no veteran should ever feel alone." And once you join you'll be able to hook up with other veterans in your area. To register you only need to add your name, email address and branch of service. Then, if you like, you can add a little info about why you want to connect with other veterans in your area. Once you do that, an email will go out to the veterans around you in the same ZIP code.

Take a look at the site at togetherweserved.com/buddylink.

From the main menu you can find the unit directory (158,000 units included so far), military photos, places to honor and remember veterans and, best of all, the veteran locator.

If you want to get an idea of the site before you sign up, take a look at the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/togetherweserved) or the Instagram page (www.instagram.com/togetherweserved), which is broken down by branch of service.

From the very beginning (2003), Together We Served's goal has been to help veterans reconnect with other veterans they've served with and to post photos (937,000 so far) and memories for others to see. Especially appreciated is the service recognition plaque that you can create with your badges, insignia and ribbon rack on a printable graphic that you can frame.

We won't have another official Buddy Check until October, but there's no need to wait until then to hook up with veterans around you. And if you'll want to participate in the Buddy Check in October, don't wait until the last minute. You'll need to do a bit of peer-to-peer training (watching a 34-minute video) before then. At that point, your mission will be to reach out to 10 other veterans and be sure they're doing OK.

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Headline

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I have an adventurous Shorthaired Pointer named "Gordie" who loves running through the woods behind my home while I walk behind him. He occasionally comes back with scrapes and cuts. I want to share with your readers how I take care of his minor injuries, and when a vet visit is necessary.

Most of the time, Gordie's scrapes are very minor. I always check him when we get back to the house, because he can easily pick up ticks, too. I remove any clinging ticks and kill them right away. I check the pads under his paws, and run my hand along his coat to remove burrs. If he has a scrape on his side or paw, I clean it with warm water, disinfect it and put some antibiotic ointment on it. If it's a place where he can scratch or lick, I cover it with a gauze bandage for a couple of days.

Last month, Gordie limped over to me with a deep laceration on his left front paw pad. Fortunately, we weren't far from home. I carried him inside and gently looked at the injury. It wasn't bleeding too badly, but the cut was very deep, and trying to clean it was very painful for him. This time, we had to see the vet. I wrapped his paw in gauze to protect it and off we went. The vet stitched him up, and Gordie has to wear a lampshade collar for the next week or so to let it heal.

I hope my story will be helpful to readers. — Tyler N., Dracut, Massachusetts

DEAR TYLER: This is very helpful! Best wishes to Gordie for a speedy recovery.

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

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EVENTS: *from page 29*

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

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

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

NAIA Daughters meetings.

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

Cherokee History & Stories.

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

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

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

2nd Annual Cherokee Autism Celebration.

April 24 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Unity Field at 257 Tsali Blvd. in Cherokee, N.C. Hosted by the Jackson Swain Qualla Boundary Support Group (Autism Society of North Carolina). Info: Candy Ross (828) 359-2203, candross@ebci-nsn.gov, or Amanda Bradley 359-2204, amanbrad@ebci-nsn.gov

Snowbird From Darkness

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

Mother's Day 5K. May 10 at Kituwah. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., Walk/Run begins at 9 a.m. General fee is \$15 that will increase to \$20 on May 1; \$10 for youth ages 1-12 and elders 59+. Register at: <https://runsignment.com/Race/NC/BrysonCity/CherokeeChoicesMothersDay5K>. Info: Yolanda Saunooke (828) 359-6784, yolasau@ebci-nsn.gov

Breakaway Sports Cherokee Sports Camp (Baseball 5, Kickball, and Ultimate Frisbee).

June 9-11 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Donald "Kool-Aid" Queen Gym in Cherokee, N.C. In partnership with Cherokee Baptist Church, daily Bible devotions and snacks are included. Info: Call or text (423) 933-6986

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Qualla Housing Committee.

April 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Planning Board.

April 22 at 1 p.m.

Work Session on Land Use.

April 23 at 9 a.m.

Work Session on Beloved

Men/Women. April 23 at 10 a.m.

Work Session on Christmas

Checks. April 23 at 11 a.m.

Roads Commission.

April 28 at 9 a.m.

Timber Committee.

April 28 at 10:30 a.m.

POW WOW LISTINGS

56th Annual Kyiyo Celebration.

April 18-19 at the Adams Center in Missoula, Mont. Emcees: Ruben Littlehead, Darrin Old Coyote. Host Drum: Showtime. Info: Kyiyo Native American Student Association (Univ. of Montana) (406) 243-5946, kyiy@umontana.edu

47th Annual ASWSU Pah-

Loots-Puu Pow Wow. April 19 in the Beasley Coliseum on the campus of Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. MC: Randy Bowen Jr. Host Drum: Dancing Eagle. Info: Joelle Edwards at joelle.edwards@wsu.edu

First Nations University of Canada Spring Celebration

Pow Wow. April 19-20 at The Brandt Centre in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. MC: Elmer Rattle-

snake. Info: Bonnie Rockthunder (204) 292-3253, springpowwow@firstnationsuniversity.ca

Western Oregon University

30th Annual Pow Wow. April 19 in the NPE Gym on the campus of Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Ore. MC: Nick Sixkiller. Info: Multicultural Student Union (503) 838-8403, msu@wou.edu

Virginia Tech Spring Pow

Wow. April 19 on the GLC Law on the campus of Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va. MC: Rufus Elliott. Host Southern Drum: Southern Eagle. Info: Native at VT Student Organization at native@vt.edu

SUPPORT GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery

meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Baptist Church at 812 Tsalagi Road, in Cherokee, N.C. This is a Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, 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 luc.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 Hurricane Room at Analenisgi. Info: Analenisgi (828) 497-9163 or visit: <https://cherokeehospital.org/locations/analenisgi>

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

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

* 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.

Lunch & Learn presentation by Maureen Williams, M.Ed., BSN, RN, CCM, CDCP. April 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Harris Regional Hospital Easton Board Room in Sylva, N.C. Explore the importance of advance directives, including how to make informed decisions about your future healthcare and ensure your wishes are honored. Living wills, healthcare power of attorneys, and how to start the conversation with loved ones will be covered. RSVP: (770) 776-7291, Lillian.ferguson@lifepointhealth.net

Jackson County Republic Party monthly meeting. April 17 at 6 p.m. at 40 W. Sylva Shopping Area (Harold's Supermarket shopping center) in Sylva, N.C. Info: Kitti Chisholm (828) 844-1186

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

Greening Up the Mountains Festival. April 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Sylva, N.C. This festival celebrates the arrival of spring through both traditional and contemporary forms of Appalachian art, music, food, and beverage. The schedule for the Bridge Park Music stage is: TLQ+2 – 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Maggie Valley Band – 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Bird in Hand – 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Robertson Boys – 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Info: Mark and Tammy Haskett, event coordinators, (828) 554-1035, [\[tains@townofsylva.org\]\(mailto:tains@townofsylva.org\)](http://greeningupthemoun-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Branton and Lower Noland Creek Cemetery Decorations.

April 27 at Branton and Lower Noland Creek Cemeteries. To attend, you will need to drive 4 miles up the Noland Creek Road or carpool with someone from the Noland Creek Trail Parking Area on Lakeview Drive (Road to Nowhere). Decorations are held rain or shine. A parking pass will be needed for parking. The gate will open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. Dress is casual, please wear sturdy footwear and clothing suitable for hiking and weather conditions. Hosted by the North Shore Cemetery Association, this event is in cooperation with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Info: www.facebook.com/NorthShore-CemeteryDecorations or call (706) 896-2183

Qualla Community Club Community Service Day.

April 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Qualla Community Club at 181 Shaol Creek Church Loop in Whittier, N.C. Volunteers needed for painting, electrical, landscaping, gutters, general construction, etc. Info: quallacommunityclub@gmail.com

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

Southern Highland Craft Guild's Fiber Day. May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Folk Art

Center Auditorium at Milepost 382 in the Blue Ridge Parkway near Asheville, N.C. This annual event, a favorite tradition for over 30 years, highlights the diverse and vibrant world of fiber arts, from felting and quilting to weaving, knitting, spinning, and more. This year, Fiber Day takes on special significance as it serves to support the recovery of the western North Carolina craft community in the wake of Hurricane Helene. While admission to the event is free, attendees are encouraged to consider making a donation to support the Folk Art Center staff, who have been instrumental in assisting local artisans as they rebuild their livelihoods. Every donation helps to strengthen the resilience of WNC's creative economy and supports the artists who are keeping the region's handmade traditions alive. Info: Folk Art Center (828) 298-7928, info@craftguild.org, or <http://craftguild.org/events>

Little Middle Folk School.

June 15-21 at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, N.C. The school opens its doors to young folks ages 7–17 for Little Middle Folk School, a lively week-long session for children and youth to discover Appalachian culture and to take part in hands-on programs in dozens of arts and crafts. Participants are divided into two groups. "Littles" are rising second graders to rising sixth graders, and "Middles" are rising seventh graders to rising 12th graders. This year, several scholarship slots are available for Middles on a first-come, first-serve basis. Info: <https://folkschool.org/events/little-middle>

Vann House Day. July 26 from

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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



• On **April 28, 1953**, inventor Howard Ross received a patent for his "double coat," which contained an outer layer extendable to cover two people. It was designed to protect sports fans in athletic stadiums during rain.

• On **April 29, 1945**, Adolf Hitler, concerned that the cyanide capsules given to him and wife Eva Braun might be ineffective, tested one on his German shepherd, Blondi. The dog died and Braun took her dose the next day, while Hitler reportedly shot himself. The German public remained unaware of the couple's relationship until after their deaths.

• On **April 30, 2019**, Emperor Akihito of Japan stepped down from the throne at the age of 85, becoming the first Japanese monarch to abdicate in more than two centuries, after having announced his desire to do so because of poor health a few years earlier.

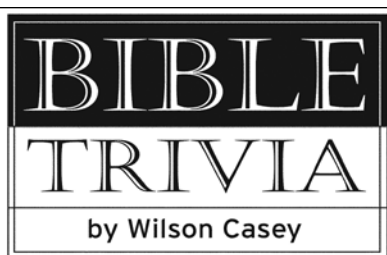
• On **May 1, 1955**, golfer Babe Didrikson Zaharias won the Peach Blossom LPGA Tournament in Spartanburg, S.C., the 41st and final LPGA title of her career, even as she was battling the colon cancer that would end her life the following year.

• On **May 2, 1963**, more than a thousand Black schoolchildren marched through Birmingham, Alabama, in a protest against segregation that became known as the Children's Crusade and Children's March. Nearly 800 of them were arrested, including a 6-year-old girl, primarily for parading without a permit.

• On **May 3, 1986**, Willie Shoemaker, at age 54, beat 18:1 odds to become the oldest jockey to win the Kentucky Derby. After retiring in 1990, he returned to the track as a trainer for another seven years. Shoemaker also authored three best-selling murder mysteries featuring jockey-turned-sleuth Coley Killebrew.

• On **May 4, 2002**, an Executive Airline Services twin-engine plane crashed and exploded in a densely populated section of the Nigerian town of Kano, after shearing off the roofs of dozens of homes and two mosques, killing 149 people and destroying almost three full blocks of buildings. An investigation ruled the cause of the crash to be pilot error.

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1. Is the book of Gethsemane (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. What's the only book of the Bible that mentions Christ's tomb being sealed? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*

3. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? *Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples*

4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? *Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers*


5. From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? *Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus*

6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? *Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days*

ANSWERS: (1) Neither, (2) Matthew, (3) An angel, (4) Disciples, (5) Thomas (called Didymus), (6) 40 days

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The Garden Bug **Attracting pollinators**

Hummingbirds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators are dusted loosely with pollen grains each time they feed on a flower's nectar or gather pollen from it. The grains are then transferred to each flowering plant the pollinators visit as they continue to feed, and these plants become fertilized. The more pollinators are attracted to your garden and protected from hazardous conditions while there, the more they will visit, and help your plants to reproduce. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: extension.umd.edu, seedsavers.org, www.xerces.org, usda.gov

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

488-9202

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

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

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

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night

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

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

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

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

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

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads. 3501 Hwy. 441, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednes-

day service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

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

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Conference Center. Full season starts Aug. 4. Sunday School 10 a.m. and Morning Worship 11 a.m. Year-round services – church online live 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 embassymedia-group@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.

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

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

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

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

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

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan

Conseen, 497-1611, mbccherokee@outlook.com, Website: www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church

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

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

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

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

The Peaks Church. Meets at Smokey Mountain Elementary

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



April 14-20, 2025



WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseegee River	April 1-4	Mid-morning to late afternoon	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Midges, parachute Adams, black Caddis, pheasant tail, girdle bugs, prince nymph, wooly bugger/ small streamers
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Mid-morning to late afternoon	Brown Trout	Midges, parachute Adams, black Caddis, pheasant tail, girdle bugs, prince nymph
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	N/A	Mid-morning to late afternoon	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout	Midges, parachute Adams, black Caddis, pheasant tail, girdle bugs, prince nymph

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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. Thom-

as Valley Road. Sunday school: 10 a.m., Worship: 11a.m., Sunday night worship: 6 p.m., Wednesday prayer service: 7 p.m., every other Monday night (Youth night) singing, bible study and crafts: 6 p.m. Pastor: Tristan Smith

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

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



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EMPLOYMENT

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Project Coordinator

The Cherokee Tribal Food Distribution Program is looking for a contractor to work as a Project Coordinator to provide us with the following:

Coordinate the Heathy Eating Action Team (HEAT) activities and

help lead initiatives that are directed within the meetings. Assist with the maintaining of social media accounts.

Encourage FDPIR participant involvement through the sharing of pictures, videos, and photos to be featured on various Tribal Food Distribution social media platforms and handout materials that features nutrition education.

Conduct and attend various community outreach events, including but not limited to community club meetings, fairs, gatherings, or university presentations.

Collaborate with Nurse Nutritionist as needed.

Collaborate with other tribal resources and outside programs to promote FDPIR nutrition education for participants.

Assist with completing grant

reporting and submitting progress updates as determined by granting agency.

This position will begin once a contract has been finalized and no sooner than April 1, 2025 and will last through September 30, 2025. We will be accepting applications for the contract until 4:30 on April 23, 2025. Proposals may be submitted to Amelia Arkansas, Tribal Food Distribution Manager, via email (amelowle@ebci-nsn.gov) or by mail (PO Box 1123, Cherokee, NC 28719). **4/16**

CLASSIFIEDS

Permanent Camper for Sale - at Smoky Mountain RV Park and Resort Lot 193. Summer Vacation spot, lot rent is \$2,800 from May to October. \$300 for winter storage. 10 minutes from Harrahs

Cherokee Casino. Serious inquires stop in and see Charlene Wooliver. **5/28**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 23-020

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

WALTER K. THOMPSON

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(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 fiduciary(s) listed below.

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Or
Jennifer Thompson
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-029
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
MICHAEL HAROLD OWLE
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(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 fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Donald Owle
131 Fryemont Rd
Bryson City, NC. 28713
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-032
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
MARY JO ROGERS
All persons, firms and corpo-

rations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(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 fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Sarah Bruneel
290 Tsalagi Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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BIDS, RFPs, etc.
Request for Proposals
CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION
Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment
April 24, 2024
Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Housing
Cherokee Indian Housing Division
P.O. Box 1749 /687 Acquoni Rd,Cherokee, NC 28719
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Pavement Markings
CDOT-STRP-2025
Pavement Markings (Striping) on roadways of the Eastern Cherokee Indian Reservations
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT office is requesting

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

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

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

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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

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KITUWAH LLC

Kituwah LLC has the following jobs available:

Controller (Remote) – Full Time - The Controller's primary responsibility is to control and manage the accounting and administration functions of the Company and to ensure the timely generation of complete and accurate accounting information that can be used by management in making daily business decisions. The Controller must ensure that controls are in place to safeguard Company assets and that reporting is accurate and timely

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

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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION THE CHEROKEE COURT

CHEROKEE, NC

FILE NO. CV18-374

PAUL TAYLOR AND KAREN TAYLOR, PLAINTIFFS

V. CODY WATTY

TO: CODY WATTY

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

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

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

A written answer to the complaint must be filed with the EBCCI Clerk of Court within 40 days of the first publication of this Notice of Service of Process by Publication.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than May 6th, 2025.

Mara Nelson, Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 521

Cherokee, NC 28719

828-788-4328

4/16

Request for Proposals

2025 Cherokee Indian Fair Sound, Light Production and Entertainment

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians/Destination Marketing is seeking a company to provide quality sound, lighting, a SL320 stage package, headliner, and entertainment for all productions during the Cherokee Indian Fair from October 7, 2025, through October 11, 2025. Contractor shall furnish all services, personal, labor, goods, equipment, materials, transportation, tests, and supervision required to complete the work.

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

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

4/16

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking proposals from qualified engineering firms to perform creek bed delineation services

at 1133 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719.

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

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

Request for Proposals

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

RFP-Plumbing

TABCC is seeking bids from qualified professional firms for plumbing work in a commercial building. For more information, contact Beth Calhoun at 828-788-1783; bids are due by 4:00 PM on April 21, 2025. **4/16**

RFP-Drywall

TABCC is accepting bids from qualified professional firms for drywall repair in a commercial building. For more information, contact Beth Calhoun at 828-788-1783; bids are due by 4:00 PM on April 21, 2025. **4/16**

Request for Proposals

The Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) is seeking proposals from quali-

fied professionals to rewrite the EBCCI Fiscal Management Policy to ensure modern compliance and effective financial governance. Proposals are due by 04/24/2024. For more information, contact Mary Calhoun at 828-788-1783 or email mcalhoun@ebci-tribalabc.org. **4/16**

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Court is now taking resumes for a part-time Magistrate. This position will substitute for the full-time magistrates at the Cherokee Court while the magistrate is on leave status. Familiarity with the Cherokee community and with a court system (state, federal, or tribal) is preferred. Ability to work with the public and handle conflicts is required. Following training, this position will have full authority to make all magistrate related decisions, including issuing warrants and subpoenas, and other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice. Position will require both in-office and on-call performance of duties.

Interested individuals should submit the following:

Name and Contact Information
Relevant Work Experience
Copies of Certificates

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before April 18, 2025, will receive priority over later submissions.


Please email or mail to:

Amber Shuler, Court Administrator
ambeshul@ebci-nsn.gov
PO Box 1629
Cherokee, NC 28719

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **4/16**

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Tribal Court



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seeks competitive proposals from North Carolina State Certified Spanish Interpreters to provide assistance to Spanish speaking individuals on an as-needed basis.

Interested individuals should submit the following:
Name and Contact Information
Relevant Work Experience
Copies of Certificates
Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before April 18, 2025, will receive priority over later submissions. Please email or mail to:
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Auction

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino is auctioning several used items through Southern Trust Estate and Auction Company. Items available include:

Assorted commercial kitchen equipment
Commercial roll-way beds
Used vehicles
Assorted tables
Assorted chairs and seating
Assorted flat screen televisions (no remotes and power cords)

Items available vary. This auction is open to the general public, so please share with friends and family.

For more information, including items currently available for auction, please visit STEACO's website at Valley River Bonus | EstateSales.org. 4/23

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If you have a question for a tribal program or entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, submit it to us and we will pose it to them and respond back. Please keep your questions program- or community-based – no personal questions. Names will not be printed with the question.

Submit your question(s) to us at
Cherokeefather1966@gmail.com.



2025 Cherokee Choices Summer Camps



Activities for each camp include: Yoga, Nutrition Education, Rafting, Horseback Riding, Crafts, Swimming and Much More!!

Peaceful Warriors Camp 1:

Ages: 9-11

Date: June 2nd - June 13th

Peaceful Warriors Camp 2:

Ages: 9-11

Date: July 7th - July 18th

Applications are due May 2nd & Space is limited!

*For more information or to get an application contact:
Yolanda Saunooke at yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6784
Keahana Lambert at keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6193





CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY



CHOOSE CIHA

New Positions This Week

- ACA Coordinator - \$22.76 – \$25.89
- TO Quality Management Director - \$88,715 - \$110,894
- Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26
- Nurse Aide Student for CIHA CNA Program - \$15

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - \$44,107 - \$55,134
- 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
- RN – Behavioral Health – Inpatient- Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 - \$38.72
- RN – Behavioral Health – Inpatient FT - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
- Targeted Case Manager - \$44.107 –\$55,134

Dietary

- Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26

EVS

- EVS Technician- \$15.00-\$16.77

FINANCE

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

MEDICAL

- Clinical Dietitian -
- Physician (Primary Care, Pediatrics)
- Physician – Emergency Department FT
- Physician - Emergency Department - Part Time (up to 20 hours per week)

OPERATIONS

- Chief Optometrist - \$131,405 - \$164,256
- Clinical Pharmacist – Part Time Intermittent - \$102,023 - \$153,034
- Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67
- Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26
- Dentist - CIHA and Satellite
- Dentist-Pediatrics
- Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 – \$20.67
- Pharmacy Technician III – Part Time Intermittent - \$21.13 – \$23.98

MAINTENANCE

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

NURSING

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

RADIOLOGY

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

TRIBAL OPTION

- HOP Medical Social Worker (3 positions) - \$44,107 - \$55,134
- Tribal Option Business Analyst – NOT A REMOTE POSITION - \$67,082 - \$83,852
- Tribal Option Quality Management Director - \$88,715 - \$110,894

TSALI CARE CENTER

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Closing Sunday, April 20, 2025

1. Electrician Assistant – Facility Management – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour)
2. Supervisor (HIS/Inventory) – Tribal Construction – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Utility Worker (Sanitation) (Multiple) – Solid Waste – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
4. Fire Captain – Fire Department – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Environmental Regulatory Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
6. Manager (Construction) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)
7. Manager (Property) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L13 \$50,669 - \$63,357)
8. Receptionist – Enrollment – Office of the Attorney General (L5 \$15.00 - \$20.28 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Child Advocate Coordinator – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
3. Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
4. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Sergeant - Corrections - EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Sergeant (Patrol) - CIPD - EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
9. Tribal Prosecutor II - Criminal Law - Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$76,877 - \$102,502)
10. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
11. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
12. 911 Coordinator – Public Safety Communications – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
13. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
14. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
15. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
16. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
17. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
18. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
19. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
20. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)
21. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
22. Part-time Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
23. Carpenter – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
24. Crew Leader (Electrician) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
25. Cannery Operations Coordinator – Cooperative Extension – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

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

AGELINK

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

SNOWBIRD

- (2) FT Teacher – (\$31,800 - \$39,750/year with Benefits)
- (1) Behavioral Tech (\$31,800 - \$39,750/year with Benefits)

BUS & TRUCK

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

SHOP & GARAGE

- (1) Master Tech – (\$31,800 - \$39,750/year with Benefits)
- 1. Service Writer – (\$31,800 - \$39,750/year with Benefits)
- 2. Detail Tech – (\$19,080 - \$25,440 / year with Benefits)
- (4) Seasonal Mowing Crew Helpers (14.00/hour NO BENEFITS) \$

CHILDREN'S HOME

- (2) FT Resident Counselor (\$17.00/hour with Benefits)
- (1) Overnight Shift (1:30 PM - 7:30 AM)
- (2) FT Flexible Resident Counselor (\$17.00/hour without Benefits)
- Weekends: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Weekdays: 3:30 PM - 11:30 PM

CBC - OIT Summer Program - (June 9, 2025 - July 25, 2025)

IT SUMMER INTERN

- 1 position

CHILD CARE SUMMER INTERN

- 2 positions (SBCD)

SHOP & GARAGE SUMMER INTERN

- 3 positions (AGLK)

SHOP & GARAGE SUMMER INTERN

- 1 position - Service Tech Helper
- 1 position - Service Department Clerk

OIT Applications/Job Descriptions will need to be picked up at the CBC Main Office (no online applications will be accepted)

SAFETY SENSITIVE



**Cherokee Central Schools
Job Openings**

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

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

Seasonal Maintenance Internship - Open to rising High School Juniors or Seniors. Pick up application from the Central Office.

- Speech Language Pathologist
- Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach
- Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach
- *SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom Specialist
- K-5 school counselor
- *K-5 Elementary Teacher
- *K-5 Elementary Teacher Assistant
- *K-5 Special Education Dreamcatchers Teacher
- *K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant - 2 positions
- *6-8 Math Teacher
- 9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant (Lifeskills)
- *Substitute Food Service Worker
- *Contract Nurse (RN)

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



National Drug ^{Rx}

TAKEBACK

Events

Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) is hosting a Drug Take Back Event leading up to National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. **This event provides a safe, convenient way to dispose of unused or expired medications and helps prevent misuse.**

Event Details:
Dates: Wednesday, April 23 – Friday, April 25
Location: Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

Wednesday (4/23) & Thursday (4/24)
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM in the CIHA Rotunda

CIHA Pharmacy and PR staff will have an information table with giveaways & educational materials & will collect unwanted medications

Friday (4/25), 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM
At the Sidewalk of the Rotunda Roundabout

There will be a Drive-Thru medication disposal with an information table with giveaways & educational materials, staffed by PR and pharmacy staff.



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

PLEASE BRING ANY UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATIONS TO DISPOSE OF!



INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM SERVICES ON TRUST LANDS

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

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

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

Hydroseeding: To help prevent erosion, hydroseeding will be done once site prep is complete.

Block Foundation: The foundation will be built for modular homes and stick built homes.

Termite Spray: This treatment is for block foundations for new homes.

Concrete Footers: Footers will be poured for single and doublewide mobile homes.

Block Underpinning: Block underpinning will be installed for doublewides.

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

Trailer Transports: Mobile home transports from trust land locations to be set up as permanent residence for enrolled members. We do not transport mobile homes from a mobile home company due the warranty on the home and liability.

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

Final Grade: Drain lines are installed and the yard is graded to give positive drainage away from the foundation along with seed and straw to prevent erosion.

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

Asbestos Abatement: The abatement is performed on any home that is positive for asbestos. The analysis is sent to Environmental, TCP and to the Land Fill for EBCI members replacing the old home with a new home as their permanent residence.

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**For More Information contact Jackson Simmons:
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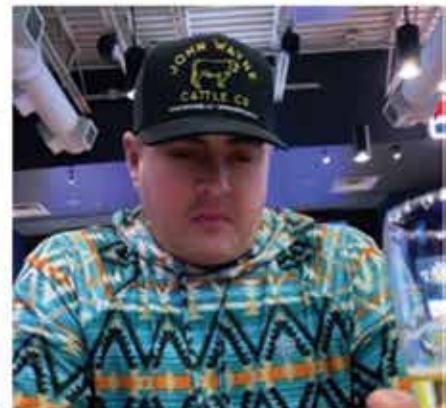
Justin Dwayne Baker

Enrolled with Cherokee Nation Age: 41 Male Height: 6'1" Weight: 248 lbs Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue
Date of last contact: January 24, 2025 Last Known Location: Muldrow, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance: On January 23, 2025, Justin Baker and two of his friends went to Fort Smith, Arkansas to a bar. In the early morning hours of January 24, 2025 they left the bar in Arkansas and drove back into Oklahoma to Muldrow Bottoms, a local hangout area for 4-wheeling and off-roading. While driving around in the dark, they drove off the bank into the Arkansas river. The vehicle ended up in several feet of water. All three passengers made it out of the vehicle and were attempting to swim back to the bank. Two of the passengers made it back on shore however, Justin Baker did not. Distinctive features: tattoo on right arm - cross with "Kelly" inside the cross; tattoo on right arm- American flag above cross tattoo; tattoo on left forearm; tiger tattoo on his upper back; beach scene tattoo on right calf; Bible verse tattoo on right shoulder; and tattoo with name "James "Frog" Smith" with two dates listed. He was last seen wearing a hoodie with a blue, black, and orange design and he normally carried a long checkbook style wallet in his back pocket.

If you have seen or have information about Justin Baker contact the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation-Southeast Investigative Regional Office (580) 298-5525.

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May 5-9	Candidate filing
Sunday, June 1, 2025	Absentee request for the Primary Election begins
June 16-21	Early voting from 9 AM to 4 PM Monday through Saturday
June 23-28	Early voting from 9 AM to 4 PM Monday through Saturday
Wednesday, June 25, 2025	Absentee requests by mail ends for the Primary Election
Friday, July 11, 2025	Registration books close at 4 PM
Friday, July 11, 2025	In-person absentee voting for Primary Election ends at 4 PM
Monday, July 21, 2025	Registration books reopen
Thursday, July 17, 2025	Primary Election from 6 AM to 6 PM

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