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# Sharing her culture

Scarlett ᏍᏍᏍ Guy  
to run for Miss  
Indian World

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

Scarlett ᏍᏍᏍ Guy will join 21 other Native American women in vying for the 2025-26 Miss Indian World (MIW) title later this week. Guy, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) who served as the 2023-24 Miss Cherokee, will compete at the pageant being held April 24-26, 2025 in conjunction with the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow (GON) in Albuquerque, N.M.

"I first became interested in running for Miss Indian World

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2023-24 Miss Cherokee Scarlett ᏍᏍᏍ Guy is shown speaking at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Cherokee Speakers Place (kalvgviditsa tsalagi aniwonisgi tsunatsohisdihi), located adjacent to the New Kituwah Academy in Cherokee, N.C., on the morning of Friday, Feb. 16, 2024. Guy is running for Miss Indian World in a pageant that starts in Albuquerque, N.M. on Thursday, April 24, 2025. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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### Image of the Week:

Flowers are in bloom all over the Qualla Boundary. These azalea flowers were shining brightly in Aniwohi (Painttown) on the morning of Monday, April 21. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

## Ask the GWY ᏫᏊᏍᏔᏅ ᏍᏓᏅᏍᏔᏅ CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER \* TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

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**PAGEANT:** From front page

after visiting the Miss Indian World pageant during my reign as the EBCI 2023-24 Miss Cherokee. After this trip, many community members asked if I planned to run for the title. Their encouragement gave me the confidence to step forward as a candidate to represent the EBCI.”

Guy was the valedictorian of the Cherokee High School Class of 2018. She furthered her education at Duke University where she graduated in 2022 with a bachelor of arts degree in evolutionary anthropology, with a minor in linguistics and a certificate in documentary studies.

Each contestant will perform a traditional talent during the opening night of the pageant on Thursday, April 24 at the Kiva Auditorium at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

Of her talent, Guy noted, “My talent presentation is titled ‘ᎠᎵᎾᎵᎾᎵᎾᎵ: Our Language, Our Worldview’. I plan to give a presentation on the Cherokee language and discuss how Cherokee worldview, such as culture, history, and philosophy, is embedded within the structure of our language.”

Guy is a second language learner of the Cherokee language and is a graduate of the CLMAP (Cherokee Language Master Apprenticeship Program). She is currently the adult language educator in the CLMAP of the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program (KPEP).

She is excited to share the Cherokee language on the national stage that is the Miss Indian World pageant. “It is important to me to share how learning the



Guy, right, is shown in the MMIR (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives) Awareness Walk in Cherokee, N.C. on May 5, 2024.

Cherokee language has helped me and other second language learners gain more insight into how our ancestors viewed the world. I believe this is true for all Indigenous languages. I want to inspire everyone across ᎠᎵᎾᎵᎾᎵ DBC to learn their people’s first language so that all the knowledge held by our languages continues on.”

Each Miss Indian World has a platform that they advocate for during their year-long reign. “If chosen as Miss Indian World, I want to use the role as an oppor-

tunity for me to meet with the respective Indigenous language programs, first-language Speakers, and learners across the country, and maybe even the world, to learn about the revitalization methods they employ, so that I can have a direct positive impact in our community as one of the Adult Language Educators in our Cherokee Language Master Apprenticeship Program. I also wish to share the efforts our Tribe makes to revitalize and document the Cherokee language.”

Guy is looking forward to bringing Cherokee culture to the forefront during the pageant. “I am most looking forward to sharing with the Miss Indian World contestants and crowd at GON the strong connection and commitment our people have to implementing our language and culture into our daily lives. Despite colonization, indoctrination, and modern globalization, our people still hold on to what’s important to us, and our community values learning and teaching each other



our language, culture, arts, and history.”

The preparation for the Miss Indian World pageant takes months, and Guy said many people have helped her. “To prepare for the Miss Indian World contest I have consulted with many community members whom I look up to, including our first-language speakers, to get advice and opinions on what I should talk about or highlight during the competition. Additionally, the Qualla Boundary Public Library hosted an event to help me sell MIW raffle tickets and to help me practice for the dance competition portion of the pageant. Having so many women from our community come together to give me advice was incredibly helpful, and I am very grateful to them.”

She added, “I feel honored and

humbled knowing that so many people in our community are rooting for me. There are so many people who I would like to thank for helping me make this dream a reality. It is hard to name everyone! I am thankful to everyone who bought MIW raffle tickets, to Amy and Johnny Postoak and their family, Nancy Maney of Sew Tsalagi, the Qualla Boundary Public Library, my students, the KPEP CLMAP program, Nakoa, Talutsa, Ugidsde, Etsili, my family, first lady Marsha Hicks, the Office of the Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, and the Office of the Principal Chief Michell Hicks. I would especially like to thank all the first-language speakers who took the time out of their day to help me and encourage me. With special acknowledgement to the late John Long, who was so excited

to hear that I would be competing. O-V-ĠG TC-ĠPRV H-SL GWY THVhōY. SP-RPS H-SL ĠYĠSPĠA! I will do the best I can to represent our Tribe!”

The crowning for the Miss Indian World pageant will occur on Saturday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Expo New Mexico at 300 San Pedro NE in Albuquerque, N.M.

The other contestants in this year’s Miss Indian World pageant include:

1. Analynn Olney - Yakama Nation
2. Waurica Miller - Warm Springs/Wasco/Paiute
3. Thomlyn Billie - Seminole Tribe of Florida/Miccosukee
4. Tatiana Korthuis - Yup’ik
5. Shavaughn Titla - White Mountain Apache
6. Cynthia Bond - Paula Band of Mission Luiseno
7. Phoenix Tekatsitsianekon

Thomas - Mohawk

8. Niagara Rockbridge - Navajo
9. Cece Thomas - Seminole Tribe of Florida
10. Laney Lupe - White Mountain Apache
11. Bianka Gardner - Alabama Coushatta
12. Kelsey Quintana - Jicarilla Apache
13. Begonia Brazeau - Anishinabe
14. Huntre Jamison - Mohawk
15. Aurora Ominika-Enosse - Ojibwe/Odawa/Potawatomi
16. Dystnee Rope - Shoshone-Bannock/White Mountain Apache
17. Alice Keats - Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
18. Dania Wahwasuck - Prairie Band Potawatomi
19. Alexis Odjick - Algonquin/Anishinabe
20. Malene Avila Miller - Ute Tribe
21. Nizhoni Edgewater - Navajo

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# Buchanan sentenced to 30 years in prison for second degree murder

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – U.S. District Judge Max O. Cogburn, Jr. sentenced Brandon Tyler Buchanan on Monday, April 14 to 30 years in prison for second degree murder, announced Russ Ferguson, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. Buchanan, 33, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was also ordered to serve five years of supervised release upon completion of his prison term and to pay \$888,500 in restitution to the victim’s estate.

Robert M. DeWitt, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Charlotte Division, and Chief Carla Neadeau of the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) join U.S. Attorney Ferguson in making Monday’s announcement.

According to filed court records and court proceedings, on Nov. 11, 2022, CIPD officers responded to a 911 call following reports of a shooting. When the officers arrived, Buchanan admitted to shooting someone. CIPD officers discovered the body of the victim, Kobe Toineeta, a short distance away behind a row of trees, who had sustained five gunshot wounds. Court documents show that a Smith & Wesson, Model M&P, .9mm handgun was later found in Buchanan’s apartment. Laboratory testing confirmed that it was the firearm Buchanan used to shoot and kill the victim.

On May 31, 2024, Buchanan pleaded guilty to second degree murder and remains in federal custody. He will be transferred to the custody of the Federal Bureau

of Prisons upon designation of a federal facility.

In making Monday’s announcement, U.S. Attorney Ferguson thanked the FBI and the Cherokee Indian Police Department for their investigation of the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex Scott of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Asheville prosecuted the case.

- U.S. Department of Justice release

## CIPD Arrest Report for April 7-13, 2025

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

Cole, Jackie Roger – age 45  
Arrested: April 7  
Released: April 10  
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Arch, Elizabeth Switzer – age 38  
Arrested: April 8  
Released: April 8  
Charges: Child Abuse in the First Degree

Washington, Amanda Shalice – age 31  
Arrested: April 8  
Released: April 8  
Charges: Child Abuse in the First Degree

Ensley Jr., Paul – age 61  
Arrested: April 9  
Released: April 9  
Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor

Reeves, Karleigh Amanda – age 30  
Arrested: April 9  
Released: April 9  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Stephens, Christopher Charles – age 60  
Arrested: April 9  
Released: April 9  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Carole Denise – age 53  
Arrested: April 9  
Released: April 10  
Charges: Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts)

Jones, Clay Silas – age 32  
Arrested: April 10  
Released: April 14  
Charges: Breaking and Entering, Grand Larceny, Criminal Mischief to Property

Davis, Victoria Illene – age 19  
Arrested: April 11  
Released: April 14  
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons Under 21

Ilfrey, Ryan Taylor, age 31  
Arrested: April 11  
Released: April 11  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Johnson III, James – age 41  
Arrested: April 13  
Released: April 13  
Charges: Public Intoxication

## Two men pleaded guilty to trafficking illegal drugs in Macon County

District Attorney Ashley

Hornsby Welch announced that two men in two separate cases in Macon County pleaded guilty recently to trafficking illegal drugs.

In the first case, Franklin resident Joshua Charles Schooler, 36, was sentenced in Macon County Superior Court for trafficking in methamphetamine.

Superior Court Judge Nathan Poovey ordered Schooler to pay a mandatory \$50,000 fine and serve a minimum active prison sentence of 70 months up to a maximum active prison sentence of 93 months. Schooler pleaded guilty to trafficking in methamphetamine in the amount of 53.7 grams.

On Nov. 17, 2023, with active warrants for property crimes in hand, detectives Robbie Younce and Matt Breedlove went to a residence on John Teague Road.

They found Schooler at the rear of the property. In a black bag they’d earlier observed him wearing, the detectives discovered both the drugs and drug paraphernalia. In the other case, Tyrice “Skin” Rochard Hutchins, 47, of Conyers, Ga., was sentenced in Macon County Superior Court on two counts of trafficking cocaine.

Superior Court Judge Tessa Sellers ordered Hutchins to pay a mandatory \$100,000 fine and serve two consecutive sentences of 70 to 93 months.

Hutchins participated in controlled buys in Macon County in March 2023. Later, he was arrested on a traffic stop after entering North Carolina and charged with trafficking.

His arrest was a joint effort by Macon County Sheriff’s Office, Franklin Police Department, and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

- Office of District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch,



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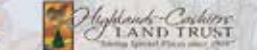
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## Events

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### 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**

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## Oconaluftee Indian Village opens for 73rd season

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Oconaluftee Indian Village, an award-winning living history museum, will open its doors for the 73rd season on Tuesday, April 22. Operated by Cherokee Historical Association, a Native-led non-profit organization, the Village offers visitors a unique and immersive experience into the Cherokee way of life in the 18th century.

The Village features authentically recreated Cherokee homes, work areas, and community spaces, where skilled artisans demonstrate traditional crafts such as basketry, pottery, woodcarving, and beadwork. Visitors can engage



Cherokee artisan Karen George prepares finger woven belts for the 2024 opening day of the Oconaluftee Indian Village. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

with these artisans, learning about the history and cultural significance of each craft. Visitors can also enjoy traditional Cherokee

dances, storytelling, and battle reenactments throughout the season. These programs provide further opportunities for visitors

to connect with Cherokee culture and heritage.

The 2025 season will be dedicated to the memory and legacy of Cherokee artisan Karen George, who recently passed. She was known for her beautiful finger-weaving and passed on her knowledge to countless mentees and employees throughout her time at the Village.

Oconaluftee Indian Village is located on the Qualla Boundary in Cherokee, N.C., and is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from April 22 through Nov. 1. Last entry at 4:30pm. Closed on Sundays and select Mondays.

Info: visit CherokeeHistorical.org or call (828) 497-2111

- Cherokee Historical Association  
release

A colorful advertisement for the Smoky Mountain Gold &amp; Ruby Mine. It features a large wooden building with a sign that says "Pan for GOLD, EMERALDS, SAPPHIRES, RUBIES &amp; MORE". Below this is a large black sign with "Smoky Mountain GOLD &amp; RUBY MINE" in yellow and pink. To the right, a sign says "Free JEWELRY CLEANING". At the bottom, it says "Hwy. 441 Downtown Cherokee" and "828-497-6574 www.smgrm.com". There are also small photos of people mining and a sign for "Smoky Mountain GOLD RUBY MINE" with "OPEN AT 11" and "DISCOUNT TICKETS \$10.00".

A black and white advertisement for the radio station 104.9 FM WFSC 1050AM. It features a large, faceted diamond graphic. The text "104.9 FM WFSC 1050AM" is prominently displayed. Below the diamond, it says "The Smokies classic hits station". At the bottom, it says "Tell It &amp; Sell It 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Weekdays".



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## EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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](https://braves.com/NAS). Applications are open

through April 30, 2025.

• *Atlanta Braves release*

## THANK YOU LETTERS

### A sincere note of thanks

The family of John Joseph Long wants to express special thanks for the outpouring of love and comfort during our difficult time. We were grateful for the visits, phone calls, texts, messages, prayers, all the ones who brought food and beautiful flowers. Thanks Zena and Melvin Wolfe, Dawnenna West, Cindi Cloer Woodard, and Macedonia Choir for all the beautiful songs. Thanks to all the pallbearers; Cody Long, Mason Long, Delbert Ross, Deino Panther, Tylor Keffer, Loyd Lyons IV and Jesse Houston, you all did an amazing job. A special thanks to the Long House Funeral Home, Tribal Construction, Tribal Facilities, Facilities Management, Principal Chief Hicks and Vice Chief Ensley and staff. Thank you Macedonia Church, Wolfetown Community, Tuff Jackson, Winchester's team, Cherokee Hospital Davita Staff, Cherokee Speakers Place, Bo Lossiah and Jakeli Swimmer for the picture of John.

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### Patrick Ernest "Rick" Sneed

Patrick Ernest "Rick" Sneed, 60, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at his home.

Rick is preceded in death by his brother, Scott E. Sneed; his paternal grandparents, Ernest and Leauna Sneed; and his maternal grandparents, James "Boyce" and Jesse Dugan.

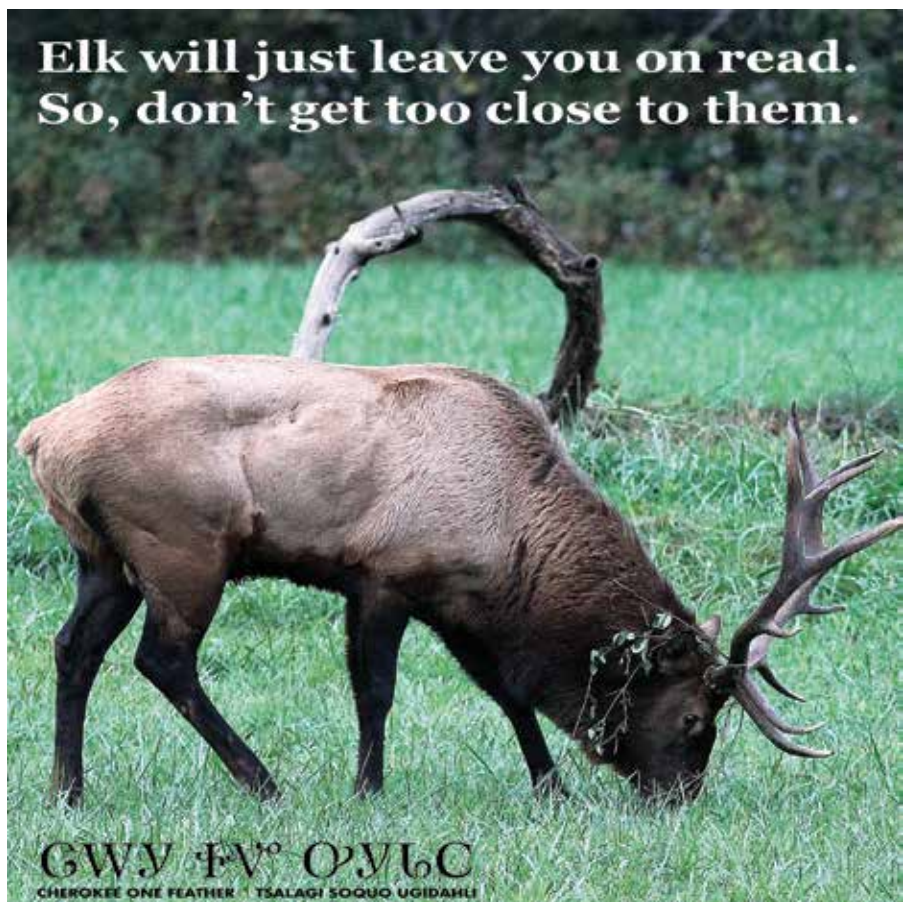
Rick enjoyed camping, hunting, going to concerts, and spending time with family and friends. He was also very excited about the arrival of his grandchild.

He is the son of Maurice "Pineknott" Sneed and Joyce Sneed. Rick is also survived

by his children, Delana Sneed of Cherokee, N.C., and Patrick "Ricky" Sneed II of Boise, Idaho, along with one grandchild on the way. His brother, Gary Sneed (Rachel), and sister, Marisa "Sis" Cabe (Tony), also survive him. His companion, Cora Starlin-Altiman, and special fur baby, Rona, are among those left behind. Many family members and friends continue to remember him.

A funeral service was held in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home on Friday, April 18. Burial took place in Stepping Stone Cemetery. Pallbearers were among Family and friends.

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## COMMENTARY

# More on tribal radio - Broadcasting would help us share our story and learn our language

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiyi (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

Just a few more things about the benefits of the tribe adding a broadcast radio station as a part of our overall media and economic development strategy:

In a 2017 article titled “The Importance of Indigenous Radio”, Olivia Marie Golosky said, “It is generally assumed that all Indigenous cultures are oral, but that is a myth - not all nations used/had oral traditions. Some nations used birch bark to capture their writings, and there were/are other examples of written languages used by Indigenous people before contact. We believe radio is a perfect transitional tool to share our content, stories, language, and culture with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. I believe that the sharing of stories and personal experiences provides a universal platform on which empathy and understanding can be built. Mainstream North Americans are now becoming aware of the political landscape due to movements such as Idle No More and the Dakota Access Pipeline resistance camps and protests. In addition to this, for Indigenous people, we need to be able to share in real-time and over time our experiences and share the true history and current events of these lands we like to call Canada and the United States. Not only does it empower Indigenous communities and individuals to hear our resistance and successes, but it is also a key part of language revitalization, which is connected to the land and

culture.” - [www.ictinc.ca](http://www.ictinc.ca)

Now I have heard the term “language revitalization” used frequently in our quest to preserve the Cherokee language. And for most of us, that means hearing and speaking. Many of our efforts amount to a quick display using a minute-long Facebook reel, YouTube video, or some other form of social media short form. Practical use in government or commercial dealings hasn’t been a thing for many decades. What if we were able to flip on our car radios and hear two Cherokee speakers talking about the news of the day in the Cherokee language? What if we could call in to the radio station during an interview and ask questions in the language and have them answered in kind? What if we could produce radio shows in the Cherokee language and broadcast them? The language efforts are crippled because we have no venue like public broadcast radio to encourage the day-to-day use of the language.

In a 2023 article in the Cherokee Phoenix, Chad Hunter wrote about Dennis Sixkiller, “A fluent Cherokee speaker devoted to highlighting his language has been doing so over the airwaves for nearly two decades. Dennis Sixkiller, a Cherokee Nation translation specialist and National Treasure, both preserves and promotes the Cherokee language on the tribe’s weekly radio show called ‘Cherokee Voices, Cherokee Sounds’. Primarily broadcast in the Cherokee language, the weekly, hour-long radio program features songs, language lessons, news, and traditional stories. The program also features

one-on-one interviews with Cherokee elders. Cherokee Nation Ugvwi-yuhi (Principal Chief) Chuck Hoskin Jr. said, “This programming holds such an important place in the Cherokee Nation Reservation, reaching countless listeners each and every week on multiple radio stations and now through online streaming. As for host Dennis Sixkiller himself, he embodies what it means to save and revitalize the Cherokee language. He spoke it as a child, lost much of its day-to-day use as a public-school student, but years later was determined to make it part of his life.”

If you would like to hear the show that is broadcast in the Cherokee Nation, you may do so on demand at <https://soundcloud.com/thecherokeenation>.

Golosky also mentioned Indigenous advocacy via broadcast radio. Her examples were the Idle No More movement and Dakota Pipeline resistance efforts. These efforts have garnered national and international attention, and the causes of native peoples have been bolstered by the ability of tribes to broadcast their stances on issues. Wouldn’t it be great to have the asset of broadcast radio to push our message out about the challenges we face at the North Carolina state level and in the federal political arena?

Broadcast radio is a quick and effective way to communicate the ever-growing sociopolitical warnings and calls to action that our government needs to communicate to the Eastern Band community. Broadcast radio is also a way to quickly respond to the propaganda and

misrepresentations that routinely surface about our tribe. I would argue that any tool that might help us counter the misrepresentations of special interest groups against our tribe should at least be explored and used.

In advocating for tribal community radio, Juanita Muwango in an Indigenous Corporate Training, Inc. article, made the following assertion, “Community radio has helped preserve our culture and traditions and is relatively inexpensive to set up and get going. The programming created helps us better understand and value our cultural identity. Not only is it a great place for language revitalization, but it is also an important cultural hub.” She was referring to CHYF 88.9, which broadcasts from M’chigeeng First Nation, a Canadian tribe.

“Here are 7 not-so-secret advantages of First Nations Radio: language preservation, increases language fluency, a great way to share information, hearing about local businesses and their events, enjoying hearing local music all day long, creating space where journalists may volunteer who are learning through doing, and it focuses on our community.”

In business and economy, there is a theory that you go after the lowest hanging fruit. It is a saying guiding entrepreneurs to seek and exploit the most advantageous, easiest to access opportunities available. It is a formula for success. With the external challenges facing our tribe, maybe it is time to look at the potential for this very effective media tool.





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# “Strengthen Our Tribal Communities Act” is unfair to the EBCI

By the One Feather Editorial Board

If a new North Carolina state House bill passes, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) would be sharing a portion of its gaming revenues with various state-recognized groups and organizations including the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. The basic premise is ludicrous, but read on. State House Bill 224 (Strengthen Our Tribal Communities Act) was submitted by State Rep. Jarrod Lowery (R-Robeson), a member of the state-recognized Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and brother of John Lowery who serves as the Lumbee Tribal Chairman.

House Bill 224 is attempting to amend law established by North Carolina Senate Bill 582, passed by the North Carolina General Assembly and ratified by then-Gov. Beverly Perdue on June 6, 2012, which approved the Amended & Restated Tribal Gaming Compact between the EBCI and the State of North Carolina and created the Indian Gaming Education Revenue Fund.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has been making a monthly payment to the state's Indian Gaming Education Fund since September 2012. According to the Gaming Compact, the amount of the monthly payment is gross revenue from live table gaming multiplied by a percentage that changes over time and is currently at 6 percent.

The current language regarding appropriated funds from the Indian Gaming Revenue Fund is found in 143C-9-7, “Upon appropriation by the General Assembly, funds received in the Indian Gam-

ing Education Revenue Fund shall be allocated quarterly by the State Board of Education to local school administrative units, charter schools, and regional schools on the basis of allotted average daily membership. The funds allotted by the State Board of Education pursuant to this section shall be non-reverting. Funds received pursuant to this section by local school administrative units in this State shall be expended for the sole purpose of educating children in the classroom.”

Lowery's bill seeks to take money from the State Board of Education and put it into the pockets of the Lumbee and other state-recognized tribes and organizations. House Bill 224 seeks to amend the name of the fund from the Indian Gaming Education Fund to the Indian Gaming Fund and provide the following new appropriations “in recurring funds each year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium”:

- \$2,000,000 annually to the North Carolina State Commission of Indian Affairs “for the Commission's operating expenses and programs”
- \$5,250,000 “to provide directed grants to the seven non-gaming Indian tribes to be used for cultural, educational, and economic development”. The funds would be divided equally among the following: Coharie, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Waccamaw-Siouan, Sappony, and the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation.

- \$400,000 “to provide directed grants to the four Urban Indian Organizations to be used for cultural, educational, and economic development”. The funds would be

divided equally among the following: Cumberland County Association for Indian People, Guilford Native Americans Association, Metrolina Native Americans Association, and the Triangle Native American Society.

- \$100,000 “to support the State Advisory Council on Indian Education”.
- \$1,100,000 to the Office of State Budget and Management to be split as follows: \$500,000 to the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School; \$500,000 to the Old Main STREAM Academy; and \$100,000 to the Waccamaw-Siouan Daycare.

For context, John Lowery, Lumbee Tribal Chairman, attacked the EBCI in a letter on Feb. 5, 2025. It states, in part, “We know the EBCI are paying public relations firms a lot of money to create so-called or fake news reports, research articles and studies with a single purpose to discredit and dishonor the Lumbee Tribe.”

The letter goes on to state, “We will continue to fight against the multi-million dollar propaganda machine of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

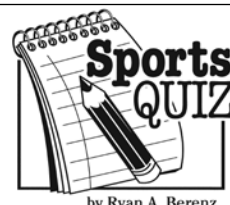
Well, is House Bill 224 the way the Lumbees are fighting? Is it a punishment of sorts for not just blindly agreeing with and supporting them?

And, if the Lumbee leadership is so disgusted with the EBCI, then why seek money from the Tribe? Rep. Lowery told the Border Belt Independent, “The Strengthen Our Tribal Communities Act ensures all of North Carolina's tribes – not just gaming tribes – receive support for education, cultural preservation, and economic development. Many states already share

gaming revenue with non-gaming tribes, and this bill follows that proven model.”

Well, Rep. Lowery is correct that some states do have revenue sharing amongst tribes...but, it is amongst federally recognized tribes that chose not to have gaming. There is no example of a federally recognized tribe being forced to share revenue with state-recognized tribes.

House Bill 224 is currently in the Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House, and it doesn't need to go any further. It needs to die.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Driver Scott Dixon, winner of six IndyCar season championships from 2003-2020, represents what country?
2. Name the sportswriter and TV journalist who served as a commentator for HBO Sports' boxing coverage from 1978-2012.
3. John John Florence, Filipe Toledo, Caroline Marks and Caitlin Simmers are elite athletes in what sport?
4. Auricular hematoma, a condition often affecting wrestlers, boxers, rugby players and mixed martial artists, is better known by what name?
5. The Philadelphia Bell, Memphis Southmen, Southern California Sun and the Hawaiians were among the teams in what professional football league that operated from 1974-75?
6. Name the musician and TV/radio personality who composed the “Roundball Rock” theme song for NBC's coverage of the NBA beginning in 1990.
7. In 1959, infielder Pumpsie Green became the first Black player to appear in a game for what American League team?

## Answers

1. New Zealand.
2. Larry Merchant.
3. Surfing.
4. Cauliflower ear.
5. The World Football League (WFL).
6. John Tesh.
7. The Boston Red Sox.

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# Matthew Tooni is passionate about sharing music and language

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – At last year’s Kituwah Celebration, the gentle sounds of a flute could be heard wisping through the air at the ancient Mother Town of the Cherokee. The beautiful sounds were being performed by Matthew (Matt) Tooni, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), who always brings beautiful music and a passion for Cherokee language and culture wherever he goes.

Tooni’s flute music and storytelling has been featured at EBCI inaugurations, community events such as the Kituwah Celebration, groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting events for the EBCI, as well as countless performances throughout western North Carolina and beyond.

He is also an accomplished artist making gourd and turtle shell rattles and is a member of Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc., a cooperative comprised entirely of EBCI artists. According to his profile on Qualla’s website, “Matt doesn’t live in the past, he acknowledges it through his crafts.”

Tooni states on that site, “What’s now known as art once had a practical purpose, and now that purpose is to connect us to our history.”

In an audio interview for the Center for Cultural Preservation, he spoke to the importance of cultural preservation. “It’s who we are. We’ve been doing it for well over 10,000 years or so, and it’s survived. It’s thrived up until this point. And, even through a lot of westernized cultural influences from American society and before that, British, and Colonial society, our culture has managed to thrive.”

Tooni is also a gifted storyteller. In that same interview, he noted the importance of Cherokee traditional stories. “To keep that connection to where you live; to keep that connection to who you are...if it wasn’t for these stories, we wouldn’t know how to conduct ourselves. Not all of them have morals to them, but there’s something about them – it ties yourself to the place you live in. It gives



Matthew Tooni performs beautiful flute music at the Annual Fading Voices Festival in Tutiya (Snowbird) on May 25, 2024. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

you a stronger and deeper connection.”

He has taught Cherokee language classes and encourages people to use the language all the time.

In 2019, he addressed Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) with other members of CALL (Cherokee Adult Language Learners) on the topic of Cherokee language. “Learn as much as you can. The days of thinking ‘I’m too old to learn’ are over as well as any other excuse that we may have. It’s done with.”

On that day, he said preservation of the Cherokee language has to be a group effort, and he referenced the concept of Gadugi. “That can’t stand as an idea if we just come together during catastrophes and tragedies. It’s an all the time thing, and this language is a part of that.”

Tooni is a well-known flute player and recorded an album in 2017 entitled “Through Their Eyes Vol. 1” which garnered a nomination in the Flutist of the Year category at the Native American Music Awards (NAMMYS). Following his nomination, he told the One Feather, “My music is something that has become very important to me. I know that sounds cliché, but it’s true. I have found an ex-

ceedingly great amount of inspiration from my culture. I believe that it helps me to express what I feel about that particular subject. Everything that comes from our hearts is genuine inspiration. That’s what my music is to me.”

For many years, he has been a cast member of the “Unto These Hills” outdoor drama production by the Cherokee Historical Association.

On the drama, he is quoted on the Visit Cherokee website as follows, “I think the importance of people coming to see ‘Unto These Hills’ is to gain an understanding about what happened in American history and in Cherokee history, because it’s connected.”

He adds, “The message is so telling. We’re still here. We haven’t gone anywhere. Most folks come in with the mindset that Cherokee are a distant memory. We tell them, ‘no, we’re here’.”

And, Tooni makes sure that everyone he comes in contact with is aware that Eastern Band Cherokee people are still in their ancestral homeland and are not going anywhere.

His last quote on Visit Cherokee sums up his messaging, “We’re still here, and we’re thriving.”



# A close call - Part Two

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

Scripture references: Psalms 118:17, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, Luke 15:7  
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Everyone can identify and know what you are talking about with these statements. These examples are universal life experiences.

I can assure you I heard many of those stories after being in a ministry for downed bikers for several years. So many reports include statements like If that nurse had not been there driving along the same road on vacation, or if I had crashed ten more feet down the road, or if we had left just one minute before. If I had not looked in my rear-view mirror at that very moment...IF, IF, IF... and I believe every Word from those survivors. Some stories I can explain as God's providence, but others were absolute miracles. I see miracles all the time, and I never take away from God what no one can explain. Western North Carolina is a type of Mecca for motorcycle riders from all over the United States. Being so popular, it is also "Accident Central." Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville, NC, is one of the Southeast's biggest and best trauma centers. The reason there are so many accidents in Western North Carolina is simple. The area is some of the most beautiful country in the world. Because of all the beautiful mountains and twisty roads, people come from around the United States to challenge their skills. They ride Deal's Gap and the Dragon's Tail, the Blue Ridge Parkway, the

Rattler, Rabbit Skin, Cherohala Skyway, and many other named stretches of road that bikers love to ride and test their skills or sadly search their limits. Usually, nine guys come to the area from some flatland country called Florida or Pennsylvania. Eight go back home to work and family. The other rider is laid up in Mission Hospital, wondering that big question. **WHY ME?**

Far too many people have looked up at the ceiling in pain with that question on their minds. Fortunately, they are the ones who did not suffer the worst. A minister never wants to become morbid about it, but instead, they must stay compassionate for those who are hurt. Never become numb to the constant presence of those who face tribulation and need to call on a Savior who can help with His divine grace and mercy. The mission of BikerDownLiftedUp is to lead them to Jesus and His strength, His comfort, and His healing, both physically and spiritually. Sometimes God provides an opportunity to help them answer that ultimate

question they all ask eventually. **WHY ME?** Ask them if they think they have had...a Close Call when they ask that.

Have you ever had a Close Call?

Have you ever had a close call with death?

That is what a close call means to many of us. But has the angel of death ever knocked on your door sometime in your Life and nearly called you away?

There are many ways we face death – Again, I do not mean to get all doom and gloom. It is not a favorite topic for most people. But we see it all the time, don't we? We do not like talking about it much. We even take it for granted sometimes. We cheapen what death is. Like on TV or the movies, we see people getting killed or murdered and amuse ourselves with the story, the drama...even comedy. We make jokes when we see the hero kill hundreds of bad guys and save the world.

How many kills did you count? Do you know what movie has the most kills in it? Someone has kept

count. The actor, writer, producer, and director, Mel Gibson, is best known for the number of ways a director can film, in complete detail, a person being killed in battle or by nature.

We get all enthralled by the plot, the means, and the impact on the lives of those in the story. Sometimes it excites us, and sometimes it brings a tear to our eye. Sometimes it is very unpleasant.

Have you ever watched those crime drama documentaries about the murder of someone, or overdosed, or become enthralled with the autopsy of some celebrity and how they died? The mystery of their last hours. I have heard more passion from a backyard mechanic working on their truck.

Do those shows bring you to 'Face Death?' Or were you bored with the details, or disgusted with how people just threw away their lives on dangerous living, drugs, vanity, or lust? Amusing, isn't it, how we can watch sin so unfazed these days?



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*And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center.*



*Detail of "Christ Carrying the Cross" by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1860)*

JOHN 19:17,18



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# HAPPENINGS

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**Bingo Fundraiser.** April 26 at the Painttown Gym at 10 Old Gap Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 3 p.m., early bird at 4 p.m., and regular games start at 5 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Kallup McCoy II's Run for Recovery. His cross-country run is raising funds for RezHOPE Recovery & Consulting Services, a nonprofit dedicated to helping people rebuild their lives. Concessions will be available. Info: Katelynn Ledford-McCoy (828) 788-5326 or Ruth McCoy 736-1033

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**Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility** in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. Good fun, great prizes, great benefit. - May 3 at 3 p.m., benefit for Ray McCoy - May 10 at 3 p.m., benefit for Ed Walkingstick

**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.

**Garden Kit Giveaways.** Must show EBCI enrollment card. One kit per household. Info: (828) 359-6939, [mmahan@ebci-nc.gov](mailto: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.CherokeeRoddors.com](http://www.CherokeeRoddors.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 sto-

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK


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**Tibbs is a calico cat. She's sweet and lives in Wayohi (Wolftown) with her Tiny Humans, The Ledford/Thomas kiddos**

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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 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

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A seemingly stalled romantic situation could benefit from your reassurance that you want this relationship to work. And if you do, use a tad more of your irresistible Arian charm!

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Going to new places and meeting new people appeals to both the Taurean's romantic and practical side. After all, you never can tell where these new contacts will take you, right?

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A career-changing opportunity that didn't work out when you first considered it could come up again. But this time, remember that you have more to offer and act accordingly.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) There could be some tensions in relationships — domestic or workaday. But a calm approach that doesn't raise anger levels and a frank discussion will soon resolve the problem.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It's a good idea to begin preparing for a career change that you've been thinking about for a while. Start to sharpen your skills and expand your background to be ready when it calls.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Bless the Virgo skepticism that has kept you from falling into traps that others seem to rush into. But you might want to give a new possibility the benefit of the doubt, at least on a trial basis.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) Traveling- and career-related energy is strong in your aspect. Perhaps your job will take you to someplace exotic, or you might be setting up meetings with potential clients or employers. Whatever it is, good luck!

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Someone might use deception to try to push you into making a decision that you're not fully comfortable with. But your keen Scorpio senses should keep you alert to any such attempt.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Romance dominates this week when Cupid shafts the Archer for a change. Positive things are also happening in the workplace. Expect important news to arrive by the week's end.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Anyone trying to bully the Sea Goat — whether it involves a personal or professional matter — will learn a painful lesson. Others will also benefit from the Goat's strong example.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations! With things going the way they are, you should be able to spare some time and take a break from your hectic schedule for some well-earned fun and games.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your sharp Piscean intuition should be able to uncover the true agendas of those who might be trying to catch the Fish in one of their schemes.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your flair for innovative art and design keeps you at least a step ahead of most everyone else. You're a visionary!

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## VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

### QL means Quality of Life

Injured or disabled veterans have a friend in QL Plus, or more specifically, the engineering students and their mentors who create the QL Plus projects for veterans.

The purpose of QL Plus is to create the gear and adaptive devices that will make injured veterans more independent and mobile, able to manage their daily lives or participate in sports and hobbies. The students come from 25 colleges and engineering schools across the country, and they work with mentors and experts to create the personalized devices that injured veterans need.

Some of the projects are ingenious — wheelchair tire cleaners for a veteran's garage, kayak and bike lifts and hiking prosthetics are just a few of the devices created by the students. Then there was the weightlifting hook so a veteran could complete his workout routine, and the one-handed bobsled for the U.S. Para Bobsled team. One veteran was able to play his guitar again after losing his arm when the QL Plus team created an adaptive guitar pick that attaches to his prosthetic arm. To read about these and more, see the "View Featured Projects" link at the website [www.qlplus.org](http://www.qlplus.org).

And check YouTube for some of the group's previous projects ([www.youtube.com/@qlplusprogram](http://www.youtube.com/@qlplusprogram)) as well as Instagram ([www.instagram.com/ql.plus](http://www.instagram.com/ql.plus)).

Veterans with a disability (not necessarily service-related) are encouraged to apply to have devices made for them at no cost whatsoever. Each project takes a full year, with design of the device done in the fall semester and the actual building of it in the spring, with completion in May.

If there is a device you need to make your life easier, QL Plus wants to hear from you ([www.qlplus.org](http://www.qlplus.org)). Click on "Request A Project." They're now taking applications for the 2025-2026 academic year.

If you don't need a device but you'd like to donate to QL Plus (it's a non-profit rated three stars by Charity Navigator), you can mail a check to 1544 Spring Hill Road #9927, McLean, VA 22102.

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Is this puppy ready for a long hike?

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I adopted a beautiful pup at about 3 months old this winter. Now that the weather is warming up and "Blondie" is about 6 months old, I can't wait to start going on hikes with her. How far can a puppy that age walk? Do you have any safety tips? — Carl J., via email

**DEAR CARL:** Blondie sounds like an amazing pup! With the correct training, she will eventually be able to accompany you on some hikes — but not this season.

Puppies at 6 months of age should only take limited walks, ranging from five to 10 minutes max, on level ground. Don't take them farther — pushing them too soon can cause a host of physical problems because their growth plates haven't fused.

Most experts recommend lengthening walks gradually starting from about 9 months. For longer distances over uneven ground, and when training dogs to carry their own panniers, wait until they are 12 to 18 months old.

So, you won't be able to take Blondie with you on day hikes this year — unless you carry her. There are special "sport sacks" just for carrying small-to medium-size dogs. Think of it as a fitness challenge for you, and a way for your pup to learn to love the outdoors.

In the meantime, you can work on Blondie's obedience training. It's critical that she respond immediately when you call her, especially out on hikes. She should also be well socialized to people and other dogs — this prevents a lot of grief on the trail. Right now is the perfect time to do that, and to bond with your dog so that you have fun whether you're outdoors or not.

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

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Big Cove Baptist Church in Cherokee, 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

**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://runsignup.com/Race/NC/BrysonCity/CherokeeChoicesMothersDay5K>. Info: Yolanda Saunooke (828) 359-6784, yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

**Girls Wrestling Camp.** May 10 at Swain County High School in Bryson City, N.C. This is an open invitation, free camp for girls ages 8-15. The camp will be coached by Anasette Cooper, Tasia Neadeau, and other experienced wrestlers. The registration deadline is May 7. Info: Anasette Cooper (828) 788-4085

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

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

## Work Session on Land Use.

April 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**  
**Gathering of Nations Pow**

**Wow.** April 24-26 in the Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque, N.M. Emcees: Dennis Bowen, Ruben Little Head, Juaquin Hamilton-Youngbird, James Edwards. Invited Drums: Show Time, Southern Style, Mountain Kree, Charging Horse, Suthern Boyz, Leading Arrow. Info: [www.gatheringofnations.com](http://www.gatheringofnations.com)

**32nd Annual Choctaw-Apache Pow Wow.** April 24-26 at the Choctaw-Apache Tribal Grounds in Ebarb, La. MC: Tim Tallchief. Host Southern Drum: Mahli Trail. Info: Jason Rivers (318) 422-7705, [jasonwriters71@gmail.com](mailto:jasonwriters71@gmail.com)

**35th Minot State University Annual Spring Honor Dance & Pow Wow Celebration.** April 25-26 at the Minot State University Dome in Minot, N.D. MC: Charlie Moran. Info: Annette Mennem at [Annette.mennem@minotstateu.edu](mailto:Annette.mennem@minotstateu.edu)

**Carmel Band of Rumsen Indians Community Gathering & Pow Wow.** April 25-27 at Arcadia County Park in Arcadia, Calif. MC: Michael Reifel. Host Drum: Wildhorse. Info: Maria Martinez at [mmart19633@aol.com](mailto:mmart19633@aol.com)

**Villanova University 1st Annual Pow Wow.** April 26 at the Villanova University Mendel Field in Villanova, Pa. MC: Jeff Pegram. Host Drums: All Nations, Old Sound. Info: Autumn Coard (631) 644-6771, [arayne3430@gmail.com](mailto:arayne3430@gmail.com)

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Celebrate Recovery** meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Baptist Church at 812 Tsalagi Road, in Cherokee, N.C. This is a Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, hang-ups, and habits of any kind.



All are welcome. Info: Chris Mc-Millan (828) 788-5410

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: [www.AAwnc80.com](http://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 [lfe.wcu.edu](http://lfe.wcu.edu) or contact Western Carolina University Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397.

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

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

### **WNC and BEYOND EVENTS**

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

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

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

\* Kids Take Over the Museum

Day. May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

**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](mailto: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](http://www.arts.wcu.edu/ourplanet) and [www.arts.wcu.edu/tickets](http://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, [greeningupthemountains@townofsylva.org](mailto:greeningupthemountains@townofsylva.org)

**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](http://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](mailto:quallacommunityclub@gmail.com)

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Association meeting.** May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Don Casada will present "Deep Creek Part II: A Virtual Tour". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

**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

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Center staff, who have been instrumental in assisting local artisans as they rebuild their livelihoods. Every donation helps to strengthen the resilience of WNC's creative economy and supports the artists who are keeping the region's handmade traditions alive. Info: Folk Art Center (828) 298-7928, [info@craftguild.org](mailto:info@craftguild.org), or <http://craftguild.org/events>

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

**CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS**

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

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

**Birdtown Community** meets the second Monday of each month at the community building; potluck

at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Joey Owle (828) 508-2869

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

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

**Snowbird Community** meets the first Tuesday of each month, or the Tuesday before Tribal Council, at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex, at

**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Bezalel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. At the Last Supper, which disciple protested against having his feet washed by Jesus? *Peter, Andrew, Bartholomew, Judas*
3. What golden graven image did the Israelites dance in front of? *Calf, Ox, Horse, Camel*
4. Who primarily made the golden graven image in the above question? *Joseph, Michal, Lot, Aaron*
5. From Revelations 13:18, what's the number of the beast? *7, 13, 666, 777*
6. In John 18:38, who asked, "What is truth"? *Pilate, Martha, Joel, Eve*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Peter, 3) Calf, 4) Aaron, 5) 666, 6) Pilate

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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**Moments in time**

• On **May 5, 1945**, Elsie Mitchell and five neighborhood children were killed while attempting to drag a Japanese balloon out of the woods. The balloon was armed and exploded soon after they began tinkering with it. They were the only known American civilians to be killed in the continental United States during World War II.

• On **May 6, 2013**, Michelle Knight, Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus were rescued from a Cleveland, Ohio, house where they'd been held captive for years by their abductor, Ariel Castro. Also rescued from the house was Berry's 6-year-old daughter, who was fathered by Castro.

• On **May 7, 1824**, Ludwig van Beethoven's Ninth Symphony premiered in Vienna even as the composer was suffering from severe hearing loss. The performance earned him five standing ovations and also caused a stir with its use of voices during "Ode to Joy" in its final movement.


• On **May 8, 1886**, the first-ever serving of Coca-Cola, created by Dr. John Pemberton, advertised as a health tonic and originally including coca leaf extract, made its debut at Jacob's Pharmacy in Atlanta, Georgia. While it originally sold at the rate of about nine glasses per day, by its 50th anniversary it had become an American icon.

• On **May 9, 1671**, Thomas "Colonel" Blood, disguised as a priest, was captured while attempting to steal the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London. Remarkably, King Charles II was impressed enough by Blood's nerve that he restored the would-be thief's Irish estates and even made him a member of the royal court, with an annual pension.

• On **May 10, 1970**, Boston Bruins star Bobby Orr slipped the winning goal past St. Louis Blues goaltender Glenn Hall during Game 4 of the Stanley Cup final, then leaped into the air before landing flat and sliding into the embrace of his teammates — a moment immortalized by photographer Ray Lussier, whose image remains one of the most famous sports photographs in history.

• On **May 11, 1987**, Klaus Barbie, former Nazi Gestapo chief of German-occupied Lyon, France, went on trial in Lyon and was charged with 177 crimes against humanity. Convicted two months later, he died of cancer in a prison hospital in 1991.


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**The dogwood legend**

The ancient stories say that the dogwood tree was tall and straight-limbed in the days of Jesus, and its wood was chosen to build the cross for His crucifixion. Afterwards, the dogwood was cursed to grow gnarled and short, so it would never again be used to crucify, and the bracts of its flowers were given the mark of a driven nail and seeping blood. The center was given the likeness of a bowed head bearing a crown of thorns.

Sources: [hgic.clemson.edu](http://hgic.clemson.edu), [plantmegreen.com](http://plantmegreen.com), [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org) — Brenda Weaver



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7 p.m. Info: Chair Roger Smoker (828) 479-8678 or 735-4959, rogersmoker@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Bethabara Baptist Church.** 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday

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

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



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

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

**Ela Baptist Church.** 4450 Ela Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Wednesday

see **EVENTS** next page



**EVENTS:** from page 25

day 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](mailto: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.

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 Gos-**

**pel 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](mailto:mbccherokee@outlook.com), Website:

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

## April 21-27, 2025

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

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MONDAY, APRIL 21	TUESDAY, APRIL 22	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23	THURSDAY, APRIL 24	FRIDAY, APRIL 25	SATURDAY, APRIL 26	SUNDAY, APRIL 27
AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER++	BEST
7:16 AM-9:16 AM 7:42 PM-9:42 PM	8:07 AM-10:07 AM 8:32 PM-10:32 PM	8:56 AM-10:56 AM 9:21 PM-11:21 PM	9:46 AM-11:46 AM 10:10 PM-12:10 AM	10:35 AM-12:35 PM 11:01 PM-1:01 AM	N/A 11:27 AM-1:27 PM	N/A 12:21 PM-2:21 PM

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**Newsong Church.** 3548 Wolfe-  
town 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 Ser-  
vice 9:45am.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catho-  
lic Mission.** 82 Lambert Branch  
Road. Mass on Saturday (English

at 4:30 p.m. and Spanish at 6  
p.m.). During the winter months,  
between the beginning of Advent  
until Easter Sunday, the Mass is  
celebrated in the Kateri Center ad-  
jacent to the main Church. Pastor  
Fr. Victor Ameh MSP

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

**Rock Creek Missionary Bap-  
tist 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 lat-  
est 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., Wednes-  
day 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 meet-  
ings 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., Whitti-  
er, 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) sing-  
ing, 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. Wednes-  
day Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor  
Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or  
736-4872

## MISSING

### Kaytreana Fannie Lucille Green

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'5" Weight: 136 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Age: 23 Female

Date of last contact: February 20, 2025

Last Known Location: Anchorage,  
Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:

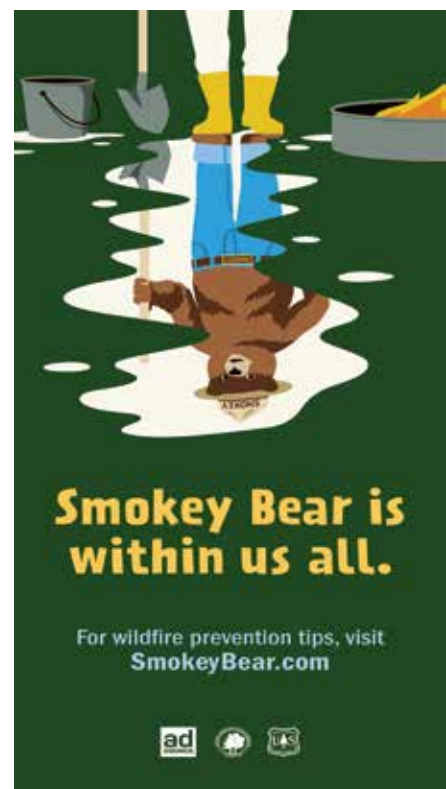
Kaytreana has not been in contact with  
family members since 2-20-2025. Her cell phone is going straight to  
voicemail.

If you have seen or have information about Kaytreana Green, contact the  
Anchorage Police Department (907) 786-8900, or Malia Miller, Missing  
Persons Clearinghouse Manager, Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511.

Source: Namus.gov



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## 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 stor-  
age. 10 minutes from Harrahs  
Cherokee Casino. Serious inquires  
stop in and see Charlene Wooliver.  
**5/28**

**For Sale- 2021 Forest River  
Wolfpup travel trailer**, 21ft,  
large fridge, complete solar pkg,  
hitch/sway bars included. Queen  
bed, sleeps three. Call Barry (817)  
504-5852. \$17,000. **4/30**

**Lefty's Lawn Service**  
Mowing and Weedeating Services  
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**For Sale - NIB Suburban 6-gal-**

**ion RV water heater**, ordered  
wrong size, paid over \$400, selling  
for \$300. Text 828-685-0973. No  
phone calls. **4/30**

## 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 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  
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fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
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TION  
Caroline Thompson Hyatt  
P.O. Box 1614 Cherokee, NC. 28719  
Or  
Jennifer Thompson  
P.O. Box 1614  
Cherokee, NC. 28719  
**4/30**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 25-029

### Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

**MICHAEL HAROLD OWLE**

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before the date listed or be barred  
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TION  
Donald Owle  
131 Fryemont Rd  
Bryson City, NC. 28713  
**5/7**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 25-032

### Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

**MARY JO ROGERS**

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



## Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at  
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[www.ccs-nc.org/apps/pages/human\\_resources](http://www.ccs-nc.org/apps/pages/human_resources) for more information.

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

**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)



fiduciary(s) listed below.

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TION

Sarah Bruneel  
290 Tsalagi Rd  
Cherokee, NC. 28719

5/7

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 25-034

**Notice to Creditors and**

**Debtors of:**

**MARY CATHERINE SMITH**

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Catherine Smith Burns  
150 Lee Taylor Rd #557  
Cherokee, NC. 28719

5/14

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 25-035

**Notice to Creditors and**

**Debtors of:**



**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](mailto:kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com).

**James Daniel Arch**

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Hilda Leanna Arch

53 Rose Lane

Cherokee, NC 28719

5/14

**Legal Notice**

State of North Carolina

Department of Transportation

The Deadline for submitting  
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projects as well as the public read-  
ing will be May 20, 2025, at 2:00  
pm. The public reading will be held  
in Contract Standards and Devel-  
opment Unit Conference Room  
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Carolina Department of Transpor-  
tation, Century Center Complex,  
1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC  
27610. Please enter door B-2.

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(C205081) COLUMBUS, ROBE-  
SON;

(C205102) RANDOLPH;

(C205087) RANDOLPH;

(C205089) RANDOLPH;  
(C205032) CHATHAM;  
(C205043) CATAWBA;  
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A bid bond or bid deposit in  
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Department of Transportation,  
Mr. Lamara Sylvester, PE., Chief  
Engineer. 4/23

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 25-037

**Notice to Creditors and**



**Debtors of:**

**HAROLD ALFRED LOSSIAH**

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
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TION

Mary Lossiah

29 Hard Times Rd

Cherokee, NC. 28719

5/14

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 25-036

**Notice to Creditors and**

**Debtors of:**

**BERNARD KENNETH  
BIDDLE JR.**

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Rebecca Sneed

P.O. Box 2274

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  
**4/30**

#### 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**

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Project Management Program

Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg.

810 Acquoni Road, Suite 117

P.O. Box 455

Cherokee, N.C. 28719

Ph. (828) 359-6702

Project Title: Fire Substation #3  
Expansion

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program is seeking the services of a licensed general contractor to provide work under contract for the construction of an 1,850 sq ft building addition for the Fire Department Substation #3 (Big Cove Community). The project includes an expansion of the existing metal

building to provide four (4) bunk rooms, a new restroom and a new bay, site improvements including extending the concrete apron, parking, grading for the new building expansion and associated utility connections as required.

The project area is located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation at 49 Old School Loop Road, Cherokee NC 28719. Contact Becky Bowe at (828)359-6702 or by email at [rebebowe@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:rebebowe@ebci-nsn.gov) with any questions or to request a copy of the RFP.

A mandatory Pre-Proposal on-site meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM (EST) on 05/08/2025. Proposals should be submitted to Ms. Becky Bowe in a manner prescribed in the RFP and must be received by 11:00 AM (EST) on 05/22/2025. Any proposal received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) regulations apply for award and execution of this contract. **4/23**



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Dawnarne@ebci-nsn.gov





# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY



# CHOOSE CIHA

## New Positions This Week

Dental Hygienist - \$67,082 - \$83,852

### 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 - \$10,000 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 - \$10,000  
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  
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 – Infection Control - \$33.68 - \$38.72  
RN – Inpatient – Night Shift - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus  
RN Care Manager – Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$10,000 Hiring  
Bonus  
CFSP Care Manager, IDD/TBI/LTSS Care Manager( Intellectual &  
Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Sup-  
port Services, Children and Families Specialty Program)- Primary  
Care- \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
RN Care Manager Float - \$31.06 – \$35.64 \$10,000 Hiring Bonus  
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  
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828-359-6388

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

**Closing Sunday, April 27, 2025**

1. Shift Captain – EMS – Operations (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
2. Heavy Equipment Operator -Infrastructure – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
3. Maintenance Technician – Housing Program – Housing (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**

**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 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)
26. Fire Systems Technician- Information Technology- OIT (L12 \$22.26- \$27.83)
27. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant- New Kituwah Academy- CERS (L9 \$17.27- \$21.59)
28. Project Coordinator – Infrastructure – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)



## Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

Applications and job description can be picked up from the receptionist at the Boys Club information window between the hours of 8am and 4:30pm 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 these positions.

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 (1130 PM - 730 AM)
- (2) PT Flexible Resident Counselor (\$17.00/hour without Benefits)
- Weekends : 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Weekdays: 3:30 PM - 11:30 PM

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

### IT SUMMER INTERN

- 1 position

### CHILDCARE SUMMER INTERN

- 2 positions (SBCD)
- 3 positions (AGLK)

### SHOP & GARAGE SUMMER INTERN

- 1 position - Service Tech Helper
  - 1 position - Service Department Clerk
- OJT Applications/Job Descriptions will need to be picked up at the CBC Main Office (no online applications will be accepted)

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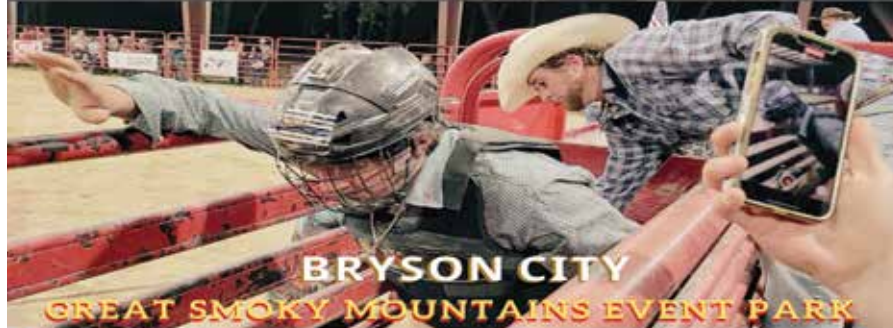
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## INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM SERVICES ON TRUST LANDS

**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.



# OPINIONS

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### Latest Opinions



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LETTER: Dr. Bunio encourages vaccinations

COMMENTARY: The U.S. government should



# Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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







## Beginner language class

Taylor Teesateskie and Jordan Littlejohn, are shown with their two sons, with their two sons TA.ᎠᎩ and SᎠᎩ. They are New Kituwah Academy parents and have successfully completed a 10-week beginner parent Cherokee language class. (Photo contributed)



## All-American Track Classic medals

Nse Uffort, center, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, took first place in the shot put with a throw of 61'2" at the All American Track Classic in Columbia, S.C. on April 11-12. He is now the #17 ranked high school athlete in the United States in shot put. Uffort followed that up with a second place finish in the discus with a throw of 179'3". He was also named the MVP Most Outstanding Thrower of the Meet. (Photo courtesy of family)



## Honor Society induction

Teria Morgan Bowser, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was inducted into the Rho Theta Sigma Honor Society at Northeastern State University in Broken Arrow, Okla. on Monday, April 14. (Photo contributed)



## Galaxy Cheer wins titles

Galaxy Cheer Teams Senior Supernovas (10-18u) and Junior Nebulas (10u) brought home two National Titles at the Maximum Mountain Nationals over the weekend of April 11-13 in Cherokee, N.C. These two teams will travel down to Universal Studios in Orlando Florida to compete at The Open Grand Nationals at the end of the month. They are shown, left to right, front row - Emma Gibson, Danielle Gibson, Julie McCall, Bella Frady, Vaelyn Owl, Addi Wildcatt, Shaylee Fuller, Izzy Hamilton; second row - Caleigh Queen, Ashley Gibson, Brittany Fuller, Blake Godfrey; third row - Texie Crisp, Ari Orr, Addison Barker, Jayla Fuller, Alaya Fuller; and back row - Taylor Stewart, Gabby Hernandez, Abby Adkins, Campbell Stephens, Taleah Arch, Grace Hamilton, Reyna Huerta, Loshi Frady, and Khloe Sequoyah. Not pictured: Jessilyn Lambert, Nylah Drakeford, Deonna Butler, Remy O'Neill, Raven Graham, Amari Taylor, and Angela Rios. (Photo courtesy of Karyl Frankiewicz)





#### Softball player

Ele Smith, left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Wayohi (Wolfstown) and a 7th-grade student at Choctaw Central Middle School (Miss.), plays on the Choctaw Central High School Varsity softball team. She and her team secured a win in the first game of a best-of-three playoff series.

In the stands was a special guest, Aspen Wesley, a professional softball player with the Texas Monarchs and a proud member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Shown, left to right, are Smith, Head Coach Trae Embry, Wesley, Assistant Coach Hailey Ellingburg, and Coach Tristan Ellingburg. (Photo courtesy of family)

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The One Feather wants to hear your good news and/or accomplishments. Send us your "good stuff" such as:

- \* birth, engagement, and wedding announcements
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# MOTHER'S DAY 5K

Let's honor the women who  
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Funds will be donated to  
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**May 10, 2025**

Registration begins at 8-8:45am  
Walk/ Run begins at 9am  
at Kituwah Fields (we will update if  
anything changes)

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/BrysonCity/CherokeeChoicesMothersDay5K>

General Fee is \$15 but will increase  
to \$20 on May 1  
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Questions contact Yolanda Saunooke at  
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