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Community love and support

Cherokee community
gathers to support Autism
education and acceptance

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – April is
both World Autism Month
and National Autism Accep-
tance Month in the United States.
The Jackson, Swain, Qualla
Boundary Autism Support Group
hosted the 2nd Annual Cherokee
Autism Celebration in the Peaches
Squirrell Sports & Recreation
Complex in Cherokee, N.C. on the
evening of Thursday, April 24.

Numerous programs of the
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
(EBCI) set up booths, along with
other area partners, at the event
which included many fun activities
including bounce houses, cornhole

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A panel discussion was held during the 2nd Annual Cherokee Autism Celebration at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Thursday, April 24. The panel participants are shown, left to right, including – Felicia Sequoyah, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and mother of an autistic child; Kelly Stamey, Autism professional and therapist with Beacon Transitions; and Heather and Leon Allen, parents of an autistic child. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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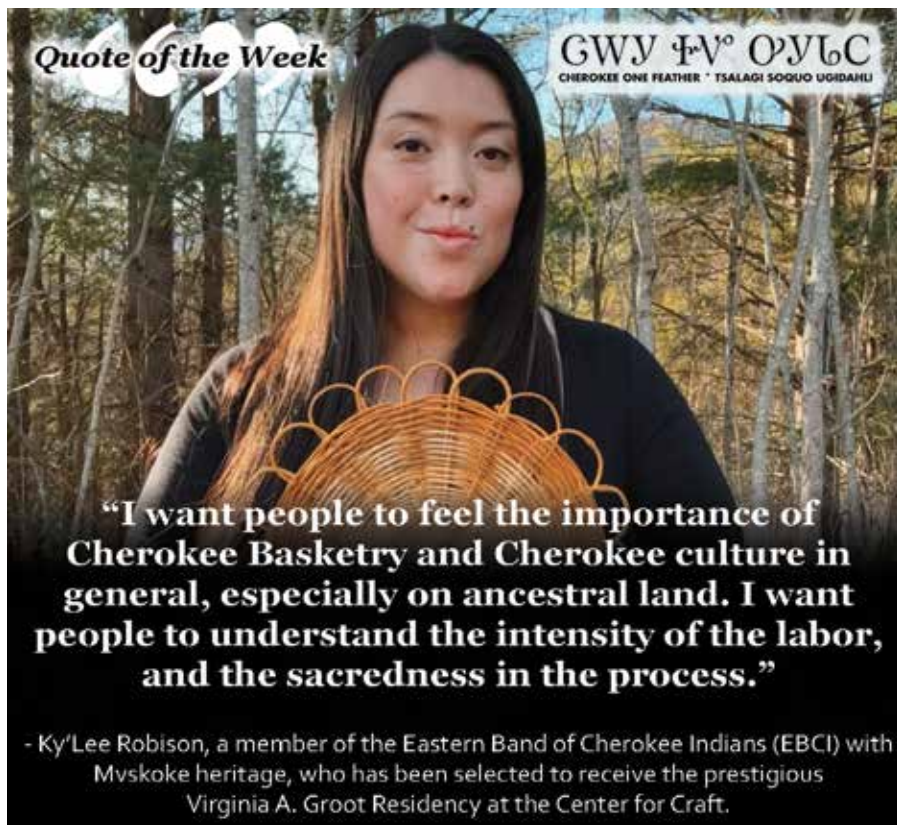
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Quote of the Week



- Ky'Lee Robison, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) with Mvskoke heritage, who has been selected to receive the prestigious Virginia A. Groot Residency at the Center for Craft.

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AUTISM: From front page

games, and more.

According to information from the Autism Society of North Carolina, “Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that affects people’s ability to understand what they see, hear, and otherwise sense. Individuals with ASD typically have difficulty understanding verbal and nonverbal communication and learning appropriate ways of relating to people, objects, and events. As its name implies, ASD affects individuals differently and with varying degrees of severity. While typically diagnosed in children, ASD is a lifelong disorder that affects individuals of all ages.”

During Thursday’s event, a panel discussion was held including Kelly Stamey, Autism professional and therapist with Beacon Transitions; and three parents of autistic children including Felicia Sequoyah, an EBCI tribal member; Heather Allen; and Leon Allen. Heather Allen told the crowd on Thursday, “All they want is to be accepted. They don’t want to be treated differently. Just accept them.”

Leon Allen noted, “A child with Autism, they love you whole-heartedly. They love you without any reservation. They love you as close to what Jesus loves you as anybody here on this earth can.”

When asked her favorite success story, Sequoyah responded, “My favorite success story right now is that my son, Thomas, is graduating in May. He’s going to be done with high school and I am so excited.”

Stamey commented, “I have lots of stories that I’ve collected over the years. But, I think what I’ll share is what I love most about



Candy Ross, an EBCI tribal member who is the family services manager at Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start and a driving force in the Jackson, Swain, Qualla Boundary Autism Support Group, speaks during Thursday’s event.

Autism and I think why, 24 years later, I’m still choosing to spend every day with these individuals that I love so much is that they are the most authentic humans that you’ll ever have the opportunity to engage with. They feel their feels. They say what they’re thinking. There’s no question about how this person is experiencing life and we just have to be open to their authenticity, to accept it, and be authentic with ourselves. We can learn a lot of lessons, I think, from being around these individuals on the spectrum.”

EBCI Secretary of Health & Human Services Sonya Wachacha spoke to their ongoing commitment to expand services and support for those in the community with Autism. “I think that’s one of our areas that we really acknowledge that we need to build out and expand. We actually have six subcommittees right now that we’re

encouraging community members for. We have a lot of need for the services and we acknowledge it and we’re working towards that. We have a steering committee that works on that every month.”

She added, “A lot of people have to drive to Asheville. Some people have to drive to Charlotte. Some people have to drive to Georgia. That’s really what triggered a lot of discussion around the need to expand.

The other thing that we have is Analenisgi. So, we have embedded therapists that are at Dora Reed... then Dora Reed has got a contract as well. They bring in providers that provide on-site services for kids in that system. Behavioral health is the thing that we do best right now.”

Candy Ross helped organize Thursday’s event. An EBCI tribal member, she is the family services manager at Qualla Boundary Head

Start/Early Head Start and is a driving force behind the Jackson, Swain, Qualla Boundary Autism support group.

Some of the services and resources that we have on the Qualla Boundary right now - we are networking right now with the Autism Society of North Carolina. We have some services through Cherokee Indian Hospital right now. Children can go there and get occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy.”

She went on to say, “We are looking at a lot of resources...we’re starting these committees and we’re asking the community to be involved. We’re building it from the ground up.”

Ross thanked the following vendors for participating: Agelink Childcare Center, Autism Society of North Carolina, Tahnee’s Kids, Cherokee Indian Police Department, Pawsability, Vocational

Opportunities of Cherokee, Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start, EBCI Public Health and Human Services; Tribal Option, NFP/WIC, VAYA Health, Cherokee Fire Department, Bluebell ABA, Exceptional Student Services Cherokee Central Schools, Cherokee Recreation, Analenisgi, Region A Partnership FSN, AWAKE, Cherokee Tribal EMS, CCR, Deerclan Productions, Center for Native Health, and Swain FS.

Michael LePage, Autism Society of North Carolina regional service director, told the One Feather he is always impressed with the support given for Autism by the EBCI community. "There's so much community here that I think that we've just got to create the structure that can really put it together for people to be able to access these services and increase



their quality of life. I'm loving it. This is amazing. You get all of these people that come out here under a common cause. I've been in community meetings and it's full! It's full there and people are interested."

LePage added, "We're here trying to get staff that are also from the Boundary because we really want it to be culturally-informed to our services. Really, that's huge to us. It should reflect your community. It should reflect your

neighbors. So, we're working hard at that. We're showing up and we're trying to be a true presence, not a performative presence. But really trying to be here and make connections."

In recognition of April being National Autism Acceptance Month, the Autism Society of America launched the "Autism Is" campaign. Information from the organization states the campaign "is to highlight the diverse experiences of the Autism community

and advance beyond awareness to genuine acceptance. Autism is progress. It's always evolving, learning, and connecting resources to those who need them. In today's climate, this initiative takes on heightened importance as a counterbalance to misconceptions and harmful narratives about Autism."

Christopher Banks, Autism Society of America president and chief executive officer, said in a statement, "As we celebrate 60 years of advocacy, Autism Acceptance Month serves as both a reflection of our progress and a call to action for the future. The 'Autism Is' campaign amplifies the variation and depth of the Autism community, fosters greater understanding, and ensures that evidence-based support remains at the center of our mission."

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Planning Board approves plan to repurpose Cherokee Fitness Complex Pool

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – In an effort to save money on repairs, the Planning Board of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has approved a plan to repurpose the pool at the Cherokee Fitness Complex. EBCI Secretary of Education Sky Sampson presented the plan to the Board during its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 22, and it was approved unanimously.

According to a slide in Secretary Sampson's presentation, "We would like to fill in the pool and replace it with a permanent turf workout area for both Parisi and also any other workout classes in one-quarter of the space. One-quarter of this space would be shifted to building our Recovery Package that will include: on-ground aquatics therapy pool, ice plunge/hot plunge, red light therapy, and compression therapy."

She told the Board the reasoning for the repurposing idea, "We do have a small population of elders, about three to seven, that utilize the pool, most days that it is open, for lap swimming and therapy movements. But, beyond that, we don't have a big population that utilizes the pool anymore. The past two years we've made multiple maintenance repairs to the pool. Every time we make a repair, it closes again because we have something that shuts down and quits working. It is an older pool, and so we are constantly having to make these repairs. In the last year, we've spent over



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\$100,000 in just repairs for this pool to be open for minimal days because multiple things keep happening."

Secretary Sampson related that there are currently 2,200 members of the Cherokee Fitness Complex with just over 500 that utilize it for 24-hour access.

She said the Cherokee Fitness Complex is "a revenue-building program".

The presentation states, "Our Recovery Package could be billable, and we would also partner with Physical Therapy at the CIHA (Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority) to potentially schedule appointments with us. The aquatics therapy pool would accommodate those elders who need a warm

water therapy area."

The plan is to allocate funding from the pool to maintain the new spaces. That combined with the increase of billable services for the Recovery Package would pay for the plan, said Secretary Sampson. Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Mitchell Hicks said he likes the plan especially the new aquatics therapy pool. "I think this is a good move as long as we accommodate the health needs of the elder population with this pool."

The plan approved on Tuesday constitutes Phase One of this project. Phase Two is in the planning stages now, but several ideas were put forth including a rock climbing wall and an autism sensory area.

"I think this is a good move as long as we accommodate the health needs of the elder population with this pool."

**- Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief)
Mitchell Hicks**



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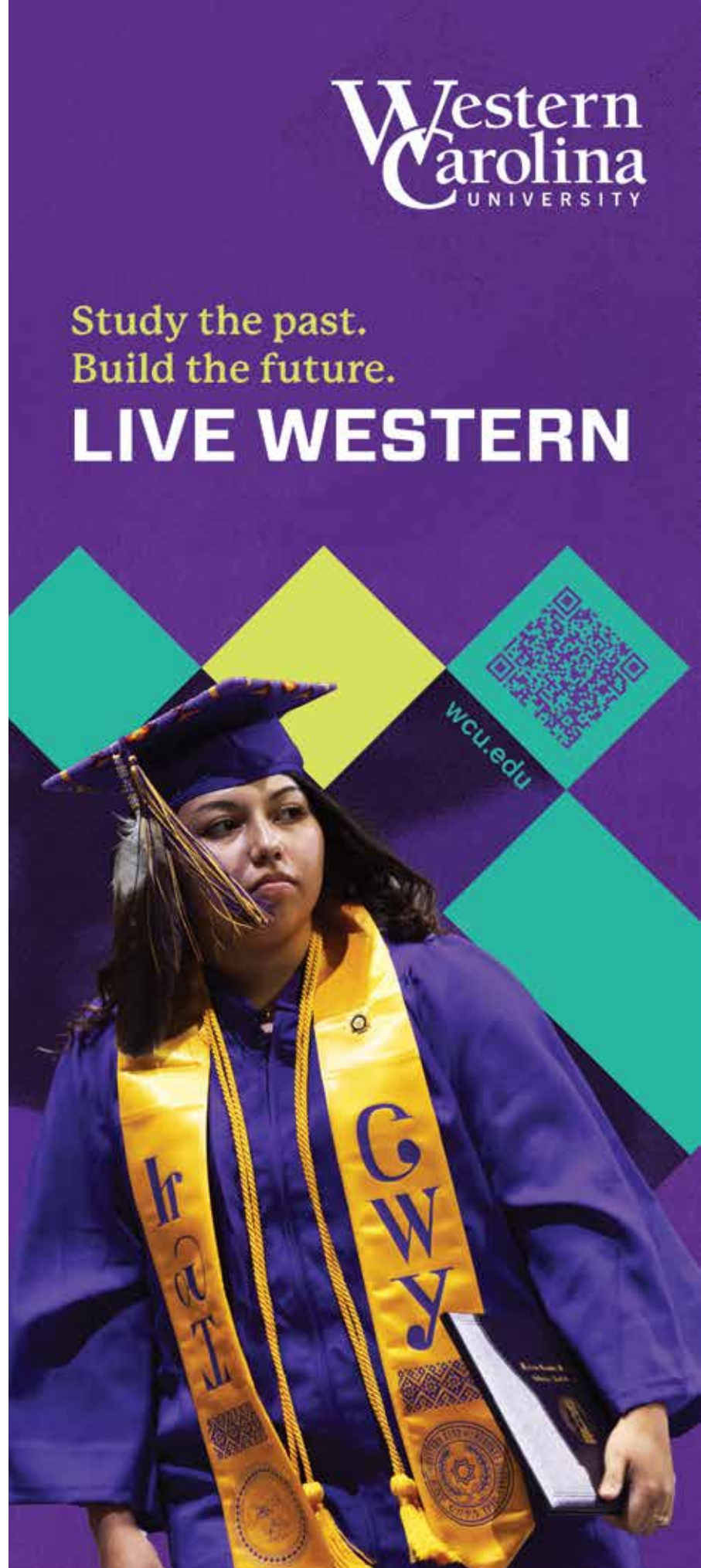
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EBCI joins in Accord Agreement with other USET founders

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

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) was one of four federally recognized tribes that founded what would become the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) – founded originally as the Inter-Tribal Council of United Southeastern Tribes. Now, those four tribes (EBCI, Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida) have formed a new alliance they feel will better serve their needs.

Following signing of the Accord Agreement on April 18, Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks posted a statement on his Facebook page. “Hosted by Seminole Chairman Marcellus Osceola Jr., this historic event brought our leadership together including Miccosukee Chairman Talbert Cypress and Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Chief Cyrus Ben - to declare our shared commitment to tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and mutual defense of our inherent rights as sovereign Nations.

I want to thank Chairman Osceola, Chairman Cypress, and Chief Ben for their leadership, vision, and commitment to this effort. It’s because of their dedication and our shared understanding of what’s at stake that this Accord came to life.”

His statement continued, “This agreement creates a lasting framework for our four Nations to: Align our voices on issues impacting Indian Country; collaborate on strat-

egy and policy; protect our lands, cultures, and governance; and ensure our future generations have both opportunity and identity. More than 50 years ago, our tribes came together to form USET. Today, we build on that legacy with a renewed alliance, one that meets the moment we are living in. We are stronger together, and today’s Accord is a declaration that we will lead, we will act, and we will protect what matters most.”

Chairman Cypress posted the entire Accord online, and Article 2 of the Accord outlines the main portion of the document stating, “In solidarity, we commit to collaborate on issues affecting our cultural and political sovereignty, including economic development opportunities, protection and reclamation of sacred lands, and assertion of our hunting, fishing, and gathering rights, and to coordinate on actions related to our government-to-government relationships with the United States of America and its various states.”

The idea for the Accord Agreement came out of discussions involving the lack of effectiveness of USET that led to the passage of Res. No. 202 (2024) by the EBCI Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) on May 2, 2024.

The legislation, submitted as an emergency resolution by EBCI Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, states, “On Oct. 4, 1986, leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians, the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida met in Cherokee, N.C. to build

‘Strength in Unity’ between those four sovereign nations.”

Ugviyuhi Hicks commented during discussion on the legislation on the day it was passed, “I think this is a good move forward for the Eastern Band and the founding four of USET. I don’t think it takes anything away from the USET organization. But, I think it is pretty clear that USET is moving in a little bit different direction than us as the founding four. I think we can strengthen our relationships with the founding four tribes, and I think there’s a lot of opportunity for us to work together in better scenarios – especially on some of the national policy issues.”

Per Res. No. 202, which states the EBCI will remain a part of USET, “The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians continues to support the work being done by USET and intends to remain an integral part of the organization.”

USET states its purpose as follows, “USET is dedicated to enhancing the development of tribal nations, improving the capabilities of tribal governments, and improving the quality of life for Indian people through a variety of technical and supportive programmatic services.”

USET is comprised of 33 federally recognized tribes. In addition to the four founding members, USET consists of the following: Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Seneca Nation of Indians, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, Penobscot Indian Nation, Passamaquoddy Tribe – Pleasant

Point, Passamaquoddy Tribe – Indian Township, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Onedia Indian Nation, Mi’kmaq Nation, Catawba Indian Nation, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians, The Mohegan Tribe, Cayuga Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Rappahannock Tribe, Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indian Tribe – Eastern Division, Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe, Nansemond Indian Nation, and Monacan Indian Nation.



Bill introduced into U.S. House to grant federal acknowledgement to Haliwa-Saponi

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

A bill has been introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives in the 119th Congress that would grant federal acknowledgement to the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. The bill (H.R. 2929) was introduced by Rep. Donald G. Davis (D-N.C.) on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Rep. Davis said in a statement following the bill's introduction, "The Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe deserves federal recognition, and we must respect their deep-rooted heritage and vibrant traditions. We must validate the historical significance and pay tribute to their ongoing contributions. Their rich legacy, intertwined with incredible ancestral stories, truly merits the honor of federal recognition."

This marks the third time a bill has been introduced into the House regarding Haliwa-Saponi federal acknowledgement.

Rep. G.K. Butterfield (D-N.C.) introduced the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina Recognition Act (H.R. 9536) on Dec. 14, 2022. Rep. Davis introduced the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of

North Carolina Act (H.R. 5236) on Aug. 18, 2023. Both of those bills were referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and died with no action being taken.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has long opposed groups receiving federal acknowledgment through Congressional means stating that the groups should go through the established process set forth by the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA).

In a statement in September 2024, EBCI Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks noted, "The Lumbee group's efforts to bypass the federal acknowledgment process established by the OFA undermines the very integrity of the system," Ugviyuhi Hicks said. "This process must be followed. It would be disgraceful to consider any recognition bill without the merits of the OFA process."

In 2022, the EBCI was joined by several other federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations in that opposition. A letter was sent to the leaders of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs signed by then-EBCI Ugviyuhi Richard G. Sneed along with the following: Chief Ben Barnes, Shawnee Tribe; Chief Cyrus Ben, Mississippi Band of Choctaw

Indians; Chairwoman Lori Gooday Ware, Fort Sill Apache Tribe; President Deborah Dotson, Delaware Nation; Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation; Assistant Chief Jeremy Johnson, Delaware Tribe of Indians; President Jeffrey Stiffarm, Fort Belknap Indian Community; and Chairwoman Margo Gray, United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas. The letter stated in part, "Federally acknowledged tribes are sovereigns with significant governmental powers impacting both Indians and non-Indians, including the authority to tax, regulate activity within tribal territory, and take away personal freedoms through the exercise of criminal jurisdiction. Acknowledgment decisions should be made on merit and not politics."

In addition to the Haliwa-Saponi bill, there are currently several other federal acknowledgment bills in the 119th Congress including:

- Lumbee Fairness Act (H.R. 475), introduced by Rep. David Rouzer (R-N.C.) on Jan. 16, 2025; and an identical bill – Lumbee Fairness Act (S.107), introduced by Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) on Jan. 16, 2025; these bills would provide federal acknowledgement to the

state-recognized Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

- Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation Federal Recognition Act (H.R. 619), introduced by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) on Jan. 22, 2025; this would provide federal acknowledgement to the Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation in Trinity County, Calif.

According to the U.S. Office of Federal Acknowledgment, there are currently 10 petitions in process as of Wednesday, April 23, 2025 including: Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation (Va.); Tuskarora Nation of Moratoc Indians (N.C.); Salinan Tribe of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties, CA (Calif.); Tripanick Nansemond Family Indian Tribe (Kan.); Chihene Nde Nation of New Mexico (N.M.); Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (Calif.); Butte Tribe of Bayou Bourbeaux (La.); Schaghticoke Indian Tribe (Conn.); Muscogee Nation of Florida (Fla.); and the Piro/Manso/Tiwa Indian Tribe of the Pueblo of San Juan de Guadalupe (N.M.).

H.R. 2929 has been referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.



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Ellwood, William Stanley – age 38
Arrested: April 14
Released: Not released as of report date (April 21)
Charges: Possession of Firearm by Felon

George, Elicio Sanchez – age 28
Arrested: April 14

Released: April 16
Charges: Death by Distribution of Controlled Substance; Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance

Martin, Julian – age 23
Arrested: April 14
Released: April 15
Charges: Violation of Drug Court

Wolfe Jr., Thomas Edward – age 21
Arrested: April 15
Released: April 15
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Lambert, Justin Ryan – age 37
Arrested: April 16
Released: April 17
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Ledford, Allen Seth – age 23
Arrested: April 16
Released: April 16
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Arneach, Cheyenne Robin – age 32
Arrested: April 17
Released: Not released as of report date (April 21)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Greene, Zane Isaac – age 21
Arrested: April 17
Released: April 17
Charges: Harassment

Cole, Cheryl Dion – age 41
Arrested: April 18
Released: Not released as of report date (April 21)
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Conseen, Carrie Louise – age 25
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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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May 10, 2025

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Questions contact Yolanda Saunooke at
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Ky'lee Robison, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) with Mvskoke heritage, has been selected to receive the prestigious Virginia A. Groot Residency at the Center for Craft. (Photo by Kyle Carroll)

Weaving and learning

Tribal member named
a Virginia A. Groot Craft
Futures Resident

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

Ky'Lee Robison, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) with Mvskoke heritage, has been selected to receive the prestigious Virginia A. Groot Residency at the Center for Craft.

"I was overwhelmed with gratitude," Robison said of her reaction to finding out she was

selected to receive the honor. "This residency came at a time when I was rebuilding - not just my practice, but my life and my sense of stability after the hurricane. To be chosen felt like a moment of recognition for the work I've poured my heart into, and a sign to keep walking in a good way."

The Center for Craft stated, "In 2025, the Virginia A. Groot Residency at the Center for Craft will support seven craft artists in western North Carolina in the wake of Hurricane Helene. Participants in the six-month program will receive a \$15,000 honorarium and join the WNC Craft Futures Cohort, as well as being featured in a group exhibition in the Center's Bresler Family Gallery."

Robison is a traditional Cherokee basket maker. "My focus during the residency will be on weaving new works that speak to cultural survival and land-based knowledge - specifically using traditional materials like honeysuckle, white oak, and traditional Cherokee dyes. I'll also be diving deeper into interdisciplinary approaches, and I am honored to participate in a six-month cohort experience that supports rebuilding my artistic practice and extends mutual aid through a peer-to-peer network."

She further noted, "I began basket making at age 10, learning under the mentorship of Louise Goings, a renowned EBCI traditional basket maker, and her husband, Butch Goings, a renowned traditional Cherokee wood carver.

They taught me not only the techniques, but the responsibility that comes with carrying this knowledge. From a young age, I learned to gather my own materials, prepare them by hand, and weave with intention.”

When asked to name her main inspirations for basketry, Robison said, “All of my mentors. Without them I would not have this knowledge. Besides Louise and Butch Goings, my late mentor Shan Goshorn had a huge influence on me. Her work and her spirit still guide me. I am so grateful and inspired by my other mentor, Seminole weaver Kathy Haney. Lastly by my father, a Mvskoke stickball stick maker, who also (along with Louise and Butch) taught me that craftsmanship is tied to our identity and responsibility as cultural stewards.”

Robison is excited to be able to have Cherokee basketry represented within the residency program. “It is deeply meaningful. As the only traditional EBCI basket maker in my family and one of a handful of my generation, I feel a responsibility to ensure these traditions live on. Having Cherokee basketry included in this program is not just representation - it’s reclamation. Asheville, N.C. is ancestral Cherokee land, and with that our culture is here, everlasting in growth, and forever vital.”

Basketry is art and has a deep meaning to Robison. “My art is a form of love for my ancestors and community. It is how I stay connected to my ancestors and the land. Through each piece, I try to share the story of the process. Basket making is resilience, kinship, and continuity of culture. I want people to feel the importance of Cherokee Basketry and Cherokee culture in general, especially on ancestral land. I want people to



Loren Waters, a Cherokee Nation citizen, models a woven necklace and is shown with a basket – both made by Robison. (Photo by Brit Hensel)

understand the intensity of the labor, and the sacredness in the process.”

Robison is very grateful for the help she has received in her art career. “I’m deeply grateful to

the many people who have shaped and supported my journey. Louise and Butch Goings generously shared their cultural knowledge and wisdom with me from a young age. Shan Goshorn offered guidance that continues to echo in my work. My husband, Kyle Carroll, has been a steady source of encouragement during difficult seasons. I want to thank my father, Scott Robison - former PE teacher at Cherokee Elementary - for always believing in me, along with my EBCI family, Mvskoke family, and husband’s family. My grandmother, Helen Raby, made sure I stayed connected to basket making, even mailing white oak splits to me in Oklahoma so I wouldn’t lose the technique. I also thank my Mvskoke grandmother, Margaret Robison, for her nourishing uplifting encouragement. I’m grateful to Loren Waters, Lindy Waters III Foundation, Brit Hensel, Sterlin Harjo, Katrina and Gary Maney, EBCI First Lady Marsha and Ugvi-wiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, Shana Condill Bushyhead, Museum of the Cherokee People, the Center for Craft, the Virginia A. Groot Foundation, and most importantly - my community. They remind me every day why this work is so important.”

A community reception and open house is being planned for Thursday, June 12 at the Gallery located at 67 Broadway St. in Asheville, N.C.

Other recipients of the Virginia A. Groot Residency include: Thomas Campbell of Asheville, N.C.; Lisa Clague, Asheville, N.C.; Cristina Cordova, Penland, N.C.; Adam Grinovish, Penland, N.C.; Andrew Hayes, Asheville, N.C.; and Laura Lau Klein, Asheville, N.C.

Cruisin' Time

The Cruise the Smokies Cherokee Spring Rod Run was held at the old Cherokee High School site in Cherokee, N.C. on Saturday, April 26. The event was hosted by the Cherokee Rodders.

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather



As of lunchtime, there were 459 cars registered for the event.



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Brian Calloway, of Lenoir, N.C., wipes down his 1967 GTO.



Calloway Ledford, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, poses beside his 1969 Camaro

EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Applications being taken for “Unto These Hills” Educational Scholarship

Applications are now being taken for the “Unto These Hills” Educational Scholarship. The deadline is Aug. 1. Requirements: must be a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, GPA must be 2.0 or higher, and must be a 4-year undergraduate student taking at least 12 credit hours or a graduate students taking at least 6 credit hours.

Link to Apply: <https://forms.gle/97Ub3voDS1jgVJgdA>

- “Unto These Hills” Educational
Scholarship

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

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

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

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

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

The players will be divided into two teams for the showcase game on Sunday, June 22. Major League Baseball former players Marquis Grissom, Johnny Estrada, Marvin Freeman, and Lou Collier will coach the teams. As part of the showcase, the Atlanta Braves will utilize TrackMan Baseball, a leading technology company in sports analytics, to capture, track, and deliver player statistics to help players improve their game.

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

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

• Atlanta Braves release

Honoring Our Values, Empowering Our People: RKLI receives support from Cherokee Preservation Foundation

The Ray Kinsland Leadership

Institute (RKLI), a department of the Cherokee Boys Club, has been awarded a \$336,872 grant from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation to further its mission of creating a community of selfless leaders deeply rooted in Cherokee culture for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

The grant will support administrative capacity, the development of a new five-year strategic and evaluation plan, expanded alumni engagement, and enhanced public relations efforts. This investment reflects the Foundation’s commitment to its Cherokee Leadership Development initiative, which promotes lifelong, culture-based learning and leadership grounded in Cherokee values.

In the early 2000s, the Cherokee Preservation Foundation partnered with the community to create leadership programs that encourage selfless leadership and decision-making grounded in Cherokee traditions. This grant ensures RKLI can continue building generations of Cherokee leaders who serve our community with integrity and cultural strength.

RKLI currently oversees several leadership development programs, including three levels of the Duyugodv’i Right Path for adult leadership, the Cherokee Youth Council, the Youth Cultural Exchange Program, and the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program for undergraduate students. Each program supports the growth of leaders who embody and uphold traditional Cherokee values.

“This grant is a powerful investment in our people. It helps us strengthen our programming, connect with alumni, and support future leaders who serve with Cherokee values at the center of all they do,” said Tonya Carroll, RKLI



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- Ray Kinsland Leadership
Institute release

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

LeConte Lodge L.P. to continue operations in Great Smoky Mountains National Park

GATLINBURG, Tenn.— The National Park Service has selected LeConte Lodge L.P. as the concessioner for the new contract to provide services at LeConte Lodge in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This contract will be effective for 10 years from 2025 to 2035.

LeConte Lodge L.P. is the incumbent operator and has provided lodging services in Great Smoky

Mountains National Park since 1989. The public is not expected to experience any interruptions in service.

LeConte Lodge is located west of the summit on Mount LeConte at an elevation of 6,360 feet. Construction of the lodge began in 1926, predating the establishment of Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1934. It is the only lodging located within the park and is accessible only by trail.

Solicitation of concession business opportunities within national park sites and the selection of best proposals are routine processes for the National Park Service, dictated by the 1998 Concessions Management Improvement Act (1998 Act). By law, all contracts are issued through a fully open and competitive process, awarding contracts to those with the best proposal.

- National Park Service release

Great Smoky Mountains National Park begins multi-year rehabilitation of iconic Bullhead Trail to Mount LeConte

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - The National Park Service (NPS), in partnership with Friends of the Smokies, is beginning a multi-year rehabilitation of the iconic Bullhead Trail in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Beginning May 5, the park will close Bullhead Trail from Monday through Thursday each week, excluding federal holidays, through Nov. 6.

The Bullhead Trail is one of several routes that lead to Mount LeConte, offering a challenging 13.6-mile roundtrip hike to the summit. Through this rehabilitation, the park will enhance overall trail safety by repairing tread surfaces, improving drainage, constructing trail structures such as staircases, turnpikes, and retaining walls, and removing tripping hazards like exposed rocks and roots. These efforts will also help protect the park's natural resources.

Hikers are welcome to hike Bullhead Trail Friday through Sunday. The park plans to reopen the trail fully on November 6 and resume the rehabilitation in May 2026.

Following the completion of the Ramsey Cascades Trail rehabilitation in 2024, the park and Friends of the Smokies are beginning this rehabilitation of Bullhead Trail as the next project in the Trails Forever program. This program funds a permanent, highly skilled trail crew dedicated to the rehabilitation of high-use trails throughout the park. To date, Friends has contributed more than \$4 million to rehabilitation proj-

ects, including those on Abrams Falls, Trillium Gap, Rainbow Falls, Alum Cave, Chimney Tops, Forney Ridge and Ramsey Cascades trails.

- National Park Service release



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Name the racehorse who won the American Triple Crown in 1977.

2. What motorsports facility near Wendover, Utah, has been used to set several land speed records and is on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places?

3. Benfica, Sporting CP, Boavista, Estoril and Vizela are soccer clubs competing in what European country?

4. Name the two clubs from the World Hockey Association (WHA) that did not join the NHL in the 1979 merger.

5. From 1995-2000 and 2002-2004, the Oakland Raiders had players with the first name of Napoleon. Who were they?

6. What basketball player has his No. 32 jersey retired by both the University of Connecticut Huskies and the Detroit Pistons?

7. Name the relief pitcher for the 2003 World Series champion Florida Marlins who was convicted of attempted murder for a 2005 incident in his native Venezuela.

Answers

1. Seattle Slew.
2. Bonneville Speedway (Bonneville Salt Flats Race Track).
3. Portugal.
4. The Birmingham Bulls and the Cincinnati Stingers.
5. Running back Napoleon Kaufman (1995-2000) and linebacker Napoleon Harris (2002-2004).
6. Richard "Rip" Hamilton.
7. Ugueth Urbina.

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Glenda Moore

Glenda Moore, 77, passed away unexpectedly on March 31, 2025 in Cherokee, N.C.

She was a resident of Ladson, S.C. where she was retired from the telecommunications industry.

Glenda was born on June 5, 1947 in Covington County Alabama to the late Stokes and Pauline Gilmore.

She is survived by her three children: Gordon Moore of Easley, SC (Patty), John Moore of Mt Pleasant, S.C. (Jeannie), and Katie Moore of Ladson, S.C.

Glenda was the grandmother of four: Tara Burger (Brandon) and Lily, Sophie, and Luke Moore.

She is preceded in death by her sisters Janice Foster, Jackie Grant, and Gail Gilmore. She has

two brothers Sherman Gilmore of Fla. and Harold Gilmore of South Carolina.

Glenda enjoyed tending to her home, gardening, bird watching, and taking care of her fur babies, Nahney and Rocky.

In lieu of flowers, it's requested that monetary or children's book donations be made to the: Qualla Boundary Public Library 810 Acquoni Rd Cherokee NC, 28719

Glenda was an avid reader, of Cherokee Indian descent, and her happy place was Cherokee, N.C.

Smoky Mountain Cremations and Funeral Service is caring for her and the family. They have chosen to celebrate her life at a later and more peaceful time.

Her online register is available at www.smokymountaincremations.com.

Wilma Lambert

Wilma Lambert, age 82, of Cherokee, peacefully passed away on Monday, April 21, 2025, surrounded by the love and care of her family. A native of Cherokee, she was the cherished daughter of the late Andrew Jackson Lambert and Nola Griffin Lambert.

She attended the Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church in the Big Cove Community, where she found joy, comfort, and fellowship.

For the past four years, Wilma was lovingly cared for by her devoted sister, Vivian Downs, and her nieces Linda English, Sandra Burrell, and Brenda McCrackin, who ensured her final years were filled with warmth, dignity, and love.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved sisters, Cathleen Lambert, Lois McMahan, and Jean Hughes; her brother, Huey Lambert; as well as several dear cousins and extended fam-

ily who meant so much to her throughout her life.

Wilma is survived by her sister, Vivian Downs (Lee Roy) of Franklin; nephews, Jeff Downs (Kim) of Franklin, Tommy Hughes (Sandy) of Franklin; nieces, Angie Vaughn (David) of Franklin, Linda English (Louis) of Clayton, Sandra Burrell of Clayton, Brenda McCrackin (Joe) of Clayton; and several cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews, as well as great-great nieces and nephews, along with close friends who will forever cherish her memory.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, April 27 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Roberta French and Ricky Brewer officiated with the burial at the Birdtown Cemetery, where Wilma was laid to rest among her loved ones.

Pallbearers were Carigan Burrell, Dillon Burrell, Justin McCrackin, Tommy Young, Jeremy Young, and David Vaughn

Though Wilma's presence will be deeply missed, her legacy of love will live on in the hearts of her family and all who were fortunate to know her.

Blanche Emmaline Teesateskie

Blanche Emmaline Teesateskie, age 69, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. A native of Graham County and a lifelong member of the Snowbird Community, she was the daughter of the late Tom and Jeanette Sue Rattler Teesateskie.


Blanche lived her life in her own quiet rhythm - independent, strong-willed, and steady in heart. She cared deeply for her family, and her affection revealed itself in small, meaningful ways; a kind word, a shared smile, a gesture that spoke volumes even when words were few.

Blanche carried a deep love for her sons and grandchildren, a love that may not have always been loud, but was steady and enduring. She took pride in their lives, their strength, and the families they built. In her own way, she held them close - always hoping the best for them, always loving them from where she stood.

She is survived by her sons, Tommy Teesateskie (Sarah) and Kevin Douglas Teesateskie (Lauren); her grandchildren, Logan Teesateskie (Kyla), Tori Teesateskie, Jack Jack Teesateskie, Emily Teesateskie, Bryson Teesateskie, Allie Teesateskie, Joy Teesateskie, Mayleigh Teesateskie, Robin Teesateskie, Raven Teesateskie, and Ezekiel Teesateskie; great grandchildren, Addisyn Teesateskie, Thea Teesateskie, and Keldon Gary Teesateskie; and step-grandchildren, Adon Bridge, Isabella Bridge, and Lucina Luttrell. She also leaves behind her sisters, Christine McCoy and Donna Sue McCracken (Lonnie); along with a host of nieces and nephews who held a special place in her heart.

In addition to her parents, Blanche was preceded in death by her infant son, Calvin Teesateskie; her brothers, Ronald "Ronnie" Teesateskie, Steve Teesateskie, and Patrick Teesateskie; and her sisters, Norma Jean Smith and Barbara Owle. Blanche's memory lives on in the hearts of those who knew her—through moments shared, and the enduring love that, even at a distance, never truly faded.

Funeral Services were held Monday, April 28 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Brother Ernie Stiles officiated.

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Rex Allen Swayney

Rex Allen Swayney, 65, of Sylva, N.C., passed away on Thursday afternoon, April 24, 2025, at Vero Health and Rehab of Sylva, N.C., following an extended illness.

Rex was a native of Maryville, Tenn. He served in the U.S. Army and was the son of the late Jesse Lorenzo and Cora Elizabeth

McMillan Swayney. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his brothers, John Mooney, Mark Swayney, Doug Swayney, Larry Corell, and a sister, Linda Correll.

Rex is survived by two sons, Jacob Swayney of Maryville, Tenn., and Eric Nichols of Knoxville, Tenn.; and one daughter,

Kayla Summerlin of Seymour, Tenn. Additionally, one brother, David Swayney, and five grandchildren also survive.

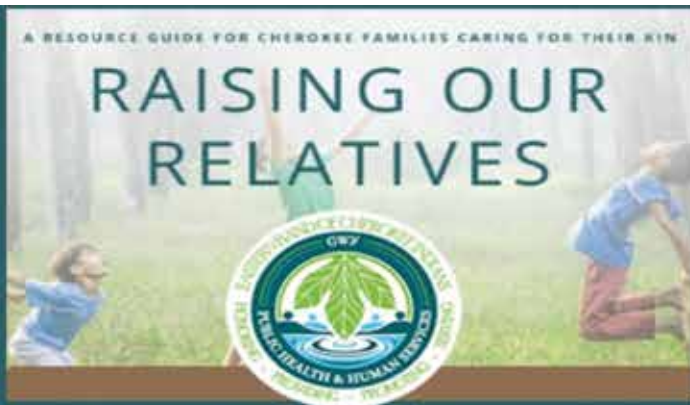
Friends and family will be received at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at Long House Funeral Home, 407 Wolftown Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719.

A funeral service will be held

at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 at Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee, N.C. Burial will follow at Swayney Family Cemetery in Cherokee, N.C.

Pallbearers are Mark Nichols, Jehelleman Sandoval, and Brandon Friend.

Long House Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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MP142460. Laroy was last seen wearing dark pants and a brown leather jacket.

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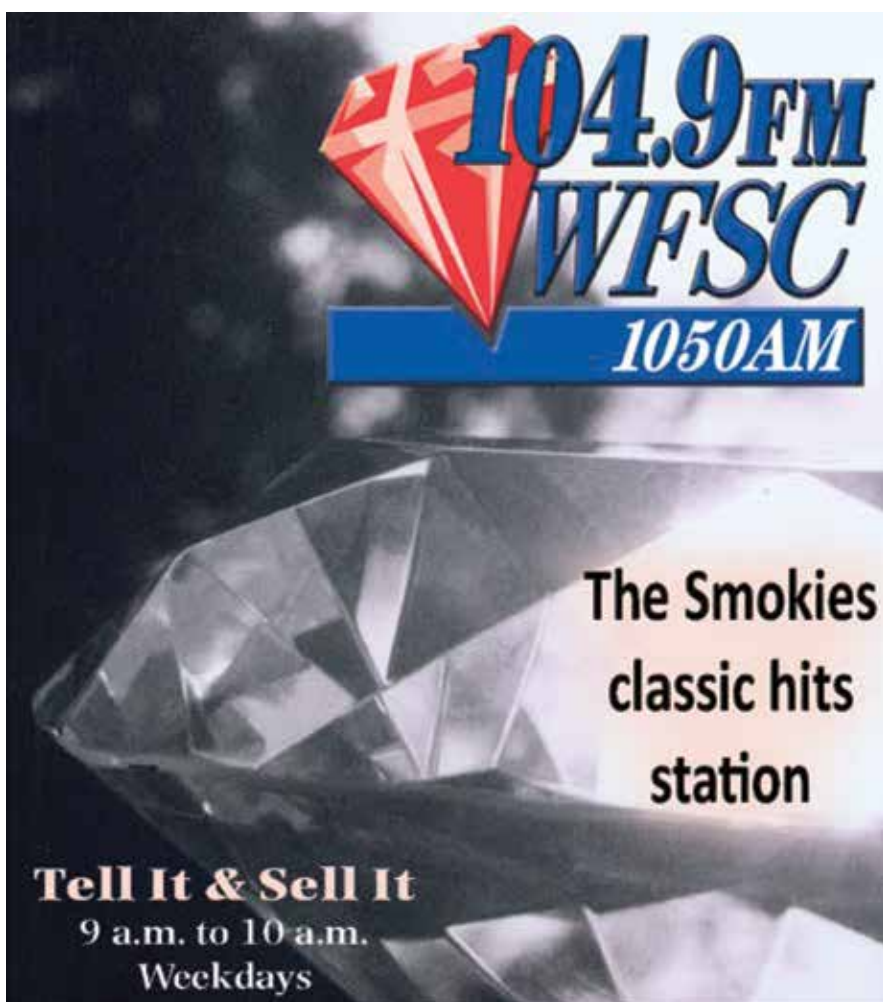
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Getting your affairs in order

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

I'll ask the reader to be patient. There is a point to this story. It just may take a moment to get to it. A recent discussion with a dear friend prompted these thoughts, and I think they may be of some benefit to many who are reading this. It is certainly not a new topic, but it is complex and confounding for many of us.

We are all dying. One philosopher rightly said that from the moment you are born, really from the moment you are conceived, you begin to die. Each day is one day less in your life. Another equated life to being on death row, and living is just part of waiting your turn in the chair or chamber. Truly, we are all just one breath, one heartbeat away from leaving the physical world.

There are surely plenty of spiritual and philosophical points we could talk about regarding death. Some of us believe in life beyond death and that what we do in this life will have a bearing on our destination beyond this life. For any of you who are big Gladiator movie fans, you immediately thought of the famous quote of Maximus as he prepared his men for a furious battle to come. Maximus says, "Hold the line! Stay with me! If you find yourself alone, riding in the green fields with the sun on your face, do not be troubled, for you are in Elysium (Heaven) and you're already dead! Brothers, what we do in this life...echoes in eternity". There are many beliefs

in what happens after physical death, including those who believe that there is nothing at all after death, and we just return to the earth. I have had long debates, some fruitful and some fruitless, regarding our final destination. I'll be happy to talk with you about it anytime, but for this commentary, I want to talk about the physical, practical side of physical death.

2022 mortality data from the Centers for Disease Control lists a total of unintentional injury deaths in the U.S. that year as 227,039. For our population, that is 68 sudden deaths out of every 100,000 people, and it was ranked the third highest cause of overall death. There were 44,534 unintentional falls causing death; 44,534 deaths from motor vehicle traffic accidents; and those dying from accidental poisoning were 102,958. These were all people who probably thought they had things they could do tomorrow, but tomorrow just never came for them. Then there are the suicides, homicides, drug overdoses, and sudden medical conditions like cardiac arrest (the number one cause of sudden death, roughly 350,000 each year in the U.S.).

In fact, there are roughly 3 million people who died in 2023 at various ages and for various reasons. The old joke (be it morbid) is that the mortality rate for humans is 100 percent. If you live, you will eventually stop doing that.

Some of us get a "heads up" that our time may be short. We go to the doctor, and they determine that we have an illness that will

make the earthly exit more predictable. But even in that, there is an element of uncertainty. We are certainly living longer. According to the CDC, of the 2,426,775 people in 2022 ages 65 and up who died, deaths by age group per 100,000 people were 1978.7 (65-74), 4708.2 (75-84), and 14,389.6 (85 and older).

In 2024, which is still being tallied, the projection is 2,851,324 people who went on to the great mystery beyond this physical life. People do various things to prepare for the afterlife, even if they don't think there is one. One of those things is planning what will be done in the last moments of life and what will be done with the things that are left behind. Naked you come into the world, and naked you will go out. Hopefully, you have built relationships or established connections with organizations that will give you peace by leaving your earthly belongings to them.

The cost of creating a will can be \$20 to \$200 if you do it yourself. Hiring an attorney turns that adventure into a \$100 to \$1000 proposition. The financial power of attorney can range from \$50 using an online template or \$150 to \$500 if you use an attorney. Add that much again for the medical power of attorney or medical directive document (what you want done if you become incapable of making the decision). So, for the trio of legal documents, you could be looking at between \$120 and \$2000. And while it might seem attractive to "do-it-yourself", keep

in mind that your paperwork is literally a matter of life and death. Some folks will be comfortable with basically taking their lives in their own hands, while others, like me, prefer a professional and expert for these life decisions.

Even if you don't have much, you can be sure that either family or friends will be stressed at figuring out what to do with your estate. And imagine the mental trauma your wife or family will go through in making those decisions, like whether to keep you on a machine if you succumb to an unresponsive wakefulness syndrome and you have little to no hope of recovery. While we don't like to think of these things, there is a distinct possibility that we will all face them. And we will likely never know it is hitting us until we are in the throes of it.

Tribal members have an excellent resource at their disposal to help deal with this troubling but necessary preparation for end-of-life. The EBCI Legal Assistance Office (LAO) helps enrolled members with a variety of legal needs, including end-of-life planning. I can tell you from personal experience that they are smart, attentive, and accommodating in helping to create and update your will, medical, and financial powers of attorney (you do need both). And when disaster strikes and destroys your documents, the LAO is a repository of your information, and they can recreate and help you restore the protection you have through these documents. It doesn't take long for the folks in that office to

help you achieve peace of mind through knowing that you have taken as much control of your end-of-life decisions as possible.

In addition to end-of-life planning, the LAO helps with Family Safety parent representation referrals, EBCI employee counselling, child custody cases, adult guardianship issues, and provides community education, self-help resources, and general guidance. Their primary contact information is (828) 359-7400 by phone and legalhelp@ebci-nsn.com. The LAO office currently includes attorneys

Stephanie LePre, Kelly Hebrank, Jerad Davis, Christen Justice, and paralegals Hali Jenkins and Heather Madden.

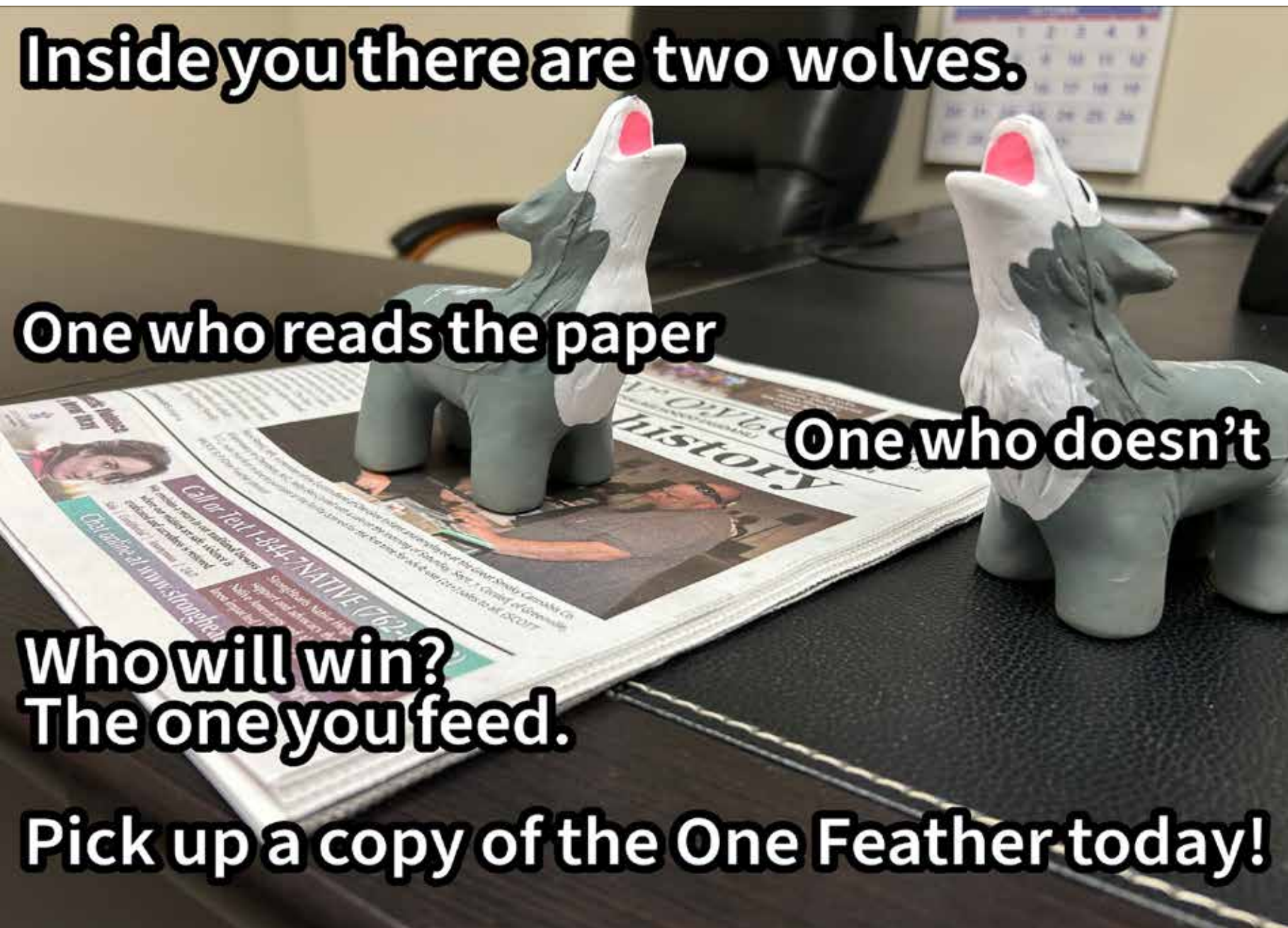
The term memento mori (translated from Latin as “remember your death”) comes from ancient Roman history. After a Roman military victory, it was common to have a large parade featuring all the Roman soldiers who had achieved the victory. Each soldier would drive his chariot accompanied by their armor-bearer. Soldiers could “get the big head” and think they

were invincible. Psychology-Spot.com says, “The phrase ‘memento mori’ was used to remind those great men that regardless of their exploits and glories, the epilogue would be the same for everyone. In this way, when a victorious general was celebrated in a procession through the streets of the city, he was also reminded of his death to prevent him from incurring excessive pride.”

In those moments, like those victory parades, it was the armor-bearer’s responsibility to get in the soldier’s ear and say

“memento mori”. In other words, don’t get too big for your britches and remember you are mortal just like the rest of us. The grave is the great leveling tool that puts us on the same level and makes us common.

Especially when we are young, we may not say it, but we believe we will live forever. However, history doesn’t bear that out, at least in the physical realm. For yourself and for your loved ones, be as prepared as possible for what will come, will likely come at an unexpected time.



Inside you there are two wolves.

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Cherokee Rod Run a good time for everyone

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – American writer E.B. White, author of “Charlotte’s Web”, once said, “Everything in life is somewhere else, and you get there in a car.” For some people, cars and trucks are utilitarian. They get us from place to place. For other people, they are a lifestyle.

This past weekend, I attended the Cruise the Smokies Cherokee Spring Rod Run which is an event I try to make annually because it is truly awesome. I am not a car guy by any stretch of the imagination. I’m a sports guy.

I can recite stats and history on a bevy of sports, but I couldn’t tell you the difference between this car and that car or even what most of the parts are, honestly.

But, I really enjoy going to the Rod Run each year because of the atmosphere. Everyone is incredibly nice and welcoming and willing to share their stories of their vehicles with anyone – even people like me who know very little and probably ask a lot of odd questions.

The mission statement of the Cherokee Rodders sums up their welcoming attitude. “At Cherokee Rodders, we strive to provide a unique and unforgettable experience for all registered Car Show participants. Our mission is to bring together like-minded individuals to enjoy two days of viewing fantastically restored classic automobiles, renewing old friendships and the possibility of winning fabulous monetary prizes and trophies. In addition, we want our spectators to enjoy the



Vintage cars filled up the old Cherokee High School site in Cherokee, N.C. on the weekend of April 25-26 for the annual Cruise the Smokies Cherokee Spring Rod Run. As of the afternoon of Saturday, April 26, there were 459 vehicles registered for the event. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

experience of seeing such fabulous automobiles.”

Charles Bryson, Cherokee Rodders chairperson, told the One Feather on Saturday, “What we try to do is we try to give back to the community as much as possible... we want to give back to the people that come to the show. So, as you register, as you come in and buy tickets for anything, everything we do we give back. Once we pay the bills - the electric bill, the light bill, the insurance, things like that - we take the rest of that pot and give it back to our participants. We figure

out ways, we draw cards, we play all kinds of games, and all kinds of cool stuff that we do just to give back.”

He added, “At the end of the day, if we make a dollar, we’re going to give that dollar away. That’s kind of our motto.”

Calloway Ledford, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Cherokee, N.C., told us he loves going to car shows. “We do a lot of local shows like Franklin and Maggie Valley...we like the camaraderie, other people, interesting cars.”

The event this past weekend was very well-attended, and as of the afternoon of Saturday, April 26, there were 459 vehicles registered for the event.

It truly is a wonderful event for Cherokee.

If you missed the Spring Rod Run, you can catch the group’s Fall Rod Run scheduled for Oct. 17-18 which will mark 25 years that this event has been held in Cherokee, N.C.

For more information on this wonderful group and events, visit: <https://cherokeeodders.com>



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A Close Call: Part Three

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

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

I heard a quote the other day that rings true. “What was once shunned and hidden in the dark alleys is now openly displayed in our living rooms and broad daylight on Main Street.”

Dramas and movies about the tragedies of war and catastrophes of nature are sometimes entertaining; they might even be accurate and historically relevant, but rarely do they draw us face to face with our mortality.

Let us talk about real life and death that are relevant to us. Personally. Tragic deaths and tragic stories of death. The ones we read about – Are you moved by the deaths you hear about on the news? The car accidents, shootings, murders, tree fallings, drownings – I mean, even with all the deaths from hurricanes or tornadoes, floods, or those who lost their lives in the California fires. What about all those who died of COVID-19? Did any of those deaths come close to you? Did or do you know any of the victims? Do you have family or friends, or even a friend of a friend, who was affected by one of those kinds of tragedies? Did any of those deaths touch your heart?

My son and his family escaped the dangerous onslaught of a recent storm. They were in a remote beach house on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. But, if they had not heeded the potential danger, and if they had not listened to the warnings, and if they had waited just another hour before they left while the tide and storm surge was rising if they would not have got out and swept by the storm if they could not find gas...IF...IF...IF.

We all have someone we love, and when we see them faced with death, we think about the separation that will come from the death of a loved one, even if it is ourselves – it makes most of us sad to think about that.

And now we are getting close to home. The death we face in Life. The most intimate kind. Actual death – the kind that impacts us personally. Sometimes we face death when it involves a close friend, a loved one, a family member, or

someone we knew at work or school who was here one day and gone the next. A classmate, military buddy, or an old friend or relative you grew up with. We know people who have had a close call, an accident, or hospitalization due to an illness of some kind. You know that whoever that person was, they faced death. Some of us may be facing death right now.

So, how do you face death? Maybe we need to realize we are all faced with death every day. God makes no promises to us for tomorrow. 1 Thessalonians 4:13 says, 13 But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fall asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope.

I have hope – My hope is in Jesus. That is how I face death. With hope. Do you have hope? What is your hope?

We have biblical examples of facing death, and one of the best is how Jesus faced death.

I believe He saw it wherever He was, wherever He went. He saw it all around Him. He talked about death as much as He spoke of Life. And like us, when He faced His death, He showed us much about Himself through the Word left for us to see how to face our death. He prayed in the garden.

Jesus faced death because He knew what death

was all about. He knew exactly how he was going to die and what he would suffer. And like HIM, some of us no longer fear death as much as we fear just how we might die or how we might suffer.

He loves us, and He grieves with us when we grieve death. The story of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, when Jesus wept, tells us that He grieves. He shares with us when we grieve, and He is there to comfort us with His peace. He is a compassionate God. But he also grieves when he knows someone dies and will be separated from Him forever.

Jesus knows all there is to know about death. As God, He knows everything about us. His plans for us and His grace to give us are Holy. He is already standing there to welcome us home, or be judged to eternal death once we cross that bridge.

A close call. Can you remember the one you have had? A close call? A close call to this Life? A close call to injury? Or a close call where your life on earth could have gone either way? But, by the grace of God, He saved you from certain death?

Think about that for just a minute because I am about to give you another close call. This invitation is a different kind of close call.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*He who finds a wife
finds a good thing,
and obtains favor
from the Lord.*

PROVERBS 18:22

*Detail of “Queens of Persia at the Feet of Alexander”
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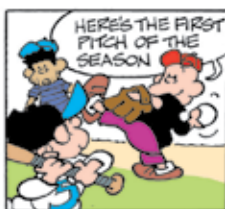
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TIGER



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

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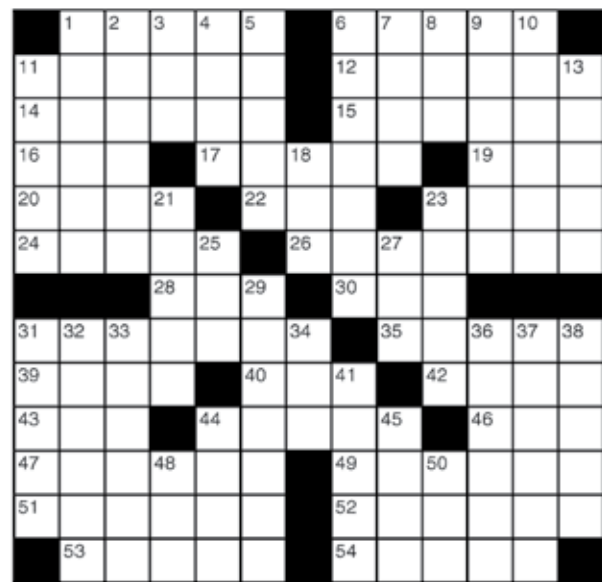
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by Dave T. Phipps

King Crossword

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- Violin tuner
- Novelist Deighton
- "The Peasant Dance" painter
- Everglades wader
- Give temporarily
- Lumber unit
- Wrestling style
- "Nasty!"
- Thread holder
- Damage
- South Carolina river



- La Brea attraction
- Oral
- Moving vehicles?
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- Garlic crusher
- Catches some rays
- Tolkien creature
- Christie sleuth
- Arm bones
- Shakespeare's "— of Athens"
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- Pants part
- Director Spike
- Smooth writing implementations
- Ecstasy
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- Classic catalog giant

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers
King Crossword

Trivia test

- TELEVISION: Which actor was nominated for an Emmy for the same character on three different sitcoms?
- MOVIES: Who was the first actor to refuse an Oscar award for Best Actor?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which modern city is in the shadow of the active volcano Mount Vesuvius?
- FOOD & DRINK: What gas is used to create seltzer water?
- SCIENCE: What is the center of an atom called?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who are the six men who have made a career Grand Slam in pro golf?
- ANATOMY: What is the largest artery in the body?
- LITERATURE: For which category is the O. Henry Award given?
- ASTRONOMY: Which star system is nearest to our solar system?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have died in office?

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HAPPENINGS

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

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Senior 2025 Fundraisers at the West Senior Center (formerly Tsali Manor). Info: - May 25-31. Silent Auction

Mother's Day Bingo Fundraiser. May 2 at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Complex in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 5 p.m., games start at 6 p.m. \$20 per pack for 15 games. \$2 specials – 10 games. \$10 five-game kid's pack. The first 50 mothers will receive a free gift. This is a fundraiser for the Cherokee Lady Braves volleyball team.

Bingo Night Fundraiser. May 3 at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 4 p.m., Bingo starts at 5 p.m. This is a fundraiser to help two local children with medical issues. Adult games/\$25 for 15 games, Kids games/\$10 for 15 games, three specials. Concessions will be available.

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 Pro-

gram 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

Cherokee Children's Home Golf Tournament Fundraiser. Aug. 14-15 at the Sequoyah National Golf Course in Cherokee, N.C. This is a fundraiser for the Cherokee Children's Home. \$350 per golfer includes cart and green fees. Two-person teams, lunch provided each day. Tee times will be scheduled for each team by the Clubhouse. Call the course in advance to request a specific tee time at (828) 497-3000. Info: (828) 359-5575, cchevents@cherokee-boysclub.com

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.

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

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

Visitor Celebration Day. May

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

Vacation Bible School. May 20-22 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. nightly at Big Cove Baptist Church in Cherokee, N.C. All ages (nursery – adult classes). Everyone is welcome.

13th Annual Seven Clans Rodeo. May 24-25 at 181 Tsali Blvd.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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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

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The cautious side of your usually adventurous nature stands you in good stead this week. Someone might, indeed, be trying to pull the wool over the Sheep's eyes.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Planetary alignment still causes unsettling situations. Consider delaying matters that aren't a priority until the weekend. Cheer up! The next such alignment isn't until 2028.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters take precedence. Spend more time with those close to you. A career move sounds promising, but ask for more facts before making a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your watchword this week is "tact"! While honesty is, of course, the best policy, it's best to temper your tendency toward bluntness with discretion.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Nothing pleases our Leos and Leonas more than to know they're admired, and this week, you'll be overwhelmed with compliments. Enjoy the adulation! You earned it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're making progress in your dealings with a troubled loved one. Continue to offer understanding and support. You'll soon see positive results.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Change is favored this week. You might want to reassess a situation that has become too demanding. Also, reconsider a job move that you rejected earlier.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A loved one returns after a long separation. At work, a decision is made that could lead to the changes you hoped for. The next step is up to you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to set things straight in your personal relationships. Some decisions might be difficult but necessary if you're to turn things around.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Cupid rules the Capricorn Goat's heart this week. It's a good time to start a new romance or reaffirm your commitment to your current beloved.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel and entertainment are favored for the rest of the month. You earned this good time. Enjoy it with friends and family members!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you've been close to reveals a secret that could put this relationship at risk. Consider the full impact of the admission before making a decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of justice that sometimes makes you a mite too judgmental, but it also makes you a trusted, loyal friend.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Fake deployments and free plane rides

It takes an especially devious mind to come up with some of this stuff. We have to wonder what staff at the Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VAOIG) think when they're investigating certain crimes. They probably aren't smiling.

For example, this one: A veteran managed to grab 130 free airline flights while pretending he was on active duty and being sent on military assignments. The guy was an airline baggage handler, but only for one week. Then he showed his airline employer a fistful of fake military documents that said he needed eight months off for deployment.

During that time he jetted around the globe using the free flights benefit of employees, hitting all the hot-spot tourist destinations, from the Caribbean, to South America, to Europe and all points in between — and documented the trips online. At the end of that period, he gave the airline more fake military documents and managed to extend the whole scam for another two years.

Meanwhile, while still employed by the airline and pretending he was entitled to free unlimited flights, he snagged a job as a federal air marshal.

Also, meanwhile, he took a job at a sporting goods retailer and pulled the same "I have to go do my military service" scam, likely so he could get the store discount.

It didn't help that the fake military orders he created were allegedly signed by someone who didn't exist.

The scammer's undoing began in part because he wanted to take his federal air marshal weapon with him on the plane and there was confusion about why an airline employee baggage handler, which he still claimed to be, would be carrying an air marshal weapon while on personal travel and while he was supposedly still in the military.

Once investigators started digging into it, they unearthed a jaw-dropping 130 flights the scammer had taken.

I hope he enjoyed his vacations in the sun, because he could be looking at 20 years in the slammer.

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Tips for camping safely with your dog

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My partner and I are first-time campers, planning to go on our first outing in late May at a state park. We have an adult dog, "JayJay," who will come along with us. What tips do you have to keep him safe and having fun all weekend? — Kerry in Atlanta

DEAR KERRY: Camping with your dog can be a lot of fun if you prepare correctly. Keep some key points in mind:

- Make sure your dog doesn't bother other campers.
- Ensure that your dog is leashed and under control at all times.
- Clean up after your dog.
- Make sure your dog has ample water, food and bedding.

One way to prepare is to set up a test camp in your backyard, if you can. Set up your tent and set out all of the items you'll be using during the outing — cooler, chairs, stoves, etc. Put JayJay on his leash and walk him all through the mock campsite, and into the tent, so that he gets familiar with all of these things. Then roll out your sleeping mat and bedding inside the tent, including JayJay's bedding, and climb in. Let JayJay roam the tent interior and have him lie down on his bedding. (This is also the perfect time to test all your new gear, put sealer on the tent seams, and shake things down.)

Once at camp, follow the campsite rules about pets. JayJay will need to be on a leash anytime he's outside. It's important that he comes back when you call him, if he gets loose. If you're worried about your dog barking at night, try to book a campsite that is farther away from others.

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

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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

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

3rd Annual Community Baby

Shower. May 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex in Cherokee, N.C. Food, diapers, gift

cards, raffles, and more. Lunch will be provided. Info: Tricia Carver (828) 359-6250 or triccarv@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, yolasau@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.)
None at this time.

POW WOW LISTINGS

40th Annual UCLA Pow Wow. May 3-4 in Wallis Annenberg Stadium on the campus of UNCLA in Los Angeles, Calif. MC: Walter Ahhaitty. Host Northern Drum:

Sharpshooter. Host Southern Drum: Hale & Company. Info: theuclapowwow@gmail.com

Mni Wakan Oyate Wetu Wacipi.

May 3-4 in the Quentin Burdick Sports Arena in Devils Lake, N.D. Emcees: Dr. Russel McDonald and Redwing Thomas. Head Singer: Wambdi Gill. Info: Kenneth Graywater (701) 381-2009, akicita@spiritlakevfw.com

Teton Pow Wow. May 3 at the Snow King Sports and Event Center in Jackson, Wyo. MC: Chico Her Many Horses. Host Drum: Band Nation. Local Host Drum: Spring Creek. Info: David Deschenes (813) 465-3303, davidd@nativeamericanjumpstart.org

5th Annual Santa Clara University Pow Wow. May 3 at Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, Calif. MC: Randy Pico. Head Southern Singer: Aaron Bear. Info: Claire Alford at calford@scu.edu

13th Annual Columbia University Pow Wow. May 3 on Heckscher Playground Lawn in New York, New York. MC: Keith Colston. Host Drums: Red Blanket, Youngblood. Info: Grace Miller (302) 345-9896, gmm2196@columbia.edu

52nd Annual Naimuma Traditional Pow Wow. May 3 at the Viking Pavillion at the Peter W. Stott Center in Portland, Ore. Host Drum: Four Directions. Info: United Indigenous Students in Higher Education Student Group (503) 857-2795, uishe@pdx.edu

SUPPORT GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Baptist Church at 812 Tsalagi Road, in Cherokee, N.C. This is a

Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, hang-ups, and habits of any kind. All are welcome. Info: Chris McMillan (828) 788-5410

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

Cherokee Cancer Support Group, potluck dinner with a speaker the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Betty's Place, 40 Goose Creek Rd, Cherokee, N.C. Anyone is welcome to attend the potluck. The group provides educational and emotional support to clients and families of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians members with cancer. The group can provide financial assistance for fuel, lodging, and transportation and also can assist with mastectomy items, nutritional supplements, wigs, and related products. The group can volunteer to take a client to their appointment if it is requested in a timely manner. Betty's Place is open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (828) 497-0788

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

MARA (Medication-Assisted Recovery Anonymous) meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the Rivercane Room at Analenisgi. Info: Analenisgi (828) 497-9163 or visit:

<https://cherokeehospital.org/locations/analenisgi>

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

WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

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

- * Kids Take Over the Museum Day. May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- * Sunset Series Concert: Acoustic Eidolon. May 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- * Storytelling on Sundays. May 25 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- * Legends Concert: Smooth Sailor. May 30 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

Little Middle Folk School.

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

Vann House Day. July 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chief Vann House Georgia State Historic Site

at 82 Hwy 225N in Chatsworth, Ga. Demonstrations and activities like that of an 1800s farming family. Local craftspeople will demonstrate 19th century skills such as blacksmithing, quilting, weaving, blow guns, and more. The Vann Mansion, Cherokee Farmstead, Vann Kitchen, and Museum will be open for self-guided tours. Enjoy live fiddle music. Info: (706) 695-2598, vann_house_park@dnr.ga.gov

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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

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

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11

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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. Wednes-
day Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor
Roberta French 497-6918

Bigwitch Baptist Church.
2290 Bigwitch Rd. Sunday School
10 a.m., Sunday service 11 a.m.,
Sunday evening service 6 p.m.,

Wednesday service 6 p.m. Pas-
tor 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. Wednes-
day 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 Naza-
rene.** 72 Old School Loop off Big
Cove Road. Sunday Morning Ser-
vice 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 Holi-
ness Church.** Located behind the
Wolfetown Gym. Sunday School:
10 a.m, Sunday worship: 11 a.m,

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Obadiah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which Babylon king went insane living in the fields eating grass? *Nebu-chadnezzar, Solomon, Daniel, Herod*
3. From Genesis 23, what was the first land purchase in the Bible? *Garden, Hilltop, Cave, River shore*
4. Which apostle was foreordained to minister to the Gentiles? *Thomas, Paul, Andrew, John*
5. According to Song of Solomon 1:2, what is love better than? *Food, Wine, Money, Song*
6. Which son of the dying Jacob did he compare to a vicious lion? *Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nebuchad-
nezzar, 3) Cave, 4) Paul, 5) Wine, 6)
Judah

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Moments in time

• On May 12, 1896, New York City passed America's first anti-spitting law in an effort to combat tuberculo-
sis, imposing fines and even jail time
on unruly protesters who demonstrat-
ed their discontent by expectorating
on anti-spitting signs. By 1910, more
than 2,500 arrests had been made.

• On May 13, 1846, in response to a
request by President James Polk, the
U.S. Congress declared war on Mex-
ico. The conflict, which ended two
years later with the Treaty of Gua-
dalupe Hidalgo, eventually cost the
lives of 11,300 American soldiers and
resulted in the annexation of lands that
became parts of Oklahoma, New Mex-
ico, Arizona, Nevada, California, Utah
and Colorado.

• On May 14, 1998, legendary croon-
er, actor and show business icon Frank
Sinatra died of a heart attack in Los
Angeles at the age of 82. A heartthrob
who married four times and divorced
three, Sinatra's career spanned more
than five decades, including a notable
comeback in the 1950s.

• On May 15, 1948, 3-year-old June
Devaney of Blackburn, England, was
abducted from the hospital where she
was recuperating from pneumonia.
After her body was found two hours
later, the detective inspector assigned
to the case ordered the fingerprinting
of the more than 40,000 men residing
in Blackburn, which took nearly three
months but eventually led to the killer,
who was convicted and executed later
that year.

• On May 16, 1975, Junko Tabei of
Japan became the first woman to sum-
mit Mount Everest. She later gained
further fame as the first woman to
scale all Seven Summits, the tallest
mountains on each continent.

• On May 17, 2000, the final episode
of "Beverly Hills, 90210" aired after
10 seasons.

• On May 18, 2012, Facebook held
its initial public offering (IPO) and
raised \$16 billion. It was the largest
technology IPO in American history
at the time and third-largest IPO in the
United States, after those of Visa and
General Motors. When it went public,
the social network was valued at \$104
billion and boasted some 900 million
registered users around the world.

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The Garden Bug

Just as the moon influences the tides, it also has a gravitational effect on the moisture within the earth, and the moisture within plants themselves.

From the day the moon is 'new' to the day it is 'full,' plant annual flowers and vegetables that bear crops *above* ground.

From the day after it is 'full' to the day before it is 'new' again, plant flowering bulbs, biennial and perennial flowers, and vegetables that bear crops *below* ground. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.almanac.com, themicrogardener.com

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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 6 p.m. Pastor Justin Hunt (828) 736-1155

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

streamed from the 24/7 church channel, Embassy TV <https://embassytv.net> Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Will Chambliss, Thursday Night Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymedia-group@gmail.com

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., Wednesday services 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brent Stewart. Search Grace Bible Church NC on Facebook. Check the page as some

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Wednesdays there are no services. Also, Sunday worship service is live-streamed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Olivet United Methodist Church. 811 Olivet Church Road.

Sunday School 9am. Sunday Service 9:45am.

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

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

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

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

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

Shoal Creek Baptist Church. 184 Shoal Creek Church Loop Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., Wednesday

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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 meetings also. Interim Pastor - Harley Maney Jr.

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

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

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

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

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

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
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Estate File No. 23-020

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

before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

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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porations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Donald Owle
131 Fryemont Rd
Bryson City, NC. 28713

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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rations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Sarah Bruneel
290 Tsalagi Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719

5/7

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

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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:
James Daniel Arch
 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against

rations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
 Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
 Hilda Leanna Arch
 53 Rose Lane
 Cherokee, NC 28719
5/14


Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Cherokee, North Carolina
 Estate File No. 25-037
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
HAROLD ALFRED LOSSIAH
 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against

this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
 Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
 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.
 All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this

estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
 Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
 Rebecca Sneed
 P.O. Box 2274
 Cherokee, NC. 28719
5/14

In the Matter of Komenda-Maney, JT 24-057:
 Attention Melissa Komenda and Jon Maney
 Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is termination of parental



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

Speech Language Pathologist

*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)

Varsity Football Head Coach (Closing May 5, 2025)

Gear Up Coordinator (Grant Funded)

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rights.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than JUNE 20, 2025 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 30TH day of APRIL, 2025

Shira Hedgepeth, Hedgepeth Law Group, PLLC

PO Box 514

Cullowhee, NC 28723

5/21

The Cherokee Court

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, Qualla Boundary, North Carolina

File No. CV. 23-324

**Tribal Child Support
Enforcement**

**HOLLI JEANNE BIRD,
Plaintiff**

Vs

**CASSANDRA LYNN CROWE,
Defendant**

Notice of Service by Publication

To: Cassandra Lynn Crowe,
Defendant Current address unknown, last known address 15 Nellie Goings Road, P.O. Box 973 Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

Take Notice that a pleading has been filed in the above entitled court. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Establishment of child support, regarding the minor children BMP (date of birth 08/11/2009), JSP (date of birth 09/11/2010 and PKT (date of birth 07/15/2018).

You are required to make a response or other defense to such pleading not later than 11 June 2025 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the

relief sought.

This the 1st day of May, 2025

Joseph M. Collins

Collins & Collins Law, P.A.

Attorney for Tribal Child Support

Enforcement

217 Iotla Street

Franklin, NC. 28734

(828)524-0017

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

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Comprehensive Housing Needs
Assessment

April 24, 2024

Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Housing

Cherokee Indian Housing Division

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Closing Sunday, May 04, 2025

1. Inventory Technician – Tribal Construction – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
2. Inventory Assistant – Tribal Construction – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour)
3. Carpenter – SB & CC Building Maintenance – Snowbird/Cherokee County (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
4. Grants Analyst (Multiple) – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) 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)
29. Electrician Assistant – Facility Management – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 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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New Positions This Week

Electrician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$26.52 - \$30.31
Cook Aide - \$15.00 - \$16.77
Laundry Aide - \$15.00 - \$16.77
PRC RN Case Manager - \$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

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
Dental Hygienist - \$67,082 - \$83,852
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
Electrician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$26.52 - \$30.31

MEDICAL

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

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

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

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

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

Block Underpinning: Block underpinning will be installed for doublewides.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



THE GOOD STUFF



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Volleyball award

Loshi Ward, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was awarded the 2024-25 Gold Award as the Team's Most Outstanding Player for Johnson & Wales University women's volleyball during its Athletic Awards ceremony on Friday, April 25. Ward, a setter, had 496 assists (5.11 per set) during the 2024 season along with 46 kills and 35 service aces. (Photo courtesy of family)



Barrel Racer

Cameron Blankenship, age 12, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Tahlequah, Okla., competed with her horse Nifty Lady Jack in the 2025 Better Barrel Races World Finals held April 22–27 in Oklahoma City, Okla. She finished 38th out of 1,236 competitors in the youth division and 448th overall out of 2,017 riders. There were only 319 riders who didn't knock down a barrel and Blankenship was one of them. She is the daughter of Curry Blankenship and Faye Ketcher and the great-granddaughter of Bob and Laura Blankenship. (Photo courtesy of family)

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