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Running for hope

McCoy doing transcontinental fundraiser run

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Kallup McCoy II eats a small bowl of oatmeal, drinks his coffee, and then laces up his shoes for another day of running. It is the morning of Friday, May 16, day 56 of his Transcontinental Run from San Diego, Calif. to Wilmington, N.C., and he is starting the day in a familiar place – his hometown of Cherokee, N.C.

McCoy, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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Kallup McCoy II (neon yellow shirt), a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, runs with local supporters in downtown Cherokee, N.C., on the morning of Friday, May 16 on day 56 of his Transcontinental Run (San Diego, Calif. to Wilmington, N.C.). He is running to raise money for RezHOPE Recovery & Consulting Services as well as raising awareness for recovery from drug addiction and mental health challenges. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Image of the Week:

Nola Teesatuskie, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the lead cultural specialist at the Museum of the Cherokee People, is shown storytelling at the Visitor Appreciation Day hosted by the Cherokee Welcome Center in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Saturday, May 17. Here, she is telling the story of how the flute came to the Cherokee people.
(SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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RUNNING: From front page

(EBCI), has been doing a Transcontinental Run from San Diego, Calif. to Wilmington, N.C. to raise money for RezHOPE Recovery & Consulting Services and to raise awareness for recovery from drug addiction and mental health challenges.

“Every single emotion that you can experience as a human being, I’ve gone through over and over and over again. When you do an ultra-race, or you do an ultra-run, people will always describe life in a day and I’ve had 56 of those. I’ve been very emotional - crying, laughing, joy, sorrow, not knowing if I was going to be able to finish. It’s been a roller coaster.”

This run has not been easy on McCoy. He has already gone through five pairs of running shoes, and he estimates he’ll run through two to three more before he reaches Wilmington.

“The fatigue that I have right now is just through the roof. So, it’s probably more difficult to get out of bed and get moving. But, being out here and seeing everybody gives me some motivation and inspiration.”

A big source of support for McCoy is his wife, Katelynn Ledford-McCoy, who is also an EBCI tribal member. “It’s definitely been a whole plethora of different emotions. It’s been hard at times to watch, just to see him push himself to such physical exhaustion. But then even in the same breath, saying that, just running through Bryson and then getting ready to run through here and seeing all the love and support, I’m just reminded just how much support we have. I’m just really proud of him. I knew him in addiction so watching him and just knowing how hard he’s worked over these past years, it’s been an emotional roller coaster to say the least.”

She added, “I think a lot of people thought that because he runs, this is going to be easy for him, but it definitely has not been easy. Moreso for me, because I’m, of course, concerned and go into protective mode or get really worried about him being out there on the highways and that physical exhaustion...it’s been scary.”

For any athlete, nutrition and hydration are important. For an event such as this, it is constant. “If I’m doing well with fueling, I’m eating about every 20-30 minutes, which is



McCoy puts on his shoes in preparation for a 50+ mile run on Day 56 of his Transcontinental Run (San Diego, Calif. to Wilmington, N.C.). He is shown at the Cherokee Post Office in Cherokee, N.C. where his day’s run began. McCoy has already gone through five pairs of running shoes, and he estimates he will run through two to three more before he reaches Wilmington.

pretty difficult because food just doesn’t taste good anymore. You just get so tired of eating it becomes a job.”

As he has traveled from state-to-state, McCoy has enjoyed each day’s run and each day’s experience. “It’s been really awesome. We’ve gotten to meet a lot of different people in differ-

ent states, and I did a live podcast on the road. That was pretty cool. Just hearing people reach out to me through DMs and messaging and talking about how maybe they’ve lost a family member, or they’ve struggled themselves.”

When asked what has been the most enjoyable about the run, he noted, “The people. Hanging out with my crew...the people that have come out that have crewed me were total strangers, a lot of them. Now it’s like we’re best friends or brothers or sisters. When you come out here and you share adversity and you’re going through some challenging situations, that’s going to grow your bond really strong. So, the people that I’ve gotten to meet along the way, my crew, and the sunsets, especially out west... it’s hard to beat those sunsets out there. That’s been one of my favorite parts.”

Several runners from Cherokee came out to run the first part of Day 56 with McCoy.

Kiersten Cucumber, an EBCI tribal member and a junior at Swain Co. High School, noted, “What he’s doing, he’s showing us and leading us by example that we can accomplish anything.”

That support has been amazing for McCoy. “I mean, just so much joy and appreciation for the love that I have, that I didn’t even realize. When I came in last night to Bryson, I was expecting 20-30 people to come out and there was well over 100 that showed up. I needed that. It’s the toughest that I’ve experienced this whole time, the fatigue. I’m tired. I’m exhausted. My legs don’t have a lot in them right now, it feels like. But yesterday we were getting closer and closer to town and I was drawing so much strength from that. And, to know that we’ve got so many people that love and support us. That’s encouraging. That’s made this whole journey worth it to see that and to see how it’s impacting people in our community.”

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Chief Hicks Monthly Report for Ka-wo-ni - ᎠᎩᏍᏔᏅ (April)

Submitted by the Office of
Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief)
Michell Hicks

April was a meaningful month filled with progress, strong partnerships, and time spent with our people. I'm proud to share a few highlights from the past several weeks.

We began the month by meeting Senator Sydney Batch, Representative Robert Reives, and members of the Unite Here! Labor Union. These conversations ensure that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians remains involved in state-level discussions that affect our communities and economy. A powerful moment came with the dedication of Kuwohi, formerly known as Clingman's Dome. The work to reclaim this sacred name, led by Lavita Hill and Missy Crowe, reflects what's possible when we stand together to preserve our history and protect our land.

Another key milestone this month was the advancement of our MMIP (Missing and Murdered Indigenous People) database. In partnership with the Executive Office, CIPD, and community members, this tool will allow us to gather critical data and take informed steps to better protect our people.

April also gave us time to come together as families and neighbors. Events like the PHHS Superhero Walk and the Easter gathering at the old Cherokee High School remind us of our strength when united in celebration and commu-



Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, seated alongside EBCI Tribal leadership, meets with North Carolina leaders in Raleigh to address key issues and future collaboration. Shown, left to right, seated are Ugviyuhi Hicks, Dinilawigi Chairman Mike Parker, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell, Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle, Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle, EBCI Chief of Staff Paxton Myers, and Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahnetah. (Photos courtesy of Office of Ugviyuhi Michell Hicks)

nity.

Later that month, I traveled to Raleigh for important meetings with state leadership and state legislators. We had honest conversations about the challenges we're facing and opportunities to work together for the betterment of our people.

I joined other tribal leaders in Florida in signing the Accord of Nations agreement with the Miccosukee, Choctaw, and Seminole Tribes. Together, we reaffirmed our shared commitment to defending tribal sovereignty and protecting the future of our Nations.

Back home, I visited with students at Cherokee High School to discuss upcoming summer internships and spoke with students at Western Carolina University about leadership and career pathways.

Investing in our youth remains a top priority.

The 2nd Annual Cherokee Autism Celebration, organized by the Jackson Swain Qualla Boundary Support Group and supported by local schools and sponsors, was a powerful example of community action. I'm grateful to everyone who made it such a meaningful event.

We also hosted Garden Kit Giveaways in Cherokee, Snowbird, Yellowhill Activity Center and at Tsali Manor, distributing over 750 kits to community members. These events brought people together and encouraged healthy, sustainable practices at home. I also had the privilege of attending the Veterans Stand-Down, where we recognized and supported those who have served.

I also had the opportunity to meet with a group of Cherokee Nation language speakers. Supporting language revitalization efforts remains a top priority as we look to the future.

We closed the month by supporting our athletes at the 2025 Special Olympics and the Swain County Special Olympics. These events celebrate determination, inclusion, and community spirit, and I was proud to stand alongside our athletes and their families.

We've made meaningful strides this month, and I'm thankful to everyone who continues to support our shared work. I look forward to what we'll accomplish together as we head into the summer season.

Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens (May 2025)

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

Each month, the One Feather will provide legislative updates on various pieces of federal legislation of interest to members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act). This House bill would place 76 acres of land in eastern Tennessee into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Included in that land are the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, the Chota Memorial, and the Tanasi Memorial sites.

Introduced: Jan. 7 by Rep. Charles J. “Chuck” Fleischmann (R-Tenn.)

Action: This bill was passed in the House by a voice vote on Feb. 4. It was received in the Senate the next day and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S. 761 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act). This Senate bill would establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies. According to Congress.gov, “Among other duties, the Commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native

Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools.”
Introduced: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. It was “ordered to be reported without amendment favorably” by the Committee on March 5. No further action has been taken on this bill.

H.R. 2412 (Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act). This House bill would establish an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Advisory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State.

Introduced: Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawaii)

Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the House Committee on Natural Resources. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

S.107 (Lumbee Fairness Act). This Senate bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group.

Introduced: Jan. 16 by Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.)

Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 474 (Lumbee Fairness Act).

This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. This bill is identical to S. 107.

Introduced: Jan. 16 by Rep. David

Rouzer (R-N.C.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 2929. Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe recognition bill. This House bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group.

Introduced: April 17 by Rep. Donald G. Davis (D-N.C.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 3255. Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025. This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a state-recognized group in Michigan.

Introduced: May 7 by Rep. Hillar J. Scholten (D-Mich.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:

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EBCI Government Explained The Cherokee Arts and Crafts Act

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has a community flush with artistic talent and history, and the Cherokee Arts and Crafts Act was passed to help with its sustainability.

The Act was created with the passage of Ord. No. 658 (2019) on Sept. 12, 2019. The Act, which is found in Cherokee Code Chapter 106 (Business Regulation) Article III, states in part, “The purpose of this article shall be to prohibit

misrepresentation in the marketing of Cherokee arts, crafts, and goods so as to protect and promote the authenticity and integrity of Cherokee culture and members of the public engaged in commerce on the Qualla Boundary. The Tribe is committed to protecting its arts and culture and in telling the Tribe’s story accurately and truthfully.”

The Whereas section of Ord. No. 658 gives insight into the impetus behind the creation of the Act. “Some arts and crafts sellers on the Qualla Boundary display and sell items that are represented as being the arts and crafts of the EBCI or of other Native American tribes, but in fact the items have no connection to Cherokee artists or Cherokee history or to other tribes.”

There is federal law governing

this issue. The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 states, “It is unlawful to offer or display for sale or sell any good, with or without a government trademark, in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian or Indian tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization”.

The Act defines an Indian as “any individual who is a member of an Indian tribe, or for the purpose of this section is certified as an Indian artisan by an Indian tribe”.

It defines Indian tribe as “any Indian tribe, band, nation, Alaska Native village, or other organized group of community which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians; or any Indian group that has been formally recognized as an Indian tribe by a state legislature or by a state commission or similar organization legislatively vested with state tribal recognition authority”.

The penalty for the first violation of the federal Indian Arts and Crafts Act is up to five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine with subsequent violations going up to 15 years imprisonment and a \$1,000,000 fine.

The Whereas section of Ord.

No. 658 states the reason behind the EBCI passing its own law on this issue. “There are other laws which intend to address this problem, including the federal Indian Arts and Crafts Act (P.L. 101-644), but these laws have not prevented inauthentic Cherokee goods and goods falsely purporting to be of other tribes from being displayed and sold; and for the betterment of the Tribe and the protection of its arts and cultures on the Qualla Boundary, the Tribe should create its own arts and crafts act to require truth-in-advertising for items represented as Indian arts and crafts on the Qualla Boundary.”

Also, the Cherokee Arts and Crafts Act limits Indian artists to members of federally recognized tribes only.

Sec. 106-64 of the Cherokee Arts and Crafts Act speaks to enforcement stating that violators will be found guilty of Trading in Inauthentic Goods. “Each violation of this Article shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and term of imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both.”

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Bill introduced to recognize Michigan state-recognized group

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

A bill has been introduced into the 119th Congress of the United States that would grant federal acknowledgment to a state-recognized group in Michigan. H.R. 3255 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025) was introduced by Congresswoman Hillary Scholten (D-Mich.) and Congressman John James (R-Mich.) on Thursday, May 8.

Rep. Scholten said in a statement, "The Grand River Bands are a central part of our state's history, culture, and community, and it's long overdue that we officially recognize them as a sovereign tribe. They are foundational to the

identity of west Michigan, and for nearly 30 years, the Grand River Bands have been advocating for federal recognition. I'm committed to ensuring they get the resources and respect they deserve."

The group received state recognition from the State of Michigan on Feb. 2, 1996.

On its website, the Grand River Bands writes, "The Grand River Bands have lived on lands in west Michigan for hundreds of years. Our ancestors survived on these lands, and in 1821 and 1836, our chiefs signed treaties recognizing the ancestral homelands of our people. These lands are still sacred to the Grand River Bands today. The Grand River Bands were also signatories to the 1795 Treaty of Greenville; 1807 Treaty of Detroit;

1821 Treaty of Chicago; 1836 Treaty of Washington and the 1855 Treaty of Detroit."

Ron Yob, Grand River Bands chairman, said in a statement following introduction of the bill, "For more than three decades, we have advocated for acknowledgment by the federal government to give our tribal members access to resources they have long deserved. This bill brings us a step closer to recognition, which will help us continue to grow and preserve our traditions for generations to come."

The Grand River Bands did attempt to go through the Department of the Interior's Office of Federal Acknowledgement (OFA) process to achieve their goal. According to a document on the Federal Register entitled "Proposed Finding Against Federal Acknowledgment of the Grand River Band of Ottawa Indians", the group filed a letter of intent to petition for federal acknowledgment as the Grand River Band Ottawa Council on Nov. 16, 1994. On Nov. 14, 1997, the group filed a petitioner update changing its name to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians. It submitted its first materials for their petition in December 2000.

Following years of back-and-forth requests for additional materials and subsequent submissions by the Grand River Bands, the DOI issued its finding against giving

the group federal acknowledgment on Feb. 27, 2023.

That document states, "While the Petitioner's members appear to descend from these historic Grand River-area bands...the Petitioner has not determined that its members comprise a distinct community that has existed as a community through time."

It goes on to state, "In sum, although the claims of Petitioner #146 stem from descent from a group of historic bands, the Petitioner has not documented any activities since the treaty era that reflect a continuously existing distinct community. Rather, the evidence shows that the Petitioner came together beginning in 1995 from several independent groups. The absence of a distinct community among the Petitioner's ancestors in earlier evaluation periods is reflected in the continued lack of many characteristics of a distinct community among the current membership. Evidence since 1995 shows that there is a very small group of members, often those in leadership positions, who are active as members, but the overwhelming majority of members are not present and do not participate in Petitioner-sponsored events and activities."

H.R. 3255 has been referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There are no hearings scheduled for this legislation as of press time.

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Years at CIHA: 22 Years

Community/Hometown: Cherokee, NC/ Yellowhill Community

"I love working at CIHA because I love serving my community. I love being able to help in any way possible and giving back to my community by meeting their needs from a rehabilitation standpoint is what drives me to make a difference. I have dedicated my career to my community and serving my people in any and every capacity from providing treatment, opening new services in my department and opening career pathways for the youth. I simply just want to make a difference and give back and CIHA has given me that opportunity."

- Jennifer Thompson

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EBCI Public Health achieves National Public Health Accreditation

Submitted by
EBCI Public Health Department

The EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Public Health Department has announced it has achieved National Public Health Accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). This prestigious recognition signifies the department's unwavering commitment to providing the highest quality public health services to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians community members. It is the gold standard in public health practice.

"We pursued PHAB accreditation to ensure we are meeting the highest national standards for public health practice while honoring the unique needs of our tribal community," states Sheena Kanott Lambert, EBCI Public Health Director. "This multi-year journey has strengthened our department's infrastructure, improved how we deliver services, and deepened our partnerships across the local public health system. I'm incredibly proud of our team for this achievement—but ultimately, this milestone is about our community. As the public health authority for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, our responsibility is to help our people live longer, healthier lives. Accreditation is a powerful step toward that vision."

PHAB accreditation is a rigorous process that requires health departments to demonstrate that they meet nationally recognized standards of public health practice across 12 domains. These domains encompass essential areas of public health practice, such as:

- Community health assessment
- Disease prevention and control
- Health promotion and education



Members of the EBCI Public Health Department team are shown, left to right, Brandy Davis (Operations Director), Lyndsey Henderson (Preparedness Coordinator), Mike Quillen (Health Care Administration Director), Robin Callahan (Cherokee Choices & NFP Program Director), Stella Blankenship (Tsalagi Public Health Program Manager), Mark Tuttle (Epidemiologist), Sheena Kanott Lambert (Public Health Director), Martha Salyers (Accreditation Coordinator), Dwayne Reed (Former- Environmental Health & Safety Specialist), and Jennifer Oskins (Quality Improvement Specialist). Not pictured: Radonna Crowe (Public Relations Specialist), Manuel Hernandez (Training Coordinator), Emily Maass (CDC Public Health Associate), Jessica Enhelder (CDC Public Health Associate), Mellie Burns (Children's Dental Program Manager), Charles "Chuck" Reagan (Current- Environmental Health & Safety Specialist), Kimberly Lambert (WIC Program Manager), and Melanie Ashe (Former Tribal In Home Care Administrator), Gretchen McNab (Current Tribal In Home Care Administrator), and Alisha Hernandez (Office Administrator) all other public health staff who work tirelessly every day to serve the community. (PHHS photo)

- Environmental health
- Emergency preparedness
- Community Partnerships
- Community Engagement
- Workforce Development
- Continuous Quality Improvement

By achieving national accreditation, the EBCI Public Health Department has established itself as a leader in tribal public health - becoming only the third health department in North Carolina (out of 85) and the seventh federally recognized tribe in the entire nation (out of 574) to earn this distinction. This national recognition places EBCI Public Health among

the top 3.5 percent of North Carolina health departments and the top 1.2 percent of federally recognized tribes nationwide - demonstrating leadership in public health excellence and cultural responsiveness.

It demonstrates the department's ongoing commitment to:

- Promoting healthy lifestyles: Encouraging healthy behaviors and preventing disease.
- Protecting the community from health threats: Addressing public health emergencies and ensuring a safe and healthy environment.
- Improving the health outcomes of tribal members: Providing

effective and culturally competent services.

Officials with the Department state, "EBCI Public Health Department extends its deepest gratitude to its dedicated workforce, community and county partners, and tribal leadership for their invaluable contributions in achieving this accomplishment. This national accreditation signifies the collective effort and commitment to ensuring the health and well-being of EBCI community members. Together, we pave the way for a brighter, healthier future of "V.ᎠᎨ" (TOHI) - for generations to come."

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Tyruss Thompson

Congratulations

Tyruss Thompson 𐏆𐏆𐏆

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your next chapter!

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Auntie Michelle, Cousins & little cousins

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Finances for casino in Indiana

A reader asked:

Can you publish a profit/loss report on the tribally-owned Caesar’s Southern Indian casino? How is the Tribe benefiting from this casino? If there are profits, how are they being used?

The One Feather sent this question to Terri Henry, EBCI governmental affairs liaison; Paxton Myers, EBCI Chief of Staff; and Sheyahshe Littledave, EBCI Office of the Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) public information officer, on Wednesday, April 16. On April 16, they responded, “We’ll get a response to you as soon as we can.” No additional response has been received.

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
May 5-11, 2025**

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

Bradley, Evard Lamar – age 45

Arrested: May 5

Released: May 8

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Nash, Meisha Lee – age 38

Arrested: May 5

Released: May 5

Charges: Drug Paraphernalia Using Possessing

Parton, Anna Elizabeth – age 44

Arrested: May 5

Released: May 6

Charges: Tampering with Evidence, Providing or Possessing Contraband, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Roach, Marty William – age 19

Arrested: May 5

Released: May 5

Charges: Temporary Hold

Ledford, Austin Taylor – age 22

Arrested: May 6

Released: May 8

Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Reed, Samuel Enoch – age 35

Arrested: May 6

Released: Not released as of report date (May 12)

Charges: Misdemeanor Larceny, Pre-Trial Release Violation (two counts)

Smallwood, William – age 57

Arrested: May 7

Released: Not released as of report date (May 12)

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Thomas, Angela DeeAnne-Wolfe – age 47

Arrested: May 7

Released: May 8

Charges: False Pretenses, Grand Larceny

Vorhies, Andrews Scott – age 39

Arrested: May 7

Released: May 7

Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Wolf, Jason – age 24

Arrested: May 7

Released: May 8

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Brady Sr., Billy Joe – age 57

Arrested: May 8

Released: Not released as of report date (May 12)

Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Brady, William Joseph – age 64

Arrested: May 8

Released: Not released as of report date (May 12)

Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Communicating Threats; Aggravated Weapons Offense; Elder Abuse and Neglect; Aggravated Reckless Endangerment; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Dockery, Dennis Larry – age 57

Arrested: May 8

Released: Not released as of report date (May 12)

Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Lemon, Lindsey Ann – age 34

Arrested: May 8

Released: May 9

Charges: Tampering with Evidence; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Providing or Possessing Contraband

Malpass, Jonathan – age 49

Arrested: May 8

Released: Not released as of report date (May 12)

Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Thompson, Sarah Marie – age 36

Arrested: May 8

Released: May 8

Charges: Driving While License Revoked

Welch, Susan Ashley – age 39

Arrested: May 8

Released: Not released as of report date (May 12)

Charges: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Corral, Humberto – age 33

Arrested: May 9

Released: May 9

Charges: Hold Until Sober

Jackson, Jack Edward – age 51

Arrested: May 9

Released: May 9

Charges: Extradition – Fugitive other State

Davis, Jeremiah Israel-Dementric – age 27

Arrested: May 11

Released: Not released as of report date (May 12)

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Pre-Trial Release Violation, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Parris, Daniel Blake – age 25

Arrested: May 11

Released: Not released as of report date (May 12)

Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Parris, Nathaniel – age 26

Arrested: May 11

Released: Not released as of report date (May 12)

Charges: Disorderly Conduct



The office of the Cherokee One Feather will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 26.

Local student excels in dental school

By SPAINE STEPHENS
ECU School of Dental Medicine
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Although East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine student Madisyn French is far from her hometown of Cherokee, N.C., she is eager to establish her role in the clinical environment of Ross Hall.

French, who just began her third year of dental school, received her white coat alongside her classmates earlier this year in the school's traditional ceremony and is ready to put the skills she's learned in the classroom and labs




Third-year dental student Madisyn French, from Cherokee, N.C., is looking forward to providing clinical care to her patients. (Photo by Steven Mantilla)



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to good use. She is eager to provide clinical care to patients while establishing a strong level of trust and rapport with them as well.

"We dabbled in clinical care a little bit at the end of our D2 year, but in our D3 year, we'll be in clinic three days a week, working with patients and doing rotations through pediatrics, emergency and oral surgery," she said. "It's a big step and we're going to be doing a lot of things we've never done before. It's going to be humbling and nerve-racking, but it's also really exciting."

French, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, also hopes to provide an option for patients who want to seek care from health care providers who look like them and share cultural ties — and to serve as a role model for children from Cherokee.

"It's intimidating when you walk into a building and you see no one who looks like you," she said, "and it's sometimes more difficult to trust people if there's no one to understand your very unique background and the cultural importance of things. I'm excited to be in this position; it's a good example for younger women and men of different cultural backgrounds to see that they can do this too."

French is a member of the Class of 2027, a particularly tight-knit group among the dental school's classes - all of which bring unique leadership skills, passions, motivations and paths to Ross Hall.

"One of my favorite parts of dental school so far has been just really bonding with my classmates," she said. "Our first year of school, it was wonderful to see these strangers who just happen to be in the same program become family."

When Hurricane Helene hit western North Carolina last fall, French's classmates learned that she hoped to take essential supplies to those in need when she returned to Cherokee during a break.

"I asked my classmates for clothes and shoes that they had been wanting to get rid of," she said. "They really rallied behind me and some of our other classmates from the mountains, and they raised around \$500 for us to purchase supplies and essential items. We bought about 200 toothbrushes and toothpaste to make little hygiene bags that we disbursed throughout the area." That show of solidarity was part of French's transition to her new home in Greenville and Ross Hall.

She attended Western Carolina University in Cullowhee for undergraduate studies — not far from Cherokee. She majored in biology and earned a minor in psychology. After graduation, she worked as a certified nursing assistant in nursing homes and the hospital. During that time, she discovered a passion for helping patients care for their oral health — an area that she noticed needed more attention. She was primarily working with patients with special needs and others who were recovering from strokes who needed help with daily tasks.

"A lot of my duties fell on getting them ready for bed," she said. "A lot of that was making sure their teeth were brushed. I had a lot of patients who had full dentures or partials that needed to be cleaned, so I started spending a lot of time doing that for my patients."

That experience sparked a double dose of passion in French — oral health care and working with patients who have special

needs.

One of the School of Dental Medicine's biggest areas of focus is caring for patients with special needs, so French decided to take advantage of the expertise of faculty, the specialized clinics and opportunities for exposure to this niche type of care.

"I've always enjoyed working with my special needs patients," she said. "It wasn't always the sought-after hall to be on when I was a CNA, but it's just a very rewarding patient population to work with."

French is also preparing to conduct research around special needs care alongside Dr. Sukyung Moon, clinical assistant professor in special care dentistry. They will be focusing in particular on working with caregivers of patients with special needs to educate them on home oral health care, assess the areas where they need support, offer solutions and study whether there are improvements later on. That opportunity is one reason French chose the ECU School of Dental Medicine.

"I fell in love with the mission," she said. "As a person of color from a rural area, it means the world to me that they care so much about these populations across the state and are trying to bring health care to them. Where I'm from, if you need complex care, you have to drive anywhere from Asheville to Charlotte." French said that although it's too early to know for certain, she hopes to return to western North Carolina to practice after graduation.

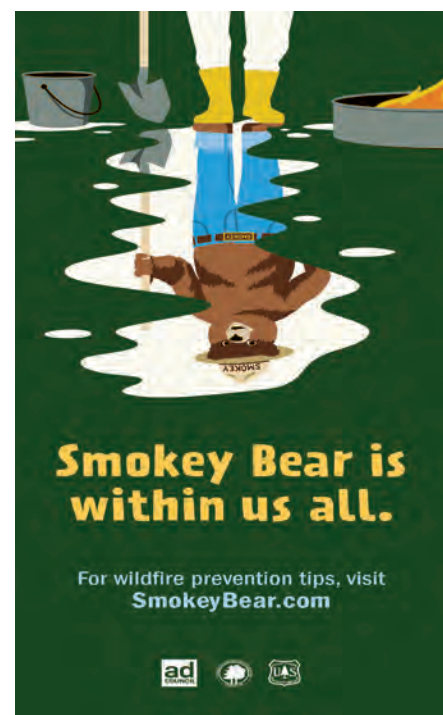
"I would definitely want to go back to the mountains," she said. "Where exactly? I'm not sure yet. It depends on a lot of factors during my last two years here, but I'd be interested in floating around

to different places or practices, offering care for special care needs patients or medically complex patients."

To gain even more opportunities and service experiences, French is a member of the school's Women in Dentistry club and the Special Care Dentistry Association. She served as video and content creation chair of the cabinet of the American Student Dental Association. She volunteers each year at Sonrié Clinic, a student-led event that provides care for migrant farmworkers and their families and communities. She also has helped coach youth soccer teams during the past year.

No matter where she ends up after graduation or after potentially completing a general practice residency, French wants to make a difference for the patients who need her, where they need her. "I'm really excited," she said, "to be a part of a change that's bringing care closer to patients in rural communities."

She is the daughter of Richard French of Kolanvyi (Big Cove) and Betty Ann French of Sylva, N.C.





Logo designed to honor Cherokee Code Talkers

Article submitted by Aniyona Cohort of the CLMAP (Cherokee Language Master Apprenticeship Program)

“The language we were forbidden to speak is the same language that helped save the United States of America”

It is well known that during World War II, the Navajo served as Code Talkers to help with the U.S. Military Operations. It is not as known that other tribal nations served in the same capacity as well, including the Cherokees, as early as World War I.

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) resident and First Language Cherokee Speaker Moses Oocumma wanted to learn more about the Eastern

Band’s contributions. His research included reading “The First Code Talkers – Native American Communicators in World War I” written by William C. Meadows.

In honor of their invaluable contributions, Oocumma, with the help of Myrtle Driver, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and Gabby Thompson, came up with design and put them on shirts for the Master Speakers and Adult Learners.

On the cover of the design is First Language Cherokee Speaker Frank Cucumber, of Wayohi (Wolftown) who served in Vietnam, SPC 4 First Calvary Engineer.

Below are excerpts from the book referenced above:

“The Cherokee “code talkers” were the first known use of Native Americans in the American military to transmit messages under fire, and they continued to serve



Cherokee First Language Speaker Moses Oocumma making a kanon used for pounding flour corn. (Photo by Madison Long)

in this unique capacity for rest of World War I.”

“The Cherokees served in the U.S. 30th Infantry Division, particularly noted for their contributions during the Second Battle of the Somme in September 1918, where they effectively communicated vital information that was crucial for military operations. Their unique skills helped prevent enemy interception of communications, marking them as the earliest documented use of Native code talkers by the U.S. Army. The legacy of the Cherokee code talkers continues to be recognized, with efforts to connect with surviving members or their descendants to preserve their history.”

It is important to note that

enemies were never able to decode the Cherokees’ or any other tribal languages that were used. The Cherokee language helped save lives and the nation.

CLMAP officials noted, “Overall, this proves Cherokee language’s strength and how invaluable it was and still is today. Currently, we are faced with a new challenge – the decline in those who speak and understand our language. Moses currently works as a Cherokee Master Speaker and teaching the Cherokee Language Master Apprenticeship Program. His efforts, along with other Speakers – including Frank and Myrtle, are saving our language for the future generations.”

CIHA welcomes new administrator of Tsali Care Center

Submitted by Cherokee Indian
Hospital Authority

Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) is proud to announce Michelle Tenhengel-deVile as the new administrator of Tsali Care Center. With an impressive background in nursing leadership and executive healthcare management, she brings a wealth of experience, vision, and compassion to this vital role in our community.

Tenhengel-deVile stepped into the role of administrator in April 2025 after nearly a year of serving as assistant administrator/administrator-in-training. Her commitment to the residents, families, and staff was evident from the start, and her transition into leadership has been both seamless and inspiring.

Tenhengel-deVile worked under Marchetta Campbell who served as the Administrator of Tsali Care Center through an operations contract with Lutheran Services while Michelle completed her Facility Administrator Licensure.

"We're incredibly thankful to



Michelle Tenhengel-deVile is the new administrator of Tsali Care Center. (CIHA photo)

our partners at Lutheran Services for stepping in during a pivotal time to help us meet the regulatory requirements needed to keep Tsali Care Center operating while we transitioned into the new facility," said CIHA CEO Casey Cooper. "Their support and expertise were instrumental in guiding us through this process and in helping Michelle complete her licensing. Now, with Michelle stepping into her new role, we're proud to have Tsali Care once again fully

operated by CIHA."

Tenhengel-deVile's career spans more than a decade in hospital and specialty care leadership roles, including serving as a chief executive officer, chief nursing officer, ICU director, and Safety/Quality/Performance Improvement coordinator. Prior to taking leadership roles, she spent almost two decades as a bedside nurse in critical care and surgical services. Throughout her career, she has earned a reputation for excellence nursing, operational leadership, and building strong, patient-centered teams.

Michelle was born and raised in Charlotte, N.C. but has lived in western North Carolina since 1998. Currently she lives in Sylva, N.C.

Her educational background is equally impressive, holding a Master of Business Administration in Healthcare and a Master's in Nursing Administration and Leadership from Western Governors University. Her blend of clinical knowledge and executive insight makes her uniquely equipped to lead Tsali Care Center into its next chapter and will benefit CIHA as a

whole as her new role also entails serving as the newest member of the organization's Executive Team, which oversees all operations within the healthcare system.

Tenhengel-deVile hit the ground running as administrator and is currently leading the effort to secure the review and certification needed to increase the new facility's capacity from 72 to 100 beds. Once that milestone is achieved, she and her team will begin navigating the regulatory requirements to launch a brand-new service at Tsali Care Center: a 20-bed Assisted Living unit. This addition will mark the first time Assisted Living is offered as part of the Tribe's long-term care continuum, expanding vital options for elder care in the community.

CIHA officials noted, "Please join us in warmly welcoming Michelle Tenhengel-deVile to her new role. We look forward to the continued growth of Tsali Care Center under her leadership and are excited about the future ahead."

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Share your family's story

The Dept. of Natural Resources is archiving stories from grandmothers, mothers, aunts, and daughters of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Participants must be in pairs, trios, or more and all be 18-years-old or older. Participants will receive \$75 per session. Info: Trista Welch at twelch3@ncsu.edu

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

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

Cades Cove Vehicle-Free Days to begin on June 18

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - Great Smoky Mountains National Park

will offer the first Cades Cove Vehicle-Free Day of the year on June 18. Vehicle-free days provide opportunities for pedestrians and cyclists to experience the 11-mile Cades Cove Loop Road without motor vehicles.

Vehicle-free days will continue every Wednesday through Sept. 24.

Reminders for vehicle-free day:

- Safety first: Always wear a helmet when cycling and adhere to the posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour. Wearing a helmet could save your life.
- Park smart: Vehicle-free days are popular and parking is limited. Please park only in designated spots to keep roads safer and to protect roadside ecosystems. Don't forget to grab your parking tag before heading out!

• Timing is everything: Avoid the morning rush! Arriving in the afternoon could give you a much more relaxed experience. If there is no parking available, you will be asked to return later in the day.

• Pack wisely: Due to the terrain of the Cades Cove Loop Road, it often takes people longer than they expect to bike or hike the road.

Bring essentials like food, water and a first aid kit to be prepared. Remember, there is no cell service here, so plan accordingly!

• Know the rules: Only non-motorized bicycles, as well as Class 1 and Class 2 E-bikes, are permitted (Class 3 E-bikes are prohibited). All other motorized and non-motorized vehicles, such as scooters, skateboards and hoverboards, are not allowed.

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Robert George Standingdeer
Robert George Standingdeer, age 63, passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at Mission Hospital, after an extended illness. He is the son of the late Joe and Beatrice Standingdeer and his foster Father, Ray Kinsland. He is also preceded by his brother, Bill.

Robert had an outgoing personality and a ready smile. He was a member of Acquoni Baptist Church and had attended services there since he was 10 years old. He sang in the choir and helped with many church activities. Robert was a certified mason and worked for many years.

Robert is survived by his daughter, Kristin Standingdeer; two grandchildren, Aaliyah and Skylar; sister, Cindy; brother, Jess;

foster mother, Jerri Kinsland; three foster sisters, Dora, Debora, and Camila; special friend, Dianne; several step-children; and many nieces and nephews also survive.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday, May 23 Acquoni Baptist Church at 722 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. The ball used in Gaelic ball-and-stick sports like hurling, camogie, rounders and shinty is known as what?
2. Happy Chandler, Commissioner of Baseball from 1945-51, served two separate terms as governor of what U.S. state?
3. In 1994, Conchita Martinez became the first female from what country to win the Wimbledon singles title?
4. Jimmer Fredette, 2011 NCAA Division I men's basketball scoring champion, played for what college team?
5. Name the Nebraska Cornhuskers quarterback who won a national championship in 1997 and the Heisman Trophy in 2001.
6. The Northern Star Award, presented annually to the top athlete in Canada, was formerly named after what athlete, referee and sportswriter?
7. Beat Feuz, gold medalist in the men's Alpine skiing downhill at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, competed for what country?

Answers

1. A sliotar.
2. Kentucky.
3. Spain.
4. The Brigham Young University Cougars.
5. Eric Crouch.
6. Lou Marsh.
7. Switzerland.

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CIHA's new Occupational Therapy Services provides access to care for patients with Arthritis

CHEROKEE, N.C. - May is National Arthritis Awareness Month, bringing attention to one of the most common chronic health conditions affecting adults in the United States. For many, arthritis can make everyday activities—like getting dressed, cooking, or even holding a cup—more difficult and sometimes painful. While there is no cure, there are ways to manage symptoms and maintain independence, and one important resource is Occupational Therapy (OT).

Occupational therapists work with individuals to improve joint function, reduce strain, and adapt daily tasks to make life more manageable. Whether through targeted exercises, tools and devices that ease joint stress, or modifications to the home or work environment, OT can play a powerful role in helping people live well with arthritis.

At Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA), the importance of this service has been reflected in recent efforts to increase access to OT across the continuum of care. To provide this new service for patients, in Fall 2023, CIHA welcomed Cordell Green, a licensed occupational therapist and enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, to help lead this work. Cordell completed his master's degree in occupational therapy from Brenau University in December 2022 and brings both clinical expertise and a deep cultural understanding to his role.

CIHA's governing board prioritized the expansion of services to include OT after hearing from the community of long wait times and extended travel to receive the care needed from outside providers. On average, CIHA's new OT program serves 100 outpatients and 10 inpatients each month. The team also averages 150 appointments each month for residents at Tsali Care Center.

Since joining the team, Cordell has helped expand OT services to include inpatient and outpatient care. Earlier this year, that reach grew again to serve residents at Tsali Care Center, ensuring that more patients - including

Occupational Therapy Helps Combat Arthritis

May is Arthritis Awareness Month

1 in 3 adults

with arthritis are not physically active

"I feel that there is a need within the community for occupational therapy and it will enhance the quality of life for the next seven generations of the EBCI."

—Cordell Green, Occupational Therapist

The prevalence for Arthritis among American Indian/Alaska Native adults is 30.3%, while it's 22.9% for their white counterparts.



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those most at risk for age progression-related complications - can access tailored support focused on improving mobility, confidence, and quality of life. Cordell's commitment to ensuring the prosperity of the next seven generation is evident in his educational ambition. Cordell is currently pursuing his Doctorate, furthering his knowledge and expertise for the patients he serves. As the Occupational Therapy Services have expanded, two additional staff members have been added to support the program, Kaylin Hipps, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, joined the team in January 2025 and Erin Hyde, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, joined the team in March 2025.

"Cordell's continued training and education will not only benefit our current patients, it will also help guide the future services we are able to provide," said Jennifer Thompson, Rehabilitation Department manager at CIHA. "Since adding this service here at CIHA, we have seen first-hand the need there is for it and the benefits it has for our patients at all stages of life. We have added key team members that

help provide access for patients in all phases of life including areas such as pediatrics and geriatrics at Tsali Care Center. Although expansion has occurred rapidly to provide care to the residents of Tsali Care Center, the team is already looking at increasing access again to provide care at our clinics in Snowbird and Cherokee County."

Living with arthritis often means making adjustments - and occupational therapy can help ensure those changes lead to greater comfort, confidence, and independence. During Arthritis Awareness Month, we encourage anyone experiencing joint pain, stiffness, or mobility challenges to talk to their provider about whether OT might be right for them.

CIHA officials noted, "With support from a compassionate team and community-focused providers, CIHA is here to help patients keep moving - on their own terms."

- Cherokee Indian Hospital
Authority release



COMMENTARY

Hard Truths: Banishment

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

"The Tribal Council shall have the power to exclude enrolled Tribal members when necessary to protect the integrity and law and order on Tribal lands and territory or the welfare of its members."
- Cherokee Code Section 2-1(a)

"The Tribe hereby declares that the power to exclude is an inherent and essential part of Tribal sovereignty. It is indispensable to the Tribe's autonomy and self-governance. Further, it is a natural right of the members of this Tribe, through their Tribal leaders and codified Tribal law, to exercise the power of exclusion to protect the Tribe's natural, economic, and cultural resources, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tribal members."
- Cherokee Code Section 2-1(e)

Have you ever really looked at an exclusion resolution? Not just the banishment list to see who has been given the boot from our tribal lands, but also looked at the "therefore" section that is supposed to be the justification for excluding an individual or entity? We publish each resolution of exclusion for everyone excluded once the Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) has ratified it into law. Those may be viewed by anyone in the world by going to www.theonefeather.com and accessing the banishment list.

I pulled up the most recent resolution, and in the "whereas"

portion, it says this, "Whereas Krista Oxendine (Date of Birth: 01/18/1972) is not a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, but is said to be residing in and around the Qualla Boundary; and..."

The implication in the format of this document is that the race or citizenship of the individual plays a factor in determining whether the person should be excluded from tribal lands. This is boilerplate language that you will find in all the most recently approved resolutions for banishment. I went back as far as January 2008, to the Isaac Ishmail Rivers banishment, and the same language appears in this resolution.

Banishment of tribal members has long been a discussion among our people. For many years, the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) struggled with the way the law was written, because drafted into the Cherokee Code was a provision that any tribal member excluded from our lands would automatically be removed from the tribal rolls. The argument was that removing a person from the rolls would impact their children and grandchildren's ability to remain on the rolls or to receive benefits. The Dinilawigi also worried about the ethical implications of removing someone's race or citizenship.

In 2022, legislation was passed that did away with the provision that caused the Tribal Court to issue a list to the Dinilawigi of all individuals, regardless of race or citizenship, who had committed offenses that would qualify for banishment. The offenses listed in the Code were and are drug and sex crimes. I had inquired from the Chief Justice of the Tribal Court at the time about whether the list had ever been provided,

and the response was simply that he didn't think that it had ever been done. I could only find one record of a banishment offense list ever being presented to the Dinilawigi from the Court. So, instead of enforcing that part of the Code, the decision was made to alter the law to eliminate that requirement.

I believe that the removal of that requirement for the Court to report offenses and offenders who are convicted of crimes that meet the criteria of exclusion, regardless of race or citizenship, was a mistake that should be corrected. That list should be presented in open Dinilawigi sessions for the public to hear both the names and the decision of the Council on the exclusion of those individuals. Also in 2022, the language that tied banishment to disenrollment was removed. It is no longer a requirement to remove someone from the tribal rolls if they are banished. To be clear, a tribal member can be banished without taking them off the tribal rolls. Whether you call it citizenship or race, those are unaffected by banishment unless the Dinilawigi chooses to act with that specific additional action.

Still, since 2022, 79 individuals have been banished from tribal lands. None have been members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. In fact, of the ~192 people who have been banished since 2000, none have been members of the EBCI.

Just in case you think that "Wow, we must be some kind of good, ethical, peaceful people" because you don't see one of us on that list, I would ask you to look at the most recent Domestic Violence Court docket. You will find individual tribal members

going to trial for up to 40 counts of violence against children, against elders, and various other connected offenses. That's at least one tribal member with 40 charges. In our Criminal Court, you will see traffickers and sexual assault cases. In last month's Court Disposition Report (you can find those for yourself at the website in the tribal reporting section), one EBCI member was found guilty of drug trafficking, another EBCI member was found guilty of reckless endangerment, violation of the Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code, more than one EBCI members found guilty of driving while impaired, another guilty of reckless endangerment, one EBCI member convicted of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, undiscipline, neglect, or abuse of minors, one EBCI member guilty of assault on law enforcement, probation, or parole officer, 1 tribal member guilty of elder abuse and neglect, second degree child abuse, and second degree trespass, another EBCI member convicted of drug trafficking, and yet another EBCI member convicted of domestic violence and dating violence. This is just a synopsis of convictions for one month (April).

These are not just arrests. These are court convictions. Now you might argue that some of these offenses don't fit the criteria explained in the Code, but the criteria is a guideline, I imagine, for the courts and law enforcement. Because banishment is a political action and not a judicial action, it only takes a majority vote of the Dinilawigi that an individual meets the standard of threatening "the Tribe's natural, economic, and cultural resources, and to protect the health, safety,

and welfare of Tribal members". If the Dinilawigi and the Ugviyuhi concur as to the individual's threat to our society and they pass a banishment resolution, that person is banished regardless of any court charges or lack thereof.

Don't we have an ethical obligation to treat all people equally and fairly? And what about those tribal members who perpetrate violence on their people? Is that not more egregious than an outsider doing it? And what does it say to us as a community and a people that we are willing to banish those who commit crimes against our people, only if they are not tribal members? For whose sake do we allow, for example, tribal members who are convicted of drug trafficking to remain on the Boundary? Certainly not the victims, the vic-

tims' families, or the community at large.

There have been at least two instances of murdered indigenous peoples, EBCI members, in our community that were perpetrated by fellow tribal members. We, as a people, would never ignore an outsider who took or abused our children, our elders, or our land. It just doesn't make sense to me that we don't address all abuse of our children, elders, and our land with equal force. While the Court will take some of the threats out of our community, it will not take all who threaten us away. Banishment or exclusion is a statement that we will not tolerate the presence of people who come to harm us, and that should mean anyone of any race or citizenship, including our own.

MISSING

Melissa June Beson

Nickname: Missy

Enrolled with Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of the Lac du Flambeau Reservation of Wisconsin

Height: 5'7" Weight: 165-195 lbs

Female Age: 37

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: March 17, 2025

Last Known Location: Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin

Circumstances of Disappearance: Melissa was last seen on March 17th, 2025, between 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm while she was walking on Indian Village Rd, Lac du Flambeau, Vilas County, Wisconsin. Melissa was last seen wearing jogging style pants that were red in color. Melissa has ties to Wausau, WI, and Manitowoc, WI. She may have been going to Manitowoc around the time of her disappearance but was never witnessed there. She has a bear claw tattoo on her calf and a large tattoo under her right ear.

If you have seen or have information about Melissa Benson, contact Detective George Hopfensperger, Lac Du Flambeau Police Department (715) 588-7717.

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Scarlett ᎠᏍᎦ Guy is dedicated to the language

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Scarlett ᎠᏍᎦ Guy is a wonderful ambassador for language learning showing that learning the Cherokee language is not only possible but is occurring daily.

A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), she served as Miss Cherokee (2023-24), is a graduate of the CLMAP (Cherokee Language Master Apprenticeship Program), and is currently the adult language educator in the CLMAP of the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program (KPEP).

The first time I interviewed Guy was in 2018 as she had been chosen as the valedictorian of the Cherokee High School Class of 2018. At that time, she stated, “I’m just extremely grateful that it was Cherokee High School that I was able to get my diploma from and be valedictorian of because of all the opportunities that they offer to their students here. They want every student to do well and be well and succeed. Because of all of these opportunities and being able to find community in clubs and groups made me stand out as a competitive student to colleges.”

She made the best out of her opportunities and furthered her education at Duke University where she graduated in 2022 with a bachelor of arts degree in evolutionary anthropology with a minor in linguistics and a certificate in documentary studies.

Her passion for language learning runs deep. I wrote about her running for the title of Miss Indian World last month, and she



Scarlett ᎠᏍᎦ Guy is shown speaking at the first annual Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdadisdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day) event on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024 at the Kalvgviditsa Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Tsunatsohisdihi (Cherokee Speakers Place), located adjacent to the New Kituwah Academy in Cherokee, N.C. She wrote the legislation that designated the day. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

shared her excitement to be able to share the Cherokee language on a national stage. “It is important to me to share how learning the Cherokee language has helped me and other second language learners gain more insight into how our ancestors viewed the world. I believe this is true for all Indigenous languages. I want to inspire everyone across ᎠᏍᎦᎠᎠ DBC to

learn their people’s first language so that all the knowledge held by our languages continues on.”

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passed Res. No. 212 (2024) on June 6, 2024 making Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdadisdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day) an official EBCI tribal holiday that will be observed each year on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Guy, who submitted the resolution, spoke during the first annual event held on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024 at the Kalvgviditsa Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Tsunatsohisdihi (Cherokee Speakers Place), located adjacent to the New Kituwah Academy in Cherokee, N.C. “We’re gathered to honor our speakers who have passed this past year, and we’re gathered here to honor our language.”

She also commented, “I wrote this resolution because all of us want to honor and remember our Cherokee speakers and all that they do to contribute to our tribe and our people and our culture.”

Guy is always committed to sharing the Cherokee language whenever possible. At the Annual Kituwah Celebration, held at Kituwah – the Mother Town of the Cherokee – on May 31, 2024, she read a piece about Kituwah that she wrote, with help from Charlie Bigwitch, a Cherokee first language speaker. She read the piece first in the Cherokee language and then in English.

She said, “I’m standing here, the Kituwah town is beneath my feet and the Kituwah mound is here behind me. But, it’s beneath all of our feet. All of us are standing here with our town, our Mother Town, right here and with our mound, our Mother’s Mound, right behind us. I think that’s important to keep in mind. Today, let’s all be thinking about the importance of Kituwah and what it means to our people. I’m glad that we are all here, that we are all home, the place where we all began.”

“We began as one, we return as one.”

COMMENTARY

Goonies never say die

By BROOKLYN BROWN

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

In the newsroom, we often hear about the “death of newspapers.” But, as a reporter at the One Feather, I do not worry about the death of our newspaper.

I don’t believe the One Feather will ever die, even if we’re the last little paper standing, and here’s why.

When Sequoyah invented the Cherokee Syllabary in 1821, he

invented the first written language of any Native American nation. The syllabary was a groundbreaking tool for us in the next eras of American history, where our quick adaptation of the syllabary and documentation of our history would be crucial in laying the groundwork for our sovereignty and survival as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. We also had the first Native American newspaper, the Cherokee Phoenix, which was the first paper to be published in both English and Cherokee. The first issue of the Cherokee Phoenix was printed in 1828, just 7 years after the invention of the syllabary. This is truly remarkable.

Even before the invention of the syllabary, Cherokee people

document history through storytelling, music, dance, and art. We have the knowledge we have today because of thousands of years of documentation, also known as journalism. Journalism is a Cherokee tradition.

Will West Long and Inoli were prolific Cherokee journalists of the early 20th century, documenting daily life in Cherokee, North Carolina, from community meetings to the weather.

We have always had a newspaper, even before it was defined as a newspaper. We have always kept the stories of our people, because we know how important it is, not just for today, but for the past and the future. Cherokee fluent speaker and educator Tom Belt once told me that Anikituwah do not look at time as linear, but as a circle. Everything that happened then

matters now, and everything that happens now, matters for future generations; and everything that happens now and forever for the Cherokee people, mattered to Will West Long, Inoli, Sequoyah, and all the Cherokees who keep stories. They were thinking about us.

That’s why I believe the One Feather will never die. Even if worse comes to worst and we lose freedom of press in this country, we will always keep our stories, because we kept them through worse.

As long as we have high school graduations, council meetings, basketball games, Cherokee fairs, ribbon cuttings, award ceremonies, community events, the “good stuff,” YOU, we will have a newspaper. Because this is YOUR paper.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH A Soldier's Perspective - Part 2

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

The World is the Front Lines. No doubt, this is the battlefield. The battlefield is where you need to have put on all your armor, as written about in Ephesians 6. The enemy is out there, and the enemy is prepared to attack you and fight you over every good deed that glorifies God and for every soul you might lead to Christ. The enemy will use every trick and lie to penetrate, infiltrate, and annihilate you and your efforts. Sometimes (too often), he will break down the walls and walk in the front door of the fort or your place of safety in garrison. If satan (I will not capitalize that name) cannot kill you, he will do everything to make you ineffective in battle.

Being a good soldier requires dedication – a good soldier is dedicated and takes an oath to protect and defend. When good soldiers take an oath, they literally write a blank check to give their lives if needed to honor the duty they have volunteered to do. Have you taken an oath to give your life in service to God?

Commitment – with any sworn dedication is a mental bond to live a life worthy of a good soldier. Many soldiers never let down their guard and are always faithful to behave and live as the military doctrine requires. Some carry the commitment of that integrity into their civilian lives after they have served. I can attest to the adage of *Once a Marine, Always a Marine*. Few ever take on a private life that leaves behind the ingrained

Marine integrity and dedication taught from the first day of basic training. As Christians, we, too, can and should carry our commitment to Jesus for our entire lives. Good soldiers obey, take orders, and fight to the death for what they believe.

Surrender – soldiers also know what it means to surrender. When ordered, they will submit to the authority of those who hold their lives in their hands. Surrender is seldom a choice, and it is rarely a negotiation; it is not an agreement or a bargain. Surrender is giving oneself over to the total control of your life to a greater power. God wants each of His soldiers to have surrendered to only One, the One and Only – God. Surrender is an All-In sum of one's life.

Read - 2 Timothy 2:1-4, Thou therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Suffer hard-

ship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of this life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier.

This part of the verses seems strange, and I often wondered what Paul is saying, implying, or teaching. I get the part about pleasing the one who enlisted him, referring to each of us as we who have accepted Jesus, aim to please the one who enlisted us, but what do you suppose he means about "No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits?" When I served in the military, I knew I was really at work and under the control of my superiors 24/7. We could be called into battle or war at any time, and we knew we had better show up or be declared a deserter. Sure, during peace, they gave us time off and facilitated making our lives as normal as possible, but it was not that way in Paul's time. In Paul's day, a soldier was indeed a soldier 24/7. Soldiers, not commanders or generals, but the soldiers in the field, garrison, and fort were

always on-call and on-duty. They did not go to the store; they did not have weekends with their wife and kids; they did not work a part-time job, enjoy hobbies, or take time off to go sightseeing or go to a favorite restaurant. If they did any of that, they did it when they were on duty. Even today, the life of a soldier in some military organizations, as then, is a total commitment. They never participated in civilian affairs because they were not civilians. They often were ordered against civilians because most of the military at the time of Paul were occupation forces.

Come back next week for the third and final installment.

God and Father, you alone are worthy to follow. Lead my life and be a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path. Shod my feet with the faith to follow you wherever you lead me. Give me whatever tools are needed to be your servant and soldier in battle. Please give me the courage to fight and stand firm for the gospel wherever and whenever allowed to witness.



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Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

ROMANS 12:17,18



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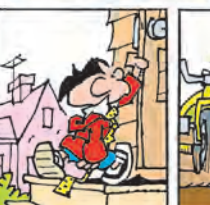
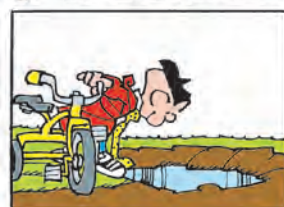
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OH, GET BACK HERE. IT'S JUST A GARDEN HOSE!



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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Stripe on sock is missing. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Nose is smaller. 4. Towel is longer. 5. Hair is different. 6. Number on shirt is smaller.

Trivia Test Answers

- Uniform resource locator
- Moaning Myrtle
- The Battle of Yorktown
- George Orwell
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park
- "House, M.D."
- Copenhagen
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- George Clinton
- Noble gases

by Dave T. Phipps

King Crossword

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- Eve's man
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- Summit
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- Nest egg choices
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- "— you sleeping?"
- Mrs. Nick Charles
- Antitoxins
- Susan of "L.A. Law"
- "Shoo!"
- Golden Fleece ship
- "Wild" actress Laura
- "That's not — idea"
- "Olympia" painter Edouard
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- French vineyard
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- Mine material

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym URL stand for?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the ghost that haunts the girls' bathroom at Hogwarts ("Harry Potter" series)?
- HISTORY: Which decisive battle ended the Revolutionary War?
- LITERATURE: What is the pseudonym of the author Eric Arthur Blair?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which of the national parks is the most visited in the United States?
- TELEVISION: Which medical series is based at Princeton Plainsboro Teaching Hospital?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Denmark?
- U.S. STATES: In which state is Glacier National Park located?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first vice president to die in office?
- SCIENCE: What are elements like neon, helium and radon called?

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HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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

Bean Bread and Bingo Night.

June 7 at the Painttown Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 5 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Jonathan Frady's Mission Trip to Africa.

Bingo Fundraiser. June 14 at the Big Y Gym at 2641 Wrights Creek Rd. in Cherokee, N.C.

Concession opens at 4 p.m. Games start at 6 p.m. 15 games, \$15 per pack, five kid games. All proceeds will go to the Big Y Free Labor Group.

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

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

Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute Alumni Week Open

House. May 19-22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at 171 Boys Club Loop in Cherokee, N.C. Snacks, swag, and activities. All alumni from Cherokee Youth Council, Youth Cultural Exchange Program (formerly Costa Rica Eco-Study Tour), Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program, and Duyugodv'I Right Path Adult Leadership Program.

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.

Meet and Greet with Cherokee Indian Police Dept. and the Cherokee Police Commission. May 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Island Park Pavilion #4 (next to the Open Air Market) in Cherokee, N.C.

NAIWA Strawberry Festival. May 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Featuring strawberry pancakes, strawberry shortcake, and BBQ sandwiches. Vendor space is available for \$10 per table. To reserve a table, call Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

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

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Gadagwatli Art Market. May 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People lawn in Cherokee, N.C. Shop for ceramic art and much more at an art market on the Museum lawn, with current and former Didanisisgi Gadagwatli pottery workshop students among the participating vendors.

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art market and opening reception are free with Museum admission. General admission to Museum of the Cherokee People is always free for enrolled members of federally-recognized Tribes and Museum members.

Cherokee History & Stories with Kathi Littlejohn. June 1 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People Multipurpose Room in Cherokee, N.C. Storyteller and historian Kathi Littlejohn, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will discuss relocation, the enrollment process, rolls, and more in this informal lecture. This event is free and open to all; registration is not required.

Celebrate Summer Market.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK
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Mama Hen,
age 3, lives with
her humans,
Chris and
Claudette Stephens
in Wayohi
(Wolftown).



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June 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pam Taylor Painttown Gym. Lots of local crafts and vendors. Lunch by Melishia. Info: Denise Walkingstick (828) 508-2211

Annual Kituwah Celebration.

June 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Kituwah site.

Christian Veterinary Mission Clinic.

June 6-7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Services and fees: Neuter/dog \$30, Neuter/cat \$25, Spay for both dog and cat \$50, Vaccines - \$10 per animal (rabies and dis-

temper). Info: Tammy Jackson (828) 788-0878 or Tribal Animal Control 497-6091

14th Annual Smoky Mountain Gospel Singing. June 14 at 2 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center at 1416 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Free admission. Featured groups include: Recognize (Tenn.), Going Higher (Ga.), Lail Family (N.C.), Snowbird Boys (N.C.), Williams Family (N.C.), Zena and Melvin Wolfe (N.C.), Hornbuckle Family (N.C.), Yellowhill Choir (N.C.), Welch Family

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might not like some people's ideas of surprises. But you could be in for a pleasant shock when someone finally sends a reply to a request you made so long ago that you almost forgot about it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a time to expect the unexpected. So, don't be surprised if a decision that just recently seemed final suddenly opens up and leaves you with another chance to make an important choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking a different tack on a work project might rankle some colleagues. But the positive results of your innovative course soon speak for themselves. Celebrate with a fun-filled weekend!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Meeting new associates can be awkward, even if you're in a high, positive phase right now. Best advice: Make them feel comfortable, and you'll soon forget your own discomfort.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you social Lions to blow-dry your manes, polish your claws, and look like the Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential!

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered. Meanwhile, a colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent flurry of activity leaves

you in need of a little breathing space, and you'd be wise to take it. In other news, close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An insensitive act makes a difficult situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies in anger. Move on and let others fill the clod in on the facts of life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's a good time to look into a training program or college course you've been considering. You might have a good place to use these sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. You might want to start checking out summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Making progress often comes by fits and starts. But at least you're moving straight ahead with no backsliding! You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be wary of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember, it's always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go. You're considered to be the rock in many of your relationships.

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by Freddy Groves

Changes at the VA

Under the new presidential administration, and under the guidance of the new VA Secretary Doug Collins, the Department of Veterans Affairs has made several significant changes. The core mission: providing the best possible care and services to veterans, families, caregivers and survivors. As Secretary Collins said, "We have already stripped away many of the costly distractions that were coming between VA beneficiaries and the benefits they have earned."

Here are a few examples:

What Collins called "DEI and gender ideology" has been taken off the table, saying that the "VA should not be in the business of helping people try to change their sex." That's going to save the VA \$14 million.

Working from home is a no-no now, with a schedule being created to get everyone back in the office by summer. No more "phoning it in from home," per Collins. And I have to agree — service on the phone is much better when employees are in the office within earshot of colleagues.

When it comes to duplicate and unnecessary contracts, so far the VA has identified "hundreds of millions of dollars" that they can divert back to services for veterans. They'll continue to take a look at the 130,000 VA contracts to see what further dollars they can save.

The modernization of the electronic health record program was something that stalled over the last two years, but already, just since March, they've worked to be able to bring nine more medical facilities online by next year and all of them by 2031.

In his opinion piece and video, Collins addresses the pushback he's gotten from various sources that only want the VA to keep going as before. Not going to happen, per Collins. His job is to work to put veterans first, and that's what he intends to do.

The video Secretary Collins made can be found on his X (formerly known as Twitter) account. Or if you prefer to read it, search for his opinion piece "First 100 Days at VA: Putting Veterans First" at DCJournal.com.

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Should indoor cats wear flea collars?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: At my cat's last veterinary visit, it was recommended that she wear a flea collar or get a monthly flea treatment. "Belle" is a completely indoor cat and has never had fleas. Why do I need to prevent her from getting them? — Carla G., Gulf Shores, Alabama

DEAR CARLA: While it seems totally reasonable to not treat Belle for fleas, there is always a risk of getting them. This is the same logic behind routine vaccinations — it's unlikely that an indoor cat will be exposed to rabies, but there is always a chance.

I'll give you a personal example. Last fall, I took care of a friend's dog for a few weeks while they were away dealing with a family emergency. On the first day, I noticed that "Kerry" was chewing on his tail and his hair was almost gone at the base of his tail. I knew right away that he had fleas, and a visual check confirmed it. All of my pets are treated for fleas, even though my cat stays indoors. With my friend's permission, I treated Kerry with a topical flea treatment and kept him separated from the other pets for a few days until no live fleas could be found in his fur. I also monitored all my pets for fleas during his visit.

I hadn't planned on Kerry arriving with fleas, but his owner had forgotten to give him his monthly flea treatment for a couple of months. This unplanned situation could have been a real problem for me and my pets.

There's an old saying that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and that is certainly the case with fleas, which can be hard to eliminate from your home once they get a foothold. There are many options today — not just collars — to prevent fleas from getting on your cat. Talk to your vet about the treatment they recommend for Belle.

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

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(N.C.), and others. Info: David Smoker (828) 788-0914 or Lane Smoker 735-0171

Vacation Bible School. June 16-19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Straight Fork Baptist Church in Cherokee, N.C. Fun, games, food, and fellowship. Everyone is invited.

Anetso (stickball) Exhibition Game – Tsisqwohi (Bird-town) vs Walelu (Humming-birds). June 28 at 12 p.m. at the Unity Field in Cherokee, N.C.

NAIWA Blueberry Festival. Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Featuring blueberry pancakes. Vendor space is available for \$10 per table. To reserve a table, call Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS/EVENTS

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

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

NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association, Inc.) Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Eligibility for membership: any

American Indian or Alaska Native or Canadian First Nations woman, 18 years of age or older, who is officially identified as a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe/Nation. The meetings contain information on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

NAIA Daughters meetings.

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

Cherokee History & Stories.

January through June 2025 on the first Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the TJ Holland Education Room at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. Museum of the Cherokee People welcomes storyteller and historian Kathi Littlejohn, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, for Cherokee History & Stories. This free educational series will explore culturally significant places, stories, and key figures in Cherokee history. All are welcome to listen and learn; no registration is required.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Cherokee Youth Football & Cheerleading Sign-ups. May 1-23 until capacity is reached. \$50 registration fee. Ages 5-12 (July 31 is age cut-off for each division). Register or for more information, contact the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Center (828) 359-6890

Point of Care Testing for Hepatitis C, Syphilis, and HIV. May 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Basketball Court at 876 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Info: Tsalagi Public Health (828) 359-6240

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.)

Health Board. May 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Confirmation hearing for Amy West to the Atlanta Braves Cultural Advisory Committee. May 21 at 1 p.m.

Lands Committee. May 22 at 9 a.m.

Qualla Housing Committee. May 22 at 1 p.m.

POW WOW LISTINGS

60th Annual Delaware Pow Wow. May 23-25 at the Fred Fall Leaf Memorial Campgrounds in Copan, Okla. Emcees: Neil Lawhead and Marty Thurman. Host Northern Drum: Red Land. Head Southern Singer: Ryan Goodfox. Info: Elaine Clinton (918) 914-9347

Shoshone Bannock Jr./Sr. High School Contest Pow Wow "Honoring Our Graduates". May 23-24 at Shoshone Bannock Jr./Sr. High School in Fort Hall, Idaho. MC: Tyson Shay. Info: Kara Tsosie at kdtosie@gmail.com

For the People Pow Wow. May

24-25 at the Jefferson City Jaycee Fairgrounds in Jefferson City, Mo. MC: Willian Branson. Host Southern Drum: Drowning Creek. Info: Greg Olson (573) 814-9135, ftpowwow@gmail.com

Rochester Public Schools Honoring Our Graduates

Pow Wow. May 24-25 in Rough Rock, Ariz. MC: Erny Zah. Host Northern Drum: Milepost 30. Host Southern Drum: Black Storm Crossing. Info: Ray Gray (505) 518-3642, grayray.2022@gmail.com

Shining Mountain Pow

Wow. May 24-25 at Aspen High School in Aspen, Colo. MC: Steve LaPointe. Host Drum: The Cherry Creek Singers. Info: Deanne Vitrac-Kessler at dvitrackessler@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

* 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.

Moss Garden Tour and Hands-on Workshop. May 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Brevard, N.C. Annie Martin, author of "The Magical World of Moss Gardening", will lead the workshop. Info: Annie Martin (828) 577-1321, mossinannie@gmail.com, www.mountainmoss.com

VA and Seminole Nation of Oklahoma hosting Disability Claims Event. May 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Seminole Nation Veterans Building, Mekuskey Mission, 35429 Hwy 59 in Seminole, Okla. Info: Mary Culley, Office of Tribal Government Relations specialist, (405) 626-3426, Mary.Culley@va.gov

Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site Gala. May 23 at 6 p.m. at the Site at 2620 South Road St. in Johnson City, Tenn. This Gala is to support the new extensions of the visitor center that are to be finished in May. Tickets are \$50/person. For the purchase of your tickets please follow the link <https://square.link/u/HoqYB5Ut>. Info: (423) 926-3631 or tipton-haynes@outlook.com

29th Annual Swain County Heritage Festival. May 23-24 at the Riverfront Park at 101 Mitchell St. in Bryson City, N.C. This event is free of charge. Gospel music, food, arts and crafts vendors, and more. Info: David Gunter (828) 342-4913

Uncle Bill's Flea Market Car and Truck Show. June 7 at 10 a.m. at the Flea Market at 5427 US Hwy 74W in Whittier, N.C. All years, makes, and models are welcome. Food, shopping, raffle, trophies, and a 50/50. Info: De-

nise (828) 500-1317

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 weeklong 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

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

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

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

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

Bethabara Baptist Church.

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

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

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

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

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

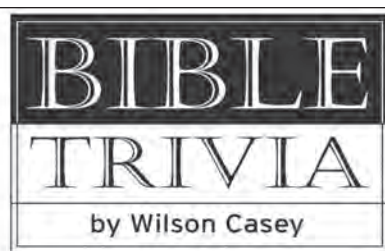
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Cherokee Baptist Church. 812 Tsalagi Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Adult Bible Study Wednesday 6 p.m. Pastor Ric Eddings 497-2761

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

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

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



1. Is the book of Malachi (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which king was stricken with leprosy because he disobeyed God's command and burned incense on a holy altar? *Uzziah, Solomon, Joab, Petra*
3. From 1 Kings 19, what prophet experienced an earthquake while standing on a mountaintop? *Paul, Ahab, Andrew, Elijah*
4. Who was the first woman to be ashamed of her lack of clothing? *Eve, Anna, Pilate's wife, Miriam*
5. In Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? *Naomi, Priscilla, Lydia, Dorcas*
6. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? *Sinai, Bethany, Tarsus, Smyrna*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Uzziah, 3) Elijah, 4) Eve, 5) Dorcas, 6) Bethany
Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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Moments in time

• On **June 2, 1997**, U.S. Army veteran Timothy McVeigh was convicted on 15 counts of murder and conspiracy for his role two years earlier in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. He was executed by lethal injection on June 11, 2001.

• On **June 3, 1956**, authorities in Santa Cruz, California, put the city in the national spotlight by declaring a complete ban on rock and roll at public gatherings, labeling the music "detrimental to both the health and morals of our youth and community" after a policeman at a dance party the night before described the teen crowd as "engaged in suggestive, stimulating and tantalizing motions induced by the provocative rhythms of an all-negro band."

• On **June 4, 1940**, 22-year-old Carson McCullers' debut novel, "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter," about misfits in a Georgia mill town, was published to widespread acclaim.


• On **June 5, 1888**, President Grover Cleveland vetoed a bill that would have given a widow's pension to Johanna Loewinger, whose husband had passed away 14 years after being discharged from the army. Because he died by suicide and not from a disability caused by his military service, her request was denied.

• On **June 6, 2002**, a high-energy upper atmosphere explosion now known as the Eastern Mediterranean Event, similar in power to a small atomic bomb, occurred over the Mediterranean Sea between Libya and Crete when a small, undetected asteroid disintegrated while approaching Earth. There were concerns that if the explosion had occurred closer to Pakistan or India, it could have sparked a nuclear war between the countries, as they were engaged in a standoff at the time.

• On **June 7, 1968**, just two days after the assassination of Democratic presidential hopeful Robert F. Kennedy, Fred Rogers, the popular host of the children's public television show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," dedicated an episode to explaining the tragedy to his young audience.

• On **June 8, 1191**, King Richard I of England arrived in Acre, Israel, beginning the Third Crusade, an attempt co-led by France's King Philip II and Emperor Frederick Barbarossa to reconquer the Holy Land following Jerusalem's capture by the Ayyubid sultan Saladin in 1187.

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The Garden Bug Casa Blanca lilies are easily grown in well-drained soil, if located where the upper plant is in full sun and the roots are in shade. Mulch around the plants to keep the roots cooler. Remove flowers as they fade; cut plants back only after the leaves and stems have turned yellow. Its flowers are showy and very fragrant. The plants may need staking if exposed to strong winds.

- Brenda Weaver
Source: www.missouribotanicalgarden.org

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

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

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

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

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

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads. 3501 Hwy. 441, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and

Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

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

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, locat-

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

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whit-

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

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

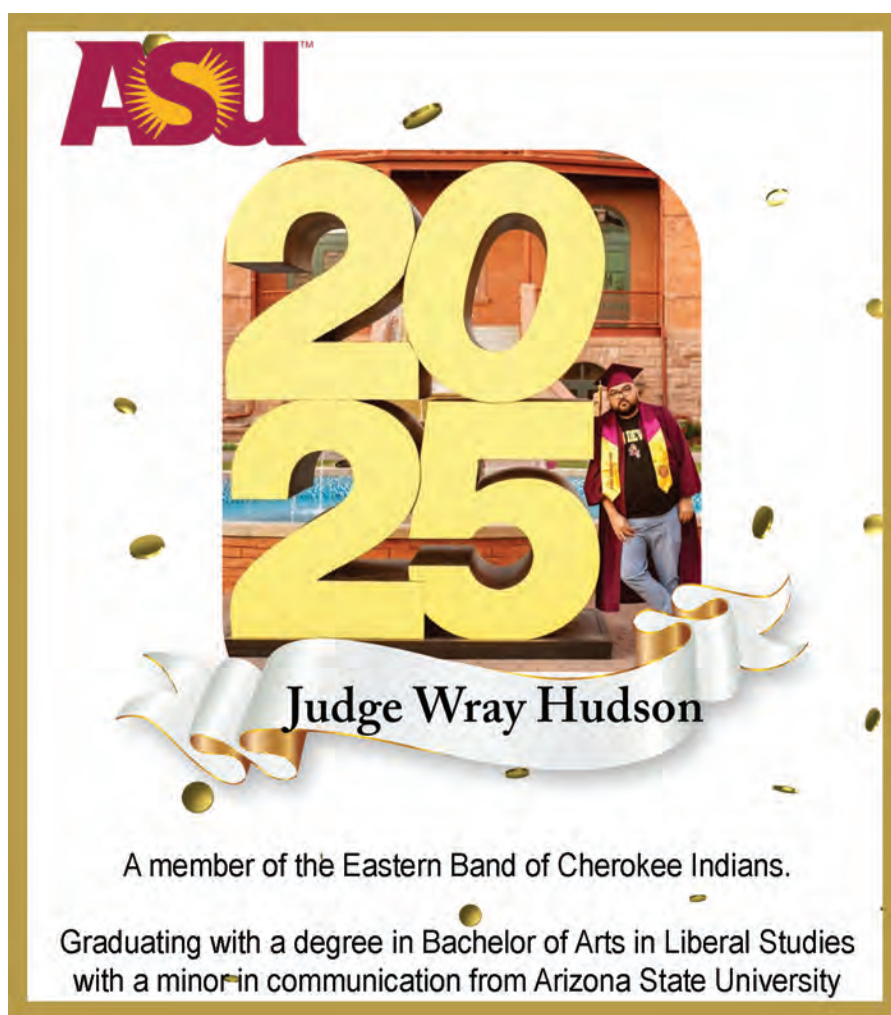
Grace Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center. Sunday Service 10 a.m. Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolfetown 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



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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. Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m. in English and 6:00 p.m. in Spanish. Pastor Fr. Victor Ameh, MSP. For more information, go to www.stjosephbryson.org.

The Peaks Church. Meets at Smokey Mountain Elementary

School gym. Sunday services 10 a.m. Pastor Aaron Langston

Rock Creek Missionary Baptist Church.

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

Rock Springs Baptist Church.

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

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace

Church. 3755 Big Cove Road. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday

Bible Study 1 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor Tim James 497-7644

Shoal Creek Baptist Church.

184 Shoal Creek Church Loop Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., Wednesday evening Fellowship Meal 6 p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer Service 6:30 p.m., Choir Practice 7 p.m. Dr. Mickey Duvall, Pastor

Spruce Grove Baptist Church.

780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday evening service 7 p.m., third Saturday singing 7 p.m. Pastor Ernie Cable. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

Straight Fork Baptist Church.

Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Wednesday night prayer service 7 p.m. Youth group meetings also. Interim Pastor - Harley Maney Jr.

Waterfalls Baptist Church.

82 Waterfalls Church Rd., Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 5

p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Scotty Chekelelee, pastor.

Whittier United Methodist

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

Wilmot Baptist Church.

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

Wright's Creek Baptist

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

Yellowhill Baptist Church.

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

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Robert Noland Haze Brown

**Western Carolina University
Master of Social Work (MSW)**

From Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), Noland is the son of Robbie Brown and Tavish Lambert Brown. During his graduate studies, Noland interned at Cherokee Tribal Court as well as Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority.



Jordan Dugan

A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, earned his Doctor of Physical Therapy from Regis University in Denver, CO. He received graduate honors and will be working at Integral Physical Therapy in the Denver Metro area. He would like to thank the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Tammy Cagle, and the entire Higher Education and Training office for their support throughout his graduate education. He would also like to thank his family and friends for their support.



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Macon County School

Macon County School is seeking a vendor to operate the Student Drivers Education Instruction Program for Macon County Schools, and enter into a contract, for the next 2 years. The company must be licensed in NC to operate a Drivers Education Instruction

program within a public school in North Carolina. The operator of the company must carry appropriate insurance during the life of the contract. The contractor shall offer assurances that all operations addressed in the RFP will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the goals of the Macon County School System which is to provide an appropriately priced, quality driver education instruction to the students of Macon County. All proposals must be submitted to the Macon County School Central Office no later than 3:00 Friday, June 20 2025. Call 1-828-524-3314 ext 1029 for more information. **6/11**

Museum of the Cherokee People: Now Hiring

Museum of the Cherokee People is hiring for three roles: Cross-Departmental Internship (six weeks, not exceeding 20 hours per week, \$15 hourly, applications close May 23); Frontline Associate – Key Holder (total hourly range: \$17.50 – \$27.00, hiring range: \$17.50 – \$22.00, applications close May 30); and Frontline Associate (total hourly range: \$16.50 – \$24.00, hiring range: \$16.50 – \$20.00). Learn more and apply at motcp.org/employment. **5/21**

LEGAL NOTICES

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 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

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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
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Frances Walkingstick
P.O. Box 275
Cherokee, NC. 28719
5/28

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-042
**Notice to Creditors and
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Cody Brady
68 Betty Brady Road
Cherokee, NC 28719
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Cherokee, North Carolina
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Debtors of:
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Glenda McConnell Chiltoskie
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Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
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Noel Bigmeat
601 Wrights Creek Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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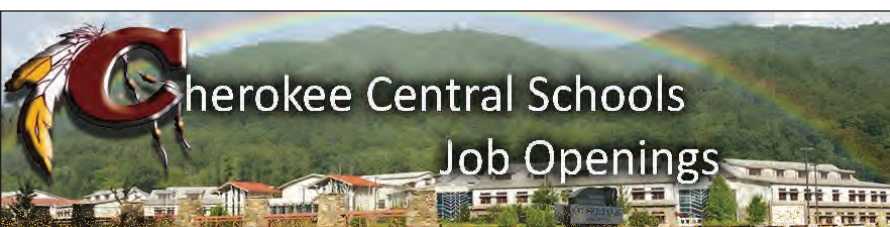
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Joseph Adam Wilnoty
328 Lucy Long Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
6/4

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-045
**Notice to Creditors and
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Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings


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www.ccs-nc.org/apps/pages/human_resources for more information.

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

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

2025-26 College Advising Corps Adviser (To apply visit: advisingcorps.appstate.edu)

- 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)
 - *9-12 Math Teacher
 - *Facilities Maintenance Groundskeeper
 - *Contract Nurse (RN)
 - Gear Up Coordinator (Grant Funded)
 - JV Cheerleading Head Coach
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Cynthia E Grant
478 Old Gap Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
6/4

Legal Notice

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
RALEIGH, N.C.
The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be June 17, 2025, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2.
(C205101) PENDER;

(C205110) SAMPSON;
(C205109) BRUNSWICK;
(C205014) JOHNSTON;
(C204898) WAKE;
(C204798) GUILFORD;
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A bid bond or bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the bid will be required.

These contracts are subject to all appropriate Federal Laws, in-

cluding Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Plans, proposal forms, and specifications may be obtained at the Raleigh Office of the Department of Transportation, Telephone # 919-707-6925.
Department of Transportation,
Mr. Lamar Sylvester, PE., Chief Engineer
5/21

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-048
**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
ELIZABETH ANNE SAUNOOKE**

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Robert Saunooke
P.O. Box 309
Cherokee, NC. 28719
6/11

BIDS, RFPs, etc. RFP

Macon County Schools if requesting sealed proposals for a "Complete Custodial Supplies Program". We are seeking a qualified firm to provide total custodial cleaning supplies for the schools and facilities, consisting of ten (10) schools, the administration building, bus garage and maintenance building. Proposals will be due no later, to the Macon County Schools Central Office, no later than 2:00pm Friday, May 13 2025. Call 1-828-524-3314 ext 1029 for

more information. **6/11**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00pm, on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 in the Ginger Lynn Welch Building conference room USDI 133, 810 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, North Carolina, and immediately thereafter opened and read for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment for the Cherokee Police Department's Evidence Storage Building.

Mailed proposals shall be sent to the attention of Becky Bowe at the following address: 810 Acquoni Rd, Suite 117, Cherokee, NC, 28719. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the bids arrive before the bid opening time of 3:00 EST.

This project will follow the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) policies and procedures as outlined in Tribal Code.
PRE-BID MEETING

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and site walk-through will be held for interested bidders on June 5, 2025 at 1:30 pm, beginning at the project site, adjacent to 137 Seven Clans Ln, Cherokee, NC 28719. Followed by a walkthrough of the site.

Complete plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained at the office of Architect which is located at 47 Rankin Ave, Suite 141, Asheville, NC 28801.

Digital (pdf) versions of the Bid Documents may be obtained upon request of Ethan Ward (eward@mcmillanpazdansmith.com). A Newforma Info Exchange link will be provided to allow the Bidder to access and download the Bid Documents.

For purposes of coordination, primary contact for project information is:

Project Architect: Ethan Ward, AIA
Title: Architect
E-Mail Address: eward@mcmillanpazdansmith.com
Signed: Becky Bowe, PE
Manager
EBCI Project Management
5/21

Request for Bids

Please be advised that Arrowhead Contractors, LLC, an Equal Opportunity Employer, will be accepting bid proposals from Sub-contractors and vendors for the: EBCI – CIPD Evidence Storage Building. The following scope(s) available for bid include cast-in-place concrete, masonry, metals, wood, plastics, composites, thermal & moisture, openings, finishes, specialties, furnishings, fire suppression, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, communications, electronic safety & security, earthwork, exterior improvements, and utilities.

Subcontractor/Vendor Proposal
Due Date: June 20, 2025 @ 11:00 AM

Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations apply to this project.

Proposals should be emailed to Brett Smith (brettsmith@arrowheadcontractorsllc.com).

Project plans and specifications are available by appointment. Please contact Brett Smith to schedule an appointment.

Workers compensation, auto, and general liability are required from all subcontractors.

For any questions, contact Brett Smith 828-399-0045. **5/28**

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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.



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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
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Kantwotiyi, 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
Residential Technician - Kanvwotiyi - FT - \$17.12 - \$19.26

FINANCE

Business Analyst Revenue Cycle - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25
PRC RN Case Manager - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Accountant III \$67,082 - \$83,852
Contracting Assistant \$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)

OPERATIONS

Optometrist - \$109,504 - \$136,880
Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner - \$117,3226 - \$146,658
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 I
Pharmacy Technician III - Part Time Intermittent - \$21.13 - \$23.98

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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Closing Monday, May 25, 2025

1. Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary EHS/HS – CERS (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 2. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 3. Truck Driver/WWT Maintenance – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 4. Electrician Assistant /Generator Maintenance – Facility Management - Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 5. Emergency Services Compliance & Education Captain – EMS – Operations (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 6. Administrative Assistant – Domestic Violence – Public Health & Human Services (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour)
 7. Supervisor – SB/CC Family Support – Snowbird & Cherokee County (L12 \$46,301 - \$57,886)
 8. Supervisor (HIS/Inventory) – Tribal Construction – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 9. Legal Assistant Attorney – Legal Assistance Office – Office of the Attorney General (L16 \$68,619 - \$91,499)
 10. Administrative Assistant – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – CERS (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour)
 11. Family Support Coordinator – Qualla Boundary EHS – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
 12. Supervisor (Social Services) – Senior Citizens – CERS (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
- Open Until Filled**
1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 2. Child Advocate Coordinator – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
 3. Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
 4. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 5. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 6. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 7. Sergeant - Corrections - EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 8. Sergeant (Patrol) - CIPD - EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 9. Tribal Prosecutor II - Criminal Law - Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$76,877 - \$102,502)
 10. 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. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 13. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
 14. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
 15. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
 16. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 17. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 18. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 19. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)
 20. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 21. Part-time Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
 22. Carpenter – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 23. Crew Leader (Electrician) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 24. Cannery Operations Coordinator – Cooperative Extension – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
 25. Fire Systems Technician- Information Technology- OIT (L12 \$22.26- \$27.83)
 26. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant- New Kituwah Academy- CERS (L9 \$17.27- \$21.59)
 27. Project Coordinator – Infrastructure – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)

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| 1- Hello..... ᎠᎩ | 12- Galimore..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ |
| 2- How are you?..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ | 13- They stink..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ |
| 3- I'm fine, you?..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ | 14- Are you hungry?..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ |
| 4- What are you doing? ... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ | 15- Very much..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ |
| 5- I'm working..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ | 16- Got milk?..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ |
| 6- You're lying..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ | 17- Lets cook them..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ |
| 7- Who is that?..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ | 18- They're good..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ |
| 8- My dad..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ | 19- I'm full..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ |
| 9- Where has he been? ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ | 20- I'm going to sit..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ |
| 10- Ramp patch..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ | 21- I'll clean..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ |
| 11- Where's that?..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ | 22- Okay..... ᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠᎠ |

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Exclusion List

The Tribe hereby declares that the power to exclude is an inherent and essential part of Tribal sovereignty. It is indispensable to the Tribe's autonomy and self-governance. Further, it is a natural right of the members of this Tribe, through their Tribal leaders and codified Tribal law, to exercise the power of exclusion to protect the Tribe's natural, economic, and cultural resources, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of Tribal members (Cherokee Code C 2.1.e). Anyone banished by the EBCI is excluded from all Tribal lands and must vacate all tribal lands. If an excluded person is found improperly on Tribal lands will be treated as a trespasser and appropriate legal action shall be taken against them.

2025: Yamil Montalvo Rivera, Rafael Delga Santiago, Nelson Soto Perez, Cordell Robert Curleyhair, Krista Oxendine, Dustin Lewis Monti, Javaunte Keauna Ware, Jerry Odell Perry Jr., and Andrew James Henry

2024: Alan Nathaniel Rhinehart, William Howard Smallwood, Donald Jesse Cogdill, Anayeli Vargas-Duran, Maximilian William Peterson, Timothy "Tim" Richardson, Mary "Penny" Richardson, Charles M. Nash, Jr., Corey E. Diggs, Kelby Weldon Tomas, Charley Nicole Willard, Robert Earl Hutchinson, Michael James Johnson, Erick Cale McKinney, Devin Leigh Welch, Taylor Marie Clark, William Mazingo III, Lani Rodger Clark, Gustavo Ballesteros, and Mark Arthur Owen

2023: Denerio Rodrecus Robinson, Stephen Dale Eplin, Tammy Ann Hutchins, Keonta Monteecca Ardrey, Devin Rashawn Stewart, Stacey Cameron Lowe, Alyzandra Kaylinn Bell, Anthony John Rienzo, Adam Joe Rayfield, Sharik Lamar Carruthers, Terry Lee Wolfe, Bartlett Eugene West, Terry D. Williams, Anthony Deshun Shivers, Natasha Jade Birchfield

2022: Christopher Allen Mahan, William Jesse Garrett, Angel Nicole Smith, Tiffany Marie Ward, Christopher Lee Johnson, James Cassidy Smith, Joshua Lawrence Bradley, Brandon Lee Gibson, Rachel Nicole Rogers, Tella Antoinette Page, Richard Allen Dickson, Lori Ann Buchanan, Johnathan Lee Newberry, Evanna Ulexis Lee, Eric Daniel Vaughn, Crystal M. Swayney, Paul Christopher Hampton Jr., Cheryl Dion Cole, Lori Jane Cantrell, Steven Joseph Veeck, Boris Pesikan, Autumn Lynn McCoy, Ricci Weaver, Elmer McCarter III, Scott James Rossa, David Perry, Johnny Tran, Dang Tien Tran, Jonathan Malpass, Christopher Ian Cotterman, Scott James Ross, Dontavius Juan Cox, Bradford Lamar Martin Jr., Georgia Nicole Cape, and Kendra Marie Bowen

2021: Sawyer Arie Edwards, April Nations, Dustin James Kirkland, Joseph Daniel Burton, Eugene Murray Oocumma, Seth Emmer-son Tapp; Robert Cody Gaddis; Haley Lauren Jarvis; Jessica Gail Conway; Katrina Cook; Avery Thomas; Erik Messick and Shane Christopher Holder

2020: Vernie Franklin Taylor, Richard Sherman, Christine Roach, Thomas Lee Cook, and Arnold J. Calderon Mazariegos

2019: Tarrell Lawshawn Lee Williams and Joshua Robert Hodock

2018: Juan Mendoza

2017: Benjamin Tyrone Willis, Princeton Thomas, Candido Martinez, Carl Luke Harjochee, Anna-Marie Elizabeth Birchmore, James Michael Schmidt, Sherrick Lavar James, Howell Joseph Clinkscales, Felipe Lee Saturnino Villafranca, Kevin Michael Hart, and Devon Dakota Collins

2016 : Marquis Gwan Ford, William Kristopher Harris, Wayne Nelson Harris, Kenneth Thomas York, Matthew Leon Dockery, Ahmed Saeed Adam, Andrew Tab Kilpatrick, Chase Cecil Shafer, Chelsea Dean Robinson, Christine Marie Difabion, Darian Dre'Von Smith, Dennis Larry Dockery, Erin Marie Haithcock, Heather Kelly Hawkins, Heather Nicole Ramsey, Jordan Donovan Hall, Shannon Leigh Woody, Tyler Lee Gibbs, Tasha Savannah Eller, Dennis Allen McGaha, Justin Lambert, and Will Parsons

2015: Donovan Edward Coleman, Matthew Adam Freeman, Dorothy Ray Franco, Gabriel David Simcox, Koeun Chea, and Vasan Jeffery Thongpane

2014: Laquan Ellis Harding

2012: Jon Blanton Legere, Mark Wayne Ballard, Donald Dee Gosnell, Steel Eugene Frazier, Angelica Michele Ison, Patrick Scott Carringer, and Ricky Lee Gunter

2011: Zara Ellis Saddler and Charles Kyle Doalson

2010: Christopher McNeilly

2009: Edward Dewayne Gregory, Justin Edward Deign, and Derrick Jamison Graham

2008: Inoel Sanchez Vizcalla, Teddy Lee Wilson, Higinion Macedo, Stephanie Nicole Ogle, Chad N. Bragg, Peggy Darlene Bearden, David Dixon Owen, Michael Derek Braden, and Isaac Ishmail Rivers

2007: James Edward Ballew, Steven Anthony Melton, Connie Jean Martin, Jeffery Patrick Brooms, Reese Kevin Orr, Andrew James Henry, Craig McNeilly, Steven Ray Black, David Neal, Robert Christopher Sherrill, Aaron Dayton Keel, James David Cooper, Miguel Perez, Susan Denise Owen, James Michael Hornbuckle, Daniel West, Charles Ray Edwards, Pearl Dawn Fielding, and Javier Garcia

2005: Tamela Smith, Debbie Everhart, Robert Lee Smith, Randy Blevins, Drew Burrell, and Jefferson Clinton Burrell

2004: Wesley Burgess Young Jr.

2001: Ruth Ann Martin Taylor

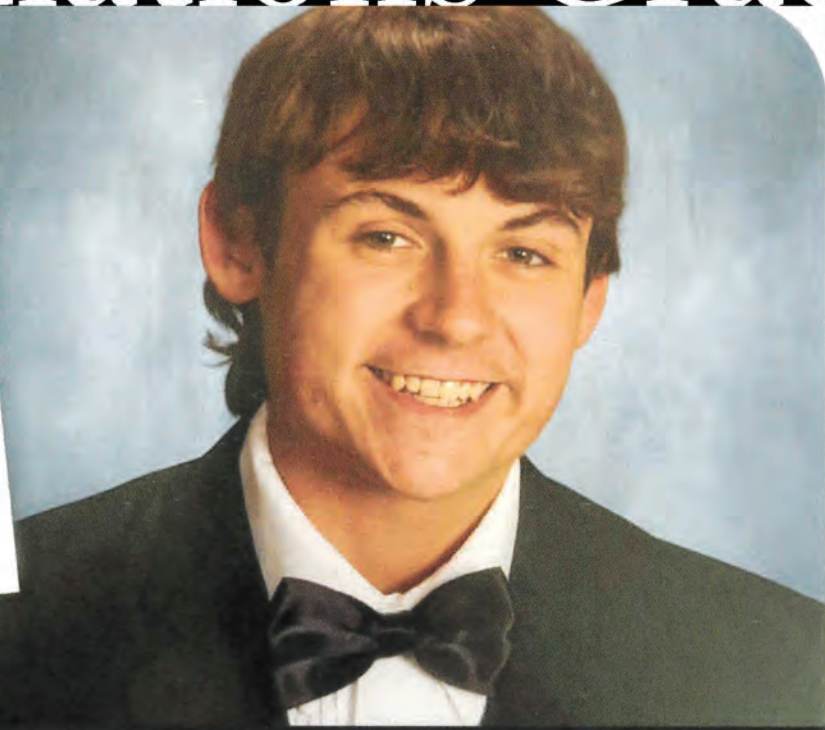
2000: Polly Katherine Renfro, Eddie Junior Robinson, Buddy Powers, Jennifer Powers, and Johnny Hartness

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KALEB JAMES THOMAS SMITH
SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Ceremony
May 22, 2025
at 7pm

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University
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Center





Hard worker

Man for hire – will work for milk! Tanner Arkansas, age 2, is working hard as summer approaches. He is the son of Perry and Amelia Arkansas. (Photo courtesy of Trina Owle)



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Pageant winner

Sarah Catt, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, won the Little Miss Strawberry Pageant held at Darnell Farms in Bryson City, N.C. on Saturday, May 17. (Photo courtesy of family)



Amanda Swimmer Award recipient

Tyruss Thompson, left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Cherokee High School (CHS), was presented with the Amanda Swimmer Award by Dr. J. Allen Bryant, Appalachian State University's Gadugi Partnership director, at CHS on Thursday, May 15. The award is given "for embodying the spirit of Gadugi through outstanding service, scholarship, and leadership". (Photo courtesy of Gadugi Partnership)



Amanda Swimmer Award recipient

Marlee Hicks, second from left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a junior at Cherokee High School (CHS), was presented with the Amanda Swimmer Award by Dr. J. Allen Bryant, left, Appalachian State University's Gadugi Partnership director, at CHS on Thursday, May 15. She is shown with her parents, EBCI First Lady Marsha Hicks and Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks. The award is given "for embodying the spirit of Gadugi through outstanding service, scholarship, and leadership". (Photo courtesy of Gadugi Partnership)



State Champion

Nse Uffort, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Swain Co. High School, won the state championship in the discus throw (165-9) and the shot put (62-5.5) at the 1A Track & Field State Championship held at the Marcus T. Johnson Track and Field complex in Greensboro, N.C. on Friday, May 16. He was named Most Outstanding Male Field Athlete for the meet. (Photo courtesy of Tena Donkor)



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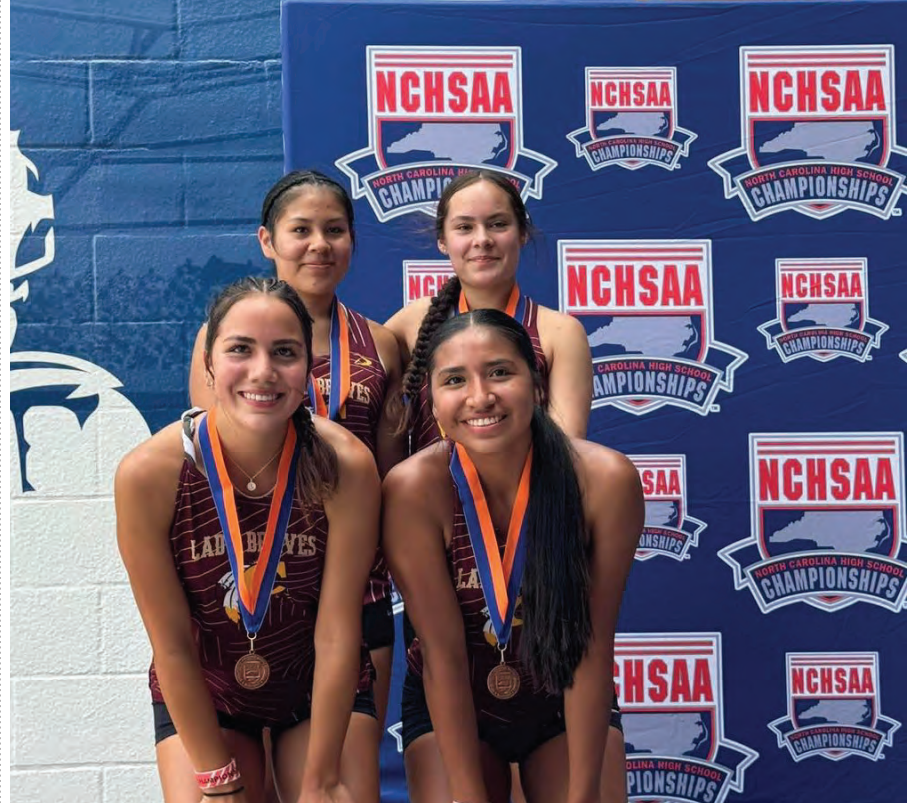
Joscelyn Stamper, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a sophomore at Cherokee High School, won the state championship in women's discus with a throw of 129-11 at the NCHSAA 1A Track & Field State Championship meet held at the Marcus T. Johnson Track and Field complex in Greensboro, N.C. on Friday, May 16. (Photo contributed)



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Medalist in distance races

Ogana Swimmer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a sophomore at Cherokee High School, took second place in the men's 3200M run with a time of 9:52.40 and third place in the men's 1600M run with a time of 4:13.61 at the 1A Track & Field State Championship held at the Marcus T. Johnson Track and Field complex in Greensboro, N.C. on Friday, May 16. (Photo courtesy of CCS Athletics)



Bronze Medalists in Relay

The Cherokee High School team of, clockwise from top left, Lilly Lossiah, Dai-see Fourkiller-Raby, Dvdaya Swimmer, and Livia Crowe took third place in the women's 4x800M Relay at the NCHSAA 1A Track & Field State Championship held at the Marcus T. Johnson Track and Field complex in Greensboro, N.C. on Friday, May 16. All of the ladies are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. (Photo courtesy of CCS Athletics)



Tribal member signs with Oklahoma Wesleyan

Tyanna Ledford, center, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla., signed a letter of intent on Friday, May 16 to play softball collegiately at Oklahoma Wesleyan University in Bartlesville, Okla. She is shown with her parents, Frank (Shorty) and Amy Ledford. (Photo courtesy of family)



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