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“The past shaped us”

CHS Class of 2025
graduates most ever
with 100

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Cherokee High School (CHS) held the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2025 at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 24 at Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. The class had the most graduates in school history with 100 seniors graduating.

The invocation was given in Cherokee and English by Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Cherokee Language Director and fluent speaker Laura Pinnix.

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The Cherokee High School Class of 2025 celebrates their graduation with confetti and beautifully beaded caps and feathers carefully lifted in Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Saturday, May 24. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)



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Image of the Week

Me-Li Jackson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, took first place in the women's lid toss event at the 39th Annual Fading Voices Demonstration Day in Tutiya (Snowbird) on Saturday, May 24. A multi-year winner of the event, Jackson competed collegiately in throwing events for Lenoir-Rhyne University. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



"Events like these ensure that our culture keeps moving forward as we live it, we share it, and we teach it. We have a responsibility as EBCI members to preserve and protect our culture, our language, our elders."

- Dallas Bennett, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who serves as the constituent services representative in the Office of Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley, speaking at the 39th Annual Fading Voices Demonstration Day in Tutiya (Snowbird) on Saturday, May 24

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GRADUATION: From front page

CHS Principal Craig Barker gave the welcome, “We believe in gādugi here. We honor that. It’s not just a slogan for us, it’s what we do. That’s what this community means. We’re not your typical high school. These are not your typical high school students, and I’m definitely not your typical principal,” he said.

“I’m blown away by the class of 2025. I’m in awe of the students before you. Their accomplishments are extraordinary and will resonate through the halls of Cherokee High School forevermore. Like I said, they are history makers and record breakers. You are a witness to greatness.”

The Class of 2025 motto was “The past shaped us. The present strengthens us. The future awaits us.” The class flower was the hydrangea, the class color was blue, and the class song was “Five More Minutes” by Scotty McCreery. The class sponsors were Michelle McSwain, Sonya Edwards, Scott Freeman, Kelly Driver, Pam Price, Janet Owle, and Tim Hawkins. The junior marshals were Marleigh Aguilera, Tayvin Bark-Cruz, Javan Garcia, Marlee Hicks, Isaiah Ledford, Leilah Lossie, Cecily Swimmer, and Samantha Toineeta. The class officers were Elliott Shell, president; Vincent Owle, vice president; Julianne Smart, secretary; Tyruss Thompson, treasurer; Lillian Blythe-Ramos, historian; and Paytyn Barker, class representative.

Class President Elliott Shell gave the presidential address. “This is one of the most resilient and just greatest classes and group of people I’ve ever gone to school with. I’ve grown up with all these people, some from Dora Reed and



Class Representative Paytyn Barker delivers her speech as one of two class speakers selected for the Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony. Barker, the graduate with the highest grade point average, was also one of two recipients of the NAIWA Academic Achievement Award.



Class President Elliott Shell gives the presidential address.

then first grade, and I could tell you a story about each individual person here and I think that's just an amazing trait of every single person here. I'm so proud of every single person graduating today and you should be very proud, too."

The class speakers for the ceremony were CHS Student Council President Abreana Hornbuckle and Class Representative Paytn Barker. In Hornbuckle's speech, she emphasized the importance of Cherokee values in moving toward the future. "We are still here, we're still Cherokee. We speak our language, dance our songs, know our history, our culture, our arts. We are Cherokee," she said.

"Now, we take our Cherokee values and sacred path teachings into the next chapter of our lives. Tyruss Thompson will carry his Cherokee values with him by holding tight to his powerful sense of humor. Gideon Freeman will carry his values through his strong individual character. Sadie Gomez will carry her Cherokee spirituality with her as she continues to embrace it on her path. Paytn Barker will carry her Cherokee values with her by dedicating her future career to giving back to others in the medical field. Each of us will carry something from this place, something uniquely Cherokee, uniquely Brave."

Paytn Barker, who also had the highest grade point average of the graduating class, followed by Gideon Freeman, spoke to the class motto and the history made by the graduating class.

"As we prepare to walk across this stage one final time, one thing is certain: we didn't just leave a mark, we made history. Our class motto says it best, the past shaped us, the present strengthened us, and the future awaits us. That



Student Council President Abreana Hornbuckle delivers her speech as one of two class speakers selected for the Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony. Hornbuckle, a member of JROTC, was also the recipient of the American Legion Award.

motto isn't just a phrase, it's our truth. The past shaped us. Every game, every performance, every late-night study session, every challenge, whether it was learning perseverance through difficult times or joy through a shared success. Our journey has molded us into the people that we are today. The present strengthens us. Standing here side by side, we are more than students. We are leaders, thinkers, dreamers and doers. We are confident in who we've become, and we are ready for what's next. And now the future awaits us, and what we're leaving behind is a legacy. We are the largest graduating class in the history of Cherokee High School. We have the most members ever in the National Honor Society. We hold the record for the highest number of honor graduates to ever walk across this stage. We have the

most Smoky Mountain Conference Player of the Year athletes and the most Smoky Mountain Conference Championships won. We didn't just show up, but we set a new standard."

North American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA) representative Loretta Bolden presented the NAIWA academic achievement awards to Paytn Barker and Gideon Freeman for having the first and second highest grade point averages respectively.

Sam Lambert from the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 presented the American Legion Award to Abreana Hornbuckle.

Shannon Swimmer, director of the Western Carolina University (WCU) Cherokee Center, presented the Dr. Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Award to Tyruss Thompson and Kyla Moore.

Ava Walkingstick, student council president-elect, presented the Cynthia Saunooke Scholarship to Tyruss Thompson.

The presentation of diplomas was led by Craig Barker, CHS principal; Brianna Bynum, CHS dean of students; Dr. Heath Robertson, CHS assistant principal; Dr. Debora Foerst, CCS finance director; and Consuela Girty, CCS superintendent. A majority of the class handed Barker small, plastic hair combs as he handed over their diplomas with laughter erupting throughout the stadium.

Chris Wilmoth gave the benediction, followed by the pronouncement of graduates by Barker. Confetti flew into the air and graduates carefully lifted their feathered caps in the air, and the class of 2025 was off to the next adventure.

EBCI Government Explained

EBCI Tribal Fishing Laws

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – School is winding down and summer is just around the corner, and fishing is a popular pastime on the Qualla Boundary this time of year.

The Fish Cherokee website, operated by the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, states, “Thirty miles of privately stocked, freestone streams unwind around you - running pure and descending into Cherokee by way of the runoff from the nearby Great Smoky Mountains. These are the same waters the Cherokee people have fished for centuries, and now are the longest privately owned and stocked fishing waters east of the Mississippi.”

Let’s discuss the fishing law of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

Cherokee Code Sec. 113-1(b) establishes the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the EBCI “that shall be responsible for administering tribal laws for managing and protecting the natural environment of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians”.

Licensing and season

Cherokee Code Sec. 113-4 (Fishing Permits, subsection b), states, “All persons fishing within waters of Cherokee Indian trust lands must possess and have on their person while engaged in fishing, a valid tribal fishing permit. An enrolled member’s enrollment card shall serve as his/her fishing permit. Enrolled members of the

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall fish with an enrollment card from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

For those needing a license, one can be purchased online at <https://ebci-licensing.s3licensing.com/>

The costs are as follows: One-Day Fish Permit (\$10), Two-Day Fish Permit (\$17), Three-Day Fish Permit (\$27), Five-Day Fish Permit (\$47), Trophy Trout Fly-Fishing Permit for one to three days (\$25), Annual Fish Permit for Enterprise Waters (\$250), and Annual Fish Permit for Trophy Trout Fly-Fishing Section (\$75).

Prior to 2015, there wasn’t a distinct fishing season for the EBCI. Sec. 113-4(a) read, “The fishing season shall be year round with no closed season.”

That changed with the passage of Ord. No. 426 (2014) passed on Jan. 8, 2015. The legislation, submitted by EBCI Fisheries and Wildlife Management Dept., amended Sec. 113-4(a) to read, “Opening day of the fishing season on catch and keep enterprise waters shall be the last Saturday in March and the season shall be closed to fishing by non-enrolled members two weeks prior to this date. The catch and release fishing area shall be open year round with no closed season.”

Sec. 113-6 sets the law on the catch and release fishing area and states that fishing is allowed there “one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset”.

Sec. 113-6(a)(7) and (a)(8) describe the types of tackle and bait that can be used in this area. (a) (7) states, “Fishing must be done with tackle limited to fly rods, fly reels, and fly line with a maximum of 18 feet in leader material or monofilament line attached. (a) (8) states, “The use or possession

of any natural bait, fish bait, bait paste and similar substances, fish eggs (natural or molded), or any other edible substance is prohibited.”

There are numerous prohibitions on fishing set forth in Cherokee Code. Sec. 113-5(b) lists eight “Fishing Criminal Offenses” including: seining of fish, buying or selling of game fish, gigging or spearing fish, dynamiting or poisoning of fish, destruction of fish in tribal holding facilities, fishing in closed waters/ponds posted ‘no fishing’ or ‘no trespassing’, destruction and/or damaging of tribal holding facilities, and electro fishing.

Sec. 113(c) lists the following as “infractions”: exceeding the creel limit of 10 fish per day per permit holder, snagging of fish, grabbing of fish, chumming of fish, fishing with more than one line, setting of trotlines, fishing in closed waters, and fishing outside of lawful hours.

Enforcement of laws

Sec. 113-15 deals with enforcement of laws relating to the natural resources of the EBCI. Sec. 113-15(a) states, “Natural Resources Enforcement Officers are granted the powers of law enforcement officers within the territorial jurisdiction of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians...”

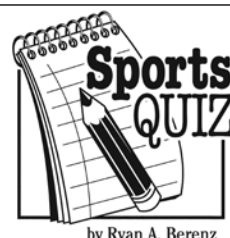
Sec. 113-15(b) adds, “...the Natural Resources Enforcement Officers are specifically granted jurisdiction over all aspects of: (1) Boating and Water Safety, (2) Hunter and trapping, (3) Fishing, (4) Activities in woodlands and on inland waters...”

Appendix A in Sec. 113 lists the following fines for the various offenses and infractions:

- Exceeding creel limit (\$100)
- Fishing without a permit (\$100)
- Snagging of fish (\$100)

- Grabbing of fish (\$100)
- Chumming of fish (\$100)
- Fishing with more than one line (\$100)
- Setting of trotline (\$200)
- Fishing in closed streams, ponds, or waters (\$100)
- Fishing before or after legal fishing hours (\$100)
- Illegally caught trout (\$50)

For more information on fishing on the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and to purchase permits online, visit: <https://fishcherokee.com>.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. What Canadian snowboarder, who competed in the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics, was added to the FBI Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list on charges of drug trafficking and murder?
2. From 2003-25, six of the seven wrestlers to achieve sumo’s highest rank, yokozuna, have come from what country?
3. What feat did high jumper Charles Dumas accomplish at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Los Angeles on June 29, 1956?
4. Quarterback Cleo Lemon recorded eight touchdown passes, seven interceptions and 2,185 passing yards with what NFL team from 2006-07?
5. Name the 1980 American League Rookie of the Year who had the peculiar talent of consuming beer through his nose.
6. Established in 1980, Hallelujah FC was what country’s first professional soccer club?
7. College Football Hall of Famer Eddie Robinson compiled a 408-165-15 record from 1941-1942 and 1945-97 as head coach of what football team?

Answers

1. Ryan Wedding.
2. Mongolia.
3. He became the first person to clear 7 feet.
4. The Miami Dolphins.
5. Joe Charboneau.
6. South Korea.
7. The Grambling State Tigers.

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CCS School Board holds May meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**

One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, May 5 in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:46 p.m. by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Co-Vice Chairperson Tara Reed-Cooper led roll call. Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Widagalinidisgv (Big Y) rep.; Micah Swimmer, Aniwodihi (Painttown) rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) rep.; Melanie Lambert, co-vice chairperson and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wayohi (Wolftown) rep.; Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Jo Ray, human resources director; Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; and Michael Stamper, Tribal

Council representative.

The opening prayer was led by Swimmer.

The previous meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert. The agenda was approved unanimously with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert.

In good news, Ms. Wioletta Sikorska was recognized for her work in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Girty shared, “The ESL program is a structured course designed to help non-native English speakers improve their proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. The ultimate goal is to help students communicate more effectively in a variety of settings. Students remain in the program until they reach a level of proficiency that allows them to test out.

In the short time Ms. Sikorska has been involved with the program, she has shown incredible dedication and has already seen one student successfully test out. Her efforts have made a meaningful difference in the lives of her students, and her commitment reflects the true spirit of being “Every Brave, Every Day”.

To honor her dedication, Girty

presented Sikorska with a certificate of recognition and a gift card. Paytyn Barker, CHS graduating senior who will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall, extended appreciation to the board for their support: “Paytyn would like to extend her deepest thanks to everyone for the unwavering support and encouragement she has received throughout her time at Cherokee Central Schools. She firmly believes that education is the key to success. Just as she has trained hard and remained dedicated to sports, she has applied that same discipline and determination in the classroom.

Thanks to the many opportunities provided by CCS, Paytyn has been able to excel academically. With the support of the school and its incredible educators, she was able to take advanced courses through Appalachian State University, Southwestern Community College, and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. These experiences helped her grow, challenge herself, and strive for excellence every step of the way.

From the beginning, Paytyn set a goal: to earn a full scholarship and graduate with minimal student debt. Through months of

hard work—applying for scholarships, participating in interviews, and completing assessments—she has been awarded multiple scholarships totaling over half a million dollars.

She is deeply grateful to the school board, support staff, and all the educators who guided and believed in her. Their encouragement made all the difference.

Paytyn will always carry with her the love, support, and inspiration she received at Cherokee Central Schools. Thank you all for being a part of her journey.”

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Toineeta, with resolutions 25-177: “REDACTED is approved to work CES STEAM Camp ‘25” and 25-242: “REDACTED is approved to work Cultural Summer School ‘25” pulled administratively. The following resolution was approved from the consent agenda:

Resolutions 25-158 to 25-256 were also approved. You can read them online at: <https://theonefeather.com/2025/05/19/ccs-school-board-holds-may-meeting-2/>

Ask the One Feather

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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If you have a question for a tribal program or entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, submit it to us and we will pose it to them and respond back. Please keep your questions program- or community-based – no personal questions.

Submit your question(s) to us at Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com.

**CIPD Arrest Report for
May 11-18, 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.

Lambert, Kaiden A. Kristine – age 19
Arrested: May 12
Released: May 15
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, or Possession, or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by a Person under 21; Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ensley, Charles Dennis – age 34
Arrested: May 13
Released: May 16
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Greene, Derrick Anthony – age 35
Arrested: May 14
Released: May 14
Charges: Temporary Hold

Jenkins, Patricia George – age 51
Arrested: May 14

Released: May 14
Charges: Temporary Hold

Littlejohn, Michael – age 64
Arrested: May 14
Released: May 15
Charges: Public Intoxication

Maney, Zaachaeus Zadok – age 30
Arrested: May 14
Released: May 15
Charges: Fraudulent Use of a Credit, Debit, or Bank Card

Wildcatt, John Travis – age 33
Arrested: May 14
Released: Not released as of report date (May 19)
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Hughes, Kevin Matthew – age 36
Arrested: May 15
Released: Not released as of report date (May 19)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (three counts), Reckless Endangerment

Toineeta, Maggie – age 44
Arrested: May 15
Released: May 15
Charges: Impersonation of a Public Servant

Wildcatt, Wesley Jordan – age 25
Arrested: May 15
Released: Not released as of report

date (May 19)
Charges: Resisting Public Officer, Resisting Lawful Arrest, Disorderly Conduct

Lambert, Kaiden A. Kristine – age 19
Arrested: May 16
Released: Not released as of report date (May 19)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Randolph, Allen R. – age 52
Arrested: May 16
Released: May 17
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Crowe, Galanvdi Wadokanah – age 37
Arrested: May 17
Released: Not released as of report date (May 19)
Charges: Child Abuse in the First Degree

Ensley, Charles Dennis – age 34
Arrested: May 18
Released: Not released as of report date (May 19)
Charges: Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order

Rabassa Santiago, Victor A. – age 50
Arrested: May 18
Released: May 18
Charges: Temporary Hold

Smith, Clarissa – age 35
Arrested: May 18
Released: May 18
Charges: Simple Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance

Sundown, Trevor Hoyt – age 31
Arrested: May 18
Released: May 18
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CES students write and illustrate nature book

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – For the second school year in a row, fifth grade students at Cherokee Elementary School have written and published a book. This school year, students in Mrs. Shae Deck’s class produced “Important Cherokee Animals and Plants” dedicated to the “past, present, and future Cherokee people”.

“I really wanted to teach my students about their Cherokee culture and what’s important about it,” Mrs. Deck said. “And, one of the things that really sticks in my mind for Cherokee culture is plants and animals because they all intertwine...they were gatherers, they were hunters. And they had great respect for those two things. So, I really wanted to bring that to the classroom. But, I also wanted my kids to look at something and be proud of it.”

Working on the book was a way for the students to share with the world a little bit about themselves. Mrs. Deck noted, “I wanted to give them a way to be able to express themselves creatively but do it in a way that was informational for everybody else. Because, when you’re talking about Cherokee and you’re sharing Cherokee culture, there’s so many misconceptions...I wanted it to come from students from Cherokee that live this life, that are in this culture, that go to this school, that live in this beautiful country that we live in, and I want them to be able to say, ‘no, this is my culture and this is what it means to me.’ That is amazing in and of itself, but the best part about this entire thing is when



This school year, students in Mrs. Shae Deck’s class produced “Important Cherokee Animals and Plants” dedicated to the “past, present, and future Cherokee people”. Several of the students who worked on the book are shown in their classroom on Wednesday, May 21 including, left to right, Maria Garcia-Armachain, Mitchell Littlejohn, Camren Stevens, Rose Arch, and Mrs. Shae Deck. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

they opened up and saw their book and they said, ‘I did that’. You could see the pride and you could see just the confidence brimming.” Each student wrote and illustrated a story on a subject of interest to them.

Camren Stevens, a student who wrote about river cane, commented, “I think it’s nice that we can share our culture and our hobbies and what we like doing.”

Mrs. Deck said the work was worth the end product. “My main job as an educator is to show them that they have the confidence to literally succeed in any way possible and this book has helped every single one of my students to do that. It’s amazing...It’s a long process, but it’s worth every minute the second they open up their book and are like, ‘I made that’.”

Maria Garcia-Armachain, a

student, wrote about ramps and what it means to her family. “My dad goes up to the woods and gets them and my mom sells them. And, it makes me more curious. I want to help my mom around.” She said her father taught her the proper way to harvest ramps. “You leave the root in the ground, you cut the top part off. It was the best day of my life.”

Mrs. Deck thanked Rich Bottchenbaugh for helping the class with the Cherokee syllabary and phonetics used in the book as well as Nicole Efrid and Tagan Crowe for their help with knowledge of the various plants and animals. Mrs. Deck also thanked the Cherokee School Board for purchasing every student a copy of the book.

Following are the various student authors and their stories

which are included in “Important Cherokee Animals and Plants”:

- Michell Littlejohn - Tsu-na-ga, brook trout
- Camren Stevens - I-hya, river cane
- Taiquan Driver - Ah-wi, deer
- Jacelyn Velazquez-Lossiah - She-lu, corn
- Trinita Caley - Dag(i)-shi, turtle
- Beau Edwards - Wa-ne-hi, hickory tree
- Holden McCormick - Tsa-me-ha, bats
- Arralyn Brady - So-tsv-na, sochan
- Dayna Locust - Yo-na, bears
- Maria Garcia-Armachain - Wa-sdi, ramps
- Jerald Davis - Ko-la-nv, the raven
- Lake-Van Garcia - Gi-ga-ge U-na-sde-tsi, blood root
- Niah Taylor - Du-we-ga, salamander
- Evelyn Welch - Nv-do-que-ya, sourwood tree
- Rose Arch - Ka-na-ne-sgi, spider
- Zaiden Bradley - She-di, walnut tree
- Levi Winstead - Ta-wo-di, red tail hawk
- Tucker Blankenship - Da-lo-ni-ge U-na-sde-tsi, yellow root

You can order a copy of “Important Cherokee Animals and Plants” by visiting: studenttreasures.com/ordercopies and using PIN 8372193. You can also order a copy of last year’s book, “Our Cherokee Culture”, by using PIN 8277074.

In speaking on the total effort of the students, Mrs. Deck noted, “It was just the determination of my kids to want to make this good and staying on top of it.”

Need More Outdoors gears up for another adventure-filled summer

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

BRYSON CITY, N.C. - Need More Outdoors (NMO) is a nonprofit organization offering youth outdoor adventures and environmental education in western North Carolina. Cherokee Choices collaborates with NMO during their youth summer camps, and Director Robin Callahan and Behavioral Change Specialist Yolanda Saunooke sit on the NMO board.

“Part of our mission as a nonprofit is to collaborate with the resources that are here in western North Carolina. Cherokee Choices is a perfect example. We look to collaborate,” said Juliet Jacobsen Kastorff, executive director of NMO.

“You have all these natural resources and outdoor activities here in western North Carolina. There’s mountain biking, fly fishing, hiking, rafting and kayaking, so many things that kids can do to get

outside and get off their phones, but they don’t have the opportunity. So, a lot of what Need More is doing is just helping kids get the opportunity to take advantage of their natural resources and get past that barrier of ‘if you grow up here, you don’t do those things.’” NMO also offers a scholarship program so that kids can have access to the necessary equipment like a fly-fishing rod or a kayak.

“We do have a really generous scholarship program, and a lot of people have donated equipment and time and money. It’s given us a good foundation to help kids because a real entry barrier is definitely equipment. Those are all things that Need More is trying to help problem-solve,” Kastorff said. Eden Wilson, NMO outreach coordinator, said the skills that can be learned through NMO are lifelong and can create future careers.

“There are opportunities. You can be a fly fisherman, a kayaker, and there’s also a lot of education that goes into it. We do Eco Splash



Need More Outdoors offers kayak instruction camp through Endless River Adventures. (Photos contributed)

camp throughout the summer where we’re in the river looking for invertebrates under rocks, snorkeling at the Cheoah River, kayak instruction camps through Endless River Adventures, grooming horses and going on hikes at the Otter Creek School Farm, and more,” she said.

“A kid who learns how to throw up a fly or learns how to roll

a kayak, it’s like, what a rewarding experience. Being outdoors is a huge boost of confidence.”

Need More Outdoors is excited to offer several camps and opportunities this summer for kids across western North Carolina, including the Qualla Boundary.

learn more at:
<https://needmoreoutdoors.org/>



Need More Outdoors leads rafting instruction in collaboration with Endless River Adventures.

Fading Voices

The 39th Annual Fading Voices Demonstration Day was held in the Snowbird Community in Robbinsville, N.C. on Saturday, May 24. The event featured traditional lifeways of the Snowbird Cherokees.

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather







New Kituwah holds graduation ceremony

New Kituwah Academy held their Sixth Grade Graduation on the evening of Thursday, May 22 in the Cherokee Youth Center in Cherokee, N.C.

ABOVE: The graduates included: ᑕᑕ Justiahna West, ᑎᑕ Catcuce Tiger, ᑕᑕᑕ Sandra Ollie Anne Taylor, ᑕᑕ Misha Slee, ᑕᑕ Taya Lossiah-Jackson, ᑕᑕᑕ W Jolyssa Hernandez, and ᑕᑕ Charles Bigwitch.

LEFT: ᑎᑕ was also presented the award, "ᑕᑕᑕ ᑕᑕᑕ ᑕᑕᑕ" (Speaks the most Cherokee), by Cherokee fluent speaker and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson.

(BROOKLYN BROWN/
One Feather photos)





Barker receives Morehead-Cain Scholarship

A scholarship presentation was held in the Charles George Memorial Arena on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 20 for Cherokee High School (CHS) graduating senior Paytyn Barker, who is the first ever recipient of the Morehead-Cain Scholarship in CHS history. The Morehead-Cain Scholarship was the first merit-based scholarship established in the United States at the first public university, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in 1951. The Morehead-Cain is a highly competitive and prestigious scholarship, selecting only 75 recipients each year. The Morehead-Cain will fully fund Barker's undergraduate studies at UNC. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

ABOVE: Tim Cheney, director of recruitment and selection for the Morehead-Cain, and Paytyn Barker, Cherokee High School (CHS) graduating senior and first ever CHS recipient of the Morehead-Cain.

BELOW: Paytyn Barker (middle) with her family, left to right, CHS Principal Craig Barker, Melissa Barker, and Shay Barker.



Timiyah Wachacha received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology with a minor in Adolescents, Community and Education.

Timiyah resides in the Snowbird Community with her husband, Elijah Wachacha.

She is the daughter of Vice Chief B Ensley and Libby of the Snowbird Community, and Tim Brown of the Birdtown Community.

MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF



MALLIE SWAYNEY

Recreation Coordinator (Activity Director) at Tsali Care Center

Education: ADC- National Activity Director Certified
Years at CIHA: 5 Years this August
Community/Hometown: Birdtown

"I like working for CIHA because I love my job and our precious elders at Tsali Care Center. It has been a blessing to work for an organization where they treat you like family. I look forward to many more years with CIHA and serving our elders and community for years to come. Thank you CIHA for being the employer of choice. Sgi."
 - Mallie Swayney

ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ (Di qwa tse li i yu sdi) "Like family to me."

Chiefs' Awards presented

The Chiefs' Awards were presented by Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks and Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley in the Cherokee Tribal Council House in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, May 20. The following students, all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, were honored:

New Kituwah Academy: Katsi Tiger, Misha Losi Slee

Cherokee Elementary School: Riley Solis, Leighton Bryson

Cherokee Middle School: Nyra Reed, Collin Lossie

Cherokee High School: Kyla Moore, Tyruss Thompson

Swain East Elementary: Cade Dills, Maggie Alexander

Swain West Elementary: James "J.J." Degi, Chavella Walkingstick

Swain Middle School: Daisy Frizzell, Abel Wade

Swain High School: Nse Uffort, James Arch

Smokey Mountain Elementary: Konner Cucumber, Kimberly Norton

Smokey Mountain Middle School: Silas Efrid, Jessa Efrid

Smoky Mountain High School: Ryan Crowe, Rebecca Welch

Robbinsville Elementary School: Wyatt Phillips, Olivia Robinson

Robbinsville Middle School: Isabell Jones, Zachlan Chekelelee

Robbinsville High School: Naomi Taylor, Bailie Conley

Pisgah High School: Skylar Ball

Tuscola High School: Avia Adams

Murphy High School: Kiera Toineeta

CHA awarded \$698K grant from Cherokee Preservation Foundation for expansion and upgrades

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Cherokee Historical Association (CHA) has announced the receipt of a grant totaling \$698,000 from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. This substantial funding will empower CHA to significantly

expand its programming, finalize a comprehensive master plan, and implement crucial upgrades to its historic venues.

A portion of the funding will be dedicated to bolstering CHA's operational capacity through the creation of two new full-time staff positions. These additions will provide vital support for the organization's expanding initiatives, including new year-round programming, and help ensure the long-term sustainability of CHA's mission.

Furthermore, the grant will facilitate the final phase of developing a comprehensive master plan in partnership with the renowned planning and design firm, PGAV Destinations. This strategic roadmap will guide CHA's growth and development over the coming years, ensuring that its facilities and programs effectively serve the evolving needs of the community and tourists alike. The funding will also enable essential upgrades and maintenance to our facilities and infrastructure, both at Oconaluftee Indian Village and Mountainside Theatre, and support celebration and fundraising activities surrounding the 75th Anniversary Season of Unto These Hills. Lastly, a portion of the funding will be divided amongst the cultural partners to support the second annual Qualla-Ween event in October.

Cherokee Historical Association invites the community to stay informed about upcoming program expansions. More information will be shared on CHA's website (CherokeeHistorical.org) and social media channels in the coming months.

- Cherokee Historical Association release

CHS expands Cultural Arts Programming

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Beginning August 2025, CHS (Cherokee High School) Cultural Arts students will begin learning how to make ribbon skirts. This exciting addition builds on their current instruction in Cherokee baskets, pottery, finger weaving, and beadwork. The Cultural Arts class, taught by Lori Reed, is offered to all Cherokee High School students as an elective.

This Cultural Arts class has been a cornerstone of Cherokee High School for years, providing students with meaningful knowledge of traditional arts. Students gain insight into

the cultural significance of Cherokee artistic practices, traditional methods of harvesting and processing materials, and the specialized techniques that make Cherokee arts distinct. In addition to deepening cultural understanding, the class now also introduces students to entrepreneurial pathways, demonstrating how traditional arts can be used to build self-sustaining careers rooted in cultural expression.

"At Cherokee Central Schools, we believe that education must reflect who our students are and where they come from," says Cherokee Central Schools Superintendent Consuela Girty. "Expanding our Cultural Arts program to include ribbon skirt-making is more than just adding a skill - it's about deepening our students' connection to their identity, their community, and their culture. This aligns with our vision to empower our students, preserve our nation, and ensure our future. When we integrate culture into the classroom, we're not only teaching content - we're strengthening belonging, purpose, and pride in who we are as Cherokee people."

This expansion of programming is made possible thanks to the generous support of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and the Cherokee Central Schools School Board.

- Cherokee Central Schools release

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INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM SERVICES ON TRUST LANDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Block Underpinning: Block underpinning will be installed for doublewides.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EBCI Dept. of Solid Waste Transfer Station Disposal Rates increasing

Effective Thursday, May 1, the tipping fee rates for businesses and non-EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) tribal members will be increasing as follows:

- MSW (normal household waste) and C&D - \$80 per ton
- Mixed Construction - \$107.10 per ton
- Concrete - \$35.70 per ton
- Brush - \$81.60 per ton

Tire disposal rates will also be changed on the same date. Tire disposal rates and policies will be as follows:

- Passenger vehicle tires - \$3.50 per tire
- Commercial Truck tires - \$5 per tire

- Commercial Equipment tires - \$25 per tire

These tire rates are for all businesses and non-EBCI tribal members. The following criteria will be used to determine business vs. private categorization:

- Anyone disposing of more than six tires per month would be considered a business and must pay the business disposal fees.
- Anyone disposing of more than 20 tires in a calendar year would be considered a business and must pay the disposal fee.

Tire disposal fees do not apply to the following:

- Business under contract with the EBCI to do roadside clean-up on the Qualla Boundary
- All tribal programs (not including entities)

- EBCI Dept. of Solid Waste
release

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.

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- 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.

- National Park Service release

THANK YOU LETTERS

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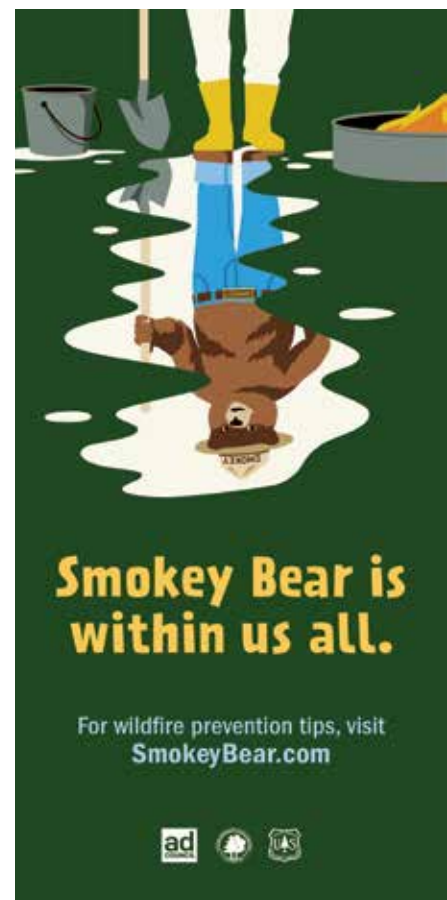
We want to say Thank You to our family and friends for their positive support during the declining health and passing of our brother Ernest Panther and our sister Alice Panther Johns.

There are too many family members to name individually and I don't want to leave any-

one out. A special thanks to our siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends, some traveling long distances to join us. Thanks to each and every singer and speaker. Thanks to Rev. Merritt Youngdeer and Rev. Dan Conseen for their comforting words, the Executive Offices staff, facility management, Tsali care center, Cherokee Indian Hospital, Cherokee Indian Police, EMS, Mission ICU staff.

A special "SGI" to our Honorary pallbearer Phillip Panther, American Legion Post 143, the Auxiliary Ladies, Post 143 and the Air Force Honor Guard.

Keep us in prayer, God Bless
Alice Panther Kekahbah and on behalf of Hattie E. Panther



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OBITUARIES ᏊᏏᏏᏚᏚ

Richard Dean Wahnetah

Richard Dean Wahnetah, age 66, of Hamilton, N.J., passed away at his residence on Friday, May 9, 2025, following a brief illness.

Mr. Wahnetah was a native and former resident of Cherokee, N.C. Richard was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and worked as a dispatcher in Hattiesburg, Miss. After his retirement, he enjoyed whit-tling and spent most of his time with his great-grandchildren.

He was the son of the late Lois Ondrea Wahnetah Pensavalle. In addition to his mother, he was predeceased by his brother, Guy Pensavalle, and sister, Maria Wahnetah Armachain.

He is survived by his daughter, Christine Pecarsky; his stepson, Jesse Pecarsky; family friend, Jo-

bany Cardona; his siblings, Anthony and his wife, Roberta Mondelli, and Franky Pensavalle; his grandchildren, Veronica Pecarsky, Kayla Pecarsky-Cardona, Chrissa Pecarsky-Cardona (fiancé: Joseph Guindin), Joanna Pecarsky-Cardona (fiancé: Ziaire Williams), Ashley Powers, and grandson Kaelen Baker; and three great-grandchildren, Kameron Thomas, Auria Munk, and Harmony Williams-Pecarsky. He was loved by many nieces and nephews, John, Jackie, and Jada Mondelli; Samuel and Carla Wahnetah; Ondrea Armachain; Michael and Amanda Pensavalle; as well as many great-grandnieces and grandnephews.

Long House Funeral Home will announce services.

John M. Curlee

John M. Curlee, or as we all knew him, "Mark", passed peacefully on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. Mark worked hard and played hard. He loved his family, his construction career and riding his Harley Davidson.

Mark started framing houses right out of high school and before going into commercial construction worked with Qualla Housing Construction. He made life-long friends there and joined their fast-

pitch baseball team. He was very proud that the team made it all the way to Nationals in San Francisco, CA.

Mark went on to build buildings like The Devon Energy Center in Oklahoma City, Okla., (the tallest building in the city and state), Fontainebleau Miami Beach in Miami, Fla. and even built the original Harrahs Cherokee Casino parking deck. A little trivia: he once taught a construction class at Auburn University and his favorite author was Tony Hillerman.

Mark was born in Millbrook, Ala. on Sept. 25, 1963 but Cherokee always held a special place in his heart. He loved the storytelling, sense of humor, and kinship with the people and traditional ways of life.

Please keep Matthew and Ty in your good thoughts and prayers they will miss their one-of-a-kind dad. He taught them both about family, hard work, how to cuss, laugh, how to play cards and baseball...now Mark rides on. But don't shed a tear for he lived free, had no regrets and loved his life, so ride on Mark and rest in peace. Until we meet again.

Peggy Owle Wolfe

Peggy Owle Wolfe, 71, of Cher-

okee, went home to be with her Heavenly Father, Wednesday, May 21, 2025. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Lloyd Solomon and Betty Bradley Owle.

She loved her little dog, Precious, and loved to garden. She was a member of Bethabara Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Henry Owle, Annette Fish, Ruby Crowe, Bob Owle, Jessie Dugan, and Lloyd Carl Owle.

She is survived by her daughter, Anna Wolfe; siblings, Frank Bradley and wife Josephine, Dewey Owle and wife Rita, Catherine Owle, Freeman Owle and wife Marsha; her little dog, Precious; and special friend, Brent Lambert.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 24 at Bethabara Baptist Church. Rev. Max Cochran officiated with burial in the Owle Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Austin Gunt-er, Corey Owle, Isaiah Bird, Nat Taylor, Ed Owle, Robbie Squirrel, and Joe Wolfe, Sr.

Crisp Funeral Home assisted the family.

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MUSIC BY THE RIVER

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5/23 - R. A. Nightingale - 5pm to 8pm
5/24 - Whiskey Mountain Band - 5pm to 8pm
5/25 - John Mullen - 5pm to 8pm
5/30 - Ridgetop Dave - 5pm to 8pm
5/31 - Eric Everett - 5pm to 8pm

JUNE

6/6 - Ally Reed - 4pm to 5pm | Mountain Muse - 6pm to 9pm
6/7 - John Friday - 5pm to 8pm
6/13 - Cherokee Language Repertory Choir - 3pm to 4:30pm | Blackbeard's Truck - 5pm to 8pm
6/14 - Ally Reed - 3pm to 4pm | Wiregrass - 5pm to 8pm
6/20 - J Creek Cloggers - 6pm to 8pm
6/21 - R. A. Nightingale - 4pm to 5:30pm | Lori and the Freight Shakers - 6pm to 9pm
6/27 - Ally Reed - 4:30pm to 5:30pm | Lisa Boone Band - 6:30pm to 8:30pm
6/28 - Astronaut Junkies - 6pm to 9pm

JULY

7/4 - Blue Country Line Dance - 6pm to 9pm
7/5 - Ally Reed - 4pm to 5pm | Elvis Impersonator - 6pm to 8pm
7/11 - Adam Harris Thompson - 6pm to 9pm
7/12 - Cherokee Language Repertory Choir - 4pm to 5:30pm | John Mullan - 6pm to 9pm
7/18 - Ally Reed - 4pm to 5pm | Craig Vaughn - 6pm to 9pm
7/19 - Jack Sparrow - 4pm to 5pm | Rudy's Bluegrass Revue - 6pm to 9pm
7/25 - Ally Reed - 4pm to 5pm | Dave Stewart Songs - 6pm to 9pm
7/26 - Terrance Day - 6pm to 9pm

AUGUST

8/1 - Ally Reed - 4pm to 5pm | Derek Glarza - 6pm to 9pm
8/2 - Craig Vaughn Experience - 6pm to 9pm
8/8 - Ally Reed - 4pm to 5pm | Jordan Okren - 6pm to 9pm
8/9 - Cherokee Language Repertory Choir - 4pm to 5:30pm | Hollor & Crow - 6pm to 9pm
8/15 - Battle of the bands - 3pm to 9pm
8/16 - Battle of the Bands - 3pm to 9pm
8/22 - R. A. Nightgale - 6pm to 9pm
8/23 - Jeff Tucker - 6pm to 9pm
8/29 - A New Beginning Gospel Group - 1pm to 10pm
8/30 - A New Beginning Gospel Group - 1pm to 10pm
8/31 - A New Beginning Gospel Group - 1pm to 10pm

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COMMENTARY

I chew my cookies slowly

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

According to Statista.com, “In 2023, there were around 5,529 choking deaths in the United States. Death is more common among the elderly, with food most often responsible for such incidents. The odds of one dying from choking on food are around 1 in 2,461. These odds are greater than the odds of dying from an accidental gun discharge or as a passenger on a plane.”

The death rate from choking has been tracked and compiled by Statista since 1945, when the choking death rate was 897.

As I reach the golden age of 65 within a couple of weeks of this writing, anything that might shorten my days tends to catch my eye. I am an information junkie. Personally, and professionally, I spend a bunch of time on the internet. I am also part of a volunteer church safety team, and first aid is part of the training we are encouraged to take. Choking intervention is one of the modules that the Red Cross teaches. Having briefly researched the subject on the internet, I was bombarded with advertisements and promotions for choking mitigation devices.

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are small text files stored on your computer or device by websites you visit. Cookies enable websites to remember information about you, making getting around the World Wide Web easier. It also makes it easier for companies to customize their internet advertising to your specific activity on the internet. So, as I searched for information on how to save my life and the lives of others from choking, companies were noting those searches and began to feed me information accordingly, enough information and offers to choke a horse (sorry, I couldn't resist).

But I am not here to talk about, necessarily, that kind of cookie. I wanted to share a personal testimony and use the readership for my personal therapy.

We all live in a world that encourages us to do things efficiently and quickly. I was raised to minimize my downtime and maximize every moment. But moving quickly and multitasking to an extreme may come with a cost. Especially when it comes to eating when we age, there are a few things we may do to let us live another day, to stop and smell those roses.

1. Slow down. We all would do better to get out of the habit of stuffing our faces and running to the next task. We do it without even thinking.
2. Chew your food. People typically choke on chunks of food that they neglected to chew thoroughly.
3. Here's one your granny probably told you a long time ago. Don't talk with your mouth full. We often let the desire to tell a tale or respond to a question put us at risk of choking. The simple physics of it is that we tend to breathe,

at least to some extent, through our mouths when we talk. If our mouth is full of food as we are sucking wind in as we talk, we increase the chances that we will suck food into our windpipe. A sudden, unexpected, action might startle us enough to suck in the air and draw food into our windpipes. The same would be true for laughing with food in your mouth.

When we are very young, our guardians feed us liquids and soft foods because we aren't developed enough physically and psychologically to avoid choking on solid food (and to be indelicate, we are likely gumming our food as babies, so proper mastication is problematic). The same eventually becomes true again as we age. In 2023, approximately 28 percent of the community-dwelling older adults in the United States, age 65 or older, lived alone. That is roughly 16.2 million people (5.7 million men and 10.5 million women). Add to the list of infirmities that our memories tend to erode as we age. All that good news to say we are more prone to certain injuries than our younger selves.

Therefore, we need to be more vigilant and practice, going back to reminding ourselves of the lessons of our infancy. Don't get me wrong, I believe we folks who are going through the silver years of our lives are strong and intelligent. But I also know that we cannot stop the progression of aging that God has put forth in our nature. Some of us will hold it off longer than others with exercise and good genes, but eventually, unless death takes us suddenly, we will experience the decline in mobility and ability in aging.

The good news is that there are indeed ways to mitigate some

of the new challenges. In addition to watching how you eat, some techniques and devices will help us if we do get into an emergency, and we are alone. And if you end up being a caregiver, a spouse, a child, or just someone who cares, you should get training, particularly cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid training. North Carolina, as a point of law (N.C.G.S. 20-166.d and N.C.G.S. 90-21.14) provides that “any person who does give emergency or first aid assistance at the scene of a motor vehicle crash cannot be liable for personal injury or other civil damages if their acts or failure to act causes further injury to the person, unless the behavior was grossly negligent (a high standard or intentional. Further, liability is limited for volunteer health care and medical workers who receive no compensation for their services if immediate health treatment was necessary to mitigate serious further injury or save the life of the person. Volunteer medical workers will not be liable for personal injury or other civil damages unless their behavior was grossly negligent or intentional wrongdoing.”

And keep in mind that in 2013, North Carolina passed a Good Samaritan statute that protects individuals from criminal liability. The law was designed to encourage individuals to call 911 in the event of a drug or alcohol overdose. It provides a person who witnesses an overdose with limited criminal immunity if they are under the legal drinking age or have small amounts of drugs and call 911. It also protects an underage victim of an alcohol overdose from prosecution for underage drinking.” (A&S Personal Injury Lawyers) These protections

in law would likely extend to any efforts to save a life or treat an injury.

Since I am talking with my peers, I guess I should mention something else that tends to get weaker with age. We just aren't able to buck dance like we used to. Our footwork suffers more with each year that we age.

From the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "Each year, millions of older people—those 65 and older—fall. In fact, more than one out of four older people falls each year, but less than half tell their doctor. Falling doubles your chances of falling again. One out of 10 falls results in an injury that causes the older adult to restrict their activities for more than a day or to seek attention from the healthcare system. Each year, there are about 3 million

emergency department visits due to older people falls. Each year, there are about 1 million fall-related hospitalizations among older adults. In 2019, 83 percent of hip fracture deaths and 88 percent of emergency department visits and hospitalizations for hip fractures were caused by falls. Each year nearly 319,000 older people are hospitalized for hip fractures. Falls are the most common cause of traumatic brain injury."

As we get older, our muscle mass naturally declines, our Vitamin D production slows, we take more medications, our vision deteriorates, we experience more foot pain, we lose coordination and have challenges navigating normal household clutter. Our bones break more easily, and our skin and muscle bruises stay


longer. Yes, we are resilient, but in a different way. Falls at our age, are likely to maim and kill us. Again, we must do what it takes to mitigate the effects of aging on our balance. Routine check-ups, physical therapy/exercise, eating right, and getting the proper supplements will help. And don't be too proud to use a walking stick, a walker, or even a Jazzy if needed.

As I age, I am reminded by my body that even though my mind thinks like a teenager, it is trapped in an aging body. And the consequences of a mis-swallow or misstep are more significant to my older body than in those younger days when my recovery time from injury was far less than it is today. Telling myself that it happens to everyone is a small consolation, especially when you may be watching your dear loved

ones aging with you.

Famously, Clint Eastwood in the Dirty Harry movie series said, "A man has got to know his limitations."

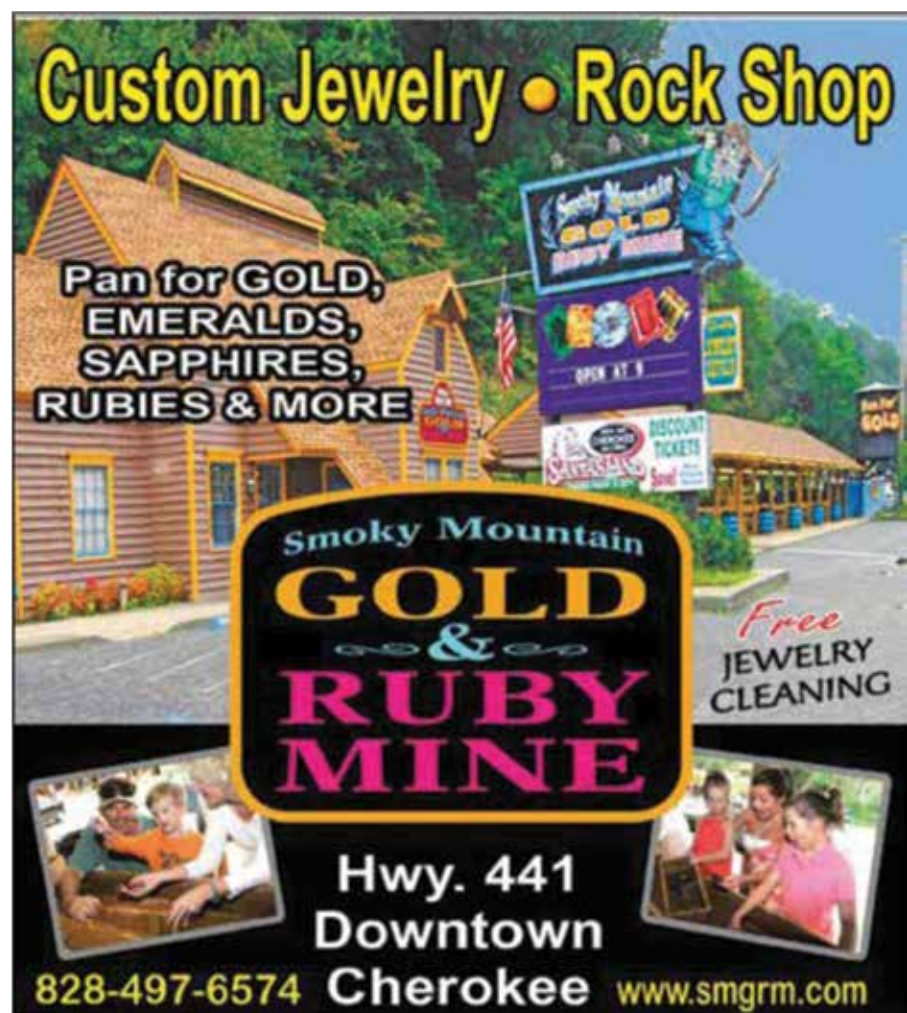
Although he was talking in a different context, the quote is no less true for us as we age. Knowing our limitations now and what they will be later, and planning for them, will make life in our golden years much more enjoyable. Resist the urge and desire to think that because your mind is still nimble that your body is too. And remember to chew that cookie thoroughly and swallow it before you talk or laugh. You might live longer because of it. Oh, and by the way, as of this writing, Clint is 94 years old.



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SPEAKING OF FAITH

A Soldier's Perspective - Part 3

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

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 hardship 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.

I know you are not reading this for a history lesson on the life of a Roman soldier but now think about what Paul was saying when he wrote this. As soldiers for Christ, we must be willing and ready as dedicated and enlisted soldiers for His work 24/7 and not be distracted by our civilian life. We are to live "All In" as Christian soldiers in our civilian life. That is dedication, devotion, and surrender.

In consideration of everything Paul is saying, people should commit to that intensive kind of enlistment.

Consider what Jesus said to his disciples. In Mark 8, written in red letters beginning with verse 34, And he called unto him the multitude with his disciples, and said unto them, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it. For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit

his life? For what should a man give in exchange for his life? For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Now, the context and the meaning of what Paul writes about being a soldier get real. The people Jesus was speaking to knew exactly what it meant to follow Him.

Do you have that kind of commitment? Living a Christian life takes courage. It takes considerable fortitude to step up or step out and say - I will. I understand many cannot or will not make that decision for fear of what that kind of enlistment might do to the lives they love to live right now.

So, take the other road and

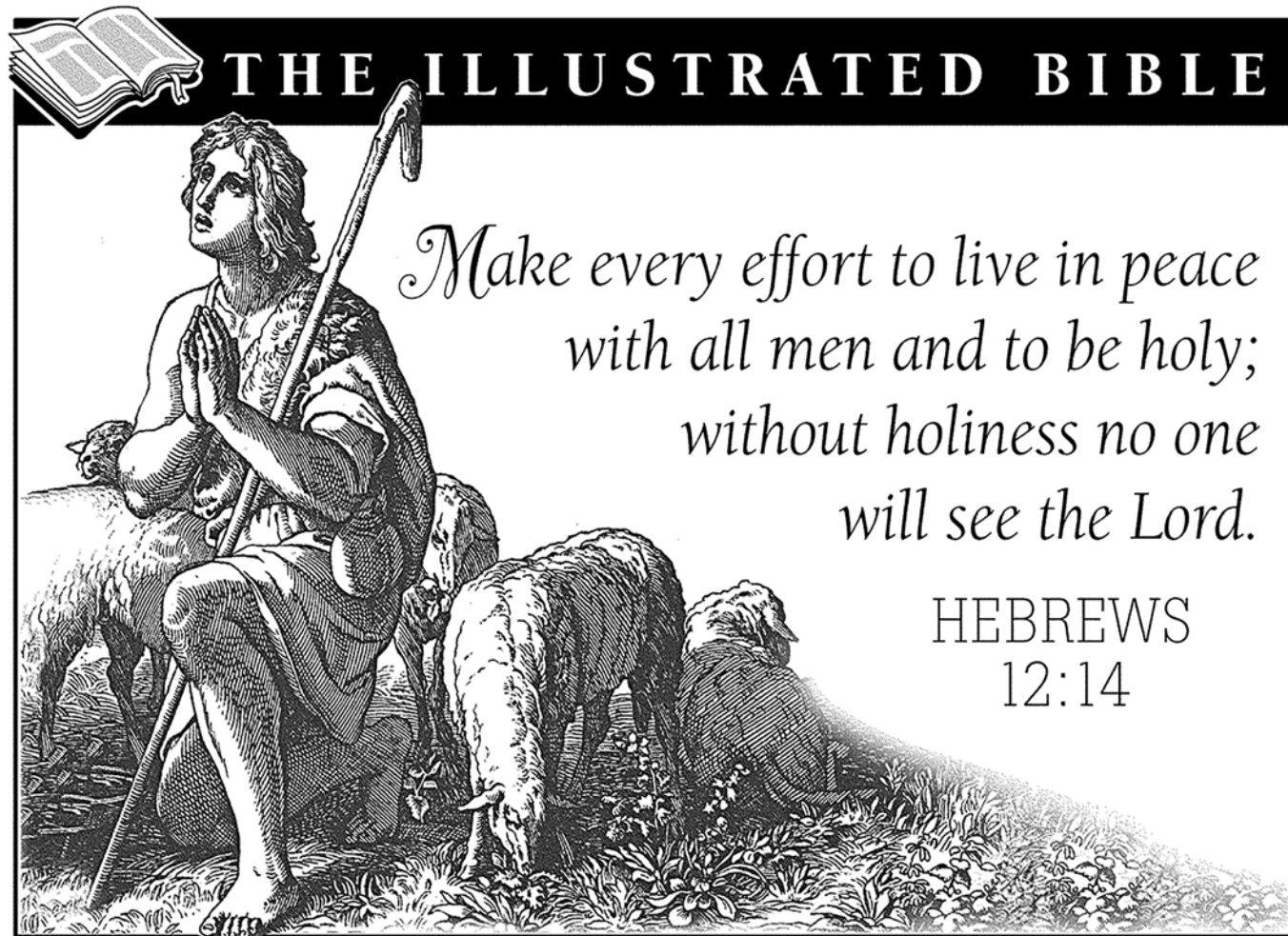
surrender. Yeah, that is what I said; surrender to Jesus and let him stand you up to be His soldier. Give yourself over to the higher power - to Jesus, and let Him take your life. You may not be ready for battle. You may need to get in shape. You need to learn how to use spiritual weapons; you need to know and understand the battle plan. You may need to stop some civilian activities that hinder your relationship with God. He will guide you. Once accepted, the Spirit that dwells within you will train you and protect you. The Spirit will work on you over time and help you understand what you need to do to become more Holy. Have faith in God to clean you up and change the things you know are not right in your life.

The military takes civilians

just as they are and makes them soldiers. Jesus and the Spirit do precisely the same thing. It is a lifetime commitment and a new way of life, but it is a life that is an eternal reward in Heaven. So, save your life; give it to Jesus today.

Find a hymnal and sing - "Onward Christian Soldiers". It might bring back a few memories of what this discussion is all about.

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.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Make every effort to live in peace
with all men and to be holy;
without holiness no one
will see the Lord.*

HEBREWS
12:14

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Amber Waves

WE'RE GOING TO DO SOME EXPLORING TODAY, BUT MY MOM SAYS WE CAN'T CROSS THE ROAD.



SO GUESS WE'LL MOVE ON AND EXPLORE THE WOODS, BUT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY IN SIGHT.



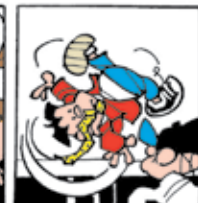
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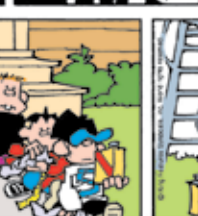
THIS IS INTOLERABLE! I GUARANTEE THERE'S NO WAY COLUMBUS HAD A MOTHER.



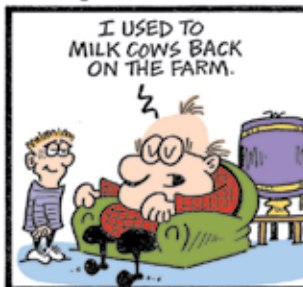
TIGER



by BUD BLAKE



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

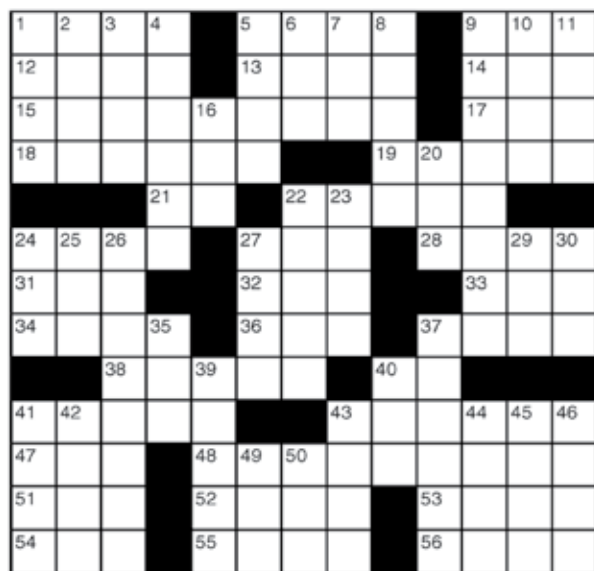
Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Man is moved. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Purse in window is moved. 4. Hand is not showing. 5. Hat is different. 6. Letter B is larger.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Sprint
- 5 Dalai —
- 9 Humorist
- 12 Twice cuatro
- 13 Done with
- 14 Here (Fr.)
- 15 Impulsive
- 17 Born abroad?
- 18 Sweetheart
- 19 Sequence
- 21 Freudian concept
- 22 Ersatz chocolate
- 24 Lascivious
- 27 "Wham!"
- 28 Rain-delay cover
- 31 MSNBC's Melber
- 32 Night before
- 33 "Gosh!"
- 34 Gasp for air
- 36 Scale members
- 37 Despot
- 38 Tub outlet
- 40 Battery size
- 41 Laugh track sounds
- 43 Author Lurie
- 47 "I love," in Latin
- 48 Tropical cooler
- 51 Writer Harper
- 52 Theater award



- 53 Length times width
- 54 "For shame!"
- 55 Frees (of)
- 56 Legendary loch
- 9 Motormouths
- 10 Frozen drink brand
- 11 Level
- 16 Cover
- 20 Hogwash
- 22 Witch group
- 23 Dazzles
- 24 Napkin's place
- 25 Geological period
- 26 Namibia's capital
- 27 Gilpin of "Frasier"
- 29 Actor Stephen
- 30 Apiece
- 35 — -la-la
- 37 East Asian country
- 39 Silents star Mary
- 40 Hearty brew
- 41 Sentry's cry
- 42 Iowa city
- 43 Citrus drinks
- 44 Beget
- 45 Small bills
- 46 Secret-protecting docs
- 49 Slugger's stat
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.
Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ACRONYMS: What do the acronyms "AM" and "PM" stand for?
2. TELEVISION: What is the name of the Jack Russell Terrier in the sitcom "Frasier"?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which vice president won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2007?
4. MOVIES: How many Infinity Stones are in "Avengers: Endgame"?
5. U.S. STATES: In which state would you find the Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What is Scotland's official national animal?
7. LITERATURE: Which cities are the settings for Charles Dickens' novel "A Tale of Two Cities"?
8. SCIENCE: Which two planets in our solar system have no moons?
9. HISTORY: Who was the first woman Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which branch of the U.S. military uses the recruiting slogan, "It's not just a job; it's an adventure"?

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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.

Turkey Shoot.

June 7 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove). This is a benefit for Big Cove Free Labor. Good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

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

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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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May 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. Get a first look at the works on view and mingle with artists from Tara McCoy's annual pottery workshop at the Museum of the Cherokee People. Both the 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.

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


Vacation Bible School.

June 9-12 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.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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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,

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others, but wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine! While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurian tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there, waiting for you to find them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona, but pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity in order to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in their way.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Veterans Legacy Memorial has expanded

The Veterans Legacy Memorial has just expanded by 210,000 pages, courtesy of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The ABMC manages cemeteries and federal memorials in 17 countries to honor the over 200,000 service members who died in World War I and World War II and who are buried in those overseas locations. Organized in 1923, the agency constructed and maintains the sites, which includes memorials, monuments and headstones. Each location on the ABMC website (www.abmc.gov) includes virtual 360 drone footage of the area, search function, the history of each site and more.

The list of ABMC sites reads like a history book: Normandy American Cemetery in France, the Corozal American Cemetery in Panama, the Manila American Cemetery in the Philippines, the Cambridge American Cemetery in England and so many more sites of previous wars and conflicts around the globe.

And now 210,000 of those service members will have their own individual pages added to the Veterans Legacy Memorial digital online website (www.vlm.cem.va.gov), which contains the names of those buried across the country. The addition will bring the total pages to over 10 million.

Each Veterans Legacy Memorial service member page includes a bio with branch of service, dates of birth and death, rank, decorations and stories and photos uploaded by family and friends.

If you want to pre-qualify for burial in a national veterans cemetery, you can apply in advance at va.gov/burials-memorials. (Click on "Eligibility" and fill out the VA Form 40-10007.) You'll need your DD-214. Or call the scheduling office at 800-535-1117 if you need help with the paperwork.

Once approved, if you wish, you can create your own Legacy page that will be activated upon your passing. It's called "Your Story, Your Legacy," and you'll be able to create it to read just as you wish.

If you're trying to add to a Legacy page for a family member (or create your own) and need help, call National Cemetery Support at 866-245-1490.

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Remembering the sacrifices of war dogs

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: This Memorial Day, I hope you can call attention to the sacrifices made by war dogs, who have served side by side with American troops for over 100 years, taking on missions that their human counterparts could never do so well. Many gave their lives protecting others. — Charles B., via email

DEAR CHARLES: Absolutely. Military working dogs, often called "war dogs," are an essential part of America's armed forces. They provide security around the world and are trained for specialized missions like drugs and explosives detection, sentry duty, scouting, and search and rescue. Military working dogs are even part of special forces units. Over the past century, war dogs have played essential roles.

In the past, German Shepherds were the primary breed used as military working dogs. Recently, the armed services have shifted to slightly smaller breeds. The Belgian Malinois is the preferred breed for military working dogs today.

Sadly, during the Vietnam War, thousands of military working dogs overseas were euthanized or abandoned when their service was done. In 2000, President Clinton signed a law that allowed war dogs to be adopted once their service was over.

More than 400 military working dogs have been killed in action since World War II. It's estimated that they have saved over 10,000 lives. Today, a War Dog memorial stands in Bristol Township, Pennsylvania, to call attention to these selfless heroes, as well as a War Dog statue outside the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

As we remember the sacrifices of American troops this Memorial Day, I hope you'll all take a moment to remember the loyal, highly trained working dogs who gave their all to keep their comrades in arms safe from harm.

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

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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
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.)

Timber Committee. May 28 at 9 a.m.

POW WOW LISTINGS
Moving Forward Together Social Pow Wow. May 30 to June 1 at the Rafter 3C Arena, Churchill County Fairgrounds in Fallon, Nev. MC: Hank Johnson. Host Drum: Black Lodge. Info: fallonpowwow@gmail.com

Taylorville Black Horse Veterans Pow Wow. May 30 to June 1 at Taylorville Lake Marina in Taylorville, Ill. Host Drum: Rainbow Singers. Info: Blackhorse Dubay (217) 823-6878, blackhorse@ctitech.com

Redbird's 23rd Children of Many Colors Intertribal Pow Wow. May 31 to June 1 at Oxnard College Gymnasium Field in Oxnard, Calif. MC: Randy Pico. Host Drums: Blue Star, Wildhorse, Hale and Company. Info: Corina Roberts (626) 644-7558, redbirds_vision@hotmail.com

First Willamette Valley Pow Wow. May 31 at the Boulder Falls Center Event Center in Lebanon, Ore. MC: Bob Tom. Host Drum: Bad Soul. Info: Laurie Regalado (541) 451-8524, laurie.regalado@lebanon.k12.or.us

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 Riv-



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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

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

Cherokee Culture Series at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva, N.C. Info: Laura Chapman at lchapman@fontanal-ib.org

- Opening Ceremonies and Multigenerational Panel. May 29 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room.

- Cherokee Cornhusk Doll Making with Laura Walkingstick. June 7 at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. This class is limited to the first 10 participants who sign up.

- Cherokee Storytelling with Nancy Pheasant. June 10 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room.

- Cherokee Music & Dance with Jarrett Wildcatt. June 17 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room.

- Traditional Cherokee Cuisine with Amy and John Postoak. June 26 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room.

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. June 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Henny Ransdell will present "A Most Special Place: The North

Shore, Then and Now". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

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: Denise (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>

Vacation Bible School. June 16-18 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. nightly at Waterfalls Baptist Church at 82 Waterfalls Baptist Church in Whittier, N.C. Info: Jamie Brown (828) 269-8400

Vann House Day. July 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chief Vann House Georgia State Historic Site at 82 Hwy 225N in Chatsworth, Ga. Demonstrations and activities like that of an 1800s farming family. Local craftspeople will demonstrate 19th century skills such as blacksmithing, quilting, weaving, blow guns, and more. The Vann

Mansion, Cherokee Farmstead, Vann Kitchen, and Museum will be open for self-guided tours. Enjoy live fiddle music. Info: (706) 695-2598, vann_house_park@dnr.ga.gov

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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

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

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

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday

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

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

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

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

Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. 960 Old

Bryson City Road in the 3200 Acre Tract. 488-9202

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

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

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

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Every third Sunday they have a fellowship meal to celebrate all the birthdays throughout that month. Everyone is cordially invited for any of the services and meals.

Pastor Rev. Owen Isaacs (828) 242-0754

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

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

Cherokee United Methodist Church. Hwy 19 – Soco

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 3 Thessalonians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who went to the city gate every morning to hold a court of justice trying to win people from David? *Nain, Rehoboam, Absalom, Felix*
3. Where did the first miracle of Jesus take place of His turning water into wine? *Cana, Antioch, Berea, Corinth*
4. Which queen died by being thrown from a window and trampled by horses? *Elisabeth, Jezebel, Vashti, Abigail*
5. In what book does Paul promote the public reading of scripture? *1 Timothy, 1 Samuel, 1 John, 1 Thessalonians*
6. From Judges 9, who had 70 of his brothers killed on one stone? *Abimelech, Samuel, Amos*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither. 2) Absalom. 3) Cana. 4) Jezebel. 5) 1 Timothy. 6) Abimelech
"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Moments in time

• On **June 9, 1934**, Donald Duck made his cinema debut in Disney's "The Wise Little Hen," along with his pal Peter Pig. The pair do their best to get out of helping Mrs. Hen plant corn by faking tummy troubles, but she teaches them a lesson (not to mention repentance) with the help of some castor oil.

• On **June 10, 2015**, Juan Felipe Herrera, a prize-winning author and the son of migrant farmworkers, whose mother recited poetry and taught him songs from the Mexican Revolution, became America's first Latino poet laureate.

• On **June 11, 1949**, country singer Hank Williams Sr. delivered such an electrifying performance when he made his first Grand Ole Opry radio broadcast that he was called out for six encores and the audience had to be implored not to call for any more in order for the show to continue.

• On **June 12, 1975**, India's prime minister, Indira Gandhi, was found guilty of electoral corruption in her 1971 campaign. Despite calls for her resignation, she refused to resign and later declared martial law after public demonstrations threatened to overturn her administration.

• On **June 13, 2006**, jurors began deliberations in the trial of Susan Polk for the 2002 murder of her husband, psychotherapist Felix Polk. The couple had raised three sons together and were in the middle of a contentious divorce at the time of his death. Two of the sons testified against their mother at the trial, which ended in her conviction and incarceration.

• On **June 14, 1777**, the Continental Congress adopted a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 alternate stripes red and white" and that "the Union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Known eventually as the "Stars and Stripes," it was based on the Grand Union flag, which was carried by the Continental Army in 1776 and also contained 13 red-and-white stripes.

• On **June 15, 1667**, French physician Jean-Baptiste Denis performed the first blood transfusion on a feverish boy, using lamb's blood. The boy recovered, but two other patients died after the procedure, leading to centuries-long bans on it.

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The Garden Bug
Rosemary
found in Ophelia's speech from Hamlet

Shakespeare gardens, created to honor the famous playwright, are found throughout the U.S. and Britain. They contain plants and flowers mentioned in his works and those found in his own private garden in Stratford-upon-Avon. One of the most famous of these gardens is in Central Park near the Delacorte Theatre, site of the "Shakespeare in the Park" series held each summer. - Brenda Weaver
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Road. Sunday Church Service 11 a.m. Wednesday dinner at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study. Pastor Robert Griffin (828) 582-0564

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

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads. 3501 Hwy. 441, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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

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

Grace Community Church of Cherokee. Yellowhill Activity

Center on Acquoni Road. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

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

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

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

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship

6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 497-1611, mbccherokee@outlook.com, Website: www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church

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

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.

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

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

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

day evening Fellowship Meal 6 p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer Service 6:30 p.m., Choir Practice 7 p.m. Dr. Mickey Duvall, Pastor

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

Straight Fork Baptist Church. Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Wednesday night prayer service 7 p.m. Youth group meet-

ings also. Interim Pastor - Harley Maney Jr.

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

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

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thomas Valley Road. Sunday school: 10 a.m., Worship: 11a.m., Sunday night worship: 6 p.m., Wednesday prayer service: 7 p.m.,

every other Monday night (Youth night) singing, bible study and crafts: 6 p.m. Pastor: Tristan Smith

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

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

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Johnson Family Motel Sale/ Cherokee Lodge.

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Tuesday, June 3 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. All Must Go, CASH ONLY, Must be able to move by self or with help, staff cannot help. NO HOLDS. Selling – mirrors, TV's, microwaves, microwave stands, tables, chairs, rolling chairs, towels, bedspreads, blankets and lamps. 5/28

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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 at motcp.org/employment. Email resume and cover letter to employment@motcp.org. 6/4

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
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TINA SAUNOOKE: (828) 359-6593 • AMY BOYER: (828) 359-3009

mediate payment to the appointed
fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-
CATION
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
Debtors of:
NANCY HELEN BRADY**
All persons, firms and cor-
porations having claims against
this estate are notified to exhibit
them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or
before the date listed or be barred
from their recovery. Debtors of the
decedent are asked to make im-
mediate payment to the appointed

fudiciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-
CATION
Cody Brady
68 Betty Brady Road
Cherokee, NC 28719
5/28

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-043
**Notice to Creditors and
Debtors of:
NANCY MCCONNELL**
All persons, firms and cor-
porations having claims against
this estate are notified to exhibit
them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or
before the date listed or be barred
from their recovery. Debtors of the
decedent are asked to make im-
mediate payment to the appointed
fudiciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-
CATION
Glenda McConnell Chiltoskie
P.O. Box 888
Cherokee, NC. 28719
5/28

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-039
**Notice to Creditors and
Debtors of:
WIGGINS BLACKFOX**
All persons, firms and corpora-
tions having claims against this
estate are notified to exhibit them
to the fudiciary(s) listed on or
before the date listed or be barred
from their recovery. Debtors of the
decedent are asked to make im-
mediate payment to the appointed
fudiciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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CATION
Noel Bigmeat
601 Wrights Creek Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
5/28

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-040
**Notice to Creditors and
Debtors of:
WILLIAM JARRETT
WILNOTY**

All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against this
estate are notified to exhibit them
to the fiduciary(s) listed on or
before the date listed or be barred
from their recovery. Debtors of the
decedent are asked to make im-
mediate payment to the appointed
fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-
CATION
Joseph Adam Wilnoty
328 Lucy Long Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-045
**Notice to Creditors and
Debtors of:
JOYCE ELAINE BRADLEY**
All persons, firms and corpora-
tions 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 im-
mediate payment to the appointed
fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-
CATION
Cynthia E Grant
478 Old Gap Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719



Kituwah LLC has the following jobs available:

KITUWAH LLC.

Maintenance Assistant (Lawn Maintenance) – Seasonal (May – October) The Assistant works directly with the Maintenance Supervisor in order to maintain the overall property. This will include maintaining the overall condition and appearance of the external and internal areas of the community, including lawn maintenance. The Maintenance Assistant will promote professionalism, and excellent customer service and respond timely to all work orders.

Property Manager – Full Time - will provide administrative support to the Operations team. The position's primary functions are to assist with the day-to-day leasing and operational functions of our residential and commercial properties, ensure excellent service to tenants, and maintain efficient office processes. The Property Manager will work closely with the VP of Operations to execute and build strong hospitality strategies that align with the company's mission and values.

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah G3 Office (Across the Street from Waffle House) between the hours of 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday-Friday or email kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com.



KITUWAH LLC.

Kituwah LLC has the following jobs available:

POSITION: Senior Accountant

GENERAL FUNCTIONS: As the Senior Accountant, you will be responsible for processing all invoices received for payment and for undertaking the payment of all creditors in an accurate, efficient, and timely manner.

Anyone interested should submit resumes to Kristin Smith at kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com or at the Kituwah G3 Office (Across the Street from Waffle House) between the hours of 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-048

Notice to Creditors and

Debtors of:

**ELIZABETH ANNE
SAUNOOKE**

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

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

Robert Saunooke
P.O. Box 309
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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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

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-place concrete, masonry, metals, wood, plastics, composites, thermal & moisture, openings, finishes, specialties, furnishings, fire suppression, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, communications, electronic safety & security, earth-work, 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

ADVERTISEMENT

Single Prime sealed proposals will be received by Cherokee Boys Club ("Owner") at the Agelink Child Care Modular Building located at 31 Childrens Home Loop in Cherokee, NC 28719 on Thursday, June 26th, 2025, no later than 2:00 PM, local time, and immediately thereafter opened and read aloud for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment entering into the construction of:

Building Addition and Renovations to the Existing Snowbird Child Development Center, 1220 Old Tallulah Rd
Robbinsville, NC 28771

Prebid Meeting (Prospective prime bidders requested to attend).

Date: June 3, 2025 @ 10:00 A.M. (local time)

Location: 1220 Old Tallulah Rd, Robbinsville, NC 28771.

Bidders who mail their proposals SHALL address them to Anthony Swearingin, Cherokee Boys Club - at 31 Childrens Home Loop, Cherokee, N.C. 28719.

To prevent accidental opening,

ALL Proposals shall be enclosed in a mailer and be clearly marked on the mailer "BID FOR CHEROKEE BOYS CLUB, INC.-SNOWBIRD DAYCARE ADDITION AND RENOVATION. DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 2:00 P.M. THURSDAY JUNE 26TH, 2025."

Tribal Business Preference Law for Indian preference in contracting and subcontracting through the Tribal Employment Rights Office (T.E.R.O) will be followed.

Complete plans and specifications for this project can be examined at the following locations starting Tuesday, May 27th, 2025: LS3P

147 O'Henry Avenue Ste 210, Asheville, NC. 28801 Phone: 828-254-1963 Hours: M-Th 8am – 5pm

Henco Reprographics
54 Broadway, Asheville, NC. 28801 Phone: 828-253-0449 Hours: M_F 8am – 5:30pm

Or electronic copies of these documents can be provided by contacting this email address: jamiehaselhurst@ls3p.com

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. 5/28



EVERY APPOINTMENT MATTERS

Show Up for Your Health

Need to cancel your appointment?

Please call your Primary Care Team 24 hours in advance.

Letting your Primary Care team know you can't make your appointment allows them to schedule other patients that also need their care.



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Closing Sunday, June 01, 2025

1. Supervisor (Public Relations) – Health Delivery – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$61,776 - \$77,230)
2. Laborer (MULTIPLE) – CDOT – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Systems Administrator – Office of Information Technology (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)
4. Clerk of Court – Tribal Court – Judicial Branch (L15 \$61,776 - \$77,230)
5. Lead Assistant Court Clerk – Tribal Court – Judicial Branch (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) 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)
28. Utility Worker (Sanitation) – Solid Waste – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)

**Cherokee Central Schools
Job Openings**

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

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

- 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
9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant (Lifeskills)
8th High School Math Teacher
Facilities Maintenance Groundskeeper
Contract Nurse (RN)
Gear Up Coordinator (Grant Funded)
2025-26 College Advising Corps Adviser (To apply visit: advisingcorps.appstate.edu)
JV Cheerleading Head Coach
Varsity Cheerleading Head Coach
Elementary Cherokee Language Instructor
Middle School Cherokee Language Instructor
High School Cherokee Language Instructor
Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY



CHOOSE CIHA

New Positions This Week

Human Resource Business Partner I (repost)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Employment Specialist - Kanvwotiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Inpatient Technician - ANA - PTI - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Masters Level Therapist - \$58,332 - \$72,915 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
(Analenisgi Outpatient, Analenisgi MAT, Dora Reed, Integrated
Classroom, Family Safety, Kanvwotiyi, Family Intensive Treatment)
MAT/OTP Nurse RN - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse RN - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000
Hiring Bonus
Residential Technician, men's - FT - \$17.12 - \$19.26
RN - Behavioral Health - Inpatient- Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68
- \$38.72
RN - Behavioral Health - Inpatient FT - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$10,000
Hiring Bonus
Targeted Case Manager - \$44,107 - \$55,134

FINANCE

Business Analyst Revenue Cycle - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25
Accountant III \$67,082 - \$83,852
Accounting Clerk - \$19.66 - \$22.25
Patient Access PTI - \$17.12 - \$19.26

MAINTENANCE

HVAC Technician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$22.76 - \$25.89
Electrician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$26.52 - \$30.31
EVS Technician - \$15.00 - \$16.77

MEDICAL

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

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

OPERATIONS

Optometrist - \$109,504 - \$136,880
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 - Inpatient - Night Shift - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
RN Care Manager - Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$10,000 Hiring
Bonus
CFSP Care Manager, IDD/TBI/LTSS Care Manager(Intellectual &
Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Sup-
port Services, Children and Families Specialty Program)- Primary
Care- \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
RN Care Manager Float - \$31.06 - \$35.64 \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25
Clinical Nurse Educator - \$67,082 - \$83,852

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

THE GOOD STUFF



Fifth Grade team at CES

The fifth grade team at Cherokee Elementary School is shown wearing their matching Cherokee syllabary outfits at the fifth grade graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 22. They are shown, left to right, including: Chloe Pearson, LaRay Gray, Tim Swayney, Shae Deck, April Avery Ferguson, Seth Whitesel, Anne Link, Stacy Cherry, Brantly Junaluska, and Abigail Space. (Photo courtesy of Chloe Pearson)



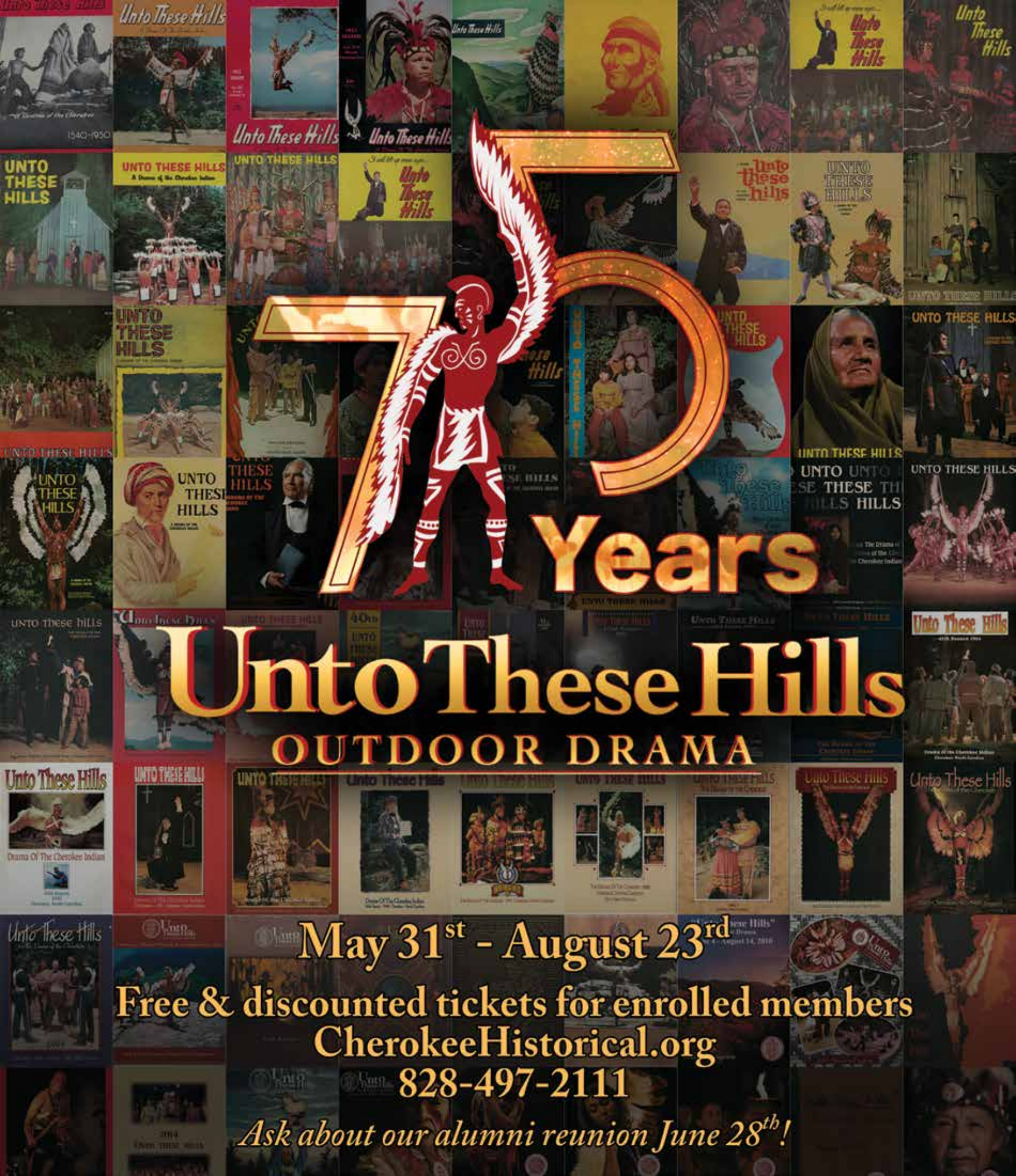
Future Marine

Matthew Garcia Wahnetah, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a recent honors graduate of Cherokee High School, signed a letter of intent to join the U.S. Marine Corps during a ceremony at the school on Thursday, May 22. He is the son of Carla Wahnetah and resides in Elawodi (Yellowhill). (Photo courtesy of family)



College wrestling signing

Jessie Catolster-Hernandez, right, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Cherokee High School, signed a letter of intent in a ceremony at the school on Thursday, May 22 to wrestle at the University of Mount Olive. He is shown with his sister, Eeyannah Catolster, left, and his mother, Angela Catolster. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools athletics)



Unto These Hills

OUTDOOR DRAMA

May 31st - August 23rd

Free & discounted tickets for enrolled members
CherokeeHistorical.org
828-497-2111

Ask about our alumni reunion June 28th!