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Splish! Splash! Kanunohi!

Bullfrog Place Park opens in Cherokee

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

HEROKEE, N.C. – A little rain didn't dampen any spirits as children played in the various water features as the Kanunohi (Bullfrog Place) Park opened officially in downtown Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Friday, May 2. It is the latest project of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and adds a new amenity to the downtown area.

EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks commented,

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Children played in the misting stations and water features as the Kanunohi Park opened officially in downtown Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Friday, May 2. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

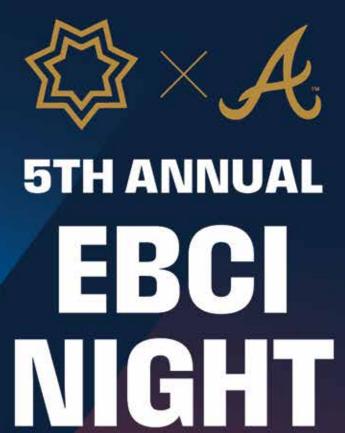


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"I'd like to single out the tribal leadership for allowing us the opportunity to execute this vision for our community, our visitors, and our partners within this business district."

- EBCI Secretary of Commerce Sean Ross speaking at the opening of the Kanunohi Park in Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Friday, May 2

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KANUNOHI: From front page

"There's been a lot of hard work that's gone into this project...I do want to thank all the staff, our contractors. I know facilities, construction, they've worked some late hours, communications. We just appreciate all those guys...it takes a lot of effort.

We are in a revitalization stage of Cherokee. This is one project...I'm really excited about where we're going. But, we have to keep the momentum."

He went on to say, "Our team has spent a tremendous amount of time planning, and I appreciate the Planning Board...One of the things that we have going for us as executive leadership, and also Tribal Council, is we have a really seasoned crew here. The economy has been tough. The shutting down of I-40 and 441 has been really tough on us. But, these types of projects are going to help really revitalize us, so I'm excited about it."

EBCI Secretary of Commerce Sean Ross said, "I'd like to single out the tribal leadership for allowing us the opportunity to execute this vision for our community, our visitors, and our partners within this business district...I want to acknowledge the Project Management team...for their focus, coordination, and unwavering oversight and diligence in the process of managing this mist park initiative."

He added, "I want to thank the business owners for their kindness and patience through all of the construction disruption and also for their individual commitments in assisting with the gradual revitalization of this downtown area."

Rebecca Bowe, EBCI Project Management program manager,



Four young ladies had a hand in cutting the ribbon to officially open the Kanunohi (Bullfrog Place) Park including Lily Hampton (black shirt), Aurora Garcia-Hernandez (white hoodie), Bella Frady (red shirt), and Analee Garcia-Hernandez (blue shirt).

said, "This has been a lot of hard work, kind of a project of labor and love over the last year. The old fountain and splash pad that used to be here was really old and dilapidated and just became a really big maintenance headache. Time and ists. "We just think this is a great opportunity to let you all gather down here and have a picnic and just enjoy a nice, sunny afternoon."

Pat Oocumma, who serves on the Tribal Planning Board, com-

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money kept going into it and we could never really get it working right. So, we all brainstormed, trying to figure out what do we need to be here to make it more community-driven and compliment the businesses that were here."

She is excited about the new amenity and what it will mean for local families as well as tourmented, "We appreciate all the work that everyone on the planning board has done for the past 5 years. Michell and I, and my husband, Wilson, have been on some of these boards and this is just one of the fruitions of that."

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) was represented by Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Richard French and Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Bo Crowe.

Rep. French said, "I just want to thank the Chief's team and Commerce and everyone that was behind all this. I look forward to better days so the kids can enjoy this more."

Rep. Crowe noted, "I believe it's a perfect day to be here. It's raining and that's what we're here for is to be wet. So, I think it's a good day to be here. I just want to thank everyone that had a part in this and thank everyone for showing up this evening."

Little Miss Cherokee Faith Panther, Junior Miss Cherokee Misha Slee, and Teen Miss Cherokee Dvdaya Swimmer were all on hand and greeted the crowd gathered for the event. The Threshhold Party Band, from Fort Mill, S.C., played the event as well.

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Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approves pediatric dialysis treatment feasibility examination

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is going to look at the feasibility of offering pediatric dialysis services on the Qualla Boundary. Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passed Res. No. 461 (2025), which was introduced by EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, during its regular session on Thursday, May 1.

During debate on the issue, Ugvwiyuhi Hicks said, "I know we've all seen our families struggle in a lot of different ways...we just built a new dialysis facility. One of the things we did not do was allow for children. Again, not second-guessing that decision, but I think it's time for us to consider how do we address this issue?" He added, "I think with the resources that we have, and I think with the right mindset, we can figure this out. I know it's a specific area that requires specific expertise."

The legislation states, "Pediatric dialysis is not currently available on the Qualla Boundary, and children who need the treatment have to be drive to other cities, such as Charlotte, North Carolina, sometimes multiple times per week for treatment."

The legislation further states,

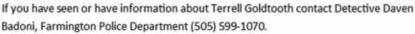
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Terrell James Goldtooth

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Height: 5'5"-5'6" Weight: 140-180 lbs Male Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Age: 39 Date of last contact: February 16, 2023 Last Known Location: Teec Nos Pos, Arizona

Circumstances of Disappearance: Terrell was last seen at his parents house on the Navajo Reservation in Teec Nos Pos, AZ. Terrell told his parents he may head to Farmington NM and parents left the residence. When they returned home, Terrell was not home. There have been possible sightings of Terrell at Northern Edge Casino 2752 Indian Service Rd 36, Farmington, NM 87401 and at Walmart at 4600 East Main Street, Farmington, NM 87401. Terrell is a known transient homeless and he does not have a cell phone. His distinctive physical features are the following tattoos: "love" on right arm, "A. Jones" on chest, "family" on left arm.



Source: Namus.gov



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"The Tribe, through the Division of Public Health and Human Services and the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA), working together, are authorized and requested to examine the feasibility of providing dialysis treatment on the Qualla Boundary for persons under 18 years of age...the examination shall include consultation with Davita Dialysis; an assessment of need; space, staffing, and equipment needs; whether existing facilities can accommodate the service; cost; whether any contracts need to be amended or written; and other relevant factors."

Ugvwiyuhi Hicks commented, "As we look at where we're looking in the future, I know we've been somewhat generalized in our health care. A lot of the specific services we contract out. I think we have to change our mindset...there are certain areas, especially when it relates to our children, that we lift the level of expertise that we're putting on the ground and everything is not pushed to Haywood, Sylva, Asheville, Charlotte, wherever it may be, but we start developing specific expertise locally here and structure that in a way that makes sense for our people."

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle said, "There's a great need for it. When we talk about children not having to travel from all communities to get this treatment here...it fits the bill for what we need here."

Following passage of the legislation, Casey Cooper, CIHA executive director, told the One Feather, "While the number of pediatric patients in our community requiring dialysis is, thankfully, very low, we must never overlook the profound impact this care has on the lives of those families. In the past, Tribal Council has acknowledged the need, however discussions around localizing these services revealed the significant investment required and the challenges associated with serving such a small patient population.

Because we currently contract with an outside company to provide dialysis for adults and they have not made the decision to provide treatment for children, I am proud the Tribe is willing to once again reopen discussions on what that would look like to take it on ourselves. As healthcare advocates committed to the well-being of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, we must continuously revisit these complex questions with fresh perspectives and a renewed willingness to explore what is possible."

According to the legislation, the findings of the feasibility study are to be reported back to Dinilawigi within 90 days.

Cooper went on to say, "If there's a path forward that allows even one family to receive critical care closer to home, surrounded by their support systems and cultural connections, then it's worth pursuing. I commend Chief Hicks for his leadership in bringing this study forward, and I look forward to working with our partners to examine how we might turn this vision into a reality."

Dinilawigi Vice Chairman David Wolfe asked for an amendment for home dialysis to be added to the feasibility examination. The amendment was approved, and the legislation was passed unanimously.

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passes cannabis home grow law

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – People with a Medical Cannabis Patient Card can now grow their own cannabis again on tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, under certain restrictions. Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passed Ord. No. 391 (2025) which amends Cherokee Code Section 17-80 "so that people with medical cannabis patient cards may cultivate cannabis in their homes", per the legislation.

James Bradley, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, submitted the legislation. Following its passage during the regular session of Dinilawigi on Thursday, May 1, he told the One Feather, "I would like to thank Tribal Council for restoring the right to grow for medical patient card holders. It is extremely important as Cherokee people that we are able to grow our own herbal medicines in the privacy and safety of our homes."

Ord. No. 391 (2025) amends Cherokee Code Section 17 to replace the entirety of Sec. 17-80 (Exemption from tribal prosecution for certain acts involving marijuana.)

The new Sec. 17-80(c) reads, "The exemption from tribal prosecution set forth in subsection (b) applies only to the extent that a person who holds a valid patient identification card of such a person: (1) Engages in the medical use of marijuana in accordance with



the provisions of this Chapter as justified to mitigate the symptoms or effects of a person's chronic or debilitating medical condition; and (2) Do not, at any one time, collectively possess with another who is authorized to possess more than (i) Sixteen (16) ounces of usuable marijuana (one pound); (ii) Eight (8) marijuana plants, no more than four (4) of which may be mature and/or flowering at any one time."

The new Sec. 17-80(g) addresses the intent to make sure that cannabis cultivation is only for adults. It states, "A person who cultivates marijuana pursuant to this section must take reasonable precautions to ensure the marijuana plants are secure from unauthorized access or access by a person under 21 years of age. For purposes of illustration and not limitation, cultivating marijuana in an enclosed, locked space that persons under 21 years of age do not possess a key constitutes rea sonable precautions."

Home grow was allowable previously under the EBCI's cannabis laws until Ord. No. 63 (2024) removed the language.

Bradley was thrilled to see it added back with the passage of his legislation. "Restoring rights and expanding rights and opportunities to enrolled members is something that all of Tribal Council should fight for, and I hope they continue to do so. This is only the first step in my fight to give enrolled members more opportunities within the cannabis Industry that we voted to allow. Thank you to all those who reached out to me or stopped me to share your thoughts. Your support has been so important to me, and I can't thank you enough."

Ord. No 391 was approved by nine Dinilawigi representatives voting for and the following voting against: Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper, and Tutiyi - Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird - Cherokee Co.) Rep. Bucky Brown.

The EBCI Cannabis Control Board issues Medical Cannabis Patient Cards. Visit https://ebci-ccb. org to apply for a Card online. If you have questions, they can be contacted at (828) 229-8650 or email to info@ebci-ccb.org.



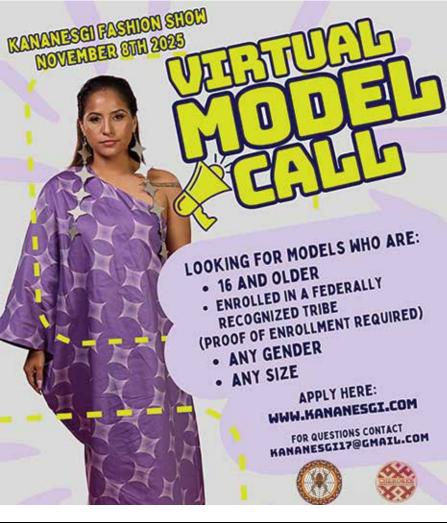
DOI: Recognition plan for Lumbee has been developed but not yet released

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

The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group, was the subject of a Presidential Memorandum three months ago regarding its bid for federal acknowledgement.

President Donald J. Trump signed a memorandum on Thursday, Jan. 23 regarding the issue. The memorandum states, " Sec. 2.(a) Within 90 days of the date of this memorandum, the Secretary of the Interior shall review all applicable authorities regarding the recognition or acknowledgment of Indian tribes, and in consultation with the leadership of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, shall submit to the President a plan to assist the Lumbee Tribe in obtaining full federal recognition through legislation or other available mechanisms, including the right to receive full federal benefits."

The Department of the Interior press office responded on Monday, April 28 to a question from the One Feather regarding the memorandum stating, "The Department of the Interior has developed a plan in accordance with President Trump's memorandum and will provide an update when appropri-



ate."

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks said in a statement on Jan. 23 in response to President Trump's memorandum, "We understand President Trump's desire to conduct due diligence in exploring federal recognition for the Lumbee. That instinct is correct – facts relating to tribal history and existence of Indian ancestry must be at the heart of any federal recognition decision. Recognition is a profound act with far-reaching consequences, and it must be based on objective evaluations of provable historical and genealogical evidence to protect the integrity of tribal nationhood.

While the President directs the Department of the Interior to develop a plan for exploring pathways to recognition - through legislative, judicial, or administrative processes - it does not grant federal recognition to the Lumbee Tribe. Nor does it override or bypass the established Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) process. Instead, it signals the need for a thoughtful and structured review of the Lumbee's claims, which we believe must be conducted under the rigorous standards of the OFA."

It has long been the stance of the EBCI tribal government that the Lumbee should go through the OFA process. Ugvwiyuhi Hicks' went on to state, "We continue to believe that the OFA process is the proper venue to consider recognition for the Lumbee and any other group claiming to be a tribe. This process was established to provide a fair, transparent, and rigorous mechanism for determining whether a group is comprised of Indian ancestry from historical tribes. By grounding decisions in demonstrable facts rather than shifting narratives or political considerations, the OFA protects the integrity of all tribes.

Federal recognition must be approached with seriousness and respect for facts and evidence. Anything less risks reducing recognition to a political tool, undermining the sovereignty of tribes with treaty and trust relations with the United States and the trust of the American people."

Two identical bills are current ly in Congress regarding Lumbee recognition. The legislation (S. 107) for the 119th Congress was introduced in the Senate on Thursday, Jan. 16 by Senators Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) and Ted Budd (R-N.C.). An identical bill (H.R. 474) was introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressmen David Rouzer (R-N.C.) and Mark Harris (R-N.C.). S.107 was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and H.R. 474 was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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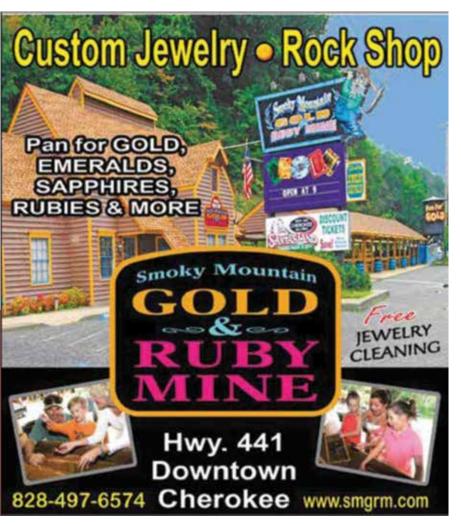
Federal Legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act. This House bill would place 76 acres of land in eastern Tennessee into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Included in that land are the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, the Chota Memorial, and the Tanasi Memorial sites. Introduced: Jan. 7 by Rep. Charles J. "Chuck" Fleischmann (R-Tenn.) Action: This bill was passed in the House by a voice vote on Feb. 4. It was received in the Senate the next day and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S. 761 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act). This Senate bill would establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies. According to Congress.gov, "Among other duties, the Commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Poli-



cies - federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools."

Introduced: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

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

H.R. 2412 (Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act).

This House bill would establish an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Advisory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State.

Introduced: Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai'i)

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

S.107 (Lumbee Fairness Act).

This Senate bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. Introduced: Jan. 16 by Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There is not a scheduled



hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 474 (Lumbee Fairness

Act). This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. This bill is identical to S. 107. Introduced: Jan. 16 by Rep. David Rouzer (R-N.C.) Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 2929. Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe recognition bill.

This House bill would grant federal acknowledge to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. Introduced: April 17 by Rep. Donald G. Davis (D-N.C.) Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators: Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.): https:// www.tillis.senate.gov/email-me Sen. Tedd Budd (R-N.C.): https:// www.budd.senate.gov/contact/ 11th District Congressional Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.): https:// edwards.house.gov/contact

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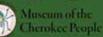
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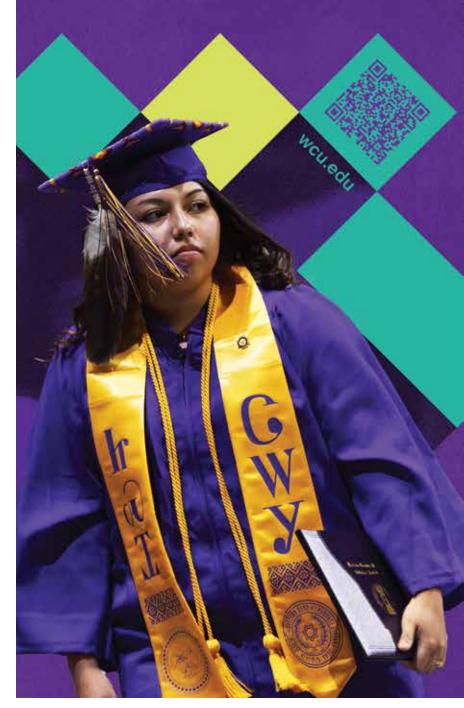
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Cherokee Tribal Court Disposition Summary for April 1-30, 2025

Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court

Note: The following cases were disposed of in Cherokee Tribal Court during the time period of April 1-30, 2025. The date of each offense is in parenthesis.

Antone, Sharonrose - DWLR Impaired Revoked (Nov.

23, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence

Arch, Elizabeth S. - Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Sept. 22, 2023). Dismissed with leave

Armachain, Steven A. - Aggravated Reckless Endangerment (Aug. 21, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Aggravated Weapons Offense (Aug. 21, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Public Intoxication (Aug. 21, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June

1, 2024). Dismissed per plea. - Communicating Threats (Aug.

21, 2024). Guilty.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 10, 2024). Guilty.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Nov. 14, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Ob-

structing Officers (Aug. 21, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Armachain Jr., Phillip S.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (May 23, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 23, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea

- Domestic Violence and Dating

Violence (May 23, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea. - Assault by Strangulation (May 23, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Disorderly Conduct (May 23, 2024). Guilty.

Arneach, Cheyenne R.
Durg Trafficking (June 27, 2024). Guilty.
Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (April 17, 2025). Guilty.

Bigwitch, Christina L. - Aiding/Abetting/Acting in Concert/Accessory Before the Fact (Aug. 11, 2021). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Aug. 11, 2021). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.

- Unlawful to Permit Violations of this Article (Aug. 12, 2021). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Bird, Lewis E.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Dec. 31, 2023). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Bradley, Nyasha D.

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (July 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Assault on a Child (July 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (July 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (July 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Reckless Endangerment (July

10, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Bradley, Connie L. - Probation Revocation (Dec. 4, 2023). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Brown, Dustin - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 23, 2021). Dismissed

Calhoun, Andrew L. - Driving While Impaired (Sept. 8, 2024). Dismissed. - Flee/Elude Arrest with MV (Sept. 8, 2024). Dismissed. - Resisting, Delaying or Obstructing Officers (Sept. 8, 2024). Dismissed

Childers, Lucinda F.

Resisting Lawful Arrest (April 23, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (April 23, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 23, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
Resisiting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Feb. 7, 2025). Guilty.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 23, 2024). Guilty.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Dec. 3, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Dec. 3, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Childers, Kristen O.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Feb. 16, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Dec. 27, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify - Domestic Violence and Dating

Violence (Nov. 1, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify

Climbingbear Jr., Isaac - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Sept. 26, 2023). Dismissed in the interest of justice

Cornwell, Brandon L. - Operate Veh No Ins (July 9, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- No Operators License (July 9, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Operate Veh. No Ins. (March 17, 2024). Voluntary dismissal.

Crisp, Darrin K.

Providing or Possessing Contraband (March 18, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
Obstructing Governmental Functions (March 18, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Crowe-Key, Feather L. - Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Dec. 30, 2023). Guilty.

- Reckless Endangerment (Dec. 30, 2023). Guilty.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Dec. 30, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Providing or Possessing Contraband (Dec. 30, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Dec. 30, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea.

Crowe, Adelia L.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Dec. 16, 2023). Voluntary Dismissal, Compliance/ Proof.

Ensley, William N.

- Malicious Conduct by a Prisoner (March 18, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (March 18, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

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

Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Jan. 8, 2024). Guilty.
Reckless Endangerment (March 18, 2024). Guilty.

- Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code (March 18, 2024). Guilty.

- Driving While Impaired (July 4, 2023). Guilty.

- Assault with a Deadly Weapon (March 18, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Jan. 8, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult: Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code (Jan. 8, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (March 18, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Aggravated Weapons Offense (March 18, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Feb. 24, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Tampering with Witnesses (Feb. 24, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (July 13, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Filing a False Emergency Report (June 8, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea.

Favors, Daniel L.

- Reckless Endangerment (April 26, 2025). Stricken

French, Anthony R. - Drug Trafficking (June 4, 2024). Dismissed

Garcia, Geerman - Cruelty to Animals (April 21, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

George, Kellen M.

Domestic Violence and Dating
Violence (Feb. 5, 2024). Dismissed
upon compliance/proof/successful
completion of deferred sentence.
Domestic Violence and Dating
Violence (Dec. 18, 2023). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/
successful completion of deferred
sentence.

George, Elicio S.

- Death by Distribution of Certain Controlled Substances (March 9, 2023). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Manufacture, Sell, Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V). March 9, 2023). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Probation Revocation (May 16, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Huskey, Joseph M.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Nov. 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Nov. 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

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

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- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Nov. 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea. - Reckless Endangerment (Nov. 10, 2024). Guilty.

- Reckless Endangerment (Nov. 10, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Nov. 10, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

Ivey, Jacob J. - Impaired Driving (Jan. 29, 2021). Guilty per plea.

Johnson, James - Public Intoxication (April 13, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Johnson, Kevin W.

Assault by Strangulation (May 17, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 17, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/ successful completion of deferred sentence.

Jones, Kristofer A. - Drive Without Two Headlamps (Feb. 21, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal, compliance/proof.

Kirkland, Tristen J.
Child Abuse in the Second Degree (July 12, 2024). Guilty.
Second Degree Trespass (July 12, 2024). Guilty.

Kirkland, Winnie M.

- Child abuse in the Second Degree (July 12, 2024). Dismissed, insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Kirkland, Christopher P. - Possession of a Controlled Sub-

stance (Schedules I-V) (March 8, 2019). Dismissed - Driving While Driver's License Revoked (Jan. 31, 2019). Dismissed.

- Possession of a Controlled Sub-

stance (Schedules I-V) (Nov. 23, 2018). Dismissed.

- Driving While Driver's License Revoked (Nov. 23, 2018). Dismissed.

Possession of a Controlled Substance (Simple Possession of Marijuana) (Aug. 11, 2018). Dismissed.
Providing or Possessing Contraband (March 8, 2019). Dismissed.
Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (March 8, 2019). Dismissed.

- Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (March 8, 2019). Dismissed.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (March 8, 2019). Dismissed.

Providing or Possessing Contraband (March 8, 2019). Dismissed
Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (March 8, 2019). Dismissed
Resisting Lawful Arrest (April 5, 2019). Dismissed.

Lambert, Trevan H. - Sexual Abuse of Minor or a Ward (Sept. 28, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea. - Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (March 1, 2024). Guilty.

Littlejohn, Akeisha L. - Violation of Registration Provisions (April 15, 2020). Guilty. - Driving While Impaired (Nov. 4, 2023). Guilty per plea.

Locust, Andrew D. - Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2025). Guilty. - Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2025). Guilty. - Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2025). Not guilty.

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15, 2024). Guilty.

- Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2025). Not guilty.

- Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2025). Not guilty.

- Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2025). Not guilty.

- Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2025). Dismissed.

- Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2025). Dismissed.

Locust, Robyn L.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Feb. 12, 2024). Guilty.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (July 15, 2021). Dismissed per plea.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Aug. 5, 2023). Guilty.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Feb. 12,

2024). Dismissed per plea. - Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (March 19, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Locust, Debra M.

- Operate Veh. No Ins. (June 23, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal, compliance/proof.

Long, Claudette

- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (Sept. Mahsetky Jr., Patrick M. - Felony Serious Injury by Vehicle

(Aug. 11, 2021). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.

- Reckless Endangerment (Aug. 11, 2021). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Aug. 11, 2021). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.

- Aiding/Abetting/Acting in Concert/Accessory Before the Fact (Sept. 30, 2022). Dismissed due to unavailability of Officer/necessary witness.

- Impaired Driving (Aug. 11, 2021). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.

- Penalty for Failure to Dim, etc., Beams of Headlamps (Aug. 12, 2021). Dismissed, defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.

Maney Jr., Kenneth L.

- Providing or Possessing Contraband (Oct. 19, 2022). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Oct. 19, 2022). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Martin, Jordyn B.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 6, 2022). Dismissed.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 2, 2023). Dismissed.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (May 22, 2023). Voluntary dismissal, com-

pliance/proof.

Martinez, Laura L.

Expired Registration Card/Tag (Feb. 22, 2025). Voluntary dismissal, compliance/proof.
Expired/No Inspection (Feb. 22, 2025). Voluntary dismissal, compliance/proof.

Morgan, Kyle A.

Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (March 11, 2024).
Dismissed per prior plea.
Elder Abuse and Neglect (March 11, 2024). Guilty.
Possession of a Controlled Sub-

stance (Schedules I-V) (March 11, 2024). Guilty.

Oocumma, Ryanne K.

- No Liability Insurance (April 29, 2025). Voluntary dismissal, compliance/proof.

- Canceled/Revoked/Suspended Certification/Tag (April 29, 2025). Voluntary dismissal, compliance/ proof.

Otter, Kerry H.

Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (June 16, 2023). Dismissed per plea.
Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (June 16, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

- Drug Trafficking (June 16, 2023). Guilty.

Escape from Imprisonment and Custody (May 31, 2024). Guilty.Probation Revocation (June 16,

2023). Dismissed per plea. - Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (June 16, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

- Probation Revocation (June 16, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

- Probation Revocation (April 21, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

- Probation Revocation (April 21, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

Owl, Sierra A. - Public Intoxication (Jan. 29, 2025). Guilty.

Owle, Lloyd E. - A&A DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Dec. 31, 2024). Reported infraction.

Petrilli, Tsali H. - Expired Registration Card/Tag (April 1, 2025). Voluntary dismissal, compliance/proof.

Phan, Tien - False Pretenses (July 1, 2024). Dismissed with leave

Pheasant, James L. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 17, 2024). Guilty.

Price, Kaitlyn B. - Criminal Conspiracy (Dec. 9, 2020). Dismissed in the interest of

justice. - Criminal Conspiracy (Dec. 9, 2020). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Fraudulent Use of a Credit, Debit, or Bank Card (Dec. 9, 2020). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Queen, Jesse J. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 1, 2025). Guilty.

Queen, Ruby M.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Jan. 16, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Jan. 16, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using/ Possessing) (Jan. 16, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Providing or Possessing Contra-

band (Jan. 16, 2025). Guilty per plea.

Reed, Tamara A. - Violation of Registration Provisions (Aug. 15, 2023). Voluntary dismissal.

Reed, Charles L.

- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (Oct. 11, 2018). Dismissed.

- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (Oct. 11, 2018). Dismissed.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Oct. 11, 2018). Dismissed.

- Malicious Conduct by a Prisoner (Oct. 11, 2018). Dismissed.

- Resisting Lawful Arrest (Oct. 11, 2018). Dismissed.

Rice, Daniel R.

- Resisting Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (June 2, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

Rigsby, Stephen M. - DWLR After Impaired Rev. Notice (Jan. 26, 2025). Guilty.

Roland, Davita C. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (April 21, 2025). Dismissed.

Rosario, Elijah V.

Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (June 23, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor (June 23, 2024). Guilty.

Ross, Tela

- Failure to Yield (Feb. 9, 2025).

No contest/responsible. - No Operators License/Drivers License (Feb. 9, 2025). No contest/responsible

Santoyo, Ana M. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea. - Fict/Alt Title/Registration Card/ Tag (Feb. 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug.

28, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Squirrell, Gabrielle A.

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (May 7, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (May 7, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Reckless Endangerment (May 16, 2024). Dismissed per plea.Reckless Endangerment (May

16, 2024). Dismissed per plea.Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (May 16, 2024). Dis-

missed per plea.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Oct. 9, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

- Driving while Impaired (Oct. 9, 2023). Guilty.

- Reckless Endangerment (May 7, 2024). Guilty.

Stephens, Christopher C. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Sept. 15, 2024). Dismissed.

Taylor, James D. - Unsafe Passing Yellow Line (March 8, 2025). No contest/responsible.

Taylor, Sydney N. - Criminal Mischief to Property (Aug. 3, 2024). Not Guilty.

Taylor, Autrey V. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 14, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

Teesateskie, Davisia Z. - Failure to Reduce Speed (May 6, 2024). Guilty. - Drive after Consuming, Less than 21 (May 6, 2024). Guilty.

Toineeta, Lisa R. - Operation of a Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility,

a Misdemeanor (June 6, 2023). Voluntary dismissal, compliance/ proof.

Townsend, Melissa N. - Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (April 14, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Volkmer-Estrada, Holly K.

- Expired/No Inspection (Jan. 21, 2025). Voluntary dismissal, compliance/proof.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Jan. 27, 2025). Voluntary dismissal, compliance/proof.

Wachacha, William B.
Driving While Impaired (Feb. 5, 2024). Guilty per plea.
Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Aug. 14, 2023). Voluntary dismissal.

Washington, Amanda S. - Child Abuse in the Second De-

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gree (Sept. 22, 2023). Dismissed with leave.

Watty, Joseph M.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Aggravated Possession of Marijuana) (Dec. 13, 2018). Guilty per plea.

Watty, Irene P.
- A&A DWLR Not Impaired Rev.
(Feb. 10, 2025). No contest/responsible.
- Unsafe Tires (Feb. 10, 2025). No contest/responsible.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 25, 2025). No contest/ responsible.

Welch, Anthony D. - Probation Revocation (March 31, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion

Welch, Julian R. - No Operators License/Drivers License (May 19, 2023). No contest/responsible.

of deferred sentence.

Wilnoty, Bernard D.
Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 14, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
Interference with a Criminal Process (Aug. 14, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Zapeda, Travis A. - Resisting Lawful Arrest (Oct. 17, 2024). Dismissed, insufficiency of the charging document(s). - Disorderly Conduct (Oct. 17, 2024). Dismissed, insufficiency of the charging document(s).

CIPD Arrest Report for April 21-27, 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.

Garcia, German Pallares – age 46 Arrested: April 21 Released: April 21 Charges: Cruelty to Animals

Roland, Davita Clinstel – age 42 Arrested: April 21 Released: April 22 Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Talala, Gene – age 34 Arrested: April 21 Released: April 21 Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

Wildcatt, Patricia Ann – age 41

Arrested: April 21 Released: April 24 Charges: Cruelty to Animals

Owle, Kenneth Randall – age 62 Arrested: April 22 Released: Not released as of report date (April 28) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Huskey, Jordan Dominic – age 25 Arrested: April 23 Released: April 24 Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Reckless Endangerment

Wilnoty, Bernard David – age 62 Arrested: April 23 Released: Not released as of report date (April 28) Charges: Aggravated Sexual Abuse

Radford, Robin Jasmine – age 20 Arrested: April 24 Released: April 24 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Sequoyah, Azuruah Kay – age 18 Arrested: April 24 Released: April 24 Charges: Larceny; Providing Alcoholic Beverage to, Possession of, or Consumption of Alcohol by Persons under 21 years of age

French, Anthony Reign – age 46 Arrested: April 25 Released: Not released as of report date (April 28) Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, No Operator's License

Lambert, Kaiden A. Kristine – age 19 Arrested: April 25 Released: April 25 Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Burgess, Samantha Louise – age 33 Arrested: April 26 Released: April 26 Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts)

Favors, Daniel Lamar – age 38 Arrested: April 26 Released: Not released as of report date (April 28) Charges: Dating and Domestic Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Harris, Clifford Brandon – age 35 Arrested: April 26 Released: April 26 Charges: Resisting, Delaying, Obstructing

Wolfe, Russell McKinley – age 47 Arrested: April 26 Released: April 26 Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

Davis, Jeffery Marcell – age 40 Arrested: April 27 Released: Not released as of report date (April 28) Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property; Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult

Martin, Jordan – age 22 Arrested: April 27 Released: Not released as of report date (April 28) Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

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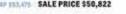




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Some of the cast and directors of the upcoming Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) production of "Grease" are shown at the school on the morning of Tuesday, April 29. The shows are scheduled for May 8-10 at 7 p.m. nightly. Shown, left to right, are Michael Yannette, CCS director of choirs and musical theatre; Ada Neti, a junior playing 'Danny'; Izabella Terrell, a junior playing 'Frenchy'; Tyruss Thompson, a senior playing 'Doodie'; and Toby Lawrence, CCS dance and theatre instructor. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

"Grease" is the word

Cherokee Central is heading to Rydell High

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The antics of Danny and Sandy and the T-Birds and Pink Ladies will be brought to life by students in an upcoming production by the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) musical theatre program. The students will present "Grease" on May 8-10 at 7 p.m. nightly at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center in Cherokee, N.C. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Michael Yannette, CCS director of choirs and musical theatre, said the community has been asking the program to do "Grease" for years and he decided that this year's students provided a great mix to give it a go.

"I've done 'Grease' a bunch...I know it well. Really, the kids have been amazing. I mean, just awesome...they're funny and fun and they don't take things too seriously. So, you're just able to flow with everything so well."

The students' natural humorous nature has really shined during work on the play. "They are funny. We just laugh the entire rehearsal. We giggle the whole time. They're actually genuinely funny...and, especially with 'Grease', they're already high school kids...we wanted them to be themselves and they already are what's there. So, all they have to do is just believe in themselves. Also, I adore them, so letting them know that all the time."

Toby Lawrence is the new CCS dance and theatre instructor and has taken off in his role as choreographer for the show. "I think everyone has seen the movie at least a few times and I did watch a lot of '50s dancing and, specifical ly for each number, watched the way that people did it. But, I also mostly just approached it from the perspective of just wanting to make the students look really good. It is my first big musical, but the choreography that I've done before has been very different. So, I think I was able to come at it from the perspective of telling the story and making the students look good. I tried to uphold the rich history of 'Grease' and all of the tradition around 'Grease' - the numbers that people know and are used to seeing, but really just focus on 'how can I make this a fun dance that looks impressive but is really

also fun to do'. I tried to strike that balance as best as I could."

Yannette praised Lawrence's work. "He is a miracle...wait until you see this choreography. He has this natural gift...he's an incredible teacher. This is his first school job so he's a totally natural teacher. The kids love him and he's so good. But, he so cleverly has made kids who have had very little dance experience look like they know what they're doing. And to make it look like it's more complex than it actually is just clever."

Lawrence noted, "I think they (the kids) made our job really easy with that. So, really, all that we had to do was just provide a space for them to show their awesomeness and to show how courageous and brave and funny they are. We didn't really have to coordinate that at all."

Tyruss Thompson, a senior, has been involved with musical theatre and singing for about five years. He will play the part of 'Doodie' in this show. "There's not many lines I have to remember which was really easy on me. But, I would say my most favorite part about playing 'Doodie' is definitely his solo. I was told that with how high it goes, I was one of, if not the only kid in the high school right now that could go up to those notes or was willing to go up to those notes."

When asked what he enjoys most about musical theatre, he said, "Definitely getting out there and just kind of playing the part of someone else while incorporating how the character would go about it."

Izabella Terrell, a junior, has also been involved in musical the-

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atre for several years and is playing the part of 'Frenchy' – a role she identifies with. "I think it's really a fun role. I love doing her a lot because, honestly, I don't have to act that much. I don't like doing heavy acting roles, but I really just like being comfortable in the role and portraying the best I can with just enough enthusiasm that it gets people's attention."

Ada Neti, a junior, has been doing musical theatre for three years and will play 'Danny Zuko' in this show. "I feel like I just have more fun whenever I'm acting. I try to incorporate myself into the character but also play as the character itself. 'Danny' is such a hard character to be. Some parts are embarrassing, but I just have a good time with that character, really."

Each student was asked what percentage of their character portrayals would be themselves shining through. Thompson said, "Roughly 60 to 70 percent is going to be me. A lot of it is just how

and make it 'Doodie'."

Terrell noted, "You're going to see 99 percent of it because I just enjoy 'Frenchie' a lot...I've seen how a bunch of other people portray her in different types of 'Grease', but I feel like they're all playing her and never really playing themselves to her. I just feel like I have a lot of fun with her because she's me. I can see myself in her and all the stuff she goes through."

Neti responded, "It would probably be 70 until you realize how much he embarrasses himself. That could never be me. I could never do that."

Yannette said "Grease" will be the last show that he will music direct. "I'm actually officially retiring in December. I'll still be here for the show next year...Toby is going to be the new me and I want to make sure we get another music person to take over after next year."

He said musical theatre is so important to the school. "Of all the places that I've taught, that feeling of 'theater and singing has to be here'...it's so important that this continues on."





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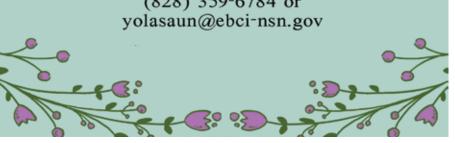
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Cherokee Transit wins big at State ROADEO

The Cherokee Transit team, representing the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), won several major awards at the recent NCPTA (North Carolina Public Transportation Association) State ROADEO. The team won first place in the LTV (light transit vehicle) Division. They are shown, left to right, including Henry Walkingstick, Andy Jackson, and Chad Bowman. Jackson, featured in the second photo, also took first place in the Individual LTV Division contest. In addition, Cherokee Transit was one of several named Transit System of the Year. This photo was taken at the Kathi S. Littlejohn Transportation Center in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Wednesday, April 30. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather photos)



CLMAP receives Impact Award from WCU

By BROOKLYN BROWN One Feather Reporter

TULLOWHEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program (CLMAP) 2025 cohort has worked closely with Western Carolina University (WCU) School of Art and Design assistant professor Tatiana Potts and her printmaking classes to create a series of children's books for Cherokee language and cultural learning. The children's book project recently received the 2025 Impact Award for Community-Engaged Teaching, Learning & Research presented by the WCU Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning on Monday, April 28.

The project has resulted in the creation of seven hand-printed books, including "Seasons", "What We Do", "Visit Cherokee, NC!", "Stories Collected by Mooney", "The Rabbit Goes Duck Hunting", "Riparian Ecosystem", and



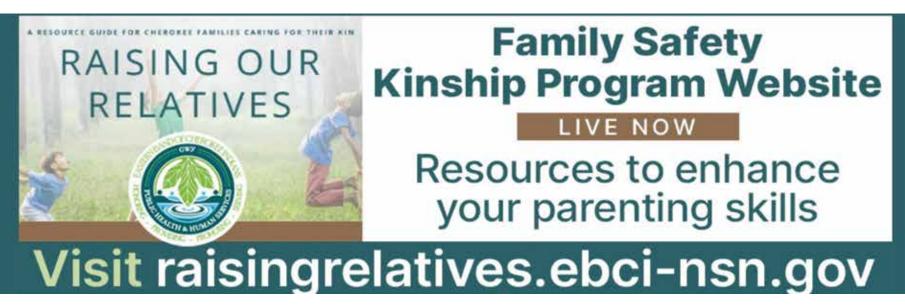
Hartwell Francis, Meshay Long, Aaliyah Swimmer, Elvia Walkingstick, Michelle Long, Madison Long, and Olivia Owle pose with their 2025 Impact Award for Community-Engaged Teaching, Learning & Research presented by the WCU Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning on Monday, April 28 for their children's book project in collaboration with WCU professor Tatiana Potts and her printmaking class. (Photo contributed)

the latest book, "Creatures of the Cherokee World". The project has been funded in part through the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. The other two finalists for the award were "Action Club! Theater for Youth Audience Fundamentals" and "Post-Helene Travel and Tourism-WNC Strong".

Hartwell Francis, education curriculum developer for New

Kituwah Academy, along with several students from the CLMAP program including Meshay Long, Aaliyah Swimmer, Elvia Walkingstick, Michelle Long, Madison Long, and Olivia Owle, provided key consultation on the project to produce culturally relevant books for Cherokee youth.

"This award is well deserved for their outstanding contributions to this meaningful project for our youth," KPEP Youth & Adult Education Director Renissa Mc-Laughlin said of the group. "The award-winning project is an example of what can be accomplished through collaborative efforts between the Cherokee community and educational institutions like Western Carolina University."



Code Purple: A Community Response

By BROOKLYN BROWN One Feather Reporter

BRYSON CITY, N.C. - Jeff Helpman, pastor of The Grove Church on Franklin Grove in Bryson City, heads a Code Purple warming center at his church with the help of his wife, Jodi Helpman, who is graduating this May from Western Carolina University's Master of Social Work program. The warming center provides shelter for those experiencing homelessness in "code purple" conditions—a significant drop in temperature that poses severe health risks.

The warming center is offered to the local unhoused population, with individuals from Cherokee, Sylva, Bryson City, and beyond seeking the center during code purple winters. The center operates through volunteer staffing and preset standards to keep up to 20 guests safe and warm, including a closed-door policy at 8pm un-



Jeff and Jodi Helpman (Photos contributed)

less discussed otherwise with the center.

"Our goal is providing a warm place to stay...a place that's safe for people to come and not feel that they're in any danger, from the temperatures to the people they interact with here," Jeff Helpman said.

"We are also able to offer

showers, laundry services, as well as a kitchen where we can supply hot meals for the guests."

Helpman is interested in expanding the center with cross-county collaboration. "This year was the first year we had outside organizations donate to us and that's been a huge help. Our number one need right now is heat. We don't have a HVAC system for the warming center space, so we run off electric heat, which doubles our bill and things like that."

RezHOPE Recovery & Consulting Services, a grassroots non-profit organization in Cherokee, was one of the outside organizations that provided help to the warming center this winter.

"If money wasn't a limitation, we could offer mental health counseling, plug in other resources for permanent housing, job solutions, but right now we want to offer a warm, safe place to sleep and that's what we're doing."

The center is a labor of neighborly love, which the Helpmans hope to grow. "I'm informed by my faith, and my faith tells me to love your neighbor, so this is kind of our way of doing that. We have the space, and when the nights are freezing, we don't have anyone else down here, so why not?"



The warming center at The Grove Church.(BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



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

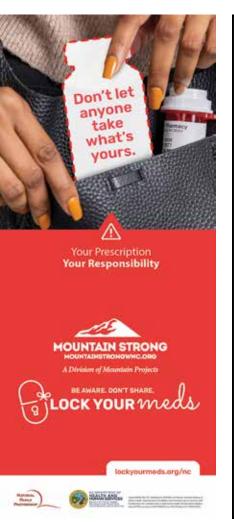
EBCI Dept. of Solid Waste Transfer Station Disposal Rates increasing

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 contact with the EBCI to do roadside clean-up on the Qualla Boundary

• All tribal programs (not including entities)

> - EBCI Dept. of Solid Waste release



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

Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute to celebrate Alumni Week and announces International Conference Opportunity

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (RKLI) is proud to share two exciting updates that reflect their continued commitment to culturally based leadership development for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

RKLI Alumni Week — May 19-22

RKLI invites all alumni from their leadership programs to join for Alumni Week from May 19-22 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily at their offices in Cherokee. This drop-in event is an opportunity to reconnect, reflect, and celebrate shared experiences across programs. Whether you participated in the Cherokee Youth Council, the Youth Cultural Exchange Program (formerly Costa Rica Eco-Study Tour), the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program, or the Duyugodv'i Right Path Adult Leadership Program, you are welcome to stop by for snacks, fun activities, RKLI swag, and to share where your leadership journey has

taken you. Global Leadership Development –

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In addition, RKLI is thrilled to announce that with support from the Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund, they will send a select group of adult EBCI adult community members to the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPCE) in Aotearoa (New Zealand) this November. Held every three years, WIPCE is the largest and most prestigious Indigenous education event in the world. As part of their participation, selected participants will complete leadership and cultural development activities prior to departure and share their experiences with the broader community upon return through public presentations. This opportunity supports long-term personal growth, global awareness, and strengthened leadership rooted in Cherokee values, including the development of economic strategies that are respectful of Cherokee culture.

Info: visit www.rkli.org – Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute release

Sequoyah Fund launches Far West Outreach Program in May 2025

The Sequoyah Fund has announced the Far West Outreach Program, bringing direct access to our lending services and community support to the three westernmost counties of North Carolina — Macon, Clay, and Cherokee Counties — The first round running May through July 2025. On the last Wednesday of each month, Sequoyah Fund staff and loan officers will be available

> see **ANNOUNCEMENTS** next page

THANK YOU LETTER Thank you for support of Autism celebration

On April 24, the second annual Autism celebration was held. Hundreds attended the event. During this event vendors, panelists, supporters, and numerous volunteers had a hand in yet another success.

Families and children had such a wonderful time interacting, playing games, finding resources or just belonging. Autism is very dear to the hearts of me and my family, as well as others. We would love to thank everyone for their continued support: Agelink Childcare Center, ASNC, Big Y Community Club, Cherokee Communications, Oconaluftee Job Corps, Cherokee Indian Police Department, Cherokee Tribal Council, Cherokee Tribal EMS, Cherokee Fire Department, Deer Clan Productions, Eddie Paul, Emergency Management, Facility management, HERO, HOPE Center, Lisa



Felicia Sequoyah, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the parent of an autistic child, was on a panel at the event. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

Frady and team, Mary W. Thompson, NAIWA, Pepsi, QBHS Parent Group, Tahnee's Kids, TGC, Tribal Options, Tupelo Honey, Wolftown Community Club, Yellowhill



Bounce houses were just one of the many fun activities at the event.

Community Club, and Cherokee Recreation.

We appreciate every donation out of pure kindness and everyone who purchased apparel from us.

Lastly, we appreciate everyone who is supporting our JSQB Autism Support Group. We cannot do this without community, family, and friends. Continue to keep us all in your thoughts and prayers while we continue this journey to getting much needed resources for our loved ones so they may have a great quality of life.

> Sgi Gvgeyu **Candy, Mark, and Amanda**

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on-site from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to meet with individuals and small business owners interested in learning more about our Small Business Loans, Housing Rehabilitation Loans (EBCI Only), and other impactful community driven programs.

Sequoyah Fund officials noted, "We invite local residents, entrepreneurs, and community members to stop by, ask questions, and explore how our resources can help you or your business grow." Outreach Locations and Dates

Macon County

Franklin Chamber of Commerce, 98 Hyatt Rd, Franklin, NC 28734, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Clay County** Clay County Chamber of Commerce, 96 Sanderson St., Hayesville, NC 28904, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Cherokee County** Industrial Opportunities, Inc. (Board Room), 2586 US-19 BUS,

Andrews, NC 28901, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

How to Participate

Interested individuals can register online at:

https://sequoyahfund.wufoo. com/forms/q19e8oj8obd7bza/ Or call our main line at 828-359-5001 for more information. Walkins are welcome!

Sequoyah Fund officials said, "Whether you're looking to launch your own business, upgrade your home, or simply explore financial opportunities, we look forward to meeting you and helping you achieve your goals."

- The Sequoyah Fund release

Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc. undergoing a facelift

In the coming months, the History Gallery of Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc. will be undergoing a facelift. This project is sponsored in part by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and will include new windows to better protect these priceless pieces of artwork, updating our timeline, and repainting the permanent collection display cases with a layout honoring all Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians crafts encompassing both historical and contemporary art since our beginning in 1946. Our goal is to showcase our rich art and craft history as the oldest

Native American craft cooperative in the United States. Each tribal member has family or friends from the past or present that is a member of the co-op, we see this project for everyone from all walks of life because if it wasn't for craftspeople and craft supporters we would not be here.

Qualla began with the hopes of craftsmen and craft supporters wanting to extend the arts and crafts on the Boundary, where it keeps our crafts together. As one of the most important cultural institutions of the Eastern Band, it's the best thing our people ever chose to do.

Amanda McCoy,

Manager Qualla Arts and Crafts, Inc.

OBITUARIES JhfiFR

Ernest D. Panther

Ernest D. Panther better known as "Ernie", age 90, passed away on Saturday, April 26, 2025 after an extended illness. He is the son of the late Sam Panther and Emmaline Sequoyah.

Ernie entered the Air Force in 1955. During his service in the Air Force, he was in a variety of jobs, but his favorite was painting aircraft heading from Korea to Vietnam. He was deeply proud of his Cherokee heritage, often referring to Cherokee as "The Promised Land". He was also proud to be an Air Force Veteran and was active in the American Legion and the Color Guard. He loved being a member of the Tribe.

Ernie is survived by his son, C. Rich Panther (Maggie). Others also surviving include Alice Kekabah, Alma Johns, Loretta Bradley, Jean Bradley, Hattie Panther, Jim Panther, Kenny Panther, Samuel Panther, Pat Panther, Gloria Panther, Rick Panther, and Debbie Panther.

In addition to his parents, Ernie is also preceded by, Floyd Panther, Sam Panther, Wilma Panther-Pheasant, Katherine Panther, Anita Elwood, Charles Davis, Thomas Driver, and Nicky Driver.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 2 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Burgess - Oocumma Cemetery Veteran Cemetery. Pallbearers were Deino Panther, Delbert Ross, Steve Kekabah, Robbie Panther, JR Panther, Michael Bradley, and Alfred Bradley.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Eastern Band unity

By CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER EDITORIAL BOARD

We are not big believers in the "they are out to get us" mentality. During the Cold War, then-President Ronald Reagan, when dealing with the Soviet Union concerning nuclear proliferation, uttered the famous words, "Trust but verify". We feel this is a good policy for the government and for the community that the government serves.

Relationships are built on mutual trust. If trust is in a rela-

tionship, then sharing information should not be an issue. The government and community are in a partnership, and with Cherokee people, it is as close as a family relationship.

There was a time in our community when we would have our internal disagreements, we set those aside if an outside threat appeared. The family and the community came together, and all minds and bodies were leveraged to meet the threat. Now it seems that we care more about disagreeing with each other than confronting the threats to our safety and sovereignty.

As co-equal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, we should have access to as much information as possible. And we should support the position of the elected officials that we have put in place as our public servants. We should trust those we have voted into positions of power, and they should be able to trust us to support and act in ways that support the official position of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

We will always have disagreements among ourselves, as any family does. But when we face entities and challenges that threaten our livelihood, sovereignty, and



what it means to be a tribe, our efforts and actions should be carefully planned, expertly communicated, and executed in unity.

Now more than any time in our history since the Removal, we need to be a people focused on purpose and committed to each other in action. The government needs to be thoroughly transparent, and the community needs to be thoroughly committed to the tribal vision and mission.

Keep up with all Cherokee events at: www.theonefeather.com/ events/

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

A Close Call Part Four

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

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

A Close Call from Jesus. A solemn close call. Have you ever had a close call with Jesus to live? Are you listening?

Maybe you are sitting there thinking of your close call with death, or have had enough close calls with death to know that you need an invitational call to Life.

Life everlasting. Did you ever think for a moment after that close call with death, where you would go if you answered that close call with your life and died? Do you know? Are you sure? How would you like to put that concern aside and consider a close call with living instead?

Those are the questions I get to ask people I meet in the hospital who look up at the ceiling and ask, Why Me?

But the question is valid for everyone. How would you like to answer an eternal question with an everlasting answer?

Your answer needs to be - I know Jesus, and He knows me. That is more than hope. I have victory over death right now, and you can, too. The answer is Life everlasting.

What a beautiful concept...a wonderful reality to know I am not going to die – oh, my body will, and I might suffer the pain of leaving the body, but me...the guy in here. I am only going to change addresses. I am going from this earthly address to my permanent home address in Heaven.

Do you ever ask a Christian, "How Do You Know that you're going to heaven?" I know because I am possessed by the one who owns the keys. The one who knows all about death and has defeated it. He has told me in His Word that He has prepared a place for me in Heaven.

You see – I have reservations. Just like season tickets to seats in the stadium, I know when I get there, I have assigned seating, and I am not worried about it. Just like when I call ahead and make reservations at my favorite diner, at the appointed time, I am going to have a seat at the table.

What peace you have when you can walk by that line or right by all those others seated and walk up to the Maître D' and give him your name and have him look in the book and say, right this way, sir, and you go and sit down at the table. Even better. I love going to a place where they know who I am, have my seat, and lead me straight to my reserved spot. My reservation is secure because I have already answered His close call.

That is my hope and my faith in Jesus. Maybe you know this story already. Maybe you have felt that tug on your heart from the one who makes the invitations and reservations. Do you want to be seated at His table? Would you like reservations for eternity in Heaven?

Can you afford to turn down a close call, knowing that you might have to answer the next close call without reservations? IF there is anyone here who has never responded to Jesus' close call on your life today, I am praying that you would answer the close call that Jesus is making for you right now. Jesus will make you eternal reservations, and all you must do is answer His call.

He is calling you to come close to Him. Jesus loves us, and it pleases all of Heaven when we accept Him, for we will be with Him forever after. Therefore, He wants all to be with Him.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 says, 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; 4 who would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

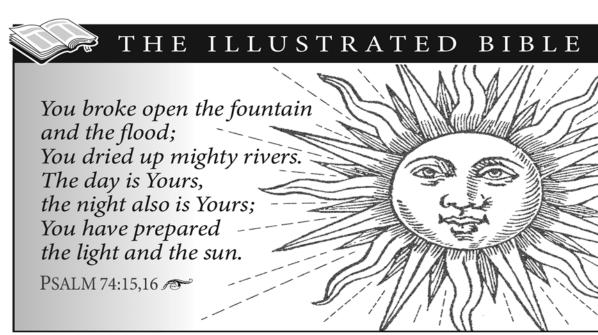
And Luke 15:7 tells us, 7 I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons, who need no repentance.

Prayer: YES, LORD – TAKE ME. When death knocks on my door, when I face death, I want you, Jesus, to answer it for me and defeat it. Give me victory over death. Enter me with your Spirit, the same Spirit that gave You victory over death and raised You from the grave. I want that! Forgive me of my sin, live in me, possess me, and when I face death, fill my reservation, and take me home.

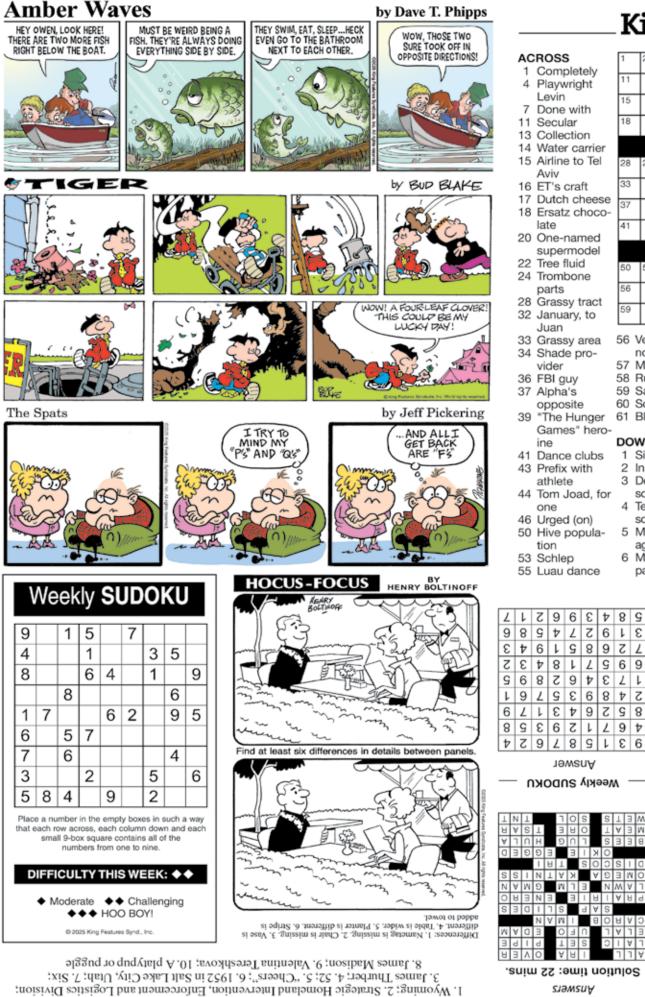
If you can say that in your heart and mean that, He will. He will. He is faithful, and He will.

Will you? Will you answer Him and this close call? All you need to do is call Him back. Call on the name of Jesus, and He will save you. Do you need help to do that? IF you want to make a reservation for Heaven, come forward right now. IF you will, He will answer, IF, IF, IF.

Then move your feet, come forward, and accept this call. Right now. You do not have to wait any longer. Make some reservations.



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2. MOVIES: What does the acronym S.H.I.E.L.D. stand for in movies about Marvel characters?

3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the short story "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty"?

4. GAMES: How many cards are in a standard deck?

5. TELEVISION: On which sitcom did the character Harry the Hat appear?

6. BUSINESS: When did the first Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise open?

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many Nobel prizes are awarded every year?

8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the shortest at 5 foot 4 inches tall?

9. ASTRONOMY: Who was the first woman to travel into space?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby platypus called?

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

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. Good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

- May 10 at 3 p.m., benefit for Ed Walkingstick

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

Benefit Indian Dinner. May 15 at 11 a.m. at the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center in Cherokee, N.C. Proceeds will go to both Mirium Fuller and Bambi Sneed for travel expenses. Menu: pork chop, cabbage, fried potatoes, bean bread, dessert, and drink for \$15. There will also be a 50/50 raffle (tickets are \$1/each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held on May 15 at 4 p.m. Deliveries for five or more dinners ordered. Call (828) 359-6600 to place your order.

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@cherokeeboysclub.com

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS Cherokee Central Schools Musical Theatre Program presents "Grease". May 8-10 at 7 p.m. nightly at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center in Cherokee, N.C. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Big Y Genealogy Workshop. May 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Big Y Community Building in Cherokee, N.C. Join Museum of the **Cherokee People Genealogist Robin** Swayney (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) to learn about how to begin tracing your family's personal history. In a workshop crafted especially for the Big Y community, Robin will share techniques and tools for starting your own genealogical research.

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

(828) 359-6490

Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute Alumni Week Open House. May 19-22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at 171 Boys Club Loop in Cherokee, N.C. Snacks, swag, and activities. All alumni from Cherokee Youth Council, Youth Cultural Exchange Program

(formerly Costa Rica Eco-Study Tour), Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program, and Duyugodv'I **Right Path Adult Leadership Pro**gram.

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

NAIWA Strawberry Festival.

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

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

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This is Barbra. She is from Aniwodihi (Painttown), and her human is Janie Hicks.

She is a Hicks community sheep.



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.

JUhb@J SUIC Didanisisgi Gadagwatli: A Showcase of Pottery from the Mud Dauber Community Workshop Opening Reception. 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



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Untangling personal problems might take more time than the impatient Lamb expected. But it's important to hang in there until all those knotty situations are straightened out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You still need to work out last-minute snags in your dealings with a rival. Hold your ground despite a perceived lack of support. Things should turn around before you know it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's best not to delay preparing for an upcoming family event. The sooner you get things started, the better chance you have of finding potential problems and making needed changes.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The romantic Moon Child might be reluctant to see the reality behind an "ideal" situation. But by midweek, the practical Crab emerges to help clear away the moonbeams.

LÉO (July 23 to August 22) Although the Big Cat might be receptive to more "purr-suasion" to get you to agree to a workplace change, make sure that you can distinguish the fine line between facts and flattery.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your positive attitude in the workplace helps to get you noticed by the right people. Now go ahead and use some of this new self-confidence to help shore up a personal relationship.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

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

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22) Although you might still have to work out some problems with a business partner, things go more smoothly on the home front. Meanwhile, an investment opportunity might need more study.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Don't be reluctant to act on your suspicions. Even if others see nothing wrong, the astute Scorpio could sense an underlying problem that isn't always obvious on the surface.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new opportunity presents some obstacles that need to be dealt with as soon as possible. Delaying action in hopes that the problems will go away could be counterproductive.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A friend or family member's request might carry some hidden factors that could later create problems. Be sure you know all the facts before you make your decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A setback in implementing a plan could turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Use the downtime to rework your original concepts and see where changes could be made.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might not be consciously fishing for compliments, but admit it — won't you feel great when your efforts are noticed? Accept the praise gracefully. You've earned it!

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of beauty in your personal life extends to your efforts to protect and preserve the natural world around you.

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by Freddy Groves

The benefits of Stand Downs

Will you be taking advantage of the services offered at the annual Stand Downs this summer? Or will you step up and volunteer to assist?

Either way, you're sure to benefit from what you'll find at a Stand Down.

The Stand Downs, started in 1988, provide services to homeless veterans or those at risk of homelessness. Whether you attend a one-, two- or three-day event, you'll be welcomed. Services are varied, and depend on the location and the length of the event. You might found hot showers, clean clothes and food. Direct care can range from haircuts, dental care, treatment for substance abuse and legal advice, to help with your VA claim, housing or mental health counseling, as well as health screenings.

You'll likely find employment search help and benefits counseling from the wide range of veteran service organizations, agencies or individual groups that work at each Stand Down.

Sometimes the events are right on the grounds of the local VA facility, or sometimes they'll be at a local fairground or park. To find a location and the dates in your area, check www.va.gov/homeless/ events.asp. Also keep an eye on the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (nchv.org/current -stand-downs) for their list. Check both lists as time goes on and new events are added. They generally run through the summer into fall.

If you're going to need a ride, don't wait until the last minute. Call the contact person listed for each event and be sure they can help you.

As for volunteering, again, don't wait. Groups are putting their events together right now and need to know how many will be helping. To get started you can also call the closest VA medical center and ask for the Homeless Coordinator. No matter how you pitch in, your efforts will be appreciated.

Whether you attend a Stand Down as a veteran in need of services or as a volunteer, it might be the most rewarding thing you do this year.

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Headline

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Spring is here, and summer is just around the corner. Can you please remind people that leaving pets in a hot car is a deadly mistake? — Carol in Syracuse, New York

DEAR CAROL: Absolutely. Folks, even if the weather outside is just warm — not hot — the inside of your car can become extremely hot when it's parked in the sun. Even with the windows cracked a bit, the temperature can still rise by 20, 30 and 40 degrees higher than the outside air temperature. So, if it's a balmy 65 degrees outside, the interior of your car can reach 105 degrees or higher enough to cause heat injury or death for a pet.

That's why 31 U.S. states now have laws banning pets in parked cars. It's why police and even private citizens, in some areas, can smash a car window to save a pet. And it's why pet owners who leave their animal in a parked car may face fines and, in some states, prison. Those laws do not make exceptions for cars that are left running to keep the air conditioning on. If the car stalls or has an automatic switch-off, the interior will heat up dramatically even on a cloudy day.

So, as we roll into the warm spring months, it's important to have a plan for your pet if you need to take them along for the day. If they can't come with you into the store or the salon, leave them safe at home.

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

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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.

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, Vacinnes - \$10 per animal (rabies and distemper). Info: Tammy Jackson (828) 788-0878 or Tribal Animal Control 497-6091

NAIWA Blueberry Festival.

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

EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS/EVENTS

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

Cherokee storytelling and Cherokee history in the Snowbird Community Library at 60 Snowbird School Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C., every fourth Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All ages are welcome. NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association, Inc.) Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Eligibility for membership: any American Indian or Alaska Native or Canadian First Nations woman, 18 years of age or older, who is officially identified as a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe/Nation. The meetings contain information on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

NAIA Daughters meetings.

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

Cherokee History & Stories.

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

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

3rd Annual Community Baby Shower. May 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex in Cherokee, N.C. Food, diapers, gift cards, raffles, and more. Lunch will be provided. Info: Tricia Carver (828) 359-6250 or triccarv@ebci-nsn.gov Mother's Day 5K. May 10 at Kituwah. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., Walk/Run begins at 9 a.m. General fee is \$15 that will increase to \$20 on May 1; \$10 for youth ages 1-12 and elders 59+. Register at: https://runsignup. com/Race/NC/BrysonCity/ CherokeeChoicesMothersDay5K. Info: Yolanda Saunooke (828) 359-6784, yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

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

Point of Care Testing for Hepatitis C, Syphillis, and HIV.

May 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Basketball Court at 876 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Info: Tsalagi Public Health (828) 359-6240

Breakaway Sports Cherokee Sports Camp (Baseball 5, Kickball, and Ultimate Fris-

bee). 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.)

POW WOW LISTINGS 30th Annual Mariposa Pow Wow. May 10-11 at the Mariposa

Fairgrounds in Mariposa, Calif. MC: Reuben Crowfeather. Host Northern Drum: Thunder Head. Host Southern Drum: So Ex Styles. Info: Genevieve Lemaster at mariposapowwow@gmail.com

34th Annual Cherokee County Mother's Day Pow Wow & Indian Festival. May 10-11 at Bolin Park in Canton, Ga. MC: Lowery Begay. Host Drum: Red Boys. Info: Ruby Wolfe (770) 735-6275, rollingthunder34@ymail.com

40th Anniversary Western Washington University Spring

Pow Wow. May 10 at Carver Gymnasium in Bellingham, Wash. Emcees: TJ Adams and DJ Big Rez. Host Drum: Buffalo Hill. Info: Western Washington University Native American Student Union (360) 650-3827, nasuatwwu@ gmail.com

Honoring Mothers and Mother Earth Pow Wow. May 10 at the Kellogg Arena at Cal Poly Pomona in Pomona, Calif. MC: John Dawson. Host Northern Drum: Blue Star. Host Southern Drum: Sooner Nation. Info: Desiree Martinez (909) 997-3005, tribalrelations@cpp.edu

Sand Springs Indian Education Pow Wow. May 10 at the Charles Page High School Memorial Stadium in Sand Springs, Okla. Emcees: Mark Wilson and Biscuit Hicks. Head Singer: Jeremy Goodeagle. Info: Lauren Rowley (918) 724-1080

37th Annual Balboa Park Pow Wow. May 10-11 in San Diego, Calif. MC: Randy Pico. Host Northern Drum: Bear Springs. Host

ern Drum: Bear Springs. Host Southern Drum: Red Warrior. Info: Paula Brim (858) 442-5033, paula. brim@att.net Annual Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow. May 10 at the Commonwealth Community Rec. Centre Indoor Field House in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Emcees: Hal Eagletail and Elmer Rattlesnake. Info: Rhonda Metallic (780) 471-2360, rhonda.metallic. ta@ecsd.net

SUPPORT GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Baptist Church at 812 Tsalagi Road, in Cherokee, N.C. This is a Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, hang-ups, and habits of any kind. All are welcome. Info: Chris Mc-Millan (828) 788-5410

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

Cherokee Cancer Support

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

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

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

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

WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

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

* Kids Take Over the Museum Day. May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
* Sunset Series Concert: Acoustic Eidolon. May 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

* Storytelling on Sundays. May 25 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
* Legends Concert: Smooth Sailor. May 30 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Biscuit Basket Class. May

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

Southern Highland Craft

Guild's Fiber Day. May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Folk Art Center Auditorium at Milepost 382 in the Blue Ridge Parkway near Asheville, N.C. This annual event, a favorite tradition for over 30 years, highlights the diverse and vibrant world of fiber arts, from felting and quilting to weaving, knitting, spinning, and more. This year, Fiber Day takes on special significance as it serves to support the recovery of the western North Carolina craft community in the wake of Hurricane Helene. While admission to the event is free, attendees are encouraged to consider making a donation to support the Folk Art Center staff, who have been instrumental in assisting local artisans as they rebuild their livelihoods. Every donation helps to strengthen the resilience of WNC's creative economy and supports the artists who are keeping the region's handmade traditions alive. Info: Folk Art Center (828) 298-7928, info@ craftguild.org, or http://craftguild. org/events

Tipton-Haynes State Historic

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

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

Vann House Day. July 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chief Vann House Georgia State Historic Site at 82 Hwy 225N in Chatsworth, Ga. Demonstrations and activities like that of an 1800s farming family. Local craftspeople will demonstrate 19th century skills such as blacksmithing, quilting, weaving, blow guns, and more. The Vann Mansion, Cherokee Farmstead, Vann Kitchen, and Museum will be open for self-guided tours. Enjoy live fiddle music. Info: (706) 695-2598, vann_house_park@dnr.ga.gov

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

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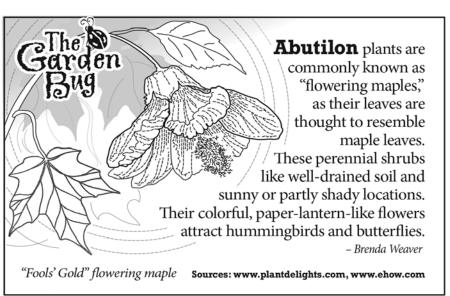
Cherokee County Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building; potluck at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Joe Palmer (828) 361-9219, joepalmer1013@yahoo. com

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



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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

the Yellowhill Activity Center at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Virginia Johnson (828) 788-8659, virginia.shell52@ gmail.com

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP Abundant Life Apostolic

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

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

Antioch Baptist Church.

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

Bethabara Baptist Church.

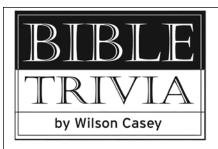
1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m and 7 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Youth Meeting Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Max Cochran (828) 341-5801, Church number (828) 497-7770

Big Cove Missionary Baptist

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

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness

Church. 7710 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednes-



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

2. From Romans 11, which tribe did Paul describe himself as a member of? *Benjamin, Rome, Barnabus, Tarsus*

3. What's the "Decalogue" another name for? Ark of Covenant, Holy Grail, Ten Commandments, Last Supper

4. In which "Garden of" did Adam and Eve live? *Everest, Eden, Heaven, Paradise*

5. From Romans 5:6, Paul noted that Christ died for the *Believers*, *Unbelievers*, *Righteous*, *Ungodly*

6. What was Adam made of/from? Eve's rib, Earth's dust, Ray of light, Fig leaf

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Benjamin, 3) Ten Commandments, 4) Eden, 5) Ungodly, 6) Earth's dust

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• On May 19, 1536, Anne Boleyn, the unfortunate second wife of England's King Henry VIII, was beheaded at the Tower of London on charges including adultery, incest and conspiracy against the king, after just three years of marriage.

• On May 20, 1992, in an attempt to end the blight of graffiti vandalism, the Chicago City Council passed an ordinance banning the retail sale of spray paint and large markers within city limits, describing them as "weapons of terror."

• On May 21, 1758, 10-year-old Mary Campbell was abducted from her home in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, by members of the Lenape tribe and ended up becoming an icon of the French and Indian War. At age 16, she was returned to a European settlement in the captive release orchestrated by Colonel Henry Bouquet at the conclusion of Pontiac's War.

• On May 22, 1802, Martha Dandridge Custis Washington, widow of President George Washington, died of a "severe fever" at her Mount Vernon home at the age of 70. Though she was a devoted wife, she did not entirely enjoy her role as "Lady Washington" and once confessed that she felt "more like a state prisoner than anything else."

• On May 23, 1979, rocker Tom Petty declared bankruptcy in an effort to free himself from his contract with Shelter Records.

• On May 24, 1964, a referee's call in the last minutes of a close soccer match between Peru and Argentina at the National Stadium in Lima, Peru, sparked a riot that resulted in the deaths of more than 300 fans. Another 500 people were injured.

• On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by Derek Chauvin, a white Minneapolis policeman who knelt on his neck for nearly 10 minutes. Floyd's death was recorded by bystanders and incited nationwide protests resulting in the imposition of curfews in more than 200 American cities and the activation of the National Guard throughout half the country. Chauvin was arrested on multiple charges and eventually sentenced to more than two decades in prison.

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

Bigwitch Baptist Church.

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

Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. 960 Old Bryson City Road in the 3200 Acre Tract. 488-9202

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

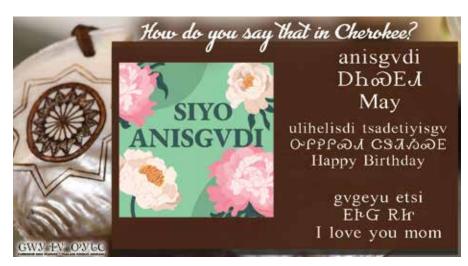
Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads. 3501 Hwy. 441, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

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

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

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

Old Antioch Baptist Church.

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

Olivet United Methodist

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

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

The Peaks Church. Meets at

Smokey Mountain Elementary School gym. Sunday services 10 a.m. Pastor Aaron Langston

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

Rock Springs Baptist Church.

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

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace

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

Shoal Creek Baptist Church.

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

Spruce Grove Baptist Church.

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

Straight Fork Baptist Church.

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

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

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

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

Wrights Creek Baptist Church.

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

Yellowhill Baptist Church.

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



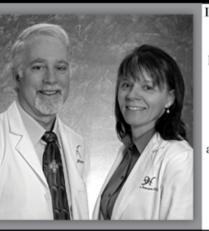
Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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Are you an Heir of an Individual Indian Money Account Holder?

\$38 MILLION IS AVAILABLE TO PAY HEIRS. THE DEADLINE TO FILE A CLAIM IS JUNE 30, 2025.

A \$3.4 billion dollar settlement was approved in a class action lawsuit, called *Cobell v. Salazar*, that claimed individual Indian land, funds and other assets were mismanaged by the federal government. \$38 million is available to pay heirs and awards could be significant.



Who is eligible?

You are eligible for a money award if you are an heir of one or more of the over 17,000 Individual Indian Money (IIM) account holders whose *Cobell* settlement awards were not distributed. You must submit a claim form with proof that you are an heir. Claim forms can be submitted online or can be downloaded and mailed to the administrator by **June 30, 2025**. More details are available on the website.

Here's what you need.

Heir eligibility proof includes any of the following:

- A state or tribal probate order identifying estate heirs; or
- A last will and testament approved by a probate order; or
- A small estate document from an approved state in accordance with small estate procedures; or

- Documentation showing the appointment of an estate Executor, Administrator, or Personal Representative; or
- A federal probate order that directs distribution of trust funds or trust lands.

A copy of a tribal, or state, or federal probate order is needed to establish whether the Settlement Administrator can pay the heir(s) directly for the estate's Settlement award.

If you do not have a tribal or state probate order but a personal representative or executor has been named for the estate, funds may be released to the representative or executor and they will be responsible for distributing the funds according to the wishes of the deceased Class Member.

You must act quickly.

<u>The deadline to file is</u> <u>June 30, 2025</u>.

After the deadline, all remaining funds will be distributed to the Cobell Scholarship Fund, which is managed by Indigenous Education, Inc.

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Mother's Day Sale - at the Cherokee United Methodist Church (across from the Tribal dispensary, past the casino), May 10 from 10am – 2pm. Items available: ribbon skirts by Sharon, corsages and memory wreaths, yard sale items, bake sale, hot dogs with the fixins-chili, slaw, chips, drink \$10. 5/7

EMPLOYMENT

Looking for Personal Care Aide . Previous CNA or Home Health experience . Job would be Monday,Wednesday,Friday 3:30pm-8:00pm. Job is assisting disabled adult in Cherokee, call 828-788-5255 Loni. 5/14

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 25-029 Notice to Creditors and **Debtors of:** MICHAEL HAROLD OWLE

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(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 fudicarv(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Donald Owle 131 Fryemont Rd Bryson City, NC. 28713 5/7

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 25-032 Notice to Creditors and **Debtors of:**

MARY JO ROGERS

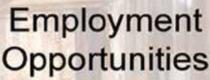
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 25-034 Notice to Creditors and **Debtors of:**

MARY CATHERINE SMITH

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(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 fudicary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION **Catherine Smith Burns** 150 Lee Taylor Rd #557 Cherokee, NC. 28719 5/14





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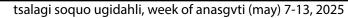
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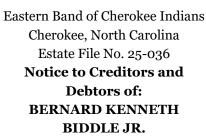


Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 25-035 **Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:** James Daniel Arch

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against 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 de-cedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-

TION Hilda Leanna Arch 53 Rose Lane Cherokee, NC 28719 **5/14** Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 25-037 Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: HAROLD ALFRED LOSSIAH

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(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 fudicary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Mary Lossiah 29 Hard Times Rd Cherokee, NC. 28719 5/14



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 PUBLICA-TION Rebecca Sneed P.O. Box 2274 Cherokee, NC. 28719 5/14

In the Matter of Komenda-Maney, JT 24-057: Attention Melissa Komenda and Jon Maney

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is termination of parental rights.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than JUNE 20, 2025 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This, the 30TH day of APRIL, 2025 Shira Hedgepeth, Hedgepeth Law Group, PLLC PO Box 514 Cullowhee, NC 28723 **5/21**

The Cherokee Court Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, Qualla Boundary, North Carolina File No. CV. 23-324 **Tribal Child Support**

HOLLI JEANNE BIRD, Plaintiff Vs CASSANDRA LYNN CROWE,

Enforcement

Defendant

Notice of Service by Publication To: Cassandra Lynn Crowe, Defendant Current address unknow, last known address 15 Nellie Goings Road, P.O. Box 973 Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

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

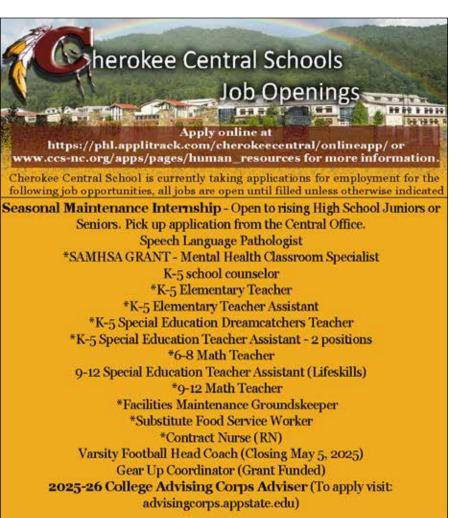
You are required to make a response or other defense to such pleading not later than 11 June 2025 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 1st day of May, 2025 Joseph M. Collins Collins & Collins Law, P.A. Attorney for Tribal Child Support Enforcement 217 Iotla Street Franklin, NC. 28734 (828)524-0017

5/14

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 25-041 **Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**

REUBEN EDWARD TAYLOR

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 fiducia-



ry(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Frances Walkingstick P.O. Box 275 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 corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(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 fudicary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Noel Bigmeat 601 Wrights Creek Rd Cherokee, NC. 28719 5/2

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 corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(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 fudicary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS



FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION 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 corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(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 fudicary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS

FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION

Glenda McConnell Chiltoskie P.O. Box 888 Cherokee, NC. 28719 **5/28**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Proposals (RFP) Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) Project: Solar Development Project – Feasibility Analysis

CIHA is requesting proposals/ qualifications from qualified firms to complete a solar feasibility analysis for CIHA facilities. The full project scope will be detailed in the referenced RFP. The deadline for proposals is 5/29/25 at 2:30 pm. You may request the full RFP and bid requirements for proposals through the CIHA Administration office at the contact below, or TERO. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Diamond Brown in CIHA Administration at (828)-497-9163, ext. 6403, Diamond.Brown @cherokeehospital.org

4/28

Request for Qualifications DESIGN-BUILD

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is requesting interested Design-Build ("DB") Teams to submit qualifications for the project, I-5719FC, to construct ten (10) miles of ITS infrastructure along I-85 from the South Carolina line to US-74 and install various ITS infrastructure and connection to the existing NCDOT fiber from US-74 to US-321 in Gaston and Cleveland Counties.

Interested parties should send a request, by e-mail only, to rfq_package_request@ncdot.gov for a formal package detailing the requirements for submitting a Statement of Qualifications. The following contact information must be included in the e-mail request: company name, physical address, city, state, zip code, contact person, phone number and current e-mail address. The Statements of Qualifications must be submitted, by e-mail only, to db_ soq_submittal@ncdot.gov by 3:00 p.m. on June 5, 2025.

All available Project information is on the NCDOT Alternative Delivery link of the website at connect. ncdot.gov under "Bidding & Letting". Project information, including each project's anticipated scope, is continually being added, so it is advisable to monitor this website for the most up to date information.

Questions related to the RFQ package, or other project related questions, should be sent via email to altdelivery@ncdot.gov. For tracking purposes, questions will only be answered through email requests.

When making requests by email, it is advisable to request a return receipt for your records. 5/7



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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

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

Closing Wednesday, May 07, 2025

- 1. Inventory Technician Tribal Construction Operations (L10 \$18.74 \$23.43 per hour)
- Inventory Assistant Tribal Construction Operations (L8 \$16.94 \$21.18 per hour)
 Carpenter SB & CC Building Maintenance Snowbird/Cherokee County (L10 \$18.74 \$23.43 per hour)
- 4. Grants Analyst (Multiple) Budget & Finance Treasury (L14 \$55,806 \$69,763)
- Closing Sunday, May 11, 2025
- 1. Teacher Assistant (Multiple) Qualla Boundary EHS/HS CERS (L6 \$16.37 \$20.47 per hour) 2. Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary EHS/HS – CERS (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 3. Truck Driver/WWT Maintenance Waste Water Treatment Operations (L10 \$18.74 \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 4. WWT Operator Waste Water Treatment Operations (L10 \$18.74 \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 5. Maintenance Utility Worker Facility Management Operations (L7 \$16.61 \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 6. Manager Transit Operations (L16 \$68,827 \$86,050) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 7. Stock Clerk Tribal Food Distribution Public Health and Human Services (L9 \$17.27 \$21.59 per hour)
- 8. Administrative Assistant Kituwah Academy Education (L8 \$16.94 \$21.18 per hour)
- 9. Youth Sports & Events Coordinator Cherokee Life: Recreation Education (L 12 \$22.26 \$27.83 per hour
- 10. Grant Writer Grants Management Treasury (L13 \$50,669 \$63,357)
- 11. Interactive Media Designer Communications Commerce (L13 \$24.36 \$30.46 per hour)
- 12. Housing Intake Specialist Housing Program Housing (L8 \$16.94 \$21.18 per hour)
- 13. Truck Driver/Operator Qualla Housing Housing (L9 \$17.27 \$21.59 per hour)
- 14. Ethics Specialist Internal Audit & Ethics (L14 \$55,806 \$69,763)
- 15. Administrative Assistant Internal Audit & Ethics (L8 \$16.94 \$21.18 per hour)
- 16. Director Destination Marketing Commerce (L17 \$77,106 \$96,387)
- 17. Director TERO (L18 \$88,650 \$110,822)

Open Until Filled

- 1. Social Worker (Multiple) Family Safety Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 -\$33.52 per hour) per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 2. Child Advocate Coordinator Child Advocacy Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 \$25.49 per hour)
- 3. Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer Child Advocacy Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
- 4. Corrections Officer Corrections EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 5. Patrol Officer (Multiple) Cherokee Indian Police Department EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 6. Bailiff Corrections EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 7. Sergeant Corrections EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$22.26 \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 8. Sergeant (Patrol) CIPD EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Tribal Prosecutor II Criminal Law Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$76,877 \$102,502)
 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)
- Teacher (Multiple) Qualla Boundary Head Start CERS (L10 \$18.74 \$23.43 per hour)
 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 \$21.59per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- Registered Nurse Tribal In Home Care Services Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14per 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
- 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)



Unerokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

Snowbird Cook (1) - \$31,800 -\$39,750

Agelink Cook (1) - \$31,800 - \$39,750

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC. 28719

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

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Cook - \$17.12 - \$19.26

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FINANCE

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

OPERATIONS

Chief Optometrist - \$131,405 - \$164,256 Clinical Pharmacist - Part Time Intermittent - \$102,023 - \$153,034 Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67 Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26 Dental Hygienist - \$67,082 - \$83,852 Dentist - CIHA and Satellite Dentist-Pediatrics Pharmacy Technician II - \$18.32 - \$20.67 Pharmacy Technician III - Part Time Intermittent - \$21.13 - \$23.98

MAINTENANCE

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

MEDICAL

Clinical Dietitian -

Physician (Primary Care, Pediatrics)

Physician – Emergency Department FT

Physician - Emergency Department - Part Time (up to 20 hours per week)



Care Manager Extender – Primary Care \$18.33 – \$20.67 C.M.S - \$18.32 - \$20.67 (Diabetes, Pediatrics, JVN, Procedure Suite) C.N.A - ER - FT - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$3,000 Hiring Bonus C.N.A. - Immediate Care Center - Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 -\$19.26 C.N.A./Medical Clerk - Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26 LPN/CMA - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus LPN - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus RN - Infection Control - \$33.68 - \$38.72 RN - Inpatient - Night Shift - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus RN Care Manager – Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus CFSP Care Manager, IDD/TBI/LTSS Care Manager(Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Support Services, Children and Families Specialty Program)- Primary Care- \$31.06 -\$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus RN Care Manager Float - \$31.06 - \$35.64 \$10,000 Hiring Bonus

Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

RADIOLOGY

Radiology Technologist II (2nd Shift) - \$5,000 hiring Bonus - \$24.55 - \$27.99

Radiology Technologist II - Part Time w/Benefits - \$24.55 - \$27.99

TRIBAL OPTION

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

Tribal Option Quality Management Director - \$88,715 - \$110,894

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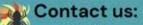
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THE GOOD STUFF



Two pairs of Cherokee Central Schools students, all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, participated in the Casting Carolinas – Tie One On fly fishing tournament held in Cherokee, N.C. on Saturday, April 26. The GWY JhP OVJ (Cherokee Water Spiders) Cain Welch and Felix Lossiah and the GWY GLJS (Cherokee Dragonflies) Ava Murphy Walkingstick and Jeron Martens, who took third place, participated. Both teams entered into the open division which consisted of 12 teams. Shown, left to right, are Cain Welch, Ava Murphy Walkingstick, Jeron Martens, and Felix Lossiah. (Photo courtesy of John Murphy)



SCC Annual Academic Awards

The highest-achieving students at Southwestern Community College were honored in the annual Academic Awards Ceremony held recently in the Myers Auditorium on the college's Jackson Campus. Swain County students honored on April 7 at SCC's Academic Awards Ceremony are shown, left to right, including Karyl Frankiewicz of Cherokee, Lydia Dingle of Bryson City, Sarabeth Sutton of Cherokee and Paytyn Barker of Cherokee. Not pictured: Karena Cline of Bryson City, Isaiah Collins of Bryson City, Anthony Dilbeck of Bryson City, Daisy Garcia of Cherokee, Emily Greenarch of Cherokee, Serena Hart of Cherokee, Alana King of Bryson City, Brentney Kuhn of Bryson City, Nathaniel Lambert of Cherokee, Dhruv Patel of Bryson City, Brandi Taylor of Cherokee, Courtney Taylor of Cherokee, Eva Vaarum of Bryson City, Maximus Wilmot of Bryson City and Traci Wolf-Maxon of Bryson City. (Southwestern Community College photo)



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Cheer competition

The Galaxy Cheer Senior Supernovas and Junior Nebulas traveled down to Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla. on the weekend of April 26-27 to compete at The Open Grand Nationals. Competing against teams from all across the nation, both teams received a Hit Zero on day one of the competition. The Senior Supernovas brought home the Champion Rings, showing off their strength, skill, and spirit on the mat. Junior Nebulas shined just as bright, earning a third place finish in a tough division. They are shown, left to right, front row - Coach Caleigh Queen, Coach Blake Godfrey, Shaylee Fuller, Julie McCall, Jessilyn Lambert, Danielle Gibson, Addison Wildcatt, Izzy Hamilton, Bella Frady, Nylah Drakeford, Deonna Butler, Coach Ashley Gibson; middle row - Owner/Coach Brittany Fuller, Abby Adkins, Addison Barker, Ari Orr, Vaelyn Owl, Emma Gibson, Grace Hamilton, Khloe Sequoyah; and back row -Texie Crisp, Loshi Frady, Reyna Huerta, TaLeah Arch, Alaya Fuller, Jayla Fuller, and Gabby Hernandez. (Photo courtesy of Karyl Frankiewicz)



Record-setting performance

Nse Uffort, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a senior at Swain Co. High School, was chosen as the Top Male Field Events competitor at the Trojan Timing Classic held at Science High School in Johnson City, Tenn. on Friday, April 25. He took first place in the shot put event with a throw of 65-03 beating the meet record of 61-6 held previously by Eli Penix. Uffort also won the discus throw event with a throw of 179-10. (Photo courtesy of family)



Remember the Removal riders

This year's Remember the Removal Riders, representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, were introduced during the regular Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) meeting on the morning of Thursday, May 1. They are shown, left to right, including Daryl "DD" Martin, Freida Saylor, Mary Caley, Nathaniel Cummings-Lambert, TW Saunooke, and Jamy Queen. (Photo courtesy of Nelson Lambert)

Barker named to Morehead-Cain Foundation's Class of 2029

Paytyn Barker, a senior at Cherokee High School (CHS), has been named among the Morehead-Cain Foundation's Class of 2029 who will begin their undergraduate journeys at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall of 2025. The process of selecting the new class occurs over the course of six months and includes application review, virtual and in-person interviews, and other activities. The selection process relies on the expertise of Foundation staff and hundreds of alumni interviewers and volunteer



evaluators. Candidates enter the process via nomination, either from their school or on their own. At CHS, she serves as National Honor Society president, HOSA–Future Health Professionals president, and class representative. She has served as North Carolina HOSA state officer, HOSA regional vice president, and Cherokee High School HOSA president. She is also the captain of the Cherokee High School softball and golf teams. Paytyn has received numerous honors, including the Gold Barbara James Service Award, the MedCat Scholarship, Female Christian Athlete of the Year, Academic Athlete of the Year, Most Dedicated Athlete, Highest GPA Athlete, and Highest School GPA. She earned Smoky Mountain Conference Golf Player of the Year twice and received All-Conference, All-Region, and All-State honors in both golf and softball. She has also participated in the Talented and Gifted Program for four years. Paytyn is a member of Towstring Baptist Church and volunteers at the Family Resource Center. She plans to study human biology on the pre-med track at Carolina. Paytyn is the daughter of Melissa and Craig Barker of Cherokee, N.C. (Photo courtesy of Morehead-Cain Foundation)



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Perfect Attendance

The following students and teachers had perfect attendance at New Kituwah Academy Early Childhood Program for the month of April: back row - (Teachers): UHbh-Tamara Sampson, IPWh-Carolina Oocumma, WO-Lana Bradley, Sひみし-Abigail Long, EO-Donna Morgan, VPb-Chelsea Murphy; middle row -DIrh-Atsini Perkins, ②OU-Carrson Crowe, EhSC-Kamiya Sequoyah, OZ ရPhEE-Jachai Arch, LOb-Blakelyn Wachacha, RZか-Ayla Watson, OO-Joella Owle, UGP-Embree Beck, fiO-Leona Ramirez, OPGJ-Naavy McKinney, JG.@-Kuwaya Walkingstick, DSW-Eryx Watty; and front row - SAGT-Marisol Perez, RSh-Ava VanMiddlesworth, YGS-Michael Watson, JSVS-Lonnie Hernandez, AW-Aspen Thompson, DSfi-Ozilline Gloyne, Dh-Ani Bynum, DC: OJ-Saber Woodard, GJY-Wadigi Walkingstick, and OOJ-Lee Cooper. (Photo courtesy of New Kituwah Academy Early Childhood)



Lacrosse win

Several members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians played with Asheville Empire for a 15-4 lacrosse victory over the Asheville Cougars on the evening of Thursday, May 1. Shown, left to right, are Coach Wilkes, Journey Watty (#80), Kaden Wolfe (#75), unknown, Christian Malloy (#52), Lucas Wildcatt (#78), and Richie Bottchenbaugh. (Photo courtesy of Chantel Sutton)



CCS students compete at Special Olympics

Students from Cherokee Central Schools were invited to participate in the 2025 Special Olympics Spring Games hosted by Swain County Schools recently. Student athletes competed in the following events: Running Long Jump, Softball Throw, Tennis Ball Throw, 25 Meter Dash; 50 Meter Dash, 100 Meter Dash, 10 Meter Assisted Walk, and 25 Meter Race Walk. Shown, left to right, are front row - Jogeta Panther, Gabby Smith (11th grade), Evie Nations (12th grade – Super Senior), Kyleigh Porter (7th grade), Kendra Arch (12th grade), Mollie Robinson, Jarvis Brady (9th grade), Adalyn West (2nd grade), Angie Parton; back row - Ann Muse, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) First Lady Marsha Hicks , Rose Mills, Henry Turner (5th grade), EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief Michell Hicks), Nikki Catolster, Ameka Blankenship, Sage Bark (10th grade), Trip Wright, Isaiah Ganilla, and Mariah Crow. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools)

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