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EBCI Chestnut Project update

USDA reopening
public comment
period for GMO
chestnut tree

By JAIME VANDERLEUVENSON
and the EBCI NATURAL
RESOURCES DEPT.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' (EBCI) American chestnut restoration initiative has entered a phase of community outreach. The EBCI Natural Resources Department is currently working to implement restoration activities within Tribal forests—including the potential restoration of the American chestnut—and is looking for EBCI

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Chinese chestnut in Haywood County. (Photo courtesy of Jaime Vanderleuvenson)

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CHESTNUT: From front page

citizens' input. The USDA Forest Service is also interested in EBCI citizens' perspectives about chestnut restoration more broadly. These two entities are working together to reach as many EBCI citizens as possible with the goal of approaching American chestnut restoration on Aniyvwiayah (Cherokee) homelands in a way that reflects EBCI values.

The USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) reopened the public comment period recently on a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and plant pest risk assessment (PPRA) drafted in response to the petition seeking deregulation of the genetically modified chestnut tree known as Darling 54 (formerly known as Darling 58).

This means the U.S. government is sharing their research into the environmental impacts of introducing a genetically modified chestnut tree into US forests and are asking for your opinion. The comment period ends on July 21. Any comments you make can be anonymous.

You can leave your comment and view others by going here: <https://www.regulations.gov/document/PHIS-2020-0030-17582>.

You can view the EIS, PPRA, as well as the original and subsequent petitions for the deregulation of the genetically modified chestnut tree here:

<https://www.regulations.gov/search?filter=APHIS-2020-0030>.

Darling 54 is a chestnut tree that was genetically engineered in a lab at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) in hopes of creating a blight

resistant chestnut tree. A gene from the wheat plant was spliced into the genome of an American chestnut tree (*Castanea dentata*) to help the tree make an enzyme - oxalate oxidase - that is thought to increase survival against the chestnut blight (*Cryphonectria parasitica*).

American chestnut and the EBCI:

American chestnut has been a culturally significant tree for Aniyvwiayah for thousands of years and continues to be part of EBCI culture today (example, chestnut bread). However, much of Aniyvwiayah's relationship with American chestnut has been altered through the loss of mature trees from the chestnut blight. Few people remember American chestnut before the blight, when it constituted one-quarter to one-half of the trees in the forest. The EBCI Natural Resources Department is hoping to connect with folks who have historical and contemporary viewpoints about American chestnut restoration.

Who is involved?

The EBCI Natural Resources Department partnered with the USDA Forest Service to fund an ORISE Fellow (Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education) to assist with community outreach. The ORISE fellow is Jaime Vanderleuvenson (formerly, Van Leuven), who previously conducted the American chestnut survey of Tribal Reserve (Cherokee One Feather June 20, 2023). Vanderleuvenson is working with the EBCI Natural Resources Department to engage EBCI citizens in reflecting on how American chestnut is important to the EBCI and sharing their perspective about how the EBCI Natural Resources Department should approach restoring this tree to the Qualla Boundary and within

broader Aniyvwiayah homelands.

A team is advising Vanderleuvenson with this work, including Tommy Cabe, EBCI Forest Resource Specialist, Mike LaVoie, EBCI Natural Resources Director, Michelle Baumflek, Forest Service Research Biologist, who has worked with the Tribe on culturally significant plants since 2016, and Stacy Clark, Forest Service Research Forester who specializes in American chestnut and white oak. Additionally, Tyson Sampson, EBCI Earth Keeper and Community Researcher, has been advising Jaime on how to be in respectful relationship with EBCI citizens.

Why restoration now and why your voice is important:

Since the chestnut blight in the early 1900s, American chestnut is considered "functionally extinct" on the landscape - meaning it is still present, but rarely able to grow large enough to produce nuts. This is why Chinese chestnuts have mostly replaced American chestnuts in the EBCI cultural food, chestnut bread (Chinese chestnuts are larger, but less sweet, so some sugar is often added). So, why are we talking about restoring American chestnut to the Qualla Boundary now? Because the methods the Natural Resources Department engages in could impact citizens' relationship with this culturally significant plant.

Aniyvwiayah stewardship of American chestnut:

Prior to the chestnut blight, Aniyvwiayah engaged in a reciprocal relationship with American chestnut for millennia. American chestnut provided nutrition for Aniyvwiayah while Aniyvwiayah provided ideal growing conditions for the trees to flourish. Some of these historic land stewardship practices could be integrated into the

Natural Resources Department's plans for stewarding EBCI forests for American chestnut.

Reach out with questions to Jaime Vanderleuvenson, ORISE Fellow heading up the community outreach for the EBCI Natural Resources Department regarding the chestnut project) at jaime.vanleuven@usda.gov or (603) 440-9812.



1. A Sept. 29, 2016, game between the Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates ended with what unusual final score?
2. What pro wrestler and mixed martial arts fighter briefly had a seat on the city council of Huntington Beach, California, from 2020-21?
3. Michael Zagaris would sneak onto the field at Kezar Stadium to take snapshots before he was eventually hired as the official photographer for what NFL team in 1973?
4. Name the identical twins who played basketball for the Indiana Hoosiers and were selected 10th and 11th overall in the 1965 NBA Draft.
5. Who did Gigi Fernandez partner with to win gold medals for the USA in women's doubles tennis at the 1992 Barcelona and 1996 Atlanta Summer Olympics?
6. Who became the first Indigenous woman to represent Australia in any sport when she played for the women's national cricket team in 1958?
7. Born Cornelius McGillicuddy, this Baseball Hall of Famer has the all-time record for Major League Baseball wins as a manager with 3,731. He's better known to baseball fans by what name?

Answers

1. The game was called a 1-1 tie due to weather and was not resumed or replayed.
2. Tito Ortiz.
3. The San Francisco 49ers.
4. Dick and Tom Van Arsdale.
5. Mary Joe Fernandez (no relation).
6. Faith Thomas.
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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

The One Feather will now provide legislative updates on various pieces of federal legislation of interest to members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians weekly. The bills are shown in the order in which they were introduced following the new bills for the week.

New this Week

S. 2022 (Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act of 2025). This Senate bill, according to the legislation, would “amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat Indian Tribal governments in the same manner as state governments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes”.

Information from the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs states, “This bipartisan legislation would create parity between Tribal and state and local governments in the federal tax code by:

1. Updating rules for issuing tax-exempt debt to ensure Tribal governments are treated the same as state and local governments;
2. Ensuring that essential pension and employment benefits are taxed in the same way as benefits from state governments;
3. Ensuring that Tribal General Welfare Benefits are not unfairly categorized as income related to Supplemental Social Income eligibility or benefit amounts;
4. Creating new business opportunities in low-income Tribal communities with a \$175 New Markets Tax

Credit;

5. Increasing the effectiveness of Tribal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits in Indian Country;
6. Extending and updating the Indian Employment Tax Credit to better serve Tribal families;
7. Allowing Indian Health Service (IHS) professionals to access recruitment and retention tax incentives; and
8. Making it easier for Tribal families to adopt children and for Tribes to enforce child support.”

Cory Blankenship, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and executive director of the Native American Financial Officers Association (NAFOA), said in a statement, “The Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act takes essential steps to align federal tax policy with tribal sovereignty by addressing long-standing barriers to capital, workforce, and infrastructure development. As the legislation advances, NAFOA is committed to providing technical expertise that centers the realities of tribal communities to support its passage.”

Introduced: June 11 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

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.

Bills we’re currently watching

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.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.

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

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of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools.”

Introduced: Feb. 26 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

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

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

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

Introduced: March 27 by Rep. Ed

Case (D-Hawaii)

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

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

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

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

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

H.R. 3255. Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration

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

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

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

H.R. 3444. Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act of 2025.

According to the bill text, this House bill is “To direct Federal land management agencies of the Department of the Interior to establish Tribal Co-Management Plans and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for the

performance of certain activities of the Forest Service, and for other purposes.”

Introduced: May 15 by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.)

Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Federal Lands on June 3, and a hearing was held in that subcommittee on June 10.

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Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.): <https://www.tillis.senate.gov/email-me>

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Roads of the EBCI

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – In this week’s article, we’ll take a look at the law in Cherokee Code governing the roads of the trust lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Cherokee Roads Commission

Chapter 137 of the Cherokee Code, which establishes and outlines the duties of the Cherokee Roads Commission, was set in motion with the passage of Ord. No. 585 on Sept. 14, 1989.

Sec. 137-1 states the purpose of the Commission. “The purpose of this chapter is to create an administrative body whereby the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians may provide for the proper utilization and expenditure of all funds collected under the Cherokee Gasoline Tax Ordinance. This chapter shall establish a body to be known as the Cherokee Roads Commission, who shall be solely responsible for the expenditure of all gasoline tax revenues and ensuring that such funds are utilized only in the manner and for the purposes designated by the Cherokee Gas Tax Ordinance and by this chapter.”

The Commission has 11 members. Six “tribal representatives” will serve two-year terms. The remaining five, serving three-year staggered terms, will be an employee or someone familiar with the operations and regulations of the following programs: Qualla Housing Authority, Cherokee Boys

Club, Cherokee DOT, EBCI Emergency Management, and Tribal Utilities.

The Commission is tasked with meeting at least once a quarter. Sec. 137-5(b) states, “The Commission shall adopt an annual budget for the expenditure of tribal gasoline tax revenues and state gasoline tax refunds during each calendar year.”

Sec. 137-5(c) states the Commission’s further duties. “The Commission shall approve projects maintenance, upkeep, improvement, construction or safety abatement of roadways and highways prior to the expenditure of any tribal gasoline tax revenues or state gasoline tax refunds.”

The last portion of Sec. 137-5 states that the Roads Commission assumed the duties of the former Tribal Council Roads Committee “to establish road maintenance and construction priorities for all BIA roads”.

Road Names and Signs

Sec. 136A-21, set up with the passage of Ord. No. 332-A on Oct. 26, 1998, establishes a Uniform Street Address and Road Naming System for the EBCI.

Sec. 136A-25 states that the EBCI shall “have jurisdiction over all roads, highways, byways, and properties within the external boundaries of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Reservation”.

A baseline designation for numbering is set forth in Sec. 136A-41 which states, “Main Street, also known as Highway 19, shall constitute the baseline for numbering principal buildings and vacant parcels, lots, and tracts of land along all streets running northerly and southerly. Tsalagi Ave., also known as Highway 441, the part of such highway which is in front of the Tribal Coun-

cil House, shall constitute the baseline for numbering principal buildings and vacant parcels, lots, and tracts of land along all streets running easterly and westerly.”

Sec. 136A-42 deals with diagonal streets stating, “All buildings and vacant parcels, lots and tracts of land and diagonal streets shall be numbered as though they are on northerly and southerly streets if the diagonal runs predominantly north to south. All buildings and vacant parcels, lots and tracts of land on diagonal streets shall be numbered as though they are on easterly and westerly streets if the diagonal runs predominantly east to west.”

According to Sec. 136A-61(a), “Any road that provides access to three or more structures shall be given a name.”

Requesting a new road name or a name change, per Sec. 136-61(c), requires a completed petition signed by at least 51 percent of the property owners along the affected road”.

Other Code Governing Roads

There are numerous other pieces of the Cherokee Code that deal with the subject of roads including Chapter 167 (Parades and Demonstrations).

Sec. 167-1 states, “It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct or block the public highways, roads, streets or sidewalks on Cherokee Trust Lands by any exhibition, demonstration, picket line, or parade, so as to prevent the normal flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, except that a special permit may be granted pursuant to this article by the Chief of Police, or by authority of the Tribal Council authorizing peaceful occupancy of a specified portion of the street or sidewalk for a specified period of time for purposes other

than hostile demonstrations or commercial gain.”

The current law governing easements and rights-of-way was set into the Cherokee Code with the passage of Ord. No. 453 on Feb. 7, 2019.

Chapter 47E deals with easements, permits, and rights-of-way. Sec. 47E-1(b) states, “So long as any such road or highway is maintained and used, the property within the right-of-way or boundary lines of such road or highway shall be and remain the property of the Tribe, and may be used for any lawful purpose as authorized by the Tribal Council, subject to the road or highway use right.”

Sec. 47E-2 further discusses rights-of-way and states, “In order to prevent encroachments and ensure proper maintenance to BIA roads within the Cherokee Indian Reservation, there is hereby reserved a right-of-way to the Tribe for 30 feet from the centerline of each BIA road and control of the 60-foot road right-of-way is granted to the Cherokee Department of Transportation.”

Sec. 47E-4 discusses public access to bridges and states, “Any bridge built for a private citizen by the Cherokee Roads Commission requires said private citizen to grant public access to said bridge and grant right-of-way to public use. As such, the easement shall be by the least intrusive method upon the private citizen and the least expensive.”



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**CIPD Arrest Report for
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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.

Cain, Gordon Lee – age 32
Arrested: June 2
Released: June 2
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Carver, Marla – age 25
Arrested: June 2
Released: June 2

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Gallagher, Emily – age 34
Arrested: June 2
Released: June 2
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officer

Nash, Charles Michael – age 36
Arrested: June 2
Released: June 6
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Brady, Wendy Pearl – age 47
Arrested: June 3
Released: June 4
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Defilippis, Craig James – age 50
Arrested: June 3
Released: June 3

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Ensley, Trina Lynn – age 53
Arrested: June 3
Released: June 5
Charges: Public Intoxication, Probation Violation

Maney, Juliana – age 18
Arrested: June 3
Released: June 4
Charges: Drug Paraphernalia

Parton, Reagan Elizabeth – age 32
Arrested: June 3
Released: June 5
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Watty, Brian Keith – age 56
Arrested: June 3
Released: June 3
Charges: Possession of a Con-

trolled Substance

Davis, Cory Matthew – age 35
Arrested: June 4
Released: June 5
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Henry, Andrew James – age 48
Arrested: June 4
Released: June 5
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Potter, Cory Dewayne – age 33
Arrested: June 4
Released: June 4
Charges: Temporary Hold

Reed, Moses – age 46
Arrested: June 4
Released: June 5
Charges: Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Drug Trafficking, Manufacture Schedule III Controlled Substance

Walkingstick, Louiza Gail – age 18
Arrested: June 4
Released: June 5
Charges: Manufacture Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance II

Cabrera, Delores Amelia – age 51
Arrested: June 5
Released: June 5
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Crowe, John Edwards – age 52
Arrested: June 5
Released: Not released as of report date (June 9)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

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Charges: Simple Possession

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Cherokee Action Sports Park (Ayvdagwalosgiyi 'Thunder Place')

The Cherokee Action Sports Park opened off of Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. on June 10, 2011. The Park is set on a 3.5 acre tract. In 2011, Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks submitted a resolution, which was approved by Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) unanimously, to fund the Park for \$600,000.

On opening day, Ugvwiyuhi Hicks stated, "This is something we should be excited about! We finished this project in nine months. There's a lot of good things happening in Cherokee today, but it takes time and it takes patience. But, it also takes resources to get there and the vision. Give this Council a big hand for stepping up, in nine months time, and making this happen."

The Park is very popular and is home to the annual Cherokee Skate Jam. The Park has been dubbed Ayvdagwalosgiyi 'Thunder Place' by Marie Junaluska, an EBCCI tribal elder and first language Cherokee speaker. She named it as such because of the sound the skate wheels make against the concrete.

Photo: Juddson Gloyne, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, took second place in the Beginner Division at the Cherokee Skate Jam held on Sept. 28, 2019.

Source: Cherokee One Feather

EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Share your family's story

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

Applications being taken for "Unto These Hills" Educational Scholarship

Applications are now being taken for the "Unto These Hills" Educational Scholarship. The deadline is Aug. 1. Requirements: must be a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, GPA

must be 2.0 or higher, and must be a 4-year undergraduate student taking at least 12 credit hours or a graduate students taking at least 6 credit hours.

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS WCU Mountain Heritage Awards now accepting nominations

CULLOWHEE, N.C. – Western Carolina University's Mountain Heritage Center is now accepting nominations for the 2025 Mountain Heritage Awards, honoring individuals and organizations whose work preserves, interprets, and celebrates the rich cultural traditions and history of Southern

Appalachia.

Annually presented by the chancellor of Western Carolina University, recipients will be honored during the Mountain Heritage Days festival in a public ceremony which will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27, at Western Carolina University's Bardo Arts Center. Award winners will receive an engraved commemorative plaque.

"Mountain Heritage Day started as the university's way to combat Appalachian stereotypes and celebrate regional craft," said Mountain Heritage Center director Amber C. Albert. "This will be the 49th year the festival has granted awards to individuals and groups who create exemplary mountain arts and prioritize cultural education."

The winner of the first Mountain Heritage Award was John Parris, Asheville Citizen-Times columnist and author, in 1976. Honorees are selected by a committee comprised of community and WCU representatives. The two award categories recognize an individual and an organization for distinguished service, accomplishments, influence or expertise in maintaining the cultural viability of the region.

Nominations must be emailed to mhd@wcu.edu with the subject line "Award Nomination" by Monday, July 7, at 5 p.m.

Nominations should be no more than five pages in length and must outline the nominee's accomplishments, highlighting their impact in areas such as traditional crafts, music, or social and envi-

PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearing pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A


Confirmation hearing for Doris Johnson to the Tribal Gaming Commission

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environmental causes. Submissions should also describe the nominee's role as a teacher, advocate, leader, or preserver of mountain culture and heritage. A list of awards or other recognitions received by the nominee should be included, and links to online support materials may be provided as optional supplements.

Individual award winners for 2024 were Anna Fariello and, posthumously, Crystal Cauley. The organizational award was given to Darnell Farms. Although last year's festival was cancelled due to Hurricane Helene, Chancellor Brown presented the awards at the Mountain Heritage Day 50th anniversary concert in March of this year.

The festival, now called Mountain Heritage Days, will span an entire week, Sept. 22-27 and will

feature newly added programming such as evening faculty-led lectures with hands-on involvement, heritage demonstrators on the plaza, and a Friday night concert at Bridge Park in Sylva.

WCU will continue to offer an array of family-friendly activities, including cultural demonstrations, music, clogging, mule and tractor rides, traditional arts and crafts vendors, festival food, and much more from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27.

The shift to a week-long model provides additional opportunities for patrons to participate and enhances the visitor experience. The university remains committed to its mission of educating WCU faculty, staff, students and community members about these beloved traditions.

For more information about

the history of the festival and the awards, visit mhd.wcu.edu

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Sgi (Thank you) for Veterinary Clinic success

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the EBCI for taking time from their busy schedules to come to the recent veterinary clinic hosted by Christian Veterinary Missions and Natural Resources. By bringing your animals to the clinic you showed how much you care for the health of your animals and a desire to help control the animal population. We realize it was a long wait at times but as I heard many of the animal owners state "it was well worth it." This was the fourth year the veterinary team has been coming to Cherokee and each year the number of participants continue to grow. The goal of Christian Veterinary Mission is the share the love of Jesus by caring for each animal and their owners.

The following are the numbers of services provided this year:

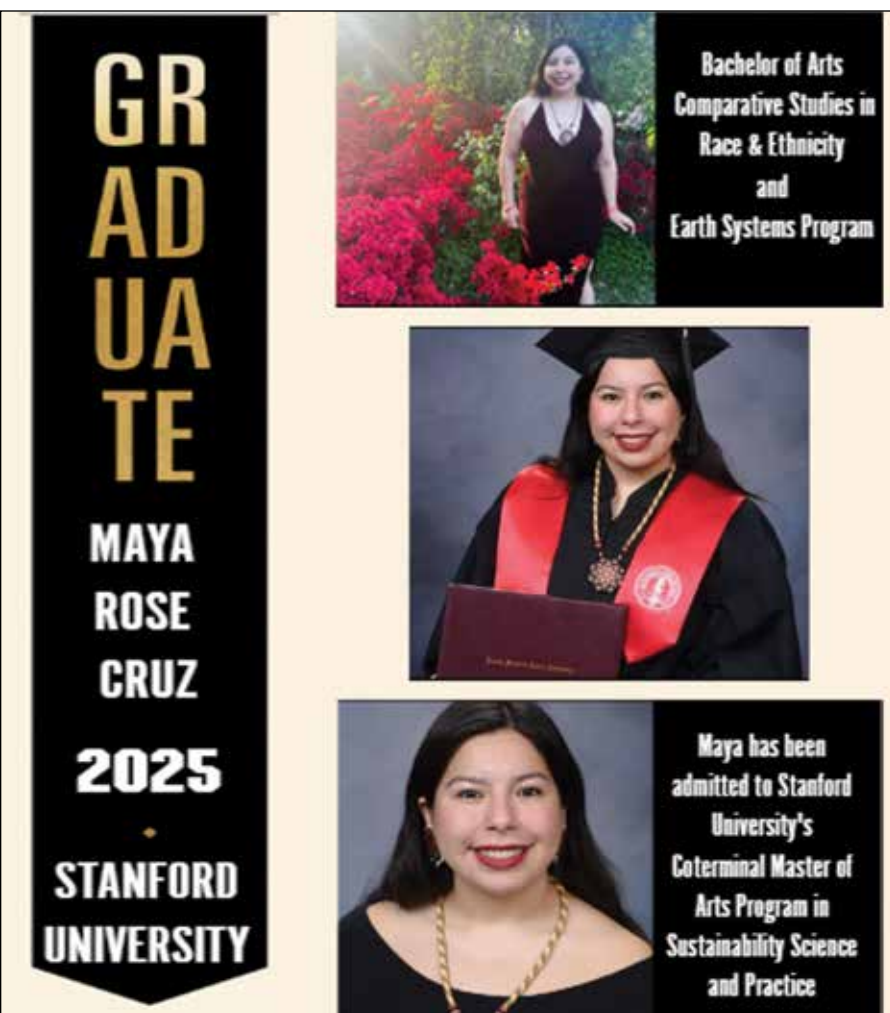
Spayed: 96
Neutered: 57

Vaccinations: 186
A total of 339 animals served.

I would like to thank the following people and organizations for supporting this wonderful event: Dr. Page Wages and her team from Christian Veterinary Mission, Mike La Voie and his staff and the staff at Animal Control, churches represented by members of The Peaks Church and Grace Community Church, and the Yellowhill Community Club. And a big shout out to Charles "Chuck" Regan for representing PHHS and volunteering and assisting however needed, and thanks Mariah and Megan from the Extension Center for making the great flyers! And of course, the Cherokee One Feather who made sure promotion of this event got to the residents of the Qualla Boundary and our enrolled members.

The Christian Veterinary Mission team will return to Robbinsville in September and December of this year, so be on the lookout for these dates and the location. I'll get them out as soon as they are confirmed.

Sgi,
Tammy Jackson on behalf of the
Christian Veterinary Mission



Ask the One Feather: Finances for casino in Indiana

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

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



Linda Sue Arch

Linda Sue Arch, 68, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 8, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born on Sept. 21, 1956, in Lyons, Ga., Linda was the beloved daughter of the late Robert and

Nell Owl. She was raised in a home rooted in faith, strength, and the power of family. She shared her early years with her siblings, Gerrelle Bazemore Owl, Lola Blankenship, Jason Owl (Hattie), Melinda Hall, and Sadie Locust (Jerry). She also held a special bond with her aunt, Louise Thigpen, who was just 10 days older and a lifelong confidante.

Linda was the cherished wife of Robert Michael Arch, her husband and companion for 33 years. Together, they built a vibrant and loving family. She was a devoted mother to her daughters, April Bird (Ike - Linda's favorite son-in-law), Angela Wolfe, Melisa "Sis" Arch, and Chezlee Arch; and her sons, Dwayne "Tuff" Jackson (Tammy), Robert "Toad" Arch (Beth), Will Arch, Chris Arch, Allen Littlejohn, Jason Bradley (Sharon), and Andy Arch (Clarissa).

Her heart was fullest when surrounded by her grandchildren, Ashley, Tashina, Shepherd, Caleb, Esther, Ofee, Joe, Malachi, Angel, Dustin, Christian, Summer, Blake, Kaden, Karyl, Raven, Taleah, Donald, Kelsey, Emra, Tahnee, Perry, Kahlanee, Wahllala, Elias, Corey, Tevis, Cain, Elijah, Micala, Kathleen, Mack, Owen, Jacie, Jenisis, Venus, Braylon, Kyam, Brannon, Keaton, Tevy, Eliana, and Aiden; and her many great-grandchildren, each one treasured deeply.

Linda's love reached far beyond her immediate family. She embraced dear friends like Mark

and Donna Stone, Ida Morris, Jim Haigler, and Patsy Thomas, as part of her own. Her extended family also included her brothers-in-law Charlie Arch (Lou) and Roger Arch, her sister-in-law Marie Rose, and many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly and held close to her heart.

She was the heart of every gathering, the hand that soothed, and the voice that encouraged. Linda lived a life of kindness, fierce loyalty, and openhearted generosity. Her home was a haven, and her presence a source of strength for all who knew her.

Though she is no longer with us in body, her love and legacy continue in every hug, story, and memory she leaves behind.

The service for Linda Arch was held on Thursday, June 12 at Crisp Funeral Home.

Burial will be in the Robert Owl Cemetery in Cherokee, N.C.

Rachel Morgan

Rachel Morgan, age 83, of Cherokee, passed away on Sunday afternoon, June 8, 2025, at Tsali Care Center in Cherokee, N.C., following a period of declining health.

Rachel was a native and lifelong resident of Cherokee, the daughter of the late Manley and Savannah Patridge George. She retired after many years of working at "The Cherokee's" manufacturing. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her

husband, Harold Morgan; her son, Ned Carl (Bunky) Morgan; her brothers, Abraham, Columbus, and Luke George; and her sisters, Martha Jones and Addie Littlejohn.

Rachel is survived by one sister, Betty George of Whittier, N.C., and her grandsons, Dylan Morgan and Kyle Morgan, both of Cherokee, N.C. Additionally, her great-granddaughter, Brooklyn Morgan of Cherokee, N.C., also survives.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, June 12 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee, N.C., with the Rev. Greg Morgan officiating.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Cameron Onnahili Chickaway

Cameron Onnahili Chickaway, born to Isaiah Chickaway and Jolie Locust-Pheasant on June 8, 2025, passed away on June 8, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his grandmother, Ivy Locust, and his uncles, Spencer Locust, Leland Locust, and Rayden Locust.

Cameron is preceded by his uncle, Brandon Charles Pheasant Jr., and his brother, Blaize Isaiah Chickaway.

The family will hold a private graveside service.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

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American Indian/Alaska Native

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Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Male Age: 72

Date of last contact: May 26, 2025

Last Known Location: Mekoryuk,
Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Samuel went missing after traveling
in a boat that sunk in rough water
conditions. Searches of the area
were unsuccessful in locating him.

Samuel has a scar on his right leg and tattoos on his left arm and wrist.

If you have seen or have information about Samuel Shavings, contact
Malia Miller, Missing Persons Clearinghouse Manager, Alaska State
Troopers (907) 269-5511.

Source: Namus.gov



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COMMENTARY

Campaign season is upon us

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

We often joke (sometimes it isn't a joke) that our politicians on the Qualla Boundary are in perpetual campaign mode. After all, with a 24-month election cycle, long-term planning and execution can be challenging to say the least. Sometimes the long-term benefit requires short-term pain. It is a long-established philosophy, but

next to no one wants to hear it, whether it comes from a doctor or an elected official.

We, as a tribal citizenry, have watched as viable economic development opportunities fell by the wayside because of the cycling of officials through our political system: Walmart, Boundary Tree, and the long-discussed but never implemented water park. Year after year, the water park would be put on the tribe's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which was a three to five-year plan, structured after the North Carolina strategic planning model (and was grant-funded as long as we followed the guidelines for development). From one Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) to the next, the water park would be put on hold. I am sure that the reason-

ing was much more complex than I can know (that would be one of those things "they" might somehow find a way to use against us), but at least part of the kicking of the water park can down the road until it's extinction had to be, at least in part, the cycling of leadership every two years.

Well, it is that time again. The cycling. It is the election year in earnest, with the primary looming just roughly a month away. In case you missed it in the June 4 edition and are boycotting the internet, we'll revisit the names of those who are "throwing their hat in the ring".

Aniwodihi (Painttown) candidates: Bill Taylor, Sean "Michael" Stamper (incumbent), Jeff Thompson, and Shannon Swimmer. Elawodi (Yellowhill) candi-

dates: David Wolfe (incumbent), Tom Wahnehtah (incumbent), Chris Reed, Shennelle Feather, and T.W. (Price) Saunooke. Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) candidates: Boyd Owle (incumbent), Jim Owle (incumbent), Travis K. Smith, and Joi Owle. Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County/Snowbird) candidates: Janell Rattler, Adam Wachacha (incumbent), Buck Brown (incumbent), Erik Oswalt, and Michael Smoker. Kolanvyi (Big Cove) candidates: Richard French (incumbent), Karen Holiday, Simon Montelongo, Perry Shell (incumbent), Venita K. Wolfe, Lavita "Muffin" Hill, and Mary Welch Thompson. Wayohi/Widagalinidigv (Wolfstown/Big Y) candidates: Bo Crowe (incumbent), Joey Owle, Mike Parker (incumbent), and Glenn Bradley.

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Additional elections are being held for Cherokee Central School Board of Education. School Board candidates for Tsisqwohi representation are Melanie Lambert (incumbent) and Gloria Rattler. School Board candidates for Wayohi representation are Berdie Toinetta and Timmy Ray Smith. No one filed for the Kolanvyi School Board seat that will be vacated at the end of this term.

This year is an interesting mix of old and new, male and female candidates. As you already know, I don't publicly endorse candidates, and it is a policy of the One Feather that we don't poll, predict, or endorse any candidate. All political advertising is paid, and all candidates have equal opportunity to place ads in One Feather media. Each candidate gets the same rate, no exceptions. Do we have our thoughts on who will be in those seats come October? We wouldn't be human if we didn't. Like the rest of the community, our livelihoods and the community that we love are depending on making good choices for leadership to ensure our survival and prosperity.

While gender is certainly an interesting factor in these races, it

absolutely should not, in my opinion, be the deciding factor. Our tribe is just about evenly populated with men and women. That is just a fact. And while creating gender balance would be a good thing, it is ultimately important that the candidate, regardless of gender, be the best qualified to assume the incredible responsibility of making law, and in some cases, making executive decisions that affect the entire community. With an annual budget of hundreds of millions of dollars (we can't say the exact amount because "they" might be reading along with you), it is no small task to wrangle the finances of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. As our beloved late Aniwodihi representative, Tommye Saunooke, used to remind us, the Dinilawigi is the "keeper of the purse-strings" of our tribe.

Friendship is great. No doubt about it, we know people who are running and who are our friends and family. We may know them to have a kind heart and a willing spirit. And those are going to be needed to execute the duties of a Dinilawigi representative with compassion for our people. But as you are considering casting your

vote, you'd better look beyond whether a candidate is a nice person.

It is much easier to look at incumbents and get an idea of their ability and intent. After all, their jobs require them to be on camera at Dinilawigi meetings, to make appearances at tribal events, to be at community gatherings, etc. They have the advantage of easier name recognition and are charged with dispersing discretionary funds, which some constituents may assume are personal funds. There is a distinct advantage to being an incumbent in any election, whether tribal or otherwise. It is not a good or a bad thing. It is just a thing that needs to be considered as we size up our candidates for the upcoming vote and election.

As a community, we need to look at each candidate for their heart and ability. In addition to having that compassion for the community, what kind of experience and education do they have to run a large municipality and a large corporation? Do they have the vocabulary and speaking skills to articulate intelligently to governors, presidents, senators, congressmen, tribal chiefs and

councilmen, and even potentially kings, prime ministers, and other international leaders? Will they be able to sit at the table and intelligently negotiate with big corporations, regulatory entities, and landowners? All this in addition to making fair and reasonable law for the Principal People, and protecting our community from harm?

Federally speaking, Indian Country is a hostile environment. Tribal sovereignty is on the line. Federal Recognition is on the line. Important issues to us, economic and environmental, are on the table, or maybe I should say the chopping block. And fighting those threats to our community will require that we tap our best and brightest, whether that is an incumbent or an unseated candidate. Seek out the candidates and find out what they stand for and what makes them the best candidate for the seat in your specific community. And if they don't or won't be open when you ask them questions, that should tell you something as well and should be part of your decision-making criteria. It is time to get serious about this tribal election. And, once again, it is up to us.

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THE GOOD STUFF

Bo Lossiah has endless energy and positivity towards Cherokee language

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Bo Lossiah is working every day to further the Cherokee language and encourages its use, and he approaches it all with a boundless energy and positivity.

Last fall, Lossiah stood in front of the Kalvgviditsa Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Tsunatsohisdihi (Cherokee Speakers Place), located adjacent to the New Kituwah Academy in Cherokee, N.C. and rang a bell in memory of the Cherokee speakers of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) who passed away in 2024. It was part of the first annual Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdisdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day) event.

It was a solemn event and solidifies the importance of his fervor for language instruction and encouragement.

Lossiah, an EBCI tribal member, serves as the curriculum and instruction supervisor for the New Kituwah Academy. At the Cherokee Speakers Walk, honoring first language speakers of the Cherokee language, on April 19, 2023, he stated, “We’re not going to lose it. We’re not. We’re going to have an ear to it and the mouths are going to say it. You’ve got to know that in your heart, and you’ve got to believe it and you’ve got to want it.”

During that event, EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson, a first language Cherokee speaker, gave Lossiah the Cherokee name of Water Spider. She noted, “Water Spider is very suitable for him because he never stops. He’s always darting back and forth to get for us and do for us for what we need. We love him and we cherish him.”

Those words are very true. He never stops working. He never stops encouraging. He never stops being an advocate for the Cherokee language.

During that same event, Marie Junaluska, a first language Cherokee speaker and elder, commented, “Words cannot really express our



Bo Lossiah, KPEP (Kituwah Preservation and Education Program) curriculum and education specialist, rings a bell in memory of the Cherokee Speakers of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who passed away in 2024. This was part of the first annual Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdisdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day) event held on the morning of Nov. 26, 2024 at the Kalvgviditsa Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Tsunatsohisdihi (Cherokee Speakers Place), located adjacent to the New Kituwah Academy in Cherokee, N.C. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

feelings with all that you have accomplished and have helped us accomplish. It’s through your dedication in your endeavors for the success of the Cherokee language and the culture. Long live the Cherokee language and the culture.”

Lossiah values education and holds a bachelor of science degree in communications – electronic media and a minor in Cherokee Studies from Western Carolina University (2005). He has given presentations on Cherokee language and culture in numerous forums including ones for the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) and WCU.

During an event several years ago in Cherokee where beginner Cherokee language books were distributed, Lossiah commented, “Our language is what binds us. It’s what binds us together. It’s what makes us a people. You go to France, they speak French. You go to Germany, they speak German.”

Lossiah is a huge Pittsburgh Steelers fan, and sorry, but I have to end this column on him with a quote from Packers legendary coach Vince Lombardi, “The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.”

That quote fits Lossiah to a tee as his work ethic is matched only by his enthusiasm and positivity.



Lossiah is shown walking in the Cherokee Speakers Walk at the old Cherokee High School track in Cherokee, N.C. on April 19, 2023.

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LETTER: Dr. Bunio encourages vaccinations

COMMENTARY: The U.S. government should

Are you saved?

Part 1 of 2

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

Scripture references: Acts 2:21, Psalm 107: 10-15

Questions often remain in people's minds about Salvation and whether they have it or others have it. It is usually based upon the judgment of others when a living testimony fails in the eyes of the beholder and judge.

Our calling is to love, preach, teach, glorify, praise, and walk in the Spirit like our example in Christ Jesus. We are not the judge. We are to look to our own Salvation.

Many times in my life, I have heard people say with conviction that this person is saved; that person cannot be saved; several people were saved during this event or service. It has always bothered me to hear talk like those sound bites. How do we know? I know what I know, and I pray you, too, know what you know about ourselves being saved. That is all we know. God knows the rest.

The nineteenth-century English scholar, Bishop B.F. Westcott was Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University.

On one occasion, he was approached by a zealous undergraduate who asked him, 'Are you saved?' 'Ah,' said the Bishop, 'a very good question. But tell me: do you mean...?' And then he mentioned three passive participles of the Greek verb 'to save', indicating

that his answer would depend on which of the three the student had in mind. 'I know I have been saved,' he said; 'I believe I am being saved; and by the grace of God that I shall be saved.' (McJovial, 2017).

This story is an intellectual understanding of Salvation. I pray Bishop Westcott has internalized the philosophical aspects of being saved, is indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and accepts Christ as his personal Savior. It sounds like it.

I do not know that as a fact. No one does. God knows for sure, and I pray Bishop Westcott has no doubt he is saved. But you and I do not know and won't know until we meet him in heaven one day. See? This is the sticky part of our Christian understanding of Salvation. Who is saved? Who is not? People say they are and then fall away. Others say they are but do not act like it very much. Some people live a life of sin and profess to repent

and accept Jesus as their Savior on their deathbed. Judges look at those last-minute people facing death as fire escape salvations or fire insurance purchasers who say the words but may not really get the indwelling Spirit.

I have heard preachers say that those who say the Sinner's Prayer in front of an audience, revival, or even some Christian events are not really saved. Some people see five, six, seven, and up to twelve-year-old kids come forward and repeat what was told to them and get baptized under peer or youth pastor pressure to accept Jesus as not saved.

Some see older men and women live sinful lives only to come forward with tears in their eyes, pleading they are saved and need baptism. Some profess they are born-again Christians in prison only to be judged as a charlatan trying to get an early release on parole or better treatment inside.

Can you believe that a murdering criminal as pathetic as Jeffrey Dahmer accepted Jesus as Lord and was saved? Where do you fall in all that? As others have said, we will all be surprised to see who is in heaven and who is not.

To open this bucket of worms wider, let us discuss what it takes to be saved. If you want to get into a serious debate, here is a good one. Acts 2:21 says, "And it shall be, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Look that up in any translation you want. They all say the same. How about the 2nd Thief, who was pardoned by Jesus while on the cross in his last minutes on earth? What did he do to deserve what Jesus did for him? One day, I saw an advertisement on TV to order a free pamphlet from some televangelist on the seven things you must do to be saved. Seven?



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Do not incline my heart
to any evil thing,
to practice wicked works
with men
who work iniquity...*

PSALM 141:4



Detail of *Revolt* by Käthe Kollwitz (1897)

Amber Waves

UGH, I'M SO TIRED OF EATING FIELD GRASS EVERY DAY. WHAT I'D GIVE FOR A TACO.



OOOH! A PATCH OF THICK KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS. THAT'S EVEN BETTER!



CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!



ACK!! I TAKE IT BACK. AT LEAST WITH A TACO YOU DON'T GET A THISTLE IN IT!



TIGER



The Spats



by BUD BLAKE

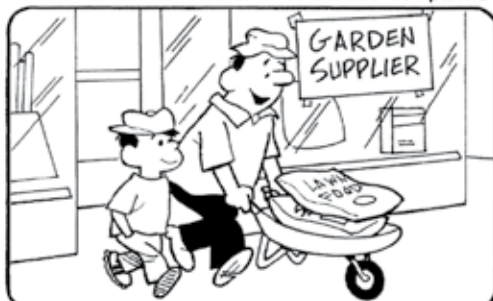
by Jeff Pickering

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Word on sign is different. 2. Door is different. 3. Wheel is larger. 4. Box in window is moved. 5. Building is not as wide. 6. Hat is different.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Wildebeests
- 5 Snitch
- 8 Utah ski resort
- 12 Impetuous
- 13 Adam's mate
- 14 Acquires
- 15 "Zip- -Doo-Dah"
- 16 Beer purchases
- 18 Fawcett of '70s TV
- 20 Speeder's punishment
- 21 Chanteuse Edith
- 23 Chap
- 24 Edible pod
- 28 "Auld Lang -"

- 31 Blunder
- 32 - -Croat
- 34 Texas tea
- 35 Scrambled wd.
- 37 Brazilian city
- 39 Dad on "Black-ish"
- 41 San - Obispo, Calif.
- 42 Thelma's buddy
- 45 Brother's son
- 49 Ink-loaded accessory
- 51 Continental coin

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- 53 Rage
- 54 Family
- 55 Beholds
- 56 Scoundrel
- 57 To-do list item
- 7 Libretto
- 8 You can count on it
- 9 Comment to a jackpot winner
- 10 Youngster
- 11 CEO's aide
- 17 Farm squealer
- 19 Melodies
- 22 Untamed
- 24 Salty expanse
- 25 Samovar
- 26 School alumnus
- 27 Was plentiful
- 29 Zero
- 30 "Strange Magic" gp.
- 33 Mayberry boy
- 36 Tony-winner Tammy
- 38 Phase
- 40 "Sixth sense"
- 42 D-Day carriers
- 43 Oklahoma tribe
- 44 Grand tale
- 46 Luau dance
- 47 Historic times
- 48 Policy expert
- 50 Notre Dame coach

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- 1 Tennis great Steffi
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- 3 Addict
- 4 Everest guide
- 5 Molds anew
- 6 Bird (Pref.)

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What is the title of the first James Bond film?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the color of the "black box" that records an airplane's performance?
3. TELEVISION: What is the theme song for the long-running sitcom "All in the Family"?
4. LITERATURE: What is the name of Ron Weasley's family home in the "Harry Potter" series?
5. GAMES: How many dice are used in a game of Yahtzee?
6. SCIENCE: What does a mole measure in chemistry?
7. MYTHOLOGY: What is the Greek god of darkness called?
8. FOOD & DRINK: Which type of liquor is traditionally used in a gimlet?
9. ASTRONOMY: How many moons does Saturn have?
10. CHEMISTRY: What is the chemical symbol for gold?

1. "Dr. No"; 2. Orange; 3. "Those Were the Days"; 4. The Burrow; 5. Five; 6. The amount of chemical substance; 7. Erebus; 8. Gin; 9. 274; 10. Au

Trivia Test Answers

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Smoky Mountain H.S. Mustang Football Indian and Street Taco Fundraiser. June 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Smoky Mountain High School Cafeteria in Sylva, N.C. Indian Taco - \$12 and includes drink and dessert or Street Tack (pork or steak) - three tacos for \$12. All funds will go towards expenses for this year's team.

Turkey Shoot. June 21 at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove). Travel fundraiser for Golden Girls Totsie Welch, Cindy West, and Babe Sampson to attend the Senior Games in Des Moines, Iowa. Good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

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

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

EBCI COMMUNITY EVENTS

Books on the Boundary: "The

Art Thieves". June 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People Store in Cherokee, N.C. Museum of the Cherokee People's book club meets to discuss "The Art Thieves" by Andrea L. Rogers (Cherokee Nation). The author will join the meeting for a virtual Q&A. Free and open to all.

End-of-School Summer Bash. June 19 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Little Snowbird Playground in Robbinsville, N.C. Activities: cornhole, water balloon toss, volleyball, inflatables, vendors, and more. Double OO Farms will have several animals on hand. Bring your law chair. In the event of bad weather, the party will be moved to the Jacob Cornsilk Complex at 60 Snowbird School Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. Info: Jenny Bean (828) 359-6149 or Melody Turner 359-1506

Member Night at Museum of the Cherokee People. June 26 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. Enjoy behind-the-scenes tours with Museum leadership, complimentary wine and charcuterie, and fellowship. Open to active museum members. Become a member at <https://motcp.org/support-motcp>

Anetso (stickball) Exhibition Game - Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) vs Walelu (Hummingbirds). June 28 at 12 p.m. at the Unity Field in Cherokee, N.C.

Eastern Band Cherokee Pow Wow. July 4-6 at the old Cherokee High School site off of Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. MC: Rob Daugherty. Invited Northern Drums: Iron Swing, Medicine Tail, Young Buffalo Horse, Rattle-

snake Mountain. Invited Southern Drums: Wild Band of Comanches, Iron Bow, Cozad, Pawnee Yellow Horse. Info: Daniel Tramper at dtramper@gmail.com

In the Beginning Vacation Bible School. July 7-9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily at the Yellowhill Baptist Church at 297 Yellowhill Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Info: Jeanie Littlejohn (828) 736-1730

Cherokee Family Safety's Family Field Day. July 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Unity Field in Cherokee, N.C. Slip N' Slides, Kona Ice, Relay Races, community resource information, and a hot dog lunch provided.

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.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

SŌHi ʌD RVLTʌJ DʒʌYL



Soapy, a 4-year-old Pug, and Cochise, a 6-year-old Boxer, live in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) with their human, Barbara Toineeta.



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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 Indi-

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You feel ready to face a major change, although it might involve some risks. A once-dubious family member comes around and offers support and encouragement.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Move forward with your plans, despite discouraging words from those who underestimate the Bovine's strong will. Your keen instincts will guide you well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding is easily cleared up. Then go ahead and enjoy some fun and games this week! Meanwhile, a Libra might have ideas that merit serious consideration for the future.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel as if you're in an emotional pressure cooker, but the situation is about to change in your favor. Take time out for some well-earned fun!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A shift in your workplace responsibilities creates resentment among some co-workers. Deal with it before it becomes a threat to your success on the job.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expect some surprises in what you thought was one of your typically well-planned schedules. Deal with them, then enjoy some lighthearted entertainment.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Be careful: What appears to be a solid financial opportunity might have some hidden risks attached. In addition, a hazy personal matter needs to be cleared up.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's a good time to strengthen ties with family and friends. In other news, you might feel unsure about a recent workplace decision, but time will prove that you did the right thing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Just when you thought your relationship was comfortable and even predictable, your partner or spouse could spring a potentially life-changing surprise on you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your usually generous self is overshadowed by your equally strong suspicious nature. You might be judging things too harshly. Keep an open mind.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love and romance dominate the week. Married Aquarians enjoy domestic harmony, while singles could soon be welcoming overtures from loving Leos.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An old health problem recurs, but it is soon dealt with, leaving you eager to get back into the swing of things. Also, a favorable travel period starts this week.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an independent spirit that resists being told what to do. But you're also wise enough to appreciate good advice when you receive it.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Kudos to whistleblower pharmacists

Imagine working for a company that pressures you to act illegally, or at the very least to dance around the edges of the law. Imagine also that in your job you have people's lives in your hands. That's what a well known pharmacy did for many years, and now they're going to pay the price — \$300 million, to be exact.

The large chain pharmacy in question has been nailed for filling millions of unlawful prescriptions for opioids in violation of the False Claims Act and submitting claims for reimbursement from several government agencies, including the Department of Veterans Affairs. Worse was when they forced their pharmacists to not bother checking to see if the prescriptions for opioids were legit, to just keep cranking out the prescriptions.

And even worse was that they continued to force these prescriptions to be filled despite there being evidence that the prescriptions had problems. Specifically, the prescriptions were filled in excessive quantities or were in dangerous high-risk combinations. To add to this, they withheld information from the pharmacists about the prescribers, which kept them from being able to warn other pharmacies. In short, the pharmacists were pushed to just get the products out.

The company denied the allegations, of course, issuing at least one rather snippy news release saying that the "rules" don't exist and seeming to lay the blame for the problem on the pharmacists.

Thank heaven for brave whistleblowers. Now, with a new agreement between the pharmacy chain and the government, the pharmacists will have backing and oversight when it comes to having the information needed to verify suspect prescriptions for controlled substances, they'll receive training about their obligations and they can do their job correctly without pressure to push through every prescription without regard for its legality — or safety.

And now I understand, several years after the fact, why my own pharmacist bailed out and went to work for a very small mom-and-pop pharmacy. He was a good guy. I hear he's much happier now.

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Treating pet sunburns and heat injuries

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I took my German Shepherd "Maximilian" for a walk at lunchtime today. Since we got back, he's been limping and whining. I don't see any debris on his paws, but the pads on his front paws feel hot. Did he burn them somehow? — Greg B., Tampa

DEAR GREG: From his symptoms, it's very likely that he burned his pads on a hot sidewalk or street. You'll need to treat them quickly; first aid is straightforward for this injury.

— Fill a shallow bowl with cold (but not icy) water. Gently submerge your dog's paws in the water — you may need to do one at a time and give him treats throughout the process — for 10 to 15 minutes. (If he doesn't tolerate the water bowl at all, wrap each paw in a cool cloth instead.)

— Wash his paws with cool, soapy water or disinfect carefully, and pat them dry immediately.

— Put clean socks on his paws so he doesn't lick them, and encourage him to rest.

Check Maximilian's paw pads every few hours. If you see any sign of broken skin, blisters or infection, or if he is still limping tomorrow, take him to the vet for further evaluation and treatment.

Burnt pads can happen very quickly in the summertime, especially in southern states. Walk dogs in the early morning before sunrise or just after sunset to minimize this risk, or keep them on the grass and away from pavement during the day. Booties provide some protection, but can't always stop heat transfer to paws. After each walk, check their pads and wrap in a cool cloth for a few minutes, if they feel warm.

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

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ans, 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.

Quallatown Makers will meet biweekly on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio in Cherokee, N.C. Quallatown Makers is a free opportunity to gather as a group and be together while working on art. The goal of this group, organized and hosted by Museum of the Cherokee People, is to perpetuate Cherokee art and knowledge-sharing. Bring your own craft; all art forms are welcome. Coffee will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own snacks. This opportunity is open the Qualla Boundary community.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Summer Basketball Clinic.

June 2 through July 30 (Mondays and Wednesdays) at the Paint-town Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Girls will be 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Boys will be 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ages 5-12. Info: Call or text (828) 736-5586

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

None at this time.

POW WOW LISTINGS

28th Annual Peoria Pow

Wow. June 20-22 at Buffalo Run Casino & Resort in Miami, Okla. MC: Juquin Hamilton-Youngbird. Host Drum: Smokeytown. Head Southern Singer: Arlen

Goodfox. Info: Charla Echohawk (918) 544-9228, cechohawk@peoriatribe.com

28th Annual Soaring Spirit

Festival & Pow Wow. June 20-22 at Battlefield Park in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada. Info: Luke Johns at ljohns@soaring-spiritpowwow.com

46th Annual Duckwater

Shoshone Festival. June 20-22 in Duck Water, Nev. MC: Harold Begaye. Host Drum: Red Hoop. Invited Drum: Duck Valley. Info: (775) 863-0340, duckwater.powwow@duckwatertribe.org

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Pow

Wow. June 20-22 in Perkins, Okla. Emcees: Marshal Williamson and Marty Thurman. Info: Leslie Tanyan (405) 245-9953, Kent Tehauno (405) 788-9990, Alexis Edward (405) 640-8883, or Greg "Hoagie" Miller (918) 873-7058

Roseau Fiver Anishinaabe

First Nation Annual Pow

Wow. June 20-22 at Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation, Ginew, Manitoba, Canada. Emcees: Bill Taylor (Sioux Valley, Manitoba) and Bil Atkinson. Host Drum: Black Bear. Info: rfaipowwow@gmail.com

Susanville Indian Rancheria

16th Annual Pow Wow. June 20-22 at the Lassen College Softball Field in Susanville, Calif. MC: Buck Wallahee. Host Drum: Red Spirit. Info: Amelia Luna (530) 310-2623

4th Annual Falls Road Pow

Wow. June 21 in Upperco, Md. MC: Dennis Zotigh. Head Southern Singer: George Valliere. Info: Orensjb@gmail.com

Raymond Jim Redhouse Memorial Gourd Dance.

June 21 at McGee Park Convention Center in Farmington, N.M. MC: Mike Salabye. Head Singer: Irvin Tso. Info: Jim Redhouse at redhousejim@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

Celebrate Recovery meets

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meets

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

Cherokee Cancer Support

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

Life@WesternCarolina. each Wednesday morning during the academic school year the Life@

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

MARA (Medication-Assisted Recovery Anonymous) meets

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

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

WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

Cherokee Culture Series at the Jackson County Public

Library in Sylva, N.C. Info: Laura Chapman at lchapman@fontanalib.org

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

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 Mid-

dles on a first-come, first-serve basis. Info: <https://folkschool.org/events/little-middle>

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

Book Sharing. June 18 at 6 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. Nancy East will share her new book, "Historic Hikes in Western North Carolina". Travel back in time on more than thirty thoughtfully curated hiking routes in the Blue Ridge Mountains, chosen for their rich natural and human history as well as their beauty. Info: (828) 586-9499

Jackson County Republican Monthly Meeting. June 19 at 6 p.m. at 40 W. Sylva Shopping Center (in the Harold's Supermarket plaza) in Sylva, N.C. They are hosting a Town Board Candidate Forum. All candidates who are interested in running for the Town Board are invited to attend the meeting. There are three seats available on the Sylva Town Board, including the Mayoral position.

Mike Ryder will share his new book, "Altered on the Appalachian Trail". June 21 at 3 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. Info: (828) 586-9499

Elaine Neil Orr in conversation with Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle, will share her new novel, "Dancing Woman". June 26 at 6 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. Info: (828) 586-9499.

J.A.M. Live 4th of July Inde-

pendence Day Concert. July 4 at 12 p.m. the Smoky Mountain Campground at 1840 W. Deep Creek Rd. in Bryson City, N.C. Info: <https://smokymtncampground.com>

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

Sequoyah Remembrance Day. Aug. 3 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. "This is a day to remember the man who gave the Cherokee people their own written language," said Charlie Rhodarmer, Museum manager/director. "In 5,000 years of human civilization, Sequoyah is the only person, not literate in any language, who created a written language for his people." Free admission to the Museum. Info: Museum at (423) 884-6246

Cherokee Fall Festival. Sept. 6-7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. Cherokee arts and crafts demonstrations, music, and dance; blacksmith demonstrations; special entertainment; and more. Tickets: Adults - \$10, Children 13-18 - \$5, Children 12 and under are free. Family rate is \$25 (two adults and

two children 13-18). Info: Museum at (423) 884-6246

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tow String Community meets the second Tuesday of each month

at the community building at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Jacob Long (828) 736-9128, jacoblong19982@gmail.com

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

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

CHEROKEE HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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

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

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

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m and 7 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Youth Meeting

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Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Max Cochran (828) 341-5801, Church number (828) 497-7770

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee United Methodist Church. Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Church Service 11



Moments in time

• On **June 30, 2015**, Misty Copeland, who only started ballet at 13 but was receiving both awards and professional offers a mere two years later, became the first African American woman promoted to principal dancer in the 75-year history of the American Ballet Theatre.

• On **July 1, 1867**, the autonomous Dominion of Canada — a confederation of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the future provinces of Ontario and Quebec — was officially recognized by Great Britain with the passage of the British North America Act. July 1 would later become known as Canada Day.

• On **July 2, 1992**, the one-millionth Chevrolet Corvette rolled off the assembly line in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Though it met the wildly unexpected fate of being swallowed by a sinkhole there in 2014, the car was rescued and restored to its former glory.

• On **July 3, 1952**, the ocean liner SS United States departed from New York on her maiden voyage to Le Havre, France, eventually breaking the speed record for an eastbound Atlantic crossing. On her return trip, she earned further distinction by breaking the westbound record as well.

• On **July 4, 1971**, a baby western lowland gorilla made her earthly debut at the San Francisco Zoo. Originally christened Hanabiko ("fireworks child" in Japanese), she was soon known as "Koko." Animal psychologist Francine "Penny" Patterson taught her sign language and the primate became celebrated for her personality and intelligence, as well as her pet cat she named All Ball, appearing in numerous articles and documentaries until she died at age 46 in 2018.

• On **July 5, 1852**, Frederick Douglass delivered what would become his most celebrated speech — "What to the slave is the Fourth of July?" — to an audience of about 600 at the Rochester Ladies Anti-Slavery Society during an Independence Day celebration in Rochester, New York.

• On **July 6, 1921**, Sergeant Stubby, a bull terrier mutt, received a gold medal from America's World War I commanding general John Pershing for "heroism of highest caliber" in 17 battles. Stubby's intrepid achievements included nabbing a German spy by biting his legs.

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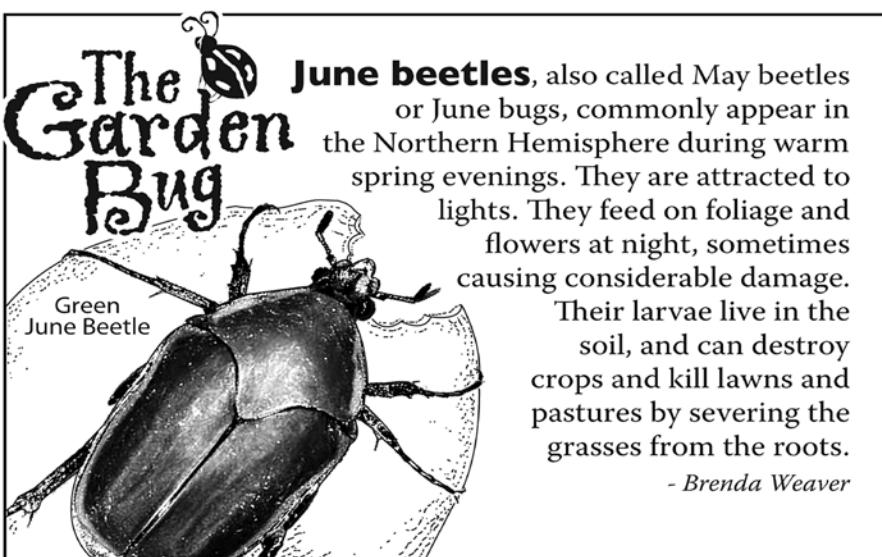
BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ezekiel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who/what does "their eyes stand out with fatness" refer to in Psalms 73? *Demons, Wicked rich, Serpents, Unholy*
3. From 1 Kings 17, what was the widow's cruse miraculously kept full of? *Milk, Water, Oil, Light*
4. Who reaped a crop a hundred times the grain he sowed? *Gideon, Isaac, Samson, Hanun*
5. Whose daughter was referred to as "Talitha" by Jesus? *Zeresh, Jairus, Jeremiah, Shelomith*
6. From Acts 16, who sold purple cloth? *Lydia, Zimri, Sisera, Hannah*

ANSWERS: (1) Old (2) Wicked rich. (3) Oil (4) Isaac (5) Jairus (6) Lydia
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a.m. Wednesday dinner at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study. Pastor - Rev. Beverly Parker-Reece

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

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

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

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

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

er-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. 320 Highway 441 N., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday

Morning Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

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

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

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

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible

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

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

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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Mission. 82 Lambert Branch Road. Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m. in English and 6:00 p.m. in Spanish. Pastor Fr. Victor Ameh, MSP. For more information, go to www.stjosephbryson.org.

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

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

Rock Springs Baptist Church.

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

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

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

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

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

Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday

Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Visitors welcome. Pastor Eddie Sherrill 488-0363

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

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PROPERTY SURVEY, TRANSFER & RIGHT OF WAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveying requests for approved buildable sites will be done by the Tribal Surveying dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Property transfers will be done by the owner to the home buyer at Tribal Realty. <input type="checkbox"/> The home buyer must own the property for financing purposes. <input type="checkbox"/> All road and utility right of ways or utility easements must be in place before any site work begins.
PRE-APPROVAL PRE-QUALIFICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed, unless applicant is wishing to purchase a home. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender. <input type="checkbox"/> Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter
INFRASTRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed. <input type="checkbox"/> Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included. <input type="checkbox"/> Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.
HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE	<input type="checkbox"/> Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved. <input type="checkbox"/> Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home. <input type="checkbox"/> After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneously, HBS Coordinator will submit same plans to the lending institution, as well as financial documents to keep loan active. Financial documents are updated with lender every 30 days.
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will process documents to request Down Payment Assistance for 20% of sales contract amount, up to \$50,000.00, and will request \$5,000.00 in Rate Buy Down (RBD) gift funds simultaneously. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will review for completeness of application. <input type="checkbox"/> Completed applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.
CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands	<input type="checkbox"/> After receiving signed loan approvals, the Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send DPA firm commitment to Tribal Realty to initiate Ownership Statement (OS), Lease and Assignment. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD. <input type="checkbox"/> Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution. <input type="checkbox"/> Lending Institution will contact client to “lock in” their interest rate, taking into consideration the gift funds to purchase discount points.
DPA funds – Off Trust Lands	<input type="checkbox"/> After loan approvals are received, Coordinator will send letter notifying lender the borrower has been approved for DPA and RBD funds and request closing attorney information. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will complete the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust and to be signed at closing and recorded at Register of Deeds in the county of purchase. <input type="checkbox"/> Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.
LOAN CLOSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed. <input type="checkbox"/> Home construction may start after loan close. <input type="checkbox"/> Client will begin working with Lender’s Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.
SITE PREP SCHEDULING	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> If 1 acre or more will be disturbed during site prep construction, a SWPP (Storm Water Protection Plan) must be completed by our contractor before any work can begin.
SERVICES PROVIDED BY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW HOMES	<input type="checkbox"/> For qualified EBCI enrolled members residing on trust land, Infrastructure provides: <input type="checkbox"/> Site Prep, Footers, Block Foundation, Block Underpinning, Vinyl Underpinning, Gutter System and Final Grade to prevent erosion.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
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Estate File No. 25-050

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: **PATRICIA ANN OWLE**

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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Tara Leigh McCoy
144 Jitterbug Ln
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
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Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: **PATRICK ERNEST SNEED**

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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DeLana Ann Sneed
183 Good Shepard Ln
Whittier, NC. 28789

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 25-057 Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

JAMES ROBERT SQUIRREL
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- Varsity Cheerleading Head Coach
- Elementary Cherokee Language Instructor
- High School Cherokee Language Instructor
- Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach
- Middle School Soccer Head Coach
- Middle School Soccer Assistant Coach

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The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be July 15, 2025, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2.

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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Vickie Murphy
P.O. Box 958
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-059
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
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All persons, firms and corporations

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Tyler McCoy
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Dorothy M Walker
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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

REQUEST FOR QUOTE

Cherokee Senior Citizens Metal Roof Replacement

The Cherokee Senior Citizens Program is seeking quotes for the replacement of the metal roof at the Cherokee Senior Center. The project must include all supplies, materials, labor, and waste removal.

Important Details:

Deadline to Submit Quotes: On or before Friday, June 21, 2025, by 4:30 PM

Pre-Site Visit - Contact:

Renissa McLaughlin, Director of Youth and Adult Cherokee Senior Citizens Center Phone: 828.359.6649

Bid - Contact - Monica Wildcatt, Manager, Cherokee Senior Center, Phone: 828.659.6291

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We appreciate your interest and look forward to your proposal. **6/18**

Request for Qualifications

The EBCI Natural Resource Department would like to solicit RFQ's from qualified contractors to complete a Phase 2 ESA at up 2 sites paid for by USEPA 128A Brownfield Funds.

Please contact Derek Tahquette at 828-736-8931 or johntahq@ebci-nsn.gov for more information. **6/25**

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Assignment of a Name for a New Road

NOTICE is hereby given that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Emergency Management Office at its 9-1-1 Committee meeting held on June 5, 2025 resolved pursuant to EBCI Code of Ordinances Chapter 136A ARTICLE II – UNIFORM STREET ADDRESS AND ROAD NAMING SYSTEM (Ord. No. 332-A, 10-26-1998) that a certain new road in the Wolfetown Soco Community be assigned

the street name as detailed below:

The existing shared driveway providing access to 309 and 311 Dave Cucumber Road shall be assigned the name Arch Littlejohn Road along with its eventual continuation.

Inquiries or appeals to this action can be made to the Emergency Management Office located at 282 Seven Clans Lane, Cherokee, NC 28719 during normal business hours. **6/25**

Advertisement for Bids

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting subcontractor and material proposals for the EB-CI-Evidence Storage Building from TERO vendors. This phase of work generally consists of Sur-

vey, Grading, Excavating, Paving, Trucking, Electrical, Plumbing, HVAC, Framing, Drywall, Painting, Masonry, Foundation, Fencing, Cabinetry, and site utilities. All proposals should be in our office by Monday, June 23, 2025, at 3 p.m.

Proposals can be mailed to our office. Project plans and specifications can be viewed at our office located at 1371 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. with prior appointment. Workers' compensation, auto, and general liability insurance are required from all subcontractors. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. Project bonding may be required depending upon scope. **6/18**

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Employment Specialist - Kanvwtiyi - \$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, Family Safety, Child and Family - Snowbird Family Intensive Treatment)
Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse RN - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Residential Technician, men's - FT - \$17.12 - \$19.26
RN - Behavioral Health - Inpatient- Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 - \$38.72
RN - Behavioral Health - Inpatient FT - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Targeted Case Manager - \$44,107 - \$55,134

FINANCE

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

MAINTENANCE

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

MEDICAL

Clinical Dietitian -
Physician (Primary Care, Pediatrics)

RADIOLOGY

Radiology Technologist II (2nd Shift) - \$5,000 hiring Bonus
Radiology Technologist II - Part Time w/Benefits
Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist Student PTI

NURSING

Care Manager Extender - Primary Care \$18.33 - \$20.67
C.M.S - \$18.32 - \$20.67 (Diabetes, 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
CNA/Medical Clerk PTR - \$17.12 - \$19.26
LPN/CMA - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
LPN - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
RN - Inpatient - Night Shift - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
RN Care Manager - Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
CFSP Care Manager, IDD/TBI/LTSS Care Manager(Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term 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
RN Supervisor-Inpatient (Nights) - \$36.56 - \$42.11
RN Infection Control - \$33.68 - \$38.72
Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25
Clinical Nurse Educator - \$67,082 - \$83,852

OPERATIONS

Optometrist - \$109,504 - \$136,880
Dental Assistant II - \$18.32 - \$20.67
Dental Assistant I - \$17.12 - \$19.26
Dental Hygienist - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Dentist - CIHA and Satellite
Dentist-Pediatrics
Pharmacy Technician III - Part Time Intermittent - \$21.13 - \$23.98
Occupational Therapist I - Emergency Hire - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Helpdesk Support Specialist - \$22.76 - \$25.89

TRIBAL OPTION

HOP Medical Social Worker (3 positions) - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Tribal Option Business Analyst - NOT A REMOTE POSITION - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Tribal Option Quality Management Director - \$88,715 - \$110,894

TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Licensed Practical Nurse - \$26.00 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
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1. Crew Leader (Plumbing) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)

Open Until Filled

- 1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 2. Child Advocate Coordinator – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)**
- 3. Case Manager/Forensic Interviewer – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)**
- 4. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 5. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 6. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 7. Sergeant – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 8. Sergeant (Patrol) – CIPD - EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 9. Tribal Prosecutor II - Criminal Law - Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$76,877 - \$102,502)**
- 10. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 11. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 12. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 13. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)**
- 14. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)**
- 15. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)**
- 16. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 17. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 18. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 19. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)**
- 20. Transportation Facilities Coordinator – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start & Head Start – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 21. Part-time Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)**
- 22. Carpenter – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 23. Crew Leader (Electrician) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 24. Cannery Operations Coordinator – Cooperative Extension – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)**
- 25. Fire Systems Technician- Information Technology- OIT (L12 \$22.26- \$27.83)**
- 26. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant- New Kituwah Academy- CERS (L9 \$17.27- \$21.59)**
- 27. Project Coordinator – Infrastructure – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)**
- 28. Utility Worker (Sanitation) – Solid Waste – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)**
- 29. Truck Driver/WWT Maintenance – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 30. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
- 31. Supervisor (HIS/Inventory) – Tribal Construction – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**

A close-up photograph of a campfire. Several logs are stacked and burning, with bright orange and yellow flames rising from the wood. The logs are charred and blackened. The background is a blurred green field, suggesting an outdoor setting.

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Tribal member joins Utah Bar

SSG Brad R. Talk, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, took his Oath of Admission to the Utah Bar from LTC Douglas M. Fahl, a military judge at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait recently. SSG Talk noted, "I've been waiting so long to do this and it's a relief that things finally worked out. Thinking of my family and friends today and everyone else who has supported me along the way. Much love from the Middle East." (Photo courtesy of family)



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Hall of Fame inductee

Rebecca Wolfe Damas, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), was inducted into the North American Indigenous Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2025 during a ceremony held at the Oneida Conference Center in Green Bay, Wisc. on Saturday, June 7. She attended the ceremony with her father, Brad Wolfe, and two sons, Renner and Hutton Damas, all EBCI tribal members. (Photo courtesy of family)



Winner at BodyArmor State Games

Nse Uffort, center, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and recent graduate of Swain Co. High School, placed in several events at the 2025 BodyArmor State Games held Saturday, June 7 at the High Point Athletic Complex. He took first place in the shot put with a throw of 64-09.75 and second place in the discus throw with a distance of 168-02. The photo shows winners in the shot put, left to right, Richard Moton of Mid City Xpress Track Club, second place; Uffort, first place; and Juan Munoz, Mid City Xpress Track Club, third place. (Photo courtesy of family)



State Champion

Alaina French, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was crowned State Champion at the Minnesota High School Track and Field Championships held in St. Michael, Minn. on June 11-12. French, a senior at Northfield High School (Minn.) had a winning throw of 41'-6.5" to fend off a strong field of competition on a cold and windy day. French also competed in the discus earning a fourth place finish with a throw of 125'-03". (Photo courtesy of family)



Married

Alea Tisho and Robert Martens, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, were married recently and celebrated their honeymoon in Arizona. (Photo contributed)

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