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Connecting to the ancestors

Remember the
Removal riders
finish their journey

One Feather Staff Report

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. – The 2025 Remember the Removal riders finished their journey as they arrived in Tahlequah, Okla. for a homecoming celebration on Friday, June 20 where they each received a medal. Following a send-off event at Kituwah on Friday, May 30, the riders began their trip on Monday, June 2 in New Echota, Ga., the former capital of the Cherokee Nation.

The ride is a 950-mile cycling event which retraces the northern route of the Trail of Tears through Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and



The 2025 Remember the Removal riders finished their journey as they arrived in Tahlequah, Okla. on Friday, June 20. (Photo by Anadisgoi – Cherokee Nation News)

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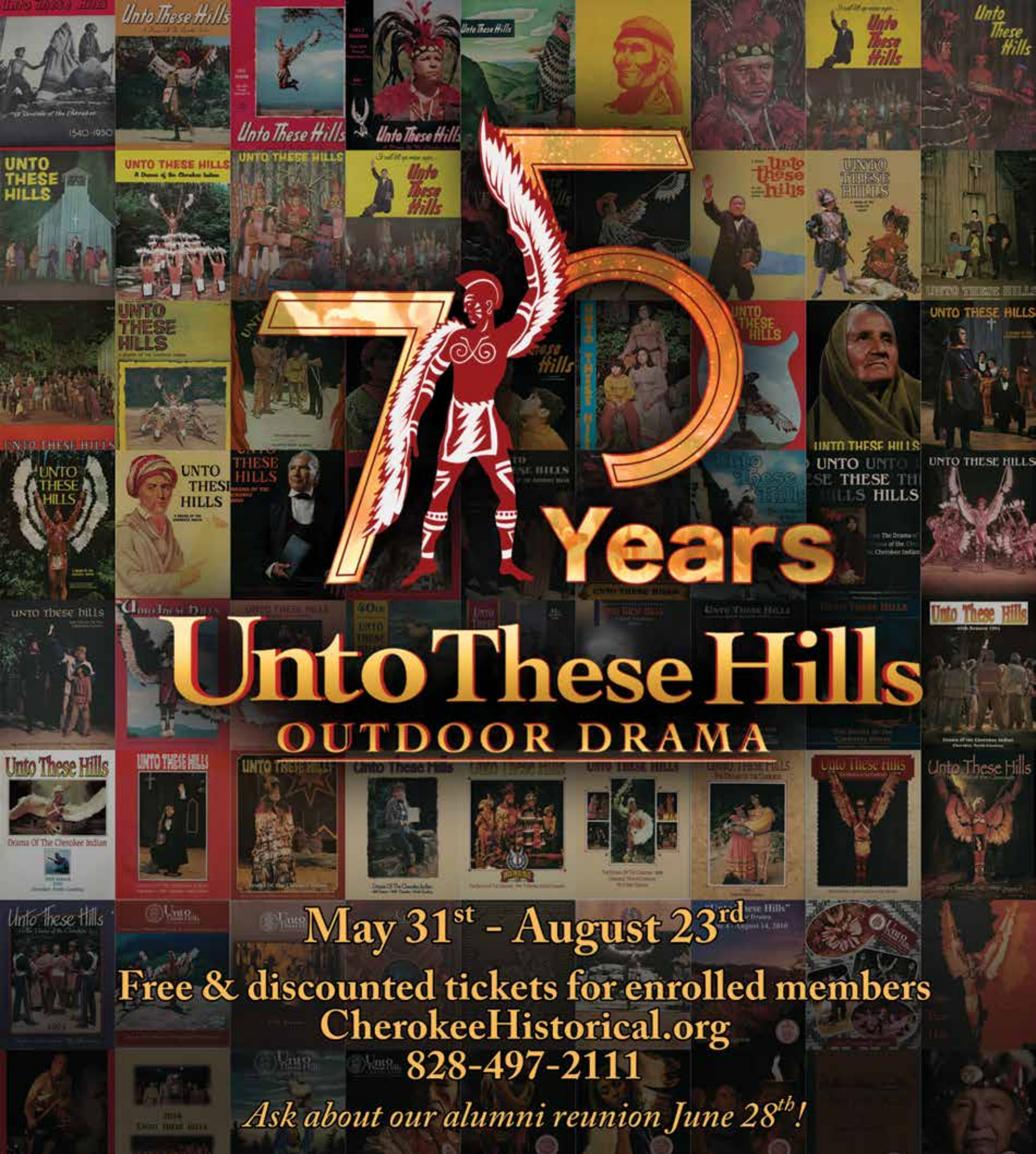
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RTR JOURNEY: From front page

Oklahoma. A total of 18 riders, representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the Cherokee Nation, went on this year's ride.

The riders representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on this year's ride included: Daryl Martin, Freida Saylor, Mary Caley, Nathaniel Cummings-Lambert, TW Saunooke, and Jamy Queen.

They joined 12 riders from the Cherokee Nation including: AP Anderson, Kalina Campos, Stephanie Conduff, Kacey FISHINGHAWK, Adriauna Garcia, Baylee Gregg, Jeremy Hamilton, Kiyah Holmes, Baleigh James-Levy, Jenny Kliet, Lexi Melton, and Mackenzie Tee-
hee.

Ugviwyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks posted this message on his Facebook page, "They've crossed hundreds of miles, retracing the steps our ancestors were forced to walk and with each mile, they stepped deeper into the truth of who we are as Cherokee people. This journey was one that connected them to the land, the pain and resilience of our ancestors, and the strength that lives in each of us. That matters now more than ever."

The message continued, "We are living in a time where our identity is being questioned, diluted, and misrepresented by those who were not part of the Removal, who did not live through genera-



Remember the Removal Riders representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) on this year's ride are shown, left to right, Mary Caley, Nathaniel Cummings-Lambert, TW Saunooke, Jamy Queen, Daryl Martin, and Freida Saylor. They are shown prior to a send-off event held at Kituwah on the evening of Friday, May 30. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

tional trauma, and who have not carried the burden of rebuilding a sovereign nation. To our EBCI riders: Jamy Queen, Daryl Martin, Freida Saylor, TW Saunooke, Mary Caley, and Nathaniel Cummings-Lambert, let this not be the end of their journey, but the beginning of their leadership. May they continue to speak the truth, protect our story, and carry this experience forward with purpose."

Cherokee Nation Ugviwyuhi Chuck Hoskin Jr. said, "The return ceremony is one of the most important moments of the year for Cherokees everywhere. This day is a day where we can draw a great

deal of strength. This program is unique due to the degree which it challenges the participants physically and mentally, and that's before they even begin the 950-mile journey. Just the preparation is something remarkable to accomplish. Reconnecting with historic sites is vital to remembering the story of our forced removal. I'm filled with a great deal of pride to recognize our riders on their safe return home."

According to a press release from Anadisgoi (Cherokee Nation News), "Over the last three weeks, the cyclists visited many historical sites significant to Cherokee histo-

ry. An impactful spot for the team was Blythe Ferry, in Tennessee. The river marked the boundary of Cherokee traditional homelands. Other stops included preserved portions of the Trail of Tears at Port Royal, Tennessee, and Mantle Rock, Kentucky, where Cherokees found shelter during a particularly brutal winter while waiting for the Ohio River to thaw. The ride tests both the physical and mental fortitude of the cyclists as the travel through rain or shine, hills and valleys – occasionally climbing over 3,00 feet in elevation or traveling up to 70 miles in a single day."

Ask the One Feather: Finances for casino in Indiana

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

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



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

New this Week

H.R. 3956 (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Act of 2025). This bill would amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 “to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts

and self-governance agreements with Indian entities to administer the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.

Introduced: June 12, 2025 by Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.) and Rep. Frank Lucas (R-Okla.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Following introduction, Rep. Davids said in a statement, “For many Native families, accessing healthy, affordable food isn’t as simple as driving to the nearest grocery store. Tribal communities face unique barriers, including long distances to grocery stores and supply chain disruptions that

delay or cancel food deliveries. This bipartisan bill helps break down those barriers by ensuring tribal governments can better serve their communities and ensure families don’t go hungry.”

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.



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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 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-Hawai'i)

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

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

This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment 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.

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”.

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.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
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Maurer, Geoffery Edwin – age 56

Arrested: June 9

Released: June 9

Charges: Domestic and Dating Violence

Rickman, John Preston – age 38

Arrested: June 9

Released: Not released as of report date (June 16)

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Escape from Imprisonment and Custody

Wolfe, Diamond Spring – age 30

Arrested: June 10

Released: June 11

Charges: Public Intoxication

Brady, Torie Ann – age 37

Arrested: June 11

Released: June 14

Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

McCoy, Frank Joseph – age 31

Arrested: June 11

Released: June 11

Charges: Temporary Hold

McCoy, Rickenna Dawn – age 35

Arrested: June 11

Released: Not released as of report date (June 16)

Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Providing or Possessing Contraband; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substance

McCray, Julius Jaqwaun – age 26

Arrested: June 11

Released: Not released as of report

date (June 16)

Charges: Sexual Abuse of a Minor or a Ward

Reed, Samuel Enoch – age 35

Arrested: June 12

Released: Not released as of report date (June 16)

Charges: Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Taylor, James Algar Dean – age 35

Arrested: June 12

Released: Not released as of report date (June 16)

Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Bocanegra-Mata, Luis Fernando – age 37

Arrested: June 13

Released: Not released as of report date (June 16)

Charges: No Operator's License; Failure to Give Information; Aggravated Reckless Endangerment; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Hill, Taleika Nicole – age 41

Arrested: June 13

Released: Not released as of report date (June 16)

Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Lambert, Kaiden A. Kristine – age 19

Arrested: June 13

Released: Not released as of report date (June 16)

Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Lineberry, Jeffery Wayne – age 39

Arrested: June 13

Released: Not released as of report date (June 16)

Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 47

Arrested: June 14

Released: June 15

Charges: Public Intoxication



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EVERY APPOINTMENT MATTERS, SHOW UP FOR YOUR HEALTH

Cherokee Police Commission holds May meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**

One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Police Commission met in the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) training room on the afternoon of May 8. The meeting was called to order at noon by Chairperson Anita Lossiah. Commissioners in attendance were Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove), Rick Queen (Wayohi, Wolfstown), Regina Rosario (Aniwodihi, Painttown), Treasurer Kym Parker (At-Large), Hillary Norville (Tutiya, Snowbird & Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.),

Secretary Israel Rodriguez (At-Large), Chairperson Anita Lossiah (Elawodi, Yellowhill), and Vice Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown).

Guests in attendance were Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Chief of Police Carla Neadeau, CIPD Attorney Cody White, Maceta Bradley and Harlem Bradley.

The agenda was approved unanimously with a motion by Crowe seconded by Rodriguez.

The April meeting minutes were approved with a motion by Rosario seconded by Crowe.

White provided an update that Randle L. Jones, a former judge, will be joining the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor. He added that jury trials are now happening once a month. White is drafting an amendment to Cherokee Code that would grant NRE officers the authority to stop individuals suspected of driving under the influence. He is also collaborating with the state on establishing concurrent jurisdiction for certain cases, which would allow state courts to try cases involving non-enrolled individuals who commit offenses against enrolled members. The up-

date was approved with a motion by Crowe seconded by Rosario.

Chief Neadeau provided the monthly CIPD report. Neadeau shared that one officer is currently under investigation regarding an allegation of excessive use of force. Seven positions are currently open, with two positions being held for cadets. The report was approved with a motion by Johnson seconded by Rosario.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. with a motion by Johnson seconded by Rosario.

Interior, USDA Forest Service expand mental health support for federal wildland firefighters and dispatchers

WASHINGTON – The Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service announced on Friday, June 20 that federal wildland firefighters and dispatchers now have access to expanded mental health support through a network of licensed providers. As mandated by Congress, the new therapy service is designed to address the unique needs of those in emergency management positions.

Wildland firefighters and support staff work in dangerous, high-stress environments that can expose them to trauma and cumulative stress, increasing their risk of mental health challenges. The new service provides a network of licensed providers, who have expertise in addressing the mental health needs of emergency responders.

“Through the dedication and perseverance of our wildland firefighters and dispatchers, the

Interior Department continues to protect communities, critical infrastructure, and natural resources from the threat of wildfires,” said Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum. “By providing essential tools to bolster their resilience, we are strengthening our wildland fire workforce so we can better defend against the growing threat of wildfires across the United States.”

“Firefighters and first responders put their lives on the line to protect us, our resources and our communities. We are so grateful for their service, and we are happy to provide them with more support if they need it,” said U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke L. Rollins. “As we approach peak fire season, access to mental health services for our firefighters and first responders will now be easier and more convenient so we can continue to have the best wildland firefighting force in the world.”

This service is just one of the resources available through the Federal Wildland Firefighter Health and Wellbeing Program to

support the mental and physical health of wildland fire personnel. Jointly led by the Agriculture and Interior departments, the program seeks to improve our understanding of the short- and long-term mental and physical health effects of working in wildland fire, and to position the departments to better address these health risks.

The new therapy service includes year-round access to confidential therapy sessions with licensed mental health professionals who understand the demands of emergency response work. Providers will be available in every state. The service is offered to permanent, temporary, seasonal and year-round wildland firefighters and dispatchers with the USDA Forest Service and the Interior Department’s Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The new service is part of a broader effort by the federal government to improve recruitment and retention across the wildland fire workforce and position the Na-

tion to more effectively respond to wildfires and mitigate future risk.

- Interior Dept. release



EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brew Brothers joins expansion lineup at Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel

MURPHY, N.C. - Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel has been in constant growth since breaking ground on its \$275 million expansion project in October 2022. As the project nears completion, the property is excited to announce the addition of Brew Brothers, a renowned brewpub founded by the Carano family in 1995, to its roster of amenities. Recognized as the "Best Brewpub in America" by Nightclub & Bar magazine, Brew Brothers is celebrated for its lively atmosphere, outstanding service and award-winning craft beer. Construction is already well underway for the new venue, which will take the place of the former Landing Café. The 7,500-square-foot space will feature seating for over 140 guests, including a 34-seat bar pouring 12 taps of acclaimed draft brews with full bar offerings. Guests can look forward to a thoughtfully crafted menu featuring classic pub fare for lunch and dinner, as well as a daily breakfast buffet. With over 50 high-definition TVs strategically placed throughout the space, every seat will offer a prime view, making it an ideal destination for sports fans.

"We're thrilled to bring Brew Brothers to Harrah's Cherokee Valley River," said Lumpy Lambert, general manager of Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel. "We're committed to enhancing the guest experience with top-tier dining and entertainment options, so with Brew Brothers' reputation for quality and energy, it made it a perfect fit for our growing property."

Harrah's Cherokee Valley River is now accepting applications for a variety of positions at Brew Brothers. Those interested in joining the dynamic team, and being part of the launch of a nationally celebrated dining experience, can apply online at harrah-scherookeejobs.com. Harrah's Cherokee Team Members receive competitive pay, access to tuition and certification reimbursement programs, as well as career advancement opportunities across Harrah's Cherokee Casinos.

Brew Brothers will be open daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Additional details, including a grand opening date, will be shared in the coming months.

- Harrah's Cherokee Casinos

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

Link to Apply: <https://forms.gle/97Ub3voDS1jgVJgdA>
- "Unto These Hills" Educational Scholarship

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 Parriss, Asheville Citizen-Times



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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

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 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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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS **Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation expands efforts to enhance tourism economy** *New grant supports Blue Ridge Rising initiative in 11 Blue Ridge Parkway counties in North Carolina*

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation has secured a three-year, \$750,000 grant from the Dogwood Health Trust to support regional strategies to advance tourism and related economic development. The grant activities will benefit workers and businesses in numerous gateway communities along the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina.

The Dogwood Health Trust grant will help implement economic development strategies outlined in the Blue Ridge Rising Action Plan, created with the input of hundreds of community leaders in the counties that neighbor the national park.

Blue Ridge Rising marks the first time in the national park's history that these counties are working together to implement

travel, tourism, and related economic development strategies that will have wide-ranging benefits throughout the Parkway corridor. The initiative earned the Public Lands Alliance's 2025 Outstanding Public Engagement Award.

"While the Blue Ridge Rising Action Plan was developed before Hurricane Helene arrived, these tourism and workforce development strategies are even more crucial now," said Carolyn Ward, chief executive officer of the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation. "We are very grateful that Dogwood Health Trust is investing in these efforts to strengthen the Parkway's economic ecosystem."

The Dogwood Health Trust grant will also help provide a portion of the nearly \$4.3 million in matching funds required for a related \$5.13 million grant to the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the Blue Ridge Parkway, helping to ensure cultural and historical preservation, natural resource protection, educational outreach, and visitor enjoyment now and for future generations. Since 1997, the Foundation has provided more than \$24 million in support for one of the country's most visited national parks. To learn more, visit BRPFoundation.org. To learn more about Blue Ridge Rising, visit BlueRidgeRising.com.

Dogwood Health Trust is a private foundation based in Asheville, North Carolina, with the sole purpose of dramatically improving the health and wellbeing of all people and communities of 18 counties and the Qualla Boundary in Western North Carolina. Dogwood Health Trust focuses on innovative and equitable ways to address the

many factors that contribute to overall health and wellbeing. With a focus on housing, education, economic opportunity and health and wellness, Dogwood Health Trust works to create a Western North Carolina where every generation can live, learn, earn and thrive, with dignity and opportunity for all, no exceptions. To learn more, visit www.dht.org.

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1. What ice sport, popular in Russia and Scandinavia, is played with a ball instead of a puck and has rules similar to soccer?
2. Name the sisters who played basketball for the Stanford Cardinal and were the No. 1 overall picks in the WNBA Draft in 2012 and 2014.
3. On the TV sitcom "Seinfeld," what member of the New York Mets did Newman (Wayne Knight) heckle outside Shea Stadium after a June 14, 1987, loss to the Philadelphia Phillies?
4. American athlete Valarie Allman won gold medals at the 2020 Tokyo and 2024 Paris Summer Olympics competing in what track and field event?
5. What NASCAR driver, winner of 20 Cup Series races from 1950-71, died after suffering a seizure and crashing during an Easter 1972 late model race at North Carolina's Metro-lina Fairgrounds?
6. Name the Dallas Cowboys defensive end who took the 1979 NFL season off to pursue a pro boxing career before returning to the Cowboys in 1980.
7. They purchased the Buffalo Bills NFL franchise in 2014. Their daughter Jessica reached the finals at the 2024 U.S. Open tennis tournament. Who are they?

Answers

1. Bandy.
2. Nneka (2012) and Chiney (2014) Ogwumike.
3. Keith Hernandez.
4. Discus throw.
5. Speedy Thompson.
6. Ed "Too Tall" Jones.
7. Terry and Kim Pegula.

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Billy Ray Jones

Billy Ray Jones, 89, of Sylva, North Carolina was called home on Thursday, June 12, 2025. Born in Sylva, N.C., on March 30, 1936, he was the son of the late Maudie Wykle and Aude Jones. He was the third oldest of nine brothers.

Billy Ray enjoyed bowling, fishing, drag racing, hunting ginseng, and spending time with his family and friends. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife of 60 years, Patricia Ann Lewis Jones; and his brothers, Dempsy, Tunney, Harry, Kenneth, Guy, and Randy.

Billy Ray is survived by his children, Tim (Marcia) of Sylva, NC; Mark (Martha) of Sylva, N.C.; and Chris (Heather) of Colum-

bus, N.C.; his grandson Christopher (Ryan) of Raleigh, N.C.; his granddaughter, Savannah (Daniel) of Hickory, N.C.; and his great grandchildren. Billy Ray is also survived by two brothers, Leon and Danny (Mary); his sister-in-law, Priscilla Jones; his special friend, June Aiken; many nieces and nephews; and his NAPA work family..

The family received friends at Appalachian Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 17. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Rolling Start NC, Inc., 83 Meadow View Drive, Sylva, NC, 28779; and/or United Christian Ministries of Jackson Co., P.O. Box 188 Sylva, NC 28779.

Robert Cooper

Robert Cooper, 86, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Father's Day, June 15, 2025, at his home while working in his yard.

Born in March of 1939, Robert was the son of Arnold Cooper and Myrtle Keener Cooper of Cherokee, and was the youngest of nine siblings, including two brothers and six sisters. He was preceded in death by his sisters: Jesse Clement, Dixie Arneach, Sue Owle, and Barbra Strickland, all of Cherokee; Frances Collins of Franklin; and his brother, James A. Cooper of Cherokee.

He is survived by one sister, Wilma Morris, and one brother, Candler R. Cooper, both of Cherokee.

Robert and Irene Crowe Cooper had two sons: Robert A. "Noodle" Cooper (Tina Bridges), of Cherokee; and Casey M. Cooper (Jill Carpenter), also of Cherokee. Robert has three grandchildren: Katherine (27), Jackson (24), and Mary (20), all of the Birdtown Community in Cherokee, N.C.

He joined the U.S. Navy in

January of 1958 and served four years as a proud member of the Seabees. His work and career history included construction and tunnel work, cook, and restaurant owner, but he was most known for his personal business selling produce and mercantile. He was renowned for his amazing cheeseburgers, homemade chili, and his famous boiled peanuts.

Robert was the embodiment of the Seabees' "Can Do" motto. He could do most anything he needed with what he had available, had no use for excessiveness, and had a hatred for excuses, self-pity, and wastefulness.

Robert had many accomplishments and achievements in life, but none more special to him than being recognized as the "2023 Olivet Church Good Neighbor of the Year." Olivet United Methodist was his church, and he loved his church family and many special friends like Ruby Dobbins.

He loved to spend time with his sons, their wives and his grandchildren, and taking joy rides with his brother Candler. Nothing made him happier than good company and a scenic leisurely drive, while listening to old-time country music and bluegrass.

He enjoyed the outdoors, occasional gardening, making money, saving money, and giving it away. He loved to share stories-sometimes to impart wisdom, but mostly to entertain, create laughter, and bring joy to others.

When asked how he wanted to be remembered, Robert said, "Remind them that I was a damn good buck dancer."

A funeral service for family and close friends was held at Olivet United Methodist Church, 811 Olivet Church Road in Cherokee, N.C. on Saturday, June 28.

In lieu of flowers, the family

requests memorials to the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation: <https://www.cihfoundation.org/how-to-donate/>

Lucy Taylor Bigmeat

Lucy Taylor Bigmeat, 94, of the Painttown Community in Cherokee, N.C., went home to Paradise on June 20, 2025, surrounded by her family members. Born to William Taylor and Cece-lia Standingdeer, she lived there until she met the love of her life, Mark Welch Bigmeat, and they made their home in Flint, Michigan, until 1972 before returning to Cherokee.

She stayed home taking care of the family until her children were all in school. She worked at Hurley Hospital in the dietary department.

Lucy and Mark were the parents of seven children: Earl Bigmeat, her oldest son, died within a few weeks of birth. James E. Bigmeat, Marie Bigmeat (deceased 1989), Wesley G. Bigmeat (Aubrey), Samson Bigmeat (deceased 2020), Louzett Standley, and Rechanda Waldroup (Leroy).

She loved her family and her church family (Rock Springs Baptist Church), in which she was a faithful member singing in the choir for many years while she was able to attend. She loved being outside, bowling with her sons and other seniors at senior games. Lucy loved meeting new people when she established her rental units, helping people have a safe home. Traveling around the country was a favorite pastime.

"Lucy was a flower. Beautiful throughout her life, beloved by her family, whom she took great care of, and whom took great care of her. Unfortunately, all flowers lose their bloom, and eventually, they wilt. But not all flowers are loved



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equally, and Lucy was the most beloved of all.

She is in Heaven now, resting easy after a long and fulfilling life. But we shall not forget her, or her kindness to us, her children and grandchildren, sisters and brothers and cousins.” Her grandson Isaya wanted to contribute to her obituary.

She was a strong, independent woman when the love of her life died in July 1975. He taught her to take charge and be in control to remain strong for the family. Her children gave her joy and comfort following the years of her husband’s death. But she loved those grandchildren when they appeared in her life. James E Bigmeat II (the moose) deceased 2013, Matthew Bigmeat, Elizabeth (Bisket) Big-

meat, Charlene (Chipper) Littlejohn Driver, Mickey aka Chuck Rattler (deceased 1983). Crystal Waldroup Brady (Nathan), Nicey Bigmeat, Chandra Bigmeat, Isaya Bigmeat, Sequoyah Bigmeat, and Wally Bigmeat.

Her great-grandchildren: Deven Driver, Isabel Driver, Aiden Driver, Michael Bigmeat, Ezekiel Bigmeat, Noah Bigmeat, Annie-Sims Bigmeat, Dahlilah Arneach, Emmalynn Arneach, Brian Bigmeat, Lillian Bigmeat, Mykeal Kenny, Bradix Brady, Domnix Brady, Tanner Brady and Xaiden Bigmeat.

Her great-great-grandchildren are Dominic Kenny, Sophia Kenny, Mykela Kenny, Jazmine Kenny, Rainbow Kenny, Ezmerelda Kenny, Phoenix Kenny, Olivia

Driver, Nahla Driver, and Emmie Driver.

Lucy is preceded in the death of parents, William Taylor and Cecelia Taylor; and siblings, William (Bill) Taylor II, Wilma Junaluska, Cecil Taylor, Mitch Taylor, Gilbert Taylor, and Hazel Taylor.

She had many nephews and nieces who she loved and was around. Marie Junaluska was a close friend and companion.

Pallbearers are Sequoyah Bigmeat, Wally Bigmeat, Noah Bigmeat, Ezekiel Bigmeat, Deven Driver, and Aiden Driver. Matt Bigmeat, and Nathan Brady will be the alternates.

Visitation was at Rock Springs Baptist Church on Monday, June 23. The funeral service was Tuesday, June 24. Her burial was at

Taylor Cemetery on Standingdeer Rd.

Lucy’s family wants to thank the Tsali Care staff, the residents there as her extended family, the Cherokee Hospital Medical, and Nursing Staff, and her extended family and friends that had an impact on her life. The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words of encouragement at this time. Tribal Construction for preparing mama’s grave site as her body’s final resting place. Most importantly, praise the Lord. Thank you, Jesus, for allowing her to be our loving mother.

Crisp Funeral Home assisted with the final arrangements.

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COMMENTARY

A TDA has been the right answer for our Tribe all along

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

I am going to travel to some old ground today. I have advocated for a Chamber of Commerce or a tourism development authority for our tribal community for decades. The concept works in almost every municipality in the country. State-run tourism programs and business support entities under the direct authority of the government often falter because the goals of an economic development-driven cham-

ber or TDA may not always align with the communal, municipal, and political objectives of politicians or government. Politicians appease a constituency, not a clientele. And tourism efforts live or die on the satisfaction of its guests (the clientele).

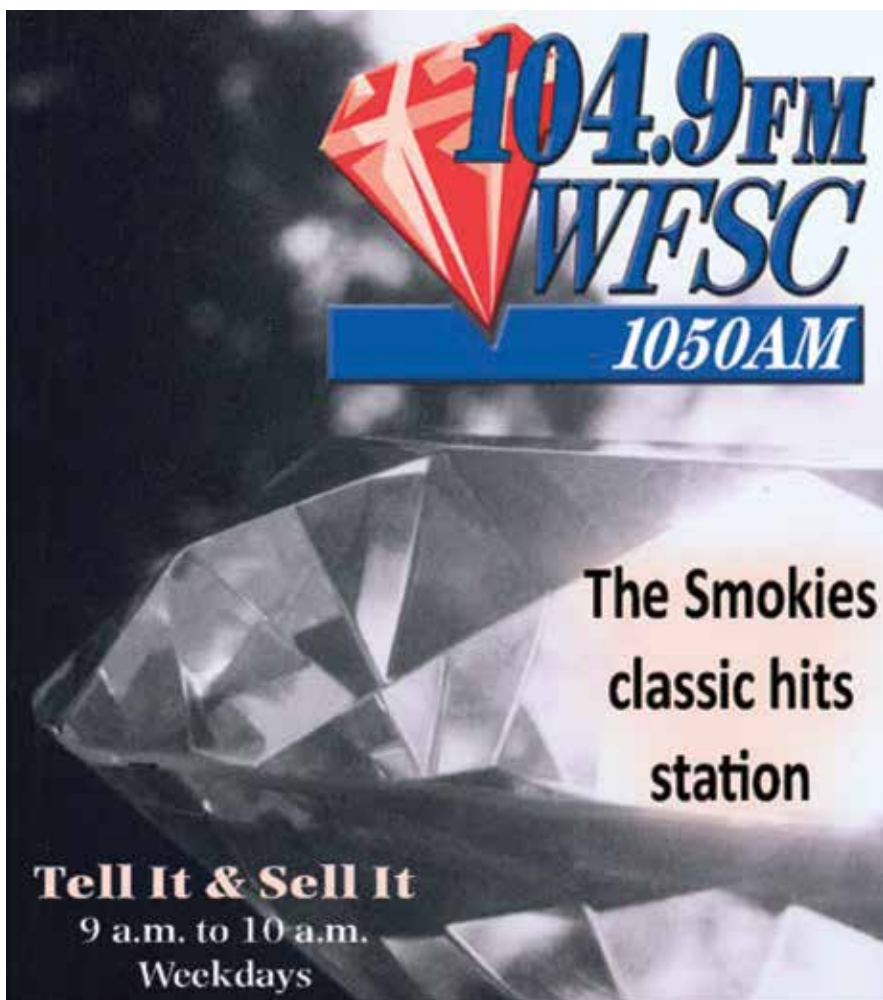
In state-run tourism organizations, decisions concerning tourism are not necessarily made with the goal of making a dollar, generating overnight stays, or filling up restaurants and craft/art outlets. If a potential tourism project offends or excludes local participation, it has a good chance of dying in the hands of politicians, even if the project has been researched and the data shows it to be a potentially successful project, and even if the project has worked very successfully for other organizations.

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Representative Tom Wahnetah has mentioned during multiple tribal Planning Board sessions that he feels the tribe needs a TDA. In the most recent Planning Board meeting, a once-taboo word was spoken as a viable solution to the upkeep of properties and removal of dilapidated buildings: the word “zoning”. Zoning and business community representation are not new thoughts or concepts. Most municipalities use these tools to regulate out undesirable business elements, institute and enforce community standards, and ensure that resources are effectively and equitably distributed so that the overall health of a community is protected. Bottom line is that tools like zoning, chambers of commerce, and tourism development

entities are a good thing for any community, including this one.

Early on, after the turn of this century, an exceptional community leader, the late Mary Jane Ferguson, worked inside the governmental system to create and establish a Cherokee Chamber of Commerce. It was part of Mary Jane’s vision of a Cherokee “renaissance”. She knew that the tribal government would need to lead the effort to establish a chamber but would need to step back from leadership roles in that organization if the chamber was going to function as a true voice of the tribal business community.

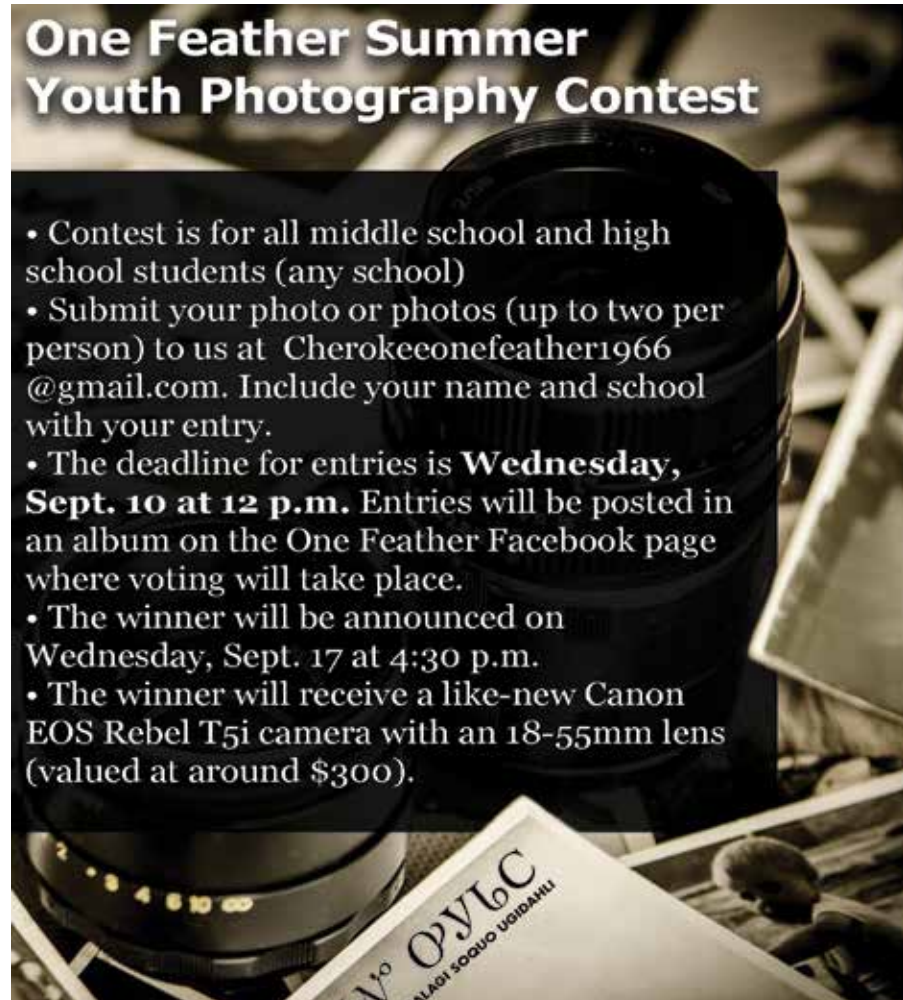
Resources were dedicated to help create an organizational structure and office space. A board was formed with Cherokee entrepreneurs making up most of the board



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and taking leadership roles both on the board and in staff assignments. They established a phone and email presence along with a now-defunct website, cherokee-smokies.com. They took in membership dues and even sold enough ads to pay for a Cherokee visitor guide for several years. The organization was even able to acquire some grant funding to help sustain it. One thing that TDAs have in common across the spectrum is a need for a funding source for the marketing and promotion of the tourism message of their municipalities. Since most of those governments frown on using public funds for tourism promotion, the money typically comes from an occupancy tax. In our community, we call that a privilege tax, but the source is the same. It is money paid by the visitors, separate from the

municipal collections like sales tax, that are put in a special fund, and the use of it is predetermined by a law, usually earmarked to be used by a TDA to promote even more visits, visitors, overnight stays, and tourism related purchases like food and sundries. Most municipalities in North Carolina collect the state's mandated cap on occupancy tax, which is six percent.

In our case on the Qualla Boundary, the privilege tax is not reserved entirely for the tourism effort, and from the beginning, it was cannibalized for other municipal projects (other than funding tourism). Still, some of the privilege taxes are spent on tourism efforts, not by a business-led TDA, but by an arm of the tribal government.

With a TDA's dependency on the occupancy or privilege tax to fund its operation and outreach

efforts, the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce's days were numbered. Since they did not have a sustainable funding source, the Cherokee Chamber faded away. You can still see remnants of it on the internet: search listings with references to the old phone number, email, and physical address. But it is no longer a presence in the tourism efforts of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

At the most recent Planning board session, the board member representing the business community, Anna Ferguson (Mary Jane's daughter), said this about establishing (or reestablishing) a chamber-like, tourism business organization (aka a TDA), "Yes, I mean a chamber, business group and I've even thought about just going out and starting like a grassroots one. There is no communication among the business members. I don't feel like there is good communication between the businesses and the tribe. I was thinking of just trying to put something together so that we could communicate with each other. We could hold ourselves to a higher standard. Several new businesses are opening. These people are motivated. They are willing to do something different. They do take pride. We also have several businesses that don't. A business organization would help a lot. There is potential there to set up an organization that will help us hold ourselves to a good standard."

Because much of our economic future depends on tourism, and many of our businesses are geared towards tourism, it just makes sense to create and maintain an organization that is led by those business owners and operators who have the biggest stake in the success of the effort. Any grassroots effort to form a chamber or TDA is destined to fail unless legislation is

brought in to create it as an entity complete with cleaning up what is typically the funding source for tourism efforts, the occupancy or privilege tax, with protections in law that limit the things those funds can be used for specific tourism promotions and visitor outreach projects.

I have been blessed to volunteer my leadership services to tourism organizations, Travel and Tourism Associations (TTA) and TDAs for nearly 25 years. I had spent several of those years also involved in tribal tourism marketing and events. For over 40 years, I have been involved in business management of some sort relating to sales. I know how important it is to follow successful models and to use data to ensure that you are targeting your audience correctly and with the right product to sell to them.

Our Tribe created the limited liability corporations (LLC) to allow us to compete in the economic development world at the speed of business because we were missing out on too many opportunities while we tried to do business at the speed of government. The same holds for our tourism effort. We need not just local tourism business feedback. We need to tap those hoteliers, campground managers, cabin, and short-term rental owners/operators for their leadership in marketing to their clientele. After all, it is those entrepreneurs who have the most to lose personally from marketing and public relations who miss the target audience. You can bet that they are doing their research to try to entice people to stay with them. And if that expertise can be leveraged to channel our resources more efficiently and effectively, only one question remains: What are we waiting for?



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John Henry Gloyne shares culture through art and tattoos

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

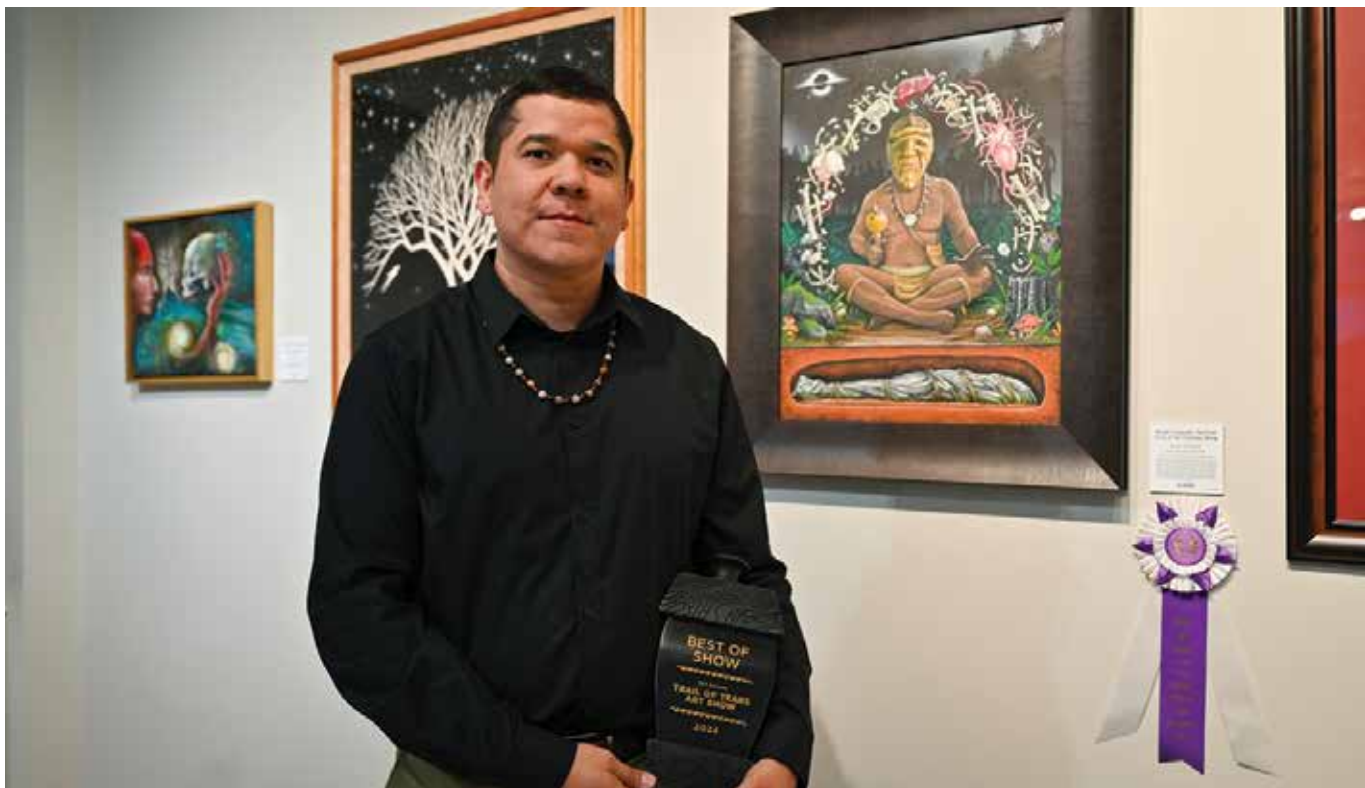
CHEROKEE, N.C. – The late Irish poet Oscar Wilde once said, “Art is the most intense mode of individualism that the world has known.” That sentiment describes John Henry Gloyne who is an incredible artist who always brings a powerful message.

Gloyne, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians with Pawnee and Osage heritage, is from Elawodi (Yellowhill).

Information from the Museum of the Cherokee People states of Gloyne, “John Henry Gloyne is an artist with a focus on tattooing, painting, and wood carving. Gloyne has been a tattoo artist for 18 years and learned woodcarving under Bud Smith, who learned from Amanda Crowe. Working in a variety of styles and mediums, he finds himself embedded in Indigenous themes, specifically Southeastern. Gloyne’s current work focuses on expanding upon and honoring Indigenous themes. His art is a reaction to his upbringing, his surroundings, and is a channel to feel connected to the past, present, and future of the Cherokee universe.”

Earlier this year, I got to see Gloyne’s work featured, along with other Native artists, in an exhibit at the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn. The exhibit is entitled “Homelands: Connecting to Mounds through Native Art” and will be on display at the McClung for the next three years.

Gloyne has a 4’ x 7.5’ acrylic



John Henry Gloyne, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is shown with his 53rd Annual Trail of Tears Art Show Best of Show piece, “Burial Ceremony: The Four Souls of the Cherokee Being”. (Anadisgoi – Cherokee Nation News photo)



John Henry Gloyne’s 4’ x 7.5’ acrylic painting entitled “Birthright: A Vision into the Plight of Southeastern Indigenous Culture Through the Eyes of Guernica” is one on display in an exhibit entitled “Homelands: Connecting to Mounds through Native Art” at the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture on the campus of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

painting on display entitled “Birthright: A Vision into the Plight of Southeastern Indigenous Culture Through the Eyes of Guernica”.

In his artist statement on the piece, Gloyne states, “My remix of Picasso’s ‘Guernica’ depicts the horrors of colonialism and mound desecration from a Cherokee perspective. Cherokee symbols replace Spanish ones, from the fallen warrior’s topknot hairstyle and war club to the buffalo, hunted out of existence in North Carolina after contact.”

He further stated, “A mound on fire is protected by a masked Medicine Man, holding the hearth flame in a fire pot. Pots, which were important to my Ancestors, have been found in mounds excavated by academics. Pots are an Indigenous person’s birthright to the land, made of the very earth they live upon and decorated with designs specific to their Tribe.” His artwork aims to make people think – not just about the past but about how that past intertwines with the present.

Gloyne’s art has been featured in other shows such as “Disruption” at the Museum of the Cherokee People and “A Living Language: Cherokee Syllabary and Contemporary Art” which was shown at the Museum of the Cherokee People and the Asheville Art Museum.

Gloyne’s paintings have gained widespread praise, and he won Best of Show at the 53rd Annual Trail of Tears Art Show, hosted by the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, Okla. in 2024 for his piece entitled “Burial Ceremony: The Four Souls of the Cherokee Being”. He has also won numerous awards at the Annual Cherokee Indian Fair including a first place ribbon last year in the 18” painting category. He is the owner and founder of



John Henry Gloyne is shown with a blanket he designed for Eighth Generation entitled “Earth & Beauty”). (Photo by Tyra Maney/Museum of the Cherokee People)

Serpent & The Rainbow Tattoo. His work is stellar and groundbreaking.

When my son turned 18, he got his first tattoo there from Gloyne, and it is just an awesome piece of work. Like all of his art, his tattoos are expertly done and groundbreakingly interesting.

According to an abstract of

an article by Todd Honma and Anthony Francoso that appear in the Fall 2023 Issue of The American Indian Quarterly, “Gloyne’s work redefines contemporary Native tattooing by highlighting its continuing significance and artistic innovations in the present. In doing so, Gloyne’s work challenges the settler notion that Native cul-

tural practices are static and stuck in the past.”

If you get a chance to check out Gloyne’s work, you won’t be disappointed, and he’s a very cool guy to boot. Check him out on Instagram at: <https://www.instagram.com/gloyne83/>

Are you saved?

Part 2 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.

You do not know. You cannot see the soul or the Spirit indwelling in a person, young or old, good or bad. The best we can do is become fruit inspectors. Does the person who says they are saved show the "Fruit of the Spirit"? That is tenuous itself. We all work on our Salvation and our sanctification. Have you ever seen a convert who gave their life to Jesus and, from day one, is changed, as the Bible says, into a new creature? The old person is gone, and a new life is born. Then again, others struggle to break old habits and fight with sin every day, with faith that they will be able to win again tomorrow. Some fail and then fight to get back. How often have you seen people fresh out of drug addiction clinics go back within days, weeks, months, or years after treatment? Total failures, and I am confident God loves them.

The question of this devotion remains the

same. Are you saved? We need not judge whether others are. We can bask in their light when it shines and help lift others from the ditch when they fall, but we will never know who is saved and who is not on this side of heaven. To think like that is judging others as you feel and not as God thinks. He sees the soul; He tests our spirit; He dwells in those He chooses. His ways are far above ours.

First and foremost, we should get credit for nothing. There is nothing we can do to earn Salvation. We only accept it. Jesus paid it all. He paid for our Salvation, then He gave it to us to accept. We can do nothing to lose our Salvation once He has sealed us with His Spirit. There is nothing we can do to make God love us more, and we can do nothing to make God love us less. When we consider how high God's love is, it is beyond our understanding. We do not know what all God's love is, and we

will never know until we meet our Lord. It is a mystery of God and will remain one.

I know that God loves us; God loved us even when we were lost, and our lives were chained down in sin. He loved us so much that He gave His only son to save us. Simple yet so complex. He will never leave us or forsake us.

Lord, my God and Father, thank You for Your love, forgiveness, and grace You have given me. I ask today, I never take for granted that I know who is saved by Your grace, that it might be a sin for me to judge another, or worse, that I might assume someone who needs Salvation hasn't attained it yet. Remind me, Lord, what You have called us to do, and leave the real battle up to You. Inspire me and give me the strength to be bold and speak Your Gospel. Amen.



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*Therefore do not worry
about tomorrow,
for tomorrow will worry
about its own things.
Sufficient for the day
is its own trouble.*

MATTHEW 6:34



Self-Portrait With Hand On Brow
by Kathe Kollwiz (1910)

Amber Waves



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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: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTONOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Desk is wider. 2. Nose is smaller. 3. Blinds are higher. 4. Pocket is moved. 5. File cabinet is taller. 6. Desk lamp is different.

by Dave T. Phipps



by BUD BLAKE



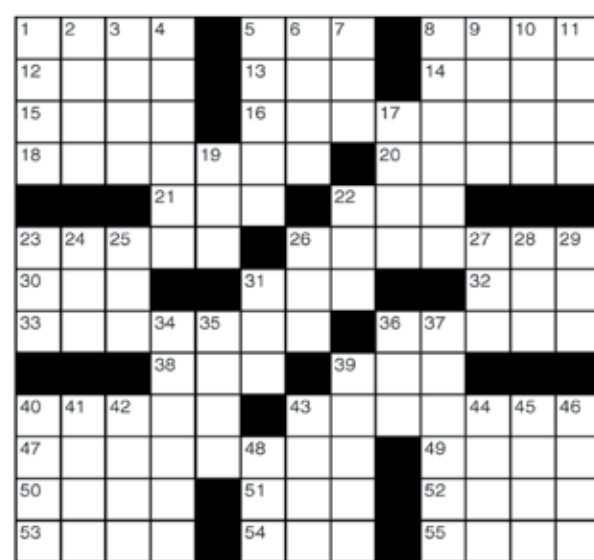
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- Wax-coated cheese
- Jug handle
- Thinker
- Descartes
- The Big Easy acronym
- "No seats" sign
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- French perfume brand
- Western topers
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- Thoreau piece
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- Boxing legend
- Stupefies
- Spy's asset
- Compass dir.
- Actress Tyler
- Tic-tac-toe win
- Sound systems
- Ridicule
- Last (Abbr.)
- Airline to Sweden
- Ballroom dance
- First-rate
- Big name in pianos
- Architect
- Saaren



- Memo
- 100%
- Work on proofs
- Hot tubs
- Hwy.
- Cushions

- Moscow's land
- Son of Seth
- Pinta's companion
- Online crafts site
- Far (Pref.)
- Wye follower
- Bro's sib
- Singer Rawls
- Heavy weight
- Sizzling
- Parking place
- July birthstones
- Panache
- Menlo Park monogram
- In dreamland
- Fashion
- Taxpayer IDs
- Perched on
- Self-referential
- Popcorn seasoning
- Castor's mother
- Desertlike
- Decays
- Series of battles

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Answer
— Weekly SUDOKU —

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers
— King Crossword —

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: "The Simpsons" first appeared as a short on which TV show?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the distance between mainland Russia (Siberia) and mainland United States (Alaska)?
- GAMES: What is the highest score you can achieve in one frame of bowling?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the Roman god of the sea called?
- SCIENCE: What are the only letters that don't currently appear in the Periodic Table?
- MOVIES: Which animated movie's tagline is "Escape or die frying"?
- LITERATURE: The Republic of Gilead appears in which 1980s novel?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which spice is often praised for its anti-inflammatory properties?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: In which country did Cirque du Soleil originate?
- LANGUAGE: What is glossolalia?

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BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Turkey Shoot. June 27 at 5 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove). This is a fundraiser for Jesse Welch Jr. and the Turkey Shoot Grounds. Good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

Cornhole Tournament. July 5 at 10 a.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove). Cash prizes: \$300, \$200, \$100. Register at 9 a.m., bags fly at 10 a.m. This is a fundraiser for Golden Girls Totsie Welch and Cindee West to attend the Senior Games in Des Moines, Iowa.

Turkey Shoot. July 12 at 5 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove). This is a fundraiser for Ava Walkinstick to attend NAYO. 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

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, Rattlesnake 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: Jeanne 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. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Featur-

ing blueberry pancakes. Vendor space is available for \$10 per table. To reserve a table, call Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS/EVENTS

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

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


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

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


CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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A-Tsu-Tsa Diyelegi Chooge),
a 6-year-old
American Bully,
lives in Kolanvyi
(Big Cove) with
his human,
Sammy Driver.



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Cherokee History & Stories.

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

Qualatown 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. Qualatown 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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you don't like to change plans once they're set, once again, you might find that doing so can make a big difference in your favor. Meanwhile, family matters dominate the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You continue to get encouragement for your proposals, including some support from unlikely sources. Use this positive flow to move forward with your plans. Good luck!

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters are dominant this week. It's a good time to be with those you love. It's also a good time to contact and reunite with loved ones with whom you've lost touch.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to allow differences of opinion to create unpleasant feelings, especially in the workplace. A neutral observer could check out the situation and suggest a resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) While the Lion's Den is the center of attention this week with family matters dominating much of your time, workplace issues are also important. Try to find a balance between them.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The future of a new relationship could depend on how much the usually impatient-to-get-things-done Virgo is willing to stop pushing and let things happen naturally.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Worry over a loved one's well-being is eased with good news from a sympathetic source. Your continued show of love and support is important. Stay with it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to consider mending fences with someone you wish was back in your life. Forget about blame and focus on the good things you once shared.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to start researching information regarding whatever changes you're considering, whether it involves a new home, a new location, or a new job.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A long-anticipated job opportunity could turn out to be less than you expected, but appearances might be deceiving. Check it out before you decide it's not for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news! Adapting to a new situation might come more easily than you expected. You can look for continued support from colleagues who appreciate your contributions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you care for might need more reassurance from the typically "unemotional" Pisces. Go ahead. Open up, and you might be surprised at what you find when you do.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a romantic at heart, although you can be amazingly practical when you need to be. Many might consider you a great shoulder to lean on.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Keep your cash in your wallet

Besides the occasional "Thank you for your service," there are any number of ways people and companies express gratitude for you having served your country, for having made that commitment and for the sacrifices you made.

One of the biggest acknowledgments are the veteran discounts given by companies. Your mission: Find those discounts and ask for them.

For example:

If you're old enough for AARP, join for a reduced price of just \$11 per year with a five-year membership.

Look for big discounts on cellphone lines at T-Mobile, where you can get unlimited text, talk and data on four lines for only \$25 per line per month.

Carhartt apparel offers a 15% discount either at their stores or online. Duluth Trading Company offers a 5% discount on their Duluth gear.

For vacations, there is a wide variety of discounts available. Hilton hotels offers a family discount, and Disney Resorts hotels offers discounts during selected blocks through the end of the year. You can find discounts on car rentals, theme parks, airfare and much more.

Many states offer free or reduced-cost hunting and fishing licenses. Once you have that, load up on your gear at Bass Pro Shop or Cabela's.

To find discounts that apply to you, search online for veteran discounts and the category you're interested in. Get as detailed as you like in your search. Yes, you can get veteran discounts on televisions and appliances. Check Dish for their Stars & Stripes Pack. Check AutoZone or Advance Auto Parts for car parts. See Home Depot or Lowe's for power tools. Stock up at Costco, Sam's Club and BJ's Wholesale Club.

Veteran discounts can be found in more places than you might imagine. Whenever you're about to buy something, order something or go somewhere, ask if a veteran discount is available. While an individual discount might not seem like much, if you do this consistently, it will add up to significant cash that stays in your wallet.

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Phantom pregnancy in dogs

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'll bet you've never heard of this one before! My cousin has a female dog who has never been spayed. So she routinely will go into heat. Well, a few months ago, she started behaving funny. She didn't want to eat, she started pacing the house and then would flop down and not want to go outside, for walks or anything. Even though she wasn't eating much, she put on weight and her mammarys started to swell. She also started "guarding" her toys and acting aggressive if anyone tried to reach for them. I told my cousin, maybe she's pregnant, but he insisted that she had never been around a male dog or gone unsupervised outside.

He took her to the vet because he thought she was ill. Would you believe, the vet diagnosed her with a "phantom" pregnancy? She had all the signs of being pregnant but there were no puppies. The vet gave her medication for a few weeks, and eventually she got back to her old self. What do you think about that?
— Terry P. in Albany, New York

DEAR TERRY: I have heard of this before! In unsprayed females, pseudo-pregnancy, or "phantom pregnancy," can happen after a heat cycle. It's uncomfortable for the dog and concerning for the owner.

Treatment includes confirming the absence of a pregnancy, followed by medication to reduce anxiety and stop milk production. Hormone therapy is sometimes needed.

The best way to stop phantom pregnancy from happening again is to spay the dog after all symptoms have subsided, and it's highly recommended. Spaying will help your cousin's dog be far more comfortable — she won't go through heat cycles any longer — and have a healthier, longer lifespan, too.

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

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opportunity is open the Qualla Boundary community.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Summer Basketball Clinic.

June 2 through July 30 (Mondays and Wednesdays) at the Painttown 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

Blood Drive in honor of

Bambi Armachain Sneed.

July 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Painttown Gym and Community Center at 10 Old Gap Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. To make an appointment or for more information, call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767 or visit <https://www.RedCrossBlood.org> and enter sponsor code "Painttown".

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

24th Annual Miami Nation

Pow Wow. June 27-28 at the Miami Nation Arena in Miami, Okla. MC: Marty Thurman. Head Singer: Rylon George Brady. Info: Julie Olds (918) 541-1300, jolds@miamination.com

65th Annual Eastern Shoshone Indian Days Pow Wow.

June 27-29 at Fort Washakie Pow Wow Grounds in Fort Washakie, Wyo. Emcees: Corey Reeder and George Abeyta. Host Drum: Black Lodge. Info: Claw Tillman (307) 349-5913, esecommittee@gmail.com

A Path to Healing 4th Annual Sandoval & Family Contest

Pow Wow and Gourd Dance.

June 27-28 at Chief Manuelito Middle School in Gallup, N.M. MC: Nick Brokeshoulder. Host Northern Drum: Wild Krew. Host Southern Drum: Southern Defiance. Info: Ryan Sandoval (505) 457-6827

Bay Mills Indian Community 34th Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow.

June 27-29 at the Bay Mills Indian Community in Brimley, Mich. Emcees: Shannon Martin and Angie Sanchez. Info: (906) 248-8100, bmcpowwow@gmail.com

Texas Indian Heritage Association 67th Annual Summer

Pow Wow. June 27-28 at the Gatesville Civic Center in Gatesville, Texas. MC: Harold Rogers. Host Southern Drum: Enemy Horse. Info: Jerry Simmons at jsimmons@quixnet.net

6th Annual Standing Horse Route 66 Pow Wow.

June 28-29 in Winslow, Ariz. MC: Erny Zah. Info: standinghorsepowwow@gmail.com

United Houma Nation 13th Annual Celebrating Abilities/Disabilities Awareness Pow

Wow. June 28-29 at the Barry P. Bonvillain Civic Center in Houma, La. MC: Hah-Tee Delgado. Host Northern Drum: Medicine Tail. Host Southern Drum: Youngbird. Info: Jared Crosby (985) 223-3093, powwow@unitedhoumanation.org

White River Wacipi. June 28-29 in Crawford, Neb. MC: Elroy Cross. Invited Drums: Wanblee

Teca, Eagle Nest. Info: Bart Torbert (303) 949-4605, whiteriverwacipi@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.AAwn80.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 ichapman@fontanalib.org

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

George Masa photography exhibition. Now through Aug. 15 at Western Carolina University's Mountain Heritage Center in Cullowhee, N.C. The exhibition is entitled "A Stranger No More: George Masa and His Art". The exhibition features a remarkable collection of George Masa's original photographs—some never before seen—drawn from the William A. Hart, Jr. and Alice Huff Hart Masa Collection housed in WCU's Hunter Library Special Collections. These images are displayed alongside Masa's recently acquired camera and tripod, now part of the Mountain Heritage Center's collection. Admission is free. The Mountain Heritage Center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or

by appointment. Info: (828) 227-7129 or <https://www.wcu.edu/engage/mountain-heritage-center/>

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 Independence 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>

New Echota ‘First Saturday Hike’. July 5 from 10am to 11:30 a.m. at the New Echota State Historic Site at 1211 GA225 in Calhoun, Ga. Visitors will join their ranger for the morning and explore the nature trails at New Echota-Cherokee Capital State Historic Site. Escape the summer heat and step into the past. New Echota offers shaded trails, historic buildings, and fascinating tales to keep you cool and captivated. All ages are invited to join the ranger for this event. The hike will be easy to moderate in difficulty. Info: Interpretive Ranger Amanda McCollum – Williams (706) 624-1321

New Echota-Cherokee Capitol Jr. Ranger Family Camp Day. July 12 at the New Echota State Historic Site at 1211 GA225 in Calhoun, Ga. This will be held at various locations on the site from 10 a.m. through 3 p.m. Different activities will be led by Rangers, such as Cherokee weapons demo, nature hikes, and archaeology dig box. Plan a visit

to New Echota-Cherokee Capital SHS for family-friendly activities, scenic views, and a walk-through time. This event is for the whole family to participate in. Families will spend the day learning about history and nature during some much-needed family time. Participants will have the chance to earn a Jr. Ranger badge with their families during a beautiful Saturday at New Echota historic site. This program is not considered a drop-off camp. Parents must remain and participate with their child. Info: Interpretive Ranger Amanda McCollum – Williams (706) 624-1321

New Echota-Cherokee Capital hosts Pollinators 101. July 19 at the New Echota State Historic Site at 1211 GA225 in Calhoun, Ga. The program will be held next to the picnic area by the pollinator boxes at 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Visitors will learn about different pollinator species such as bees, wasps, and butterflies. The Rangers will give participants information about different plant species that allow pollinators to thrive. Participants will also learn how they can help save Georgia’s pollinators. Info: Interpretive Ranger Amanda McCollum – Williams (706) 624-1321

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

New Echota-Cherokee Capital celebrates World Ranger Day. July 31 at 10 a.m. at the New Echota State Historic Site at 1211 GA225 in Calhoun, Ga. It starts with a Ranger-guided tour starting at 10 a.m. Park officials note, “World Ranger Day is celebrated around the globe, and we would like to take this day to recognize all the work done by past, present, and future Rangers around the world that work to ensure the preservation of our nation’s historic treasures and natural beauty. To truly explain the role of Park Rangers, first one must know the history of our parks and the road the first Rangers had to transverse to get to the role they hold today.” Info: Interpretive Ranger Amanda McCollum – Williams (706) 624-1321

New Echota ‘First Saturday Hike’. Aug. 2 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the New Echota State Historic Site at 1211 GA225 in Calhoun, Ga. Visitors will join their ranger for the morning and explore the nature trails at New Echota-Cherokee Capital State Historic Site. Escape the summer heat and step into the past. New Echota offers shaded trails, historic buildings, and fascinating tales to keep you cool and captivated. All ages are invited to join the ranger for this event. The hike will be easy to moderate in difficulty. Info: Interpretive Ranger Amanda McCollum – Williams (706) 624-1321

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

New Echota-Cherokee Capitol hosts “Come Fly with Me: birding hike!” Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. at the New Echota State Historic Site at 1211 GA225 in Calhoun, Ga. The Ranger guided hike will be traversing the nature trails to the beaver pond, the best birding spot on the entire site. The ranger will discuss the different species of birds that call New Echota home along with some species that have vanished from our local landscape. Rangers will also be discussing the relationship between birds and the Cherokee and their significance to their culture. Info: Interpretive Ranger Amanda McCollum – Williams (706) 624-1321

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.

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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



Moments in time

• On **July 7, 1456**, Joan of Arc's heresy conviction was overturned at an appeal proceeding held at the arch bishop's palace in Rouen, France. Unfortunately, the Catholic Church's change of heart came too late, as she'd been burned at the stake 25 years earlier.

• On **July 8, 1905**, the body of Revolutionary War naval hero John Paul Jones, which had lain for more than a century in a French graveyard, began its final trans-Atlantic journey, ending in interment at the U.S. Naval Academy in Maryland with a ceremony presided over by President Theodore Roosevelt.

• On **July 9, 1928**, Rose Booher, her son Fred and two hired workers were shot to death on a secluded farm in Canada while the rest of the Booher family was away. Son Vernon Booher confessed to the crime after Max Langsner used his alleged psychic powers, with which he'd reputedly solved crimes around Europe, to sketch a scene that included a rifle hidden under some bushes, giving police a makeshift map to locate the murder weapon.

• On **July 10, 2018**, the last of 12 Thai youth soccer players and their coach were rescued from the Tham Luang cave network after a search that held the world's attention for more than two weeks. The team had set out on a supposed hour-long adventure when they were trapped underground after monsoon rains flooded the cave's entrance.

• On **July 11, 1944**, German army officer Count Claus von Stauffenberg carried a bomb to Adolf Hitler's headquarters in Bavaria with the intention of assassinating him. The count ended up holding back because Hermann Göring and Heinrich Himmler, who were also considered crucial targets, weren't present as expected.

• On **July 12, 1979**, public backlash to disco music reached its zenith with the "Disco Demolition" night at Chicago's Comiskey Park, which resulted in at least nine injuries, 39 arrests and the cancellation and forfeit of a Major League Baseball game.

• On **July 13, 1990**, the romantic thriller "Ghost," about a woman who communicates with her murdered boyfriend via a psychic and starring Demi Moore, Patrick Swayze and Whoopi Goldberg, opened across the U.S. It received multiple Academy Award nominations, and Goldberg took home an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress.

BIBLE TRIVIA


by Wilson Casey

1. Is the Book of Jonah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Genesis 15, who was told to "look now toward Heaven and tell the stars"? *Noah, Adam, Abram, Moses*
3. Who succeeded Belshazzar as King of the Chaldeans? *David, Darius, Daniel, Saul*
4. Who sold his brother, Joseph, to a camel caravan? *Cain, Judah, Silas, Joshua*
5. Where did Jacob and his family settle in Egypt? *Goshen, Damascus, Bethlehem, Beersheba*
6. What was the name of Naomi's husband? *Ephriam, Elijah, Elimel-ech, Elisha*

ANSWERS: (1) Old, (2) Abram, (3) Darius, (4) Judah (with his brothers), (5) Goshen, (6) Elimel-ech

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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The Garden Bug

Prairie Sunflower

Found throughout North America, this plant has had many uses in native American culture. Parts of it have been used as a food source, to make medicine for skin ailments and insect bites, and to make face-paint for ceremonies.

The vigor of these plants in an area was seen as an indicator of whether the area sustained enough rainfall and could support crops.

- Brenda Weaver
Source: herb.umd.umich.edu

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

day Bible Study 6 p.m.

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

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30

a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8 p.m. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

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

Cherokee United Methodist Church. Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Church Service 11 a.m. Wednesday dinner at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study. Pastor - 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 Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF



ALYSSA ROBINSON

Clinical Dietitian in Primary Care

Education: Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition/Dietetics from Western Carolina University, Master of Health Science Degree-Concentration Nutrition from Western Carolina University + a 1200+ hr supervised practice dietetic internship to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN)
Years at CIHA: 2 Years in October Community/Hometown: Whittier, NC

“I enjoy working with an interdisciplinary team to help the whole patient. I love setting goals with patients and seeing results/success in multiple disease states or weight loss. I chose CIHA because I grew up in this community. I have a deep passion for helping people make lifestyle changes and decrease the risk of chronic diseases such as Type 2 Diabetes, Metabolic Syndrome, Chronic Kidney Disease, and heart disease, to name a few.” - Alyssa Robinson

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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. 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.

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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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
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
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Tara Leigh McCoy
144 Jitterbug Ln
Cherokee, NC. 28719

6/25

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-052

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: **PATRICK ERNEST SNEED**

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DeLana Ann Sneed
183 Good Shepard Ln
Whittier, NC. 28789

6/25

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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Dawn Jumper
P.O.Box 434
Cherokee, NC. 28719

7/9

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Agelink:

5 Teachers —\$31,800–\$39,780 per year w/Benefits

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- o 1 Master Technician—\$31,800–\$39,750 per year w/Benefits
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- o 1 Detail Technician—\$19,080–\$25,440 per year w/Benefits
- o 1 Body Shop Helper—\$18,020–\$23,850 per year w/Benefits

C&F:

- o 2 Skilled Carpenters—\$31,800–\$39,750 per year w/Benefits
- o 2 Carpenter Helpers—\$18,020–\$23,850 per year w/Benefits

Cherokee Children's Home:

- o 2 FT Residence Counselors—\$17.00 per hour w/Benefits
- o 2 PT Residence Counselors—\$17.00 per hour w/Benefits
- o 1 Overnight Residence Counselors—\$17.00 per hour w/Benefits

Bus & Truck:

- o Seasonal Bus Driver—Need to check rate of pay
- o Truck Drivers—Need to check rate of pay

Cherokee Boys Club
20, Box 507,
Cherokee, NC. 28719
828-497-9101

**Cherokee Central Schools
Job Openings**

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

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

Pathseekers School Counselor (6-12)

K-5 School Counselor

K-5 Elementary Teacher

K-5 Elementary Teacher Assistant

K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant - 2 positions

9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant (Lifeskills)

8th High School Math Teacher

Contract Nurse (RN)

Gear Up Coordinator (Grant Funded)

2025-26 College Advising Corps Adviser (To apply visit:

advisingcorps.appstate.edu)

JV Cheerleading Head Coach

JV Boys Basketball Coach

JV Girls Basketball Coach

Varsity Football Assistant Coach

Varsity Cheerleading Head Coach

Elementary Cherokee Language Instructor

High School Cherokee Language Instructor

Middle School Soccer Head Coach

Middle School Soccer Assistant Coach

Estate File No. 25-051
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
CALVIN EUGENE MURPHY

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

Vickie Murphy
P.O. Box 958
Cherokee, NC. 28719
7/9

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-059

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
RAY ANTHONY MCCOY

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

Tyler McCoy
P.O.Box 64
Cherokee, NC. 28719
7/9

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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-062
Notice to Creditors and

Debtors of:
JAMES GERALD WALKER
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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Dorothy M Walker
P.O. Box 292
Bryson City, NC. 28713
7/9

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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-060
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

HENRIETTA LUCILLE SAMPSON

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

Tyson Sampson
P.O Box 195
Cherokee NC 28719
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**HENRIETTA LUCILLE
SAMPSON**

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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Tyson Sampson
P.O. Box 195
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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**THE EASTERN BAND OF
CHEROKEE INDIANS
THE CHEROKEE COURT**

AMY TEESATESKIE and MAR-
GARET TEESATESKIE, Plaintiffs

v. ERIKA SERRANO WATTY and
UNKNOWN FATHER Defendants
(FILE NO. CV 25-083)

To: Erika Serrano Watty and Un-
known Father,

Take notice that a Complaint
for Temporary Emergency Custody
and Permanent Custody and Order
for Temporary Emergency Custody
has been filed in the above-enti-
tled action. The nature of the relief
sought related to custody of minor
child, I.W., under the laws of the
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
and filed in the above-mentioned
file in the Cherokee Court, Cher-
okee, North Carolina. You are
required to appear for a hearing
on the return of the emergency
custody order and make a defense
to such pleadings not later than
August 4, 2025, and upon your
failure to do so the party seeking
service against you will apply to

the court for the relief sought.
This the 17th day of June, 2025.
Carpenter & Guy, PLLC Kimberly
N. Carpenter Attorney for Plain-
tiffs 559 West Main Street Sylva,
NC 28779
(828)339-1011
kim@wnc.law
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-065
**Notice to Creditors and
Debtors of:
MARGARET LORETTA
WOLFE**

All persons, firms and cor-
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this estate are notified to exhibit
them to the fudicary(s) listed on or
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from their recovery. Debtors of the
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fudicary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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Anna Wolfe
68 Lloyd Owle Rd
Cherokee, NC 28719
7/16

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-066
Notice to Creditors and Debtors
of:
ERNEST DOC PANTHER

All persons, firms and cor-
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this estate are notified to exhibit
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Charles R Panther
244 Pennsylvania Avenue
Canton, NC 28716
7/16

BIDS, RFPs, etc.



BIDS

The Cherokee Housing Indian
Division is seeking sealed bids
from qualified TERO contractors
for the demolition of structures
at 103 Recreation Park, Cherokee
NC. 28719. Submittal Contact:
Ernest Tiger RFP #CIHD-2025-04
Qualla Housing Services
Cherokee Indian Housing Divi-
sion, PO Box 1749, 687 Acquoni
Rd., Cherokee, NC. 28719
Cell-828-736-6922
Office-828-359-6748
ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov
7/2

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 Tah-
quette at 828-736-8931 or
johntahq@ebci-nsn.gov for more
information. **6/25**

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For questions, please contact:
Angie Pugh, Spa Operations Manager
828-497-8550 angieh@mandaraspa.com
Email: HRRecruitment@onespaworld.com

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**

Request for Proposals

Videographer
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Food Sovereignty Projects
Project Title: Tribal Food
Sovereignty Media Series –
EBCI Cooperative Extension
Project Location: Qualla Bound-

ary, Western North Carolina
Issued by: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Cooperative Extension
Project Director: Ronald “Chumper” Walker
EBCI Cooperative Extension Director – chumwalk@ebci-nsn.gov
Primary Contact: Jess Mrugala
EMFS Local Food Coordinator – jmrugal@ncsu.edu

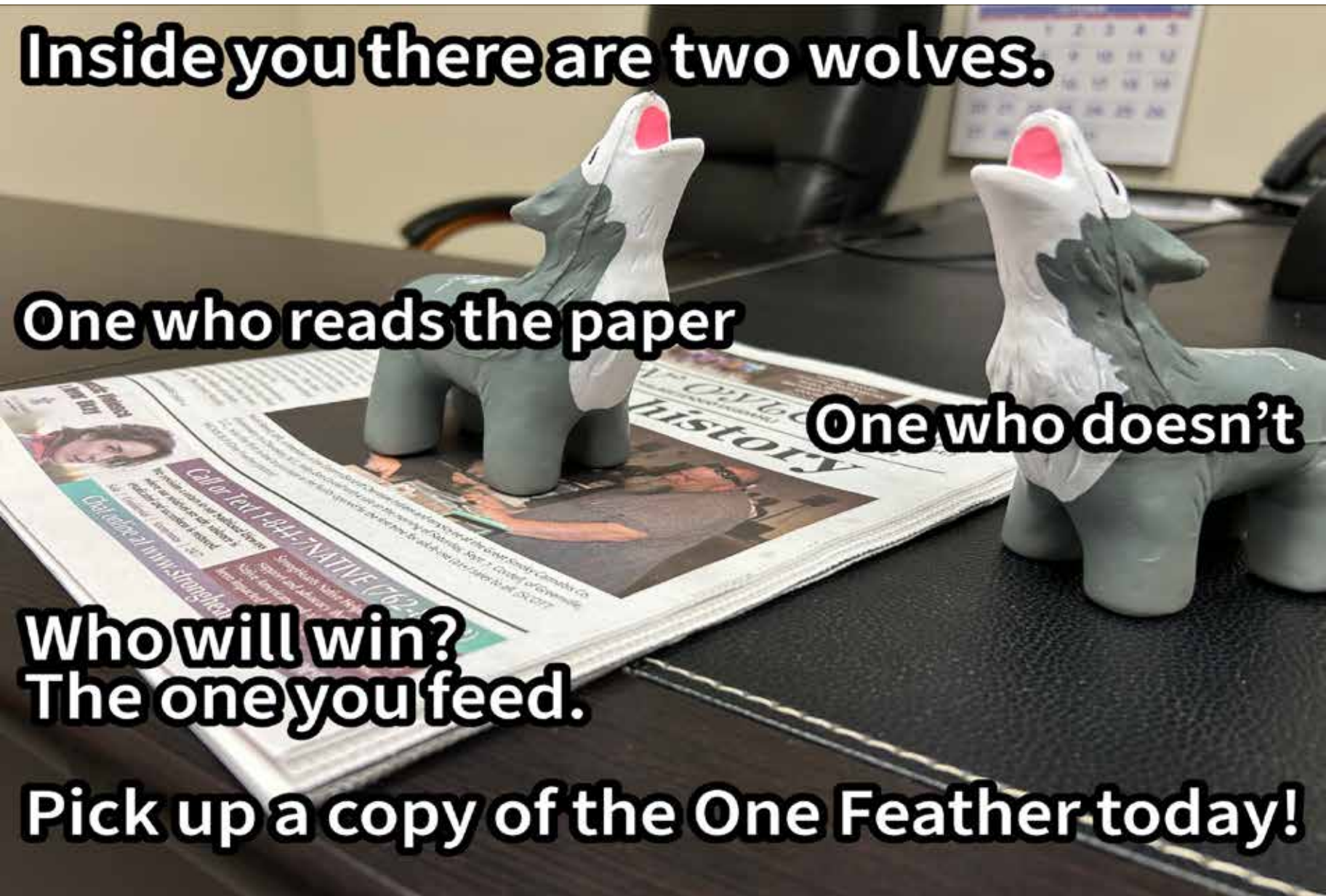
RFP Purpose & Summary:

The EBCI Cooperative Extension Office is seeking proposals from experienced videographers to create a documentary-style video series that will educate the community about traditional Cherokee

foodways. The series will focus on the history, language, stories, growing practices, seed saving, cooking practices, and food preservation techniques of traditional Cherokee and Appalachian crops. These videos will be an integral part of the Extension Office’s educational programming to support demand for traditional, Cherokee grown and foraged foods.

Application Materials to be sent to Chumper & Jess at the above email addresses with the contract title you are applying for in the subject line of the email. Proposals due by July 11, 2025

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY



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New Positions This Week

Mid Level FNP/PA
Behavioral Health Inpatient LPN - \$22.76 – \$25.89
Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - Kanvwtiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Employment Specialist – Kanvwtiyi – \$44,107 - \$55,134
Masters Level Therapist - \$58,332 - \$72,915 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
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Schools, Family Safety, Child and Family – Snowbird, Family Inten-
sive Treatment)
Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse Manager - \$77,140 - \$96,430
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

EVS

Billing Analyst II - \$19.66 - \$22.25
Patient Access PTI - \$17.12 – \$19.26

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MAINTENANCE

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

MEDICAL

Physician (Emergency Department, Primary Care, Pediatrics)

RADIOLOGY

Radiology Technologist II (2nd Shift)
Radiology Technologist II – Part Time w/Benefits
Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist Student PTI

NURSING

Care Management Extender – Primary Care \$18.33 – \$20.67
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 Clinical Care Manager – Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000
Hiring Bonus
Tribal Option Care Manager – Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$35.64 -
\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
CFSP Care Manager, IDD/TBI/LTSS Care Manager(Intellectual &
Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Sup-
port Services, Children and Families Specialty Program)- Primary
Care- \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
RN Care Manager Float - \$31.06 – \$35.64 \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
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

TRIBAL OPTION

HOP Medical Social Worker (3 positions) - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Tribal Option Business Analyst – NOT A REMOTE POSITION -
\$67,082 - \$83,852
Provider Network Manager - \$77,144 - \$96,430

TSALI CARE CENTER

Certified Medication Aide - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Certified Nursing Assistant - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Licensed Practical Nurse - \$26.00 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse - \$35.00 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent - \$35.00 - \$40.22



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1. Director – Qualla Boundary HS – CERS (L17 \$77,106 - \$96,387)
2. Heavy Equipment Operator/Saw man – Tribal Construction – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Crew Leader (Plumbing) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)

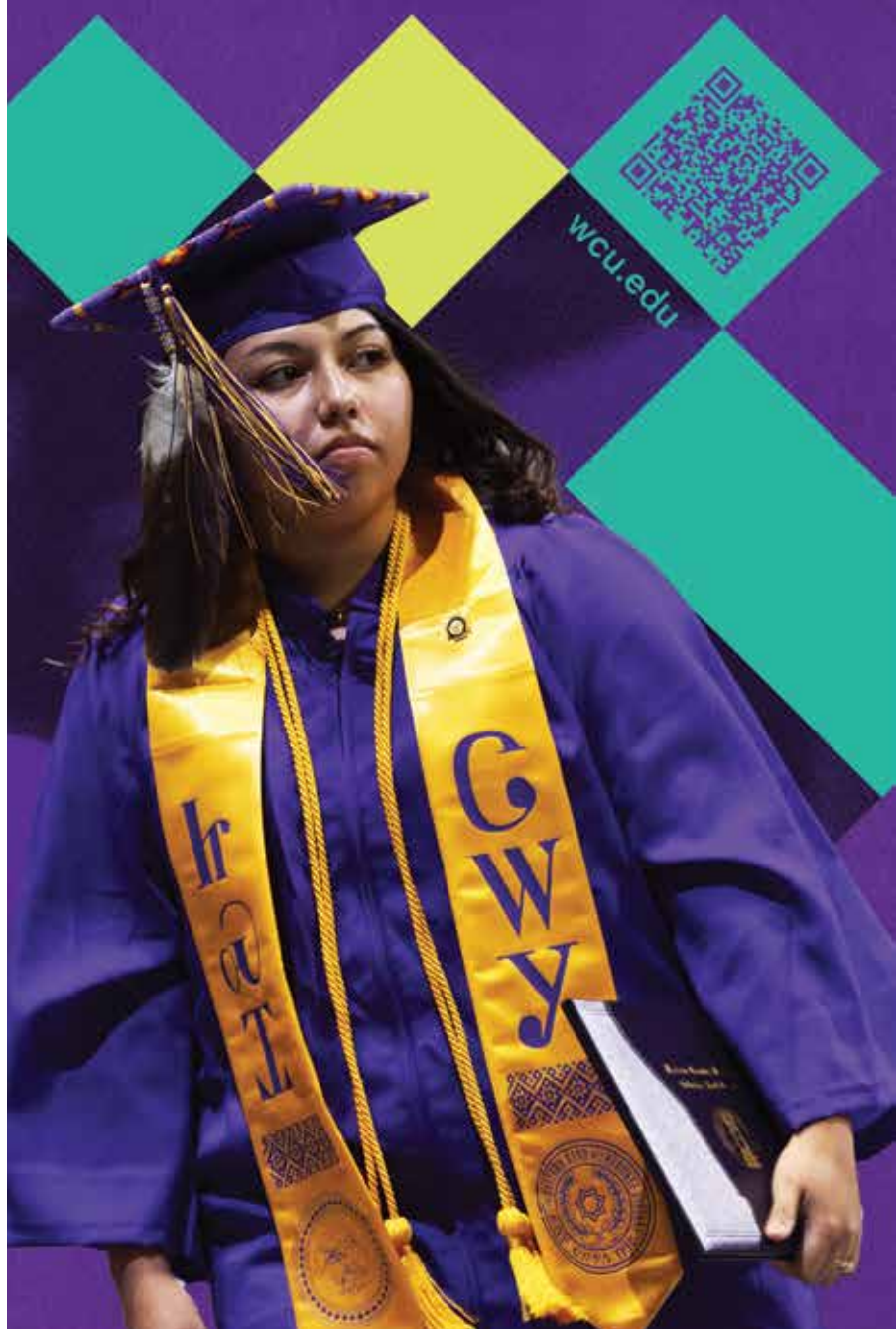
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1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Child Advocate Coordinator – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
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. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
11. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
12. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
13. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
14. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
15. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
16. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
17. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)
18. Carpenter – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
19. Cannery Operations Coordinator – Cooperative Extension – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
20. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant- New Kituwah Academy- CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59)
21. Utility Worker (Sanitation) – Solid Waste – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
22. Truck Driver/WWT Maintenance – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
23. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
24. Supervisor (HIS/Inventory) – Tribal Construction – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

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Baseball All-Star Showcase

Wakinyan Raines, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been selected to attend the 2025 Native American All-Star Showcase (baseball) in June 19-22 in Atlanta, Ga. He was one of very few selected high school sophomores. (Photo by Julie Hannan)



World Fly Fishing Championship

Michael Bradley, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, took the bronze medal out of 165 anglers in the Individual contest at the 44th FIPS-Mouche World Fly Fishing Championship held recently in the Czech Republic. Bradley is the fourth American to ever win an individual medal. He also led Team USA to a bronze medal in the team event which featured 31 teams. (Photo contributed)



Meeting with Tony

2024-25 Junior Miss Cherokee Misha Slee, left, meets with Tony Wolfe, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, at Kolanvvi Day in Cherokee, N.C. on Saturday, June 14. (Photo contributed)

**Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143
is seeking contact information for
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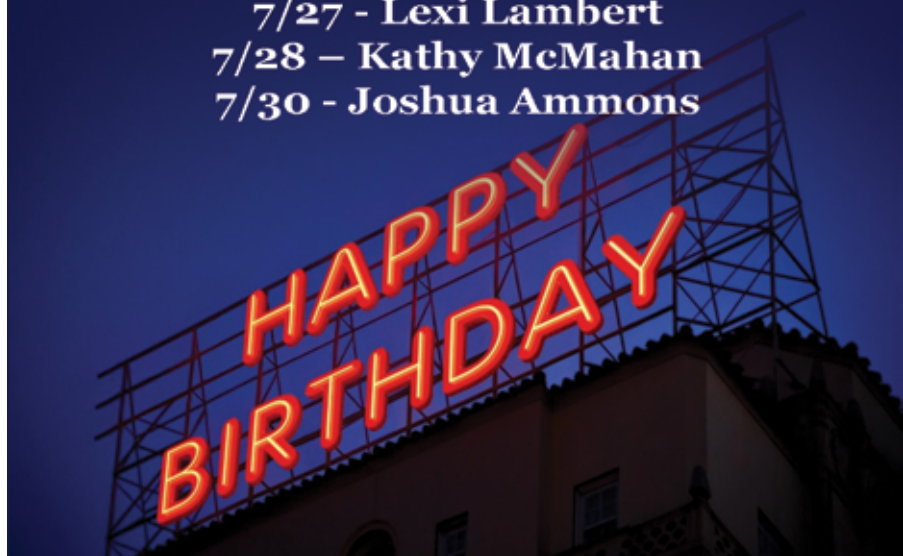
Info: Gerard Ball (919) 805-2572





7/1 - Andreas Ramirez
7/3 - Brenda K Jumper
7/3 - Jayvian Swayney
7/4 - Paislee Ammons
7/5 - Lennox Lambert
7/5 - Jordan Bennett
7/6 - Elyza Jones
7/6 - Holden Straughan
7/6 - Daniel Smith
7/7 - Leona Ramirez
7/7 - Sparrow Standingdeer Saunooke
and Max Saunooke
wedding anniversary
7/8 - Alice R. Lambert
7/9 - Kim Crowe
7/10 - Sonny Hill
7/10 - Alessandra Ramirez
7/12 - Brooklynn Ledford
7/12 - Michale Welch
7/12 - Korbin Sampson
7/14 - Jesse Ramirez
7/17 - Maria Smith
7/22 - Branson Ledford
7/22 - Kim Lossie
7/23 - John G. Sneed, Jr.
7/23 - Rachel B. Sneed
7/25 - Tawania Ensley
7/27 - Lexi Lambert
7/28 - Kathy McMahan
7/30 - Joshua Ammons

Zoey Sutton, standing right, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, played alongside members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians in the Native Youth Classic. Her team, the Dirt Divas, placed second in the tournament played on the Poarch Creek Reservation in Atmore, Ala. on the weekend of June 20-22. The team is shown, left to right, kneeling - Macy Williams, Kylyse Yazzie, Ka'Draizlyn Williams, J'Hazlyn Bell, Cheynette Isaac; standing - Satchell Willis, Elia Dougherty, Jaisley Chickaway, Elliana Wallace, Brynleigh Cotton, and Zoey Sutton. (Photo contributed)



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