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Historical drama turning 75

“Unto These Hills”
set to celebrate its
diamond anniversary

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – “Unto These Hills”, the outdoor drama that tells the story of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), is set to celebrate its diamond anniversary (75 years) this year. The first show of the long-running production was on July 1, 1950 at the Mountainside Theatre in Cherokee, N.C. where it has remained all of these years.

Laura Blythe, an EBCI tribal member who serves as program director for the Cherokee Historical Association (CHA), commented, “This year, we’re working hard

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This photo shows the Eagle Dance being performed during “Unto These Hills” ca. 1950s. The first show of the long-running production was on July 1, 1950 at the Mountainside Theatre in Cherokee, N.C. where it has remained all of these years. (Photo courtesy of the Museum of the Cherokee People)



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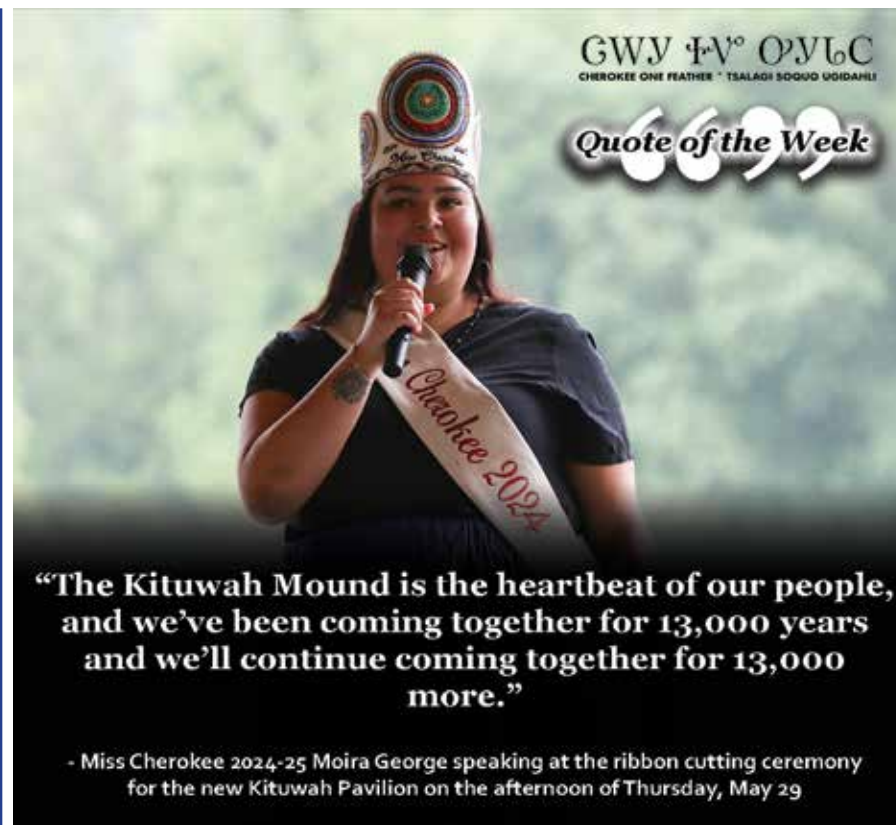


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Royalty from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the Cherokee Nation are shown at Kituwah during a send-off event for the 2025 Remember the Removal Ride on the evening of Friday, May 30. Shown, left to right, are EBCI Miss Cherokee Moira George, EBCI Teen Miss Cherokee Dvdaya Swimmer, EBCI Junior Miss Cherokee Misha Slee, EBCI Little Miss Cherokee Faith Panther, and Miss Cherokee (Nation) Ella Mounce. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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on recognizing the generations of Cherokee people who have come through the show.”

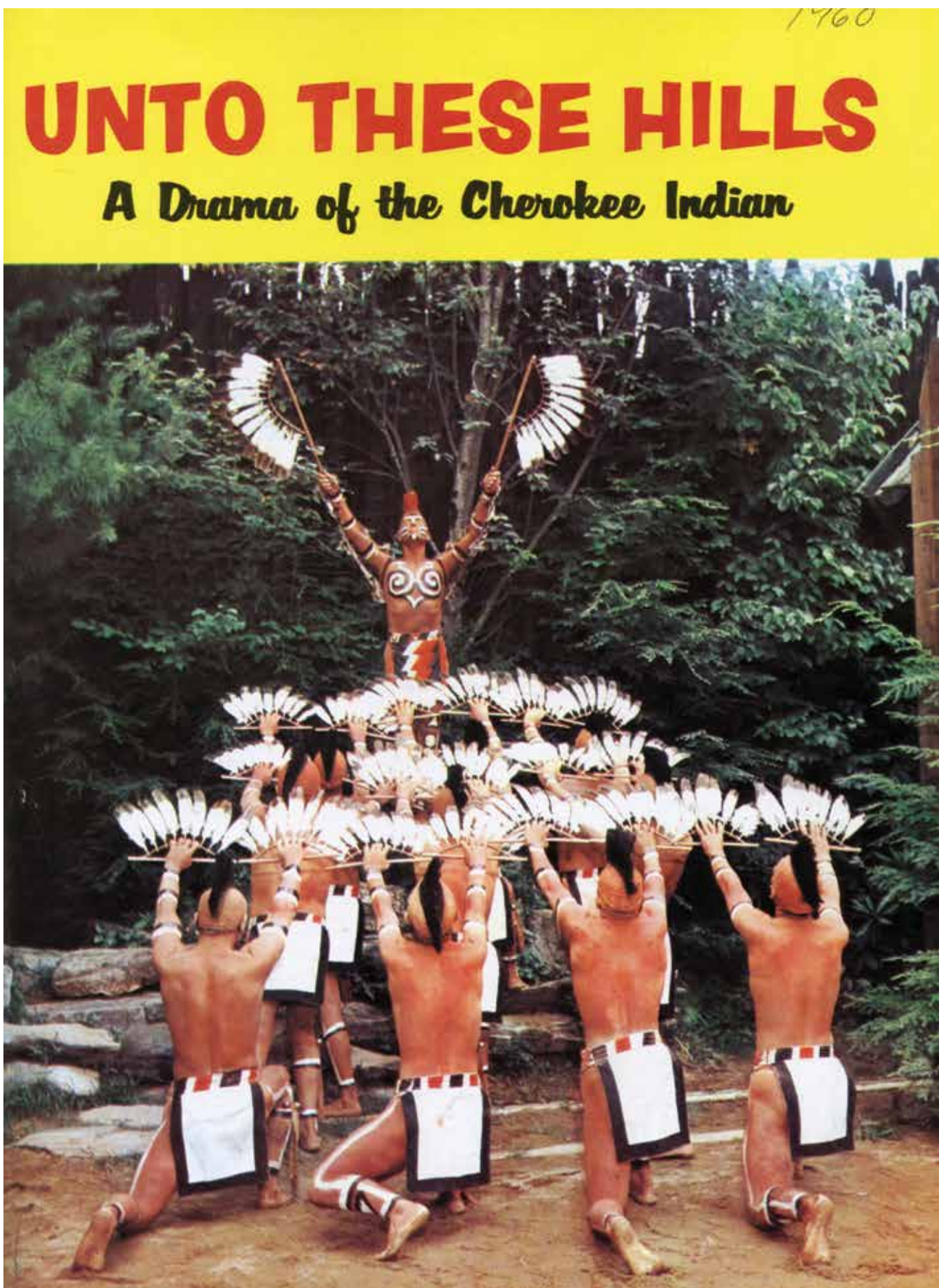
She said nostalgia plays a huge part in returning patrons. “I know this show has gone through a lot of changes over the years. The original Kermit Hunter script was three hours long. We wound up bringing that script back up onstage in 2017. With that script, though, 2017’s audience wouldn’t sit through a three hour show, so we had to make a lot of cuts. We kept all the iconic scenes that people remember and are nostalgic about. But, we also did a lot of changes with the Native roles, taking over their character instead of just portraying a Native onstage.”

This year’s show has a run time of around 1 hour 45 minutes with a 15-minute intermission. The show will open to the public on May 31 and run through Aug. 23. It is the third longest running outdoor drama in the country behind “The Ramona Pageant” in Hemet, Calif. and “The Lost Colony” in Manteo, N.C.

Blythe said a lot of work has been done recently on making the show more Cherokee-centric. “We want more traditional elements, more authentic Cherokee elements. We’ve included a lot more Cherokee language into the script so our Cherokee cast members do get to speak the language.”

This year’s show has 77 total cast members, ages 8 to 81, including 22 youth cast (all of which are EBCI tribal members). A total of 55 percent of the cast are members of either EBCI or another federally recognized tribe.

She added, “Today’s CHA staff is just very excited to be able to still continue to tell this story, but



The 1960 “Unto These Hills” program (Photo courtesy of Museum of the Cherokee People)

we also have the creative freedom to make it our story. We have so many different elements that we're bringing in and that have been brought in over the past few years, but we want to continue to make those changes and make it a little more community-friendly, authentically Cherokee."

Nakoa Chiltoskie, an EBCI tribal member, worked at "Unto These Hills" from the time she was 9-years-old until age 18 (1987-96). "I worked as a crowd scene actress. At the beginning of the pre-show, Mrs. Maybelle McDonald had a small dance group one year, and we would perform a couple traditional Cherokee social dances."

She enjoyed her time with the drama. "My favorite part about working with the show was developing such good friendships with the cast. It was so much fun sitting by your friends on the bridge area backstage waiting for your cue to go out for your scene. Many laughs were shared."

When asked her thoughts on the show turning 75, Chiltoskie said, "Wow! I have watched the show go through many iterations. Even though some of the scenes have changed it still does a great job at depicting our Cherokee history. I look forward to watching it every summer with my friends a family."

Blythe said the outdoor drama is an excellent way to educate the public about the EBCI. "We get comments of 'we didn't even know there were Native tribes, especially in the Southeast area' so this kind of tells the story of our Cherokee people from first contact all the way through the resiliency and the strength that it took to make it through the Trail of Tears and how we've become the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians today. So, I really enjoy the piece where they learn



"Good Morning America" broadcast from "Unto These Hills" for the 50th anniversary. (CHA photo)

that we are here, we created our story, we are survivors, and the big word is just resiliency."

She thanks everyone in the community who has played a part over the years in the success of "Unto These Hills". "You can't run a production like this without community investment of some sort - community buy-in, community cast members, community tech and production team - all of it. I'd like to extend a big thank you to them because without them being here throughout all of those years, CHA wouldn't still have this as a staple in the cultural district."

Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://cherokeehistorical.org/attractions/unto-these-hills/>. Prices are as follows: Adult General Admission - \$35, Child (ages 6-11) General Admission - \$25, Infant (ages 5+under) - Free, Adult Reserved Seating - \$45, Child Reserved Seating - \$35, and VIP (includes reserved seating, early admission, and souvenir goodie bag) - \$60. Senior and group rates are available. Enrolled members

of the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Nation, and United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians) receive two free tickets per enrollment number

with additional tickets available to be purchased for \$7/each. For the 75th anniversary show on July 1, tickets will be \$19.50 in homage to the year the show started.



The eternal flame is a staple at the Mountainside Theatre as shown in this photo from Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The sign at the facility states, "The Eternal Flame here at the Mountainside Theatre was kindled from the century-old Oklahoma fire on June 23, 1951." (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

EBCI Code Talkers highlighted at Memorial Day observance

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The heroic contributions of code talkers from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians during World War I were highlighted during the Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 26 in Cherokee, N.C. The event was hosted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

Opening the event, Warren Dupree, Post 143 commander, said, “This day that we commemorate annually every year is a day of honor and remembrance to all those men and women who gave the last full measure.

This is in remembrance for all of those men and women who gave that last full measure, that were killed in action, and for those that are still missing in action. This is to remember them, that we never forget their presence. They may not be with us in body, but they are in spirit.”

He went on to talk about the EBCI Code Talkers’ service during World War I. “Following passage of the Selective Service Act of 1917, 117 young men from the Qualla Boundary submitted themselves and duly registered for the selective service. Of this number, 79 young men, and there was one female, Lula Owl Gloyne, entered active duty in the fall of 1917. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians young recruits all reported to Camp Jackson in Columbia, S.C.”

According to information from the National Museum of the U.S.



Warren Dupree, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 commander, gives a presentation entitled “Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Code Talkers in World War I” during a Memorial Day observance held at Post headquarters in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Monday, May 26. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

Army (NMUSA), “In late September 1918, the 30th Infantry Division realized a dangerous flaw in U.S. Army signal communications: the messages were not secret. The Germans quickly intercepted and translated messages sent in plain English. The enemy used the messages to discover Allied force’s locations and gain an advantage on the battlefield. Upon this discovery, a group of Eastern Band Cherokee used their Native language to communicate for the 105th Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Infantry Division. The Cherokee Soldiers successfully delivered

messages between Allied troops without interception by the enemy. The Cherokee Code Talkers continued their work until the end of the war.”

Commander Dupree said on Monday that finding exact names has been difficult. “Attempting to determine how many Cherokees served in the 30th Infantry Division, their identities, and which individuals were used for Native communication, for their service, is extremely difficult...we have a roster of those 117 who were duly registered in the selective service. I have a few of those who served

overseas, but we do not know who they all were. Identifying soldiers who have served as code talkers is difficult. Military records do not provide the exact number of Cherokee who were used as communicators, their names, or exactly how many locations they were used at.”

The NMUSA information states the importance of the EBCI contribution to the history of code talking. “The Eastern Band Cherokees’ work during the Second Battle of the Somme marks them as the earliest documented use of Native Code Talkers by the U.S. Army. However, anecdotal

evidence suggests the Ho-Chunk were the first to use their Native language in code in early 1918.”

The Navajo Nation was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal honoring its Code Talkers with the passage of Public Law 106-554 in 2001. Seven years later, the Code Talkers Recognition Act of 2008 was passed honoring the Code Talkers of 31 other federally recognized tribes with a Congressional Gold Medal.

Those tribes include: Cherokee Nation, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Choctaw Nation, Comanche Nation, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Crow Nation, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe, Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, Ho-Chunk Nation, Hopi Tribe, Kiowa Tribe, Menominee Nation, Meskwaki Nation, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Oneida Nation, Osage Nation, Pawnee Nation, Ponca Tribe, Pueblo of Acoma Tribe, Pueblo of Laguna Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Santee Sioux Nation, Seminole Nation, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Tlingit Tribe, Tonto Apache Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe.

Commander Dupree said Post 143 will seek Congressional recognition for the Code Talkers of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. “They blazed the trail. They set the bar. And we will pursue national recognition for their service.”

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell, a U.S. Army veteran, said Monday, “Whether or not people realize it today, what they (code talkers) did, impacts where we are now. Those people whose lives that our people saved by keeping secret what was combat plans, they wouldn’t be here. Some people would not be here were it not for what we did, or what our people did.”

He then read the patriotic piece entitled “In Flanders Field”.

Following the reading, Rep. Shell, Commander Dupree, and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle, a U.S. Navy veteran, placed a Wreath of Remembrance.

Then, Lew Harding, an EBCI tribal elder and former Post 143 commander, performed the Ringing of the Bell of Honor and Remembrance ceremony honoring all of the members of the EBCI who were killed in action in wars during the 20th century.

The list includes:

World War I: Steve Youngdeer (U.S. Army), Joe Kalonaheskie (U.S. Army)

World War II: Boyd Catt (U.S. Army), Jacob Cornsilk (U.S. Army), Adam West Driver (U.S. Marine Corps), James R. Lambert (U.S. Army), Samuel William Otter (U.S. Navy), Blaine Queen (U.S. Army), Mark Rattler (U.S. Marine Corps), Isaac Ross (U.S. Army), Joshua Shell (U.S. Army), Sheridan Smith (U.S. Marine Corps), Vernon George Sneed (U.S. Army),



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William Taylor (U.S. Navy), Enos Thompson (U.S. Army), Jeremiah Toineeta (U.S. Army), Robert Austin Wahneeta (U.S. Marine Corps), Clarence Albert Murphy (U.S. Army)

Korea: Charles Arch (U.S. Marine Corps), Charles George (U.S. Army, Medal of Honor recipient) **Vietnam:** John Burgess (U.S. Army), John Edward Oocumma (U.S. Army)

Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 is seeking contact information for active EBCI service men/women to provide aid and support.

Info: Gerard Ball (919) 805-2572





Joyce Dugan, former Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), cuts the ribbon to officially open the new pavilion at Kituwah – the Mother Town of the Cherokee - on the rainy afternoon of Thursday, May 29. During the event, Ugvwiyuhi Dugan spoke about how Kituwah came back to the EBCI almost 30 years ago. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Coming together for 13,000 years

New pavilion opens officially at Kituwah

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

KITUWAH – An American bald eagle was perched in a nearby tree checking out the festivities as members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) gathered at Kituwah, the Mother Town of the Cherokee, to open the new pavilion on site. The event was held on the rainy afternoon of Thursday, May 29.

Joyce Dugan, former EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief), cut the ribbon to open the pavilion. She told the crowd how Kituwah came back to the EBCI in the 90s. “Every time we’d go by there (the mound), I remember my mom saying, ‘look, there’s the mound’. At the time I had no clue what that meant and don’t know if

she knew, but she knew it was important. She may not have known the history, but she knew it was important. She was from that generation that didn’t get taught about our culture and about our history and our traditions - neither was I. I was not in the boarding school at Cherokee, but it was during a time for a number of years that the Bureau of Indian Education didn’t allow for the teaching of tribal knowledge and tribal culture.”

When the EBCI was approached to purchase the Kituwah site, Ugvwiyuhi Dugan, who was in office at the time, said she felt compelled to see it through. “I felt in my heart that this was something that we needed to do. I went back and talked to some of the Council members - Jack Gloyne, Billy Brown - and I remember being fearful that, as much as we needed it, I was afraid that Council wouldn’t approve it because of the cost...This was at a time when we had just begun to realize profits from the gaming operation. We needed roads,

and we needed houses, and we needed all kinds of things, and I thought, ‘how are they going to approve the purchase of land this big and this amount of money?’...but there was something that led them to approve the resolution to purchase this property.”

She said that getting Kituwah back spurred a cultural renaissance for the EBCI. “It was then that we began to learn about it. We didn’t know about it. We didn’t know the history. We didn’t know how important it was. We started hearing from our brothers and sisters in Oklahoma, who had heard stories about it, that it was known as the Mother Town of the Cherokees, from whence we all came. Then, we began to learn and study.”

Ugwyiyuhi Dugan added, “But, I think the most important thing that came of this was people all of a sudden began to recognize our history and realize that we needed to do more to promote our history and to learn...I think it was meant for this to come back to us. We had lost



Pre-K students at New Kituwah Academy dance during Thursday's event. This wide angle photograph shows the pavilion structure.

it for over a hundred years. Next year will be 30 years that we've got it back, and we will continue to keep it from now on, into eternity."

Ugviyuhi Michell Hicks commented, "As we think about this project and where we ended up, it took a lot of input from the community, the vision of previous administrations, and, of course, really trying to figure out what we wanted to go back. And, I think we've done a pretty good job of listening. The input that we had was to keep this simple. We want to keep it so folks can use it for multiple events. There may be times in the colder months where we maybe put some temporary walls up to make sure we can use it 24/7 because it's important that we do."

He also spoke about the history of the EBCI getting Kituwah back. "Going back to when this land was originally being contemplated, I was a young finance officer. Chief Dugan had recruited me

back, I was working for a company in New York City, and it wasn't far into her term that we started looking at this opportunity...I didn't know a lot about it. In our generation, we just weren't told a whole lot about the importance of this land. So, the direction was 'I need you to find some resources'. And, at that time, it was a significant amount of resources that we were asked to put together...we found a way without much resources. The key was that we knew how important and what this meant to the future of our tribe, in addition to the historical aspect. So, I'm just glad to be a small part of that history of getting this back into the name of the Eastern Band of Cherokee. It's very important."

Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley, who was a Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) representative when legislation was passed to purchase Kituwah, commented, "This is a very special day...I was on that Council back in 1996."

He went on to say, "Chief Dugan came in and told us the importance of this property...those were some good days, but some hard days, for the Tribal Council. We knew the Tribe was growing at a rapid pace with the gaming coming on and a lot of opportunities. We've done a lot of good projects over the years that I've been involved in...this is probably one of the best projects that we've done."

Taline Ugviyu Ensley spoke of the importance of the site. "This is a place that we all own and need to come down here and enjoy...we all need to learn to come down here and relax and enjoy our hometown."

Dinilawigi Vice Chairman David Wolfe said, "Thank you to the former leadership who had the foresight to do this and make this a special place...to bring it back into our hands and our ownership."

New Kituwah Academy Pre-K students performed several dances

during Thursday's event, and all four EBCI Royalty attended including: Miss Cherokee Moira George, Teen Miss Cherokee Dvdaya Swimmer, Junior Miss Cherokee Misha Slee, and Little Miss Cherokee Faith Panther.

George commented, "The Kituwah Mound is the heartbeat of our people, and we've been coming together for 13,000 years and we'll continue coming together for 13,000 more."

The event concluded with the Cherokee Friendship Dance led by Bo Taylor, an EBCI tribal member, who noted prior to beginning the dance, "It is important that we come together. It is important that today we are not Wolftown, Big Cove - we are Kituwah. We have come here to celebrate a lot of hard work by a lot of people who a lot of them don't get noticed or recognized. Today, we want to remember that we are one people."



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 photos)

Honoring their ancestors

Remember the Removal Riders begin their journey

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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KITUWAH – The 2025 Remember the Removal (RTR) riders received a send-off from Kituwah, the Mother Town of the Cherokee, on the evening of Friday, May 30. Riders will embark on the journey from New Echota, Ga., former capital of the Cherokee Nation, on Monday, June 2 and will arrive in Tahlequah, Okla. on Saturday, June 21.

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

"The riders chose to do this ride because they feel something within themselves," said Nelson Lambert, EBCI RTR coordinator and a 2023 RTR alumni. "They're connected to something deeper, and they want to honor their ancestors by doing this."

He added, "The family of these riders are making a sacrifice as well. This journey is over two weeks long and they're missing time out with their loved ones. A lot of the EBCI riders are mothers and fathers and we even have

some grandfathers on our team. So, it's a sacrifice for them, too."

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

They are joining 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 Kliest, Lexi Melton, and Mackenzie Teehee.

Jake Stephens, EBCI RTR coordinator and a 2015 RTR alumni, commented, "Bringing us together to unite the Western side and our Eastern side brothers and sisters helps us carry



The 2025 Remember the Removal Riders (RTR), representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation (Okla.), are shown, along with RTR Alumni, at Kituwah just prior to the start of a send-off event on the evening of Friday, May 30.

on this bond and the traditions of our family, our ancestors, and the Kituwah way - treating each other correctly, treating each other right, and being respectful to one another.

Kituwah has come back to us, not just as a piece of land, but as a place in our hearts for us to grow, to do the right things in the world. There are so many things going on crazy in the world. It's wonderful for us to get back together, be part of our roots, and get back to that Kituwah way of being right with one another and being right with ourselves in our own ways."

EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, said, "As you think about this place and the importance of it, it really just grabs your heart in regards to our Cherokee history... it makes me proud for us to come together and truly be unified and have common goals around health and common goals around education and success and entrepreneurship. These are the things that have really given us the resources to do what we do with our language and our health system and all these things that maintain us as a sovereign nation."

Shawna Baker, a 2024 RTR alumni and former Chief Justice of the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court, gave the riders three words to remember – seventeen, strawberry, and statesmanship.

"Seventeen is a significant number for you. You are the seventeenth group of cyclists to follow in your ancestors' sacred footsteps. We had seventeen detachments walk the Trail." Baker went on to say, "The strawberry in Cherokee culture, as we all know, represents for us a story - a story about love, a story about forgiveness, a story about reconciliation."

On statesmanship, she noted, "As you put on your jersey each and every morning, as you meet with people throughout towns and communities along the way, you're going to shake hands, you're going to lock eyes, and you are going to be statesmen, stateswomen, statespersons for your community, for the Cherokee Nation. You are the leaders of our community. You are leaders today and you're going to be leaders tomorrow."

Angelina Jumper, an EBCI tribal member and 2024 RTR alumni, commented, "Before we ever put tires on the trail, we spent five months training right here in our homelands. Day after day, riding through the same lands where our ancestors once lived freely - land filled with their songs, their footsteps, and their memories. I felt something shift in me. That time wasn't just a preparation for a physical journey ahead. But, it became a spiritual awakening. The land spoke and I listened, and it reminded me of who I am and where I come from.

Riding from town to town made me realize that this ride isn't about how far we go, but it's about how deeply that we remember. In remembering I found pride, not just in our survival, but in our resistance. I was proud to say that I come from ancestors who refused to go quietly, who fought removal in every breath they had in courts, in councils, and on the ground."

She went on to say, "To this years' riders, you are continuing the legacy of our strong ancestors. Every mile you ride you reclaim what was stolen. You restore stories that our history tried to erase. You carry the spirit of those that walked that trail and the strength of those who stood their ground. There will be hard days ahead and the trail will test you in every way possible - emotionally, spiritually, and physically - but I promise this journey will give you more than it takes. It will teach you a deeper meaning in who you are."

Noah Hicks, an EBCI tribal member and 2024 RTR alumni, said, "Every person here - your family, your friends, but most importantly your ancestors - are proud of you and they're going to be with you every step of the way.

It's going to get emotional. It's going to be hard physically. Be each other's strength. Lean on each other. Be there for each other because at the end of the day you're all one team."

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians 2025 candidates

Note: The following list of candidates was provided to the One Feather by the EBCI Board of Elections.

Painttown Candidates:

Bill Taylor
Sean “Michael” Stamper
Jeff Thompson
Shannon Swimmer

Yellowhill Candidates:

David Wolfe
Tom Wahneta
Chris Reed
Shennelle Feather
T.W. (Price) Saunooke

Birdtown Candidates:

Boyd Owle
Jim Owle
Travis K Smith
Joi Owle

Birdtown School Board Candidates:

Melanie Lambert
Gloria “Punkin” Griffin

Cherokee Co/Snowbird Candidates:

Janell Rattler
Adam Wachacha
Buck Brown
Erik Oswalt
Michael Smoker

Big Cove Candidates:

Richard French
Karen Holiday
Simon Montelongo
Perry Shell
Venita K. Wolfe
Lavita “Muffin” Hill

Mary Welch Thompson

Big Cove School Board:

No Candidates filed for this seat.

Wolftown/Big Y Candidates:

Bo Crowe
Joey Owle
Mike Parker
Glenn Bradley

Wolftown School Board:

Berdie Toineeta
Timmy Ray Smith

EBCI Attorney General releases statement regarding Kloepfer & Mahler v. Cherokee County Sheriff’s Department, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, et al. potential settlement

By BROOKLYN BROWN

One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—On May 21, 2025, the Cherokee County government released a statement that *Kloepfer & Mahler v. Cherokee County Sheriff’s Department, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, et al.* filed in Federal District Court in Case No. 1:23-CV-158, and the companion case filed in Cherokee Tribal Court in Case No. CV23-619 had been settled. Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Attorney General Mike McConnell provided a statement on the morning of May 29 that a settlement is likely but not complete.

The case pertains to the night of Dec. 12, 2022, when the Cherokee Co. Sheriff’s Department and the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) responded to a noise disturbance call from a neighbor of Jason Kloepfer and

Alison Mahler. The incident lasted into the morning of Dec. 13, 2022, when CIPD SWAT employed a throwable tactical robot that provided live stream video footage, which was thrown into the home of Kloepfer and Mahler. Kloepfer was shot at repeatedly by three CIPD SWAT officers, getting hit twice. Read the full civil suit here.

The full statement of the Attorney General reads as follows: “The County government of Cherokee County, North Carolina, and the Cherokee Scout newspaper, have recently reported that the case of *Kloepfer & Mahler v. Cherokee County Sheriff’s Department, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, et al.* filed in Federal District Court in Case No. 1:23-CV-158, and the companion case filed in Cherokee Tribal Court in Case No. CV23-619, have been settled. This is not entirely accurate. Settlement is likely but has not been completed. As reported, the likely settlement

amount is \$10 million dollars, split evenly between the insurers for the defendants. The settlement will result in the dismissal of both lawsuits and all claims against all parties. A decision by the Tribe’s insurers to settle the claims against the Tribe and its law enforcement officers reflects the careful consideration of many factors. It is not an admission of liability, fault, or wrongdoing. The Tribe supports our officers who daily risk life and limb in the performance of their duties. The Tribe is not being asked to contribute any of its own funds to the settlement, and Tribal leaders have been steadfast in their opposition to such a request. Since the settlement will not involve the expenditure of funds from the Tribe’s treasury, the Tribe is not required to independently approve the settlement.”

The full statement of the Cherokee County Government reads as

follows:

“On Tuesday, May 20, 2025 the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners was informed by litigation counsel Sean Perrin that the *Kloepfer & Mahler v. Sheriff Dustin Smith, et al.* case has been settled for the amount of \$10 million. \$5 million of the total comes from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. \$5 million of the total comes from the County insurance carrier. Cherokee County paid the \$5000 insurance deductible shortly after the case was filed. Since the settlement did not involve the expenditure of County funds, the Board of Commissioners was not required to approve the settlement. The settlement will be reported to the United States District Court within 30 to 45 days.”

The One Feather will continue to provide updates.



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**CIPD Arrest Report for
May 19-25, 2025**

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

Anthony Jr., Troy Douglas – age 24

Arrested: May 19

Released: May 19

Charges: Hold Until Sober

Esquivel, Bryton Nichole – age 26

Arrested: May 19

Released: May 22

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree (three counts)

Ensley, Trinia Lynn – age 53

Arrested: May 20

Released: May 22

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Probation Violation

Toineeta, Samuel Abraham – age

46

Arrested: May 20

Released: May 20

Charges: Temporary Hold for Extradition to Georgia

Watty, Lindsey Calhoun – age 41

Arrested: May 20

Released: May 21

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts)

Little, Shalina Lynn – age 23

Arrested: May 21

Released: May 21

Charges: Temporary Hold for Haywood County

Owle, Aaron Levi – age 29

Arrested: May 21

Released: Not released as of report date (May 26)

Charges: Escape from Imprisonment and Custody, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Assault by Strangulation, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault on a Female

Ramirez, Hugo Gardo – age 40

Arrested: May 21

Released: Not released as of report date (May 26)

Charges: Escape from Imprisonment and Custody

Standingdeer, Shena Dale – age 43

Arrested: May 21

Released: Not released as of report date (May 26)

Charges: Escape from Imprisonment

Armachain Jr., Phillip Sampson – age 35

Arrested: May 22

Released: Not released as of report date (May 26)

Charges: Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order, Probation Violation

Martin Jr., George David – age 43

Arrested: May 22

Released: May 22

Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Altman, Kelsey Simone – age 34

Arrested: May 23

Released: May 23

Charges: Injuring Real Property

Littlejohn, Stephanie Marie – age 27

Arrested: May 23

Released: Not released as of report date (May 26)

Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Disorderly Conduct; Resisting, Delaying, or

Obstructing Officers; Injuring Telephone Wires or other Communications Equipment, Interfering with Emergency Communication

Briggs, London Sierra – age 47

Arrested: May 24

Released: May 24

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Oglesbee, Hannah Leeane – age 39

Arrested: May 24

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Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Wade, Jason Lee – age 33

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Released: May 24

Charges: Simple Assault

Lambert, Trevan Holden – age 19

Arrested: May 25

Released: Not released as of report date (May 26)

Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Wollen, Wesley Wayne – age 41

Arrested: May 25

Released: May 25

Charges: Hold Until Sober

Ask the One Feather

Finances for casino in Indiana

A reader asked:

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

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



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

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

Center for Native Health welcomes Brett Treadway as director of RTCAR

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Center for Native Health (CNH) has welcomed Brett Treadway as the new director of the Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources (RTCAR) program. Supported and funded through a grant by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, this position helps to carry out the RTCAR mission of protecting and promoting Cherokee traditional art, resources, and land care for present and future generations.

Treadway is a member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians and grew up just off the Qualla Boundary in Bryson City, N.C. He received his bachelor's degree in sustainability studies from the University of Florida, along with a minor in American Indian and Indigenous Studies and organic and sustainable crop



Brett Treadway
(Photo courtesy of Center for Native Health)

production. He brings extensive experience in Indigenous land stewardship, having managed projects focused on Tribal co-stewardship and co-management with public land agencies. Through his work with Native communities nationwide, he developed strong

relationships throughout Indian Country and is now bringing that knowledge home to serve the EBCI community.

"As the first EBCI RTCAR Director, I'm super excited to serve my community in a more direct role," said Treadway. "I look forward to connecting with our local artisans and ensuring the RTCAR program remains a lasting resource for generations to come."

A former CNH Executive Board member, Treadway brings both organizational insight and cultural commitment to the RTCAR program as he steps into this new leadership role.

"We are thrilled that Brett will be joining our team at CNH," said Trey Adcock, PhD, executive director of the Center for Native Health. "In a short amount of time, he has gained tremendous experience and

knowledge working across Indian Country for the First Nations Development Institute. He is excited to come home to serve his community, and I am confident he will do great things on behalf of Cherokee artists and the broader EBCI community."

Looking ahead, Treadway hopes to grow RTCAR's grantee network and bring in new partners to support and diversify the program. He plans to expand focus areas to include important EBCI art and craft resources like butternut, clay, and hickory, while working closely with artisans and cultural knowledge holders to align the program with community needs.

For more information about RTCAR, visit: <https://www.center-for-nativehealth.org/art-language-healing>
- Center for Native Health release



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The Jackson County Library in Sylva, N.C., opened their Cherokee Culture Series on the evening of Thursday, May 29, with a panel talk with Dr. Tom Belt, Cherokee Nation Citizen; Chi Shipman, Qualla Boundary Library manager; and Lily Huskey, Registrar of the Museum of the Cherokee People. They discussed sense of place as a Cherokee and the importance of the Cherokee language. (Dawn Arneach/ One Feather photo)

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CIHA names 2025 Hayes Award and Employee of the Year recipients

Submitted by
Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) has announced the recipients of its highest employee honors for 2025: Jason Sain, winner of the Hayes Award for Quality and Safety, and Rhiannon Spicer, named Employee of the Year.

Each year, CIHA takes time to honor individuals who go above and beyond in their roles—making a meaningful impact on their colleagues, patients, and the organization as a whole. These awards are a reflection of CIHA’s commitment to excellence, innovation, and community care.

Jason Sain – 2025 Hayes Award for Quality and Safety

As CIHA’s Employee Relations Manager, Jason Sain has made lasting contributions to quality and safety through data-driven leadership and a deep understanding of workforce development. From implementing a new employee engagement survey rooted in the Baldrige framework to producing critical workforce analytics that guide staffing and retention decisions, Jason’s work has led to tangible improvements throughout the hospital system.

Jason was nominated by his coworkers for his leadership in workforce development and his role in transitioning CIHA to a more meaningful employee engagement model using the Baldrige framework. His contributions to data-informed staffing, retention strategies, and organizational safety continue to elevate



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the work environment and improve outcomes for both staff and patients.

The Hayes Award, named in honor of retired RN and former Director of Quality at CIHA Colleen Hayes, this annual award began in 2010 to recognize a CIHA employee who has led or facilitated a system or process change, resulting in risk mitigation, improved safety or quality improvement. Nominations are submitted by fellow employees and scored by a review panel using a rigorous process based on CIHA’s values of integrity, responsiveness, teamwork, and innovation. The recipient receives a memorial clock,

reserved parking space, monetary award, and recognition for their role in elevating healthcare outcomes.

Rhiannon Spicer –

2025 Employee of the Year

Known to most as Rhi, Rhiannon Spicer serves as Nurse Manager of the Analenisgi Inpatient Unit. Her leadership is built on accountability, compassion, and community, qualities that make her not just a manager, but a mentor and motivator to her team.

Rhi leads with integrity, consistently modeling ethical decision-making and ownership of both patient care and team development. When challenges

arise, she addresses them directly and with transparency. In times of staffing shortages, she responds with clarity and calm, reorganizing resources, stepping in where needed, and ensuring continuous, compassionate care.

Her leadership has led to improved clinical workflows, increased patient satisfaction, and a stronger culture of collaboration across departments. Rhi’s commitment to innovation is equally notable, creating tailored learning sessions for staff, advocating for trauma-informed care, and investing in the professional growth of her team.

As Employee of the Year, Rhi will receive a memorial clock, reserved parking space, monetary award, 52 meal cards for the CIHA cafeteria, and \$1,000 in continuing education funds. Her name will also be added to a permanent display honoring past recipients.

Both Jason and Rhiannon will be recognized at the 14th Annual Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Gala on June 21. Additionally, they and their families will be treated to a private dinner with the CIHA Governing Board in recognition of their achievements.

“Jason and Rhiannon represent the very best of Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority,” said CEO Casey Cooper. “Their leadership, service, and heart set a powerful example for all of us. We are proud to honor them and deeply grateful for their continued dedication to our mission.”

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Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

Dear Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board Members,

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude for the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund. I would like to thank the board for continuing to support me during my academic career. I am happy to share that I had a wonderful first semester in grad school. I was able to meet new people and build my support system.

During my first semester, I was able to share my own personal experiences and my experience as a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee. While sharing my knowledge with others, I also gained knowledge from others that will be beneficial to me in the future. I would also like to share with the board that while I am working toward my degree, I am employed with the Family Safety Program in Cherokee. I have had the opportunity

to work closely with our Cherokee families, community, and the Family Safety Program has been very supportive of the pursuit of my degree. I am thankful to them for their support and guidance.

I want to once again thank the board for their continued support. I am thankful to have you all in my support system.

Sgi,
Tierney Bradley

Thank you

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


There are too many family members to name individually and I don't want to leave anyone out. A special thanks to our siblings, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends, some traveling long distances to join us. Thanks to each and every

singer and speaker. Thanks to Rev. Merritt Youngdeer and Rev. Dan Conseen for their comforting words, the Executive Offices staff, facility management, Tsali care center, Cherokee

Indian Hospital, Cherokee Indian Police, EMS, Mission ICU staff.

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

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EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parking reductions and drive-thru closures planned during construction

Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) has announced the launch of a pharmacy expansion project designed to enhance patient safety and provide more advanced care options. The expansion, which responds to updated guidelines from the U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP), will bring critical improvements to our pharmacy's facility design, ventilation systems, and quality control processes.

The project will add approximately 2,000 square feet to our existing pharmacy space, enabling us to meet new federal standards while laying the groundwork to offer specialized treatments, such as certain cancer therapies, in the future.

This project has been in the planning phase for several years and is part of CIHA's long-term commitment to increase access to locally available specialty services such as infusion therapies and cancer treatments.

Construction will begin Thursday, June 5, 2025 with anticipated completion by April 15, 2026.

Important Changes for Patients and Visitors:

- Parking Impact: Beginning June 3, fences will be set up around the construction zone, and parking in the back lot will be reduced.
- Pharmacy Drive-Thru Closures: In October, the pharmacy drive-thru will be temporarily closed two days a week for an 8-week period to allow for critical construction work. These closures will be limited to Mondays and Tuesdays to minimize disruption to our patients. This will not begin until late October.

"At CIHA, we are guided by the principle *h̃əGVP* (Ni hi tsa tse li), meaning 'It belongs to you,' which is

why we have worked closely with the construction team to minimize the impact on patients as much as possible," said Casey Cooper, CIHA chief executive officer. "We appreciate the community's support and understanding as we invest in essential upgrades to better serve our patients and ensure a safer, more advanced pharmacy environment."

For updates on the project, please visit our website at www.cherokeehospital.org or follow us on social media.

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EBCI Dept. of Solid Waste Transfer Station Disposal Rates increasing

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

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

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

- Passenger vehicle tires - \$3.50 per tire
- Commercial Truck tires - \$5 per tire
- Commercial Equipment tires - \$25 per tire

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

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

considered a business and must pay the disposal fee.

Tire disposal fees do not apply to the following:

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

- EBCI Dept. of Solid Waste
release

Share your family's story

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

Applications being taken for "Unto These Hills"

Educational Scholarship

Applications are now being taken for the "Unto These Hills" Educational Scholarship. The deadline is Aug. 1. Requirements: must be a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, GPA must be 2.0 or higher, and must be a 4-year undergraduate student taking at least 12 credit hours or a graduate students taking at least 6 credit hours. Link to Apply: <https://forms.gle/97Ub3voDS1jgVJgdA>

- "Unto These Hills" Educational
Scholarship

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

Smokies Life selects Jim and Leslie Costa as 2025 Steve Kemp Writers in Residence

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - Smokies Life has announced Jim and Leslie Costa as the recipients of its 2025 Steve Kemp Writer's Residency. During their residency, the North Carolina-based couple plans to continue work already underway to

write and illustrate a forthcoming field guide to the Smokies insects to be published by Smokies Life.

Dr. Jim Costa is a professor of biology at Western Carolina University and the executive director of Highlands Biological Station in Highlands, North Carolina, where he developed a three-week, biannual, biogeography field course that compares the temperate Great Smoky Mountains region to the tropical rainforests of Ecuador. Jim's many topics of academic study include insect behavior and ecology, environmental history and philosophy, conservation biology and the history of evolutionary thought. He has authored numerous research papers, reviews and magazine articles, as well as nine books — including, most recently, "Radical by Nature: The Revolutionary Life of Alfred Russel Wallace" (Princeton University Press, 2023) and, co-authored with Bobbi Angell, "Darwin and the Art of Botany: Observations on the Curious World of Plants" (Timber Press, 2023).

"My partner Leslie and I have the honor of working with Smokies Life on an exciting writing project celebrating the diversity and natural history of insects and their kin in Great Smoky Mountains National Park," Jim explained. "The project, of which I am author and Leslie is illustrator, can perhaps be best described as a kind of literary field guide in which we aim to invite park visitors to pause and look more closely at the 'the little things that run the world,' as the late Edward O. Wilson described our ubiquitous six- and eight-legged friends. In so doing, our hope is that curious park visitors will gain an appreciation for this largely overlooked but vitally important component of the Smokies fauna."

Leslie Costa's career has ranged from museum curation — starting

in the Entomology Department at Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology — to exhibit and book design, and from scientific illustration to leadings children's nature camps. She holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Georgia Southern University, and graduate degrees in entomology and landscape architecture from the University of Georgia in Athens. Leslie is a frequent collaborator on Jim's books, illustrating "The Other Insect Societies" (Harvard, 2006) and "Darwin's Backyard: How Small Experiments Led to a Big Theory" (Norton, 2017).

To better observe insect activity and the various life cycle stages of different species throughout the seasons, the Costas will split their residency into three two-week parts rather than spending six consecutive weeks in the park.

"We felt this was the ideal way to experience the park through the 'high season' of insect activity, each period substantial enough to visit several areas of interest and devote time to the project," said Leslie. "Since the spring, summer and early fall are the busiest times of year at Highlands Biological Station, we have not spent nearly as much time in the Smokies at those times of year. The residency will help remedy that!"

Jim added that "there is no substitute for full immersion — spending time in particular habitats or community types in different areas of the park for observation, photography, contemplation. Also, the residency affords a wonderful opportunity to consult the park's extensive entomology collection and confer with park biologists and others on questions that may arise."

The annual residency, funded by Smokies Life, is designed to help writers of any medium connect in meaningful ways with Great Smoky Mountains National Park, providing space for each individual to focus on

his or her craft in a retreat-like setting and potentially inspiring some of their best work. The Costas will work with program namesake Steve Kemp and Smokies Life Creative Director Frances Figart, who oversees the program, as well as other park professionals and partners.

"I have the late George Ellison to thank for introducing me to the world-class writing and illustration of the Costas back in 2018," Figart said. "We are lucky to have such a dynamic duo working in the Smokies' community, and I'm thrilled their joint application rose to the top for our nine judges this year."

In the fall, the Costas will engage with park visitors through their own Branch Out insect program, "Bees, Bugs, Butterflies & Birds: Connecting Insect Diversity and Native Plants," held on two consecutive Saturdays, Sept. 20 and 27.

"Besides the uninterrupted blocks of time for observing, writing and drawing at different points in the season, we are excited about working with the park's education staff on our Branch Out programs," Leslie said. "They will be fun — a way to encourage folks to look a bit more closely at the natural world around them and hopefully come to appreciate that there's more there than seemingly meets the eye!"

The application period for the 2026 Kemp Residency will open in August 2025. For more information on Smokies Life and the Steve Kemp Writer's Residency, contact Frances@SmokiesLife.org or visit SmokiesLife.org/the-steve-kemp-writers-residency.

For more information about Smokies Life and to join, visit SmokiesLife.org.

- Smokies Life release

Discover the Smokies with new summer and fall public programs

GATLINBURG, Tenn.— Join this summer and fall for a series of exciting, family-friendly programs in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, starting June 7. Visitors are invited to take a hike with a ranger, learn about mountain life, meet some of the creatures that call the Smokies' home, trek into the dark and much more.

The full schedule of programs, with details about locations, topics and how to arrive prepared can be found on the park's (<https://www.nps.gov/grms/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>) and will be published in the summer edition of the Smokies Guide newspaper.

Additionally, one day each month, American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters and students from the University of Tennessee and Maryville College will collaborate with park staff to present programs. Funding for these programs was provided by the National Park Foundation.

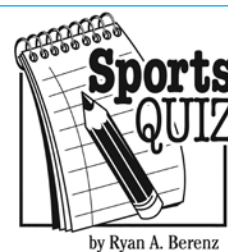
ASL-interpreted programs will include:

- Saturday, June 28: Portraits from the Past (9 a.m. at John Oliver parking area in Cades Cove); Drop-In History (10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Cable Mill Historic Area).
- Sunday, July 20: Kuwohi Guided Hike (9 a.m. at Kuwohi parking area); Mingus Mill program (2 p.m. at Mingus Mill).
- Sunday, Aug. 17: Walker Sisters Hike (11 a.m. at Little Greenbrier School); Stream Splashers (2 p.m. at Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area).
- Friday, Sept. 12: Bear Aware Drop In (1-3 p.m. at Cades Cove Orientation Shelter); Cove After Dark Walk (8 p.m. at the Cades Cove Orientation Shelter).
- Tuesday, Oct. 7: History of Daisytown (11 a.m. at Jakes Creek parking area); Hiking 101 (1 p.m. at Little River Trailhead).
- Friday, Nov. 7: Down on the Farm

drop-in (10 a.m.-noon at the Mountain Farm Museum, Oconaluftee); Wild About the Smokies (3 p.m. at Oconaluftee Visitor Center).

Programs are family-friendly and are open to all park visitors. Visitors are welcome to participate on as many days as they choose and may opt to attend one or both programs on each day. No reservations are required.

- National Park Service release



1. Name the Minnesota Vikings wide receiver who made a one-handed, 46-yard touchdown catch on the final play of the game to seal a 28-23 win over the Cleveland Browns in December 1980.

2. What two Seattle Mariners hit back-to-back home runs twice in the first inning in a 15-4 drubbing of the Chicago White Sox on May 2, 2002?

3. It took Wayne Gretzky 1,487 regular-season NHL games to score 894 career goals. How many regular-season games did it take Alex Ovechkin to score 895 goals?

4. What facility in England, which opened in 1907, is the world's first purpose-built motor racing circuit?

5. Name the prospect who received a prank phone call from someone claiming to be New Orleans Saints general manager Mickey Loomis during the 2025 NFL Draft.

6. Before becoming a pro wrestling superstar, he played 289 Minor League Baseball games with St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds affiliates from 1971-74. Who is he?

7. Arsene Wenger managed what English football club to three Premier League titles and seven FA Cup championships from 1996-2018?

Answers

1. Ahmad Rashad.
2. Bret Boone and Mike Cameron.
3. 1,487.
4. Brooklands.
5. University of Colorado quarterback Shedeur Sanders.
6. Randy Poffo, better known as "Macho Man" Randy Savage.
7. Arsenal.

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Shaina Marie Taylor

Shaina Marie Taylor, 34, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Sunday, May 25, 2025.

A native of Swain County and the Yellowhill Community, she was the daughter of Margie Taylor and Charles Dwayne Wolfe of Cherokee, N.C. In addition to her parents, Shaina is survived by her five children, her brother, Edward Dwayne Taylor, and her sister, Heather Lee Taylor, both of Cherokee, N.C.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 2 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Bryson officiating. Burial took place in the Taylor Family Cemetery, with family and friends serving as pallbearers.

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3PM - 8PM



CHEROKEE LANGUAGE REPERTORY CHOIR • 3PM • 4:30PM

Cherokee Language Repertory Choir is a part of Western Carolina University's Cherokee Studies program. The Choir performs hymns and popular music in the traditional Cherokee language.

— **BLACKBEARD'S TRUCK • 5PM • 8PM**

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4:30PM - 8:30PM



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— **LISA BOONE BAND • 6:30PM • 8:30PM**

Lisa Boone Band is all about blending the sounds they love to bring enjoyment to all that hear. Come enjoy an all immersive music experience!

JUNE 28TH
6PM - 9PM



— **ASTRONAUT JUNKIES • 6PM • 9PM**

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Truth and transparency in journalism

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

I can understand how frustrating it must be to be a government official these days. In a world where even the most delicate item about a person's personal life can be easily "pulled up" on a website or social media page, readers can find out most things about most people and things in a few moments of research online. When you live in a society and time that expects information at their fingertips, it must be a tough row to hoe when you are charged with "protecting" information.

Much of the challenge of withholding information is that withholding it doesn't stop the community from formulating opinions and publishing them as fact. Many in the government operate under the illusion that if they control the release of information, they may control the hearts and minds of the people. In an information vacuum, people will and do create answers based on the limited knowledge they can get, then they distribute that information as truth.

The media have often been referred to as the "Fourth Estate". It is a reference to the idea or concept of the watchdog responsibility of the media. "The term Fourth Estate or fourth power refers to the press and news media in their explicit capacity, beyond the reporting of news, of wielding influence in politics. The derivation of the term arises from the traditional European concept of the three estates of the realm: the

clergy, the nobility, and the commoners." (Wikipedia)

Chapter 75-2 of the Cherokee Code states, "It shall be the policy of the Cherokee One Feather to publish news articles and other materials and information judged by the editorial staff to have general value to the Cherokee community. Such news articles shall include a resume of Tribal Council business, Executive Committee, and Business Committee actions and actions taken by other Tribal committees, boards, and enterprises." It seems clear that the government at the time of review by those in power at the time that tribal laws governing the One Feather (or other tribal media) were under scrutiny [1953 (sic), 1973, 1983, and 2018], the element of transparency was of particular importance to our community.

While the One Feather is still charged in Code to do these things, there is no clear law requiring the tribal government to provide these things. For example, the Business Committee, in the 20-plus years of my tenure with the tribe, has met in closed session, and actions are deemed confidential until executed. And even after they are executed, the meeting minutes are not accessible to the community in general. I am not saying that there isn't sufficient reason for keeping some information in the Business Committee confidential. What I am saying is that it is unreasonable to put an expectation in law for the One Feather to report on those outcomes without providing a vehicle for doing so. We discussed this in one of our appearances

before Dinilawigi (Tribal Council), and at least one representative felt that the requirement to report on the Business Committee should be removed, implying that it will be highly unlikely that One Feather will have access to any meetings or reports for that committee. In addition, the Executive Committee's meetings are typically not open or public sessions, making it difficult to provide the community with any reporting on those meetings.

Some folks have a warped sense of what a journalist is supposed to be doing and what the profession entails. We have received some criticism for not publishing conjecture or hearsay, similar to what some regional and most national media outlets practice. People will hear or see things in the regional media, national news, through the grapevine, on the Indian News Network, at the water cooler, or on social media, and chastise, and in some cases demand, that the One Feather publish what they heard and saw in those forums.

A journalist by definition is to "write for newspapers, magazines, news websites or prepare news to be broadcast." (Oxford Language Dictionary). Now, publishers and editors are supposed to use their discretion as to what is news and what is not. That is what Chapter 75 of the Cherokee Code is about. Those who instituted the law were trying to create that fourth estate for the tribe, to provide a mechanism of education and feedback for and from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians community. Cherokee Code Section 75-55(b)

says, "All members of the Editorial Board certify that he or she will adhere to the standard of accepted ethics of journalism as defined by the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) and endorsed by the Native American Journalists Association (recently renamed Indigenous Journalists Association).

In the SPJ Code of Ethics, there are four ethical tenets that journalists are sworn to follow: seek truth and report it, minimize harm, act independently, and be accountable and transparent. Just so you may get a clear picture of what being a journalist really means, and the standards that separate true journalism from the various brands of journalism that have popped up over recent years, we will publish a copy of the SPJ Code of Ethics along with this commentary. I hope that the readership will keep a copy of it and compare the coverage of the One Feather and other media to the standards outlined in the SPJ Code.

We strive to allow the community to voice their opinions and concerns regarding issues important to the tribal community. To be fair and minimize harm to the community, certain language that is harmful, including individual personal attacks, may not be published. This is not contrary to rights to free speech, but in line with civil rights protections in both the Cherokee Code and federal law. And so that not just one or two people decide what is published, any denial of publication may be appealed to the full Editorial Board for their adjudication.

The goal is not the suppression of free speech, but the protection of it.

So many individuals and organizations claim to be credible news outlets, yet neglect to adhere to any standard of verification and truth. Many have blatant political and societal agendas, not for the good of the community, but to advance their agendas, finances, and popularity. Just because you like what a “news” purveyor says doesn’t make it factual. What many of these people, some in

professional capacities in media organizations, claim as fact is pure commentary. Typically, it is what they assume or adopt as truth or what will provide them with the most benefit.

When you communicate with a readership of thousands, you are never going to please everyone. The Cherokee One Feather is committed to fulfilling its obligation to the community through its adherence to the tenets of the Cherokee Code and the SPJ Code of Ethics because we feel it is the

best way to serve our EBCI community. The tribal government has continually agreed that the One Feather should remain separated in its ability to report the truth to the community. They have a protected law to defend the ability of the tribal media to operate without interference. And while lines of communication between the One Feather and the government continue to be challenging to maintain on both sides of the transparency issue, we are grateful for a community and tribal government

that at least recognizes in law the need for that fourth estate. So, the One Feather will continue to strive to provide true journalism to the community and readership in a way that you clearly know the difference between news coverage in articles versus opinion expressed in commentary. The One Feather belongs to the Principal People of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and not just to a chosen few. We will always be on the side of truth and transparency, for the sake of the entire community.



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-Jimmy Burns

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CODE of ETHICS

PREAMBLE

Members of the Society of Professional Journalists believe that public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy. Ethical journalism strives to ensure the free exchange of information that is accurate, fair and thorough. An ethical journalist acts with integrity. The Society declares these four principles as the foundation of ethical journalism and encourages their use in its practice by all people in all media.

SEEK TRUTH AND REPORT IT

Ethical journalism should be accurate and fair. Journalists should be honest and courageous in gathering, reporting and interpreting information.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Take responsibility for the accuracy of their work. Verify information before releasing it. Use original sources whenever possible.
- ▶ Remember that neither speed nor format excuses inaccuracy.
- ▶ Provide context. Take special care not to misrepresent or oversimplify in promoting, previewing or summarizing a story.
- ▶ Gather, update and correct information throughout the life of a news story.
- ▶ Be cautious when making promises, but keep the promises they make.
- ▶ Identify sources clearly. The public is entitled to as much information as possible to judge the reliability and motivations of sources.
- ▶ Consider sources' motives before promising anonymity. Reserve anonymity for sources who may face danger, retribution or other harm, and have information that cannot be obtained elsewhere. Explain why anonymity was granted.
- ▶ Diligently seek subjects of news coverage to allow them to respond to criticism or allegations of wrongdoing.
- ▶ Avoid undercover or other surreptitious methods of gathering information unless traditional, open methods will not yield information vital to the public.
- ▶ Be vigilant and courageous about holding those with power accountable. Give voice to the voiceless.
- ▶ Support the open and civil exchange of views, even views they find repugnant.
- ▶ Recognize a special obligation to serve as watchdogs over public affairs and government. Seek to ensure that the public's business is conducted in the open, and that public records are open to all.
- ▶ Provide access to source material when it is relevant and appropriate.
- ▶ Boldly tell the story of the diversity and magnitude of the human experience. Seek sources whose voices we seldom hear.
- ▶ Avoid stereotyping. Journalists should examine the ways their values and experiences may shape their reporting.
- ▶ Label advocacy and commentary.
- ▶ Never deliberately distort facts or context, including visual information. Clearly label illustrations and re-enactments.
- ▶ Never plagiarize. Always attribute.

MINIMIZE HARM

Ethical journalism treats sources, subjects, colleagues and members of the public as human beings deserving of respect.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Balance the public's need for information against potential harm or discomfort. Pursuit of the news is not a license for arrogance or undue intrusiveness.

- ▶ Show compassion for those who may be affected by news coverage. Use heightened sensitivity when dealing with juveniles, victims of sex crimes, and sources or subjects who are inexperienced or unable to give consent. Consider cultural differences in approach and treatment.
- ▶ Recognize that legal access to information differs from an ethical justification to publish or broadcast.
- ▶ Realize that private people have a greater right to control information about themselves than public figures and others who seek power, influence or attention. Weigh the consequences of publishing or broadcasting personal information.
- ▶ Avoid pandering to lurid curiosity, even if others do.
- ▶ Balance a suspect's right to a fair trial with the public's right to know. Consider the implications of identifying criminal suspects before they face legal charges.
- ▶ Consider the long-term implications of the extended reach and permanence of publication. Provide updated and more complete information as appropriate.

ACT INDEPENDENTLY

The highest and primary obligation of ethical journalism is to serve the public.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived. Disclose unavoidable conflicts.
- ▶ Refuse gifts, favors, fees, free travel and special treatment, and avoid political and other outside activities that may compromise integrity or impartiality, or may damage credibility.
- ▶ Be wary of sources offering information for favors or money; do not pay for access to news. Identify content provided by outside sources, whether paid or not.
- ▶ Deny favored treatment to advertisers, donors or any other special interests, and resist internal and external pressure to influence coverage.
- ▶ Distinguish news from advertising and shun hybrids that blur the lines between the two. Prominently label sponsored content.

BE ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT

Ethical journalism means taking responsibility for one's work and explaining one's decisions to the public.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Explain ethical choices and processes to audiences. Encourage a civil dialogue with the public about journalistic practices, coverage and news content.
- ▶ Respond quickly to questions about accuracy, clarity and fairness.
- ▶ Acknowledge mistakes and correct them promptly and prominently. Explain corrections and clarifications carefully and clearly.
- ▶ Expose unethical conduct in journalism, including within their organizations.
- ▶ Abide by the same high standards they expect of others.

The SPJ Code of Ethics is a statement of abiding principles supported by additional explanations and position papers (at spj.org) that address changing journalistic practices. It is not a set of rules, rather a guide that encourages all who engage in journalism to take responsibility for the information they provide, regardless of medium. The code should be read as a whole; individual principles should not be taken out of context. It is not, nor can it be under the First Amendment, legally enforceable.

LETTER

Reflections on Memorial Day

I was privileged to attend our Memorial Day service on Monday, May 26. It was beautifully done and overwhelming in its significance. I am one of our veterans who survived the horrors of combat and lost many comrades. I mourn even these many decades later. Tears were shed and my heart is still heavy.

In contrast to these fallen brothers and sisters, we have to tolerate a Commander-in-Chief

that has labeled them 'suckers and losers.' Remember these words, brother and sister veterans, the next time you are called on to support a five-time draft-dodging bully who is stealing us blind and wrecking our democracy.

Veterans, your service is described in scripture: 'Greater love hath no man than he who will lay down his life for his brother'. Veterans, on this day and every day, you are honored and you are loved."

Signed,
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SPEAKING OF FAITH

An old African Proverb

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

Scripture References: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, James 1:17, 1 Peter 4:10-11, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 7:7

Many people decline to participate in the ministry because they feel they have nothing to offer. They are not speakers, teachers, leaders, or educators, and they do not think they are a vital part of the body of Christ.

This commentary is to remind people that God has a purpose for them, and that purpose is essential to the Will of God. Everyone can participate in Glorifying God and become active in using the gifts God has given or prepare through faith to receive the gift God has in store for them.

God does not leave anyone out. He can and will use you if you are willing by faith to serve Him. He has done so much for us; we should want to do good works for Him as He had planned for each of us before time began.

Have you ever wondered why God made things that seem so useless? I mean, we could do without a few bugs. Take, for example, a mosquito. Why did God ever make the mosquito? I think Noah could have put a stop to them right on the boat. So, what good are they anyway? Has any scientist, biologist, or entomologist defended the necessity of mosquitoes? I have not, and I doubt I would believe them if they ever thought up a good reason.

Well, the reason God made mosquitoes might be the biggest lesson of your life today.

An old African proverb goes like this: 'If you think you're too

small to make a difference, you haven't spent a night trying to sleep in a room with a mosquito.' (Machine, 2010)

Can you identify with that? Which part? Thinking you are too insignificant, or have you tried sleeping in a room with a mosquito?

The principle is the same, whether you are thoroughly annoying or helpful beyond measure, being small or insignificant does not mean you do not make a difference. There have been stories about one person who stopped a great injustice throughout history. The Bible is full of inspiring stories about one person who became a genuine voice of truth. Or one person whose kindness saved a life. Each person matters when doing the Will of God. 2 Kings 4: A small jar of oil. 1 Samuel 17: David, a young boy, kills a giant, Goliath. James 3: Think of a large ship steered by such a small rudder, so

it is with the tongue. John 4: The woman at the well. Luke 10: The Good Samaritan. Mark 12: The widow gives two copper mites. John 6: Jesus feeds thousands with five loaves of barley and two fish given by a small boy. Luke 19: A small man in a tree. Zacchaeus. Christians are doing their best when they encourage one another. Examples are those who visit church members and family members who are sick or injured or help feed those who need a meal. How about writing notes or sending cards to those who are shut-in, jailed, on missionary trips in faraway lands, military members on overseas duty, missing members from the church, have accomplished a life event, or are grieving over a lost loved one? These trivial things are not trivial at all. They mean so much in the life of a church and the encouragement of members. People who do these things tirelessly are gifted

and talented.

The congregation and staff should never slight the menial workers and volunteers, often taken for granted for work done behind the scenes. The list goes on to the janitor, the greeter, the maintenance team members, the technical team, the security team, the nursery volunteers, and do not ever forget the cooks. These people need to be encouraged, too. We all have a place to serve God.

Dear Lord, God, Father, we praise you with our lips and devotion to service. Bless all those whom You have called to serve You in big and small ways. Thank You, Lord, for Your gifts and talents, both spiritual and physical. Forgive us when we fail You when we fall short and forget what You have provided. Lead and guide us through your Word and Spirit by lighting our path and inspiring us to serve You more each day. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.



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*...Aspire to lead a quiet life,
to mind your own business,
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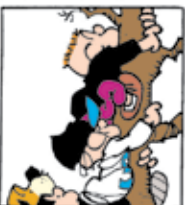
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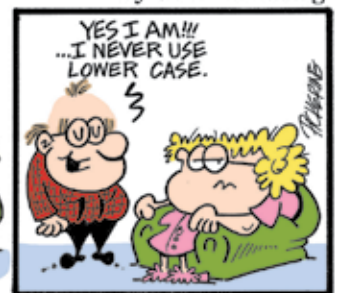
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Boy is taller. 2. Sweater is shorter. 3. Window is lower. 4. Woman is taller. 5. Elbow patch is added. 6. Blush is not as tall.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Science room
- 4 Novelist Waugh
- 8 Baby carriage
- 12 Mode lead-in
- 13 "Break My Heart" singer Dua
- 14 Deserve
- 15 Most spiteful
- 17 Erte's style
- 18 Naval rank
- 19 Director DuVernay
- 21 Hosp. workers
- 22 Frasier's ex-wife
- 26 Hay bundles
- 29 Transcript no.
- 30 Dr. of hip-hop
- 31 Spanish cheers
- 32 Espionage org.
- 33 Close
- 34 "Diamonds" singer
- 35 Kilmer of "Top Gun"
- 36 Paper packs
- 37 Severe
- 39 "Great Expectations" lad
- 40 Hosp. areas
- 41 Dodges
- 45 Fresh
- 48 California island

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- 51 Skater's leap
- 52 Dijon denial
- 53 Undecided
- 54 Legendary loch
- 55 Donkey
- 6 Mini-albums, for short
- 7 Tree with pods
- 8 Bicycle part
- 9 "Norma —"
- 10 Lob's path
- 11 L-P link
- 16 Corvette quartet
- 20 By means of
- 23 Notion
- 24 Streetcar
- 25 Towel word
- 26 Employer
- 27 Landed
- 28 Jet type
- 29 Baseball's Hodges
- 32 MRI's kin
- 33 Neighbor of Tibet
- 35 TiVo precursor
- 36 Foes
- 38 Hawkeye
- 39 "For — sake!"
- 42 Actress Merrill
- 43 Eve's grandson
- 44 Without
- 45 Busy insect
- 46 Sgt., for one
- 47 Corn spike
- 49 Chopper

DOWN

- 1 Lingerie trim
- 2 Cumming or Bates
- 3 Cave creatures
- 4 Sets straight
- 5 Property claims

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1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are male bees called?
2. TELEVISION: Which TV streaming network plans to host a new series based on the "Harry Potter" books?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many months have 31 days?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to appear on television?
5. MATH: What is the Roman numeral MMXXV in Arabic numbers?
6. MOVIES: What is the name of the spaceship in the movie "Alien"?
7. LITERATURE: "Nicholas Nickleby" is a novel written by which author?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which airline uses the slogan "Fly the Friendly Skies"?
9. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the real estate acronym DTI stand for?
10. FOOD & DRINK: What are the seeds of a pomegranate called?

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Solution time: 26 mins.

King Crossword

1. Drones; 2. HBO Max; 3. Seven; 4. January, March, May, July, August, October and December; 5. Roosevelt; 6. Nostromo; 7. Charles Dickens; 8. United Airlines; 9. Debt-to-income ratio; 10. Arts

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Bean Bread and Bingo Night.

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

Turkey Shoot.

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

Bingo Fundraiser.

June 13 at the old Painttown Community Building in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 5 p.m., main pack starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to Zoey Sutton for softball-related travel.

Bingo Fundraiser.

June 14 at the Big Y Gym at 2641 Wrights Creek Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Concession opens at 4 p.m. Games start at 6 p.m. 15 games, \$15 per pack, five kid games. All proceeds will go to the Big Y Free Labor Group.

End-of-School Summer Bash.

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

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

Celebrate Summer Market.

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

Annual Kituwah Celebration.

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

Christian Veterinary Mission Clinic.

June 6-7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Services and fees: Neuter/dog \$30, Neuter/cat \$25, Spay for both dog and cat \$50, Vaccines - \$10 per animal (rabies and distemper). Info: Tammy Jackson (828) 788-0878 or Tribal Animal Control 497-6091

14th Annual Smoky Mountain Gospel Singing.

June 14 at 2 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center at 1416 Acquoni Rd. in

Cherokee, N.C. Free admission.

Featured groups include: Recognize (Tenn.), Going Higher (Ga.), Lail Family (N.C.), Snowbird Boys (N.C.), Williams Family (N.C.), Zena and Melvin Wolfe (N.C.), Hornbuckle Family (N.C.), Yellowhill Choir (N.C.), Welch Family (N.C.), and others. Info: David Smoker (828) 788-0914 or Lane Smoker 735-0171

Vacation Bible School.

June 9-12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Straight Fork Baptist Church in Cherokee, N.C. Fun, games, food, and fellowship. Everyone is invited.

Anetso (stickball) Exhibition

Game – Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) vs Walelu (Hummingbirds). June 28 at 12 p.m. at the

Unity Field in Cherokee, N.C.

NAIWA Blueberry Festival.

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

EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS/EVENTS


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

Cherokee storytelling and Cherokee history in the Snowbird Community Library at 60

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK


Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

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Sassy,

a 9-month-old
Tiger Cat, lives
in Wayohi
(Wolftown) with
humans
Shaundell and
Anthony Grimes.



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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 in-

formation on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

NAIA Daughters meetings.

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

Cherokee History & Stories.

January through June 2025 on the first Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the TJ Holland Education Room at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A heads-up to all free-spirited Ewes and Rams: Be wary of a deal that could result in compromising your independence. Check every detail before making a commitment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New facts emerge that help put an irksome workplace situation in perspective. Meanwhile, pay more attention to a family member who needs your wisdom and strength.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A slight setback in plans is nothing to worry about. Use this delay to deal with a number of matters you might have ignored for too long. Expect news from someone in your past.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're entering a period of stability. Use it to straighten out any outstanding problems related to a very personal situation. Also, pay closer attention to financial matters.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you love being a social Lion, you might well benefit from staying out of the spotlight for a while. You need time to reflect on some upcoming decisions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A difficult family situation improves, thanks to your timely intervention. You can now start to focus more of your attention on preparing for a possible career change.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An on-the-job change works to your benefit by offering new opportunities, but it's up to you to check them out. Meanwhile, a stalled romantic situation starts up again.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A flare-up of Scorpion temperament cools down, leaving you more receptive to suggestions about changes that might need to be made in your personal life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unusual period of indecisiveness is a mite frustrating. But things soon clear up, allowing the sage Sagittarian to make wise pronouncements again.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might feel that you know best, but it's not a good idea at this time to try to force your opinions on others. Best advice: Inspire change by example, not by intimidation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some setbacks could affect your plans to fortify your financial situation. But things start moving again by early next week. Meanwhile, enjoy your resurgent social life!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Show that often-hidden steely spine of yours as you once again stand up to an emotional bully. You've got the strength to do it, especially as friends rally to your side.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ruling planet, Mercury, endows you with a gift for writing. Have you considered penning the world's greatest novel?

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

The monsters among us

Just when you think you've seen it all and that you're basically shockproof, along comes something that makes you wonder how people can do the things they do.

Take the guy who collected years of VA benefits belonging to his uncle. As bad as that is, it's only the tip of the iceberg. The criminal was the caregiver for his uncle, who had severe physical disabilities and was often locked in the garage without access to food or a bathroom.

The criminal pocketed the over \$9,000 per month in disability compensation, as well as the Social Security the uncle received. Then, when the uncle died, the thief didn't let anyone know, telling relatives the uncle went to live in a nursing home. That left him free to continue to collect the money and spend it on a lavish lifestyle, vacations, reptiles and, apparently, shotguns — despite being a convicted felon who could not own guns.

When the scheme fell apart, after relatives started hunting for the nursing home and their family member, police found the body of the uncle in a garbage can in the shed in the backyard. He'd been dead for probably five years.

Can you imagine? I can't.

There are questions, of course.

How was a convicted felon given custodial rights over a disabled veteran, not only his care but his finances? Was the felon not investigated as a fiduciary to manage all that money, with requirements to send reports and answer questions about the veteran?

Where was the family who hadn't seen or talked to their relative since 2018? Did they not visit or at least call on the phone?

Did the VA not check the veteran in person at least once? Were there no mandatory physical exams to verify that the disability level and benefits were still appropriate? No calls on the phone?

Several balls were dropped during this veteran's life, by family, by neighbors, by the VA. I cannot believe no one checked on him.

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CPR and first aid for dogs

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Several years ago, my family's dog "Aker" passed away when his heart stopped. We were never sure why this happened, and I was just a kid. But I've always wondered if it was possible to perform CPR on a pet if this happens in the future. I adopted a puppy recently and I want to be able to help him whenever he's hurt or injured. — Becca R. in Boulder, Colorado

DEAR BECCA: You can perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) on a pet whose heart has stopped — in fact, you can even get training on pet CPR and first aid through the Red Cross.

The process for pet CPR is very similar to that of human CPR. If a dog or cat becomes ill and collapses, you first check for breathing and heartbeat — look to see if their chest is moving, and place your hand on their chest to feel for a heartbeat. If there is no heartbeat or breathing, place the pet on their right side and perform chest compressions directly over their heart at a rate of 100-120 compressions per minute. Give rescue breaths every 30 compressions. Keep performing CPR until they begin to breathe on their own, or until you reach the emergency vet clinic.

Those instructions don't reveal some key factors, like: What if a dog is barrel-chested? How do you give rescue breaths to a large dog? Pet CPR and first-aid training will answer those questions, and help you feel confident that you can provide immediate care for illness, shock or injury until your pet can get to the vet for advanced care.

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

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Museum of the Cherokee People welcomes storyteller and historian Kathi Littlejohn, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, for Cherokee History & Stories. This free educational series will explore culturally significant places, stories, and key figures in Cherokee history. All are welcome to listen and learn; no registration is required.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Summer Basketball Clinic.

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

Breakaway Sports Cherokee Sports Camp (Baseball 5, Kickball, and Ultimate Frisbee). June 9-11 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Donald "Kool-Aid" Queen Gym in Cherokee, N.C. In partnership with Cherokee Baptist Church, daily Bible devotions and snacks are included. Info: Call or text (423) 933-6986

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Tribal Council. June 4 at 8:30 p.m.

Lands Acquisition Committee.

June 9 at 1 p.m.

HIP Committee. June 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Lands Committee. June 12 at 9 a.m.

Parks & Rec. Committee. June 12 at 1 p.m.

Roads Commission. June 16 at 9 a.m.

Timber Committee. June 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Planning Board. June 16 at 1 p.m.

POW WOW LISTINGS

Alabama Coushatta 55th

Annual Pow Wow. June 6-7 at the Veteran's Pavilion in Livingston, Texas. MC: Marty Thurman. Host Northern Drum: Hochunk Station. Host Southern Drum: Iron Bow. Info: Delvin Johnson (936) 252-1784, delvin.johnson@actribe.org

Lead by Example Pow Wow.

June 6-8 at Strathmore & District Agricultural Grounds in Strathmore, Alberta, Canada. Emcees: Donnie Speidal, Kent Ayoungman, Jackson Tahuka. Host Drum: Young Spirit. Info: Melodie Hunt at info@leadbyexamplepowwow.ca

Echoes of the Mountain

Social Pow Wow. June 7 at the Northern Arizona University Fieldhouse in Flagstaff, Ariz. MC: Trevor Foster. Host Northern Drum: Bearspring. Host Southern Drum: Strictly Southern. Info: Emerald Arnold at powwowjamclub@nau.edu

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

Chris McMillan (828) 788-5410

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

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

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

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

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

WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. June 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Henny Ransdell will present "A Most Special Place: The North Shore, Then and Now". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

Uncle Bill's Flea Market Car and Truck Show. June 7 at 10 a.m. at the Flea Market at 5427 US Hwy 74W in Whittier, N.C. All years, makes, and models are welcome. Food, shopping, raffle, trophies, and a 50/50. Info: Denise (828) 500-1317

Book signing with herbalist Patricia Howell. June 7 at 3

p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. She will be signing her book “Medicinal Plants of the Southern Appalachians”. Info: (828) 586-9499

A reading of “Stronger than the Storm: Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina”. June 7 at 5 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. The reading will include editor Shelley McKechnie and Brian Railsback. Info: (828) 586-9499

Jesse Lege Cajun Trio concert. June 9 at 7 p.m. at the John C. Campbell Folk School at 1 Folk School Rd. in Brasstown, N.C. Info: (828) 837-2775, www.folk-school.org

Shape-note singing performance. June 11 at 5 p.m. at the John C. Campbell Folk School at 1 Folk School Rd. in Brasstown, N.C. Info: (828) 837-2775, www.folk-school.org

Tessa Fontaine will share novel “The Red Grove”. June 12 at 6 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. Info: (828) 586-9499

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

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

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

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>

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

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

Cherokee Fall Festival. Sept. 6-7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. Cherokee arts and crafts demonstrations, music, and dance; blacksmith demonstrations; special entertainment; and more. Tickets: Adults - \$10, Children 13-18 - \$5, Children 12 and under are free. Family rate is \$25 (two adults and two children 13-18). Info: Museum at (423) 884-6246

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Antioch Baptist Church.

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

Bethabara Baptist Church.

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

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church.

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

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.

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

Bigwitch Baptist Church.

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

Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church.

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

Cherokee Baptist Church.

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

Cherokee Bible Church.

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

Cherokee Church of Christ.

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

Cherokee Church of God.

21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night

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

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene.

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hagarites (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Daniel 5, who was holding a great feast when handwriting appeared on the wall? *Job, Belshazzar, Hagar, Hanun*
3. Where did Jesus cause demons to go out of two men into a herd of pigs? *Appii, Assos, Damascus, Gadarenes*
4. Who used unfair labor practices at his brick-making establishment? *Pharaoh, Silas, Joash, Jonathan*
5. What did Nebuchadnezzar dream of that reached into heaven? *Tree, River, Ladder, Rope*
6. Who fasted 40 days and nights after being fed by an angel? *Darius, Paul, Elijah, Ahab*

ANSWERS: (1) Neither, (2) Belshazzar, (3) Gadarenes, (4) Pharaoh, (5) Tree, (6) Elijah
Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscribersite at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Moments in time

• On **June 16, 1858**, newly nominated senatorial candidate Abraham Lincoln told more than 1,000 delegates at the Illinois Republican Convention in Springfield that the nation was facing a crisis that could destroy the Union, paraphrasing a New Testament passage when he warned that "a house divided against itself cannot stand."

• On **June 17, 1976**, the National Basketball Association announced a merger with its rival, the American Basketball Association, and took on the ABA's four most successful franchises: the Denver Nuggets, the Indiana Pacers, the New York (later Brooklyn) Nets and the San Antonio Spurs.

• On **June 18, 1178**, five badly frightened monks in Canterbury, England, witnessed an explosion on the moon's surface after the sun had set. As their abbey's chronicler described it, "A flaming torch sprang up, spewing out ... fire, hot coals and sparks." The moon, he marveled, "throbbed like a wounded snake."

• On **June 19, 2014**, two weeks after he abdicated the Spanish throne amidst low approval ratings, King Juan Carlos I removed his red sash, symbolic of his status as the leader of the Spanish military, and draped it around the waist of his son, 46-year-old Crown Prince Felipe, completing his official transfer of power.

• On **June 20, 1981**, four Dutch studio musicians recording under the name Stars on 45, who sounded uncannily like the Beatles, made it to the top of the U.S. pop charts with their single titled "Medley: Intro Venus/Sugar Sugar/No Reply/I'll Be Back/Drive My Car/Do You Want To Know A Secret/We Can Work It Out/I Should Have Known Better/Nowhere Man/You're Going To Lose That Girl/Stars On 45."

• On **June 21, 1913**, aviatrix Georgia "Tiny" Broadwick, who stood just four feet, eight inches tall and weighed 80 pounds, became the first woman to parachute from a plane. On the way up, she was suspended from a trap seat outside the cockpit, with her parachute on a shelf above her.

• On **June 22, 1953**, a Brooklyn newsboy received an unusual nickel in payment. Upon dropping it on the ground he discovered it was hollow and contained a tiny photo of coded numbers. His discovery led the FBI to a Soviet spy named Rudolf Abel.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of

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

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C.

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

Grace Community Church of Cherokee. 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 Wolfetown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 497-1611, mbccherokee@outlook.com, Website: www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.church

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

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

see **EVENTS** next page

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

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

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 3755 Big Cove Road. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 1 p.m. Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thomas Valley Road. Sunday

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

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

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

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EMPLOYMENT

Macon County School

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

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

Museum of the Cherokee People: Now Hiring

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Museum of the Cherokee People is hiring for two roles: Frontline Associate – Key Holder (total hourly range: \$17.50 – \$27.00, hiring range: \$17.50 – \$22.00, applications close May 30); and Frontline Associate (total hourly range: \$16.50 – \$24.00, hiring range: \$16.50 – \$20.00). Learn more at motcp.org/employment. Email resume and cover letter to employment@motcp.org. **6/4**

VOC Looking to Hire

VOC is looking for temporary outside workers (maintenance, lawn maintenance, construction clean up, etc.). Must be able to pass drug test. Pick up Applications at VOC, located behind Great Smoky Cannabis Company. For questions, call 828-497-9827.

VOC has a job opening for a Client Services assistant. Must have a valid NC Driver's license. Pick up Applications at VOC, located behind Great Smoky Cannabis Company. For questions, call 828-497-9827. **6/11**

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Cherokee Boys Club
P.O. Box 507,
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828-497-9101

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Joseph Adam Wilnoty
328 Lucy Long Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-045
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
JOYCE ELAINE BRADLEY
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mediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Cynthia E Grant
478 Old Gap Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-048
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
ELIZABETH ANNE SAUNOOKE
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make im-

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Robert Saunooke
P.O. Box 309
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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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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Kituwah LLC has the following jobs available:

KITUWAH LLC.

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

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

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

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POSITION: Senior Accountant

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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DeLana Ann Sneed
183 Good Shepard Ln
Whittier, NC. 28789
6/25

**BIDS, RFPs, etc.
RFP**

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

more information. **6/11**

**SPECIAL NOTICE
Request for Qualifications
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF
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RALEIGH, NC
DESIGN-BUILD REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NC-DOT) is requesting interested Design-Build Teams submit qualifications for an Emergency Express Design-Build Solicitation - Multiple Divisions - Statewide. This solicitation is for the emergency replacement or rehabilitation of bridges, culverts and pipes 48-inches or larger in diameter for the 14 Divisions throughout the state.

Interested parties should

send a request, by e-mail only, to rfq_package_request@ncdot.gov for a formal package detailing the requirements for submitting a Statement of Qualifications. The following contact information must be included in the e-mail request: company name, physical address, city, state, zip code, contact person, phone number and current e-mail address. The Statements of Qualifications must be submitted, by e-mail only, to db_soq_submittal@ncdot.gov by 3:00 p.m. on July 2, 2025.

All available Project information is on the NCDOT Alternative Delivery link of the website at con-

nect.ncdot.gov/ under "Bidding & Letting". Project information, including each project's anticipated scope, is continually being added, so it is advisable to monitor this website for the most up to date information.

Technical questions related to the RFQ package, or other project related questions, should be sent via e-mail to altdelivery@ncdot.gov. For tracking purposes, questions will only be answered through e-mail requests. When making requests by e-mail, it is advisable to request a return receipt for your records. **6/4**

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Cherokee Central Schools

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

SAMHSA GRANT - Mental Health Classroom Specialist

K-5 school counselor

K-5 Elementary Teacher

K-5 Elementary Teacher Assistant

K-5 Special Education Dreamcatchers Teacher

K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant - 2 positions

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8th High School Math Teacher

Contract Nurse (RN)

Gear Up Coordinator (Grant Funded)

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Varsity Cheerleading Head Coach

Elementary Cherokee Language Instructor

High School Cherokee Language Instructor

Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach

Middle School Soccer Head Coach



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2. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
3. Supervisor (HIS/Inventory) – Tribal Construction – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
4. Program Coordinator – Fisheries & Wildlife Management – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)

Open Until Filled

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



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Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist Student PTI
Occupational Therapist I - Emergency Hire - \$67,082 - \$83,852
Speech Language Pathologist - Emergency Hire - \$67,082 - \$83,852
CNA/Medical Clerk PTR - \$17.12 - \$19.26
RN Supervisor-Inpatient (Nights) - \$36.56 - \$42.11
Cook Tsali Care Center - \$17.12 - \$19.26
RN Infection Control (repost) - \$33.68 - \$38.72
Housekeeper TCC (repost) - \$15.00 - \$16.77
Laundry Aide (repost) - \$15.00 - \$16.77

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Employment Specialist - Kanvwtiyi - \$44,107 - \$55,134
Inpatient Technician - ANA - PTI - \$17.12 - \$19.26
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MAT/OTP Nurse RN - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse RN - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Residential Technician, men's - FT - \$17.12 - \$19.26
RN - Behavioral Health - Inpatient- Part Time Intermittent - \$33.68 - \$38.72
RN - Behavioral Health - Inpatient FT - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Targeted Case Manager - \$44,107 - \$55,134

FINANCE

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

MAINTENANCE

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

MEDICAL

Clinical Dietitian -
Physician (Primary Care, Pediatrics)

NURSING

Care Manager Extender - Primary Care \$18.33 - \$20.67
C.M.S - \$18.32 - \$20.67 (Diabetes, Pediatrics, JVN, Procedure Suite)
C.N.A - ER - FT - \$17.12 - \$19.26 - \$3,000 Hiring Bonus
C.N.A. - Immediate Care Center - Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26
C.N.A./Medical Clerk - Part Time Intermittent - \$17.12 - \$19.26
LPN/CMA - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
LPN - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
RN - Inpatient - Night Shift - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
RN Care Manager - Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
CFSP Care Manager, IDD/TBI/LTSS Care Manager(Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Support Services, Children and Families Specialty Program)- Primary Care- \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
RN Care Manager Float - \$31.06 - \$35.64 \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25
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

RADIOLOGY

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

TRIBAL OPTION

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

TSALI CARE CENTER

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



INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM SERVICES ON TRUST LANDS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Block Underpinning: Block underpinning will be installed for doublewides.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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THE GOOD STUFF



Rodeo competitor

Everett "Rhett" Taylor, age 9, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, competes in the Little Wrangler division of the Carolina Border Little Britches chapter and will be competing in the National Little Britches Finals rodeo. He currently does flag racing (nationals), goat untying (nationals), Barrel and pole racing. He will move up to roping events next season. (Photos courtesy of family)



Volleyball tournament success

Blaze Crowe (left), a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a rising freshman at Cherokee High School, and her doubles partner, Lucee Wilson, competed in the Rally Rumble Beach Volleyball (AVPA) Qualifier in Cartersville, Ga. on Saturday, May 31. Blaze and Lucee competed in the gold bracket, taking 5th overall. (Photo contributed)

Three-fifths of our staff was alive when "Ramblin' Man" was released.

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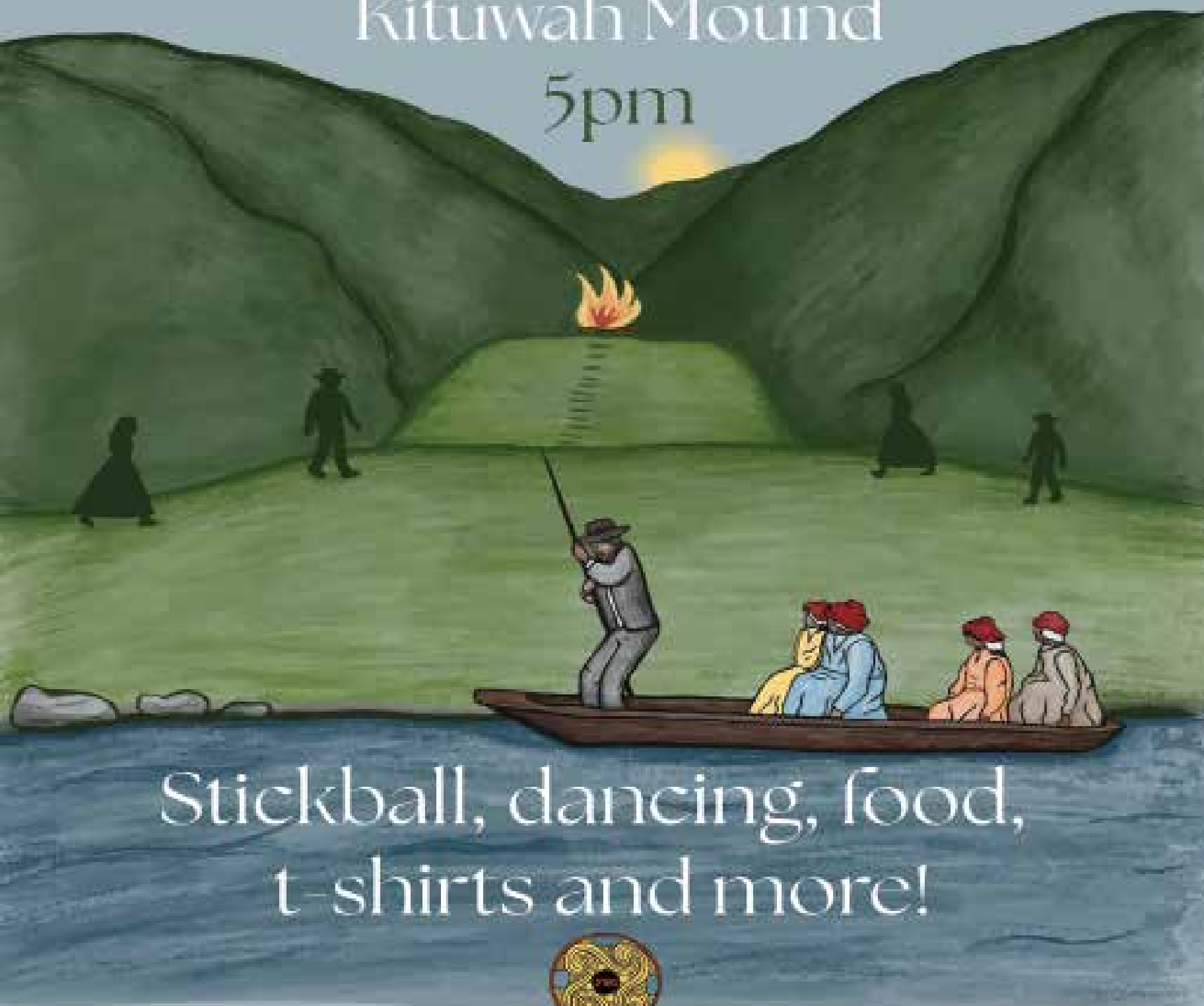
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