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## “We are still here” Annual Kituwah Celebration held

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
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**K**ITUWAH – A light, constant breeze blew through the area as Cherokee songs were sung, anetso (stickball) was played, and Cherokee people came together to celebrate at Kituwah – the Mother Town of the Cherokee.

The Kituwah Celebration of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), held annually to mark the return of the site to the Tribe, was held this year on the evening of Friday, June 6.

Kituwah, located just outside of Cherokee, N.C., near Bryson City, N.C., was placed into trust for

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Men of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians played an exhibition game of anetso (stickball) during the Annual Kituwah Celebration held at Kituwah – the Mother Town of the Cherokee – on the evening of Friday, June 6. The men played an exhibition game following one played by youth with both being hosted by the Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Indian ball team. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Mountain Muse - 6pm to 9pm

**JUNE 7TH:**  
John Friday - 5pm to 8pm

**JUNE 13TH:**  
Cherokee Language Repertory Choir - 3pm to 4:30pm  
Blackbeard's Truck - 5pm to 8pm

**JUNE 14TH:**  
Ally Reed - 3pm to 4pm  
Wiregrass - 5pm to 8pm

**JUNE 20TH:**  
J Creek Cloggers - 6pm to 8pm

**JUNE 21ST:**  
R. A. Nightingale - 4pm to 5:30pm  
Lori and the Freight Shakers - 6pm to 9pm

**JUNE 27TH:**  
Ally Reed - 4:30pm to 5:30pm  
Lisa Boone Band - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

**JUNE 28TH:**  
Astronaut Junkies - 6pm to 9pm

## JULY

**JULY 4TH:**  
Blue Country Line Dance - 6pm to 9pm

**JULY 5TH:**  
Ally Reed - 4pm to 5pm  
Elvis Impersonator - 6pm to 8pm

**JULY 11TH:**  
Adam Harris Thompson - 6pm to 9pm

**JULY 12TH:**  
Cherokee Language Repertory Choir - 4pm to 5:30pm  
John Mullan - 6pm to 9pm

**JULY 18TH:**  
Ally Reed - 4pm to 5pm  
Craig Vaughn - 6pm to 9pm

**JULY 19TH:**  
Jack Sparrow - 4pm to 5pm  
Rudy's Bluegrass Revue - 6pm to 9pm

**JULY 25TH:**  
Ally Reed - 4pm to 5pm  
Dave Stewart Songs - 6pm to 9pm

**JULY 26TH:**  
Terrance Day - 6pm to 9pm

## AUGUST

**AUGUST 1ST:**  
Ally Reed - 4pm to 5pm  
Derek Glarza - 6pm to 9pm

**AUGUST 2ND:**  
Craig Vaughn Experience - 6pm to 9pm

**AUGUST 8TH:**  
Ally Reed - 4pm to 5pm  
Jordan Okren - 6pm to 9pm

**AUGUST 9TH:**  
Cherokee Language Repertory Choir - 4pm to 5:30pm  
Hollor & Crow - 6pm to 9pm

**AUGUST 15TH:**  
Battle of the bands - 3pm to 9pm

**AUGUST 16TH:**  
Battle of the Bands - 3pm to 9pm

**AUGUST 22ND**  
R. A. Nightgale - 6pm to 9pm

**AUGUST 23RD**  
Jeff Tucker - 6pm to 9pm

**AUGUST 29TH:**  
A New Beginning Gospel Group - 1pm to 10pm

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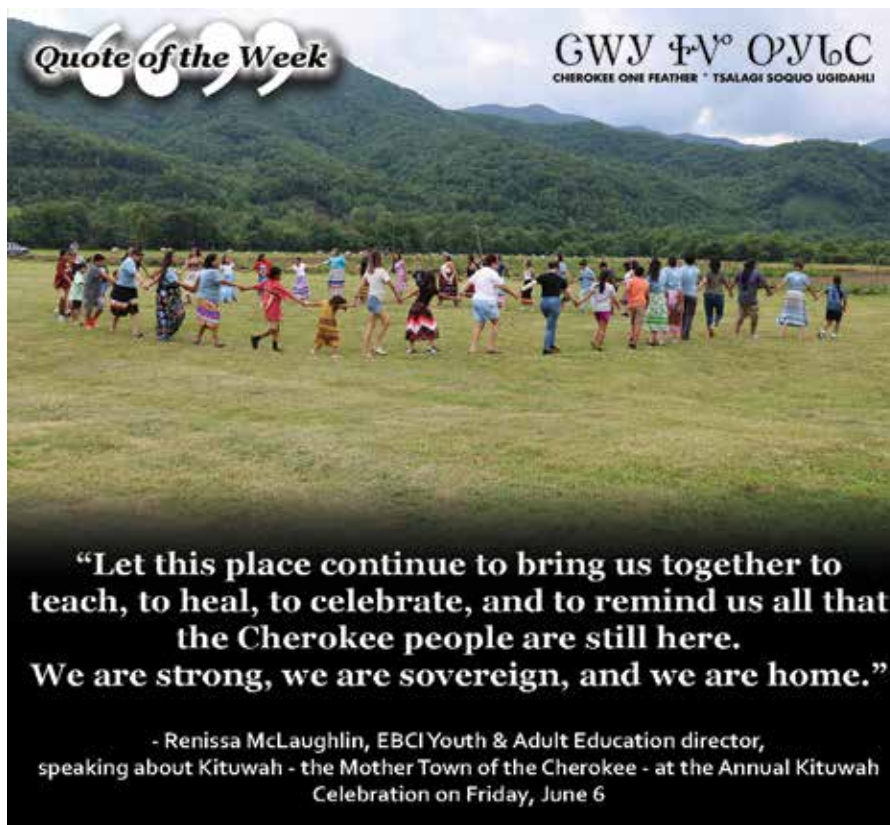


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### Image of the Week

Leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) are shown with the EBCI Royalty at the Kituwah Celebration held at Kituwah – the Mother Town of the Cherokee – on the evening of Friday, June 6. Shown, left to right, are 2024-25 Miss Cherokee Moira George, Taline Ugwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley, 2024-25 Little Miss Cherokee Faith Panther, EBCI Second Lady Libby Ensley, Junior Miss Cherokee Misha Snee, EBCI First Lady Marsha Hicks, and Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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Community members join with the Aniyvwiya Dancers for the Cherokee Friendship Dance.

**KITUWAH:** From front page

the EBCI by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Dept. of the Interior in 2021. The property was purchased by the EBCI in 1996, and according to the Public Notice to Acquire Land into Trust, the site totals 307.03 acres.

“Kituwah is not just a plot of land, or a quiet field, it is one of the most sacred places in Cherokee history,” Renissa McLaughlin, EBCI Youth & Adult Education director, told the crowd. “It is our Mother Town, the regional village where our ancestors first gathered as people, where the first fire was lit, and where Cherokee life, government, and traditions began.”

She spoke of the importance of

Kituwah, “In 1996, the Tribe, our people, reclaimed and protected this sacred land. That moment was more than a land purchase. It was a homecoming. It was a return of something that could never truly be lost - our connection to our roots, our ancestors, and our identity. Today, Kituwah is alive - not with buildings or development, but with culture, ceremony, and community. Songs are sung. Seeds are planted, and prayers are offered. Kituwah Mound has become a living classroom and a place where everyone, young and old, can come to learn, remember, and celebrate.”

McLaughlin added, “Let this place continue to bring us together to teach, to heal, to celebrate, and

to remind us all that the Cherokee people are still here. We are strong, we are sovereign, and we are home.”

EBCI Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks commented, “It’s very exciting that we’re recognizing, through this celebration, who we are as a people, our culture, our heritage, and especially the language.

We deal with a lot of things. We wear a lot of hats. It’s not always easy. Sometimes you have to take a hard stand on things. Sometimes, it’s just our diligence, it’s our strength, and it’s our resilience that’s going to outlast any of our opponents or any obstacles that are working against us.”

Ugviyuhi Hicks concluded

with, “We’re strong. We’re resilient. We’re the Cherokee people, and this land is forever ours. It will never leave our hands again regardless of what happens.”

2024-25 Miss Cherokee Moira George spoke along with 2024-25 Junior Miss Cherokee Misha Slee and 2024-25 Little Miss Cherokee Faith Panther. George noted, “I think it’s important that we keep coming together and celebrating. We are still here.”

Several activities were held during the event including Cherokee social dances by the Aniyvwiya Dancers, two exhibition anetso games hosted by the Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Indian ball teams, and a meal by Granny’s Kitchen.





## 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.



# Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) overrides two vetoes on cannabis

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

**C**HEROKEE, N.C. – During its regular session on Thursday, June 5, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) overrode two vetoes by Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks regarding cannabis. The vetoes were of Res. No. 464 and Ord. No. 391, both of which were originally passed on May 1.

Res. No. 464 (2025), submitted by Qualla Enterprises, LLC, was passed by Dinilawigi on May

1. It states in part, “Through collaboration with EBCI planning and regulatory programs, in addition to vast research and development at the Coopers Creek Farm, there are no major obstacles or barriers that would keep QE (Qualla Enterprises) from developing this site as planned.”

The legislation further stated that “land within Cherokee Community parcels numbers 85, 13, 65, 58, 57, and 18 be solely dedicated to the original intent, cannabis production by QE, LLC”.

Res. No. 464 was passed by a margin of 62-32 as follows: For – Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Richard French, Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle, Tsalagi Gadugi/Tutiya (Cherokee Co./Snowbird) Rep. Bucky Brown, Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahnetah, Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Bo

Crowe, Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle, Aniwohi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper; Against – Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell, Dinilawigi Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Tsalagi Gadugi/Tutiya (Cherokee Co./Snowbird) Rep. Adam Wachacha, Dinilawigi Chairman Mike Parker; and Absent – Aniwohi (Painttown) Rep. Dike Sneed.

In his veto letter on Res. No. 464, dated June 5, Ugwiyuhi Hicks wrote, “I have vetoed the resolution because I believe more due diligence needs to be performed before the property is dedicated to a single purpose. We need to make sure the parcels can be used for that purpose.”

The letter continues, “The parcels described in Res. No. 464 were purchased by the Tribe under authority of Res. No. 273

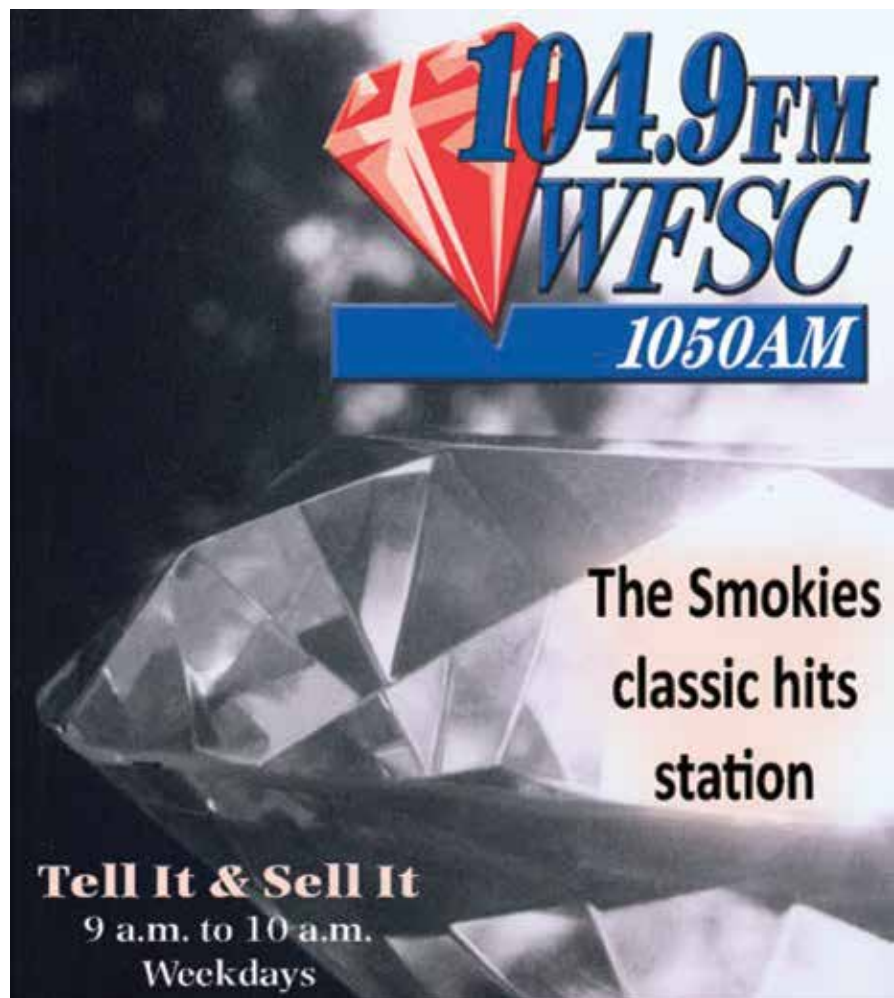
(2022), under which the Tribe paid \$10,000,000 for 85.328 acres. This property, known as the Jim Cooper property, may end up supporting the use desired by Qualla Enterprises. However, the Tribe needs to perform more due diligence before we can reach that conclusion. At this time, there are unanswered questions regarding the nature and extent of the cultural artifacts buried underground there, what areas can be disturbed or must be left alone, wetlands, how much of the property can actually support cannabis cultivation, and whether other parts of the property are better suited to other uses.”

Prior to the vote regarding the veto, Rep. Wahnetah commented, “This LLC was created to help the Tribe make up the losses from gaming. We all know that gaming



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is down now. We created this LLC to help alleviate that problem, but we've got to give them a chance to do that. And, without the property that was designated to them when it was purchased, they can't do that. They can't fulfill their promise to the Tribe of increasing per capita and increasing government funding."

The veto for Ord. No. 464 was overridden by a vote of 74-26 as follows: Override Veto – Rep. French, Rep. Jim Owle, Rep. Stamper, Rep. Crowe, Chairman Parker, Rep. Wahnetah, Rep. Brown, Rep. Boyd Owle; Uphold Veto – Rep. Sneed, Vice Chairman Wolfe, Rep. Shell, and Rep. Wachacha.

Ord. No. 391 (2025), submitted by James Bradley, an EBCI tribal member, was approved on May 1 by nine Dinilawigi represen-

tatives voting for and the following voting against: Vice Chairman Wolfe, Rep. Stamper, and Rep. Brown.

It amends Cherokee Code Section 17 to replace the entirety of Sec. 17-80 (Exemption from tribal prosecution for certain acts involving marijuana.)

The new Sec. 17-80(c) reads, "The exemption from tribal prosecution set forth in subsection (b) applies only to the extent that a person who holds a valid patient identification card of such a person: (1) Engages in the medical use of marijuana in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter as justified to mitigate the symptoms or effects of a person's chronic or debilitating medical condition; and (2) Do not, at any one time, collectively possess with another who is authorized to possess more

than (i) Sixteen (16) ounces of usable marijuana (one pound); (ii) Eight (8) marijuana plants, no more than four (4) of which may be mature and/or flowering at any one time."

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

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

In his veto letter on Ord. No. 391, Ugwiyuhi Hicks wrote, "Foremost in my opposition to this ordinance is my concern for the safety of our children. They deserve to be safe in their own homes. Growing marijuana in a private residence creates an attractive danger to curious children and an unacceptable risk of harm. Already, our Cherokee Indian Police Dept., the Family Safety Program, and Juvenile Services Program have had to take action because of minor's health and safety being compromised due to marijuana being present in the home. Regardless of how safe the propo-


nents of Ord. No. 391 say home grow is, our children deserve our utmost attention and protection."

It continues, "Additionally, Ord. No. 391 uses the generic term 'residence' to describe where home grows may be located. It does not distinguish between the types of residences such as a privately-owned home or a unit rented from the Tribe or a home financed with a loan that may prohibit such activity or violate the provisions of a federal grant. In short, more work needs to be done".

The veto on Ord. No. 391 was overridden by Dinilawigi by a vote of 75-25 as follows: Override Veto – Rep. French, Rep. Jim Owle, Rep. Crowe, Chairman Parker, Rep. Wahnetah, Rep. Wachacha, Rep. Shell, Rep. Boyd Owle; Uphold Veto – Rep. Sneed, Rep. Stamper, Vice Chairman Wolfe, and Rep. Brown.



Following the vote on this veto, Ugwiyuhi Hicks stated, "Just this week, there were some children that were involved and tested positive for product, and I don't think we take this lightly. I think we need to bring this back to the table and figure out how do we create these safety venues for these kids. There's always going to be differences of opinion. But, I'm going to go home and sleep good tonight because I feel like I've done the right thing here this morning on behalf of our children, and I will live with that."

Both pieces of legislation now go into law.



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# Three new ordinances submitted during June Dinilawigi (Tribal Council)

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Three new Ordinances were submitted during the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) regular session on Thursday, June 5. The ordinances, which were all deemed read and tabled, cover topics affecting the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) including consumption of marijuana while riding on Tribe's back roads, clarification of language in the Tribe's Employment/Preference law, and clarification

of language regarding allocation of distributions to the Tribe from LLCs.

Tabled Ord. No. 483 (2025) was submitted by EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell and seeks to amend Cherokee Code Sec. 14-95.12 regarding marijuana.

The whereas section of the legislation states, "Certain marijuana-related activities have come to light that are offensive to some tribal members and are contrary to the intent of the Tribe's marijuana laws; and the activity in question involves one or more companies, the ownership of which is unknown, driving customers along the Tribe's backroads in a side-by-side or similar vehicle, while the customers in the passenger area consume marijuana."

Sec. 14-92.12(a)(11) currently reads, "It shall be unlawful for

any person, business, or other entity to: (11) Consume marijuana, hemp, or hemp products while driving a motor vehicle on a highway or public vehicular area as defined as Chapter 20 of the Cherokee Code."

The proposed amendment would change the section to read, "It shall be unlawful for any person, business, or other entity to (11) Consume marijuana, hemp, or hemp products while driving a motor vehicle or riding on a highway or public vehicular area as defined as Chapter 20 of the Cherokee Code, which shall include the Tribe's backroads or dirt roads for purposes of this prohibition."

Tabled Ord. No. 484 (2025) was also submitted by Attorney General McConnell and just cleans up some language in Cherokee Code Sections 95-12 and 95-13.

The whereas section states the purpose of the proposed amendments to Sec. 95-12 and 95-13. "Taken together, those sections state that the first employment preference shall be given to any 'Local Indian', an archaic phrase that has outlived its usefulness and which is defined as enrolled members of the EBCI and 'any member of another federally recognized tribe who resides within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation'."

It goes on to state, "Sec. 95-12 and Sec. 95-13 should be amended to strike the definition of 'Local Indian' and clearly state that EBCI enrolled members and their spouse and children shall have the first preference in employment." Tabled Ord. No. 485 (2025) was also submitted by Attorney General McConnell seeks to "clarify the allocation of net profit distributions from limited liability corporations (LLCs) formed under Chapter 55B".

The whereas section of the

proposed legislation states, "The terms 'Members' and 'Tribal members' are used to describe members of the LLC and also to individual members of the Tribe; and, the use of those terms in Sec. 55B-5.2 is potentially confusing as applied to distributions of net profit of the corporate enterprise of cash to the Tribe for allocation of per capita/GenWell and to the debt service sinking fund."

The proposed amendment of the Ordinance would change the wording of Sec. 55B-5.2(c) which currently reads, "Distribution shall be as follows: 50 percent of the distributable net profit for Per Capita/GenWell and 50 percent to Debt Service Sinking Fund."

The proposed amended would change Sec. 55B-5.2(c) to read, "Distribution of the net profit of the corporate enterprise to the Tribe by an LLC formed under this chapter shall be as follows: 50 percent of the distributable net profit for Per Capita/GenWell and 50 percent to Debt Service Sinking Fund."

These three pieces of legislation are expected to be on the agenda for the July session of Dinilawigi.



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# Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens (June 2025)

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Every few weeks, the One Feather will provide legislative updates on various pieces of federal legislation of interest to members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The bills are shown in the order in which they were introduced.

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

**S.107 (Lumbee Fairness Act).** This Senate bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. **Introduced:** Jan. 16 by Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) **Action:** The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian

Affairs. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**H.R. 474 (Lumbee Fairness Act).** This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. This bill is identical to S. 107. **Introduced:** Jan. 16 by Rep. David Rouzer (R-N.C.) **Action:** This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**S.761 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act).** This Senate bill would establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies. According to Congress.gov, “Among other duties, the Commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools.” **Introduced:** Feb. 26 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) **Action:** This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. It was “ordered to be reported without amendment favorably” by the Committee on

March 5. No further action has been taken on this bill.

**H.R. 2412 (Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act).** This House bill would establish an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Advisory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State. **Introduced:** March 27 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai’i) **Action:** This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the House Committee on Natural Resources. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

**H.R. 2929. Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe recognition bill.** This House bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. **Introduced:** April 17 by Rep. Donald G. Davis (D-N.C.) **Action:** This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**H.R. 3255. Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025.** This House bill will would grant federal acknowledgement to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a state-recognized group in Michigan.

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

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

**H.R. 3444. Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act of 2025.** According to the bill text, this House bill is “To direct Federal land management agencies of the Department of the Interior to establish Tribal Co-Management Plans and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for the performance of certain activities of the Forest Service, and for other purposes.” **Introduced:** May 15 by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) **Action:** This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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# EBCI Government Explained Exclusion (banishment) powers

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Code of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians gives tribal leaders the authority to exclude individuals, including EBCI tribal members, from its lands. This process is sometimes referred to as banishment but is referred to as exclusion in the Code.

## Basic law on exclusion

This process was added to the Cherokee Code with the passage of Ord. No. 92 (1994) on March 22, 1994. The whereas portion of that legislation states, “Federal law has long established that federally recognized Indian tribes possess inherent sovereign authority, either as a government or as a landowner, to lawfully exclude persons from Indian tribal territory in order to protect the integrity and order of its territory and the welfare of its members.”

Chapter 2 of the Cherokee Code (Exclusion Powers of Tribe) outlines these powers, and Sec. 2-1(a) states, “The Tribal Council shall have the power to exclude enrolled tribal members when necessary to protect the integrity and law and order on tribal lands and territory or the welfare of its members.”

Sec. 2-1(b) gives Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) the authority to “exclude other persons”, i.e. people not enrolled with the EBCI, as well.

Sec. 2-4 outlines the terms of exclusion and states, “The Tribal Council may exclude persons from

Cherokee trust lands for limited periods of time, indefinite periods of time, or permanently, at the discretion of Tribal Council.”

Sec. 2-7 outlines who can start the exclusion process and states, “The following persons may bring a request to the Tribal Council for an exclusion action against a person who is subject to this Chapter are: (1) The Principal Chief, (2) The Vice Chief, (3) Members of the Tribal Council, (4) The Chief of the Cherokee Police Department, (5) The Tribal Prosecutor, and (6) The Attorney General.”

The Cherokee Code gives tribal leaders the right to issue an emergency temporary exclusion.

Sec. 2-9(b) states, “When a Law Enforcement Officer has probable cause to believe that a non-member has committed a Drug Offense, the officer shall bring the non-member before the designated official without unnecessary delay to determine whether a Writ of Emergency Temporary Exclusion is necessary to protect the integrity and law and order on Tribal lands and territory or the welfare of its members. The commission of any Drug Offense by a non-member shall constitute a per se threat to the integrity and law and order on Tribal lands and territory or the welfare of its members.”

Ord. No. 390 (2025) was approved by Dinilawigi on March 6, 2025 and amends the title of Cherokee Code Sec. 14-70.24 to now read Harboring, concealing, or aiding excluded persons. Sec. 14-70.24(a) was amended to read, “It shall be unlawful for any person to aid or assist a person who has been excluded from tribal lands pursuant to law to: (1) Harbor, conceal, or transport while on tribal lands...”

## Exclusion Registry

An official listing of all persons who have been excluded by the EBCI was established with the passage of Ord. No. 185 (2022) on Oct. 24, 2022 which added Sec. 2-12 (Exclusion Registry) to the Code. The Cherokee One Feather is tasked with maintaining the digital registry which is housed online at: <https://theonefeather.com/ebsci-banishment-list/>

The information contained in that registry is handled in Sec. 2-12(b) and Sec. 2-12(c). The first states that the registry “shall contain, at a minimum, the name of the person who is excluded from tribal lands, the date the exclusion resolution was passed by Tribal Council, and the number of the resolution.”

Sec. 2-12(c) states, “The Exclusion Registry should contain a copy of the resolution excluding a person from Tribal trust lands, a photograph of the excluded person, as well as any other identifying information so that the public may be informed of persons who have been excluded from Tribal trust lands.”

## Enrolled Members

Sec. 2-6 deals with exclusion of EBCI tribal members and states, “If an enrolled Tribal member is permanently excluded from Cherokee trust lands, then the member’s name may be removed from the membership roll of the Tribe by resolution of Tribal Council and all privileges pertaining thereto may be suspended indefinitely. If a first-generation descendant is permanently excluded from Cherokee trust lands, Tribal Council may also, by resolution, suspend or revoke the privileges and benefits that the excluded person would otherwise have been eligible to receive as a first-generation descendant.”

To date, no member of the

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has been banished under this process.



1. What relief pitcher, known for his blazing fastball, thick glasses and intimidating wildness, was a member of the New York Yankees’ 1958 World Series championship team?

2. Ron Howard directed what 2013 biographical film that depicted the 1976 Formula 1 season rivalry between drivers Niki Lauda and James Hunt?

3. Businessman Y. Charles “Chet” Soda was a founding partner and the first general manager of what original American Football League franchise?

4. In the 1990s and 2000s, what baked goods did Oswego State Lakers hockey fans traditionally throw on the ice after the team scored against the rival the SUNY Plattsburgh Cardinals?

5. Marathon runner Rebecca Cheptegei, who died from injuries sustained in a violent attack in September 2024, weeks earlier competed for what country in the Paris Summer Olympics?

6. Between brothers Charles and Ed O’Bannon, who scored more points for the UCLA Bruins in their 89-78 win over Arkansas in the 1995 NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament championship game?

7. What member of the Super Bowl XX champion Chicago Bears was ejected from a 2001 Chicago Cubs game after he criticized the home plate umpire over the Wrigley Field public address system?

## Answers

1. Ryne Duren.
2. “Rush.”
3. The Oakland Raiders.
4. Bagels.
5. Uganda.
6. Ed, with 30 points (Charles scored 11).
7. Steve McMichael.

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**Cherokee Tribal Court  
Disposition Summary for  
May 1-31, 2025**

**Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court**

*Note: The following cases were disposed of in Cherokee Tribal Court during the time period of May 1-31, 2025. The date of each offense is in parenthesis.*

Acosta, Eric A.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Sept. 25, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Sept. 25, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public (June 2, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Arch, Jasmine D.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 2, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

Bark, Brandon J.

- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Child abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Jan. 15, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 15, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
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- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
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- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Assault by Strangulation (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Elder Abuse and Neglect (April 13, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Criminal Mischief to Property (April 13, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury (April 13, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Assault on a Female (April 13, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
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- Assault by Strangulation (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
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- Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 7, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 14, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Jan. 14, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Assault by Strangulation (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Assault by Strangulation (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Assault on a Child (Jan. 6, 2025). Guilty.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 6, 2025). Guilty.

Bark, Shawnee

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Feb. 23, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal/Compliance/Proof

Blankenship, Jim K.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Dec. 8, 2024). Reported infraction.
- Speeding (Dec. 8, 2024). Reported infraction.

Blanton, Taylor J.

- Driving While Impaired (June 23, 2024). Guilty.

Bradley, Evard L.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Sept. 12, 2024). Guilty.
- Unsafe Movement (Sept. 12, 2024). Voluntary dismissal per plea.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Sept. 12, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Brady Sr., Billy Joe

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (May 8, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V). (March 8, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Brady, Nathan K.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 29, 2023). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (July 27, 2023). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 27, 2023). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Dec. 3, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

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- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 8, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

- Failure to Reduce Speed (Dec. 3, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

- Drive Left of Center (Dec. 3, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

Briggs, London S.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 24, 2025) Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Brown, Dustin R.

- No Liability Insurance (April 29, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

- Cancelled/Revoked/Suspended Certification/Tag (April 29, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

Castillo, Christopher B.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (March 4, 2025). No contest/responsible

Childers, Kristen O.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 16, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

Cline, Damion D.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Jan. 5, 2025). Dismissed due to no labs and/or discovery provided.

Conseen, Venyall L.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Dec. 27, 2024). Reported infraction.

Crowe, Tonya B.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 13, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

Crowe, Kevin K.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or while Disqualified (Jan. 30, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 15, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

Cucumber, Saith S.

- Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle (June 25, 2022). Guilty.

- Criminal Mischief to Property (June 25, 2022). Guilty.

- Breaking and Entering (June 25, 2022). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle (June 25, 2022). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Davis, Caressa A.

- Second Degree Trespass (Aug. 9, 2022). Guilty.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Nov. 16, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 17, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- DWLR Impaired Rev. (Dec. 31, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 14, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 26, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 23, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Favors, Daniel L.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (April 26, 2025). Guilty.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (April 26, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Figueroa, Francisco K.

- Reckless Endangerment (Jan. 7,

2025). Guilty.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Jan. 7, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

- Reckless Endangerment (Jan. 7, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

- Public Intoxication (Jan. 7, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

French, Edmond M.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Feb. 11, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Feb. 11, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Drug Trafficking (Feb. 11, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Griffin, Nancy S.

- No Liability Insurance (Jan. 27, 2025). Reported infraction.

- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (Jan. 27, 2025). Reported infraction.

Harlan, Watson B.

- Exceeding Posted Speed (March 20, 2025). No contest/responsible.

Hicks, Travis L.

- Criminal Mischief to Property (July 2, 2024). No disposition given.

Hill, Jesse J.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Dec. 8, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

Hughes, Kevin M.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Jan. 19, 2025). Reported infraction.

Ivey, Bill E.

- Hit/Run Leave Scene Property Damage (March 21, 2025). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Jackson, Kaneesha S.

- Speeding (Feb. 17, 2025). No contest/responsible.

Johnson, Ryan D.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (March 30, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

Lambert, Chloe A.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Sept. 13, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

Ledford, Mitchell J.

- Probation Revocation (June 7, 2024). Guilty.

Littlejohn, Akeisha L.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Nov. 4, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

- Speeding to Elude Arrest; Seizure and Sale of Vehicles (Nov. 4, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (April 15, 2020). Dismissed per plea.

Locust, Andrew D.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Feb. 19, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Locust, Debra M.

- Cancelled/Revoked/Suspended Certification/Tag (June 23, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof.

Locust, Shaundell N.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Jan. 10, 2025). Reported infraction.

- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (Jan. 10, 2025). Reported infraction.

Mahsetky Jr., Patrick M.

- Criminal Mischief to Property (Aug. 11, 2021). Dismissed with leave.

- Violation of Registration Provi-



<p>sions (May 1, 2018). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 3, 2018). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.</li> <li>- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 26, 2018). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.</li> <li>- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 2, 2019). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.</li> <li>- Violation of Registration Provisions (April 21, 2018) Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.</li> <li>- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (May 1, 2018). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.</li> <li>- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (April 9, 2018). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.</li> <li>- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 30, 2017). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in Federal Court.</li> </ul> <p>Mathis, Randy D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Violation of Registration Provisions (July 4, 2016). Dismissed.</li> <li>- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 23, 2022). Dismissed.</li> </ul> <p>Mathis, Fredrick J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (aug. 14, 2023). No contest/responsible.</li> <li>- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 19, 2024). No contest/responsible.</li> </ul>	<p>Mayo, Javien A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Jan. 20, 2025). Guilty.</li> <li>- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Jan. 20, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.</li> <li>- Sexual Abuse of a Minor or a Ward (Jan. 20, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.</li> </ul> <p>McCoy, Norman D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Feb. 22, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.</li> </ul> <p>Morgan, Trevor D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (Sept. 27, 2020). Guilty.</li> </ul> <p>Morgan, Tyler J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resisting Lawful Arrest (May 2, 2021). Guilty.</li> <li>- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (May 2, 2021). Dismissed per prior plea.</li> <li>- Obstructing Governmental Functions (May 2, 2021). Dismissed per prior plea.</li> </ul> <p>Myers, Thomas K.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 12, 2025). Reported infraction.</li> <li>- Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle (Dec. 3, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.</li> </ul> <p>Nash, Meisha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civil Revocation of Dr. Lic. (10) (April 20, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.</li> </ul> <p>Otter, Logan M.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 2, 2021). Dismissed upon further investigation.</li> </ul> <p>Owle Perrez, Korrina L.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exceeding Posted Speed (Feb. 23, 2025). No contest/responsible.</li> </ul> <p>Owle, Lloyd E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 13, 2025). Reported infraction.</li> </ul> <p>Panther, Mary M.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No Operators License/Drivers License (Jan. 26, 2025). Reported infraction</li> </ul> <p>Parker, Teague B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Jan. 24, 2023). Reported infraction.</li> <li>- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (May 16, 2023). Reported infraction.</li> <li>- Penalty for Failure to Dim, etc., Beams of Headlamps (Jan. 24, 2023). Reported infraction</li> </ul> <p>Parris, Daniel B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disorderly Conduct (May 12, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.</li> </ul> <p>Parris, Nathaniel R.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disorderly Conduct (May 12, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.</li> </ul> <p>Pheasant, Jayda A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 20, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.</li> </ul> <p>Pheasant, Ernest D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Dec. 28, 2013). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in federal court</li> <li>- Possession of Firearms, etc., by Felon Prohibited (Nov. 21, 2023). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in federal court</li> <li>- Tampering with Evidence (Dec.</li> </ul>	<p>28, 2013). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in federal court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Homicide in the First Degree (Dec. 28, 2013). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in federal court</li> <li>- Tampering with Witnesses (Dec. 30, 2013). Dismissed: Defendant adequately sentenced in federal court</li> </ul> <p>Plummer, Wendy L.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (March 22, 2023). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.</li> </ul> <p>Queen, Joel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (April 23, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/proof</li> <li>- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (March 24, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.</li> </ul> <p>Roach, Marty W.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disorderly Conduct (May 5, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.</li> </ul> <p>Rogers, Keeley J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speeding (Feb. 4, 2025). No contest/responsible.</li> </ul> <p>Sampson, Dustin V.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (March 11, 2025). Dismissed due to no labs and/or discovery provided.</li> <li>- Poss. Open Cnt/Cons Alc PSG Area (Feb. 3, 2024). Voluntary dismissal per plea.</li> <li>- Disorderly Conduct (Feb. 3, 2024). Dismissed per plea.</li> <li>- Driving While Impaired (Feb. 3, 2024). Guilty per plea.</li> <li>- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstruct-</li> </ul> <p>see COURT REPORT next page</p>
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Reported infraction.</li> <li>- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Jan. 22, 2025). Reported infraction.</li> </ul> <p>Sherrill Tameka S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Jan. 29, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.</li> </ul> <p>Smallwood, William H.I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 4, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.</li> </ul> <p>Smith, Pamela</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expired/No Inspection (May 17, 2024). Reported infraction.</li> </ul> <p>Smith, Frances A.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 22, 2015). Dismissed</li> <li>- DWLR (March 30, 2025). Voluntary dismissal</li> <li>- Expired Registration Card/Tag (March 30, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof</li> </ul> <p>Smith, Ashlee B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Possession of Controlled Substance (Nov. 11, 2022). Guilty.</li> <li>- Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance (Schedule VI - Marijuana) (Nov. 11, 2022). Dismissed per prior plea.</li> <li>- Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Nov. 11, 2022). Dismissed per prior plea.</li> </ul> <p>Smith, Bobby J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operate Veh. No Ins. (Sept 19, 2024). Reported infraction.</li> <li>- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (Sept. 19, 2024). Reported infraction.</li> <li>- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Sept. 19, 2024). Reported infraction.</li> </ul> <p>Smith, Kayla J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Window Tinting Violation (March 10, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.</li> </ul> <p>Soap, Thomas K.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Simple Assault (Feb. 14, 2025). Guilty.</li> </ul> <p>Solis, Chasity D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No Operators License/Drivers License (May 2, 2023). Reported infraction.</li> <li>- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 1, 2024). Reported infraction.</li> <li>- Failure to Reduce Speed (April 1, 2024). Reported infraction.</li> </ul> <p>Sundown, Trevor H.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Sept. 7, 2021). Dismissed.</li> </ul> <p>Swayney, Anthony R.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 13, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.</li> </ul> <p>Swimmer, Ashley D.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 8, 2025). Reported infraction.</li> <li>- Bail Jumping (Aug. 21, 2024). Guilty.</li> <li>- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (March 8, 2025). Guilty.</li> <li>- Canc/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (March 8, 2025). Reported infraction.</li> <li>- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (April 14, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea.</li> <li>- Second Degree Trespass (April 5, 2017). Dismissed per prior plea.</li> <li>- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, after Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 12, 2021). Dismissed per prior plea.</li> </ul> <p>Tahquette, Michelle L.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No liability Insurance (Feb. 28, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.</li> </ul> <p>Teesateskie, James E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Larceny (March 17, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.</li> <li>- Exploitation of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult: Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code (March 17, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.</li> </ul> <p>Teesateskie, Josephine L.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reckless Driving to Endanger</li> </ul>	<p>(March 29, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.</p> <p>Teesateskie, Davisia Z.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DWLR Impaired Rev. (Dec. 29, 2024). Dismissed per plea.</li> <li>- Driving While Impaired (May 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea.</li> <li>- No Operators License/Drivers License (May 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea.</li> </ul> <p>Thompson, Dylan J.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 17, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal compliance/proof.</li> <li>- Expired/No Inspection (May 17, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof</li> </ul> <p>Tooni, Norman A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No Liability Insurance (May 20, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.</li> <li>- Canc/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (May 20, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.</li> </ul> <p>Vorheis, Andrew S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disorderly Conduct (May 7, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.</li> </ul> <p>Wachacha, Alexis B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Filing a False Emergency Report (March 20, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.</li> </ul> <p>Walkingstick, William G.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Driving While Impaired (Aug. 29, 2024). Guilty.</li> </ul> <p>Walkingstick, Rebecca</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Failure to Secure a Passenger under 16 (March 12, 2025). No contest/responsible.</li> </ul> <p>Watty, Felicia A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 5, 2024). Reported infraction.</li> <li>- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 5, 2024). Reported infraction.</li> </ul>
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Watty, Kyran J. - Expired Operators License (March 21, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.	Collins, Samantha – age 21 Arrested: May 27 Released: May 29 Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence	Released: Not released as of report date (June 2) Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders, Possession of Schedule I Controlled Substance (two counts), Driving While License Revoked	Released: Not released as of report date (June 2) Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree (three counts)
Watty, Ryan K. - Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (June 19, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea. - Larceny (June 19, 2024). Guilty. - Larceny (Jan. 2, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.	Sherrill, Tameka – age 34 Arrested: May 27 Released: Not released as of report date (June 2) Charges: Drug Trafficking	Calonaheskie, Anthony Benson – age 33 Arrested: May 29 Released: Not released as of report date (June 2) Charges: Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver of a Controlled Substance; Transporting Controlled Substance into the Territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	Bernhisel, Jonah Tyler – age 24 Arrested: June 1 Released: Not released as of report date (June 2) Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree (three counts)
Watty, Irene P. - Child Not in Rear Seat (April 25, 2024). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.	Thompson, Sarah Marie – age 36 Arrested: May 27 Released: May 29 Charges: Second Degree Trespass	Owle, Kenneth Randall – age 62 Arrested: May 30 Released: Not released as of report date (June 2) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor	Ledford, Justin Zane – age 28 Arrested: June 1 Released: June 2 Charges: Driving While Impaired
Welch, Marvel A. - Criminal Simulation (May 3, 2012). Guilty. - False Pretenses (May 3, 2012). Dismissed per prior plea.	Climbingbear Jr., Isaac – age 35 Arrested: May 28 Released: Not released as of report date (June 2) Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (four counts); Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver of a Controlled Substance	Pullian, Trina Diane – age 57 Arrested: May 30 Released: May 31 Charges: Hold Until Sober	
Welch, Anthony D. - Probation Revocation (May 28, 2025). Stricken.	Cucumber, Saith St. Christopher – age 30 Arrested: May 28 Released: Not released as of report date (June 2) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor	Eargle, Jason Ryan – age 46 Arrested: May 31 Released: May 31 Charges: Hold Until Sober	
Wildcat, Edison - Public Intoxication (April 5, 2025). Guilty.	Oxendine, Krista Crouse – age 53 Arrested: May 28 Released: Not released as of report date (June 2) Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders, Resisting Public Officer	Sneed, Brandon Howard – age 44 Arrested: May 31 Released: May 31 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor	
Wilnoty, Joseph A. - Exceeding Posted Speed (March 7, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.	Rattler, Denise – age 51 Arrested: May 28 Released: May 28 Charges: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	Stepp, Jeffery Reid – age 60 Arrested: May 31 Released: June 1 Charges: Hold Until Sober	
<b>CIPD Arrest Report for May 26 to June 1, 2025</b>  <i>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 the onefeather.com.</i>	Welch, Anthony Dirk – age 55 Arrested: May 28	Armachain, Rebecca Lynn – age 23 Arrested: June 1	

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# CIPD, EBCI Operations Division provide disaster relief to Kentucky

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**  
One Feather Reporter

**L**ONDON, Ky. - On the afternoon of Friday, May 30, Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Resource Inventory Coordinator Robbie Brown delivered pallets of water, meals ready to eat (MREs), heaters, towels, and more to London, Ky., by way of a Cherokee Tribal Emergency Management trailer provided by Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Secretary of Operations Anthony Sequoyah. The haul was in response to a severe and fatal tornado outbreak across Kentucky this May.

“We are grateful to Anthony Sequoyah for collaborating with us and making it possible to provide disaster relief for the community of one of our vendors, Don Franklin Auto Group,” said CIPD Chief of Police Carla Neadeau.

“Don Franklin Auto Group also sent supplies from Kentucky to Cherokee and other communities in western North Carolina in response to Hurricane Helene, so we wanted to do the same for them.”

CIPD Assistant Chief of Police Josh Taylor thanked Brown for making the trip. “Robbie’s late mother, Diane Brown, led missions in poor Appalachian communities that provided similar assistance - clothes, food, shelter - so I think it is meaningful that he was able to do something similar in this instance, for a community that also serves CIPD.”



CIPD officers load a trailer with disaster relief for Kentucky. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

On May 17, London, Ky., was leveled by an EF-4 tornado with winds of 170 mph in a 55.6-mile-long path across Pulaski and Laurel counties. 19 people were killed in the outbreak, with most fatalities occurring in the path of the EF-4, the deadliest tornado in the history of their County Warning Area (CWA).

Don Franklin Auto Group has become a donation hub for relief as the counties work to rebuild after disaster. They can be found on Facebook at Don Franklin Auto.



Jerry Goodman, Robbie Brown, and Kenny Isaacs are shown with a loaded trailer of relief items for London, Ky. Goodman and Isaacs, both supply runners for Don Franklin Auto Group, brought the trailer back to Cherokee from London.





### << Groundbreaking for Whitetree Court

On the morning of June 3, a groundbreaking was held for Whitetree Court, a market rental and commercial use property in Aniwodih (Painttown). The estimated date of completion is 2.5 years as of May 1. Site preparation is being completed by Tribal Construction. There is 92,000 square feet of residential living space including 31 two-bedroom apartments, 16 three-bedroom apartments, and 12 four-bedroom apartments. This is a multi-family, mixed use apartment complex. There is also 7,600 square feet of commercial property, with one unit of the property being used for a laundromat that will be open to the public. Leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians breaking ground include, left to right, Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Bo Crowe, Aniwodih (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Richard French, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell, Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahnetah, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Dinilawigi Chairman Michael Parker, Taline Ugwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley, and Ugwiyu (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



**Richard Freeman Kaito Saunooke**

A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.  
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# Ava Walkingstick receives One Feather Student of the Year Award

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – An outstanding young Cherokee woman has been named the inaugural winner of the Cherokee One Feather Student of the Year Award. The award was presented to Ava Walkingstick, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a rising junior at Cherokee High School (CHS), during the Reports to Council session on the morning of Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

Walkingstick, a member of the Long Hair Clan, was presented the award by Brooklyn Brown, Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board chairperson.

During the award presentation on Wednesday morning, Brown commented, “The Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board voted this year to present an inaugural award known as the Cherokee One Feather Student of the Year Award to a well-rounded Cherokee High School student of any grade level who shows exceptionality in academics, athletics, fine and performing arts, Cherokee language and cultural preservation, and/or community engagement, and is prominently featured in Cherokee One Feather coverage throughout the school year.

The Cherokee One Feather is honored to present the first ever Cherokee One Feather Student of the Year Award to an exceptional student, Ms. Ava Walkingstick.

As a sophomore at Cherokee High School, Walkingstick worked closely with PHHS to implement



Brooklyn Brown, left, Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board chairperson, presents the inaugural Cherokee One Feather Student of the Year Award to Ava Walkingstick, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a rising junior at Cherokee High School (CHS), during the Reports to Council session on the morning of Wednesday, June 4. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

the inaugural ‘From Darkness Into Hope’ Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event, in

memory of her best friend and cousin Cynthia ‘Mouse’ Saunooke. Walkingstick is also treasurer of

the Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society, part of the youth cultural exchange, in





Ava Walkingstick speaks to Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) following receiving the award on June 4.

Youth Council at the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute, a defensive specialist on the junior varsity Lady Braves volleyball team, a field athlete for CHS track and field, manager of the Lady Braves soccer team, a frontline associate at the Museum of the Cherokee People, and she just performed the lead role of Sandy in the Cherokee Central Schools Musical Theater's rendition of 'Grease'."

Brown added, "Ava is a hard-working, goal-oriented student with a passion for mental health advocacy, and we are proud to present her with this award."

After receiving her award,

Walkingstick thanked her family and friends and noted, "I really thank all of y'all in the community. They see me out here doing this, and they tell me that I'm doing a great job. I'm going to continue doing this."

In an interview with the One Feather in November 2024 regarding her involvement with the CHS Musical Theatre Program and Cherokee Choir, she said, "It's really great. I love working with Mr. Yannette...we have so many voices in this room that we didn't know we had. We were in dance. We didn't know we were going to be singing on the first day of school.



Walkingstick speaks at the "From Darkness Into Hope" event in Cherokee, N.C. on Sept. 4, 2024.

When we came in, it was really fun and he got us to where we are now. It's just been incredible."

As mentioned above, Walkingstick has been an incredible advocate for mental health awareness. At the "From Darkness Into Hope" event held in Cherokee, N.C. on Sept. 4, 2024, she spoke eloquently stating, "I realized it's ok to be hurt. It's ok to feel the pain that you feel. It's ok to cry. It's ok to be mad. Because all those things that you feel are what is a part of you. It's not just something that's there, it's something you've got to feel, it's something you've got to express."

She added, "Really, what I'm trying to say is, as a youth, as a teenager, as someone who knows how it feels, it's ok to feel hurt. It's ok to ask questions. It's ok to be there for a friend. It's ok to ask for help. And that's what a lot of these vendors are doing today. Not only are they vendors, they're our community people. Gadugi – We are One – as a community."

Walkingstick served as the 2022-23 Teen Miss Cherokee and enjoys several crafts including making cornhusk dolls for which she received a first place ribbon at the 2024 Cherokee Indian Fair Exhibit Hall.

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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
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30. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
31. Supervisor (HIS/Inventory) – Tribal Construction – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION



## Yellowhill Community Club ribbon-cutting held

On the morning of June 2, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the Elawodi (Yellowhill) Community Building. Beloved Woman Carmeleta Monteith led an opening prayer, followed by remarks from Virginia Johnson regarding the history of the building and the Elawodi Community Club. Taline Ugwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley then gave remarks reflecting on his many years spent in the building. Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks gave closing remarks, thanking those who made the renovation possible and speaking to his own memories of Elawodi. Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Vice Chairman and Elawodi rep. David Wolfe also reflected on his connection to the building and gave a closing prayer. Atsoise Galvtsi (Gabriela French) from Elawodi, with help from Virginia Johnson, cut the ribbon. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



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2. Supervisor (Multiple) – Public Safety Communications Center – Operations (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Firefighter (Multiple) – Fire Department – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Fire Lieutenant – Fire Department – Operations (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Recreation Aide (Multiple) – Cherokee Life Recreation – CERS (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
6. Recreation Supervisor – Cherokee Life Recreation – CERS (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
7. Teacher (Art) – Kituwah Academy – CERS (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
8. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – CERS (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
9. Member Services Representative – Cherokee Fitness Complex – CERS (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
10. Crew Leader (Plumbing) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
11. Crew Leader (Carpenter) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
12. Homeowner/Rental Occupancy Specialist – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
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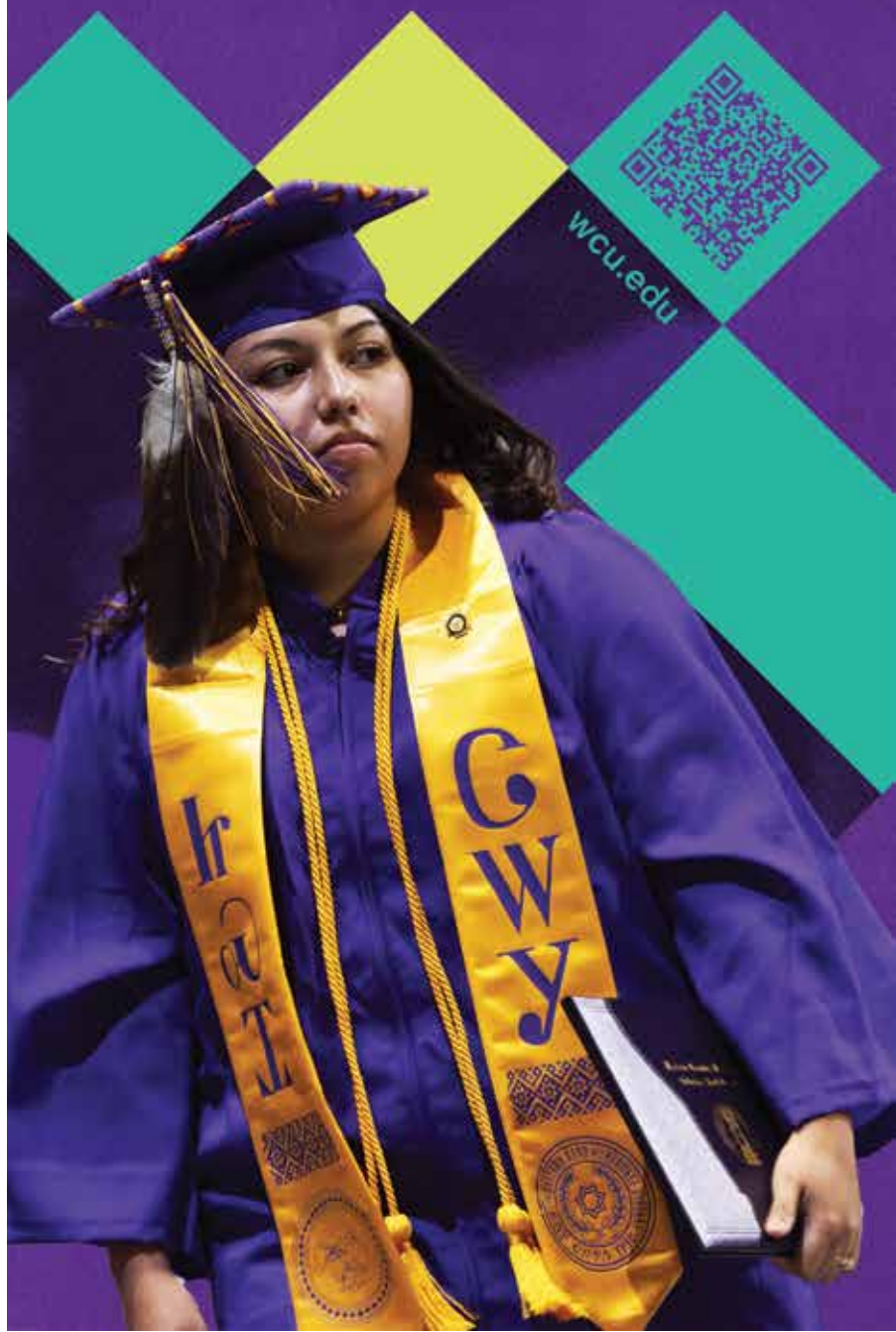
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# Cherokee Preservation Foundation hosts 17th Annual Cherokee Day of Caring

Submitted by  
Cherokee Preservation Foundation

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Preservation Foundation with the support of Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, and the Offices of the Principal Chief and Vice Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) came together collaboratively for the 17th annual Day of Caring on May 15. This daylong event reflects the spirit of Ga-Du-Gi, a traditional way of helping the community practiced by the Cherokee people for centuries. Some 200 volunteers, EBCI members and others in the community,

came together to assist 9 families and individuals nominated by their respective community clubs. Volunteers helped paint, repair, clean up landscapes and plant flowers.

That evening, nine "Quiet Heroes" and one "Good Neighbor" who have served their communities unselfishly were honored at a special dinner at the Wolfstown Gym. "Our community is awesome. This day is what Ga-Du-Gi is all about, helping fellow neighbors," said Deb Owle, Program Operations Manager, Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

Special thanks go out to Lowe's in Sylva, McNeely's Cherokee Home Center, the Cherokee Fire Department Station 2, VOC of Cherokee, EBCI Tribal Facilities, The Cherokee Boys Club,

and Qualla Housing for providing assistance to ensure the success of the day.

The 2025 Cherokee Day of Caring Committee, who plans this event, includes the following individuals: Deb Owle, John Nelson, Dewayne "Duck" Lossiah, Gary Driver, Candy Bradley, Rick Lossiah, Dinah Grant, Rob Welch, Michael Wilnoty, Teresa Catolster, Elijah Wachacha, Cane Cable, and Driver Blythe.

**Day of Caring Projects included:**  
Wolfstown – Debbie Littlejohn  
Big Y – Charlotte "Woochie" George  
Painttown – Julie Wilnoty  
Yellowhill – Hazel Shell  
Big Cove – Joe Welch  
Towstring – Catherine Lambert  
Birdtown – Jane Owle  
Snowbird – Janie Brown

Cherokee County – Anna Lou Shuler  
Overflow Projects: Food Pantry's Yellowhill and Cherokee County

## The Quiet Heroes & Good Neighbor Awards went to:

**Quiet Heroes:**  
Towstring – Michelle Bridges  
Big Cove – Rose "Totsie" Welch  
Yellowhill – Mianna "Peaches" Squirrel - Posthumously  
Painttown – Joey Wilnoty  
Big Y- Ann Maney Coggins  
Wolfstown – Mary Long  
Birdtown – Ruth McCoy  
Snowbird – Jonah Bird  
Cherokee County – Diane Wells  
Good Neighbor: Byron Housley (the Good Neighbor is a non-EBCI Tribal member who gives of themselves unselfishly to benefit the entire tribe)



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## Cherokee High School 4th quarter Honor Roll

### 9th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Kiarra Caley, Kahya Cucumber, Khloe Cucumber, Zoe De Los Reyes, Jean Layno, Lilly Lossiah, Kahmera Pheasant, Wakinyan Raines, Roxy Solis, Armani Watty, William J. Welch

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Lillian Bradley, Audree Edwards, Weston Fu-son, Nanette Hull, Felix Lossiah, Camaron Oocumma, Derick Owle, Meikka Pheasant, James Smith Jr., Briann Teesateskie, Thomas Tramper

**Beta Honor Roll:** Alexander Antone, Ander Antone, Tsalagi Brady, Marek Brown, Mack Burgess, Kimberly Crowe, Mason Crowe, Eloise Frady, Dagoberto Guerrero, Morgan Hernandez, Ari-

el Hoyle, Olivia Huskey-Morales, Maia Lane, Caius Littlejohn, Elvia McCoy, Jae McMillan, Karmelita Montelongo-Huertaper, Nicolas Paramo, Jayla Pheasant, Kiara Sneed, Kimo Sokol, Alana Squirrel, Calvin Taylor, Christopher Toineeta, Aliyah Watty, Cainyan Welch, Ezekiel Welch

### 10th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Sage Bark, Dillon Beam, Elias Blankenship, Emilee Brady, Jarvis Brady, Chloe Locust, Johnny Long, Christian Luna-Martinez, Samuel Owle, Jocelyn Stamper, Kaden Stephens, Annie Tramper, Kingston Welch, Dalton Yates

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Livia Crowe, Kymani Foalima, Courtney Hitt, Emily Maney, Dawson Panther, Luke Stamper, O-Ga-Na Swimmer, Journey Watty, Timpson Wildcat

**Beta Honor Roll:** Nayaa Addo, Jade Arneach, Martin Arteaga, Carter Bird, Brandon Blankenship, Carmen Cline, Chloe Cooper, Kaden Cucumber, Ayaisha Driver, Jezakiah Driver, Nicholas Ensley, Jonattan Escobar-Mancilla, Ajaidyn George, Kiowa George, Alexis Grimes, Kayla Guillen, Braden Howlingcrane, Carlito Huerta-Perez, Reginald Hyatt, Kyitan Johnson, Ayanna Lambert, Ajalah Locust, Chaz Martens, Jamee McMillan, Elizabeth Myers, Russell Reed, Aaliyah Rogers, Rodrigo Santiago, Utsela Saunooke, Kylan Sneed, Addison Stewart, Auron Taylor, Ava Teesatuskie-Walkingstick, Mia Velazquez-Lossiah, MeLi Winstead, Abigail Witt, Kaden Wolfe

### 11th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Francesca Armachain, Tayvin Bark-Cruz, Logan Biddix, Traelin Carey, Oscar Guillien-Swayney, Marlee Hicks, Dailin Panther, Nia Seqouyah, Gabriella Smith, Cecily Swimmer

**Alpha Honor Roll:** William Ellwood, Javan Garcia, Samuel Hernandez, Isaiah Ledford, Colby Lossie, Chloe Owle, Hailey Owle, Keith Smith, Samantha Toineeta

**Beta Honor Roll:** Marleigh Aguilera, Krenston Armachain, Maya Brabham, Brihana Burgos Delgado, Jessika Carroll, Talan Crowe, Tsa-li Dv-di-s-di, Jayvin George, Taylor Kazhe, Shawnee Kirkland, Josilyn Ledford, Trinity Marti-

nez, Lexcy Ortiz, Jaime Panther, Ayden Queen, Ayla Ross, Yvonne Saunooke, Jonathan Saylor, Iza-bella Terrell, Sara Toineeta

### 12th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Paytyn Barker, Kennica Bradley, Tricyus Calhoun, Alexis Davis, Gideon Freeman, Kiri Hill, Cameron Jackson, Zackery Johnson, Amiya Lequire, Elijah Lineberry, Aubree Lossiah Rice, Ismael Matamoros, Zachary Miller, Kyla Moore, Neva-yah Panther, Sadie Rivera-Gomez, Devin Swayney, Tyruss Thompson, Hailee Velazquez-Lossiah, Addys-on Welch, Eliana West

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Lillian Blythe-Ramos, ILA Brinkmeyer, No-qwisi Crowe, Brett Elders, Isabelle Fourkiller-Raby, Amila Lossie, Marilyn Swayney, Keeifer Taylor, Abbygail Wildcatt, Kaniah Wolfe

**Beta Honor Roll:** Keaton Arch, Raymond Bradley, Jessie Catolster-Hernandez, Sophie Cooper, Jada Cruz, Kaimare Eaglestar, Corbin Freeman, Matthew Garcia Wahnetah, Michel Gayosso, Waushila Grant, Trevor Hill-Ledford, Watshenniiostha Jacobs, Chayton Ledford, Ayosta Lossie, Evan Nations, Joseph Porter, Brandon Santiago, Elliott Shell, Josiah Sherrill, Julianne Smart, Ella Sokol, Elijah Squirrel, Cameron Squirrel, Tahnanah Tahquette, Addi Taylor, Josiah Teesateskie, Ariyanna-Ali Toineeta, Kieran Wolfe



**2025 ANNUAL EBCI GARDEN CONTEST!**

**Categories are organic and conventional gardens and open to all age groups!**  
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- Youth Gardens (17 & younger)
- Individual Garden
- Senior Gardens (60-69, 70-79, 80-89, and 90+)
- Family Garden
- Community Club Garden
- Raised Beds and Other Recyclable Garden Beds

**CASH PRIZES AWARDED FOR EACH CATEGORY**

**Deadline to enter is June 20th 2025 @ 4pm**  
**Judging will be June 25-27**

**To register: EBCI Cooperative Extension Center**  
**828-359-6939**

### *Ask the One Feather:* Finances for casino in Indiana

A reader asked: **Can you publish a profit/loss report on the tribal-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 Ugwiyuhi (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.

## EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LETTER: Yellowhill Baptist Church cemetery is at capacity

Greetings from the Yellowhill Baptist Church, we are writing you this letter to inform you all of a decision that was discussed and agreed upon by the Pastor and the members of the Yellowhill Baptist Church. The church's cemetery has reached its capacity at the moment. Although, it may look like there are places that are available to bury a loved one, that is not the case at this time.

We have run into a few instances here lately, where a grave was being dug and another grave was disturbed by the dig. At this time, we are closing The Yellowhill Baptist Church Cemetery to any-

one who wishes to lay to rest their loved ones in the church's cemetery. We have come to find out that there are several unmarked graves and we are working with the Tribe for help with finding a solution on how we can get our cemetery surveyed and mark those unmarked graves that have no headstone or any kind of marking. Once we are able to get this done, we will see what options are available and will re-open the Yellowhill Baptist Church's cemetery for those members of our Tribe to request a plot for their loved one to be laid to rest.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, they are more than willing to reach out to our Pastor, Associate Pastor, Deacon or Church Secretary. Their contact information is listed at the end of this letter. We thank you for your

understanding at this time and will keep you updated on the status of the Yellowhill Baptist Church's cemetery.

Foreman Bradley, Pastor, (828) 736-4872

Eddie Morrow, Associate Pastor, (828) 507-2271

Virgil Swimmer, Deacon, (828) 788-4931

Tina Swimmer, Church Clerk, (828) 736-6624

Sincerely,  
**Foreman Bradley**

### 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](mailto: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

### THANK YOU LETTERS

#### Heartfelt Thank You

The family of Barbara J. Robie would like to personally thank the following individuals for their support and care : Cherokee EMS, Jeff Arneach and the Cherokee Fire Dept, Foreman Bradley, Scott Chekelelee as an officer for traffic control and as a pastor for the funeral, our Yellowhill Church family, Zena Wolfe for the beautiful spray and boutonnières and for singing along with her husband Melvin, Chief Hicks and Vice Chief Ensley for the flowers and food, MaryBeth Crowe for support and donning the boutonnières on pall bearers, Nancy Wahnetah for taking control and notifying family members for us during this troubling time, Yellowhill Church singers, Kerry Otter for singing, Lane and David Smoker for singing, Wolfetown free labor and Tribal Construction for digging the grave, Crisp Funeral Home, and lastly the CIHA Work Family.

If we forgot anyone we apologize and thank you now.

We Thank you all for everything during the loss of our loved one, we pray God will bless each and every one of you abundantly.


**The Robie Family**

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY**  
*Confirmation Hearing pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A*  
**Confirmation hearing for  
Doris Johnson to the  
Tribal Gaming Commission**  
**Monday, June 23 at 9 a.m.**  
**Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.**

These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date.

**The final date for public comment will be  
Monday, June 16.**





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## OBITUARIES ᏍᏏᏏᏏᏏ

### John Gerald Walker

John Gerald Walker was born on Feb. 5, 1952 as a birthday gift to his mom Leois Evans Walker and his awesome dad George Walker. John's final earthly steps were hard and painful, but God decided "Enough my son come one home." His heavenly family reunion includes both of his parents; his loving grandparents, Willie Walker and Amanda Catt Walker, Vincent Evans and Margaret McClure Evans; brothers, Ronnie and Donnie Walker; two people who called him son, EJ and Cotton McLean; lots of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, and friends; and his precious son, James Gerald Walker.

John is survived by his wife of 53 years Dorothy "Cookie"

McLean Walker; one daughter, Gracie Jeanette; three of the most precious granddaughters anyone could hope for, Tracy Michelle, the oldest and his rock, Seraphina Nicole and Morgan Kathleen. He always said "who needs boys when I've got awesome girls like these." He was so proud of his gifts from God. And there's Lucas, his fur baby who could soothe John no matter how bad he felt. He is also survived by brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe (Jessie Mae), Tommy (Lois), Charlie (Kattie), Susan Walker, Darlene Walker, four nieces, and six nephews.

John was a true jack of all trades. At 17 he worked with his dad and brother along the Mississippi River. He moved on to working underground. Coal mines in Alabama and Kentucky, Uranium mines in New Mexico, Subways in Baltimore Maryland, Water intake tunnels in Chattanooga Tennessee, and the Bad Creek Project in western North Carolina. He worked building the Duke Energy Nuclear Power Plant in SouthPort, N.C. and the Ramsey Regional Center on the Western Carolina University Campus. We moved home and he was a logger with his dad and brothers. His father-in-law started teaching him how to operate dozers and track hoes. John was so talented. His new love became putting beautiful home sites where people said there was no way. He built remarkable roads into areas most people said was

impossible. He even found time and joy driving the Coachman Activity Bus for Swain County. He always considered it an honor to spend time with the students and marching band.

After years of trying to decide what he wanted to do for the rest of his life, he became Johnny the junk car man. He removed hundreds of junk cars from reservation lands and any other one that found themselves with a broke down or crashed vehicle.

All the wide varieties of jobs he enjoyed took him through much of the United States and created the opportunity to meet and work with many people from many walks of life. If you were fortunate enough for him to call you a friend, he became a true friend. When he said "call me if you need anything 24/7" he meant every word.

Our family and our four girls have appreciated all the love shown to us and for all the prayers. Please know we're okay because God has our backs.

Thank you to the wonderful staff of Cherokee Davita Dialysis for the love you've shown us for almost 4 years.

Thank you to the nursing staff and CNAs of Tsali Care Center. We've become family. He loved you all.

John didn't want a formal funeral. He wanted to be cremated. He always said "ashes to ashes dust to dust so shall we return."

A memorial gathering was held

at Crisp Funeral Home in Bryson City, N.C. on Sunday, June 8.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Activities Department, Tsali Care Center Director Mallie Swayney, 267 Tsali Care Way, Cherokee, NC 28719. (828) 497-5048

### Donna Allison Crowe


Donna Allison Crowe, 71, of Cherokee went home to be with the Lord Friday June 6, 2025. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Boyce and Sally (Bill) Johnson Allison, and wife to the late Rev. Denny Crowe. In addition to her parents, and husband Donna was also preceded in death by her daughter, Kayce Crowe Maney; and three brothers, Jim, John, and Jack Allison.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Rachel Crowe; great grandchildren, Alexander and Kailyn Crowe McDaris; cousin, Daisy Crowe; and one brother, Buddy Allison and wife Judy.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 9 at The Old Antioch Baptist Church. Brothers Kenny and Marty Kilby will officiate with burial at George Family Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday at The Old Antioch Baptist Church.

Pallbearers will be among family and friends.

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**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**



## SPEAKING OF FAITH

### Appointing your days

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

Scripture References: Psalms 90:12, Job 28:28, Psalms 119:105, Romans 8:28, 1 Corinthians 2:9.

Psalms 90:12 says, “So teach us to number our days, That we may get us a heart of wisdom.”

Did you know that praying for wisdom is within God’s will? It is always important to pray in the same direction God wills. Why? Because praying against God’s will is wasting your breath. (That’s if you pray aloud.) God wants us to walk with wisdom, and He wants to give us understanding. His Word is full of wisdom, and the more we read it and heed it, the more we become wise. Job 28:28 says, “And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.”

But what does it mean to number our days? The words used have much more context than what we read in English in Hebrew. For example, the word “manah” in Hebrew means more than “number” in English. Translated in context, it means to appoint or prepare. The story of Jonah used the same word when God prepared those things that became such a problem for Jonah to teach him the lesson God wanted him to learn (Cahn, 2021). He does the same with us. Do you truly think that one morning, when you had so many plans ahead for your day, that the flat tire you had was a fluke? It changed your plans; it made you zig when you were in the middle of your zag. I believe there is a reason for those unplanned zigs, and now, after years of experience, I can see those divine changes when I had no control, as acts of God to show me something I might not have experienced without His intervention.

We know we have a certain number of days in our lives – they are already designated by God. So, what can we do to prepare or appoint our days? The pat answer is to read God’s Word and pray daily for Him to show you His way for your day. It is precisely what Psalms 119:105 says, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And light unto my path.” You can’t see Light if

you don’t read it.

That is a question of the ages. Many philosophers and theologians have discussed this question, and the answer is simple. We make it complex. How does one prepare for days that are yet to come?

God brings good things to those who believe. Now and in the future. Romans 8:28 says, “And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose.”

You say, the future? Yes, your eternal destiny. We all have one. “Death is only the beginning”, is a famous movie quote from The Mummy (10 Best Quotes From The Mummy, 2001). The intent of the quote was designed to be scary. It is if you think about it. The truth is that our eternal future without Christ is pretty frightening. The future He has for those who believe in Him is beyond our wildest imagination. You have to love the song, “I Can Only Imagine” by Bart Millard (Turner, 2020). I’m not sure, but I think Bart may have been thinking about 1 Corinthians 2:9 where the Bible

says, “but as it is written, Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, And which entered not into the heart of man, Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love him.” To paraphrase that would be to say, “You haven’t got a clue what good things God has for those who believe in Him.” He wants a life for us that glorifies Him and blesses us. We only need to seek His face, trust and obey His word. Have faith to know God will do the rest unto your eternal rest.

I’m sure Bart wants to hear the same thing as you, and I want to hear from God as it says in Matthew 25:23, “Well done, good and faithful servant”.

Are you prepared for your future?

Pray – God, each day, I ask for Your divine wisdom. Show me the Way of the Lord and inspire me to know Your will in my life. May I bless You, Lord, with faith to complete the race of life well and join You eternally in peace only You can give. Thank You, Lord, for choosing me to be your faithful servant; forgive me when I fail You in that service.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Detail from *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Rembrandt (1636)

*And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.*

LUKE 15:20







## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**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.

**Smoky Mountain Competition Cheer Car Wash.** June 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Qualla Boundary Head Start (Dora Reed) at 897 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Free will donations and all money will go towards Smoky Mountain Competition Cheer's season 10.

**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

**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.

**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

**Birdtown Genealogy Workshop** with Robin Swayney. June 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Birdtown Community Club in Cherokee, N.C. Learn to trace your family's genealogy in a free workshop led by Museum of the Cherokee People Genealogist Robin Swayney.

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

**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 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


## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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

### NAIA Daughters meetings.

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

April 16 and May 18.

### Cherokee History & Stories.

January through June 2025 on the first Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the TJ Holland Education Room at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. Museum of the Cherokee People welcomes storyteller and historian Kathi Littlejohn, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, for Cherokee History & Stories. This free educational series will explore culturally significant places, stories, and key figures in

see **EVENTS** next page



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Family and friends rally around as you confront an unexpected challenge. Some plans will have to be changed until all the fuss and fluster settle down.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your creative gifts find new outlets for expression this week. Someone (a Libra, perhaps) has ideas that you might find surprisingly appealing. Pay attention!

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You'll soon be able to restart your delayed travel plans. In addition, a financial matter you thought was closed could suddenly reopen. Be prepared to take swift, decisive action.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A romantic relationship takes an unexpected turn. You might be confused about how to react. It's best not to be rushed into a decision that you're not ready to make.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Don't let your pride stand in the way of resolving an emotionally painful situation. This is a good time to deal with it and let the healing finally begin.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem that you've been handling so well suddenly spins out of control. Don't panic. You can rely on your good sense to help you restore order.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October

22) Wearing rose-colored glasses won't solve a thorny personal situation. You need to take a hard look at what's happening, then act according to the facts.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Weigh all your options carefully before making any decisions you've been putting off. Then go ahead and plan a weekend of family fun!

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) While personal and financial situations continue to improve, some setbacks might occur. But they're only temporary, so hang in there.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Family matters dominate the week. Health problems raise concern but soon prove to be less serious than you had feared. Things start easing up by the weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Most situations are calmer now, both at home and on the job. But there's still a chance that a co-worker will set off another round of unpleasantness.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) There's no need to fish for compliments from an admirer who can't say enough nice things about you. Meanwhile, the holiday weekend bodes well for family gatherings.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love to compete, both on a personal and a sporting level, and you hate to settle for anything less than excellence.

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## VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

### Getting community care is easier now

Remember when you wanted to go to a civilian doctor but getting VA approval for community care was such a hassle as you waited for it all to be signed off?

The 2019 MISSION Act, letting veterans seek civilian care while the Department of Veterans Affairs paid for it, was well intentioned, but like so many things, the steps were a burden. No more.

As of now, we have the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act, and the VA has just crossed that final approval signature off the list of requirements.

There are still rules, yes, but they're more manageable. To qualify to have the VA pay for your civilian care, one of the following must be true:

— Your state doesn't have a full-service VA facility. That means Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

— Distance is a problem. It takes more than 30 minutes to drive to an appointment for primary or mental health care, or 60 minutes for specialty care at the VA.

— Time is a problem. The VA can't see you within 20 days for appointments for primary or mental health care or noninstitutional extended care, or within 28 days for specialty care.

— The care you need isn't available at the VA.

— You meet the distance and location provisions outlined in the former Veterans Choice Program. Grandfathered (previously qualified) veterans live 40 miles from care where there was a full-time primary care physician available and are still at the same address.

— It's in the best interest of the veteran to get that civilian care.

If you want care from a community provider, ask your VA primary care provider for a referral to get things started.

If you ever applied to see a civilian doctor and the VA turned you down, you can appeal that decision with the Clinical Appeals process. Contact the patient advocate at the VA health care facility near you.

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### Rattlesnakes are a risk for pets, but not the only one

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I moved from a suburb to the mountains a couple of months ago, and while my dogs are thrilled to have several acres to run free on, I'm terrified that they will be bitten by rattlesnakes. A neighbor said that they are plentiful out here. How can I prevent this, and what do I do if they get bitten? — Larry in Tennessee

**DEAR LARRY:** While there is always a risk of a dog getting injured by something out in the countryside, it's important not to let fear get the best of you. Instead, focus on prevention. Here are some of the things you can do to minimize their overall risk of injury — from snakes and other potential risks.

— Train your dogs to come when you call them; if your property is big enough that they run out of sight, train them to respond to a whistle, which carries much farther.

— Rattlesnakes (and other snakes) hang out in messy debris piles, wood stacks and crevices with overhangs. They stay out of sight (they're much more afraid of you and your dogs) unless they are threatened. Clear debris piles off of your property, and stack your firewood on a raised platform, at least 5 feet from your home's foundation.

— If your dogs consistently run to one location on your property, follow them and find out what's so interesting. An animal lair or deer run can be very interesting to dogs, but the same location can attract bigger predators.

— Consider fencing in a half-acre or acre behind your house and keep your dogs within the fence; you'll be able to monitor them better and control the space, so critters don't come in.

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

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## EVENTS: from page 29

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

### Lacrosse Camps.

June 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Kool Aid Queen Gym in Cherokee, N.C.; June 13 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the P&J Fields in Tutiya (Snowbird). Equipment will be provided. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Attend one camp or all three. Info: (828) 359-6890

### Blood Drive.

June 17 from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Wolftown Community Center at 12 Burgess Dr. in Cherokee, N.C. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (733-2767) or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code "Wolftown". Bring your Red Cross Donor Card or Photo ID.

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

**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

**Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Honoring Saganing Traditional Pow Wow.** June 14-15 at the Saganing Eagles Landing RV Park in Standish, Mich. Info: Darcy Pilar (989) 775-5600, [powwowcommittee@sagchip.org](mailto:powwowcommittee@sagchip.org)

### Department of Youth Contest

**Pow Wow.** June 14 at the Pow Wow Grounds in Dulce, N.M. MC: Steve Toya Sr. Host Northern Drum: Daanzho Singers. Host Southern Drum: Southern Medicine. Info: Carleen Vigil at [doy-contestpowwow25@gmail.com](mailto:doy-contestpowwow25@gmail.com)

**25th Annual San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians Intertribal Pow Wow.** June 14-15 at the Old Mission San Luis Rey Grounds in Oceanside, Calif. Info: David Herrara (760) 497-3638, [david@slrmissionindians.org](mailto:david@slrmissionindians.org)

**Williams Lake First Nation's Annual Father's Day Traditional Pow Wow.** June 13-15 at Chief William Pow Wow Arbor in Williams Lake, British Columbia, Canada. Info: <https://www.wlfn.ca/event/2025-fathers-day-traditional-pow-wow/>

**47th Annual Cansayapi Waciapi.** June 13-15 at the Lower Sioux Indian Community in Morton, Minn. MC: Al Childs. Info: Joey O'Brien (507) 430-2394, [joey.obrien.lsic@gmail.com](mailto:joey.obrien.lsic@gmail.com)

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Celebrate Recovery** meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Baptist Church at 812

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

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Analenisgi. Info: [www.AAwnc80.com](http://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](http://life.wcu.edu) or contact Western Carolina University Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397.

**MARA (Medication-Assisted Recovery Anonymous)** meets Thursdays at 5 p.m. in the Riv-

ercane 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](http://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](mailto:lchapman@fontanalib.org)

- 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.

**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.folkschool.org](http://www.folkschool.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

**Poetry Sharing.** June 14 at 3 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. Elizabeth and Quintin Ellison will share their poetry and photography book created with the late George Ellison, "Land of Blue Shadows: Mountain Life in Verse & View". 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 Middles on a first-come, first-serve basis. Info: <https://folkschool.org/events/little-middle>

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

**Brenna MacMillan concert.** June 16 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the John C. Campbell Folk Art School in Brasstown, N.C. MacMillan is a talented banjo player who has been picking since she was 9-years-old and now performs with her brother in The Theo & Brenna Band which has released two albums.

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:virginia.shell52@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Cherokee Baptist Church.** 812 Tsalagi Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Adult Bible Study Wednesday 6

p.m. Pastor Ric Eddings 497-2761

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

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

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

**Cherokee Church of the Nazarene.** 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Continental

Breakfast served Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8 p.m. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

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

**Cherokee United Methodist Church.** Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Church Service 11 a.m. Wednesday dinner at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study. Pastor - Rev. Beverly Parker-Reece

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Proverbs (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
  2. Where did Jesus ride a colt as people strewed branches along His path? *Derbe, Jericho, Jerusalem, Joppa*
  3. Who promised God if He gave her a baby boy no razor would ever touch his head? *Rachel, Hannah, Lois, Jezebel*
  4. What was the river that the Israelites crossed when they entered Canaan? *Pison, River of Fire, Jordan, Tigris*
  5. From 1 Kings 20, which city's walls fell on 27,000 men? *Jericho, Samaria, Sodom, Aphek*
  6. Who sold his birthright to his brother? *Cain, Esau, Judas, Isaiah*
- ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Jerusalem, 3) Hannah, 4) Jordan, 5) Aphek, 6) Esau

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## Moments in time

• On **June 23, 1868**, Christopher Latham Sholes patented the QWERTY typewriter, the first version of which he constructed using an old table, a circular piece of glass, a telegraph key and piano wire.

• On **June 24, 2021**, 98 people died when a 12-story, beachfront condominium collapsed in Surfside, Florida, near Miami. Engineers believed the cause of the disaster was a structural column or concrete slab giving way, and workers eventually cleared more than 18 million pounds of concrete and rubble from the site.

• On **June 25, 1947**, Anne Frank's diary account of her life in hiding during the Holocaust was first published, under the title "Het Achterhuis: Dagboekbrieven 14 Juni 1942-1 Augustus 1944." After reading it her father confessed that the book revealed a side of his daughter he had never known, saying that he "had no idea of the depth of her thoughts and feelings."


• On **June 26, 1974**, a pack of Wrigley's Juicy Fruit chewing gum became the first grocery item scanned with a Universal Product Code, or UPC, at a supermarket in Troy, Ohio.

• On **June 27, 1922**, the American Library Association (ALA) awarded the first Newbery Medal, honoring the year's best children's book, to "The Story of Mankind" by Hendrik Willem van Loon.

• On **June 28, 1904**, Helen Keller, who'd been left deaf and blind since an illness at just 19 months old, graduated cum laude from Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was the first deaf-blind person to earn a bachelor's degree. Later, she would also become the first woman to be awarded an honorary degree from Harvard University.

• On **June 29, 2003**, Katharine Hepburn, a four-time Academy Award winner for Best Actress and one of Hollywood's great screen legends, died of natural causes at the age of 96, at her home in Old Saybrook, Connecticut. In 1999, the American Film Institute had named her the greatest female actress in the history of American cinema, and after her death, the lights on Broadway were dimmed for an hour to mark her passing.

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### The Garden Bug

### Ginseng

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Source: The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

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**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](mailto:embassymediagroup@gmail.com)

**Goose Creek Baptist Church.**

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

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

**Grace Community Church of Cherokee.** 320 Highway 441 N., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

**Grace Fellowship Church.**

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

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

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

**Macedonia Baptist Church.** 1181 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 497-1611, [mbccherokee@outlook.com](mailto:mbccherokee@outlook.com), Website: [www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.com](http://www.macedoniabaptistcherokee.com)

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

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

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

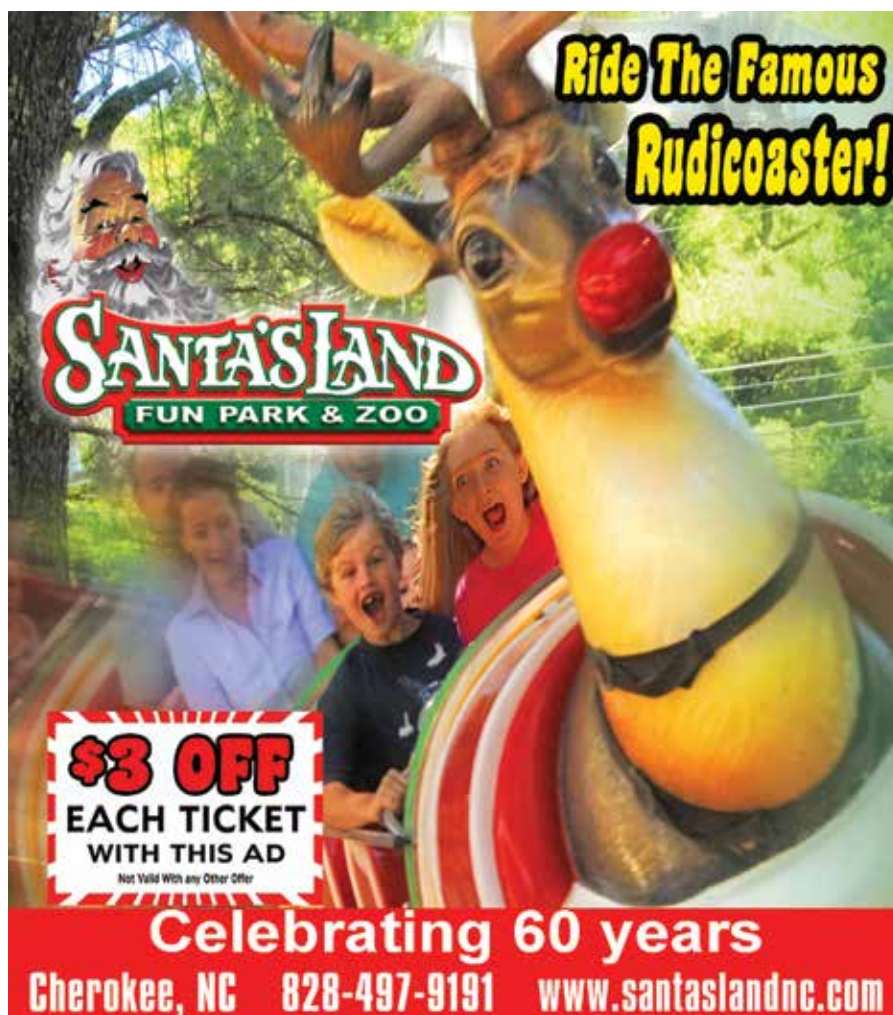
**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Mission.** 82 Lambert Branch Road. Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m. in English and 6:00 p.m. in Spanish. Pastor Fr. Victor Ameh, MSP. For more information, go to [www.stjosephbryson.org](http://www.stjosephbryson.org).

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

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

**Rock Springs Baptist Church.** 129 Old Gap Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m. Pastor Greg Morgan

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497-9455, 736-1245 (cell)

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

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

**Spruce Grove Baptist Church.** 780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson

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

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

**Waterfalls Baptist Church.** 82 Waterfalls Church Rd., Sunday

School 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 5 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Praying for a Pastor.

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

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

Smith

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

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



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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

## FINANCE

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

## MAINTENANCE

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

## MEDICAL

Clinical Dietitian -  
Physician (Primary Care, Pediatrics)

## RADIOLOGY

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

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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  
CNA/Medical Clerk PTR - \$17.12 - \$19.26  
LPN/CMA - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
LPN - Primary Care - \$21.13 - \$23.98 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
RN - Inpatient - Night Shift - \$33.68 - \$38.72 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus  
RN Care Manager - Primary Care - \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus  
CFSP Care Manager, IDD/TBI/LTSS Care Manager( Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injury, Long Term Support Services, Children and Families Specialty Program)- Primary Care- \$31.06 - \$35.64 - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus  
RN Care Manager Float - \$31.06 - \$35.64 \$10,000 Hiring Bonus  
RN Supervisor-Inpatient (Nights) - \$36.56 - \$42.11  
RN Infection Control - \$33.68 - \$38.72  
Telemetry Nursing Assistant - \$19.66 - \$22.25

## OPERATIONS

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

## TRIBAL OPTION

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



## CLASSIFIEDS

**For Sale: Massage Table,** includes heated mattress cover, air arm rests and bolsters, asking \$300, negotiable call 828-508-6503. **6/18**

**For Lease: Commercial space** in shopping center, now available, approximately 3,000 square feet of commercial space located in the Cherokee Crossing Shopping Center, Cherokee, NC. Property includes existing improvements. For more information, contact the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) at (828) 788-0594. **7/2**

## EMPLOYMENT

### Macon County School

Macon County School is seeking a vendor to operate the Stu-

dent 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**

### 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. 25-048  
**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**  
**ELIZABETH ANNE SAUNOOKE**

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

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

Robert Saunooke  
P.O. Box 309  
Cherokee, NC. 28719  
**6/11**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



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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**

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

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**

**REQUEST FOR QUOTE**  
**Cherokee Senior Citizens**  
**Metal Roof Replacement**

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

materials, labor, and waste removal.

Important Details:  
Deadline to Submit Quotes: On or before Friday, June 21, 2025, by 4:30 PM  
Pre-Site Visit - Contact:  
Rensha McLaughlin, Director of Youth and Adult  
Cherokee Senior Citizens Center  
Phone: 828.359.6649  
Bid – Contact - Monica Wildcatt, Manager, Cherokee Senior Center, Phone: 828.359.6291

A pre-site visit is required. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment before submitting a quote.

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



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For questions, please contact:  
Angie Pugh, Spa Operations Manager  
828-497-8550 [angieh@mandaraspa.com](mailto:angieh@mandaraspa.com)  
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828.589.8285

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**Kituwah Global Government Group LLC** has the following jobs available:

**POSITION: Controller**

**GENERAL FUNCTIONS:** The Controller's primary responsibility is to control and manage the accounting and administration functions of the Kituwah Global Government Group (KG3) and to ensure the timely generation of complete and accurate accounting information that can be used by management in making daily business decisions. The Controller must ensure that controls are in place to safeguard Company assets and that reporting is accurate and timely.

Anyone interested should submit resumes to Kristin Smith at [kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com](mailto: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.



# THE GOOD STUFF



The following members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians were selected All-Conference in softball for the Smoky Mountain Conference 2025 season. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather graphic)



The following members of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) softball team were selected for various All-Conference honors in softball for the Smoky Mountain Conference 2025 season. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather graphic)



## Softball champion

Hartlee Jackson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tutiya (Snowbird), was instrumental in the success of the 8U Robbinsville Purple Softball team, which concluded their season with a perfect 13-0 record and a tournament championship title. In their final game on Monday, June 2, Jackson delivered a standout performance, achieving 3 RBI's and a 2-for-2 batting record. (Photo courtesy of Taryn McCoy)



## Animation awards

Gavin Lambert, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Elawodi (Yellowhill), attends the Digital Arts and Visual Effects school at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla. He was lead animator for the short film, "Cataclysm", which just won six Telly Awards including a Silver for Animation. It is now being nominated for an Emmy Award in short films. (Photo contributed)

## The GOOD STUFF

The One Feather wants to hear your good news and/or accomplishments. Send us your "good stuff" such as:

- \* birth, engagement, and wedding announcements
- \* awards or other accomplishments (both civilian and military)
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#### Dr. Salyers named EBCI Honorary Member

Dr. Martha Salyers, MD, MPH, was named an Honorary Member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians by Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) during its regular session on Thursday, June 5. The legislation that was passed making the designation states, "Dr. Salyers has brought a lifetime of commitment to public health, with decades of service spanning direct patient care, public health leadership, emergency preparedness, epidemiology, and policy development; and since June 2011, Dr. Salyers has dedicated herself to the Cherokee people, particularly through her work with the Public Health and Human Services Division, where she brought her vast expertise to support and guide transformational efforts in tribal public health. Shown, left to right, front row - Jill Lossiah, Doctor Martha Salyers, Sheena Kanott Lambert; middle row - Robin Callahan, Gretchen McNab, Kimberly Lambert, Mellie Burns; and back row - Mark Tuttle, and Charles "Chuck" Reagan. (EBCI Public Health and Human Services photo)



#### Celebrating seven years in recovery

Robert Martens, Marshall Bradley, and Joseph Ward, all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, are each celebrating seven years in substance use recovery this month. (Photo by Becky McKnight, LCSW, LCAS, CCS, Analenisi Inpatient clinical manager)



#### SCC Medical Assisting pinning ceremony

SCC Medical Assisting graduates are pictured moments before their pinning ceremony recently at Southwestern's Jackson Campus in Sylva, N.C. Shown, left to right, front row - Brayden Taylor of Cherokee and Tiffany Hernandez of Cherokee; back row - Reanna Rab of Waynesville, Lesley Santoyo of Whittier, Cindy Dawson of Sylva and Kayla Cochran of Sylva. (SCC photo)



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**2019 Jeep Cherokee Limited 4x4**

Fully loaded with leather interior, panoramic roof, navigation, Apple CarPlay, too much to list here!

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**2021 Chevrolet 1500 LT Trail Boss**

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**2021 Kia Sorento S AWD**

Power windows, locks, mirrors, leather interior, heated seats, 10" touchscreen with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, Lane Keep Assist, remote start, 3rd row seating and dual zone climate control.



**2018 Mini Cooper S AWD**

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