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Cherokee Fire & Rescue Dept. commended for high state rating

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Following a recent inspection by the North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal, the Cherokee Fire & Rescue Dept. (CFD) has received a rating that ranks them in the top percentages in both the state and the nation. CFD, a program of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, received an ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating of 3 (1 is the highest and 10 is the lowest).

Thomas J. Simmons, Cherokee Fire & Rescue Dept. Chief, noted there are 40,355 fire departments rated nationwide with only 3,521 (9 percent) receiving a 3 rating. In the state, 189 out of 1,513 received



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Voter participation around 32 percent for EBCI Primary

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – Around 32 percent of the registered voters of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians turned out to cast a ballot in the Primary Election on Thursday, July 17. According to information from the EBCI Board of Elections, 1,370 of the 4,285 registered voters cast a ballot for a voter participation of 31.97 percent.

The results given below are unofficial until they are certified. According to Cherokee Code Sec. 161-16.1(a), “At the meeting of Tribal Council on the first Monday of October following a general election, or after the first meeting of the Tribal Council following a special or primary election, the Board of Elections shall certify the election to the Tribal Council.”

Four townships held a Primary Election on Thursday including: Kolanvyi (Big Cove), Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), Elawodi (Yellowhill), and Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County)/Tutiya

(Snowbird). Wayohi (Wolftown) and Aniwodih (Painttown) did not have a Primary Election due to only having four candidates in each race.

Following are the unofficial results, per the EBCI Board of Elections, for the July 17 Primary Election (the top four in each race advance to the General Election):

Kolanvyi (Big Cove)

Lavita “Muffin” Hill – 111 (26.56 percent)
Venita K. Wolfe – 88 (21.05 percent)
Perry Shell – 75 (17.94 percent)
Richard French – 71 (16.99 percent)
Mary Welch Thompson – 32 (7.66 percent)
Karen Holiday – 22 (5.26 percent)
Simon Montelong – 19 (4.55 percent)

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

Patrick H. Lambert – 300 (29.24 percent)
Jim Owle – 253 (24.66 percent)
Boyd Owle – 246 (23.98 percent)
Joi Owle – 117 (11.40 percent)
Travis K. Smith – 110 (10.72 percent)

Elawodi (Yellowhill)

David Wolfe – 110 (25.88 percent)
Shennelle Feather – 95 (22.35 percent)
Tom Wahnetah – 84 (19.76 percent)
Chris Reed – 71 (16.71 percent)

T.W. (Price) Saunooke – 65 (15.29 percent)

Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County)/Tutiya (Snowbird)

Adam Wachacha – 183 (28.46 percent)
Buck Brown – 160 (24.88 percent)
Janell Rattler – 123 (19.13 percent)
Michael Smoker – 122 (18.97 percent)
Erik Oswald – 55 (8.55 percent)

Following is a breakdown of voter participation by community:

- Kolanvyi (Big Cove) – Registered voters: 759; Voters casting ballot: 226; Voter participation: 29.78 percent
- Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) – Registered voters: 1,711; Voters casting ballot: 553; Voter participation: 32.32 percent
- Elawodi (Yellowhill) – Registered voters: 911; Voters casting ballot: 233; Voter participation: 25.58 percent
- Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County) – Registered voters: 384; Voters casting ballot: 113; Voter participation: 29.43 percent
- Tutiya (Snowbird) – Registered voters: 520; Voters casting ballot: 245; Voter participation: 47.12 percent

RATING: From front page

a 3 making Cherokee Fire & Rescue Dept. in the top 12 percent in North Carolina.

Information from the N.C. Office of State Fire Marshal states, “The inspection, conducted by officials with the State Fire Marshal, is required on a regular basis as part of the North Carolina Response Rating System (NCRRS). Among other things, the routine inspections look for proper staffing levels, sufficient equipment, proper maintenance of equipment, communication capabilities, and availability of a water source.”

Fire Chief Simmons noted, “An ISO 3 is the rating within five road miles of a Cherokee Fire Station.

An ISO 9E is any tribal land between the five and six road miles from a Cherokee Fire Station. Anything past six road miles from a station will have a rating of 10.”

He added, “The Insurance Rating is based on Fire Department staffing, equipment, geographic distribution, training, operational considerations, and community risk reduction. Emergency communications, including reporting software telecommunications and dispatching systems, water supply including inspection and flow testing of hydrants, alternative water supply operations, and a careful evaluation of the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires up to 3,500 GPM.”

Fire Chief Simmons said, “When purchasing Homeowners Insurance and commercial insurance, the rating directly affects the amount of money you will pay for the coverage.”

In a statement, N.C. State Fire Marshal Brian Taylor said, “The residents of Cherokee Fire District can take comfort in knowing this highly capable team of firefighters from the Cherokee Fire and Rescue is safeguarding them and their belongings in the event of an emergency.”

Fire Chief Simmons is proud of his entire team. “These guys work a lot of hours. They work more hours than any other job within the Tribe. It’s selfless leadership – they’re out there giving

their all and giving their hours to the Tribe instead of at home with their families. They’re here for the people, and they’re here to make everyone’s life a little bit easier on the Qualla Boundary. They’re dedicated, qualified, and ready to respond.”

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Cherokee Police Commission holds July meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Police Commission met in the Ginger Lynn Welch large conference room on the afternoon of Thursday, July 17. The meeting was called to order at noon by Chairperson Anita Lossiah. Commissioners in attendance were Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove), Rick Queen

(Wayohi, Wolfstown), Regina Rosario (Aniwodihi, Painttown), Treasurer Kym Parker (At-Large), Hillary Norville (Tutiya, Snowbird & Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.), Secretary Israel Rodriguez (At-Large), Chairperson Anita Lossiah (Elawodi, Yellowhill), and Vice Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown).

Guests in attendance were Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Chief of Police Carla Neadeau, CIPD Attorney Cody White, and One Feather Reporter Brooklyn Brown.

Police Chief Neadeau presented the CIPD monthly report. A statistic of note for the month of June was 12 driving while impaired (DWI) arrests, which is double the 2024 average for CIPD. There were also three non-fatal overdoses in June.

She also shared that the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Service, Andrews Police Department, and Murphy Police Department have signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with CIPD. Swain Co. must re-sign now that Brian Kirkland has assumed sheriff duties following former Swain Co. Sheriff Curtis Cochran's recent allegations of sexual misconduct. Graham County Sheriff's Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Department declined to sign the MOA. Asheville Police Department, Blue Ridge Park Service, and Maggie Valley Police Department are reviewing the agreement. Queen said he had Wayohi community members voice appreciation for increased patrol and drug operations by CIPD.

Crowe moved to accept the report, with a second by Rosario.

The report was accepted unanimously.

White presented the monthly report from the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor (OTP). White shared that OTP is now operating with three prosecutors, including Randle Jones who CIPD officers have noted is doing well. Johnson moved to accept the report, with a second by Crowe. The report was accepted unanimously.

Parker moved to adjourn, with a second by Rosario. The next meeting will be held on Aug. 14 at noon in the Ginger Lynn Welch large conference room.

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Three new ordinances submitted during July Dinilawigi (Tribal Council)

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Three new Ordinances were submitted during the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) regular session on Thursday, July 10. The ordinances, which were all deemed read and tabled, deal with topics including expungement of certain convictions, tribal levy and privilege tax rates, and an adjustment to the One Feather Editorial Board.

Tabled Ord. No. 516 (2025), submitted by TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office), seeks to amend Chapter 15 (Criminal Procedure), specifically Sec. 15-15 (Expungement of certain convictions).

The Whereas portion of the legislation explains, “Current Cherokee Code provisions do not provide an adequate opportunity to expunge records and present a barrier to tribal members re-entering the workforce; and amendments must be made to the Cherokee Code to provide a functional and holistic expungement remedy to allow for individuals to re-enter all aspects of society upon completion of their sentence.”

The legislation seeks to add the following language in Cherokee Code Section 15-15, “(b) A petition for expungement may be filed under this section for misdemeanor or felony convictions entered in the Cherokee Court. Such petition shall be filed no sooner than 1 year after conclusion of the Court’s jurisdiction over the petitioner.

(1) A conviction for any of the following shall be excluded and shall not be eligible for expungement under this section:

(i) An offense involving sexual assault, harassment, molestation, exploitation, or contact.

(ii) An offense involving physical harm or bodily injury.

(iii) An offense that is a crime of violence.

(iv) An offense for which sex offender registration is required pursuant to Article X of Chapter 14, whether or not the registration period has ended.

(v) An offense for the crime of domestic violence as defined or designate in Sec. 14-40.1.

(vi) An offense involving embezzlement, theft, or fraud against the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. (2) A conviction for a misdemeanor or traffic violation, except for driving while impaired offenses under Chapter 20, shall not constitute a disqualifying conviction pursuant to (c)(2).”

The legislation would also add Sec. 15-15(c) stating, “A petitioner shall be eligible for an expungement under this section if:

(1) At least one year has passed since the completion or satisfaction of the sentence, deferred judgment, or period of probation for each conviction for which expungement is sought;

(2) No misdemeanor or felony conviction has been entered against petitioner in any jurisdiction since the date of the most recent conviction for which expungement is sought;

(3) There are no pending criminal charges against the petitioner in any jurisdiction;

(4) The petitioner has no outstanding court costs, fees, fines, restitution, or any other financial interest obligations ordered by the Court or assessed by the Clerk of Court;

(5) The petitioner has not previously been granted an expunge-

ment under this section; and (6) Expungement is in the best interest of justice.”

This legislation would also add Sec. 15-15(d) through (i) which are mainly procedural in nature.

Tabled Ord. No. 517 (2025), submitted by Michael McConnell, EBCI Attorney General, seeks to amend Cherokee Code Sec. 75-55 regarding the makeup of the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board.

The Whereas section states, “Editorial decisions of the One Feather, such as what stories and editorials to publish, are made by the Editorial Board established in Cherokee Code Sec. 75-55; and Sec. 75-55 states that the Editorial Board shall consist of all members of the One Feather staff, one member appointed by the EBCI Executive Committee, one member appointed by Tribal Council, and a staff member from the EBCI Office of the Attorney General designated by the Attorney General.”

Further on in the Whereas section, it states, “The practice of an attorney advising a governing board and also being a member thereon and casting votes on editorial matters presents a potential conflict of interest that, depending on the circumstances, may violate the Rules of Professional Responsibility; and having a member of the Office of the Attorney General serve as a voting member of the Editorial Board blurs the line between attorney and client...”

The legislation seeks to amend Sec. 75-55(a) to remove the language designating “a staff member from the EBCI Office of the Attorney General as designated by the Attorney General” on the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board.

The is the sole change sought with this legislation.

Tabled Ord. No. 518 (2025), submitted by Brandi Claxton, EBCI Interim Secretary of Treasury, and Michael McConnell, EBCI Attorney General, seeks to amend the amounts for tribal levy and privilege tax.

The Whereas portion of the legislation states, “Cherokee Code Section 105.1 imposes a Tribal Levy on all retail sales of goods or merchandise on tribal land, and the current levy rate is 7.5 percent.”

It goes on to state, “Section 105-30 imposes a short-term rental privilege tax on operations of hotels, motels, tourist homes, tourist camps, campgrounds, rental cabins, and similar type businesses; and currently Cherokee Code Sec. 105-31 imposes a four percent (4%) tax on the sales price for each room for every day or night the room is rented, and Cherokee Code 105-33 requires the Tribe to allocate the collected funds to various tribal programs; and the levy rate has not been adjusted since 2011 [Ord. No. 785 (2011)] and the short-term rental privilege tax rate has not been adjusted since 2018 [Ord. No. 59 (2018)] and is substantially below the rate imposed by surrounding destination communities.”

This legislation seeks to amend Sec. 105-1 to raise the Tribal Levy from 7.5 percent to 9 percent as well as amend Sec. 105-31 to raise the Privilege Tax from 4 percent to 5.5 percent.

This legislation also seeks major changes to Sec. 105-33 (Use of funds). It would amend Sec. 105-33(a) to read, “All funds collected by the Eastern Band pursuant to this article shall be deposited into

the Tribe's General Fund.”
 If passed, Sec. 105-33 parts (b) through (h) would be deleted.
 Those sections currently read as follows:
 “(b) Twenty-five percent of the one-half of the short-term privilege tax collected shall be deposited in the Cherokee Tribal Sanitation Budget, specifically sanitation to eliminate the solid waste user fee for households. This fund shall be disbursed in accordance with the annual budget adopted by the Tribal Council.
 (c) Fifty percent of the privilege tax collected shall be deposited in the Travel & Promotion Budget. This fund shall be disbursed in

accordance with the annual budget adopted by the Tribal Council for the purpose of Tourism and shall be used as follows:
 (1) To promote the Tribe's bottled water program; and
 (2) To help fund events sponsored by the Tribe and held at the Cherokee fairgrounds and other locations in Cherokee and for fairgrounds maintenance.
 (d) Three percent of the privilege tax collected shall be deposited in the Cultural Preservation Budget. This fund shall be disbursed in accordance with the annual budget adopted by the Tribal Council for the purposes of cultural preservation.

(e) Three percent of the privilege tax collected shall be deposited in the Youth Sports Budget. This fund shall be disbursed in accordance with the annual budget adopted by the Tribal Council for the purposes of youth sports.
 (f) Three percent of the privilege tax collected shall be deposited in the Health Transportation Budget. This fund shall be disbursed in accordance with the annual budget adopted by the Tribal Council for the purposes of travel to medical services.
 (g) Three percent of the privilege tax collected shall be deposited in the Fuel Assistance Budget. This fund shall be disbursed in accordance with the annual budget adopted by the Tribal Council for the purposes of providing fuel.

(h) Thirteen percent of the privilege tax collected shall be deposited in the Tribal Recreation Program Budget. This fund shall be disbursed in accordance with the annual budget adopted by the Tribal Council for the purpose of providing Tribal recreation programs.”
 These three pieces of legislation are expected to be on the agenda for the August session of Dinilawigi.






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Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Based on water temperatures	Brown Trout	Yellow Sallies, Sulphurs, Tan Caddis, Golden Stoneflies, & terrestrials such as ants, beetles, and inchworms
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	N/A	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Yellow Sallies, Sulphurs, Tan Caddis, Golden Stoneflies, & terrestrials such as ants, beetles, and inchworms

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Lands Committee

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Lands Committee, originally known as the Land Committee, was established with the passage of Res. No. 520 on Oct. 12, 1962. The legislation stated, “Be It Resolved that the Tribal Council be authorized to appoint a three-man Land Committee with three alternates which hereafter will be called the Land Committee, such committee whose sole duty will be to make final settlement of boundary line disputes between members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

In current Cherokee Code, Sec. 117-34(a) outlines the purpose of the Committee as follows, “It shall be the goal of the Lands Committee to resolve disputes between family, Tribal members, and interested parties that involve the ownership or inheritance rights of any land held in trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, including the land located within the Qualla Boundary and reservation of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Whenever possible, the Lands Committee shall give the interested parties the opportunity to resolve the disputes without the intervention or adjudication of the Lands Committee. Section 16 of the Charter and Governing Document grants the Tribe the authority to direct the control and management of all real property belonging to the Tribe. If

an interested party disagrees with a decision made by Lands Committee, it may appeal the decision to the Tribal Council pursuant to Cherokee Code Sec. 117-34(f).”

Sec. 117-34(d) discusses the authority and jurisdiction of the Committee. It states, “The Lands Committee is hereby granted the following authority: (1) To settle and provide final decisions over possessory holding boundary line disputes. (2) To authorize divisions of possessory holdings when interested parties own the possessory holdings in common in the event of a dispute. (3) To approve administrative corrections for property records held in the Tribal Realty Office. (4) To amend Lands Committee policies and procedures subject to Tribal Council approval.”

Ord. No. 219 (2022), passed on April 7, 2022, amended Sec. 117-34(a)(5). Previously, that section read that the Lands Committee is responsible for “Governing disputes over all lands owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, whether trust or non-trust.”

That section was amended with the passage of Ord. No. 219 to read, “Governing real property disputes over trust lands owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

Sec. 117-34(c) states the membership of the Lands Committee as follows: “(1) Tribal Council Chairman shall appoint five seated Tribal Council members to the Lands


Committee.” This makes a total of six people on the Committee.

The current Lands Committee is comprised of the following Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) representatives: Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle, Dinilawigi Chairman Mike Parker, Dinilawigi Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Aniwodihhi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stampfer, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell, and Tutiya (Snowbird)/Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County) Rep. Bucky Brown.

Sec. 117-34(e)(3)(A) states that the Lands Committee will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.


Sec. 117-34(f) deals with appeals of decisions made by Lands Committee with (f)(2)(B) stating, “All final decisions of the Lands Committee shall include a paragraph containing the following language: ‘You may appeal the decision of the Lands Committee to the Tribal Council within 30 days of the date of this notice by submitting a notice of appeal to the Tribal Council Chairman through the Tribal Operations Program.’”

Sec. 117-34(f)(3)(C) states, “If review of the appeal is deemed appropriate by the Tribal Council Chairman, the Tribal Council Chairman shall schedule an appeal hearing before the Tribal Council. The decision of the Lands Committee shall be stayed until such time as the appeal is heard and decided.”



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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

New this Week

H.R. 4276 (To amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act). The text of this bill is not currently available online. According to congress.gov, this bill amends the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor

Experience Act “to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

Introduced: July 2, 2025 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai’i)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 2, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S. 2211 (A bill to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians). The text of this bill is not currently available online. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), “The Special Statutory Funding Program for

Type 1 Diabetes Research, or Special Diabetes Program, is a special funding program for research on the prevention and cure of type 1 diabetes that began in FY 1998. NIDDK administers the Special Diabetes Program on behalf of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with multiple NIH Institutes and Centers and the CDC, and with input from the Diabetes Mellitus Interagency Coordinating Committee. The Special Diabetes Program has enabled the creation of unique, innovative, and collaborative research consortia and clinical trials networks focused on the prevention, treatment, and cure of type 1 diabetes.”

On the funding history of the Special Diabetes Program, infor-

mation from NIH states, “The Special Diabetes Program supplements regularly appropriated funds that the NIH receives for diabetes research. Special Diabetes Program funding in total has been \$3.55 billion over 27 years. It began with \$30 million per year in FY 1998-2000, increased to \$100 million per year in FY 2001-2003, and has remained at \$150 million per year since FY 2004, except in years when the funding was reduced through automatic spending cuts (sequestration). Each law for the Program sets an end date, so the Program is limited in time and requires renewal (reauthorization) in law to continue.”

Introduced: July 8, 2025 by Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-Maine)

Action: This will was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on July 8, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Bills we’re currently watching


H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act). This House bill would place 76 acres of land in eastern Tennessee into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Included in that land are the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, the Chota Memorial, and the Tanasi Memorial sites.


Introduced: Jan. 7 by Rep. Charles J. “Chuck” Fleischmann (R-Tenn.)

Action: This bill was passed in the House by a voice vote on Feb. 4. It was received in the Senate the next day and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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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 acknowledgment to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a state-recognized group in Michigan.

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

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

H.R. 3444. (Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Man-

agement in Forestry Act of 2025). According to the bill text, this House bill is “To direct Federal land management agencies of the Department of the Interior to establish Tribal Co-Management Plans and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for the performance of certain activities of the Forest Service, and for other purposes.”

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

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

S.2022 (Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act of 2025). This Senate bill, according to the legislation, would “amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat Indian Tribal governments in the same manner as state governments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes”. **Introduced:** June 11 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

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

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

the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.

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

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

S. 2160 (A bill to reaffirm and clarify the federal relationships of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan as a federally recognized Indian Tribe). This Senate seeks the same as H.R. 3255 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). **Introduced:** June 25, 2025 by Sen. Gary C. Peters (D-Mich.)

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

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators: 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](https://www.budd.senate.gov/contact/11th-District-Congressional-Rep.-Chuck-Edwards-(R-N.C.):https://edwards.house.gov/contact)



Swain Co. man sentenced to 49 years in prison on various drug offenses

Submitted by Office of District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch
43rd Prosecutorial District

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch announced the successful prosecution of a Swain County man on drug trafficking charges on Monday, July 14, 2025.

A Haywood County Superior Court jury late Friday found Clinton Leslie Ensley, 45, guilty of:

- One count trafficking in opium, opiate, opioid or heroin by transporting 28 grams or more of fentanyl.
- One count trafficking in opium, opiate, opioid or heroin by possessing 28 grams or more of fentanyl.
- One count conspiracy to commit trafficking by transporting 28 grams or more of fentanyl opium, opiate, opioid or heroin.

- One count of conspiracy to commit trafficking by possessing 28 grams or more of fentanyl.
- One count of trafficking in methamphetamine by transporting 28 grams or more but less than 200 grams.
- One count of trafficking in methamphetamine by possessing 28 grams or more but less than 200 grams.

Superior Court Judge Gary Gavenus sentenced Ensley to a minimum active prison sentence of 49 years. He also imposed state-mandated fines totaling \$2.1 million.

Haywood County Sheriff's Office narcotics detectives arrested Ensley on April 5, 2024, along Old Asheville Highway in Canton. The detectives had been surveilling a truck stop near the Buncombe County line.

They observed a vehicle with a fictitious plate entering the truck stop, followed by an SUV. Ensley got out of the SUV and into the

first vehicle, then drove it across the county line into Haywood. Detective Joshua Watts pulled over the vehicle. He and fellow officers discovered 146 grams of methamphetamine and 170 grams of fentanyl, a large amount of cash and drug paraphernalia.

Later, detectives went to the SUV at the truck stop and found about 3 pounds of methamphetamine and cash. These additional drugs were critical to establishing Ensley's participation in drug trafficking, because the methamphetamine and fentanyl were found on a passenger, not on Ensley, at the Haywood County motor vehicle stop.

The passenger, Christopher Jason Woodard, 47, also of Bryson City, pleaded guilty Oct. 22, 2024, to trafficking opium or heroin. He is currently serving 70-93 months in state prison.

Detective Watts served as the primary case agent, with assistance from Sgt. Jordan Reagan;

Sgt. William Brigham; Detective Craig Campbell; Deputy Hayden Green and Detective Alexander Ledin.

Assistant district attorneys Jeff Jones and Chris Smith prosecuted the case.

CIPD Arrest Report for July 7-13, 2025

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

Bird, Elexia Kayleigh – age 20

Arrested: July 7

Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)

Charges: Driving While Impaired;



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Collins, Samantha – age 21
Arrested: July 7
Released: July 10
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

George, Elizabeth Serena – age 27
Arrested: July 7
Released: July 7
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Maney, Juliana Alexis – age 19
Arrested: July 7
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Brady, Torie Ann – age 37
Arrested: July 8
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Lambert, Aiyana – age 22
Arrested: July 8
Released: July 10
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect or Abuse of Minors

Conseen, Carrie Louise – age 25
Arrested: July 9
Released: July 10
Charges: Warrant

Lopez-Aguilar, Guadalupe – age 27
Arrested: July 9
Released: July 12
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Mysayakhom, Sourachay – age 56
Arrested: July 9

Released: July 9
Charges: Temporary Hold

Nash, Meisha Lee – age 38
Arrested: July 9
Released: July 9
Charges: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Rattler, Rajun River – age 23
Arrested: July 9
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Probation Violation

Robinson, Denerio Rodrecus – age 41
Arrested: July 9
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Watty, Todd M. – age 32
Arrested: July 9
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Long, Bessie Alicia – age 40
Arrested: July 10
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (three counts)

Watty, Irene Polly – age 30
Arrested: July 10
Released: July 10
Charges: Communicating Threats; Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Bradley, Ronald Albert – age 42
Arrested: July 11
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Conseen, Venyall Lashaun – age 45
Arrested: July 11
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing

Crowe, Amber Sheriece – age 38
Arrested: July 11
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Public Intoxication, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Davis, Jeffery Marcell – age 40
Arrested: July 11
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Horseman, Kathleen Marie – age 71
Arrested: July 11
Released: July 11
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Sherrill, Tameka – age 34
Arrested: July 11
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Tafoya, Phylicia Kaye – age 39
Arrested: July 11
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Drug Paraphernalia

Collins, Rickey – age 23
Arrested: July 13
Released: July 13
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Crow, Timothy Ryan – age 35

Arrested: July 13
Released: Not released as of report date (July 14)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor



1. What International Boxing Hall of Famer from Cuba held the undisputed world welterweight championship titles from 1951-54?
2. Introduced internationally in 1998, what specialized defensive position in indoor volleyball wears a different color jersey, cannot attack above the net and is restricted from serving in some leagues?
3. He won two NCAA championships with the Florida Gators before being drafted third overall by the Atlanta Hawks in 2007. His father, Tito, was the first Dominican-born player in the NBA. Who is he?
4. Pitcher Steve Dalkowski, who spent nine seasons in the minor leagues and threw fastballs exceeding 100 miles per hour, was the inspiration for what character in the 1988 film "Bull Durham"?
5. What team, founded in 1961 by British basketball pioneer Betty Codona, was the first women's basketball team in England?
6. What St. Louis Rams wide receiver caught three touchdown passes and returned a punt for a score in a 38-10 rout of the Cincinnati Bengals in October 1999?
7. Name the World Golf Hall of Famer who won 18 LPGA Tour events — including the 1991 and 2004 U.S. Women's Open championships - from 1987 to 2010.

Answers

1. Kid Gavilan.
2. A libero.
3. Al Horford.
4. Ebby Calvin "Nuke" LaLoosh (played by Tim Robbins).
5. The Sheffield Hatters.
6. Az-Zahir Hakim.
7. Meg Mallon.

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Center for Native Health to unveil community kiln in the fall

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Center for Native Health (CNH), in collaboration with the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute and with support from South Arts, Cherokee Preservation Foundation, and East Fork Pottery, is in the home stretch of a community kiln build in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown).

Trey Adcock, executive director of CNH, said the idea of for the kiln came from two award-winning potters from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Tara McCoy and Levi West, “This project is driven by Tara and Levi’s vision and dream, and we are blessed to be part of helping that come to fruition,” he said.

Louise Deroualle, a lecturer of art from the University of North Carolina at Asheville (UNCA), along with Matt West, a former lecturer and studio tech from



Levi West, Bonnie Claxton, and Matt West pose with the Center for Native Health community kiln build in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown). (Photo by Kilyne Oocumma, CNH Digital Media Storyteller)

UNCA, worked closely with McCoy and West on the kiln build.

“We had quite a diverse group for our size. Several tribal members, two non-members, one from another hemisphere. I probably

asked Levi and others too many questions but undeniably learned so much about Cherokee - the region and the people - past and present,” West said.

Deroualle added, “Levi and Kilyne [Oocumma] have been great in just educating and telling a little bit of the story how did clay happen and the mud daubers, and the relationship with nature, too. A cool moment the day we were starting the kiln, Trey was there as well, and Levi did a prayer to the beginning of the kiln, and we had a hawk that just flew over us. So, that was super special because then Levi explained what the hawk

means.”

“I am from a different culture, too, so I bring my Brazilian point of view and my stories, and we are all sharing our different ways of doing. But at the same time, I have so many commonalities as well, like clay. Clay is a good way to create and shape and build. We build things, but we also build community. It’s been very special and I’m very happy that I got to join it,” Deroualle said.

Bonnie Claxton, CNH deputy director, spoke to the health and wellness aspect of the kiln. “One of the exciting things about this project is that each firing will be a community event. With a big wood kiln like this, you need lots of work to fill it up, lots of wood split, and lots of people to feed wood to the kiln consistently for 6-12 hours. At The Center for Native Health, we know that culture is health, and being in community is health. So, every time this kiln is fired will be a physical act of individual and community health for everyone involved, an example of healing through culture that makes our Native communities so resilient.”

The group is anticipating the first community firing of the kiln in early fall, with a celebratory community event accompanying the fire. The One Feather will provide an update with the details for the event.



Levi West, Louise Deroualle, and Matt West work on the community kiln. (Photo by Kilyne Oocumma, CNH Digital Media Storyteller)



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Ask a Therapist

A community space for mental wellness

By BROOKE BARRETT, LCMHC

In our Cherokee community, we've always believed in taking care of each other. We help our neighbors. We show up for family. We work together for the good of all. This is called Gadugi, and it's one of our core values.

But today, many of us are carrying quiet struggles: stress, sadness, anxiety, grief. It can feel like we're supposed to handle it all alone and that's not how it's meant to be.

This column, Ask a Thera-



pist, is here to talk openly about mental health in a way that's real, respectful, and rooted in who we are as Cherokee people. Every two weeks, I'll answer a question from

someone in the community about things many of us face like burn-out, parenting stress, healing from trauma, setting boundaries, or just feeling overwhelmed.

You won't find medical advice or therapy here, but you will find helpful information, tools to try, and reminders that your feelings matter. This is a space for learning and support, especially for those who may not have access to therapy right now.

I'm a licensed therapist and enrolled member who works with individuals and families, and I created this column because I see how many people are doing their best without much help or guidance. I also believe in our traditional values that are in place to remind us that healing doesn't have to happen alone.

If you have a question you'd like me to answer in a future column, I'd love to hear from you. You can send it to asktherapist-brooke@gmail.com. Questions can be anonymous, and I'll always answer with care.

Let's start talking more openly about our mental health because taking care of our minds and hearts is part of taking care of our whole community.

***This column is for educational purposes only and is not a substitute for professional mental health advice, diagnosis, or treatment. If you are in crisis, please reach out to a licensed mental health provider or dial 911.*

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Annual Eastern Band Cherokee Pow Wow winners list

Following are the winners for the Annual Eastern Band Cherokee Pow Wow held at the old Cherokee High School site in Cherokee, N.C. on July 4-6:

Golden Age Women (55+): 1 - Sandy Harris, 2 - Dinalyn Spears, 3 - Yolanda Poncho, 4 - Jill Seahmer

Senior Adult Women’s Jingle (35-54): 1 - Michelle Winneshiek, 2 - Shennelle Feather, 3 - Keshon Smith, 4 - Shoshoni Davis

Senior Adult Women’s Fancy (35-54): 1 - Desba White, 2 - Katy Isennock, 3 - Thomas Courtney, 4 - Julia Charles

Senior Adult Women’s Northern Cloth (35-54): 1 - Jacinta Tsosie, 2 - Imelda Eaglestar Quinones, 3 - Leona Printup, 4 - Amanda Tortalita

Senior Adult Women’s Southern Buckskin (35-54): 1 - Ponkerwe Cozad, 2 - Amanda Proctor, 3 - Jatanna Feather

Senior Adult Women’s Northern Buckskin (35-54): 1 - Quahna Mars, 2 - Crystal Tortalita

Senior Adult Women’s Southern Cloth (35-54): 1 - Erin Gibbs, 2 - Elizabeth Nevaquequa, 3 - Megan Zanora, 4 - Victoria Nevaquequa

Junior Adult Women’s Jingle (18-34): 1 - Tatiana Barcindebar, 2 - Katoni Thompson, 3 - Shai Bigmountain, 4 - Brionna Badoni

Junior Adult Women’s Fancy (18-34): 1 - Shailen Seahmer, 2 - Wynonna Swift, 3 - Renae Minasty, 4 - Jensen Peone

Junior Adult Women’s Southern Cloth (18-34): 1 - Naomi Nevaquaya, 2 - Sky Wildcatt, 3 - Dezirae Monoessy, 4 - Cassidy Murphy

Junior Adult Women’s Northern Cloth (18-34): 1 - Ashley Asapace, 2 - Tiana Long, 3 - Shaundene (Sunshine) Hicks



Rick Bottchenbaugh, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, took first place in the Men’s Golden Age division at the Annual Eastern Band Cherokee Pow Wow held in Cherokee, N.C. on July 4-6. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

Junior Adult Women’s Southern Buckskin (18-34): 1 - Jasa Bigmountain, 2 - Brittany Taylor

Junior Adult Women’s Northern Buckskin (18-34): 1 - Liliana Mars

Teen Girl’s Traditional (13-17): 1 - Laney Lefthand, 2 - Jordin Eaglestar, 3 - Charlotte Nevaquoya, 4 - Amaya Eaglestar

Teen Girl’s Jingle (13-17): 1 - Marisol Thompson, 2 - Brynlee Warner, 3 - Megan Oliver, 4 -

Zoe De Los Reyes

Teen Girl’s Fancy (13-17): 1 - Decora Monoessy, 2 - Hailee Pinnance, 3 - Manenzie Albert, 4 - Roselei Langdeau

Junior Girl’s Traditional (6-12): 1 - Keya Taylor Isennock, 2 - Savannah Driver, 3 - Cedar Gibbs, 4 - Ever Cannon

Junior Girl’s Jingle (6-12): 1 - Lyric Hogner, 2 - Toyela Purdo, 3 - Camalia Pizano, 4 - Cree Sharphead

Junior Girl's Fancy (6-12): 1 - Audriana Barcindebar, 2 - Eyaska Taylor, 3 - Winter Wildcatt, 4 - Kia Toeaina

Golden Age Men (55+): 1 - Rick Bottchenbaugh, 2 - Anthony Lett, 3 - Josiah James Hill, 4 - Watty Driver Jr.

Senior Adult Men's Traditional (35-54): 1 - Johnson Taylor, 2 - John Arkeketon, 3 - Dustin Charles Mesteth, 4 - Chris Warner

Senior Adult Men's Grass (35-54): 1 - Ronnie Preston, 2 - Brandon Sanchez, 3 - Bryson Daugherty, 4 - Corey Davis

Senior Adult Men's Fancy (35-54): 1 - Eric Bird, 2 - Josh Hill, 3 - Brian McCreo, 4 - Robin Jumper

Senior Adult Men's Straight (35-54): 1 - Ron Rice, 2 - Anthony Monoessey, 3 - Ronald Monoessey Sr., 4 - Jeremy Bear

Senior Adult Men's Chicken (35-54): 1 - Leland Thompson, 2 - Keith Sharphead, 3 - Luke Swimmer

Junior Adult Men's Traditional (18-34): 1 - Leland Rice, 2 - Tomi Caldener, 3 - Kerry Reed, 4 - Jimmy Harlan

Junior Adult Men's Grass (18-34): 1 - James Eaglestar, 2 - Tracy Tanyan Jr., 3 - Dustin Langley, 4 - Ron Rice

Junior Adult Men's Fancy (18-34): 1 - Shaundei Poncho, 2 - Christian Rangel, 3 - Chaske Hill, 4 - Johnathan Jumper

Junior Adult Men's Straight (18-34): 1 - Ronald Monoessy Jr., 2 - Mason Bighorse, 3 - Damian Bemo, 4 - Ross Victors

Junior Adult Men's Chicken (18-34): 1 - Darwin Charley, 2 - Dustin Bigmountain, 3 - Hashlea Bird, 4 - Kaimare Eaglestar

Teen Boy's Traditional (13-17): 1 - Alec Kent, 2 - Lucas Pizano, 3 - Coshere Mashunkashey



The tabulators for this year's Eastern Band Cherokee Pow Wow, all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, are shown, left to right, Stephanie Maney, Alannah Tushka, Frances Maney, and Kevonna Tushka.

Teen Boy's Grass (13-17): 1 - Joseph Potter, 2 - Khayton Swimmer, 3 - Kaiden Oliver, 4 - Alex Proctor

Teen Boy's Fancy (13-17): 1 - Charlie Rice, 2 - Audi McCrea

Junior Boy's Traditional (6-12): 1 - Ismail Ekmekei, 2 - Kay Pen French, 3 - Jex Panther, 4 - Ryker Walkingstick

Junior Boy's Grass (6-12): 1 - Uweluga Swimmer, 2 - Andre Williams, 3 - Sean Slee, 4 - Sam McMillan

Junior Boy's Fancy (6-12): 1 - Caiden Tortalita, 2 - Aston McCrea, 3 - Enoch Walkingstick

Men's Fancy Special: Chaske Hill

Men's Straight Special: Ron Rice

Senior Adult Men and Junior Adult Men's Grass Special: Ron Rice III

Women's Golden Age Special: Norma Robertson

Women's Golden Age Special: Edwina Tortalita

Women's Golden Age Special: Ruth Grayhorse

Women's Golden Age Special: Bernice Bottchenbaugh

Women's Golden Age Special: Wanda Crowe

Women's Golden Age Special: Charlene Bomberry

Women's Golden Age Special: Kelly Cries For Ribs

Women's Fancy Shawl Special: Winona Swift

Women's Northern and Southern Cloth Special: Jacinta Tsosie

Southern Drum Contest: 1 - Cozad, 2 - Wild Band of Comanches, 3 - Pawnee Yellow Horse, 4 - Ironbow

Northern Drum Contest: 1 - Ironswing, 2 - Young Buffalo Horse, 3 - Medicine Tail, 4 - Rattlesnake Mountain

EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New One Feather policy regarding event flyers

Starting with the week of July 28, the One Feather will post community/program event flyers every Sunday morning in an album on the COF Facebook page. This will be the only time throughout the week that event flyers will be posted. The first posting of these will be on Sunday, Aug. 3.

However, as event flyers are received, staff will format them into a text-only event listing which will be posted to the events calendar on www.theonefeather.com/events/ along with a hyperlink to the flyer if applicable.

If you wish to have your flyer posted on Facebook earlier than Sunday, please contact Dawn Ar-

neach, One Feather ad sales coordinator, at dawnarne@ebci-nsn.gov to discuss advertising rates.

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
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

Great Smoky Mountains National Park seeks Elk Rover volunteers for 2025 season

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—Great Smoky Mountains National Park is seeking individuals to join the Elk Rover volunteer team for the upcoming 2025 season. Elk Rovers share information with visitors about safe wildlife viewing and help keep elk and visitors safe. Elk Rovers will be stationed at the Oconaluftee Visitor Center, located near Cherokee, N.C.

Volunteer duties include:

- Standing and walking for extended periods.
- Assisting with traffic management along US 441/Newfound Gap Road.
- Assisting and guiding visitors.
- Educating visitors about wildlife safety and etiquette.
- Answering general questions about the park.

Interested volunteers should commit to one, 4-hour afternoon shift per week on either Friday, Saturday or Sunday starting in July and continuing through mid-November.

All new Elk Rovers are required to attend a mandatory in-person training session in July. Additionally, volunteers will have the opportunity to learn alongside a dedicated team of experienced rovers and park rangers who will provide on-the-job training.

Learn more here: <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/getinvolved/volunteer.htm>

- National Park Service release

The late Richard Crowe, who graduated with his master’s degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (1982), believed in supporting Native American college and graduate students. Crowe died too young at the age of 36. In his honor, the Richard Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship awards money to graduate and professional students, while they pursue their degrees. Thank you very much for supporting me. Your scholarship program also encourages recipients like me to understand the story of Crowe’s life and career. Though I did not know him, I know that he was a talented man, a veteran, a mechanic, and a public speaker. Thank you to those who once knew Crowe and who founded the scholarship in his name

Thank you, Richard Yogi Crowe, for your inspiration and character. Let us carry your legacy forward.

Sgi,
Nolan Arkansas

Dear Members of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund,

I want to express my appreciation for selecting me as recipient of the scholarship for the summer semester. This award helps to provide support and resources while I complete coursework towards my doctorate in Educational Leadership. Working full time and being a full time doctoral student is challenging, so the support given from the scholarship is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Martens

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship



PROJECT DATES: JUNE 2 - APRIL 15, 2026

PROJECT DETAILS

Due to recent updates from the U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP), the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) is taking important steps to comply with new pharmacy compounding standards regarding guidelines for medication preparation involving facility design, ventilation systems and quality control processes.

Because of these new rules, the CIHA is adding about 2,000 sq ft to our pharmacy. This expansion will help us keep making important medicines safely—and in the future, we may even be able to offer new treatments, like certain cancer medicines we don’t currently have the capacity to store or dispense

We know that our pharmacy drive-thru is important to our patients. That’s why, guided by our principle ᎠᏍᏉᏃᏃ (Ni hi tsa tse li), “It belongs to you,” we’re doing our best to limit any inconvenience. We’ve worked closely with the construction team to schedule the work in four-day blocks over the weekend. This way, the drive-thru will only be closed when absolutely necessary, helping us take care of you while also being good stewards of tribal resources.

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OBITUARIES ᏍᏏᏁᏰᏚ

Brittnee Mariah Arch

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Brittnee Mariah Arch, who left us on July 13, 2025, at the age of 31. Born on Feb. 16, 1994, in Farmington, N.M., to William Arch Jr. and Julia Becenti. Brittnee was a proud American Indian who deeply embraced her heritage and community. She resided in Cherokee, N.C., where she dedicated her life to her family and her community. Brittnee's spirit was full of life, and she had a natural gift for making those around her feel cherished. Her kindness, gentleness, and unwavering loyalty were sources of strength for her family and friends. Brittnee was not only a beloved daughter and sister but also a passionate advocate for

those in need. As a Midwife, Lactation Consultant, and Doula, she touched countless lives, providing support and compassion to families during some of their most vulnerable moments.

She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Richard and Bessie Becenti; paternal grandparents, Bud and Margie Arch; uncle, Bugger Arch; niece, Kylee Rose Arch; and a nephew, Jarrett Reeves.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her children, Harlee Kirkland and Vicente Arc; her five siblings: brothers, Sheldon Frank, twins Buster and Buddy Arch, Jon Reeves, and her cherished sister, Chantelle Frank; uncles, Fred Arch and James Weasel; and cousin, Poncho Ramirez. Each of them will carry forward her legacy of love, compassion, and dedication to helping others. She is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews: Auron Taylor, Niyah Taylor, Izzabell Taylor, Serenity Arch, Taelen Arch, Baeleigh Arch, Oaklynn Arch, Radik Arch, Kashus Arch, Peony Arch, Dana Reeves, and Joshua Reeves. She is also survived by a multitude of friends and extended family relations as well as sisters of the heart Tasha Torres, and Misty Lynn Sneed. And her best friend and fellow midwife Sarah.

A funeral service was held at the Charles George Memorial Arena at Cherokee Central Schools, on Thursday, July 17 with Harly Maney officiating. Brittnee was laid to rest surrounded by the beauty of her community, where she found solace and strength, in the Arch Family Cemetery.

As we remember Brittnee, let us honor her vibrant spirit, her passion for life, and her unwavering commitment to her family and her work. We find comfort in

knowing that she leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that will continue to inspire us all.

Pallbearers were Earl Martin, Troy Arch, Zacchaeus Arch, Orlando Becenti, Joshua Reeves, Andres Torres, Mike Torres, Dre Jackson, Bryan Becinti, and Poncho Ramirez

Leona Mae Bradley

Leona Mae Bradley, 96, of Whittier, N.C., passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Leona was known for her warmth, strength, her unwavering love for her family, friends, and her wonderful cooking and gardening ability. She loved watching her birds and looking at her flowers.

Born on Nov. 12, 1928, in West Virginia, she spent most of her life in North Carolina. Leona dedicated her life to her family, always putting their needs before her own.

Leona is preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Oscar "Bo" Bradley; her mother and father, Alonzo and Ivy Jane Boley; three adult brothers, Harold, James, and Eldridge Boley; five siblings, who passed away in childhood; and two grandchildren, Stephanie Beck and Jason Teesatuskie.

Leona is survived by her five children, Bobby Bradley of the home, Mary Bradley of Whittier, Margaret Bradley Sexton of Charlotte, Maxine Bradley Teesatuskie of Cherokee, and Milly Bradley

Ward (Lewis) of Whittier. She is also survived by her eight grandchildren, Jesse Sneed, Marissa Bradley-Ward (Tommy), Amber Freshour (Chad), Bradley Claxton (Terrence), Jackie Beck, Candietta Teesatuskie (Monk), Cody Fox, and Nylah Teesatuskie; 14 great grandchildren, Jordan Bennett, Jaicelyn Brady (Cody), Alex Sneed, Darien Bird (McKenna), Esiah Bird (Cameron), Nakaiya Hill, Ava, J-Leoni, Zayanah, and Zessence Walkingstick, Caroline, Claire, and Cate Freshour, and Willow Graindstaff; and two great great grandchildren, Waylon Bennett, and Tsali Bird. Many extended family members, several nieces and nephews, and many close friends, as well as a special great granddaughter, Gabrielle Teesatuskie also survive.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Ward, Darien Bird, Jesse Sneed, Cody Fox, Monk Walkingstick, Bradley Claxton, and Jordan Bennett.

The family is grateful for the love and support of Lona Clayton with Disability Partners, and McKinley, Kim and the entire staff of Four Seasons Hospice.

The family received friends on Tuesday, July 22 at Appalachian Funeral Services, followed by funeral services with Rev. Eddie Stillwell and Rev. David Grindstaff officiating. A graveside service followed at Campground Cemetery in Whittier.

Memorials may be made to: St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Nyssa Jon Elizabeth Prokopiof-Tallekpalek

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'3" Weight: 125 lbs

Female Age: 21

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: May 24, 2025

Last Known Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance: Nyssa left her residence after a verbal disagreement. Her phone was located in the woods east of the apartment.

If you have seen or have information about Nyssa Prokopiof-Tallekpalek contact Malia Miller, Missing Persons Clearinghouse Manager, Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511 or the Anchorage Police Department (907) 786-8900.

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CHEROKEE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Person Centered Thinking Trainings offered to Community

CHEROKEE, N.C. – In recent months, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Public Health & Human Services Division (EBCI PHHS) and Cansler Collaborative Resources have partnered to deliver Person Centered Thinking (PCT) training to the community. Person Centered Thinking aims to empower all members with the knowledge and tools to understand and communicate with the people of their communities. PCT has been offered at various locations across the community so far including Cherokee Central Schools, Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start, Snowbird, and Cherokee County. With more opportunities coming, the hope is for even more people to

take part over the next few months. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions:

What is Person Centered Thinking?

Person-centered thinking is a globally embraced philosophy and approach that places an individual's needs, preferences, and goals at the heart of support and service delivery. It focuses on understanding what is important to and for each person, using that insight to guide meaningful decision-making and planning.

What are the benefits of this training?

By focusing on individual strengths and preferences, person-centered thinking fosters opportunities for people to share their unique gifts and fully participate in everyday life. At its core, it is a collaborative journey that invites us all to learn together and create

environments where everyone can thrive.

How can I use this training in my life?

As we live, work, and play, we interact with people. PCT training gives us a chance to witness and learn different types of skills to provide your best and balanced support to a wide array of community members. As family or friends of people diagnosed with IDD/Autism or a person who regularly deliver services to the community, training facilitators will guide you through specific opportunities to apply what you learn.

What is IDD/Autism?

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) include a wide range of differences that affect a person's physical, intellectual, and/or emotional development. Many of these conditions affect multiple body parts or systems. For example, the nervous system, the sensory system, metabolic system, or degenerative disorders. Examples of IDD include autism, down syndrome, visually and/or hearing impaired, cerebral palsy, etc. Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism affects an estimated 1 in 31 children and 1 in 45 adults in the United States today.

How does the training take place?

The training is typically offered in-person over two days on the Qualla Boundary or other EBCI locations. There are breaks for lunch and light snacks and refreshments are offered.

Will I receive a Certificate of Completion?

Yes. At the completion of the two-day training, a committee organizer will deliver a certificate noting

your hours and participation in Person Centered Thinking Training. **Can I attend as a member of the community?**

Absolutely! PCT training courses are open to everyone. The more people we have involved in and participating directly influences the positive impact we can make together.

As a manager, can I sign up my work team?


We encourage as many people as possible to join our workshops. Contact our partners Christina Dupuch (cdupuch@ccr-email.com) or Mary Beth Clemons (mbclemons@ccr-email.com) for any scheduling inquiries.

When are the next sessions?

Upcoming training sessions will be taking place during August and September. Once locations and training dates are finalized, we will share that information with the Cherokee One Feather, Tribal Employees, and through EBCI Public Health & Human Services media outlets.

This foundational training has been brought to fruition through the collaborations of EBCI members, EBCI organizations, and our partners at Cansler Collaborative Resources. This training serves as the building block for the community to learn methods of person-centered thinking, planning, and support across the lifespan for all people and expand their knowledge and expertise of service, support, and coexistence with people with diagnosed and undiagnosed Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities or Autism. For more information on sign-ups and sessions, you may reach out to Candy Ross (candross@ebci-nsn.gov 828-359-2203) or Christina Dupuch (cdupuch@ccs-email.com) or Mary Beth Clemons (mbclemons@ccr-email.com).

BECOME AN ETHICS ADVOCATE



The Office of Internal Audit and Ethics is seeking individuals to serve as Ethics Advocates to assist in the enforcement and compliance of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Tribal Officials.

An Ethics Advocate will be an at-large member of each community selected to serve as part of the Ethics Review Committee. The duties of an Ethics Advocate are as follows:

- Review policies and procedures for the Ethics Program.
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- Assist with the preparation of a quarterly report for the Audit & Ethics Committee on the activity of the Ethics Program.
- Review potential Ethics and compliance issues and their resolution.
- Authorize and conduct investigations when warranted.
- Present finding of fact to the Audit and Ethics Committee for final decision and action on complaints.

Minimum Requirements for Ethics Advocates are as follows:

- Must be an enrolled member of the EBCI and resident of one of the six Tribal Townships
- Must be at least 22 years of age or older
- Must have a Bachelor's Degree or higher, J.D preferred
- Cannot be a Tribal Official as defined by Cherokee Code 117-45.1(a)(1)
- Cannot have any pending criminal charges or any felony convictions

Applications may be obtained by visiting the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics or our website: <https://oia.ebci-nsn.gov>
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COMMENTARY

Cherokee Women showed out in the Primary

By BROOKLYN BROWN
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

On the evening of July 17, congratulatory remarks erupted across Facebook as several women running for Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) tallied impressive numbers in the unofficial results of the

Primary Election.

Namely, Shennelle Feather with 95 votes in Elawodi (Yellowhill), the second highest vote count in her community; Joi Owle in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) with 117 votes, the fourth highest vote count in her community; Janell Rattler with 123 votes in Tutiya (Snowbird) and Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County), the third highest vote count in her community; Lavita "Muffin" Hill with 111 votes, the highest vote count for Kolanvyi (Big Cove), followed by Venita K. Wolfe with 88 votes, and Mary Welch Thompson and Karen Holiday in fifth and sixth with 23 and 22 votes respectively.

We often hear that Cherokee is a matrilineal society with core traditional values of women in leadership and decision-making positions, but in recent years we haven't necessarily seen this reflected in our leadership positions. But, on the night of July 17, the women running for Dinilawigi, and the community members who voted for them, showed that our values are still alive, and we are ready to see our women in the places they belong: leading and making decisions for our people.

As a Cherokee woman, I am overwhelmed with pride for the women who had the courage to run, and the voters who reiterated

that women not only matter in our community, but they are a pillar, and we should look to them to lead us into the future of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Following in strong footsteps throughout Cherokee history, from our Clan Mothers to Joyce Dugan, the first woman to be Principal Chief of the EBCI, the Cherokee women in the 2025 primary and the Cherokee community should remember this night as historic, as a turning point for Cherokee society in the 21st century, and as a beacon of hope for our future.

For the women heading into the general elections...Iyusdigwo.

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INFRASTRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed. <input type="checkbox"/> Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included. <input type="checkbox"/> Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.
HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE	<input type="checkbox"/> Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved. <input type="checkbox"/> Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home. <input type="checkbox"/> After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneously, HBS Coordinator will submit same plans to the lending institution, as well as financial documents to keep loan active. Financial documents are updated with lender every 30 days.
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will process documents to request Down Payment Assistance for 20% of sales contract amount, up to \$50,000.00, and will request \$5,000.00 in Rate Buy Down (RBD) gift funds simultaneously. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will review for completeness of application. <input type="checkbox"/> Completed applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.
CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands	<input type="checkbox"/> After receiving signed loan approvals, the Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send DPA firm commitment to Tribal Realty to initiate Ownership Statement (OS), Lease and Assignment. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD. <input type="checkbox"/> Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution. <input type="checkbox"/> Lending Institution will contact client to "lock in" their interest rate, taking into consideration the gift funds to purchase discount points.
DPA funds – Off Trust Lands	<input type="checkbox"/> After loan approvals are received, Coordinator will send letter notifying lender the borrower has been approved for DPA and RBD funds and request closing attorney information. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will complete the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust and to be signed at closing and recorded at Register of Deeds in the county of purchase. <input type="checkbox"/> Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.
LOAN CLOSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed. <input type="checkbox"/> Home construction may start after loan close. <input type="checkbox"/> Client will begin working with Lender's Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.
SITE PREP SCHEDULING	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> If 1 acre or more will be disturbed during site prep construction, a SWPP (Storm Water Protection Plan) must be completed by our contractor before any work can begin.
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Talking Trees Trout Derby is a great catch for families

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – “The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope.” That quote is attributed to the late John Buchan GCMG, GCVO, CH, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir, a Scottish novelist and historian who served as a British Army Officer and as Governor General of Canada.

Every year, over a thousand children, with parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles in tow, fill the Oconaluftee Island Park on the Qualla Boundary (Cherokee, N.C.) for the annual Talking Trees Children’s Trout Derby sponsored by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). They flock to the Park adjacent to the Oconaluftee River with the hope of landing a prize trout, and they leave, fish in creel or not, with a memory of family fun that will last a lifetime.

This is the twenty-fourth year of the event which is set for Saturday, Aug. 2 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event is for children 3-11 years old with a total of \$20,000 in prizes available including the Grand Prize – a Polaris RZR 150. Organizers state that each child will receive a free meal ticket, and there will be food trucks available on-site for everyone else.

The Trout Derby is an event of the EBCI and is facilitated by several tribal programs including EBCI Natural Resources (which includes Cherokee Fisheries & Wildlife Management), Cherokee Fish Hatchery, EBCI Facilities Management, EBCI Division of Commerce, Cherokee Indian Po-



You can register online at: <https://visitcherokeenc.com/events/talking-trees-childrens-trout-fishing-derby/>

Children and their families are shown in the Oconaluftee River and the Oconaluftee Island Park at last year’s Talking Trees Children’s Trout Derby on Aug. 3, 2024. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

lice Dept., Cherokee EMS, Cherokee Fire Dept., and others.

Sponsors are an important part of the event and have been since its inception. They are broken down by sponsorship size. This year’s sponsors include: Golden Trout Sponsor (\$10,000+): Vannoy Construction Rainbow Trout Sponsor (\$5,000 to \$9,999): EBCI Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Brook Trout Sponsor (\$3,500 to \$4,999): S&ME Donaldson Trout Sponsor (\$1,500 to \$3,499): Great Smokies Inn Brown Trout Sponsor (\$500 to \$1,499): Granny’s Kitchen, EW2 Environment Inc., Cherokee Enterprises, Smart Electric Co. Inc.



Bella Frady, then-age 8, from Kolanvyi (Big Cove), is shown with her brother, Jonathan Frady, at last year’s event.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

What motivates you?

Part 2 of 2

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D

Scripture References: Colossians 3:2, Deuteronomy 8:17-18, Proverbs 16:2, Proverbs 8:13, Romans 12:2, Matthew 6:1, Psalms 139:23-24, Philippians 4:20

Since we were very young, the world has drilled these attitudes into our heads. You've been told you need to compete, you must get the prize, you have to be first, and you have to be better than the next person. Ever feel that pressure from your parents, peers, coaches, or teachers? We all have at some time in our lives. We see it as encouragement and love from those who want us to succeed and produce. To become the best we can be. But then, the praise becomes a drug, the desire to receive it becomes our addiction, and soon, the talents and gifts we received from God to glorify Him get lost in even thinking about Him at all.

"All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; But Jehovah weigheth the spirits." Proverbs 16:2

Related story: Remember Whitney Houston? One of the most talented voices people have ever heard. Her story is tragic, but she falls right into this narcissistic kind of pride and getting sucked down by satan. An entire world watched as she rose to heights unseen before her time and then self-destructed and died from a drug overdose. She used her God-given talent and beauty at the beginning of her career as a Gospel singer, glorifying Jesus. Then came fame, money, pride, more fame, and ultimately death. How

did she lose her way? Her story is here on Liveabout (2009).

How do we unload all this programming? We have all received it, but has satan reinforced it into self-destructive pride? Note that God hates pride and those who become haughty in serving Him.

"The fear of Jehovah is to hate evil: Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, And the perverse mouth, do I hate." Proverbs 8:13

The gifts He gave you are meant to Glorify Him, not you. He deserves all the praise because, without Him, you are nothing. He is first, every time, and you must keep Him first in every aspect of your life. Remember, "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

You may think you should quit all that work, performance, ability, reward, acceptance, and praise. Not at all. You can be all that and humble, too.

"And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2

Your humility can show through, and you will receive even more blessings. God gives all good things, and everything He gives you is good. Give God the credit. Glorify Him in all that you do and the reason for doing it. Praise Him! Shout to others for what He has done for you and how He has blessed you. He gives success; you didn't earn it. He pro-

vides. We have heard this many times in our Christian discipleship education. Remind yourself whenever you embark on a project that will thrust you into a spotlight that the shining glory belongs to God. "Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them: else ye have no reward with your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 6:1

We motivate others when we continually give praise, adulation, and rewards to others around us. We are supposed to. But are we complicit in making them eager for the attention and wrong reasons? Let's pray we are not. We want to lift up others, and we should like to promote those around us and remind them to give credit where credit is due. That is how we motivate and encourage our children, friends, and fellow workers. Shape your praise of others in a way that reminds them it is God that blesses them for having made the achievements or done so well

in their performance. We can do our part to remind ourselves and others we love that God is first in all our lives.

Lord, God, and Father, today I pray that You would show me where my heart is when it begins leaning toward the wrong motivations. Lord, I ask that You remind me and prick my heart when I motivate others to think wrongly about themselves or others. Guard me against these sins and lies that satan whispers in my ears or when my tongue gets out of control. I don't want to be this kind of sinner. Thank You, Lord, to know I can ask You for anything in Your will, and You will grant it. Grant these to me today and forever more.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:23-24



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Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope for His lovingkindness, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.

PSALM 33:18-20

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Amber Waves

UGH, WHY THE HECK DOES MY TEACHER EXPECT US TO ALWAYS READ SO MUCH?



I'LL BET MY DAD DOESN'T EVEN REMEMBER THIS STUFF.



HEY, DAD, WHO WAS THE 5TH PRESIDENT?



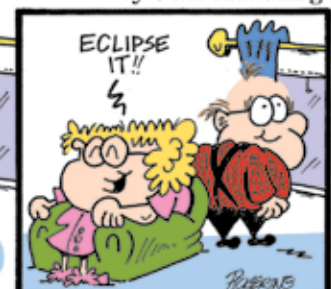
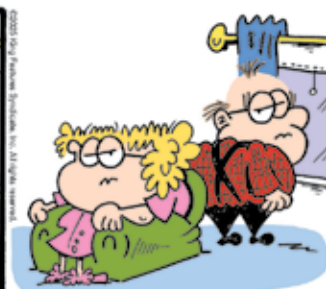
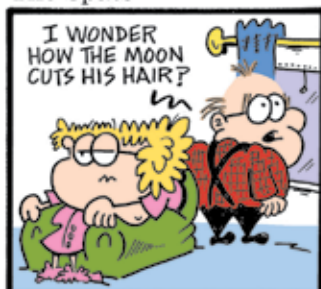
IF I TOLD YOU THEN YOU WOULDN'T LEARN.



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The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Five (four dream levels and limbo); 2. Montana; 3. "Slaughterhouse-Five" by Kurt Vonnegut; 4. A foal; 5. Graphics Interchange Format; 6. William Henry Harrison, who died 32 days after taking office; 7. Sunnydale; 8. Rome, Italy; 9. 24; 10. Greek physician Hippocrates

Trivia Test Answers

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by Dave T. Phipps

King Crossword

ACROSS

- "Hold on ..."
- Low voice
- Pouch
- Dog's bowlful
- Fascinated by
- FDR project
- Leeway
- Toe woe
- Have the flu
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- Econ. measure
- Baby carriage
- Water-testing digit
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- "Give it —!"
- Report card data

- Overhauls
- Second childhood
- Italian article
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- Witticism
- Arched tennis shot
- Lab sci.
- Coffee vessel
- Bullets
- Hawaiian city
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- Gershwin's "The — Love"
- Mid-month date

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- 24 hours
- Black birds
- Chest muscles, briefly
- Drunkard
- Rating unit
- Athletic shoe brand
- Tranquil
- Addictive snack
- Like Cheerios
- Japanese wrestlers
- Former Mideast org.
- Opposite of "post-"
- Flushed
- Roth svgs. plan
- Heart chart (Abbr.)
- Away from NNW
- Author Rushdie
- NAACP co-founder W.E.B.
- Campus area
- Celestial bear
- Jet-black
- Hotel chain
- Conceal supply
- Spanish —
- Docs' org.

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- Friendly
- Lotion additive
- Wall St. debuts
- Grilled cheese go-with
- More imposing
- Soon, poetically
- Inane

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



- MOVIES: How many dream levels does the crew enter in the film "Inception"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "Treasure State"?
- LITERATURE: Which 1969 novel begins with the line, "All this happened, more or less"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby horse called?
- ACRONYMS: What does the acronym GIF stand for?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president served the shortest term?
- TELEVISION: In which fictional town is "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" set?
- GEOGRAPHY: What international city's nickname is "The Eternal City"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many time zones exist on Earth?
- SCIENCE: Who is known as the father of medicine?

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BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

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

Christmas in July Vendor Event. July 24 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Painttown Community Building at 59 Magnolia Ln. in Cherokee, N.C. Extensive vendor lineup including Tupperware, tools, jewelry, carvings, beadwork, and much more.

Community Bingo Night. July 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.) at the Peaches Squirrel Sports and Recreation Complex in Cherokee, N.C. Bring your own daubers. Must be 18+ to play. Sponsored by the Office of the Principal Chief and Vice Chief.

Long Person Rights Resolution Community Input Event. July 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Cherokee Choices Community Room in Cherokee, N.C. Food will be provided. Please bring suggestions to event or email them to naiwadaughters@gmail.com

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

resource information, and a hot dog lunch provided.

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Celebration. July 26 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 1146 Birdtown Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Community Picnic at 12 p.m., activities and entertainment from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., anetso (stickball) at 4 p.m.

Qualla Boundary Public Library Open House Drop-in Event. Aug. 4 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Qualla Boundary Public Library located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex in Cherokee, N.C. Event activities: meet the Library staff; Hinigoliya registration, free books and prizes for all ages, free popcorn and cotton candy. This is a free event open to all. Info: (828) 359-6725, amypost@ebci-nsn.gov

Smokemont Baptist Church Annual Revival. Aug. 4-9 at 7 p.m. each night at Smokemont Baptist Church at 135 Smokemont Riding Stable Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. The Homecoming will be on Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. Info: Judy Lambert (828) 497-7382

NAIWA Blueberry Festival. Aug. 9 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

Battle of the Bands. Aug. 15-16 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day at the Kanunohi Water Park in Cherokee, N.C. Prizes: 1st place - \$1,000; 2nd place - \$600; 3rd place - \$400. Register at the Cherokee Welcome Center at 498 Tsali Blvd. in Cherokee. Info: (828) 359-6490

EBCI COMMUNITY REGULAR MEETINGS/EVENTS

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

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

NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association, Inc.) Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each

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

NAIA Daughters meetings.


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

Cherokee History & Stories. January through June 2025 on the first Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the TJ Holland Education


CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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These five doggies live with their human, P-J (ge-di), in Kolanvyi (Big Cove). They are shown, left to right, including – **Rex**, age 4, Blue Heeler; **Dro**, age 3, Lab; **Charlie**, 10 months, Blue Heeler; **Chief**, age 6, Dalmatian; and **Zoey**, age 9, German Shepherd.



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

Quallatown Makers will meet biweekly on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People Art

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

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Technology snafus tax your patience. But before you throw your computer or other bulky hardware into the trash, take a deep breath and call someone knowledgeable for help.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't be too upset if your generosity goes unappreciated. These things happen, and rather than brood over it, you should move on. Meanwhile, a new friend could open up some exciting possibilities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A loved one helps you get through an especially difficult emotional situation. Afterward, spend the weekend immersed in the restorative powers of music and the other arts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You are pretty much in charge of what you want to do this week. However, it might be a good idea to keep an open mind regarding suggestions from people you know you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Another chance to shine (something always dear to the Lion's heart) might be resented by others. But you earned it, so enjoy it! The weekend brings news about a family member.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A suggestion that never took off could become viable again. Dust it off, update it if necessary, and resubmit it. In your personal life, a new relationship takes an "interesting" turn.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Confronting a new challenge to your stated position could work to

your advantage. You can settle all doubts once you're able to present a solid defense that is backed up by equally solid facts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You enjoy doing nice things for others, but this is a good time to do something nice for yourself as well. You might want to start by planning a super-special getaway weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some changes you feel like you need to make might be reasonable and appropriate. But others might lead to new problems. Think things through carefully before you act.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Good instincts usually keep the sure-footed Goat on the right path. What others might see as stubbornness on your part reflects your good sense of what is worth supporting.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A period of introspection could lead to some surprising conclusions and equally surprising changes involving a number of your long-held positions on several issues.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The financially practical Pisces might want to take a sensible approach to spending as well as investing. Being prudent now pays off later. In other news, a romantic situation moves into another phase.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of curiosity keeps you continually alert for what's new about people, places and things. You know how to stay on top of trends or even start them yourself.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

A big thumbs-up to the VAOIG

A recent report says that during this year's multi-agency health care fraud takedown, they've nailed 324 criminals to the tune of \$14.6 billion.

That's "billion" with a "b." And that dollar amount is over double what they've seized before. This time they also seized cars and cryptocurrency. They stopped \$4 billion in fraudulent claims payments. They stopped millions from going overseas to foreign banks. And those weren't just street-thug-level criminals they nabbed. These were bigger guys, including 96 doctors, pharmacists, nurses and other medical professionals. Scammers included foreigners sent here to pull off schemes that used stolen identities of Americans.

Working with several other agencies, all the way from federal level (including the IRS, Homeland Security, the Department of Labor and more) down to local law enforcement, the OIG has brought charges to keep thieves from stealing money from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Here are a few examples of the low-lives they corralled.

One group was shipping out medical equipment that wasn't really necessary and then billing for it. Working with a marketing company, they pressured recipients to receive and keep the equipment, even if it wasn't needed. Scammers even pressured doctors to sign the orders by repeatedly faxing them documents claiming that the patient had specifically requested the equipment. Eventually the doctor would sign the forms. This scam was good for a cool \$39 million.

And there was the wound care scam — where wound patches were applied to vulnerable patients who should not have had them — that netted \$600 million.

Then there was the massage therapist who billed over \$2 million for services never rendered. For example, they billed for aquatic therapy when they had no pool, for wheelchair therapy for veterans not in a wheelchair and for pacemaker monitoring for veterans who did not have a pacemaker.

Once again I'm hoping the VA's Office of Inspector General has seen their operating budget increased so they can do even more of what they've been doing.

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Finding affordable pet care and pet products

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I retired four years ago and thought I had enough to cover all my expenses, plus some. But the rise in prices for everything has really hit hard. I can't afford to take my two Dachshunds, "Kili" and "Fili," to the vet for their annual checkups and shots. And I'm terrified what will happen if one of them gets sick. Do you know of any way I can cut expenses for pet care? — Dave M., Santa Monica, California

DEAR DAVE: I completely understand. These are difficult economic times, especially on a fixed income. But there are lower-cost pet care options available.

First, contact Kili and Fili's veterinarian and explain your situation. Ask if they offer any discounts or payment options for care, or if they have any recommendations for free or low-cost care. Vets will work with you to keep your dogs healthy.

Next, contact the local Humane Society or shelter and ask the same questions. Shelters want pets to stay with their owners and have resources and contacts to help make their care easier and more affordable.

Ask about low-cost or free pet vaccination events (often called shot clinics). These take place in many towns and cities at least once a year. For less than half the cost of a routine visit (and sometimes free), these clinics give pets their required vaccines and may offer additional services like physical exams and blood tests. These are frequently announced online, but you may be able to locate one by contacting your town office or the local shelter.

The most important advice I have for you is: Don't go it alone. Tell your vet, close friends and family members about your financial situation and the care your dogs need. People are there to help — just reach out.

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

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EVENTS: *from page 33*

Summer Basketball Clinic.

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

Blood Drive in honor of Bambi Armachain Sneed.

July 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Painttown Gym and Community Center at 10 Old Gap Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. To make an appointment or for more information, call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767 or visit <https://www.Red-CrossBlood.org> and enter sponsor code "28719".

EBCI Midnight Rumble Classic Slow Pitch Softball Tournament Fundraiser.

July 25-26 at the John Crowe Complex in Whittier, N.C. Game times will begin in the evening and go into the night. Prizes for first and second place team winners. Team entry fee is \$300. Participants must be 18+ by July 10. Co-ed teams must consist of 10-12 players and have at least three female players. Info: skysamp@ebci-nsn.gov

NC MedAssist Mobile Free Pharmacy Program.

July 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Harrah's Cherokee Convention Center (first floor) at 777 Casino Dr. in Cherokee, N.C. Take home free over-the-counter medicine items such as allergy, cough and cold, pain relief, vitamins, children's medicine, and more. This program is a partnership between NC MedAssist and the EBCI Office of Veterans Services and EBCI Public Health and Human Services.

PACT Act Benefits and Re-

source Claims Event. July 29-30 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day at Harrah's Cherokee Casino at 777 Casino Dr. in Cherokee, N.C. Get answers to VA benefits and claims questions. File your claim and more. This event is being hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the U.S Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Info: Gerard Ball (828) 734-2674 or samuball@ebci-nsn.gov; or Mary Culley (405) 626-3426 or Mary.Culley@va.gov

DINILAWIGI (TRIBAL COUNCIL) MEETINGS

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

Qualla Housing Committee.

July 23 at 1 p.m.

Kituwah, LLC Strategic Plan.

July 24 at 9 a.m.

POW WOW LISTINGS

OKC Pow Wow Club 75th Annual Indian Hills Pow Wow.

July 23-27 at Indian Hills Pow Wow Grounds in Oklahoma City, Okla. Emcees: Eugene Blackbear Jr. and Alan Fletcher. Head Singer: Vernon Cozad. Info: Joe Poe (541) 406-0915, okcpowwowclub@gmail.com

159th Annual Winnebago Homecoming Celebration.

July 24-27 at Veterans Memorial Park in Winnebago, Neb. Emcees: Silas Cleveland, Garan Coons, and Boye Ladd Sr. Host Drums: New Breed, Hayluska, Greywolf. Info: <https://winnebagotribe.com/winnebago-pow-wow/2025>

57th Annual Fort Totten Days Celebration.

July 25-27 at the Andrew Shaw Sr. Arena in Fort Totten, N.D. Emcees: Dr. Lean-

der "Russ" McDonald and Harold Blacksmith. Info: Kenneth Graywater Jr. (701) 766-4486, akicita@spiritleakevfw.com

Ely Shoshone Pow Wow.

July 25-27 in Ely, Nev. MC: Harold Begaye. Host Drum: Spring Creek. Info: Marla Stanton (775) 388-3816, newenaibe21@yahoo.com

41st Annual Saginaw Chipewa Pow Wow.

July 25-27 at The Hill Campground in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Emcees: Joel Syrette and Brian Moore. Host Drum: The Boyz. Info: Darcy Pilar (989) 775-5600, powwowcommittee@sagchip.org

Wiconi 19th Annual Living Waters Pow Wow.

July 26 at the Aldersgate Conference Center and Campgroun in Turner, Ore. MC: Bob Tom. Host Drum: Turquoise Pride. Info: Gary Eastty (360) 903-9570, magwiconio3@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

Cherokee Cancer Support Group, potluck dinner with a speaker the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Betty's Place, 40 Goose Creek Rd, Cherokee, N.C. Anyone is welcome to attend the potluck. The group pro-

vides educational and emotional support to clients and families of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians members with cancer. The group can provide financial assistance for fuel, lodging, and transportation and also can assist with mastectomy items, nutritional supplements, wigs, and related products. The group can volunteer to take a client to their appointment if it is requested in a timely manner. Betty's Place is open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (828) 497-0788

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

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

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

WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

George Masa photography exhibition. Now through Aug. 15 at Western Carolina University's Mountain Heritage Center in Cullowhee, N.C. The exhibition is entitled "A Stranger No More: George Masa and His Art". The

exhibition features a remarkable collection of George Masa's original photographs—some never before seen—drawn from the William A. Hart, Jr. and Alice Huff Hart Masa Collection housed in WCU's Hunter Library Special Collections. These images are displayed alongside Masa's recently acquired camera and tripod, now part of the Mountain Heritage Center's collection. Admission is free. The Mountain Heritage Center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Info: (828) 227-7129 or <https://www.wcu.edu/engage/mountain-heritage-center/>

Traditional Cherokee Weapons Demonstration. July 23 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., July 24 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., and July 26 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the Red Clay State Historic Park Visitor Center Porch, 1140 Red Clay Park Rd., Cleveland, Tenn. Interactive demonstration of Cherokee weaponry prior to European contact. The demonstration will be about 45 minutes to 1 hour and involves a lecture portion and a demonstration portion. Participants will be shown an atlatl, a Cherokee warclub, a Cherokee blowgun, and a replica flint-lock rifle. No Cost. Info. (423) 889-3249

Make Cornhusk Dolls. July 24 from 2p.m. to 3 p.m. inside the Red Clay State Historic Park Visitor Center, 1140 Red Clay Park Rd., Cleveland, Tenn. Learn the Cherokee origin of Cornhusk Dolls and make one with SIR Aubrey! The cost of attendance is \$3.00 per person. You MUST sign up in advance if you would like to attend. Info. (423) 889-3249

Tour Red Clay State Historic

Park. July 25 from 2p.m. to 3 p.m. meet on the Red Clay State Historic Park Visitor Center Porch, 1140 Red Clay Park Rd., Cleveland, Tenn. Guided walking tour of the historic Red Clay Council Grounds. Learn about the history and culture of the Cherokee at Red Clay in the 1830s while viewing our replica structures, the Eternal Flame Memorial, and the Blue Hole Spring. Info. (423) 889-3249

Nature Journaling. July 26 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the Red Clay State Historic Park Visitor Center Porch, 1140 Red Clay Park Rd., Cleveland, Tenn. Join SIR Aubrey for an afternoon of nature journaling! Participants will be led on a short hike around the Blue Hole Trail (0.20 mi), and be given multiple opportunities to pause and log what they see. The program will be about an hour and a half in duration. Participants will have the option to use park supplies like simple journals, and markers; but are encouraged to bring any of their favorite sketching tools to utilize during the program. No Cost. Info. (423) 889-3249

Guided Blue Hole Hike. July 26 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. meet on the Red Clay State Historic Park Visitor Center Porch, 1140 Red Clay Park Rd., Cleveland, Tenn. Join Seasonal Interpretive Ranger Aubrey for a leisurely and educational hike along the Blue Hole Trail (0.20 mi). We will be looking for interesting plants, and critters that may live along the trail! Participants will need to bring reusable water bottles and will need to wear good walking shoes. No Cost. Info. (423) 889-3249

Cowee School Arts and Her-

itage Center events. 51 Cowee School Dr. in Franklin, N.C. Info: kitchen@coweeschool.org
• Speaker's Series and BBQ dinner, \$20/plate. July 21
• Asheville Mountain Boys and Greek dinner, \$15/plate. July 26

Ladies Conference – Gathering Generations, Youth to Elders. July 25 at 7 p.m. and July 26 at 9:30 a.m. (concludes with lunch) at the Cherokee Pentecostal Church at 135 Long Branch Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. This event is sponsored by Indian Ministries of North America.

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

New Echota-Cherokee Capital celebrates World Ranger Day. July 31 at 10 a.m. at the New Echota State Historic Site at 1211 GA225 in Calhoun, Ga. It starts with a Ranger-guided tour starting at 10 a.m. Park officials note, "World Ranger Day is celebrated around the globe, and we would like to take this day to recognize all the work done by past, present, and future Rangers around the world that work to ensure the preservation of our nation's historic treasures and natural beauty. To truly explain the role of Park Rangers, first one must know the

history of our parks and the road the first Rangers had to transverse to get to the role they hold today." Info: Interpretive Ranger Amanda McCollum – Williams (706) 624-1321

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

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

Smoky Mountain Competition Cheer 2nd Annual Back 2 School Block Party. Aug. 9 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bridge Park in downtown Sylva, N.C. Inflatables, face painting, fairy hair, dunk booth, music, educational

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tables, food trucks, and more. Info: (828) 226-9943, smoky-mountaincheerclub@gmail.com

Living Legacy Fall Trade Fair. Aug. 22-23, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. both days. McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, 522 W Madison Ave., Athens, Tenn. Crafts, music, spinning, pottery, wood-working, quilting and more. Entry is free. Info. (423) 745-0329

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

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

Trolls: A Field Study by Thomas Dambo. Nov. 15 to Feb. 17 at The North Carolina Arboretum, Asheville, North Carolina. Days in the gardens and on the trails. Evenings in the garden at Winer lights Nov. 15 – Jan. 3 Visiting on their first North American excursion, these twelve interactive troll sculptures will explore the Arboretum, embarking on a curious journey to learn about humankind. For more information please visit ncarboretum.org

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS
Big Cove Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the new community building at 6 p.m. Chair Butch Hill (828) 506-8936.

For building rental contact any of the Officers.

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

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

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



Moments in time

• On Aug. 4, 2012, in London, Oscar Pistorius of South Africa became the first amputee to compete at the Olympic Games. He finished second out of five runners in the opening heat and went on to the semifinals, where he finished eighth out of eight runners.

• On Aug. 5, 1951, 38-year-old Canadian daredevil William "Red" Hill Jr. attempted to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel made of 13 rubber innertubes, canvas webbing and fish netting that he dubbed "the Thing." It broke apart under the high water pressure two hours after he set out, but his badly injured body was not recovered until the next morning.

• On Aug. 6, 1975, The New York Times printed a front-page obituary for Agatha Christie's Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot — quite the honor for a fictional character! Christie had announced her decision to dispose of him in her next book; indeed, as the Times noted, "The news of his death, given by Dame Agatha, was not unexpected. Word that he was near death reached here last May."

• On Aug. 7, 1967, the U.S. Congress overwhelmingly approved the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, giving President Lyndon B. Johnson nearly unlimited power to oppose "communist aggression" in Southeast Asia and marking the beginning of America's expanded military role in the battlefields of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

• On Aug. 8, 1942, six German saboteurs who'd secretly entered the United States on a mission to attack its civil infrastructure were executed by electric chair for spying. Two others who notified the FBI of the plot and aided authorities in their manhunt for the collaborators were imprisoned but freed six years later on President Harry Truman's orders, and returned to Germany.

• On Aug. 9, 1995, legendary Grateful Dead guitarist Jerry Garcia died of a heart attack in a California residential drug-treatment facility at age 53.

• On Aug. 10, 1927, President Calvin Coolidge arrived in South Dakota on horseback wearing a cowboy hat to dedicate Mount Rushmore two months before its carving began and presented sculptor Gutzon Borglum with a set of steel drill bits.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Peter (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. During biblical times, what was a rough, coarse cloth worn as a mourning symbol? *Sackcloth, Shadrach, Shiloh, Sling*
3. What Old Testament book's ninth chapter mentions the constellation Orion? *Joshua, Judges, Job, Jeremiah*
4. From Luke 13, which king was referred to by Jesus as "that fox"? *Herod, Solomon, Ahab, Caesar*
5. Who said, "Be sure your sin will find you out"? *Matthew, David, Noah, Moses*
6. What is "Jebus" another name for? *Jericho, Jerusalem, Judah, Joshua*

ANSWERS: (1) New, (2) Sackcloth, (3) Job, (4) Herod, (5) Moses, (6) Jerusalem

More than 1,200 brand-new trivia questions in Wilson Casey's latest book "Quest for Bible Knowledge" available in bookstores and online.

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The Garden Bug

Tree roots

A tree's root system keeps its trunk and canopy upright against the forces of wind and gravity. The strength of this system depends on soil type, soil moisture, tree species, root health and the depth and width of a tree's main structural roots. It has been found that in some trees, one root, or a suite of roots, supplies a specific branch or branches with nutrients, often on the same side of the tree as that root. Any damage to that root or roots manifest in damage to the corresponding branches.

Source: cmg.extension.colostate.edu

— Brenda Weaver

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

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

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

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

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

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

Acquoni Baptist Church. 722 Acquoni Road. 497-7106. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m., Sunday Eve-

ning Worship 6 p.m., Sunday Choir Practice 5 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m. Pastor Merritt Youngdeer (828) 788-6614

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

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

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road.

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

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. 7710 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. 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

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Years at CIHA: 8 Years in November

Community/Hometown: Whitter, NC

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

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

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

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

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

Ela Baptist Church. 4450 Ela Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Wednesday 6 p.m. Pastor Justin Hunt

(828) 736-1155

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Conference Center. Full season starts Aug. 4. Sunday School 10 a.m. and Morning Worship 11 a.m. Year-round services – church online live streamed from the 24/7 church channel, Embassy TV <https://embassytv.net> Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Will Chambliss, Thursday Night Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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 Ser-

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vice 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Olivet United Methodist

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

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

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

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

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

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 3755 Big Cove Road.

Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 1 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor Tim James 497-7644

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

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

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

Waterfalls Baptist Church. 82 Waterfalls Church Rd., Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service at

11 a.m., Sunday evening service 5 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Praying for a Pastor.

Whittier United Methodist Church. 150 Church St., Whittier, N.C. 28789. Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Rev. Beverly Parker-Reece

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

Wright's Creek Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Visitors welcome.

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

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Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
HENRIETTA LUCILLE SAMPSON

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the dece-

dent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Tyson Sampson
P.O Box 195
Cherokee NC 28719
7/23

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-060
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
HENRIETTA LUCILLE SAMPSON

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their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
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THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS THE CHEROKEE COURT
AMY TEESATESKIE and MARGARET TEESATESKIE, Plaintiffs
v. ERIKA SERRANO WATTY and UNKNOWN FATHER Defendants
(FILE NO. CV 25-083)

To: Erika Serrano Watty and Unknown Father,

Take notice that a Complaint for Temporary Emergency Custody and Permanent Custody and Order for Temporary Emergency Custody has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief sought related to custody of minor child, I.W., under the laws of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and filed in the above-mentioned file in the Cherokee Court, Cherokee, North Carolina. You are required to appear for a hearing on the return of the emergency custody order and make a defense to such pleadings not later than August 4, 2025, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.
This the 17th day of June, 2025.
Carpenter & Guy, PLLC Kimberly N. Carpenter Attorney for Plaintiffs 559 West Main Street Sylva, NC 28779 (828)339-1011
kim@wnc.law

7/23

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 25-065
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
MARGARET LORETTA WOLFE

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(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 fudiciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Anna Wolfe
68 Lloyd Owle Rd
Cherokee, NC 28719
7/23

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(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 fudiciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Charles R Panther
244 Pennsylvania Avenue
Canton, NC 28716
7/23

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-069
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
TIMOTHY ISALAH MCKINNELL



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Spa Attendants

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Kansas L. Parker-Mckinnell
112 Tom George Rd
Whittier NC 28789
7/30

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-067
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
BARBARA J ROBIE
All persons, firms and corporations

rations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Cynthia Robie
P.O Box 2342
Cherokee NC 28719
7/30

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-068
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
ROBERT COOPER
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this

estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Casey Cooper
79 Sam Bradley Road
Cherokee NC 28719
8/6

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-072
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
NANCY ANN CHILTOSKIE

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
Sonia Iron Cloud
421 Perkins #201
Oakland, CA. 94610
8/6

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court
In the Matter of W.W.W.
Petitioner: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services Department of Human Services
TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action.

The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, W.W.W., born June 13, 2018, is an abused, neglected, drug endangered, and mentally or emotionally injured child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on June 20, 2025.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to adjudication and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 23rd day of July, 2025.
Jordan R. Israel
Family Safety Program Attorney
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
(828)359-1009
N.C. Bar No. 48847
8/6

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-071
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
JOHN GERALD WALKER
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this



STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- Housekeeper - 2nd Shift
- Exceptional Children (EC) Teacher/Coordinator
- Network Engineer
- Assistant Director for Annual Giving - Catamount Athletics

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- Cherokee Clinical Assistant Professor
- eResources Librarian
- Assistant Professor - Counseling
- Visiting Assistant Professor of African American History

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

Dorothy M Walker
P.O. Box 292
Bryson City, NC 28713
8/13

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 23-043

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: JOHNSON HOWARD ARCH

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

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

Chrissy Arch
247 Locust Road
Cherokee NC, 28719

8/13

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

INVITATION TO BID

Re: Demolition CIHD-2025-06 TERO Vendors:

The Cherokee Housing Indian Division is seeking sealed bids from qualified TERO contractors to Complete Remodel Unit-112 Pioneer, Cherokee, NC. 28719

Please contact CIHD for additional information.

Ernest Tiger, Property Manager,
Qualla Housing Services, Cherokee Indian Housing Division, PO Box 1749, 687 Acquoni Rd., Office 828-359-6748, ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov
7/23

Request for Proposals

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Employment Rights Office seeks an experienced and qualified attorney or law firm to provide legal services to the Tribal Employment Rights Commission and the Tribal Employment Rights Office. Interested parties may request the RFP information packet by contacting Jacob Crowe at (828)-359-6544 or by email at Jacocrow@ebci-nsn.gov. All proposals must be submitted no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, August 4th, 2025. All Interested parties must be an enrolled member of the EBCI. 7/23

INVITATION TO BID

Re: CIHD-2025-08 Paint & Repairs Unit-10 Lambert Wilson Way TERO Vendors:

The Cherokee Housing Indian Division is seeking sealed bids from qualified TERO contractors to conduct Paint & Repairs for Unit 10 Lambert Wilson Way, Whittier, NC. 28789

Please contact CIHD for additional information. Ernest Tiger, Property Manager

Qualla Housing Services, Cherokee Indian Housing Division, PO Box 1749, 687 Acquoni Rd. Office 828-359-6748, ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov
7/23

INVITATION TO BID

Re: CIHD-2025-07 112 Garden Place Ln. Tree Trimming & Removal TERO Vendors:

The Cherokee Housing Indian Division is seeking sealed bids from

qualified TERO contractors to conduct Tree Trimming & Removal at 112 Garden Place Ln. Cherokee, NC. 28789.

Please contact CIHD for additional information. Ernest Tiger, Property Manager

Qualla Housing Services, Cherokee Indian Housing Division, PO Box 1749, 687 Acquoni Rd. Office 828-359-6748, ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov
7/23

INVITATION TO BID

Re: CIHD-2025-09 Stain & Seal Decking-Lambert Wilson Way TERO Vendors:

The Cherokee Housing Indian Division is seeking sealed bids from qualified TERO contractors to conduct Stain & Seal Decking Lambert Wilson Way, Whittier, NC. 28789

Please contact CIHD for additional information. Ernest Tiger,

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828.589.8285

All Applicants Must be 21 or older.
Tribal Hiring Preference will apply



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

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

Agelink:

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

Service Department:

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

C&F:

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

Cherokee Children's Home:

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

Bus & Truck:

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

Property Manager, Qualla Housing Services, Cherokee Indian Housing Division, PO Box 1749, 687 Acquoni Rd. Office 828-359-6748
ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov
7/23

Seeking Contractors

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeking qualified T.E.R.O. contractors, general contractors, developers, or property management companies to provide comprehensive services related to duplexes and triplexes. Please contact Jacob George at 828-359-6931 or by email at jacogeor@ebci-nsn.gov for more information. Qualifications are due July 16th. 7/23

Request for Proposal

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING
DIVISION
INFRASTRUCTURE DEPT.

MASONRY BLOCK FOUNDATIONS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is for all interested contractors for the construction of single-family masonry foundations for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee residing on trust lands and receiving assistance through the Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) Infrastructure Program. Contractors will be selected, and contracts will be awarded on per-project basis and competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by CIHD-Site Prep coordinators and CIHD also reserves the right to add additional contractors to as needed based on scheduling demands. CIHD reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the right not to award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be

performed under the RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. Any project not completed in a timely manner or abiding to the scope of work will be removed from the bid or project if awarded. These are time sensitive projects.

Proposal packets can be picked up at 687 Acquoni Rd at the old QHA office, Cherokee, NC 28719. The contact person for this RFP is Nekyle Lossiah, Infrastructure Coordinator at (828) 788-6371 or Sarah Crowe, Infrastructure Admin (828) 359-6121. 7/23

Request for Bids

To Recreate the Yellowhill Community Club Sign to be completed by August 31, 2025.
Bids due by July 31, 2025.
For a Bid Packet email Carmaleta Monteith at carmaleta@msn.com
7/30

Marijuana Use in HUD-Funded Tribal Rental Properties

Summary regarding marijuana use in HUD-funded tribal rental properties:

Federal Law Prohibits Marijuana Use:

Regardless of state or tribal law, marijuana use is illegal under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), a federal law.

This includes the manufacture, distribution, and possession of marijuana, making it a federal criminal offense.

HUD's Stance on Marijuana Use in Assisted Housing:

HUD prohibits the admission of individuals who use marijuana to HUD-assisted housing, including those who use medical marijuana, consistent with federal law.



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CHEROKEE
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Select positions eligible for hiring bonus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details.
Harrah's Cherokee Casino values diversity and inclusion and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID.

Owners of HUD-assisted properties must deny admission to any household with a member determined to be using a controlled substance, which includes marijuana.

Owners cannot establish lease provisions or policies that allow residents to use marijuana.

Owners cannot establish lease provision that allow Reasonable Accommodation for medical marijuana.

Owners must have policies that allow for the termination of tenancy for households with a member who is illegally using marijuana or whose use interferes with the health, safety, or peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other residents.

Tribal Housing and HUD Funding:

Tribal Housing entities receive funding from HUD through the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA).

While tribes have sovereignty, they must comply with the rules and requirements of the HUD programs from which they receive funding.

Tribal housing authorities can implement their own policies regarding smoking, including marijuana, consistent with federal laws.

In summary, despite potential differences in state or tribal laws regarding marijuana, federal law, as enforced by HUD, prohibits its use in federally assisted housing, including tribal housing receiving HUD funding. All Tribal Leases for Tribal Rentals and Qualla Rentals have Lease provisions that state no smoking of any kind is allowed in all rental units. Rentals. Smoking cigarettes in Tsalagi Homes and Mutual Help homes is at the discretion of the homeowner; however, all drug use prohibited by Federal law can be grounds for eviction due to the HUD funding source. **8/6**

Seeking Bids

Unit-Piney Grove Apartments
Interior Remodel CIHD-2025-10
TERO Vendors:

The Cherokee Housing Indian Division is seeking sealed bids from qualified TERO contractors to perform Residential Remodeling Services., Cherokee, NC. 28719

Please contact CIHD for additional information.

Ernest Tiger, Property Manager,
Qualla Housing Services, Cherokee
Indian Housing Division PO Box
1749, 687 Acquoni Rd. Office 828-
359-6748 ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov
7/23

Request for Qualifications
HYATT CEMETERY HOUSING
DEVELOPMENT

The Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians (EBCI) Housing Authority
is soliciting Requests for Qualifica-
tions (RFQ) from qualified General
Contractors for the Hyatt Cemetery
Housing Development project.

Project Overview: This compre-
hensive residential development
project encompasses the construc-
tion of infrastructure for 19 one-acre
residential lots, including:
Asphalt roadway construction
Storm drainage systems
Designated dumpster pad location
Street lighting installation
School bus/public transit stop loca-
tion

Qualification Requirements: Inter-
ested contractors must demonstrate
proven experience in residential
development projects, infrastructure
construction, and municipal utility
installations. Licensed and bond-
ed contractors are encouraged to
respond.

How to Apply: For detailed
project specifications, qualifica-
tion requirements, and submission
guidelines, please contact:
Jacob George - Phone: (828) 359-
6931 Email: Jacogeor@ebci-nsn.gov
Submission Deadline: 08-15-2025

This project supports the
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians'
commitment to providing /quality
housing opportunities for tribal
members. **8/13**

Request for Proposals

Single Prime sealed proposals
will be received by Cherokee Boys
Club ("Owner") at the Agelink Child
Care Modular Building located at
31 Childrens Home Loop in Chero-
kee, NC 28719 on Thursday, August
7th, 2025, no later than 2:00 PM,
local time, and immediately there-
after opened and read aloud for the
furnishing of labor, material and
equipment entering into the con-
struction of:

Building Addition and Renova-
tions to the Existing Snowbird Child
Development Center
1220 Old Tallulah Rd
Robbinsville, NC 28771

Bidders who mail their propos-
als SHALL address them to Anthony
Swearengin, Cherokee Boys Club - at
31 Childrens Home Loop, Cherokee,
N.C. 28719.

To prevent accidental opening,
ALL Proposals shall be enclosed in a
mailer and be clearly marked on the
mailer "BID FOR CHEROKEE BOYS
CLUB, INC.-SNOWBIRD DAYCARE
ADDITION AND RENOVATION.
DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 2:00 P.M.
THURSDAY AUGUST 7TH, 2025."

Tribal Business Preference Law
for Indian preference in contract-
ing and subcontracting through the
Tribal Employment Rights Office
(T.E.R.O) will be followed.

Complete plans and specifica-
tions for this project can be obtained
via Henco Repographics Planroom
(54 Broadway, Asheville, NC 28801)
OR from the Architect, LS3P Asso-
ciates, LTD. by contacting Jonathan
Navarro by phone or email: jona-
thannavarro@ls3p.com, 864-609-
7628. Plans and specifications will
be available beginning July 7th,

2024.

The Owner reserves the right to
reject any or all bids and to waive
informalities. **7/30**

Seeking Bids

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
RALEIGH, N.C.

The Deadline for submitting
Electronic Bids on the following
projects as well as the public read-
ing will be August 19, 2025, at 2:00
pm. The public reading will be held
in Contract Standards and Devel-
opment Unit Conference Room
(Room 156 A/B), Building B, North
Carolina Department of Transporta-
tion, Century Center Complex, 1020
Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610.
Please enter door B-2.

(C204832) NASH;
(C205076) CUMBERLAND, HOKE;
(C204971) GUILFORD;
(C204829) ROCKINGHAM;
(C204975) FORSYTH;
(C204991) MECKLENBURG;
(C205039) MECKLENBURG;
(C204977) CATAWBA;
(C204956) CALDWELL, BURKE;
(C205121) HENDERSON

A bid bond or bid deposit in
the amount of 5% of the bid will be
required.

These contracts are subject to all
appropriate Federal Laws, including
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of
1964.

Plans, proposal forms, and
specifications may be obtained at
the Raleigh Office of the Department
of Transportation, Telephone # 919-
707-6925.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTA-
TION
MR. LAMAR SYLVESTER, PE
CHIEF ENGINEER

7/23



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Closing Sunday, July 27, 2025

1. Laborer – CDOT – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Equipment Operator – CDOT – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Utility Worker (Sanitation) – Solid Waste – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
4. Air Quality Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
5. Telecommunicator (Multiple) – Public Safety Communications Center – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Housekeeper II Heavy Duty – Housekeeping – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
7. Fire Lieutenant – Fire Department – Operations (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Shift Lieutenant – EMS – Operations (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
9. Dispatcher/Substitute Driver – Transit – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Assistant Court Clerk (Multiple) – Tribal Court (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
11. Head Cook – Cherokee Co. Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
12. Manager – Infrastructure – Housing (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)
13. Carpenter (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
14. Intake/Collections Clerk – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour)
15. Utility Worker/Operator Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
16. Early Childhood Language Specialist – Kituwah Academy – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
17. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant – Kituwah Academy – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
18. Advanced Linguist Apprentice (Multiple) – Kituwah Academy – CERS (L5 \$15.00 - \$20.28 per hour)
19. Cook Aide – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L5 \$15.00 - \$20.28 per hour)
20. Cook – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
21. Office Administrator – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
22. Professional Development Specialist – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
23. Education Specialist – Higher Education – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
24. Probation Officer – Correction – CIPD (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
25. PT Travel Counselor (Multiple) – Destination Marketing – Commerce (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
26. Store Clerk – TABCC (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
27. Manager – TERO (L15 \$61,776 - \$77,230)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Child Advocate Coordinator – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
3. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Bailiff – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Sergeant - Corrections - EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Sergeant (Patrol) - CIPD - EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
9. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
11. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
12. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
13. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
14. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
15. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
16. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)
17. Carpenter – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
18. Cannery Operations Coordinator – Cooperative Extension – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
19. Truck Driver/WWT Maintenance – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
20. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
21. Supervisor (HIS/Inventory) – Tribal Construction – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
22. Environmental Regulatory Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY



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New Positions This Week

Human Resource Business Partner I (repost)
Learning & Development Specialist
Laundry Aide – Tsali Care Center
Cook Aide - Tsali Care Center
Masters Level Therapist – Adult Outpatient Services
Physical Therapy Clerk
TO Specialty Team Care Manager Lead
TO Specialty Team Care Manager - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
TO Care Manager - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Mid Level FNP
Cook

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor - Kanvwotiyi
Masters Level Therapist - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
(Analenisgi Outpatient, Analenisgi MAT, Cherokee Central
Schools, Family Safety, Child and Family – Snowbird,
Family Intensive Treatment)
Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse Manager
Targeted Case Manager

ENGINEERING

HVAC Technician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Electrician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Maintenance Mechanic – 10hr shift – Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon

FINANCE

Billing Analyst II
Accounting Clerk

MEDICAL

Physician (Emergency Department, 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

EVS

EVS Technician

NURSING

Care Management Extender – Primary Care
C.N.A – ER – FT - \$3,000 Hiring Bonus
C.N.A. - Immediate Care Center – Part Time Intermittent
CNA/Medical Clerk PTR
LPN/CMA – Primary Care - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
LPN – Primary Care - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
RN – Inpatient – Night Shift - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
RN Supervisor-Inpatient (Nights)
RN Infection Control
Telemetry Nursing Assistant
Clinical Nurse Educator

OPERATIONS

Dental Assistant II
Dental Hygienist
Dentist - CIHA and Satellite
Dentist-Pediatrics
Medical Lab Technician

TRIBAL OPTION

HOP Medical Social Worker (3 positions)

TSALI CARE CENTER

Cook – Tsali Care Center
Certified Medication Aide - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Certified Nursing Assistant - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Licensed Practical Nurse - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse – \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent

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Lifting champion

Damian Solis, right, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, competed at the USPA Drug Tested National Championships in Las Vegas, Nev. on Friday, July 11. He placed 1st-Sub master 140kg+ raw full power division, 2nd-open class 140kg+ raw full power division, 1st-open class deadlift only 140kg+ division, and 1st-Sub master deadlift only 140kg+ division. His lifts completed were 622lb. squat, 380lb. bench, and 700lb. deadlift (which was a new USPA sub master national deadlift record) with a total of 1,702lb. He is pictured with his son, Nathaniel Solis. (Photo courtesy of family)



Junior Miss Cherokee at Choctaw

Junior Miss Cherokee Misha Slee, center, is shown with friends at the dancing grounds at the Choctaw Indian Fair, hosted by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI), in Mississippi on July 10. Shown, left to right, are Jessica Anderson Jeter, Eleanor Smith, Slee, Lilah Reynolds, and Junior Smith. Jeter and Reynolds are MBCI tribal members, and the rest are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. (Photo contributed)



Cherokee Marching Band students attend Symposium

Two members of the Cherokee Marching Band, Mya Wahnetah, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and Mari Read took part in the WCU Summer Symposium recently. It is a week-long camp that concludes with a full-camp performance showcasing the skills learned throughout the week. (Photo courtesy of Sarah Hopkins/Cherokee Central Schools band director)

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- * awards or other accomplishments (both civilian and military)
- * and other areas of life such as finishing restoring an old car, building a new deck, etc.

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