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Natural wonder

Ribbon-cutting held for
Soco Falls Trailhead
improvements project

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Adjacent to one of the most beautiful vistas in the Great Smoky Mountains, Bessie Queen French, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) cut a ribbon to officially complete the Soco Falls Trailhead Improvement Project. The event, which was attended by many EBCI children in the Cherokee Youth Center summer program, occurred on the humid morning of Wednesday, July 23 in Wayohi (Wolftown) on the Qualla Boundary (Cherokee, N.C.).

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Bessie Queen French, center, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, cuts the ribbon to officially complete the new Soco Falls Trailhead project on the morning of Wednesday, July 23 in Wayohi (Wolftown) on the Qualla Boundary (Cherokee, N.C.). (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Image of the Week

2024-25 Little Miss Cherokee Faith Panther cools off with some Cherokee Water in a can during the Cherokee Family Field Day at Unity Field on Saturday, July 26. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather photo)



Quote of the Week



"It's great to show off all of our natural beauties that we have in western North Carolina, and on Tribal lands."

- Taline Ugwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley speaking at the ribbon cutting for the Soco Falls Trailhead Project updates on Wednesday, July 23

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SOCO FALLS: From front page

“Our elders before us had the foresight to know that tourism was a driving force for Cherokee,” said Shawn Crowe, an EBCI tribal member who served as emcee for the event. “It still is today and this is just a part of it. It is an attribute to the Tribe...To see what we’ve done here with this today, as a tribe, is just beautiful and needs to be commended.”

Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks commented, “I’m very thankful of the partnerships that we’ve created with our contractors, especially our internal staff.”

He added “It is a good day. I’m glad to be just a small part of leading these projects. We have a lot to do. Downtown is finished, and obviously this one...so we have a lot of things that we want our visiting public to come in and really take advantage of. Cherokee has a lot to offer, but we haven’t always done a good job of marketing that. That’s changing. There will be more people here. We’re starting to see more restaurant opportunities and more things for people to do - especially the outdoors.”

Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley noted, “I just want to thank Tribal Council. Myself and the Chief push a lot of projects and without Tribal Council’s help and the budget, all these projects would be impossible to even get off the ground. This project goes back to when Marie Junaluska served on Council. We both served on the Natural Resources Committee, and she wanted to highlight the Soco Falls, probably early 2000s. It’s great to show off all of our natural beauties that we have in western North Carolina, and on Tribal lands.”



Soco Falls is shown on the morning of Wednesday, July 23.



Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks speaks during Wednesday's event.



Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley gives remarks during the event.

Sean Ross, EBCI secretary of commerce, said, "Today's a glorious day. The reason I say that is anytime we can gather and discuss investment back into our natural assets, that's a good day for all of us."

In speaking of the project itself, Secretary Ross noted, "We've been working on this project for a little over six months. We moved the trailhead. We added a new trail system. The old trail system was in a very precarious spot right down the road, right off Hwy. 19, in a blind curve. Our community reached out time and time again and said, 'this is not a safe condition for our community or our guests'. So, kudos to our elected officials. They listened."

Rebecca Bowe, EBCI Project Management manager, commented, "Our group oversaw the planning, design, and construction of this project, which is one of many that we have in the hopper right now."

She added, "It really was a partnership to get us here today... Owle Construction, Arrowhead. We also have part of the design team here which is John Architecture, Archadis, and Tribal Construction. They actually paved the way for us and got us started with



Visitors were already enjoying the new observation deck on the morning of the ribbon-cutting.

this important project. We all just worked together and got us here today."

Bowe said that the project added a parking lot including handicapped accessible parking, an overlook, and a renovated overlook deck at the falls. "The trail - even though it's a little longer - it does still give you that wow. You still get a great view of the waterfalls down below. We have a renovated overlook deck down

there and we just hope everybody is able to enjoy it and enhance your experience while you're here in Cherokee."

Both Wayohi Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) representatives spoke during the event.

Dinilawigi Chairman Mike Parker said, "I look around here and I see all these young people and it's fantastic. Everybody that's here, thank you for coming. I want you guys to appreciate this and

know that there's always room for improvement and enhancement with these projects as we move forward."

Rep. Bo Crowe commented, "We've had a bunch of phone calls about the cars parking on the side of the road. Now, at least, we have an access to where people can get down there and enjoy it."

The project was paid for with ARPA (American Rescue Plan of 2021) funds.

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Ground was broken on new additions to the Big Cove Fire Station in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) on the morning of Thursday, July 24. Tribal officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) joined staff from Cherokee Fire & Rescue for the event.

“The building was built in 2004 and has been added onto a couple times since then,” said Thomas Simmons, Chief of Cherokee Fire & Rescue. “But, our staffing levels have grown exponentially since then through the goodness of our Council and Chief’s offices. They’ve given the Big Cove Community the coverage that they deserve and we have outgrown our station. So, now we’re at the point where the station is



Tribal officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians broke ground on the new Big Cove Fire Station located in Kolanvvi (Big Cove) on the morning of Thursday, July 24. Shown, left to right, are Thomas Simmons, Chief of Cherokee Fire & Rescue; Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahnetah; Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks; Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle; Kolanvvi (Big Cove) Rep. Richard French; Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley; Aniwodih (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper; Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Vice Chairman David Wolfe; and Tevin Smoker, Assistant Fire Chief with Cherokee Fire & Rescue. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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going to catch up with our manpower.”

He added, “This is the beginning of a new future for our fire station up here and a quicker response and a healthier living environment that we have created.”

Fire Chief Simmons said his staff is community-minded and -centered in their approach to the work. “. So, you’ll see us out on EMS calls. You’ll see us out on rescue calls back on the trails, the waterfalls, and things like that. So, it’s not just fire that we do. You’ve all seen us at all the public education events. We’ll be out slip-sliding with the kids at the youth center also. That’s just to let them know that we support them. And, that’s our main job is to support the community, and this building is going to help us do that a little bit more comfortably.”

Rebecca Bowe, EBCI Project Management manager, said she’s excited to break ground on the project, “We’re excited to be here with Tom and the firemen. I’ve been working with these guys for at least two years on this project. I know it’s been a long time coming and we’re excited to finally be here.”

In describing the scope of the project, she noted, “We’re adding onto the station here. We’re extending out the back. We’re adding four bunk rooms so the guys don’t have to huddle up in one room anymore. They’ll have a little bit more space to stretch out in and have a little more privacy than



Thomas Simmons, Chief of Cherokee Fire & Rescue, speaks during Thursday’s groundbreaking event.

they probably are used to. We’re adding a training room, and a living space, and a third bay to better serve the Big Cove Community.”

Kolanvyi Rep. Richard French said he is thankful for the project. “I thank everyone that’s made this possible to have this Fire Department built a little bit bigger to be a lot safer for our community. I know we fought a long time to get a station up here.

Hopefully this will be just the start of more to come for Big Cove community. We hope one day that we can get a substation for the

police and EMS up here as well. We’re about 12 to 15 miles from town.”

He went on to thank the service of the Cherokee Fire & Rescue program. “They do a lot for this community, not just on their jobs here but anytime Free Labor needs them, or any kind of event we have in Big Cove, these men and women step up every day to come help us in our community, just like they do all the communities. So, be thankful for what we have, thankful for the Tribe, and thankful for all our hard-working employees that this

tribe has that do this work for us. We do a lot of work in-house and a lot of times they don’t get the recognition that they deserve. We have some hard-working people.”

Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley commented, “I don’t think you can give enough thanks to our Fire Department up here in Big Cove. Several Free Labor groups have been up here, and they’ve always been there doing more than their fair share. So, the Big Cove Community told me to share the thanks for the Fire Department for the work that you all do out in the community.

I always want to thank Council for their work and everything they do in appropriating the funds. We can present anything to Council, but if they don’t see fit to appropriate funds, it never gets off the ground.”

Ugviyuihi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks closed the program with his remarks. “We have to grow as a tribe. We have to make sure that we’re meeting all these needs. I want to thank your staff here. You saved my mother- and father-in-law’s house from burning down just a few weeks ago. There’s nothing like getting that call saying you’ve got a fire at a family member’s house.

Emergency services is something that you don’t always think about until you need it. But, it’s a critical part of our operations and I’m proud of the team, proud of what we’re accomplishing.”



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EBCI Government Explained Absentee voting

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Registered voters of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians may cast an absentee ballot for tribal elections providing they meet certain criteria and deadlines. Absentee voting is covered in Cherokee Code Sec. 161-15.

Sec. 161-15(a) states, “The Board of Elections shall prepare and administer a separate ballot for absentee voting. The absentee ballot shall be identical to the regular ballot except that it shall be printed on paper of a different color.”

The EBCI Board of Elections provided the following dates of

interest regarding absentee or early voting for the 2025 General Election:

- Aug. 1: absentee request for the General Election begins
- Aug. 11-16: early voting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day
- Aug. 18-23: early voting from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day
- Aug. 25: absentee request by mail ends for the General Election
- Aug. 29: absentee voting in-person for the General Election ends at 4 p.m. and voter registration closes at 4 p.m.
- Sept. 4: General Election from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To request an absentee ballot application, either stop by the EBCI Board of Elections Office located at 808 Acquoni Rd. (Ginger Lynn Welch Complex), Cherokee, NC 28719 or call the following numbers: Nancy Locust (828)

359-6362 or Kelsi Huskey 359-6361.

Prior to 2003, Cherokee Code 161-14(b) read as follows, “All enrolled members registered to vote may vote by mail or in person by absentee ballot.”

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passed Res. No. 776 on April 3, 2003 adding criteria that must be met before a person can vote absentee. Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks vetoed that legislation.

Several months later, Dinilawigi approved Res. No 1037 on Aug. 8, 2003 which authorized a referendum vote on the criteria. That legislation, submitted by Brenda Norville, stated in the whereas section, “Res. No. 776 was vetoed by the Principal Chief on the grounds sufficient time was not given to all members of the Tribe, including those who live away from the Qualla Boundary, to be informed of the measure and to have their voices heard on the issue; and Tribal Council and the Principal Chief agree that this important issue should be voted on by the members of the Tribe in a duly held referendum.”

That referendum was held on Dec. 12, 2003 and all six of the criteria put forth were approved. Those measures were officially put into the Cherokee Code with the passage of Ord. No. 203 on Aug. 5, 2004.

It amended Cherokee Code Sec. 161-14(b) (which is now Sec. 161-15) to read as follows:

“Only enrolled members who are registered to vote and meet one of the following requirements may vote by mail or in person by absentee ballot:

(1) Tribal members serving on active military duty, including immediate family members who reside in the household, who are

unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes;

(2) Tribal members who are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes;

(3) Tribal members enrolled in institutions of higher education and enrolled members of their household that are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes;

(4) Tribal members who are employees of the Tribe and are required to be away from Cherokee for training or for reasons required by their employment on the date of election who are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes;

(5) Tribal members who: because of illness are in a hospital, nursing home, or other treatment facility, and/or, who because of their physical condition and course of treatment are unable to go to the polling place to cast their votes; or (6) Tribal members who physically reside on Cherokee trust lands but who will be absent from Cherokee on Election Day for business or personal reason and are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes.”

The above criteria remain in place today.

Sec. 161-15(j) deals with several housekeeping issues involving absentee ballots.

(j)(2) states, “When the Board of Elections receives and approves an application for absentee ballots, it shall promptly issue and transmit the ballot to the voter only, not to a relative.”

(j)(3) states, “If the voter does not meet the criteria for absentee voting, the Board of Elections will notify the voter in writing of the reason for denial. The decision of the Board of Election to deny an absentee ballot application shall be final.”



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I will remain committed to the following:

1: Preservation of our resources both financial and cultural

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- Cultural Preservation and Education
- Kolanvyi as a foundational base of cultural identity

2: A New Facility for KPEP, so that our language learners and teachers can learn in a safe and comfortable environment.

3: Advocating on a National level to protect our cultural identity, our sovereignty, and our funding that provides needed resources.

I was elected to stand up for you, not only at home but on every level. In order to represent you efficiently on a State and Federal level requires me to travel. In 2021 I was elected by Tribal Council to serve as Council Chairman. During this time there was a concerted effort with Council to re-establish relationships with other Sovereign Native Nations as well as Legislators on every level. Many times we would hear "We use to be good friends with the Eastern Band, and then you all disappeared". I made it one of my priorities to make our Tribe be heard and seen again! That effort requires traveling to Raleigh and Washington DC meeting with our lawmakers, as well as traveling nationwide to meet with and re-establish relationships with our brothers and sisters in Indian Country. Subsequently, I have become a familiar face, and with other Council members, we have successfully re-established and mended relationships that will benefit the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

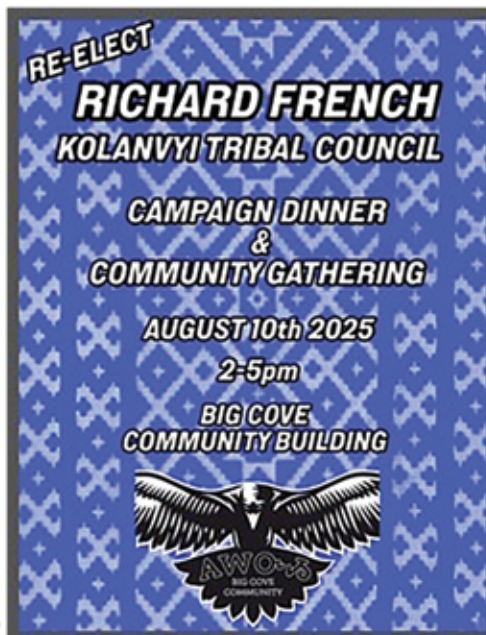
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I humbly ask for your continued support in the General Election. Vote for experience, leadership, and dedication.

VOTE RICHARD FRENCH

for Kolanvyi and Towstring Tribal Council

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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

New this Week

H.R. 4463 (To amend the Cawtawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993). The text of this bill is not currently available. The One Feather will report more once it is available.

Introduced: Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.) on July 16, 2025
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16, 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.

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 Depart-

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ment of State.

Introduced: March 27 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai'i)

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

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

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

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

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

H.R. 3255. (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025).

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

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

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

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

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

activities of the Forest Service, and for other purposes."

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

Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture. 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.

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, information 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.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.): <https://www.tillis.senate.gov/email-me>
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Climbingbear found not guilty on all charges

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Travis Climbingbear, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), was found not guilty on all seven charges by a jury of his peers in Cherokee Tribal Court on the afternoon of July 22 with Chief Judge Monty Beck presiding. The charges were as follows:

CR9502 Offensive Touching (Not Guilty)
CR9481 Assault on a female (Not Guilty)
CR9480 Assault on a female (Not Guilty)
CR9501 Offensive Touching (Not Guilty)

CR9499 Offensive Touching (Not Guilty)
CR9479 Assault on a female (Not Guilty)
CR9478 Assault on a female (Not Guilty)

Climbingbear was charged in May of 2024. The jury trial lasted a little over one week from July 14 to July 22, with the jury deliberating on July 22 and returning the not guilty verdict on the same day.

CIPD Arrest Report for July 14-20, 2025

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

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Watty, Irene Polly – age 31
Arrested: July 14
Released: July 19
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Wolfe, Victor Jason – age 52
Arrested: July 14
Released: July 14
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

French, Anthony Reign – age 46
Arrested: July 15
Released: July 17
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Failure to Comply with Pre-trial Release

Brady, David Samuel – age 48
Arrested: July 17
Released: Not released as of report date (July 21)
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

Driver, Calvin Douglas – age 27
Arrested: July 17
Released: Not released as of report date (July 21)
Charges: Aggravated Weapons Offense, Pre-trial Release Violation (three counts)

Esquivel, Bryton Nichole – age 27
Arrested: July 17
Released: Not released as of report date (July 21)
Charges: Public Nuisance

Anthony Jr., Troy Douglas – age 24
Arrested: July 18
Released: July 18
Charges: Publix Intoxication

Brady, Steven – age 43
Arrested: July 18
Released: July 18
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Hornbuckle, Crystal Lynn – age 44
Arrested: July 18
Released: July 19
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Second Degree Trespass

McCoy, Rickenna Dawn – age 35
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Released: Not released as of report date (July 21)
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This Week in Native News

Compiled by Brooklyn Brown
One Feather Reporter

DHS makes social media post featuring “American Progress” portrait, striking controversy

On July 23, The Department of Homeland Security posted a famous portrait from 1872, “American Progress” by John Gast to their social media. The portrait has been taught in American public schools as a representative of 19th century American westward expansion and manifest destiny.

Read more:

<https://www.msnbc.com/msnbc/amp/rcna221128>

Trump argues for Washington Commanders to change mascot back

On July 20, President Donald Trump spoke out against the NFL team Washington Commanders name change, threatening to curb their stadium build if they did not change the name back to “redskins.”

Read more:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/amp/news/trump-washington-commanders-deal/>

Arizona state budget supports health care for tribal nations

The State of Arizona recently approved millions in their budget to support traditional health care for tribal nations, including the funding of a dialysis center for the Navajo Nation.

Read more:

<https://ictnews.org/news/arizona-state-budget-invests-in-tribal-health-care-through-traditional-healing-dialysis-center/>

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Urgent, check out the upcoming Foreigner show at Harrah’s Cherokee

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

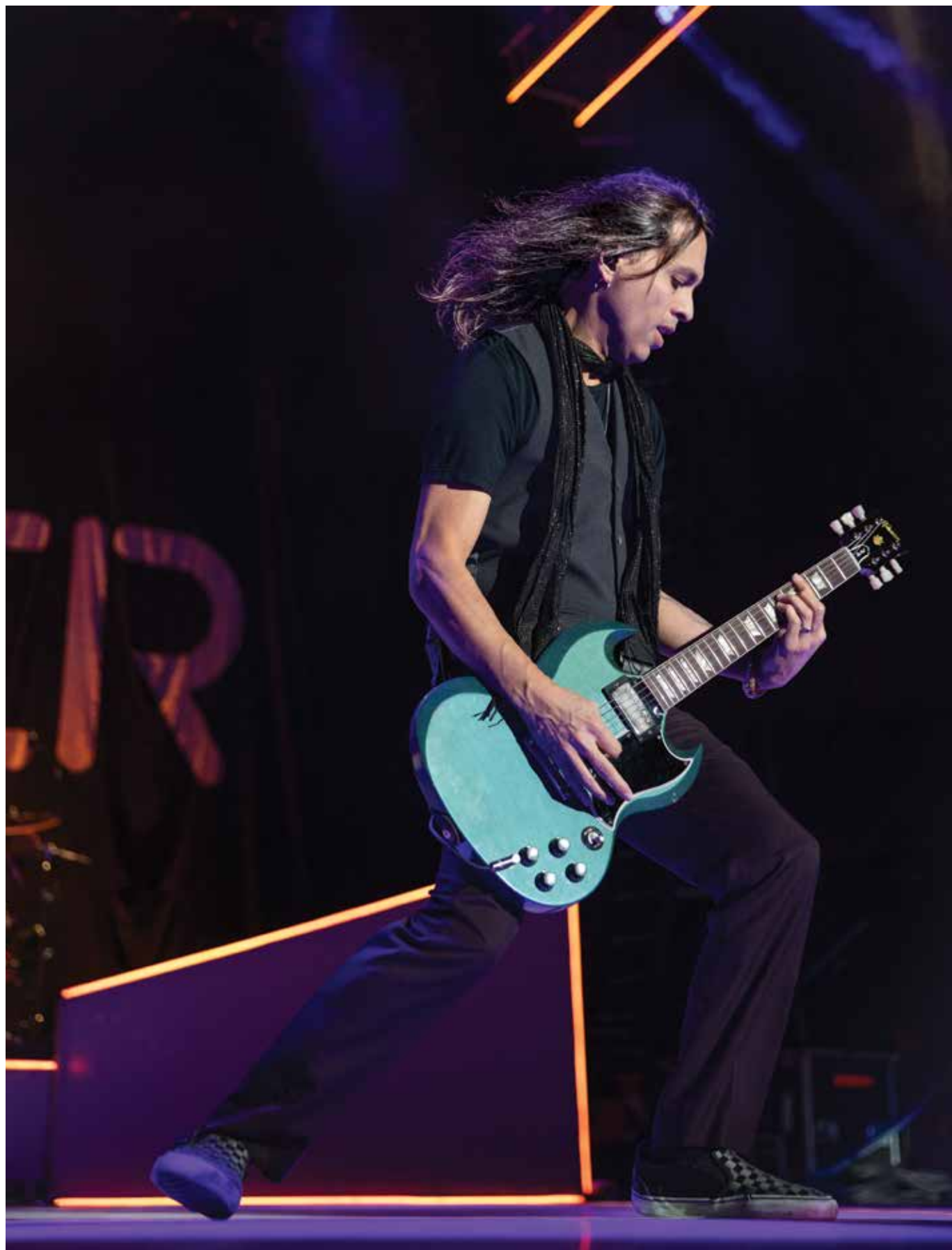
CHEROKEE, N.C. – Next year, the legendary band Foreigner will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The group, 2024 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees which has sold over 80 million records worldwide since forming in New York City in 1976, is set to play at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Event Center in Cherokee, N.C. on Saturday, Aug. 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The group’s original line-up included Lou Gramm (vocals), Mick Jones (guitarist), Dennis Elliot (drums), Al Greenwood (keyboards), Ian McDonald (multi-instrumentalist), and Ed Gagliardi (bass). The current line-up includes: Jones, Jeff Pilson (bass), Kelly Hansen (vocals), Michael Bluestein (keyboards), Chris Frazier (drums), Bruce Watson (guitarist), and Luis Maldonado (guitarist and vocals).

The One Feather spoke recently with Maldonado, Foreigner guitarist who is set to take over lead vocals soon.

“I came into the band because of Mick Jones, and, ultimately, I’m here moving on into the singing position because of Mick Jones,” said Maldonado. “And, when I have someone like that who has written these timeless songs, and believes in me to do that, that’s all I need. What I do is I just focus on delivering songs as they are written because they are written so well. And we perform them to the best of our ability and, you know what, it’s making things happen.”

Maldonado has already begun doing some lead vocals and will take over those duties full-time in a few months. “It’s actually been



Luis Maldonado (Photo courtesy of Foreigner)

pretty cool. What I mean by that is that it's fallen together pretty serendipitously and fairly organic. Being that I've been in the band, being that I do the songs night after night, and being that I have everybody's support, it's been pretty awesome. The response to it has been pretty incredible, too."

He said the reception from the fans has been wonderful. "People have been really amazing, and I truly believe that's just because it's about the songs. It's not about me. It's not about me taking over. It's about the life of these songs that Mick Jones and Lou Gramm

wrote."

With the group's 50th anniversary approaching, Maldonado said the excitement is growing. "We're all excited, everybody involved from the band to our managers, the crew, the fans - we're all excited because there's a lot of work to do here still and that's a good thing."

Not giving anything away, he did say, "Next year is going to have a lot of surprises...honoring the Foreigner legacy and the legacy of these songs."

Music has been a part of Maldonado's life since he started

playing at age 7. "My whole family is a musical family. We all grew up studying, performing. I was doing classical guitar and at a very, very young age I was also involved in the orchestra...I loved my rock and roll, too. So, there was never a time that I wasn't doing music."

Prior to joining Foreigner in 2021, he played with various artists including John Waite, Lisa Marie Presley, and the band Train.

He clicked immediately with Foreigner. "Joining this band was really like joining like kind. It was really like joining a family. It was really like joining a band of broth-

ers. There was just a synergy that you couldn't deny, and it was the reason I joined. Not only that, but when you have a leader like Mick Jones that oversees every detail, it's not just about music. It's about how people connect."

"For me, I love being in this band. I can honestly say it's been my favorite group of people, group of songs. Everything has just been, 'wow, I'm where I need to be. I love this'."

Maldonado is very excited about this stage of the band and its future. "It's been pretty amazing - very organic, very wonderful."

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Cultural Fun

The “Where They Gather” event was hosted by the 2024-25 Right Path Adult Leadership Program at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. on Saturday, July 26. The event featured Cherokee artists and craftspeople as well as cultural classes.

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather





Tsisqwohi Fun

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Community Club held Birdtown Day on the afternoon of Saturday, July 26, featuring traditional Cherokee games and storytelling, door prizes, anetso (stickball), and more.

Photos by Brooklyn Brown/One Feather





Family Fun

The Family Field Day Event was held on Saturday, July 26 at Unity Field in Cherokee, N.C. The event, hosted by Cherokee Family Safety, featured booths from various tribal programs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, fun games, prizes, a slip-and-slide, and more.

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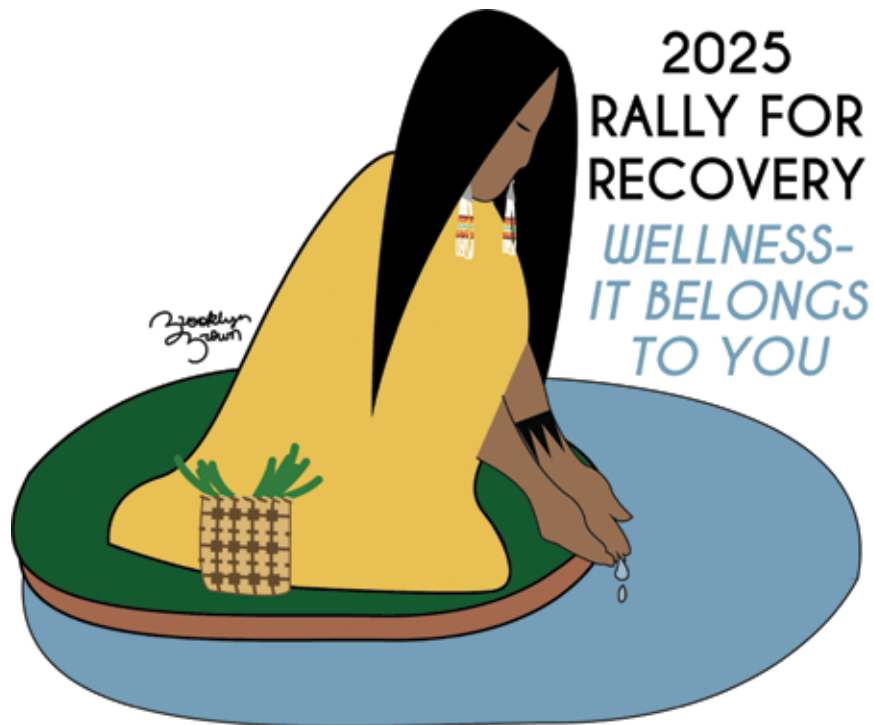
Thank you from Brooklyn Brown to the 2025 Rally for Recovery event organizers

By BROOKLYN BROWN
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

I would like to extend a giant thank you to the 2025 Rally for Recovery event organizers and the Tribal Health Improvement Plan team. It was a major highlight for me as an artist to walk in and see my artwork throughout the event. I put intentional and love behind every detail, and it is so special to me that people will have that art with them through

shirts, or stickers, or their memories of the event.

Recovery is a critical issue for our community. Like most, I have family and friends in recovery. I also have family and friends who work in recovery. I submitted artwork for the recovery rally because the work you are doing is extremely important to me. I was thoroughly impressed by the event and the continued recovery effort in Cherokee. SGI!! Thank you!! Your work does not go unnoticed. Thank you for noticing my effort by selecting my artwork. Recovery is a community-wide effort, and every hand should play a part. Wellness belongs to us.



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They're finally sober...so now what?

How adult children can reconnect (or not) after addiction

By BROOKE BARRETT, LCMHC

Question:

"I'm the adult child of parents in recovery from drug and alcohol abuse. I was not raised by them, but would like to establish a healthy relationship with them after years of distance since they are doing well and wanting a connection with me. How do I best go about approaching this?"

Answer:

First, I want to acknowledge how common and complicated this situation is. It took courage to ask this question and sounds like you are going into it very mindful. You're definitely NOT ALONE. According to the National Association for Children of Addiction, 1 in 4 children in the U.S. grow up in a home impacted by substance use. Many of those children grow into adults who face this same question: Where do we even begin now after all this time?

The truth is: healing is possible, but it takes both parties.

Recovery may open the door to repair, but building a relationship now requires patience, honesty, and mutual effort not just as parent and child, but as two adults learning to connect in a new way.

Think of it like planting a garden after a drought. You can't rush it. There may be moments of progress, awkwardness, and unexpected emotions along the way. All of that is normal.

Here are some tangible ways you can begin:

1. Start small and stay curious. You don't need to have a big emotional conversation right away especially if that seems scary to navigate. Begin with low-pressure situations like a phone call, getting lunch, or texting about everyday life. Let the relationship grow at its own pace if it feels right.

2. "Boundaries" is a popular word these days, but it's often misunderstood.

Boundaries aren't about making demands or punishing people; they're about protecting relationships by being honest about your own needs. When you stay at a hotel or Airbnb, it has rules in place so that you know what is expected of you when you stay. It wouldn't make sense for a hotel to be upset with you for breaking a rule you didn't even know existed? Boundaries are that. The things we need in a relationship for us to be our best selves.

Think of a boundary as saying: "I'm open to this relationship, but I need to move at a pace that feels safe for me."

How do you identify your boundaries?

A good starting point is to check in with yourself:

What am I comfortable with right now?

What feels too fast or overwhelming?

What do I need to feel safe in this connection?

If something feels heavy in your body...tight chest, racing thoughts, or constant anxiety...that's often a sign you've crossed

your own boundary or someone else has.

More guidance on healthy boundaries is listed at the end of this article.

3. Name the awkwardness. Relationships after addiction and estrangement often feel clumsy at first. That doesn't mean you're doing it wrong. It's okay to say: "This feels new for me, and I'm learning as I go."

Sometimes naming the discomfort helps ease it. No one expects you to be an expert of navigating this because the truth is, it's different for everyone. Removing this pressure can help you be more present in the moment.

4. Get support for yourself. You don't have to carry this alone. Groups like Al-Anon, ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics), therapy, or community talking circles offer space to process grief, anger, and hope as you reconnect. Healing old family wounds while building something new is emotional work and support matters. Most offer virtual meetings online if you don't want to go in person.

5. Know your limits. Sometimes, even after recovery, a relationship remains harmful or one-sided. If reconnecting causes more harm than healing, it's okay to choose distance. Loving someone from afar can be a healthy, self-protective choice. If the relationship is not in line with what you value individually and within your own family, it might not be a good fit for now. You have the power to choose.

In summary:

If you're reading this and find yourself in a similar situation, remember: repairing family ties is possible, but it has to be mutual. You're allowed to hope. You're also allowed to protect your peace.

Having clear expectations of your needs and communicating them is a foundation here and no one expects you to be an expert of how to navigate this without feeling a range of emotions as they arise. The beauty is you have choice, and there are no "right or wrong decisions". Just decisions that will then spark more decisions. I wish you luck navigating this journey, and encourage you to not do it alone.

Want to learn more about setting boundaries?

A helpful resource is "Set Boundaries, Find Peace" by Nedra Glover Tawwab. Identifying the things you value can also be a good start. Brene Brown's Values List can be a helpful tool.

You can also check out Al-Anon or ACA for tools on navigating relationships after addiction.

Have a mental health or relationship question? Submit anonymously to Ask a Therapist at asktherapistbrooke@gmail.com. Your question might help others too.

***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.*

Sources:

National Association for Children of Addiction: 1 in 4 children in the U.S. live with a parent who struggles with substance use. SAMHSA reports over 22 million Americans are in recovery from substance use, meaning millions of families are navigating reunion and repair.



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Aniwodihi (Painttown)

*** Thursday, Aug. 14**

Wayohi (Wolfstown), Elawodi (Yellowhill)

These debates are hosted by the Cherokee One Feather
and will be moderated by Robert Jumper, editor.

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EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New One Feather policy regarding event flyers

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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.

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

Applications being taken for "Unto These Hills"

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Vivian Burgess Owle

Vivian Burgess Owle, 85 of the Birdtown Community, passed away peacefully at her home with her family by her side on Friday, July 25, 2025. She was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

She is preceded in death by her husband Clyde Ed, her parents, George and Leola Burgess;

sister, Mary Catherine Smith (Sibald); brothers, Herbert Burgess, (Bonnie), infant brother Richard, Ralph (Bud), Sargent John Burgess, Michael Smith, John Henry Burgess; and son-in-law, Bugger Arch.

Surviving are her children, Chrissy Arch, Janet Owle, Lori Owle, Jason Owle; grandchildren, Mindy Arch and Hali Silvers (Jamie); along with great grandchildren, Seshadri Pratama, Peyton Pratama, Ezra Pratama, and Daxton Silvers; her aunt, Mary Jackson and Uncle Carl "Toad"-Standingdeer; and sister-in-law, Maxine Burgess.; in addition to her family her very special friends, Merina Swimmer, Ani Bradley, and Dee Dee Bradley. Vivian also had many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

Vivian was a teacher's aide at Cherokee Elementary school from 1974-85, provided childcare to many families over the years, and was a Sunday School Teacher at Acquoni Baptist Chapel.

Pallbearers will be her nephews. Services were held at the Owle Family Cemetery on Monday, July 28. Pastor Scott Hill officiated.

Delores Amelia Cucumber

Delores Amelia Cucumber, age 52, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday evening, July 15, 2025, at Memorial Mission Hospital.

She was a native and lifelong resident of the Birdtown Community and the daughter of the late Ronnie Cucumber.

Delores is survived by her mother, Betty Jane (Ledford) Cucumber. She was an amazing mother to her two daughters, Jordan Leigh Wolfe and Tara Lynn Wolfe. She was a wonderful grandmother to her two grand-

children, Emaliyah Wolfe and Ares Wolfe. She was the aunt of Jayden Teesateskie and a lovely sister to Shira Littlejohn and Rhonda Cucumber.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, July 22 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Burial was in Ledford Cemetery in the Birdtown community.

Michael Dean Owle "Deano"

It is with a mix of sadness and celebration that we announce the passing of Michael Dean Owle "Deano", who left this world and departed into eternity, on Monday, July 14, 2025, at the age of 58 after an extensive battle with cancer. Born on Sept. 9, 1966, to Raymond Owle and the late Bessie E. Youngdeer Owle, in Cherokee, N.C., Michael touched the lives of those around him with his warm spirit and unique talents.

Deano, was a man of many talents and held various jobs and roles in the area, his true passion extended far beyond his job. Michael was an outdoor enthusiast who found joy in fishing and spending time with family and friends. An avid reader and a collector of ball caps, he brought creativity and artistry to life as an amateur tattoo artist, a skill he delighted in sharing with others. In addition to his mother, he is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Fred and Elzina T. Bradley; paternal grandparents, Raymond Sr. and Margaret Owle; a sister, Kimberly D. Owle; two brothers, Raymond C. Owle III, and Ray Owle; and he is also preceded in death by a niece, Kimberly N. Owle

In addition to his father, he is survived by his lifelong companion of over 10 years, Michelle Felker; his siblings: beloved brothers, Kenneth Owle and

David K. Owle; a sister, Charlene E. Owle; his children, Frances and Michael; and his grandchildren. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. His vibrant personality and artistic spirit will be sorely missed by family and many friends who knew him well.

To honor Michael's life, a Celebration of Life will take place at Crisp Funeral Home on Friday, Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. with his brother, David K. Owle, officiating. All who knew and loved him are invited to join in sharing memories, laughter, and stories as we pay tribute to a remarkable man who lived life to the fullest.

Frieda Marlene Brown

Frieda Marlene Brown, born Jan. 13, 1939, in Graham County, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, July 23, 2025. A lifelong resident of the Snowbird Community, Frieda was known for her unwavering devotion to her family and faith. She never failed to make an entrance - always fashionably late, and always with a presence that filled the room.

In her early life, Frieda worked at the Oconaluftee Indian Village, where she learned and practiced Cherokee pottery. She later became a Day Care Teacher at Snowbird Day Care, where she worked for over 20 years. Frieda became an important part of the daily lives of a generation of children in the Snowbird community. Her steady presence shaped the early years of so many, and her legacy will live on in the hearts of those who passed through her classroom.

Frieda was also a lifelong member of Buffalo Baptist Church, where she found great strength in her faith and com-



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munity. She volunteered many evenings cleaning the church and served as a Sunday school teacher, always willing to lend her time and heart wherever it was needed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ammons and Timotzena Rattler; her siblings Ramona Brown, Maxi Rattler, Bobby Rattler, Nelson Rattler, George Rattler, and Bernie Rattler; and her beloved sons, Diamond Brown Jr., Verlyn Brown, and Merlyn Brown. She leaves behind a family that deeply cherishes her memory: her sister, Anona Lambert; daughter-in-law, Sandy Brown; granddaughters, Ashley Brooke Brown, Natasha Daniel Brown, Brandi Nicole Brown, Summer Dakota Brown, and Diamond Wahlahah Brown Tisho; great-grandchildren, Wade Hamilton, Shaylee Underwood,

Karma Mathis, Haylee Brown, Celeste Spruce, Winter Wildcatt, Niyah Tisho, and Quincy Tisho; one great-great-granddaughter, Raelyn Underwood; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Friday, July 25 at Buffalo Baptist Church in the Snowbird Community.

Carol R. Bradley

Carol R. Bradley, 81, of the Wolfetown Community, passed away peacefully Saturday, July 26, 2025. She was the daughter of the late Raymond and Glennie Roberts. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her sister, Barbara Davidson, and a brother, Steve Roberts.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Hammond Bradley; one son, William Free-

man and wife Connie of Bryson City; step-daughter, Clara Bradley of Cherokee; two granddaughters, Elizabeth Freeman of Sylva, and Natalie Welch of Seattle, Wash.; two brothers, Edward Roberts and wife Majetta of Waynesville, and Tom Roberts and wife Ruth Ann of Monroe, N.C.; sister-in-

law, Laverne Roberts, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Tuesday, July 29 at Crisp Funeral Home. Burial was at Bradley Cemetery.

Pallbearers were among family and friends.

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Rickey Dean Cooper

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Height: 6'1" Weight: 240 lbs

Hair: Sandy Brown Eyes: Brown

Age: 40 Male

Date of last contact: January 23, 2021

Last Known Location: Locust Grove, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance: Last seen in a picture standing in front of the Kum & Go convenience store in Locust Grove. The store is now a Maverik convenience store. Family has not seen or heard from since 1/23/2021.

If you have seen or have information about Rickey Cooper contact Cherokee Nation Marshal Service (918) 207-3800.

Source: Namus.gov





SPEAKING OF FAITH

Be the Light Part 1 of 2

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D
(<https://preacherspurs.com>)

Scripture References: Matthew 5:14, Matthew 5:16, 1 John 1:5-6, Philippians 4:13, Romans 8:28, Ephesians 1:18-23.

Many people do not have the vision to see the power of God in themselves. They lack confidence in themselves, which is a lack of faith in God who lives within them.

We make our plans, and then God has His will and changes everything about us. When I first was called to minister in BikerDown-LiftedUp.org, I planned to serve Western North Carolina. I thought God had called me to cover Mission Hospital of Asheville, NC, and the surrounding area of twisty roads and the mass of people who come from all over the country to ride motorcycles there. Our organization was about a year old, and I had given out lots of business cards, and Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry had begun to endorse us and talked about us wherever they went.

One night I got a phone call. This guy was distraught. He asked me if we were the prayer supporters for downed bikers. I said we were, and he said he had a friend that had an accident and needed prayer.

I occasionally get these calls, but this was the first one. The caller said he was in Southern California, but he was only visiting there on business.

His home was in Florida, and he had received a business card and got our Hotline number from

there. So, we were the first support organization he had called.

He said he had a friend riding his motorcycle, running off the road, crashing into a ditch, and face-planting hard into an embankment. The accident had crushed his chest, and he had many internal injuries. He said it happened in Billings, Mont., and that his friend was in the Deaconess Hospital there. He asked if I could get someone to visit as he was all alone and needed prayer and someone to care for him. But unfortunately, he didn't know where to turn because neither he nor his friend had friends there. With confidence and no hesitation, I said, "Yes." I got his friend's name, and I said, I'll have some-

one check in on him tonight. He thanked me.

I broke down in tears right then. I knew God was telling me that Western North Carolina was not my turf. My turf was whatever God put on my plate to pick up. You see, God wanted His light to shine.

This guy who called me didn't know I was in Western North Carolina. He didn't realize how odd it was that he was from Florida and that he called me from Southern California to serve his friend in Billings, Montana. And he had no idea I was born in the very hospital his friend was in and that I was raised in Billings, Montana.

I called my sister, who still lives there, and asked her to go

and meet this man, pray over him, and let him know others were praying for him. She didn't hesitate. That was a God thing, and from then on, I knew God's plans were bigger than my plans. God confirmed my calling into this ministry again. The light that God had given us to shine was much bigger than my small expectations. I had my light on 'low beam.' But God always has His on high and heavenly beam.

But what a friend that guy had. His friend couldn't go to Montana himself, but he grabbed for a straw to anyone who could go to see his friend and pray over him while he was in the hospital. He had trust and faith. God answered that call, not me.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

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

✎ MATTHEW 6:34 ✎

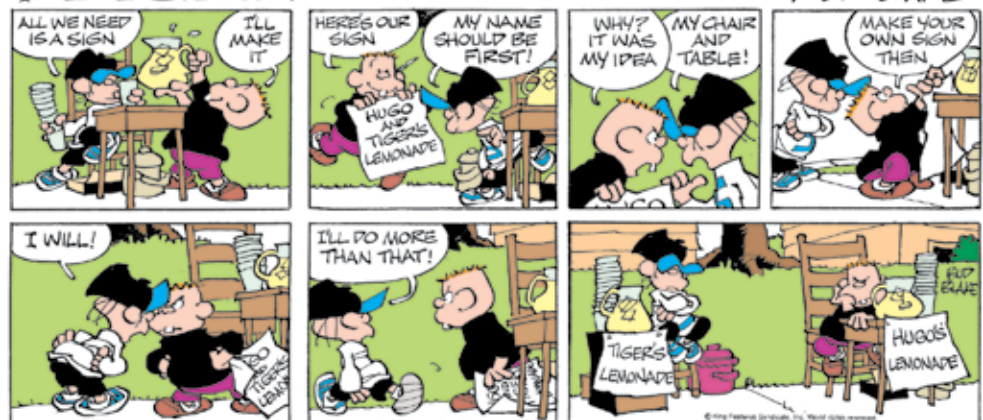


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TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Collar is larger. 2. Hat is tilted back. 3. Arm is longer. 4. Nose is different. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Boy's hair is different.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Two-way
- 5 Existed
- 8 Carton sealer
- 12 Lewd
- 14 Throat clearer
- 15 Baking dish
- 16 Male red deer
- 17 Sailor
- 18 Excuses
- 20 Leek's kin
- 23 Revue segment
- 24 Benefit
- 25 Goulash spice
- 28 Used a chair
- 29 Eyelashes
- 30 "The Voice" network
- 32 Cane-cutting knife
- 34 Roman emperor
- 35 "CSI" settings
- 36 Classic Sinatra song
- 37 Actress Fanning
- 40 As well
- 41 Flair
- 42 Tart dessert
- 47 First-rate
- 48 Pulling along
- 49 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 50 — Juan
- 51 "Simpsons" bus driver



DOWN

- 1 Chips go-with
- 2 Half of bi-
- 3 Citric beverage
- 4 Physics particle
- 5 Sport
- 6 Busy insect
- 7 Hearty pub entree
- 8 Papeete's island
- 9 Melville captain
- 10 Prefix with "scope"
- 11 911 responders
- 13 Family
- 19 Turkish currency
- 20 Delivery docs
- 21 Linguist
- 22 Tiny bit
- 23 Mariners
- 25 Patchy horses
- 26 Recognized
- 27 "East of Eden" girl
- 29 Converse
- 31 Coquettish
- 33 Genetic copies
- 34 "Us" actress Lupita
- 36 Synthesizer pioneer
- 37 Transaction
- 38 Medicinal plant
- 39 Philosopher Immanuel
- 40 IRS agent
- 43 Historic time
- 44 Trench
- 45 Bank acct. entry
- 46 Conceit

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

1. Padme Amidala; 2. South America; 3. Anita the Hun; 4. Dan Harmon; 5. Arteries; 6. King Midas; 7. Hawaii; 8. Anthony Burgess; 9. Eggplant; 10. Vinegar

Trivia Test Answers

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

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

Revival. Aug. 4-6 at 6:30 p.m. nightly at Straight Fork Baptist Church in Cherokee, N.C. A spirit-filled revival led by Brother Bobby Watts. All are welcome.

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

Wolftown Community Day. Aug. 16 at the Wolftown Field and Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Traditional singing and dance (8 a.m.); 12-and-under Fun Run (8:30 a.m.); 3-point Basketball Tournament (9:30 a.m.); Boys Stickball game (11 a.m.); Men's Stickball game (1 p.m.); Cornhole Tournament (4 p.m.). Vendors welcome - \$25 setup (food vendors and arts/crafts vendors). Info: Abe Jackson (828) 736-3082

Cherokee Singing for the Lord. Aug. 16 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Cherokee Visitors Center Pavilion at 498 Tsali Blvd. in Cherokee, N.C. Bring your own chair and enjoy an evening of Southern Gospel singing. All singers are welcome. Concessions will be available. Info: Stinker Sequoyah (828) 736-2188 or Lou Johnson 788-2853

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 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Qualla Java in Cherokee, N.C. Meetings are scheduled for Aug. 10 and Sept. 14.

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


CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Ratbag, left, a 5-month-old Jersey Giant Rooster, and **Pickles**, a 5-month-old D'Uccle Bantam Rooster, live with their humans, Sam and Gunna McMillan, and their one hen on Tso Iyagayvli Tali Sgohits(v) Sgwa Itsutsiloda (3200 Acre Tract).



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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.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Relationships continue to thrive, but watch for any telltale signs of potential problems. Take the necessary action now to set things straight before they become troublesome later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your powers of persuasion backed up, of course, by your considerable expertise help you establish your case even to the most dubious decision-makers in your workplace.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might still be a bit reluctant to face up to some less-than-pleasant realities. But the sooner you accept the facts, the sooner you can set about making some needed changes.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Expect to make adjustments, even where things seem locked up and ready to go. But cheer up! At least one change could lead to something you've been hoping for.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The success of a recent project should do a lot to boost your self-confidence. You might want to start now to check out ways to make a long-deferred bigger and bolder move.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Ease up on the pressure you might be putting on the new person in your life. It takes time for a budding relationship to blossom. Show more patience and understanding.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Summer Basketball Clinic.

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

PACT Act Benefits and Resource 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

see **EVENTS** next page

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have lots of inner strength in your reserve. Use some of it to resist intimidation from those who might try to impose on your good nature for their own reasons.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The good news is that your on-the-job status is improving. One cautionary note, however, involves a personal situation that you might have been ignoring for too long.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Congratulations! Once again, your sharp Sagittarian "horse sense" helps you work through a complicated situation that would leave most people confused.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Plan on indulging yourself in some well-earned good times through much of the week. Then be prepared to face some thought-provoking issues by next week.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Positive factors continue to dominate following a recent change in both your professional and personal lives. Expect to make contact with someone from your past.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Workplace stability allows you to continue making progress on your projects. But don't ignore your personal life. Spend more quality time with your loved ones.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people feel special. Maybe because you know how unique you are and what you can offer others.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Don't miss the benefits you've earned

Whether you're a veteran and aren't certain of all the VA benefits you might use, or if you're considering signing up with an eye to any benefits you might get now or down the road, here are a few of the typical VA benefits.

Eligibility for a VA-backed home loan: The question that often comes up is whether the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) can be used more than once. Answer: Yes, under certain circumstances. If you either pay off the first loan and sell the house, or if another veteran (with their own eligibility) buys the house, you could qualify to renew your certificate and use it again. For more info call the VA Loan Guaranty Service at 877-827-3702.

Education benefits: There are multiple programs, the most common being the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and in certain cases the spouse and children can qualify for education benefits and career counseling as well. Call 888-442-4551 for more information.

And there are so many more benefits: Support for veteran-owned small business, disability compensation, several options for life insurance, disability housing grants, pre-need eligibility determination for burial in a VA national cemetery, aid and attendance or housebound allowance, health care and Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E).

Each benefit comes with its own set of eligibility criteria (minimum active duty service as well as qualifying dates). See www.va.gov/service-member-benefits as a place to start.

However, one of the best benefits resources is the "2025 VA Federal Benefits Guide for Veterans, Dependents, Survivors, and Caregivers." See <https://tinyurl.com/3epjn7vc> for the 120-page handbook. Last word was that only "a few" copies would actually be printed, so you'll likely need to access the book online, unless a veterans service organization near you managed to snag (or print out) a copy. Still, it's worth seeing, even if you have to view it online. The book is very well done and is very detailed.

If you've earned the benefits, use them!

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Leash training 101

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I recently adopted a rambunctious dog who is really difficult to take for walks. "Sharpe" is just over a year old and is friendly, but big — about 70 pounds already! How can I keep this big guy calm on the leash? — Vance K. in Minneapolis

DEAR VANCE: Congratulations on your new dog! And kudos for prioritizing his behavior training.

The most important factor in your dog calming down on the leash is consistency, consistency, consistency. You need to work with him first thing in the morning — during and after his morning walk — and in the evening. Sessions can be just five minutes long.

Positive reinforcement is another factor. When Sharpe starts to associate good behavior with a positive stimulus — a treat or extra affection — he'll repeat that behavior more often, and willingly.

Start in an area free of exciting distractions (a dog park full of other dogs, for example, will pull Sharpe's attention away from you). Carry a pocket full of treats (chopped into tiny pieces so he never gets too much). Hold the leash correctly with Sharpe on your left side. If he's standing calmly, give him a single treat. If he's tugging and pulling away, stand still until he becomes calm — and reward that with a treat.

Next, say "heel" calmly and step forward. The aim is to have Sharpe start walking beside you, at your pace — not pulling ahead or diverting to sniff something. If Sharpe starts with you, treat. Then two steps forward, and if he starts with you, treat. Progress from here; most dogs start to get it after a few sessions, and you'll eventually walk around the area multiple times with Sharpe at your side.

You will need to reinforce Sharpe's training throughout his life, and you won't ever regret the time you spend with him.

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

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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

Cherokee Choices Open House and Health Screen.

Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Cherokee Choices at 806 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Blood pressure and A1C checks, prizes, resources, sign up for programs, and more. Info: robibail@ebci-nsn.gov

From Darkness Into Hope Annual Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event. Sept. 18 at the Oconaluftee Island Park. Info: (828) 359-6180.

DINILAWIGI (TRIBAL COUNCIL) MEETINGS

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

POW WOW LISTINGS

Siyo Nide Nakoda Oyade

Wacibi. Aug. 1-3 in Kisbey, Saskatchewan, Canada. Emcees: Harold Blacksmith, Amos McArthur, Gord Manyclouds. Host Drums: Mato Pejuta, Dakota Travels, Red Iron. Info: Patrick McArthur (306) 575-6105 or Kathleen McAr-

thur 575-8124

Ute Mountain Casino Pow

Wow. Aug. 1-3 at the Ute Mountain Casino, Hotel, and Resort in Towaoc, Colo. MC: Dustina Abrahamson. Info: Everisto Lehi (970) 564-6141, elehi@utemountaincasino.com

66th Annual O-Sa-Wan Pow

Wow. Aug. 2-3 at Plowman's Park in Big Rock, Ill. Info: Mary Oost at oostmm@aol.com

Wiikwemkoong Annual

Cultural Festival. Aug. 2-4 in Wikwemikong, Ontario, Canada. Emcees: Duke Peltier, Alan Manitowabi, Jason Whitehouse. Host Drum: Charging Horse. Info: Jason Manitowabi (705) 618-5369, jasonmanitowabi@wiikwemkoong.ca

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

Cherokee Cancer Support Group, potluck dinner with a

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

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

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

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

WNC and BEYOND EVENTS

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/>

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

Author Lamont Fuchs, Ed.D. announces the release of **Preacher Spurs, 2nd Edition**. Drawing on 45 years of experience in administering educational technology for both military and public education programs, and his extensive ministry in the BikerDownLiftedUp organization, he seeks to fulfill the scripture in Hebrews 10:24, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

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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

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meet-

ing. Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Paul Webb and Kaley Kelly will present "100 years of the Elam Dam". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

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

Living Legacy Fall Trade Fair. Aug. 22-23, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. both days. McMin County Living Heritage Museum, 522 W Madison Ave., Athens, Tenn. Crafts, music, spinning, pottery, woodworking, 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

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.

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7 p.m. Pastor Kevin Linkinhoker
488-8937

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

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

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

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Daniel (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which book's first verse is, "The elder unto the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth"? *Ephesians, 3 John, Titus, 2 Peter*
3. From Exodus 25, what was the cover on the Ark of the Covenant called? *Mercy seat, Mordecai, Mina seat, Myrrhan*
4. Which prophet was famous for his vision of the dry bones? *Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Nathan*
5. From Judges 4:4, who was the first female Israelite leader? *Deborah, Esther, Ruth, Miriam*
6. What is/was the first sin called? *The Exodus, Eucharist, The Fall, Ephah*

ANSWERS: (1) Old, (2) 3 John, (3) Mercy Seat, (4) Ezekiel, (5) Deborah, (6) The Fall

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Moments in time

• On Aug. 11, 1806, while hunting for elk along the Missouri River, Meriwether Lewis was accidentally shot by one of his own men, likely Private Pierre Cruzatte, though Cruzatte, who was blind in one eye and nearsighted in the other, denied it. Historians suspect he mistook the leather-clad Lewis for an elk. Lewis made a full recovery.

• On Aug. 12, 1994, Major League Baseball players went on a strike that lasted for 232 days and caused the cancellation of that year's World Series for the first time in 90 years.

• On Aug. 13, 1941, Henry Ford displayed his "Soybean Car," the plastic body of which was partially composed of the legumes. It weighed half as much as a steel-bodied car and Ford claimed it was safer, but the model never actually went into production.


• On Aug. 14, 1985, the "King of Pop," Michael Jackson, bought the publishing rights to the vast majority of the Beatles' catalog for a cool \$47 million. After his death, Sony, one of his primary creditors, assumed full control of the catalog.

• On Aug. 15, 1950, Princess Anne, the second child and only daughter of England's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, was born. She has long been widely admired for her seemingly tireless work ethic (she does not plan to retire until she's 90) and involvement with more than 300 charities, as well as her general practicality and reliability.

• On Aug. 16, 1987, a plane crash at Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Michigan killed 156 people, including Nick Vanos, a center for the NBA's Phoenix Suns, and left just one survivor, 4-year-old Cecelia Cichan of Tempe, Arizona. The accident was determined to have been caused by pilot error, with speculation that the pilots might have been rushing their pre-flight checks to avoid incoming bad weather.

• On Aug. 17, 1977, the day after Elvis Presley died, FTD delivered more than 3,100 floral arrangements, not only cleaning out Memphis-area florists, but setting a record for the most flowers sold in America in just one day.

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The Garden Bug

Growing alstroemeria

Handle the alstroemeria tubers gently, as they are brittle. Plant when all danger of frost is past, and be careful not to overwater initially. Feed your alstroemeria with a liquid fertilizer in late spring or early summer, then feed again in midsummer, after the first rush of blooms appear. Water well as summer progresses. Instead of cutting stems as you would other cut flowers, grasp the flowering stem near its base and pull it out, then trim the end; this will encourage new bloom spikes. Alstroemeria blooms can last up to 2 weeks when trimmed and reset in fresh water every few days. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: growveg.com, thespruce.com

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

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

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

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

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

Echota Baptist Church. 1274 Birdtown Road. Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday Morning Service: 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service: 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening Service:

6 p.m. Pastor David Hall (828) 508-1906

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

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

6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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

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

Grace Community Church of Cherokee. 320 Highway 441

N., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m. Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe

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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

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

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



1. What big, heavy trophy is awarded to the winner of the college football rivalry game between the UNLV Rebels and the University of Nevada Wolf Pack?

2. Name the pitcher who was the 1955 AL Rookie of the Year and went on to broadcast Cleveland Indians games on TV and radio from 1964 to 1997.

3. American Eddy Alvarez won silver medals at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics and the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics competing in which sports?

4. Which Swedish caddie made history as the first woman to caddie a men's major golf championship victory when she guided Nick Faldo to his 1990 Masters title?

5. The Twin Cities Skippers, Detroit Thunderbirds, Dallas Broncos and Fresno Bombers were among the teams in what pro bowling league that played only one season from 1961-1962?

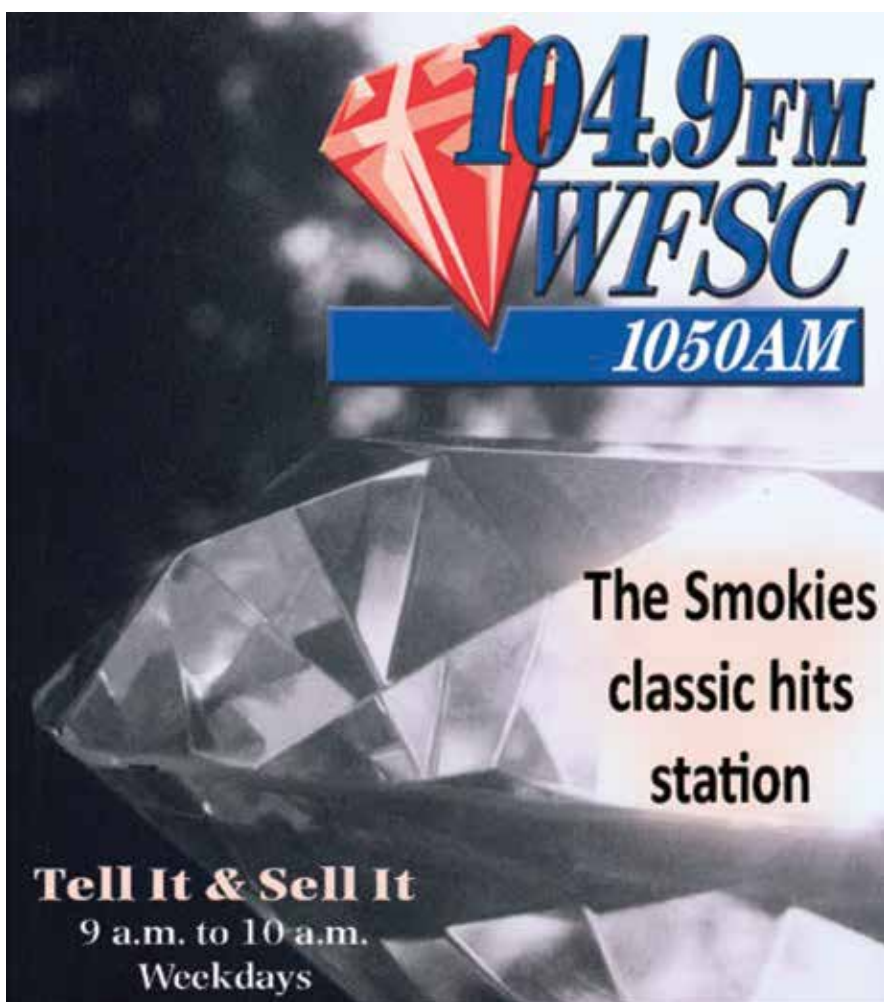
6. What Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive tackle has his No. 70 retired by the Indianapolis Colts?

7. In 2011, telecom entrepreneur Dan Borislow bought the Washington Freedom of the Women's Professional Soccer league and changed the team's name to what?

Answers

1. The Fremont Cannon.
2. Herb Score.
3. Short track speed skating and baseball.
4. Fanny Sunesson.
5. The National Bowling League (NBL).
6. Art Donovan.
7. magicJack.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-060

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
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All persons, firms and corpo-

rations 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.

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Tyson Sampson
P.O. Box 195
Cherokee, NC. 28719

7/30

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-069

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Kansas L. Parker-Mckinnell
112 Tom George Rd
Whittier NC 28789

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-067

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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-068
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Casey Cooper
79 Sam Bradley Road
Cherokee NC 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-072
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Sonia Iron Cloud
421 Perkins #201
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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 IMMEDI-

ATELY 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
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Cherokee, N.C. 28719
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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 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
Dorothy M Walker
P.O. Box 292
Bryson City, NC 28713
8/13

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

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Chrissy Arch
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Cherokee NC, 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-070

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

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

Jerry F Parker
P.O. Box 1778
Cherokee, NC. 28719
8/20

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of R.L.F.-R.

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, R.L.F.-R. born June 23, 2016, is an abused and neglected child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on May 20, 2024.

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. 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.

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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 30th day of July, 2025.

Jordan R. Israel, Family Safety Program Attorney, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, N.C. 28719 (828)359-1009
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-076

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

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

Larry Blythe
P.O. Box 587
Cherokee NC, 28719

8/20

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-077

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

YAHNIE ANN SQUIRREL

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mediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

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

Joseph B Smith
1374 Acquoni Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
8/20

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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. 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.

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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**

Request for Qualifications

HYATT CEMETERY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

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

Project Overview: This comprehensive residential development project encompasses the construction 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

location

Qualification Requirements:

Interested contractors must

demonstrate proven experience in

residential development projects, infrastructure construction, and municipal utility installations. Licensed and bonded contractors are encouraged to respond.

How to Apply: For detailed project specifications, qualification 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 Cherokee, NC 28719 on Thursday, August 7th, 2025, no later than 2:00 PM, local time, and immediately thereafter opened and read aloud for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment entering into the construction of:

Building Addition and Renovations to the Existing Snowbird Child Development Center
1220 Old Tallulah Rd

Robbinsville, NC 28771

Bidders who mail their proposals 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 contracting and subcontracting through the Tribal Employment Rights Office (T.E.R.O) will be followed.

Complete plans and specifications for this project can be obtained via Henco Repographics Planroom (54 Broadway, Asheville, NC 28801) OR from the Architect, LS3P Associates, LTD. by contacting Jonathan Navarro by phone or email: jonathannavarro@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**

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3. Truck Driver/Crew Leader (Multiple) – Solid Waste – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Collections Processor – Qualla Housing – Housing (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour)
5. Elementary Immersion Instructor – Kituwah Academy – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Child Advocate Coordinator – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
3. 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) 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)



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Family Intensive Treatment)
Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse Manager
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ENGINEERING

HVAC Technician/Maintenance Mechanic - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
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Billing Analyst II
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MEDICAL

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Mid Level FNP

RADIOLOGY

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

NURSING

Care Management Extender – Primary Care
CNA/Medical Clerk PTR
LPN/CMA – Primary Care - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
LPN – Primary Care - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
RN Supervisor-Inpatient (Nights)
RN Infection Control
Clinical Nurse Educator
TO Specialty Team Care Manager Lead
TO Specialty Team Care Manager - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
TO Care Manager - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
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OPERATIONS

Dental Assistant II
Dental Hygienist
Dentist - CIHA and Satellite
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TSALI CARE CENTER

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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

THE GOOD STUFF



EBCI Phantoms win 12U NAYO title

The EBCI Phantoms, representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, went undefeated en route to winning the 2025 NAYO 12U Fastpitch Softball Championship held in Choctaw, Miss. on July 17-19. They are shown, left to right, back row – Coaches Keena Armachain, Jaden Armachain, Joe Lopez; third row - Amaya Rodriguez, Genevieve Arch, Addy Taylor, Makeena Armachain, Elli Thompson, Ehko Lossiah; second row - Ani Hicks, Jolyssa Hernandez, Kree Stephenson, Ty Chekelelee, Kena Lopez, Kinley Crowe; and front row - Izley Bell. (Photo courtesy of Joseph Lopez)



Diamond Elite wins NAYO 14U title

The Diamond Elite 14U team, representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, won the 14U softball championship at the NAYO tournament held July 17-19 in Choctaw, Miss. The team went 3-1 on the weekend to end up tournament champs. This is the team's fifth NAYO championship. The team is shown, left to right, back row - Windall Toineeta and Nic Garcia; middle row - Emily Teesiteskie, Lolo Bell, Blaze Crowe, Aria Toineeta, Nyra Reed-Myers, Cher Crowe-Garcia, Braelyn Murphy; and front row - Kennedy Moore, Nahnie George, Janee Smith, Ava Walkingstick and Taytem Saunooke. (Photo courtesy of Nikki Toineeta)



Dirt Divas win NAYO 10U title

Zoey Sutton and Anna Watty, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, played alongside members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians on the Dirt Divas team which won the 10U girls softball championship at the NAYO tournament held July 17-19 in Choctaw, Miss. The team is shown, left to right, front row - Jaisely Chickaway, Sahyimmi Isaac, J'Hazlyn Bell; middle row - Anna Watty, Brynleigh Cotton, Journeigh Isaac; back row - Coach Jake Chickaway, Ryleigh Stokes, Lakelyn Boler, Zoey Sutton, Elliana Wallace, and Coach Satchell Willis. (Photo courtesy of Chantel Sutton)



Sparks win NAYO 17U title

Ele Smith, back row center, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, played with her team, the Sparks, and won the championship for the 17U division at the NAYO softball tournament in Choctaw, Miss. on July 17-19. The team is shown, left to right, front row - Sanaeyah Martin, Shay Jimmie, Xiomara Fireplace, Miley Thomas, Mylie Denson; back row - Coach Lucas Thomas Sr., Taelynn Mingo, Gracyn Grisham, Eden Ben, Ele Smith, Alyssa Sockey, Elijah Jimmie, Yazi Williams, and Candace Lyons. (Photo contributed)



Regulators take second at NAYO 10U

The Regulators, representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, took second place in the 10U boys baseball division at the NAYO tournament held July 17-19 in Choctaw, Miss. The team is shown, left to right, front row - Maddox Pheasant, Jackson Addy, Keedan Lossie, Peyton Locust, Cree Williams, Eldon Crowe; middle row - Easton Green, Rhett Lambert, Alfred Brady, Zaiden Armachain; back row - Coaches: Cowboy Brady, Trace Lambert, Will Locust, and Travis Lossie. (Photo courtesy of Leslie Lossiah Sneed)



Cherokee Hellbenders take third in NAYO 12U

The Cherokee Hellbenders 12U team, representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, took third place at the NAYO baseball tournament held July 17-19 in Choctaw, Miss. The team is shown, left to right, back row - Coach Katie Tiger, Coach Albert Arch, Coach Tuff Jackson, Cole Davis, Coache Catuce Tiger; Coach Jesse Ramirez; middle row - Austin Wahnetah, Carter Maney, Collin Winchester, Mac Roach, Nico Corpening, Chum Bradley, Googi Tiger, Catuce Tiger; front row - Peyton Arch and Andreas Ramirez. (Photo courtesy of Erica Arch)



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Paul wins Cribbage title

Wilbur Paul, a member of the Black-foot Tribe of Browning, Mont. and an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians living in Elawodi (Yellowhill) played and overcame 225 competitors to win the National Open Cribbage Tournament. The event was hosted by the Raleigh Cribbage Club on July 18-21 in Raleigh, N.C. (Photo contributed)



Warriors win 14U at NAYO

Colton Crowe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, played on the Warriors team, comprised of members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, which won the 14U baseball NAYO tournament on July 17-19 in Choctaw, Miss. The team is shown, left to right, front row - Jasiah Ben, Khlandrick Hathorne, Hezekiah Ben, Nakoma Bell, Jacob Henry, Leim McMillan; back row - Coach Jeron Johnson, Kai Johnson, Carter Willis, Colton Crowe, Cooper McMillan, Rodgrick Anderson Jr., Coach Rodgrick Anderson Sr., and Coach Rian Willis. (Photo courtesy of Israel Rodriguez)



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Midnight Rumble fundraiser

Butch Hill, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and representative of the Cherokee Cancer Support Group, throws out the first pitch for the Midnight Rumble softball tournament at the John A. Crowe Complex in Whittier, N.C. on the evening of Friday, July 25. A total of 10 teams entered the tournament, hosted by Cherokee Recreation, which is a fundraiser for the Cherokee Cancer Support Group and the Qualla Boundary Special Olympics Program. The proceeds from the gate and entry fees are split between the two groups. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Native Swag takes second in NAYO 12U

Junior Smith, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Wayo-hi (Wolfstown), competed with the Native Swag team, comprised of members of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, at the NAYO baseball tournament held July 17-19 in Choctaw, Miss. The team placed second. Shown, left to right, back row Assistant Coach Louie Charlie, Bray Billie, Kingston Mingo; middle row - Izden Charlie, Marin Williams, Kenzo Dixon, Aldrick Willis, Coach Gavin Williams; sitting - Zane Bell, Able Farve, Kaison Morris, Peyton Eaves; and laying in front - Junior Smith. (Photo courtesy of Choctaw Recreation)

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

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