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Back-to-Back Champions

Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi
(Cherokee Lady Braves)
honored for second
straight state title

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Mem-
bers of the Tsalagi Anata
Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady
Braves) varsity girls basketball
team unveiled a new champion-
ship banner in an event on the
evening of Thursday, Aug. 7 in the
Charles George Memorial Arena.

For the second year in a row,
the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi lift-
ed the trophy becoming the only
team from Cherokee High School
to win back-to-back titles. They
defeated the East Bladen Eagles

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Joscelyn Stamper is all smiles as she cuts the net during an event at the Charles George Memorial Areana on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 7 celebrating the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity girls basketball team's second straight 1A state championship. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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The Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi are shown, left to right, following the ring presentation including: Head Coach Miranda Stamper, Mascot Penelope Stamper, Joscelyn Stamper, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Dvdaya Swimmer, Asst. Coach Paige Stamper, Kyla Moore, Yvonne Saunooke, Lilly Lossiah, Emilee Brady, Livia Crowe, Madison Rogers, Marlee Hicks, Whitney Rogers, Tsuli Lossiah, Asst. Coach Jason McMillan, and Team Manager Will Poolaw.

CHAMPIONS: From front page

84-48 in the 1A women's championship game held at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem, N.C. on the afternoon of March 14.

On Thursday night, they received the hardware signifying their win – rings – as well as cutting the net in celebration of their accomplishment.

Shawn Crowe emceed the event and commented, “We were all down in Winston-Salem when they won the championship. We all celebrated on the concourse and out in the parking lots. When we get together, altogether as one people, to celebrate an accomplishment that doesn’t come around in a lifetime all the time – back-to-back, two in a row – man, that is something special and we need to be proud of that.”

Brianna Bynum, Cherokee

High School (CHS) assistant principal, said, “Tonight, we honor not just Cherokees on the court but daughters, sisters, and future matriarchs of our community. In a matrilineal society like ours, the strength of our people have always flowed through our women. You, Lady Braves, carry the legacy forward not only with back to back state titles, but with how you lift each other up, how you represent Cherokee with pride, and how you lead awesomely with your heart. These rings are more than just metal and stone. They are a symbol of discipline, unity, and the unbreakable bond between sisters.”

She added, “You made us proud – not just because you won, but because of who you are.”

Craig Barker, CHS principal, commented, “These ladies have just continued in the legacy of greatness that has been set forth



Whitney Rogers, a recent CHS graduate, signs a poster during Thursday's event.



Members of the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity girls basketball team unveiled a new championship banner in an event on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 7 in the Charles George Memorial Arena.

before them. What a great program and what it means when these ladies put on maroon and gold and go out...I'm extremely proud of these young ladies."

He went on to speak about the ladies' work ethic in the classroom as well. "These young ladies are great athletes, sure. But they're great scholars as well. They have great character. They're leaders in the school. Their GPA was the second-highest for a team for this past year. I'm sure it's going to be the highest this year. So, they not only work hard on the court, they work hard in the classroom. They represent our Tribe, they represent our family, our school with pride and dignity and integrity in their play and in their lives. They know what greatness is. They work hard for it. They don't just bounce a ball out there. They work tirelessly."

Miranda Stamper, CHS girls varsity basketball head coach, noted, "Not only are they phenomenal athletes, but they are even better young ladies...as a team, so far, they have received 24 offers to play just basketball at the next level."

In speaking to the players, she said, "The amount of time you sacrificed during the season, in the offseason, is evidence that is shown on game nights, and that is the reason that we are here tonight to celebrate you. We all love to watch you go to work. They work harder than anybody in the state, I'm sure. They love to win and they're willing to do what it takes."

During the state championship run, the Cherokee fans traveled well. Stamper said the team is very thankful for that support. "Opposing teams know that Cherokee brings fans by the hundreds and



Marlee Hicks and Madison Rogers are shown following the ring presentation.

thousands. They love to hear you in the stands every night. They appreciate your travel and support and you encourage them. And, you guys cheer them on like none

other."

After the players received their rings, they signed commemorative t-shirts and posters for the fans in attendance on Thursday.

CCS School Board meeting unveils official school logo

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, Aug. 4, 2025, in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Widagalinidisgv (Big Y) rep.; Micah Swimmer, Ani-wodihi (Painttown) rep.; Kristina Hyatt, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) rep.; Melanie Lambert, co-vice chairperson and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wayohi (Wolftown) rep.; Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent; Consuela Girty, superintendent; and Heather Driver, interim human resources director.

Michael Stamper, Tribal Council representative; and Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant, had an excused absence.

Matthew Martens, CCS community affairs coordinator, presented “Graphic Standards: A Graphic Style Manual for Brand



Pictured is the new score board for Ray Kinsland Memorial Stadium at Cherokee Central Schools (CCS), which includes the official brand logo of CCS. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

Integrity and Cohesion,” created in July by AllTribe Advertising. The style guide includes the official Cherokee “C” for CCS that will only be distributed throughout the school system. The logo will not be permitted for commercial use by outside entities. Other variations of the iconic Cherokee “C” can be used for commercial use, but the logo enclosed in the style guide is exclusive to CCS. The official logo

is pictured on the new score board for the Cherokee High School football team.

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Lambert, seconded by Toineeta.

The following resolutions were approved from the consent agenda:

26-031 [Name withheld by the School Board] is approved as the CHS Full-time Custodian for this

school year.

26-032 [Name withheld by the School Board] is approved as the Special Education Teacher Assistant for the Cherokee Elementary School.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m. with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Swimmer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 18 in the Central Office Board Room at 4:45 p.m.



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Dinilawigi approves resolutions seeking land into trust

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) approved five resolutions during its regular session on Thursday, Aug. 7 that seek to take multiple tracts of property into trust for the Tribe. The five pieces of legislation were approved unanimously as a consent agenda.

Each resolution was submitted by Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks. Prior to passage, Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle made an amendment to add Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley and Dinilawigi as submitters in addition to Ugviyuhi

Hicks. That amendment was also approved unanimously.

Each of the resolutions states in the whereas section of the legislation, “The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribal nation having governmental jurisdiction over its lands that are held in trust by the United States of America for the benefit of the Tribe, and the Cherokee Tribal Council is the legislative body of the Tribe and is authorized and empowered under Section 16 and Section 23 of the Tribe’s Charter and Governing Document, and Cherokee Code 47B-1, to direct the management and control of all real property belonging to the Tribe, meaning all real property held by the Tribe or

by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe.”

The five resolutions approve for the Tribe to make requests to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to take various tracts of land into trust:

- Res. No. 537: 69.9 acres in Cowee Township, Macon County, N.C.
- Res. No. 538: 11.86 acres in Cheoah Township, Graham County, N.C.
- Res. No. 539: 84.86 acres in Qualla Township, Jackson County, N.C.
- Res. No. 540: 188.36 acres adjacent to Camp Creek Road in Qualla Township, Jackson County, N.C.
- Res. No. 541: 5.76 acres in Charleston Township, Swain Co.,

N.C.

Each resolution further stated, “The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to submit the necessary fee to trust application and supporting documents to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to have the property described in this resolution placed into trust with the United States for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to execute all necessary documents including deed(s) to transfer the property described herein to the United States in trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”



**Dinilawigi
(Tribal Council)
Candidate List**

Aniwodihi (Painttown)
Michael Stamper
Shannon Swimmer
Bill Taylor
Jeff Thompson

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)
Patrick Lambert
Boyd Owle
Jim Owle
Joi Owle


Elawodi (Yellowhill)
Shennelle Feather
Chris Reed
Tom Wahneta
David Wolfe

**Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi
(Snowbird/Cherokee
Co.)**
Bucky Brown
Janell Rattler
Michael Smoker
Adam Wachacha

Kolanvyi (Big Cove)
Lavita Hill
Richard French
Perry Shell
Venita Wolfe

Wayohi (Wolftown)
Glenn Bradley
Bo Crowe
Joey Owle
Mike Parker

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Dinilawigi tables several ordinances during August session

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) tabled several ordinances during the Orders of the Day portion of its regular session on Thursday, Aug. 7. Several of these were tabled for more discussion before being brought to the floor for a vote.

First off, Ord. No. 536, a new ordinance submitted by Michael LaVoie, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Natural Resources Dept., was deemed read and tabled. It will sit for 25 days before it can be acted upon.

That legislation seeks to amend the Cherokee Code regarding underground storage tanks.

The whereas section of the legislation states, “Regulation of USTs (underground storage tanks) is an important topic because they often serve as holding containers for gasoline and petroleum products, which can cause environmental damage if leaked into the ground or into a water source; and updating regulation is also important because doing so is needed to maintain the Tribe’s memorandum of agreement with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through which the UST owners and operators have access to North Carolina’s Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund.”

Two ordinances, which were

deemed read and tabled during last month’s regular session on July 10 were tabled during Thursday’s session. Ord. No. 517 was tabled for more discussion between the programs involved, and Ord. No. 518 was tabled for a work session.

Tabled Ord. No. 517 (2025), submitted by Michael McConnell, EBCI Attorney General, seeks to amend Cherokee Code Sec. 75-55 regarding the makeup of the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board. The Whereas section states, “Editorial decisions of the One Feather, such as what stories and editorials to publish, are made by the Editorial Board established in Cherokee Code Sec. 75-55; and Sec. 75-55 states that the Editorial Board shall consist of all members of the One Feather staff, one member appointed by the EBCI Executive Committee, one member appointed by Tribal Council, and a staff member from the EBCI Office of the Attorney General designated by the Attorney General.”

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

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

Attorney General” on the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board. The is the sole change sought with this legislation.

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

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

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

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

This legislation also seeks major changes to Sec. 105-33 (Use of funds). It would amend Sec. 105-



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33(a) to read, “All funds collected by the Eastern Band pursuant to this article shall be deposited into the Tribe’s General Fund.”

If passed, Sec. 105-33 parts (b) through (h) would be deleted. Ord. No. 484, deemed read and tabled during the June 5 regular session, was tabled during Thursday’s session.

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

The whereas section states the purpose of the proposed amendments to Sec. 95-12 and 95-13. “Taken together, those sections state that the first employment preference shall be given to any ‘Local Indian’, an archaic phrase that has outlived its usefulness

and which is defined as enrolled members of the EBCI and ‘any member of another federally recognized tribe who resides within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation’.”

It goes on to state, “Sec. 95-12 and Sec. 95-13 should be amended to strike the definition of ‘Local Indian’ and clearly state that EBCI enrolled members and their spouse and children shall have the first preference in employment.”

Ord. No. 451, deemed read and tabled during the May regular session, was tabled during Thursday’s session. It was stated that another work session needed to be held on the legislation.

Tabled Ord. No. 451 was submitted by (EBCI) Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks and seeks to amend Cherokee Code Sec. 130-B which covers how

appointments are made to the CIHA Governing Board.

This ordinance would amend Section 130B-3(b) to state that the Principal Chief appoint 10 members of the Governing Board – up from eight. Currently, the law reads, “Except for the initially appointed Board members, in selecting a nominee to fill a vacancy or renew the expiring term of a Board member, the Principal Chief shall select from a panel of two or more potential nominees recommended by the current Governing Board.”

The proposed ordinance would change that language to state, “Except for the initially appointed Board members, in selecting a nominee to fill a vacancy or renew the expiring term of a Board member, the Principal Chief shall solicit applications and resumes by public notice of the opportunity.”

The legislation would also add a sentence to Section 130B-3(b) stating, “Nominations and appointments shall be made so that at any one time a majority of members of the Governing Board are health care professionals currently licensed and in good standing with the appropriate licensing body and who have practiced and earned their primary income under that license for not less than 5 years. Retired health care professionals, who were licensed and in good standing when they retired, may also be nominated and appointed. When possible, nominations and appointments should be made so that the Governing Board includes in its membership a physician, a dentist, an attorney, and an auditor or certified public accountant.”

Res. No. 445, deemed read and tabled during the April 3 regular session, was tabled during

Thursday’s session.

Res. No. 445, submitted by Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee County) Rep. Adam Wachacha and Aniwo-dihi (Paint-town) Rep. Dike Sneed, states in the whereas section, “Many tribal leaders have expressed concern that the \$500 per acre rule presented in Res. No. 467 (1989) is outdated and that continuing to apply it is contrary to Tribal Council’s responsibility to be good stewards of tribal resources, including the Tribe’s land and money.”

The legislation seeks the following, “The following requirements when tribal land, without improvements thereon, is sold to enrolled members of the Tribe:

1. Tribal Council will determine the value of each parcel by considering the totality of the circumstances for the parcel, including but not limited to, its history, what the Tribe paid for the parcel, potential alternative uses, and the fair market value (as determined by Tribal Council).
2. The sale and purchase must be for housing purposes.
3. If a certificate of occupancy (“CO”) is not issued for the parcel within three years of the Tribal Business Committee approval date of the parcel being sold to the enrolled member(s), the Tribal Business Committee may, upon notice to the tribal member at issue, cancel the sale and transfer and thereby cause the property to revert to the Tribe.
4. If the parcel is not used for housing purposes within three years of the sale and reverts to the Tribe, the enrolled member who purchased the property shall be entitled to reimbursement of the purchase price.”



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Dinilawigi approves legislation giving green light to new Bingo operation

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CHEROKEE, N.C. – The old Cherokee Tribal Bingo closed in 2020 due to COVID-19, and it was never re-opened. A new Bingo operation is in the works, and Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) passed legislation during its regular session on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025 that gives the green light for it to become reality.

Dinilawigi passed Res. No. 521 (2025), submitted by the TBE (Tribal Bingo Enterprise) Board of Advisors, by a unanimous vote on Thursday.

That legislation states in part, “TBE is authorized to construct a Class II gaming facility with related amenities on Parcel 342, Upper Cherokee Community Parcel, Cherokee, North Carolina”.

It further states, “...in conjunction with the construction of said Class II gaming facility, TBE is authorized to secure and execute a loan agreement or to use funds available under the Class III loan agreement in an amount not to exceed \$35,000,000.”

Dinilawigi previously approved legislation regarding the site. It passed Res. No. 415 (2025), submitted by EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell, on Feb. 6, 2025 by a 11-0 (Dinilawigi Chairperson Mike Parker was absent). That resolution states, “...the Tribe hereby grants to the Tribal Bingo Enterprise (TBE) the right to possess, occupy, use, raze, and build anew, Upper Cherokee Parcel No. 342, containing 1.60 acres, more or less, and all the improvements thereon”.

That legislation states the property is at

1897 Tsali Blvd. in Cherokee, N.C. and is the former location of Above and Beyond Home Décor (aka Above and Beyond Home Furnishings).

Dinilawigi authorized the TBE to do its due diligence on this project with the passage of Res. No. 207 (2024) on June 6, 2024 by a vote of 11-0 {Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee County) Rep. Adam Wachacha was absent}.

That legislation states, “...the Tribal Bingo Enterprise is authorized and directed to perform the necessary due diligence to determine the steps necessary and the costs associated with bringing back Bingo to Cherokee and other tribal trust lands for the enjoyment of the community and the public”.

The TBE Board of Advisors includes the following EBCI tribal members: Tommy Lambert, Skooter McCoy, Angela Martin, Michelle Sneed, and Larry Blythe.



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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

New this week

H.R. 4596 (McCarren-Walter Technical Corrections Act).

According to the bill's text, this legislation would "amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of federally recognized Indian Tribes in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States".

Introduced: July 22 by Rep. Timothy M. Kennedy (D-New York)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 22. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4750 (To extend federal recognition to the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia).

This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.

Introduced: July 23 by Rep. Eugene Simon Vindman (D-Va.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 23. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S.2452 (A bill to amend the Indian Law Enforcement

Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities). The full text of this bill was not available by press time.

Introduced: July 24 by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 24. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4712 (To amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities).

This is the House version of the above Senate bill. The full text of this bill was also not available by press time.

Introduced: July 23 by Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary as well as the Committee on Natural Resources. There are no hearings scheduled for this bill in either committee 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. It was reported without amendment by Sen. Murkowski (R-Alaska), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs chairperson, on July 31. That same day, it was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Calendar No. 139).

H.R. 2412 (Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act). This House bill would establish an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Advisory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State.

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

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

H.R. 2929. (Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe recognition bill). This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group.
Introduced: April 17 by Rep. Donald G. Davis (D-N.C.)

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

H.R. 3255. (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). This House bill will would grant federal acknowledgment to the Grand

River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a state-recognized group in Michigan.

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

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

H.R. 3444. (Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act of 2025). According to the bill text, this House bill is “To direct Federal land management agencies of the Department of the Interior to establish Tribal Co-Management Plans and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for the performance of certain activities of the Forest Service, and for other purposes.”

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

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

S.2022 (Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act of 2025). This Senate bill, according to the legislation, would “amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat Indian Tribal governments in the same manner as state governments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes”. **Introduced:** June 11 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) **Action:** The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on 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 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 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). This Senate seeks the same as H.R. 3255 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025. **Introduced:** June 25 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 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 (Special Diabetes Program Reauthorization Act of 2025). 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 Inter-agency 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 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. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4463 (To amend the Catawba 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: July 16 by Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:

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Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) candidate questionnaire

The Cherokee One Feather issued four questions to candidates for Dinilawigi (Tribal Council). Over the next four weeks, candidate responses will be published.

Question #1: In five years, what is your vision for municipal and business development?

Bucky Brown,
Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/
Cherokee County) candidate:
Over the next five years, I envision strategic municipal and business development that prioritizes infrastructure upgrades,

job creation, and sustainable growth. We must invest in projects that support local entrepreneurs, expand broadband access, and improve public services. By fostering partnerships, streamlining regulations, and providing resources to small businesses, we can ensure that both our rural and urban communities thrive—creating a resilient economy grounded in self-sufficiency and community values.

Joey Owle,
Wayohi (Wolftown) candidate:
The Cherokee economy is largely based on tourism and gaming. We are in an era where families seek not only the comfort of a campground in our mountains, but also attractions that reflect a 21st-century experience. To build a vibrant, robust local economy

supported by both tourism and local spending, we must establish a stronger framework in which the tribal government more effectively administers and supports local businesses, potentially through an entity like a Tourism Development Authority, and we must also cultivate collaboration among local entrepreneurs, such as through a Chamber of Commerce. This vision can be advanced through tribal code refinement that more clearly defines our business zones, streamlines the process for citizens to start businesses, and prioritizes keeping local revenue circulating within our communities. In five years, I envision attractions and businesses that locals frequent, commercial areas integrated into our neighborhoods, not just confined to business districts, and improved access to the natural beauty of our local landscape.

Shannon Swimmer,
Aniwodihi (Painttown) candidate:
In five years, my vision for municipal and business development for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is rooted in balance: preserving who we are while growing opportunities for where we're going.

We have unmatched natural resources - our mountains, rivers, trails, and culture - that surrounding towns like Bryson City and Gatlinburg have leveraged into thriving outdoor economies. We need to do the same, but in our own way: culturally grounded, community-focused, and tribally owned. I envision expanded recreational infrastructure—like river access, guided outdoor experiences, eco-tourism, and trail systems—that attract visitors while also creating good-paying jobs for our people.

On the business development

side, I believe in investing in businesses that tribal members can see, touch, and benefit from daily. That means support for small, local entrepreneurs through tribal programs, incubators, and access to affordable commercial space. It also means focusing future investments on transparent ventures that create long-term stability and direct benefits—like housing, broadband, elder care, and workforce development.

Municipally, we need clean, walkable communities with strong water, sewer, and transportation infrastructure that supports both residents and growth. I want to see more community-owned spaces—like farmers markets, co-op retail, and youth/elder centers—designed by us, for us.

Ultimately, our economic future shouldn't feel like it's happening to us, it should feel like it's being built by us. That's the kind of development I will support.

Venita K. Wolfe,
Kolanvyi (Big Cove) candidate:
Our tribal government is its own governing authority, designed to address the unique needs and concerns of our communities, enrolled members, and visitors to the Qualla Boundary.

My vision for our EBCI municipal and business development involves the creation of zoning regulations, land use planning, and improved public safety. Municipal development and improvements directly influence our business development and sustainability. Zoning codes are fundamental to effective land-use management. As we have recently witnessed the protest of the commercial development, a meat processing facility, in a residential neighborhood without the input of the community and residents directly impacted.

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Zoning codes are essential to protect residential and agricultural land while allowing for commercial development. This is important for maintaining the livability of our property, implementing stricter zoning regulations is the foundation of sustainable growth. We, as tribal stakeholders, have the right to information about every land purchase, including the purchase price, location, proposed use, plan of development, and cost of development. As stated in the July 10 Tribal Council meeting, the tribe “owns all kinds of land... we have plenty of land.” My vision includes a comprehensive audit of land purchases, the purpose for the purchase, and explanation of why the land has not been used or developed. We have a housing crisis, policies that support the development of affordable housing are critical.

Improving public safety is multifaceted. 1) Road maintenance and preventative maintenance help reduce long-term costs, extend the lifespan of existing infrastructure, and enhance the safety of pedestrians. We have roads that are crumbling and filled with potholes, one example is the downtown area that is in despair. 2) Installation of solar powered crosswalk warning light systems throughout the boundary; lives are endangered by drivers that do not respect the existing crosswalks. Crosswalks need to be repainted and maintained throughout the boundary; the crosswalks in front of the casino are prime examples of how all crosswalks should appear. 3) Additional sidewalks and repairing existing sidewalks would enhance the walkability of our communities while enhancing safety for everyone. We have crumbling sidewalks that are a safety hazard and a legal liability.

4) Installation of solar-powered blue light phone systems would enhance personal safety and allow quicker emergency communication and response.

Business development and sustainability will benefit from defined commercial zoning codes and regulations. By regulating the type and density of development, zoning codes limit unchecked expansion and protect residential and vulnerable areas. Land use planning is critical for business development by identifying and designating specific areas for development while preserving agricultural, residential, and cultural historic sites. Providing enhanced safety measures will improve our quality of life and keep our visitors and business partners safe in our community.

Effective policies require the input of our communities. Effective policies will improve our lives while supporting local businesses. Everything that I have proposed is within our reach, we need to be initiative-taking rather than reactive.

**Glenn Bradley,
Wayohi (Wolftown) candidate:**

In five years, I would like to see the EBCI be completely self-sustaining even with the other competitive casinos we have seen being built around us, as this is our main revenue stream. I would like to see the EBCI diversify income sources. I would hope that we could continue to be self-sustaining by utilizing all of our resources and be very smart in how we spend money by ensuring we strictly adhere to the rules within the Fiscal Management Policy, more specifically the Procurement section, and make good investments. I would take the Wolftown and Big Y Communities’ sugges-

tions/opinions into consideration in every decision that is before the Tribal Council for consideration to support this goal. Tribal Council needs to be financially smart in every decision that is made to ensure that it supports the overall goal while ensuring our people are taken care of while ensuring their needs are met.

**Boyd Owle,
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) candidate:**

On the municipal side, I see us building up the kind of infrastructure that makes life better for our people, while staying true to what makes Cherokee so special. This means we need to create zoning and make use of vacant buildings and open areas.

Zoning helps to ensure buildings and businesses support tourism and fit with the look and feel of Cherokee, while staying true to who we are. Zoning can help preserve scenic views and ensure that new and existing developments fit within the overall look and values of our community. It is a tool to guide responsible growth, keeping our town welcoming and enjoyable for both residents and visitors.

We have several vacant buildings and open spaces that could be transformed into assets for the community. For example, unused facilities could become indoor gardens, youth activity spaces, additional wellness centers, hands-on workshops for traditional crafts like basketry, pottery, or beadwork or places that bring elders and youth together through cultural programs. Open areas could be developed into green spaces and cultural parks. These spaces could feature native plants, storytelling areas, cultural events, and open-air markets offering crafts, foods, produce, live demonstrations, clothing, and other locally made

products. Parks could serve as places for relaxation, education, and community gatherings while also giving visitors a meaningful connection to Cherokee heritage.

On the business side, I want to see us thrive with tribally owned enterprises and Native entrepreneurs leading the way. We’ve got incredible talent and cultural richness that can fuel growth in tourism, agriculture, technology, and the arts. That could mean more Cherokee-owned shops selling handmade crafts and beadwork, more food trucks serving traditional meals, or farms growing native plants used for medicine and cooking. At the same time, we can support businesses that meet modern tourist demands like shops with Cherokee-inspired branding, guided outdoor experiences, lodging with cultural touches, or art studios led by young tribal members. The goal is to create a mix of tradition and fresh ideas that reflect who we are while helping our businesses succeed in a competitive tourism market. Supporting small business development through easier access to funding, mentorship, and permitting is a key part of making that happen. We also need to make sure we are investing enough in workforce development through training, apprenticeships, and education that prepare our people for careers in growing industries. We want our community members to have the skills and support they need to succeed.

Cherokee is a place where visitors come not just for gaming, but to experience authentic Cherokee handmade crafts, traditional foods, and cultural events and entertainment. Investing in our own people and businesses means

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we keep economic growth here in the Qualla Boundary, which strengthens our well-being and sovereignty.

Bill Taylor,

Aniwodihi (Painttown) candidate:

Shiyo (Hello). Over the next five years, my vision for municipal and business development for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is rooted in sustainability, cultural preservation, and economic diversification. I believe we must take a strategic, forward-looking approach that strengthens our sovereignty, empowers our people, and safeguards our natural resources.

Municipally, I will advocate for smart infrastructure investments that enhance the quality of life for

our citizens—including improved housing, residential community built upon mental health services, providing infrastructure and access to all lands purchased for housing, broadband access, and continuing to expand our health-care services both physically and mentally. These foundational upgrades will support not only residential needs but also create a solid framework for future economic growth.

On the business development front, I envision a diversified economy that reduces our reliance on gaming revenue while capitalizing on our unique cultural, geographic, and intellectual assets. This includes supporting small business incubators, expanding into industries such as healthcare, outdoor recreation, Retail and downtown development, and green technol-

ogy, and investing in tribal-owned enterprises that provide long-term employment opportunities for our people.

It is also critical that we create a more business-friendly environment on tribal lands by streamlining access to funds and providing financial and business advice, strengthening workforce development programs, and building strategic partnerships with regional, state, and national stakeholders.

Above all, my vision is to ensure that economic progress is guided by our 7 Cherokee Core Values - protecting our land, honoring our heritage, and uplifting every member of our community. With the right leadership and collective commitment, we can build a future that is both prosperous and deeply rooted in who we are as Cherokee People.

Shennelle Feather,

Elawodi (Yellowhill) candidate:

In five years, a strong and realistic vision for municipal and business development in Cherokee, N.C. and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) could be built, based on community desire, around economic diversification, cultural preservation, and infrastructure modernization — while ensuring that growth benefits both residents and the long-term sovereignty of the Tribe. Building a resilient, self-sustaining economy rooted in our cultural heritage, driven by innovation, and inclusive of all generations of our community.

I envision a vibrant Cherokee where:

- Small businesses thrive alongside tribal enterprises, empowered by access to capital, training, and strategic partnerships.
- Downtown and gateway corridors are revitalized with mixed-

use development, EBCI owned shops/businesses, green spaces, and culturally inspired design.

- Tourism is diversified beyond seasonal visitation to include eco-tourism, authentic cultural heritage experiences, cultural education, and year-round events that honor Cherokee people, traditions and stories.

- Expanded Tourism Beyond Gaming; family friendly restaurants and attractions, bringing the community dollar back to the community.

- Workforce development is strong and future-ready, in areas of need, with robust apprenticeship and training programs in trades, technology, healthcare, and entrepreneurship that provide meaningful careers for tribal members.

- Infrastructure is modern and sustainable, with broadband expansion, green building initiatives, reliable utilities, and improved transportation networks that serve both residents and visitors.

- Sovereign business initiatives and inter-tribal commerce growth, strengthening economic independence and ensuring wealth is reinvested within our community.

- Housing, healthcare, and community services are accessible and aligned with the growth of our population and economy.

Cherokee should and will be recognized as a national model for how tribal nations can lead with cultural integrity, economic strength, and community wellness at the heart of development. We have always been innovative, forward thinking, principled people. Let's get back to that!

Michael Stamper,

Aniwodihi (Painttown) candidate:

In five years, my vision is that downtown Cherokee begins to show signs of sustainable busi-

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business practices that allow for each business to prosper with each other. This is a vision that requires every lessor to meet with tribal government so we can agree on a vision and plan for how we want our town to look. It is then the responsibility of our tribal officials to bring our relationships with businesses to the table to create opportunities for these lessors.

After a plan is agreed upon, we can then look at the feasibility of this plan by estimating a cost for what it would take to make this vision a reality. If each lessor needs assistance with the financial portion, then those opportunities should be made available through an allocation for business development loans.

There has been several discussions involving zoning and a possible chamber of commerce

that would be separate from tribal government. While these are good options, these have not been put into motion thus far. If we can begin to create individual inspiration from each lessor, then we can make this vision a reality and we can do so by going down a path that can be viewed as “the path of least resistance”.

**Patrick Lambert,
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) candidate:**

In five years, my vision for municipal and business development for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is rooted in a principle I’ve long believed in: we must invest in ourselves first.

When I ran for Principal Chief, many of you may remember a vision I introduced called “Jump Start Cherokee.” That vision hasn’t changed — in fact, it’s more urgent

now than ever.

Before we can talk about attracting new businesses or expanding economic opportunities, we must first address the core: our infrastructure. A town without adequate infrastructure cannot support sustainable growth or a healthy business environment. That means:

- Building, expanding and repairing sidewalks for accessibility and walkability
- Installing better street lighting for safety and aesthetics
- Redoing the roads through town to support tourism, local travel and especially pedestrian traffic.
- Requiring business frontage improvements to meet a common visual and safety code
- Creating a riverwalk through our downtown and historic areas to honor our heritage while promoting foot traffic and commercial engagement
- Encouraging business diversity through targeted incentives — from cafés & sidewalk dining to specialty stores, not just more souvenir shops.

During my brief time in office, we had already begun taking steps toward these goals. Unfortunately, that work was cut short — but the need is still there, and so is the vision.

It’s time to refocus.

We’ve spent far too much money in the past eight years on questionable investments — bankrupt businesses, dilapidated trailer parks, housing factories, and far-off resorts that don’t serve our people. These decisions haven’t just drained our resources; they’ve distracted us from what matters most: building a thriving economy right here in Cherokee.

I believe our future lies in reinvesting locally — not in speculative ventures across the country or

overseas. We need to create real, lasting opportunity for our own people by building up our own town, our own infrastructure, and our own economy.

By doing this, in five years I envision a Cherokee where:

- Our downtown is vibrant, walkable, and filled with local businesses
- Our infrastructure supports both tourism and local life
- Our people have more jobs, more choices, and more pride in our community
- Our economic decisions reflect sovereignty, sustainability, and self-respect.

We must rebuild smart, rebuild local, and rebuild together. That’s my vision — and I’m ready to get to work. Let’s Go!

**Jeff Thompson,
Aniwodihi (Painttown) candidate:**

On the municipal side, I feel that the Tribe has made great strides in upgrading our infrastructure. Tribal Construction Program is in the process of upgrading water, sewer, and road systems, that can support both our residents and future growth. I envision well-planned housing developments that are affordable and accessible, coupled with enhanced emergency services, public resources, enhanced elder services, and community facilities. Technology upgrades, including expanded broadband access across all communities, will ensure our members are connected, not only for convenience but also for the economic impact of providing affordable services that are no longer outsourced but provided by the EBCI.

On the business side, I envision diversifying beyond gaming

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by fostering tribally owned enterprises in tourism, cultural preservation, agriculture, and small manufacturing. This includes support for our local entrepreneurs, so they can build successful, locally rooted businesses that keep revenue circulating within the Tribe. Strategic partnerships with our entity LLC's while keeping EBCI ownership and control will also expand job opportunities for our members. Throughout this campaign I have heard from the people the concerns of the Tribe's economic development. I have witnessed an uptick in tourism but feel that adding venues such as a trampoline and water park would not only create revenue but would also give our youth somewhere to spend their energy.

My ultimate goal is a balanced approach: responsible growth that respects our culture and environment, while providing sustainable income streams for future generations. We must build not just for today, but for future generations. We need, to the best of our ability, to try and understand all the ramifications of our actions, to try to understand what will happen down the road because of our choices. We need to try and see the unseen.

Lavita Hill,

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) candidate:

Siyo! My name is Lavita Hill. I am running for a Tribal Council seat for the Kolanvyi/Toledvyi communities. In this week's commentary, we are discussing what I envision for our Tribe's municipal and business development within the next five years. There are several businesses here on the Boundary that enhance our aesthetics and support our culture. There are

thriving businesses that accommodate the needs of our visitors with food, lodging, and entertainment. And I believe the cultural district has done an incredible job with cultural education, but those businesses are long overdue for an upgrade, and the one thing that makes us unique is hardly celebrated here in our hometown.

Our Tribe has gained significant wealth over the last 25 years but it's not evident in the aesthetics of Cherokee. There is a lack of safe places for our people to gather, poor sidewalk conditions, poor lighting in most areas, unsafe parking areas downtown and virtually zero recreational/green space. For impactful economic growth, I want to focus on our culture.

I want to highlight native artists. I want to plan for and develop a true native art market for our people that not only showcases their art, it also is a place of belonging, learning, teaching, and fellowship. Highlighting culture changes signage, storefronts, and marketability. Focusing on our authentic culture also diminishes selling fake native crafts or stereotypical native toys. It would also call for removing signage that perpetuates the stereotypical Indian. Since we are Cherokee and some visitors pass through here once, what they see should be a reflection our authentic culture.

This past week I had the pleasure of attending the Unto These Hills 75th Anniversary Gala. It was outdoor seating while enjoying a contemporary take on traditional food. The scenery was outstanding! Being outside, observing the mountains – that get taken for granted – was good for the soul. I see the mountains every day and yet I couldn't help but sit still and enjoy the views. Not only do

we as a tribe have our culture to offer, but we also live in the most beautiful area. I know the Cherokee Historical Association and the Museum of the Cherokee People both have big ideas to revamp our important cultural attractions, and I will do everything I can to support their endeavors. The entire time I worked on restoring Kuwohi with Mary Crowe, we focused on cultural education. Our goal was to educate others on who we are, our history, and our importance is today's society. Today's cultural attractions aim to do the same and need Tribal government support. Through our tribal government, I want to encourage more focus on language revitalization. I am proud of the NKA and everything they have been able to accomplish. NKA stops at grade 6 though. There have been a lot of roadblocks for making a NKA high school. Our Cherokee Central Schools do a nice job with their Cherokee language program. They have the privilege of teaching all students grade K – 8. But even they are limited by class time. In recent years, there have been new adult language programs that are treated like part-time jobs. Right here is where I see a huge impact and improvement to protecting our language! The problem is, though, the job pays minimally, without regular job benefits. Nonetheless, speakers are developed! To me, this is a top-notch program. We need to get this program access to a livable wage and basic employee benefits. Investing more in language preservation and our true cultural practices is minimal to the cost of losing these things if we aren't focusing on their protections.

There are a lot of areas to address. Council terms are limited to two years. I want to work on Cul-

tural preservation and language revitalization right away. I believe focusing here will begin to sway all other programs and offerings, including bringing back more of our Gadugi spirit. If we chose to care more for our land again and honor this space, the aesthetics and atmosphere will change too.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. East Germany's Margitta Gummel and the Soviet Union's Nadezhda Chizhova were rivals who competed in what Olympic athletics event in the 1960s and 1970s?
2. The "Punch-up in Piastany" was a bench-clearing brawl during a game between which two teams in the 1987 World Junior Ice Hockey Championships?
3. Two-time NBA Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard played two seasons of college basketball from 2009-2011 with what team?
4. What insurance company was the title sponsor of NASCAR's second-tier series from 2008-2014?
5. In road cycling, what French word is used to describe a rider whose primary goal is not to win the race, but to aid the team and its leader?
6. What Federal Prospects Hockey League team based in Athens, Georgia, is named in honor of a song by the new wave band The B-52s?
7. In 1970, what Los Angeles Dodgers player hit a foul ball that struck 14-year-old fan Alan Fish in the head, resulting in Fish's death four days later?

Answers

1. Shot put.
2. Canada and the Soviet Union.
3. The San Diego State Aztecs.
4. Nationwide.
5. Domestique ("servant").
6. The Athens Rock Lobsters.
7. Manny Mota.

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

Altman, Kelsey S.
- Injuring Real Property (May 23, 2025). PJC

Arch, Richard W.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 12, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

Armachain, Rebecca L.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 1, 2025). Guilty
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 1, 2025). Guilty
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 1, 2025). Guilty

Bernhisel, Jonah T.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Dec. 28, 2024). Guilty
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 1, 2025). Guilty
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 1, 2025). Guilty
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 1, 2025). Guilty

Bird, Kirsh D.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Jan. 17, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea
- Communicating Threats (Nov. 6, 2024). PJC
- Harassment (Nov. 6, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea
- Second Degree Trespass (Jan. 17, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 17, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea

Bird II, Richard D.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (June 6, 2024). Guilty
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (June 6, 2024). Guilty
- Drug Trafficking (June 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Drug Trafficking (June 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea

Bird, Hezekiah E.
- No Operator's License (July 8, 2024). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

Blankenship, Jim K.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (April 25, 2025). Reported infraction

Bowman, Kenara R.
- Unsafe Passing Yellow Line (April 7, 2025). Reported infraction

Bradley, Creighton C.
- No Operator's License (Feb. 22, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

Brown, Charity C.
- Failure to Maintain Lane Control (May 6, 2025). No disposition provided

Cabrera, Delores A.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Jan. 9, 2024) Dismissed, defendant or necessary witness deceased
- Signals on Starting, Stopping, or Turning (Jan. 2, 2024). No disposition provided

Calhoun, Travis L.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (April 1, 2025). Guilty
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (April 1, 2025). Guilty

Climbingbear, Travis W.
- Assault on a Female (April 25,

2024). Not guilty
- Assault on a Female (April 25, 2024). Not guilty
- Offensive Touching (Jan. 3, 2024). Not guilty
- Offensive Touching (Jan. 3, 2024). Not guilty
- Offensive Touching (Jan. 3, 2024). Not guilty
- Assault on a Female (April 25, 2024). Not guilty
- Assault on a Female (April 25, 2024). Not guilty

Cole, Jackie R.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Feb. 4, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify

Conseen, Christopher C.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (May 27, 2021). Dismissed

Conseen, Carrie L.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 18, 2025). Dismissed per plea
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (May 14, 2025). Dismissed per plea
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Dec. 5, 2024). Guilty
- Drug Trafficking (April 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea
- Transporting Controlled Substance into the Territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (April 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea
- DWLR Viol Restored Lic (April 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea
- No Liability Insurance (April 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea

- Drive/Allow MV No Registration (April 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea

Crisp, Johnathon N.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Feb. 13, 2025). Reported infraction
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (April 4, 2025). Reported infraction

Crowe, Isaiah C.
- Probation Revocation (Feb. 26, 2025). Admitted
- Probation Revocation (Feb. 26, 2025). Admitted
- Providing Alcoholic Beverages to/Possession of/Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by/Personons under 21 Years Old (Feb. 26, 2025). Guilty

Crowe, Jayden C.
- No Liability Insurance (May 11, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

Crowe, Natasha D.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 29, 2025). Reported infraction

Crowe, Joshua E.
- Failure to Stop-Steady Red Light (May 19, 2025). No disposition given

Crowe, Mary E.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (April 15, 2025). Reported infraction

Crowe, Maritsa S.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (Aug. 3, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (July 19, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 19, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Sept. 24, 2024). Guilty

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 29, 2024). Guilty	George, Jefferson R. - Speeding (May 8, 2025). No disposition given	2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof	- Providing Alcoholic Beverages to/Possession of/Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by/Persons under 21 Years Old (May 12, 2025). Guilty
Cucumber, Saith S. - Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (July 13, 2025). Guilty per plea	George, Elizabeth S. - No Liability Insurance (April 10, 2025). Reported infraction - Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (April 10, 2025). Reported infraction - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 10, 2025). Reported infraction	Johnson, Ryan D. - Public Intoxication (June 6, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence	Lambert, Nikki N. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 21, 2025). Reported infraction
Davis, Jeffery M. - Criminal Mischief to Property (April 26, 2025). Dismissed - Abuse of an Elder of Vulnerable Adult: Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code (April 26, 2025). Dismissed	Goings Jr., George E. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 16, 2025). Reported infraction	Johnson, Brandi N. - Probation Revocation (July 23, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation - Probation Revocation (July 23, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation - Probation Revocation (July 23, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation - Probation Revocation (July 23, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation	Ledford, Allen S. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 16, 2025). Reported infraction
Driver, Calvin D. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Dec. 31, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea - Speeding to Elude Arrest (Dec. 31, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea - Aggravated Weapons Offense (July 17, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea - Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Dec. 31, 2024). Guilty - Weapons Offense (Dec. 31, 2024). Guilty - Resist, Obstruct and Delay (June 21, 2024). Guilty - Reckless Endangerment (June 21, 2024). Guilty	Goldsmith, Sherman D. - Violation of Registration Provisions (November. 13, 2022). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof - Expired Registration Card/Tag (Aug. 19, 2024). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof	Jumper, Thomas C. - No Operator's License (June 5, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof	Ledford, Austin T. - Open Cont. After Cons. Alcohol 1st (Aug. 14, 2024). Dismissed for further investigation - Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V). (Aug. 14, 2024). Dismissed, no labs and/or discovery provided
Ensley, Charles D. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 6, 2025). Dismissed with leave - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 16, 2025). Dismissed with leave	Grimes Jr., Anthony L. - Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (April 30, 2017). Dismissed	Lambert, Gary D. - Driving While Impaired (May 2, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify	Littlejohn, Michael - Public Intoxication (May 14, 2025). Guilty
Esquivel, Deliah G. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev (July 5, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof	Hornbuckle, Dennis C. - No Liability Insurance (May 17, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof	Lambert, Birda F. - Probation Revocation (Sept. 23, 2022). Admitted	Locust, Timothy J. - Weapons Offense (Sept. 25, 2024). Dismissed, no labs and/or discovery provided - Driving While Impaired (Sept. 25, 2024). Dismissed, no labs and/or discovery provided
George, Kelcie C. - Sex Offender Crimes (Feb. 10, 2025). Alford Plea	Hornbuckle, Paul F. - Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 6, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof	Lambert, Trevan H. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 25, 2025). Dismissed - Probation Revocation (May 27, 2025). Dismissed	Locust, Shaundell N. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported infraction - No Liability Insurance (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported infraction - Dr/Allow Reg Plate Not Display (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported infraction - Unsafe Tires (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported infraction
	Huskey, Jordan D. - Reckless Endangerment (April 13, 2025). Dismissed with leave - Child Abuse in the Second Degree (April 13, 2025). Dismissed with leave	Lambert, Kaiden - Disorderly Conduct (April 25, 2025). Dismissed per plea	Long Jr., David - DWLR (April 29, 2025). Reported infraction
	Huskey, Kaleb - No Operator's License (June 14,		Madden, James N. see COURT REPORT next page

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- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 30, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 30, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction

Magana, Rafaelita C.

- Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (May 6, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

Malpass, Jonathan M.

- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (July 4, 2025). Guilty
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (May 8, 2025) Guilty

Martin, Kara D.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 21, 2025). Dismissed with leave

Martinez, Maggie A.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 13, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

Mathis, Randy D.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Nov. 2, 2024). Guilty
- Second Degree Trespass (Oct. 15, 2024). Guilty

McCoy, Timothy J.

- Driving While Impaired (Aug. 4, 2024). Guilty
- Reckless Driving-Wanton Disregard (Aug. 4, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- DWLR Impaired Rev. (Aug. 4, 2024). Dismissed per plea

McCray, Julius J.

- Assault on a Female (June 11, 2025). Guilty

Moore, Sydney B.

- DWLR Not Impaired, Rev. (April 20, 2025). Reported infraction

Nash, Meisha

-DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 19, 2025). Reported infraction
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (July 9, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (May 5, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify

Otter, Michael H.

- Reckless Driving (Jan. 5, 2025). Guilty
- Failure to Maintain Lane Control (Jan. 5, 2025). No disposition given

Owle, Lloyd E.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (June 24, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

Panther, Allana K.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Nov. 19, 2024). Dismissed with leave

Panther, Virgil L.

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

Ponce Ordonez, Cristhian J.

- No Operator's License (June 5, 2024). No contest/responsible

Ponce-Ordenez, Hector A.

- No Operator's License (June 5, 2025). No contest/responsible

Postell, Misty F.

- Impaired Driving (April 18, 2023). Guilty
- Reckless Endangerment (April 18, 2023). Dismissed per plea
- Child Abuse in the Second De-

gree (April 18, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea

Postoak, Washakie

- Cancel/Revoke/Susp Certif/Tag (May 5, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof
- No Liability Insurance (May 5, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

Queen, Jesse B.

- Sexual Abuse (July 5, 2023). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify

Queen, Jesse J.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Jan. 1, 2025). Dismissed per plea upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence

Queen, Joel

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 24, 2025). Reported infraction
- DWLR (April 29, 2025). Reported infraction
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 4, 2025). Reported infraction

Radford, Robin J.

- Poss Open Cnt/Cons All Psg Area (Feb. 10, 2024). Reported infraction

Ramirez, Lorenzo

- Reckless Driving (Sept. 11, 2024). Guilty

Randolph, Allen R.

- Disorderly Conduct (May 16, 2025). Guilty

Rickman, John P.

- Escape from Imprisonment and Custody (May 13, 2025). Guilty
- Probation Revocation (Jan. 15, 2025). Admitted

Rincon, Juan

- No Operator's License (May 9, 2025). No Contest

Robinson, Denerio R.

- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (May 1, 2024). Guilty
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (July 9, 2025). Dismissed per plea
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (July 9, 2025). Dismissed per plea

Sampson, Delbert

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (April 4, 2025). No disposition given

Sanchez, Tristan I.

- No Operator's License (Jan. 31, 2025). Reported infraction
- Operate Vehicle No Ins. (Jan. 31, 2025). Reported infraction

Sequoyah, Lewis C.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Oct. 21, 2024). Reported infraction
- Civil Revocation Dr. Lic. (10) (April 16, 2025). Reported infraction

Sequoyah, Johnson L.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 19, 2025). Reported infraction
- Not Operator's License (April 17, 2025). Reported infraction
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (April 17, 2025). Reported infraction
- DWLR (April 3, 2025). Reported infraction

Sherrill, Edward D.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Feb. 18, 2025). Reported infraction
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 18, 2025). Reported infraction
- Expired/No Inspection (Feb. 18,

2025). Reported infraction

Sherrill, Tameka S.

- DWLR (April 13, 2025). Reported infraction

Smith, Kira C.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 9, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

Sneed, Wilson L.

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (may 6, 2024). Guilty

Swayney, Eric M.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Jan. 18, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

- No Liability Insurance (Jan. 18, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

- Cancl/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (Jan. 18, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

- Expired/No Inspection (Jan. 18, 2025). No disposition given

Swayney, Justin R.

- No Liability Insurance (May 12, 2025). Reported infraction

- No Operator's License (May 12, 2025). Reported infraction

Taylor, Dante K.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 29, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence

Taylor, Stephanie N.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (April 29, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence

Teesateskie Jr., Steve A.

- Driving While Impaired (July 28, 2023). Guilty per plea

Teesateskie, Beth S.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 21, 2025). Reported infraction

Teesateskie, Gary M.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 21, 2025). Reported infraction

Thompson, Chayton H.

- Cancl/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (May 18, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof

Toineeta, Maggie E.

- Obstruction Government Functions (April 12, 2025). Guilty

Tramper, Kenneth L.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 27, 2025). Reported infraction

Tramper, Chanttin T.

- Assault on a Female (July 23, 2025). Dismissed with leave

Tranter, Jordan

- Left of Center Line/Grade/Curve (March 16, 2025). No disposition given

Treadwell, Christopher D.

- Transporting Controlled Substance into the Territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (July 3, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction

Wahnetah, Carla M.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (July 7, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 7, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- Driving While Impaired (July 7, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 7, 2024). Dismissed per plea

- Unlawful to Permit Unlicensed Minor to Drive Motor Vehicle (April 13, 2023). Dismissed per

plea

Walker, Toma J.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Feb. 1, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Feb. 1, 2025). Dismissed with leave

Walkingstick, Rex S.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 2, 2025) Reported infraction

- Motorcycle/Moped Helmet/Psgr (April 2, 2025). Reported infraction

Ward, Miranda

- DWLR Viol Restored Lic. (May 6, 2025). Reported infraction

West, Kyra T.

- Failure to Maintain Lane Control (Jan. 29, 2025). No disposition given

- Drive After Consuming Less than 21 (Jan. 29, 2025). Guilty

- DWLR (Jan. 29, 2025). Dismissed per plea

- Driving While Impaired (Jan. 29, 2025). Dismissed per plea

Wildcat, John T.

- Probation Revocation (May 14, 2025). Admitted

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (May 14, 2025). Guilty

- Probation Revocation (May 14, 2025). Admitted

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Wilnoty, Bernard D.

- Assault on a Child (Dec. 1, 2016). Dismissed per plea

- Solicitation (Aug. 1, 2013). Dismissed per plea

- Abusive Sexual Contact (Aug. 1, 2013). Guilty

- Abusive Sexual Contact (Dec. 1, 2016). Guilty

- Aggravated Sexual Abuse (Aug. 1, 2003). Guilty

- Left of Center Line/Grade/Curve (Aug. 14, 2024). No disposition given

Wolfe Jr., Thomas E.

- No Operator's License (April 15, 2025). Reported infraction

- Speeding (April 25, 2025). Reported infraction

Woodson, Silas S.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (April 25, 2025). Reported infraction

- No Liability Insurance (April 25, 2025). Reported infraction

- Expired/No Inspection (April 25, 2025). Reported infraction

Zapeda, Michael

- Communicating Threats (Feb. 26, 2005). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify



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Cherokee woman charged for inflicting serious bodily injury on a child in Indian Country

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – Shawenna Caroline Roland, 39, of Cherokee, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is facing federal charges for child abuse, child neglect, and assault in Indian country, announced Russ Ferguson, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

James C. Barnacle, Jr., Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Charlotte Division, and Chief Carla Neadeau of the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD), join U.S. Attorney Ferguson in making the announcement.

According to allegations in the three-count bill of indictment, Roland intentionally assaulted a

minor child resulting in serious bodily injury, including permanent and protracted loss and impairment of the child's mental and emotional function. The Indictment further alleges that Roland showed reckless disregard for human life through a willful act and grossly negligent omission in the care of the child, resulting in serious bodily injury.

Roland is in tribal custody awaiting transfer to the custody of the United States Marshals Service. The charges against her are merely allegations and she is presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

U.S. Attorney Ferguson thanked the FBI and the Cherokee Indian Police Department for their investigation of the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex

M. Scott of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville is prosecuting the case.

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Man from Cherokee among four indicted under Operation Take Back America

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – U.S. Attorney Russ Ferguson announced on Wednesday, Aug. 6 that a number of individuals are facing federal firearms and immigration charges under Operation Take Back America, a nationwide initiative to protect our communities from perpetrators of violent crime, repel the invasion of illegal immigration and achieve total elimination of cartels and transnational criminal organizations (TCOs). Criminal indictments returned by the grand jury in Asheville charged the following defendants, among others:

William Stanley Ellwood, 38, of Cherokee, N.C., is charged with possession of a firearm silencer, which was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. He is also charged with one count of receiving and possessing a silencer not identified by a serial number.

Justin Allen Owenby, 27, of Asheville, was indicted for the unlawful possession of a firearm. Owenby is alleged to have unlawfully possessed a Glock 48, 9mm pistol, knowing he had prior felony convictions.

Gregory Lee Pettit, 51, of Candler, N.C., is charged with possession of a grenade, which was not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. Pettit is also charged with possession of a firearm by an unlawful user that is addicted to a controlled substance.

Rafael Martinez-Reano, 35, of

Rutherfordton, N.C., is charged with illegal reentry into the United States. Martinez-Reano was previously deported from the United States two times: on December 31, 2018, and on April 13, 2018, at or near Hildago, Texas.

The charges in the indictments are allegations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

In making Wednesday's announcement, U.S. Attorney Ferguson thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, and Emergency Removal Operations, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Alcohol Law Enforcement, the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, and the Cherokee Indian Police Department for their respective investigations that led to the charges. The cases are being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville.

The indictments are part of Operation Take Back America, a nationwide initiative that marshals the full resources of the Department of Justice to repel the invasion of illegal immigration, achieve the total elimination of cartels and transnational criminal organizations (TCOs), and protect our communities from the perpetrators of violent crime. Operation Take Back America streamlines efforts and resources from the Department's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) and Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN).

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Sa'Wade Birdinground

Crow Tribe of Montana

Height: 5'4"-5'5" Weight: 130-140 lbs

Female Age: 13

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: October 6, 2024

Last Known Location: Garryowen, MT

Circumstances of Disappearance: Sa'Wade

Birdinground went missing on October 6, 2024. She is described as having brown curly hair. She was last seen wearing a black hoodie with mushrooms on it, an anime t-shirt, basketball shorts, and purple slip-on Skechers-brand shoes. She may have a black and purple Adidas backpack with her. She is known to wear an elk tooth necklace.

BIA OJS Missing and Murdered Unit is seeking information that may assist them with the ongoing search. Submit tips by texting 847411, calling 1-833-560-2065, or emailing ojs_mmu@bia.gov.

Source: Bureau of Indian Affairs



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**CIPD Arrest Report for
July 28 to Aug. 3, 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.

Chekelelee, Isaiah Carroll – age 36
Arrested: July 28
Released: July 31
Charges: Neglect of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult, Cruelty to Animals

Myers, Thomas Kelly – age 54
Arrested: July 28
Released: July 31

Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Assault on a Female; Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public; Aggravated Reckless Endangerment; Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Cartwright Jr., Barton Randall – age 39
Arrested: July 29
Released: July 29
Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Freeman, Sarah Nichole – age 41
Arrested: July 29
Released: July 29
Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Tingle, Destiny Megail – age 26
Arrested: July 29
Released: July 29
Charges: Simple Assault

Tingle, Lacy – age 44
Arrested: July 29
Released: July 29
Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Ramirez, Hugo Gardo – age 40
Arrested: July 30
Released: July 31
Charges: Probation Violation

Wahnetah, Samuel – age 30
Arrested: July 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 4)
Charges: Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing); Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer; Weapons Offense

Bird, Eddie – age 35
Arrested: July 31
Released: Aug. 3
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Bird, Sydney Audena – age 26
Arrested: July 31
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 4)
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Bowman, Ronald Sequoyah – age 52
Arrested: July 31
Released: July 31
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ensley, Trina Lynn – age 53
Arrested: July 31
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 4)
Charges: Probation Violation

Keclic, Markus Matthew – age 47
Arrested: July 31
Released: July 31
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Oxendine, Krista Crouse – age 53
Arrested: July 31
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 4)
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Sequoyah, Lewis Clinton – age 47
Arrested: July 31
Released: Aug. 1
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Watty, Erika Serrano – age 25
Arrested: July 31
Released: July 31
Charges: Transporting a Child Outside the Territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians with Intent to Violate Custody Order (two counts)

Welch, Anthony Dirk – age 55
Arrested: July 31
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 4)
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders, Possession of a Controlled Substance

McCoy, Timothy Jason – age 53
Arrested: Aug. 1
Released: Aug. 3
Charges: Serving Sentence

Littlejohn, John – age 46
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Not released as of report date (Aug. 4)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Swayney, Thadius Ray – age 27
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Aug. 3
Charges: Public Intoxication

Walkingstick, Andrea – age 46
Arrested: Aug. 2
Released: Aug. 2
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor



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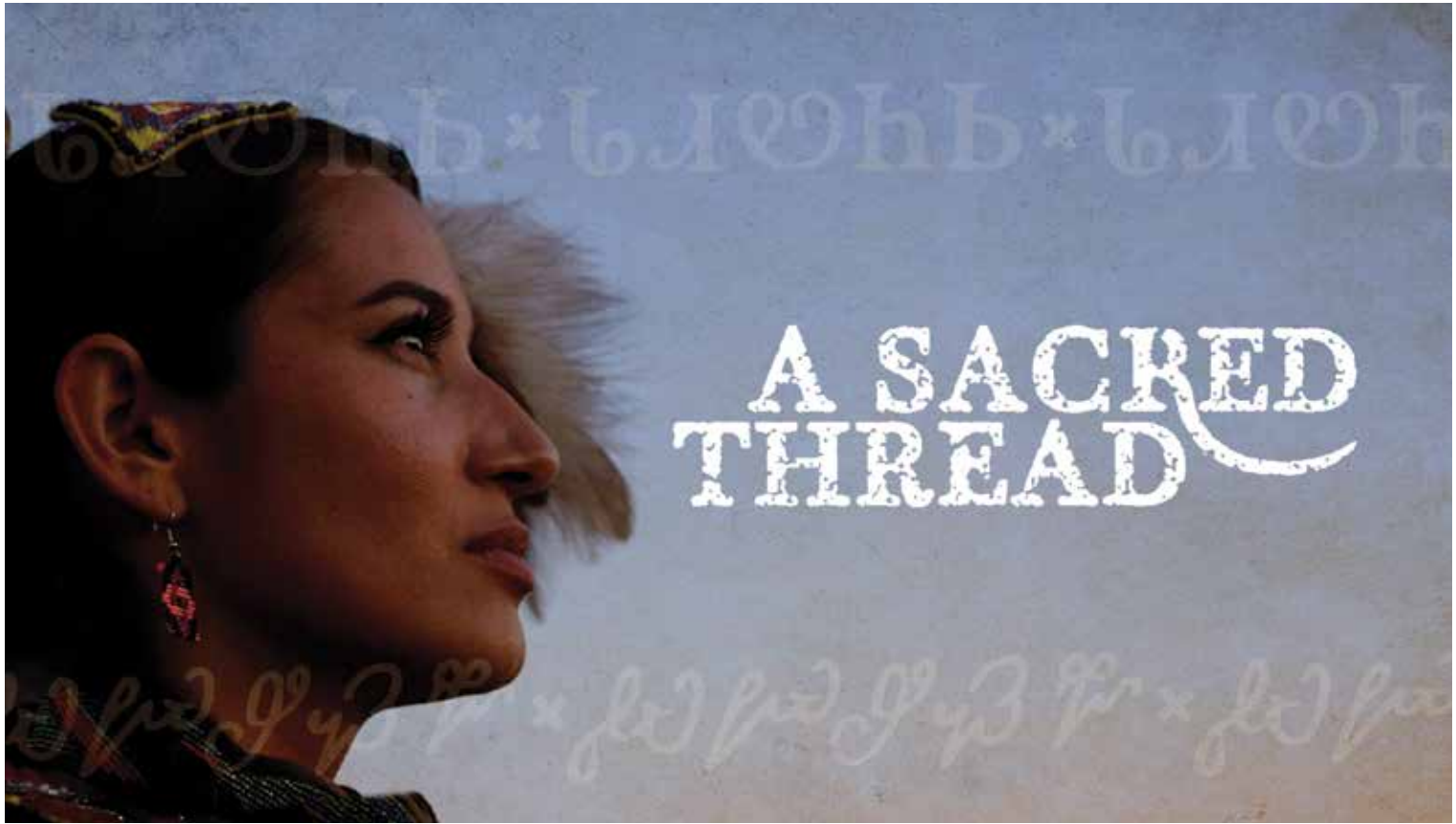


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Angelina Jumper, the cultural resources supervisor of the Junaluska Museum and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Tutiya, is one of the main voices of the film. (Images courtesy of PBS)

“A Sacred Thread”

Documentary showcases the Snowbird Community’s language, culture, and land back efforts

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

SNOWBIRD, N.C. - A Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) documentary about Cherokee language and cultural revitalization in Tutiya (Snowbird) titled “A Sacred Thread,” premiered on July 31. Filmmaker Brooks Bennett, who has worked closely with Tutiya community members in the past on other projects, condensed two years of filming into the hour-long documentary.

Executive Producer Heather Burgiss felt

that the documentary was critically important to make, “This is a project that we feel very passionately about. It’s right up our mission alley, and I’ve been working with Brooks for three years on this project, Brooks had been working on the Matriarch Mural project and really got to know the people and the place and the stories of the Snowbird Cherokee, and he really developed relationships that led to seeing that there was an underrepresented story here, and that was the mission that really aligned with what we do.

“Snowbird Cherokee is a nuance; in the dialect and trying to keep the language alive for future generations, and not just the language, but the culture and looking back at the land and looking at place names and the heritage. So, we just felt we had a responsibility if we could, to try to help amplify the voices,” she said.

Angelina Jumper, the cultural resources supervisor of the Junaluska Museum and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Tutiya, is one of the main voices of the film.

“It was a really cool experience and I’m a talker, so reflecting on things and talking about them, it just helped me understand more and I think learn more, not just about myself, but how important the work that we were doing was, and that really came out through the film. I was really excited that that was what was captured and what [Brooks] was able to convey for us,” Jumper said.

“I feel like it really captured the interconnectivity of what we all do, and it showcased things that I don’t think that you can get from just talking to people about the language and the culture. And then you’ve also got this element of the natural environment that I feel like

when we talk about language and culture that gets left out or we just don't think about it."

A major part of the film was Jumper's discovery regarding her family's land, the Wachacha tract of land that was unethically taken by the U.S. Forest Service in the early 20th century and now operates as Rattler Ford Campground.

"That's probably one of my favorite things that developed out of the film is that when I had started work, I had found remnants of Register of Deeds stuff, and I was like, 'What is this? This is my family. This is Wachacha family stuff.' And then I started digging deeper," she said.

"I think T.J. [Holland] had begun that research, and Louise [Reed], when I was working with her before she passed, I had the privilege of being able to talk about it with her, because it was her family, too, and she had known about it... Louise is the woman that taught me seven generations behind me, all the names of the people who existed behind me, and if I hadn't spent that time with her then I wouldn't have that knowledge. We filmed maybe two weeks after I had pulled out all that stuff from the U.S. Forest Service archive, so that was really raw. I'm glad it happened that way, because watching it back I'm like, 'Wow, that did say what needed to be said.'"

Gilliam Jackson, a Cherokee fluent speaker from Tutiya, also starred in the film and discussed sacred sites including his family's graves that are also now managed by the U.S. Forest Service. "I think the message that I wanted people to understand was the amount of control and the lack of control that we have as Indigenous people on stolen lands. We gather together sometimes with our family, and



The late J.C. "Eduts" Wachacha

most of us in our community come from the Wachacha family. My grandmother was a Wachacha, and as I understand it, I think there were 13 or 14 siblings, and most of them are buried in that burial ground. In order for us to just go out and clean and cut weeds and rake, we have to get permission from the Forest Service," he said.

"I'm truly grateful to the people who were involved in the documentary. I just think that people need to know Snowbird is a very culturally rich community, and by far, we have the greatest percentage of Cherokee speakers per capita. The Trail of Tears started right above where the Ingles Supermarket is now in Robbinsville. We had at one time three mounds, and things that have been written about Cherokees in North Carolina often excludes Snowbird."

Jackson works with second language learners in the Dadiwonisi adult language program, and he highlighted one of the program graduates as making

a powerful statement about the importance of Cherokee language and culture. "During her graduation speech, she said 'I have become a Cherokee woman.' She was a Cherokee woman by enrollment and by biological blood, but it was a lot more meaningful when she said, 'I became a Cherokee woman,' meaning I'm learning the culture. I'm learning the language. My blood is different now."

Cassidy Galaviz is the Dadiwonisi program supervisor and a member of the EBCI from Tutiya. The film also followed Galaviz's journey towards fluency, with the late Cherokee fluent speaker J.C. Wachacha, or "Eduts," being a mentor and supporter for Galaviz. "I really enjoyed this experience. I think just some of my favorite moments was honestly just being in Eduts' garden. I really enjoy my job, I really enjoy all of it, helping bring a community together and working with the students, working with the language," he said.

With Eduts' unexpected

passing during filming, Galaviz spoke to the significance of having this footage of Eduts speaking. "It means a lot. I've always been very aware of capturing those things, even as a kid, knowing, understanding how quickly speakers are passing, how fast the language is 'dying out,' all those things. It is greater to me because it's captured in video. To be able to actually see the reactions, because there's a lot of nonverbal communication with the speakers. Whenever they talk, they'll give out hand gestures and things like that, which videos really do capture. We can still see him. We can still hear him. We can still talk to him."

Galaviz is hopeful that the film will encourage more language learning. "Hopefully it does light a fire in people a little bit to want to learn the language more. And honestly, even if not, it's perfectly fine. We're still going to learn, we're still going to keep going.

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We'll pass it on for anybody who wants to. But for those that do, hopefully they now have resources and things like that to know where to go, to know who to look for. If they see me, they can try to talk to me. Even if they just say 'siyo,' I'm going to say 'siyo' back. If that's all you know, use it. I'll be happy either way."

Filmmaker Brooks Bennett has built strong bonds with the Tutiya community, who are the subject of the film. In 2017, Bennett was just passing through on a trip with his wife when they stopped at Cherokee woodcarver Billy Welch's shop. "That was my first introduction to Snowbird people, and I bought a little bear from him. He told me kind of the broad stroke story, and I always kept that bear on my desk and I would look at it whenever I was doing a project and think if there's ever an opportunity to collab with PBS on something like that, then that's what I think I was pulled here for."

Bennett noticed a 'thread' tying together Cherokee land, culture and people, and that thread is the language.

"There's a metaphysical quality or this spirit behind everything story wise, content wise, whatever I'm experiencing in nature or with Buffalotown or with Billy [Welch] or even the Matriarch Mural project, and that's kind of the title is it's the spirit that runs through everything in the



Cassidy Galaviz

community and it's the spirit that motivates people to research their history and the spark that initiates those crafts. The more Cherokee I learn, the more I understand that these things are better expressed in the language, and we don't have the right vocabulary in English to really convey that meaning or the essence that was developed here."

Bennett said filming in Eduts and his brother Mike Wachacha's garden was one of the more spectacular parts of the project. "The history and that connection and to be able to go there and it's not just on paper. I think that's the biggest thing is real world experiences in the places where the language has been spoken forever."

With encouragement from Eduts' wife, Jeanne, Bennett captured parts of Eduts' funeral for the film. "I got the invite to the funeral from Jeanne, and I went to the service at the church in Snowbird without a camera, and I just wanted to be there for this community that I love. So, Jeanne was actually the one who encouraged me. She's like, 'He always wanted to be in front of the camera. He always wanted to tell the story. This is no different and you shouldn't think of it as anything different.' I was very reluctant in that moment because this is my family now, and I didn't know if it was right to bring a camera, but when Jeanne wanted it, I felt like it was kind

of my duty to make sure that that was preserved with everything else, and I'm so glad that I did. I stayed very in the background the whole time. You can see how my style of filming was different in every other moment than that. "It was hard, but it was beautiful. And seeing CLMAP [Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program] and Dadiwonisi come out and sing, I think it was exactly what he would want. And I think the final line from the film, 'I think that they can still see us and that they're watching over us,' I felt like he was there that whole time."



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EBCI Higher Education continues Summer Youth College Experience Program

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Higher Education office recently completed their most recent Summer Youth College Experience Program (SYCEP), a five-week long high school program for EBCI rising freshmen to rising seniors.

"We take them throughout driving-distance universities and give them tours. We hit all of our MOU schools, we do professional development activities, and we take them on a ropes course and rafting trip at the end of the year. They also talk to different tribal programs, as well as the hospital and casino to get an idea of potential careers," said Brittany Beck, manager of EBCI Higher Education.

"We know that some students might not have the ability or the means to go tour colleges during the year or at all. So, it's an opportunity for students to be able to go and just kind of see what different colleges are out there and which one might fit them."

Beck said the students also participate in a cultural week during the first week of the program. "We eat traditional foods. We go to [Kituwah Preservation Education Program] and they do a language lesson with us. We go to the Oconaluftee Indian Village and the Museum of the Cherokee People. The museum does traditional games with them. This year the Qualla Boundary Public Library did a finger-weaving class with them. We did a clay mask proj-



The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Higher Education office recently completed their most recent Summer Youth College Experience Program (SYCEP), a five-week long high school program for EBCI rising freshmen to rising seniors. Students are shown on a tour of Cherokee Indian Hospital. (Photo courtesy of EBCI Higher Education)

ect this summer and a cornbead necklace activity. We also go to the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum and tour that. Last year we did a corn shuck doll class with Amy [West]. We did a bean bread class with

Myrtle [Driver Johnson]. They really like it, and it's just to kind of get them all together and start it off the right way."

Amy West, fiscal/student services supervisor for EBCI Higher

Education, said the program also offers a way for students to meet the higher education staff and develop mentor/mentee relationships. "It's good that they get to meet the staff, especially those who are getting ready to start the process with higher ed just in general because then they can put a face to the email they're having to send. Just the other day, one of our students from last summer came in and was getting his paperwork done for school, and he was really excited and was just telling me everything and before he left, he just hugged me and thanked me and I was like, 'Oh my gosh, we really do make that impact. It's important.'"

The program is also a paid opportunity, giving students professional experience. "We do ask for full participation for the five weeks, and they do get paid and we expect them to be here every day unless something comes up like sickness or a preplanned vacation," Beck said.

"That's a nice part of it is the camaraderie that the students can come out with, and I think most of them remain close, because they were together for five weeks every single day. They do a full week at Western Carolina University where they go and stay in the dorm rooms to get the full college experience there. That's what we call our Judaculla Week," she said. Applications for the program open April 1 and close May 1. There are 15 spots, first come first serve with priority given to rising juniors and seniors and those who have never participated in the program.

ASK A THERAPIST

Supporting someone after miscarriage

By BROOKE BARRETT, LCMHC

Question: *My friend recently had a miscarriage, and her family's acting like she should just move on. They're not giving her any support. How can I be there for her? Are there tips or resources I can share to help her through this?*

Answer:

I'm really glad you asked this. Miscarriage is far more common than many people realize. About 1 in 4 known pregnancies ends in

miscarriage. That means if you think of four women in your life: friends, coworkers, neighbors, family, statistically, one of them has likely experienced a miscarriage. But unlike a tragedy the whole community sees and gathers around, miscarriage is often invisible. It's a deeply personal loss that can happen silently, with few people even knowing it occurred. This quietness can make it feel especially lonely, especially in a culture that doesn't always know how to acknowledge grief that can't be seen. When someone experiences a miscarriage, it's not just a medical event, it's often the loss of something deeply personal: a baby, a future, a dream. And when family or friends act like it shouldn't be a big deal or expect someone to be "fine" quickly, that pain can feel even heavier.

It sounds like you are wanting to navigate supporting someone and offering what means the most in this time...connection.

Your friend may be grieving in silence while the world keeps moving. Simply knowing that someone sees her pain and wants to be there can be incredibly healing in itself. Oftentimes grief is so uncomfortable for people that they treat it like a sickness or plague that they must avoid at all costs so they don't catch it too. It's lonely and isolating to grieve alone, we aren't meant to do it that way. What Grief Really Looks Like Most people have heard of the Stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, sadness, and acceptance. What you might not know is it isn't linear and doesn't actually follow a neat path. It's not something you move through like a checklist. It

comes in waves. Some days might feel lighter, and others hit out of nowhere. That's all normal.

There's also no finish line where you suddenly feel healed and balloons fall from the sky that say "Congratulations you are finished grieving now, good job!" AND grief won't consume your entire being forever, either. Over time, it softens. You learn how to carry it. It becomes part of your story, but not the whole thing.

The Quiet After the Storm

One of the hardest parts of grief happens after the first few weeks. In the beginning, people may send texts or meals. But then the check-ins slow down, and everyone else moves on. For the person grieving, though, that's often when it starts to feel the most lonely. Like everyone else can go back to their worlds while you are still piecing what's left of yours together.

Even a small gesture like a text weeks or months later that says "I'm thinking of you" can mean so much.

What Not to Say (Even If You Mean Well)


People often want to help but accidentally say things that hurt. Your friend might hear:
"At least it was early."
"You can try again."
"Everything happens for a reason."
"You should move on."

These comments can make someone feel like their grief doesn't matter. Instead, try:
"I'm so sorry."
"This really hurts."
"You're not alone."
"I'm here if you want to talk or just sit."

You don't need perfect words. Your care is what matters most and naming the reality instead of

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Understanding Fort Cass and its importance

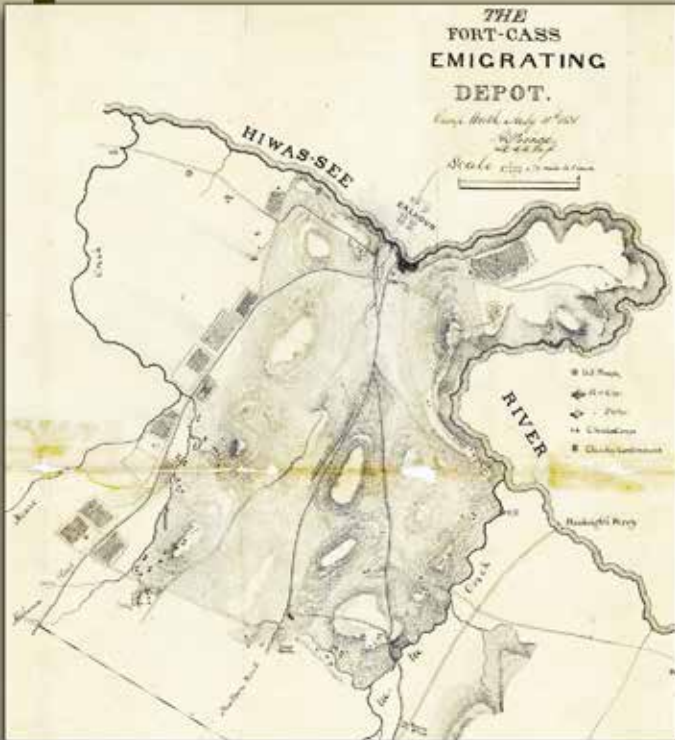
Darwin Key's schematic maps illustrate a network of forts and routes used during the removal process. Fort Cass—established at the Cherokee Agency—was a key immigration depot, one of the primary places where Cherokee prisoners were consolidated.

The agency itself, dating to 1820, was situated at a ferry crossing on the Hiwassee River. Established after the Treaty of 1819, it became the administrative center for U.S. dealings with the Cherokee Nation. The location later transformed into Fort Cass during the 1830s removal operations.

Winfield Scott, then the highest-ranking U.S. military officer, took command at Fort Cass. Due to fears of cholera and overcrowding at western destinations, Scott granted a delay in the removal. However, Georgia's refusal to allow Cherokee return created a humanitarian crisis, requiring emergency camps and provisions.

Map of "The Fort-Cass Emigrating Depot" by Lt. Henry Prince, July 11, 1838

Source: Dr. Brett Riggs., 27th Annual Trail of Tears Conference Presentation



tiptoeing around it can be most helpful.

Ways You Can Support Her

- Acknowledge the loss. If she had a name or nickname for the baby, use it if your friend finds comfort in that. That recognition can be deeply meaningful.
- Offer specific help. Bring a meal, walk together, offer to watch her other kids. Concrete actions are easier to receive than “Let me know if you need anything.” In the thick of grieving, don’t ask someone to create a To Do list for you on top of everything else they are navigating.
- Stick around. Grief doesn’t end after a few weeks. A simple check-in later on especially around her due date or holidays can offer comfort.
- Let her lead. She may want to

talk, or not. Just being there without pressure is enough.

If You Are the One Grieving

If you’re the one going through this loss, here’s what I want you to know:

What you feel is real. There is no “right” way to grieve. Some days you might cry, some days feel numb.

You’re allowed to rest. Grief is heavy it’s okay to slow down. You’re not broken. You’re responding to something deeply painful.

You are not alone. Others have walked this path and survived. You will, too.

Summary

Grief is messy and there is no right way to do it. If you are the one grieving, there isn’t a final stage where everything is back to

normal, but there is a place where your grief softens and life becomes more livable again. The bottom line: Grief isn’t a detour, it’s part of being human. Whether you’re walking through it yourself or supporting someone else, remember this: it won’t always hurt this much. The pain changes shape. And through connection, presence, and time, you’ll carry it with more ease and more meaning. As Francis Weller writes in *The Wild Edge of Sorrow*:

“Grief is not a feeling; it is a capacity. As we grow our heart’s ability to hold sorrow, we grow our ability to hold joy, gratitude, and beauty. They live in the same bowl.”

Grieving isn’t something to get over, it’s something to honor. And in doing so, we stay open to love, even after loss. And you might even have a friend that cares so deeply for you, they reached out to Ask a Therapist so they could find ways to help you know you aren’t alone.

—Brooke

Helpful Resources

–“The Miscarriage Map” by Dr. Sunita Osborn: A gentle, honest

book about healing after pregnancy loss

–Therapist search words : Use PsychologyToday.com to find a therapist who specializes in grief, trauma, or perinatal loss

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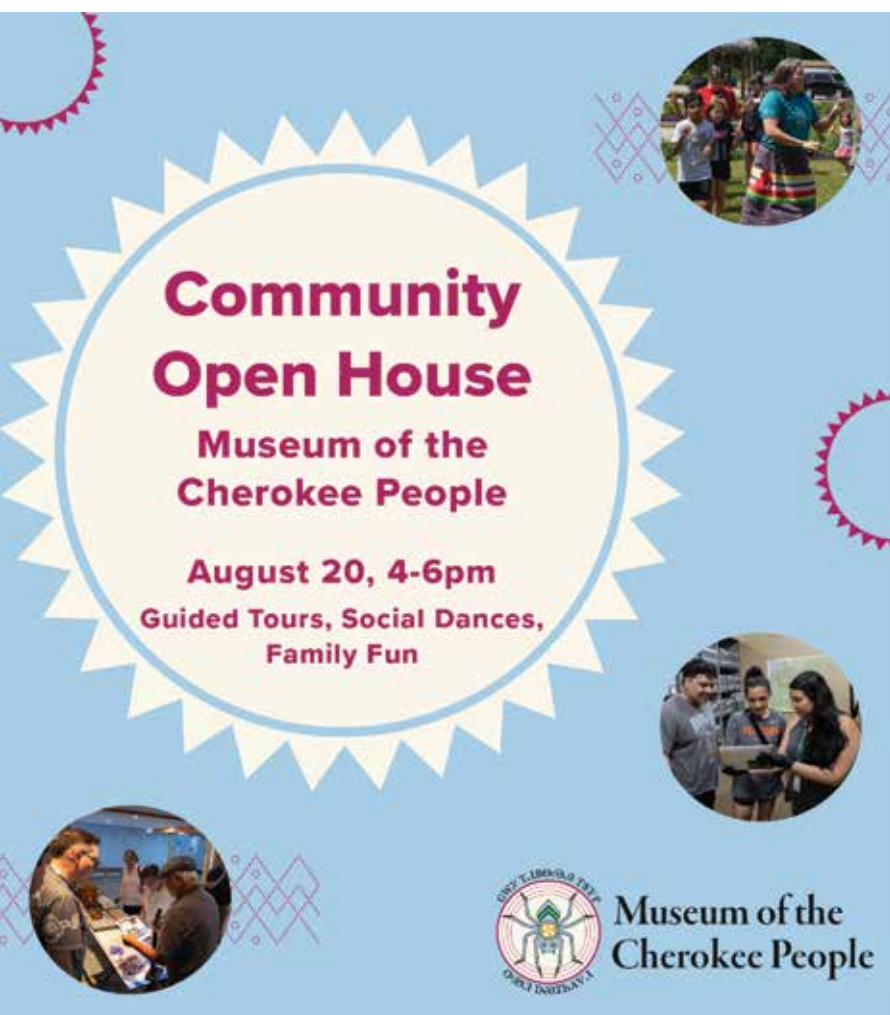
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THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from the family of Carol Bradley

The family of Carol Bradley would like to thank everyone that came by, brought food, sent flowers, said a prayer, and cared for Carol. Thanks to Tsali Care, the EMT’s and Connie who checked on her every day. Thanks to the grave diggers, pallbearers, Ben Reed, and Melvin & Zena for the beautiful songs. We appreciate all of you!

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Harold George

Harold George, a cherished member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians passed away on Monday, Aug. 4, 2025, at the age of 71. Born on Sept. 20, 1953, in Cherokee, N.C., Harold led a life filled with love, laughter.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Elaine Pazol-George; his children, Chadwick "Smoky" George, Heather Singleton, Karla Brookshire, and Channing George all of Cherokee; four step-sons, Mark, Mel, Cary, and Todd Pazol; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. His legacy lives on through his aunt, Betty-Lee George; siblings, Ruby, Carol, and Peggy George, and a wide network of relatives including brothers-in-law, Bill and Brian Waldroup, and sisters-in-law



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Aneva Turtle-Hagberg, Debbie Waldroup-Chiltoskie, and Jennifer Waldroup-Garafola and numerous nieces and nephews; and best friends, Eddie Kanott, Bud Smith, Omer Buchanan, and John D. Long

Harold was a skilled carpenter, dedicated to providing quality housing through his work with Qualla Housing. Beyond his professional life, he was an avid guitar player and singer, sharing his talent as a member of Bethabara Baptist Church and partaking in the Bethabara Quartet. A proud sportsman, he shone as a standout player for the Cherokee Basketball Team in the 1970s under coach Doyce Cannon and continued his passion on the Men's League basketball team, The Leftovers, at the Qualla Civic Center, coached by Buddy Waldroup. Sundays were special for Harold as he spent time playing basketball with family at Uncle Johnny and Aunt Bessie Long's home in DeWitt Owle Holler, creating cherished memories that will be remembered for generations.

Harold's warmth and infectious spirit will be celebrated on Friday, Aug. 8 starting with a family viewing at 12:15 p.m., followed by a public visitation at Crisp Funeral Home at 1 p.m. A heartfelt funeral service will take place at Crisp Funeral Home at 2 p.m., Pastor Evan Brown will officiate. Following the services, his remains will be cremated, with disposition scheduled for Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. in Bryson City, N.C. Left behind are countless friends and family members who will carry forward his love for music, sports, and family gatherings, ensuring that Harold's vibrant spirit continues to shine bright in their hearts.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Columbus George,

Juanita "Speedy" Sheehan-George; his daughter, Amanda George; his son-in-law, Brandon Singleton; a brother, Billy-Ray George; a nephew, Jim Miller; and a niece, Kathy "Rimp" Conseen.

R. Leo James

R. Leo James, 86, of Whittier, N.C., passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Born Nov. 11, 1938, in West Palm Beach, Fla., to Rollie and Sarah James, Leo's childhood was marked by hardship and hope. Growing up in modest circumstances, he foraged for discarded produce from the local grocer. He didn't own a new pair of shoes until after high school - yet never lost his optimism, grit, resilience, and faith to carry him through. Even then, those qualities shone through. He embodied determination and pride - whether playing high school football or singing in both the school and church choruses. In 1956, he even graced the cover of the Florida Future Farmers of America magazine.

After graduating from high school, Leo enlisted in the Florida Air National Guard, a commitment that opened doors to higher education. He attended the University of Florida and, to help pay tuition, sold Wear-Ever pots and pans door-to-door - a job that led him to meet the love of his life, Sandra Faye Dunlap. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Jacksonville University and a master's in music from Florida State University. A passionate musician at heart, Leo often dreamed of one day bringing his voice to Broadway's stages.

Faith and education were the twin cornerstones of Leo's life. A devoted member and former

Minister of Music at Sylva First Baptist Church, he shared his gift for song both within the sanctuary and throughout the wider community. While teaching in Jackson County, he founded the choral program at Sylva-Webster High School. During an eight-year tenure on the Jackson County School Board, he championed the creation of Smoky Mountain High School. He remained a tireless advocate for academic excellence and the arts. He then extended his vision to higher education by serving on the Board of Trustees at Mars Hill College and on the Board of Directors of Southwestern Community College, shaping opportunities for generations to come.

Entrepreneurship was another pillar of Leo's life. For over 55 years, his visionary business acumen helped shape Cherokee's local economy. Alongside Sandra, he operated multiple businesses on the Qualla Boundary - including the Dairy Queen, the Pizza Inn, and many others - creating steady employment and opportunity for countless families. Through these ventures, Leo not only built thriving enterprises but also deepened community bonds and mentored young people entering the workforce.

Leo developed a lifelong love of traveling to Hawaii and, in his later years, delighted in wintering in Arizona - yet his heart always remained in the Great Smoky Mountains. At his home of 50 years, one of his favorite pastimes was tenderly tending his summer tomato plants. He was an avid traveler, loved mystery novels, was an enthusiastic Florida State football fan, and was a natural storyteller who never met a stranger - always ready with a warm greeting or an encouraging

word.

Leo is survived by his devoted wife of 62 years, Sandra; his sons, Rollie (Beth) and Christopher (Piret); and seven cherished grandchildren, Hannah, Samantha, Ethan, Jargo, Emma, Tristan, and Allegra. He also leaves behind three sisters - Sallie Watson, Rachael Parrish (Larry), and Eleanor Echols (Renza) - and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepfather Barney Collier, and his sister Esther Collier

His family takes comfort in the promise of Scripture: “‘Well done, my good and faithful servant...’” —Matthew 25:21
“It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”
1 Corinthians 13:7

A service celebrating Leo’s life will be held on Friday, Aug. 15; visitation at 11 a.m., service to follow, at Sylva First Baptist Church, with Rev. Ed Beddingfield and Rev. Joe Yelton presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to: Qualla Volunteer Fire Department P.O. Box 303 Whittier, NC 28789

He was a steadfast mentor, a loving father, and a cherished friend whose wisdom, kindness, and unwavering support touched countless lives. Leo’s legacy of faith, family, resilience, and community stewardship will continue to inspire all who knew him and remain a guiding light for generations to come.

Until we meet again, may his example guide our hearts and light our way.

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Winston Carl Wolfe Welch
Winston Carl Wolfe Welch, of

the Big Cove Community, passed from this earth on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025. Winston lived with mental health struggles that, while invisible, were a heavy burden. His suffering has ended, and he is lovingly being laid to rest by his family and friends. Winston’s presence will be forever missed. He lived his life close to family in Cherokee, N.C., and McGrath, Alaska.

His fun-loving personality made him a joy, and he will be held in the hearts of many. Winston was at home anywhere and made friends wherever he went. His life was filled with wonderful experiences such as fishing in the ocean, moose hunting with his Dad, bear-watching for his berry-pickin’ Mom, Linda and Dave, and eating Eva’s homemade double fudge brownies. He loved jokes and joking around with everyone. Winston was also a talented chef, with cooking being his greatest passion. His handmade tortillas and refried beans were the bomb! He had a curiosity about everything. He loved to collect Hotwheels, pipes and tobacco, and antiques with interesting stories. Winston’s youth was marred by many painful surgeries due to neurofibromatosis, but Winston said he was having a childhood filled with the love of his life, Sarah Strickland, and kittens Yuki and Suki. They enjoyed driving in the mountains, picnicking, swimming, arts and crafts, gaming, and each other’s company.

Winston was preceded in death by his special grandmothers, Grandma Geraldine Walkingstick and Little Grandma in Tucky, Marion McClellan; grandfathers, Johnny Welch and J.T. McClellan; and uncles, Carl Welch and Jonathan Porter.

Winston’s surviving family, so important to his identity, are his father, Kevin Welch and mother, Sarah McClellan-Welch; sister, Eva Welch; fiancée, Sarah Strickland; aunts, Betty Maney, Mary Thompson, Grace Lauver, Carlene Welch, Billie Jo Rich, Mimi Porter, Holly McClellan, Brigitte McClellan; uncles, John Welch, Landon McClellan, and Robert Lauver; and special family, Emma and Nate Hensley and Linda and David Shelborne.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, Aug. 9 in the Chapel of Long House, with burial following at Welch Cemetery at the top of Galamore Road. Pallbearers were friends and family.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements

Brandon Cruze Daniel “B”
Brandon Cruze Daniel “B” passed away peacefully at his residence in Cherokee, N.C. on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025. He was the son of the late Myranda Ann Daniel.

In addition to his mother, Brandon is also preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Carolyn Ann Wolfe and Charles Wolfe of Cherokee, who raised him his entire life from the age of 12.

Brandon leaves behind family and friends who loved him dearly: one sister, Kristian Daniel (Kevin Watty); four nieces, Myranda Sherrill (Ioshi), Addison Sherrill, and twins Harli and Charli Sherrill; a newly great nephew, Nech “Fat Boy” Tsatoke; his two aunts, Heather Panther (Dudley) and Christy Daniel both of Cherokee; and his two cousins, Corbin Wolfe and ShaShoni Panther who he looked to be his “Other” younger two siblings. Growing up, most of their lives were raised in the same

household. In addition to his Cherokee family, he also leaves behind beloved family in Georgia, special cousin, Steven Cain (Mandy); uncle, Ricky Cain (Lindy); and aunt, Pam Weldon (Greg), all of Commerce, Ga., along with many more family and friends.

Brandon’s hobbies include anything outdoors, such as hunting, fishing, riding ATVs, and back in Georgia, working in chicken houses, farming and gardening, along with going to Cow Sales. Brandon loved his family and had a true heart of gold. You couldn’t have met a nicer guy than him.

Services were held on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Charles Wolfe Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dalton Maney, Dudley Lequire, Jose Santoyo, Kevin Watty, Donald Wolfe Jr., and Kirsh Bird.



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By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiyi (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

As we enter the last laps of the mid-term election process, it is a good idea sometimes to go grab a cup of coffee (or tea if that is your beverage of choice), get in a comfy, peaceful place, and ponder those things you hear or pick up during an average day on the Rez. You know, things that you don't know the answer to, and you are really not sure if there is a good answer for them. Like, when someone is asked, "Why are we doing it this way?" and they answer, "Because this is the way we have always done it." Or, if you ask someone, "Shouldn't the government share this important piece of information?" and they respond, "If the government wants you to know, they will tell you." You know, those things that make you go "Hmmmm..."

I thought we might ponder in commentary just a few of those allegedly bottomless questions that may or may not ever be answered to our satisfaction. Things we just put on the bookshelf of the mind and let collect dust throughout a political season, which for us is never-ending. For example... Does the tribe factor in that you can never truly own a piece of property on the Qualla Boundary when they start talking about assessing a "fair market value" to properties they are "selling" to tribal members?

We all know that outside

the territorial homelands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, property rights are slightly different. You may actually buy and sell property, to whosoever you choose lock, stock, and barrel if you like. But because our land is held in trust by the federal government, Cherokee land cannot be sold to anyone other than another tribal member (for our own protection). My understanding is that the provision is in place to prevent us from selling away our homeland, piece by piece. Back in the day, land was much more abundant on the Boundary because many of our people would move away when they came of age to work. After all, before the tribe's foray into adult gaming, living wage jobs were pretty scarce on the Boundary. But now the jobs are here, and more of us are staying and wanting to buy and build on the Boundary. So much so, in fact, that lines or lists have formed of people who want or need parcels to build homes on or are seeking a spot in one of the housing complexes that the tribe has established. Wouldn't it be unfair to say the market value is fair if the standard that has weight is based on full ownership of the property, when ownership looks more like a lease agreement than an ownership transfer? Hmmm...

Do we have a right to view all sessions of Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) except for those items deemed confidential by the Code, necessitating a vote to go into closed session with a majority of the weighted vote needed to take the discussion off the air?

You may assume that the video presentations of Dinilawigi sessions are the official record of the meetings, since there is no consistent written transcript nor

official minutes distributed to the tribal community, but you would be wrong. While the videos are provided on the EBCI Communications social media, EBCI Communications serves as the conduit for the tribal government. EBCI Communications does not make the decisions on when and if sessions are served to the public. The decisions regarding the viewing of those videos are made at the discretion of the government and are not subject to regulation by law. Now, because there is no law regulating the video distribution of the Dinilawigi sessions, the video stream and recording may be blocked or removed by the governmental leadership.

Sometime in the past two years, a policy was implemented that effectively banned the release of any financial information to the general public. But it also effectively blinded most stakeholders and stockholders of the EBCI, which is the tribal community, from seeing or hearing financial information. A very confusing division of types of information resulted from this new policy: public information, community information, and confidential information. So far, the struggle between "transparency" and "tribal security" has not found a middle ground. With the combination of the ability to discuss and deliberate off-air at will and the current embargo on and hazy definition of privileged information, do we really have checks and balances in our government? Hmmm...

Do we have the right to see and review all legislation that is being presented at a Tribal Council session for consideration and vote?

Current law requires that proposed ordinances be tabled

at least 25 days (Cherokee Code Sec. 117-38) so the community has time to see the proposed law, and Dinilawigi representatives may inquire of their community members as to support for the direction of the ordinance. But before a piece of legislation comes up for a vote, during the discussion process, and at the discretion of the Dinilawigi, a "substitution" may replace the language of a proposed ordinance. And this essentially new ordinance (because the substituted language has not been seen by the community and has differing language from the original proposed ordinance) may be voted on without another thirty-day waiting period. And since some or all of the discussion as to why the substitute language has been introduced does not have to happen in the public eye (see the previous paragraph), the community may not know exactly what is in a piece of legislation until minutes before it is voted into law (sometimes we don't know until after the vote and the language is requested and published). Hmmm...

Listen, I am not trying to be critical of those who are charged with being "keepers of the tribe's purse strings". I have my friend and Aniwodihi (Painttown) representative, the late and honorable Tommy Saunooke, for that term. I remember her every time I think of it. I am being a little sarcastic, but that is in my nature. It is a natural thing to shake our fists at government. It does some things we just don't understand, many times because we are kept in the dark, sometimes for legitimate reasons, sometimes not, and sometimes out of negligence. As "they" say, it is just the nature of the beast. And it isn't that I think I am the one-stop shop for information and wisdom.

I know that I am far from it. But I know what I know. I know that more heads are better than one when an important decision hangs in the balance. I know that knowledge is more powerful when it is shared than when it is hoarded. I know that if we were crabs in a bucket and we feel better pulling those down back into the bucket who are trying to climb up rather than climb out with them, we are destined to die at the bottom of a bucket.

In another life, I was once removed from a management position that I enjoyed and, according to the excellent performance evaluations I received year after year and the kudos I got from the net-

work of professionals with whom I collaborated, I was pretty good at. But for some reason, one never really revealed to me, I was told that I was being replaced. Now, when I got an audience with my boss, he told me that the company simply decided to go in another direction. No mention of my doing a poor job, just that I didn't fit their (his and his consultants') vision. I will never forget his parting words. "It's nothing personal. Don't take it personally." Hmmmm...

As we start the final lap of this election season, in advance, I would like to thank each and every Dinilawigi representative for their service and for taking on the great responsibility of legislating for

our community. I think you have worked well in a very challenging environment. Having a two-year window to make a difference for your community must be a nerve-racking proposition. With the relatively small number of voters in each community, it is not beyond reason that successfully being seated on Council could be decided by a handful of votes, which would make electioneering and governance even more of a challenge. And thank you to those who are seeking offices from outside. You have contributed to your community in various ways and now seek to sit in the seats of governance. I appreciate you for stepping forward to offer your wis-

dom and experience to make your community better. All, incumbent or not, who have that heart for service are commendable.

Just a quick note to Aniwo-dihi Representative Dike Sneed. Dike, I want to thank you for your valuable service to our tribe. You brought forth good legislation and stood tall when some of that legislation proved unpopular. Standing for your beliefs, especially when it goes against the grain of popular opinion, is never easy, and you did it with heart and integrity. And in that spirit, you now go home voluntarily to take care of your family. I wish you well as you continue your life journey. I am praying for you and yours.

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

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COMMENTARY

Concerns on constitutional referendum

By HANNAH SMITH

As the Constitution Convention gears up to vote on how to proceed with a constitutional referendum for registered voting members of the EBCI, I wanted to comment on something that has puzzled me and that is worrying me.

I am puzzled why there is an assumption among some that EBCI can repeal and replace the laws that form our government in a simple, singular referendum question that essentially asks: Vote “yes or no” to replace these old

laws with all these new laws.

I worry because I’m among my fellow tribal members that believe the laws that form our government are outdated. I believe it is urgent that legal guarantees for a full judiciary to complement separation of powers and checks and balances exist in the legal foundation of tribal government. I want guaranteed individual rights to enforce when government action may violate them. I would also be interested in voting for other common-sense laws for a stronger, modern government.

I worry about the history of failed constitutional reforms at EBCI and that in our excitement to ride the popular support for legal changes, we’re forgetting that EBCI has its own legal system, its own laws that aren’t the same as BIA rules that ushered in the pre-

vious “repeal and replace” method of legal re-form for EBCI.

Before EBCI holds a referendum allowing the people to vote for new constitutional laws, we must ask two questions: (1) Does EBCI law govern referendum law-making? And (2) If so, how do we adopt new constitutional law that is safe from legal challenges?

To assume a repeal and replace question asking “yes” or “no” to a collection of new laws that would institute a new government, repealing the old, is dangerous. We have been conditioned by BIA that this method is legal. This method was legal under the federal Indian Reorganization Act. But much has changed and EBCI law is now paramount as a self-governing tribe. Chapter 161, Section 9 of the Cherokee Code governs referendum elections at EBCI, providing registered voters a right to vote for or against a law or issue through a referendum election.

“All registered voters shall be eligible to vote on a referendum issue.” Sec. 161-9(c)(9).

The word “a” is singular. Registered voters have a right to vote on one issue at a time, separately, but for multiple issues or laws in the same election. In fact, this standard was utilized in the original 1986 constituting process and thereafter in 1995 when the Charter was amended to add eminent domain protections.

“A referendum is the people’s ability to vote on ballot questions approved by Tribal Council.” 161-9(a).

The word “questions” is plural. Council would approve each question on a ballot just as the Election Board does in the pre-certification process when a law or issue is presented through the petition process by tribal members.

“The Petitioner’s Committee

shall submit the proposed referendum language and the text explaining the proposed action to the Board of Elections for review to pre-certify the referendum issue/question as consisting of only one issue or question prior to collecting signatures on the petition.” 161-9(c)(5).

I don’t see that a repeal and replace approach to the entire collection of laws forming our government is the authorized procedure under EBCI law. I do see an approach for repealing and replacing, or adding, or subtracting one law at a time exists. I worry that getting the legal process wrong now could result in another failed attempt to improve our lives and cause general confusion about the legitimacy of the Cherokee Code and the EBCI government itself. I believe repealing and replacing entire tribal governments is federal law tactic, long outdated for modern tribal governments.

To avoid litigation and possible failure of this important, long-needed, effort to improve our futures under EBCI governing law we must respect the rule of law. Our forbearers’ determination to self-govern deserves this respect. Doing this will ensure a successful tribal referendum that rejuvenates the EBCI into a modern government as we have all come to expect and deserve.

Smith is an EBCI tribal member living in Whittier, N.C.

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LGBTQ should have equal rights in EBCI

This is an EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Election Year. Please do not vote for any candidate just because its someone you know or because they waved at you once at Food Lion. Remember, most of these Council members voted against our ᑭᓄᑦ ᐃᓄᐃᑦ (different spirit LGBTQ) rights! Remember also, most of them will vote against recognizing our marriages and basic rights granted to other citizens of our tribe again when given the chance. Traditionally, we Aniyvwiya did not ostracize, politicize, judge, nor demean our members. Nor did we, in any way, deny any member of our nation any rights given to any other member simply for being LGBTQ. ᑭᓄᑦ ᐃᓄᐃᑦ ᑕᑦᓂᑦᓂᑦ! All Aniyvwiya (that's us) are the same!

I do read our histories and old documents and I will tell you this, I have never read in any document where it said marriage was denied to LGBTQ persons. I have not read that we treated them any differently. As a matter of fact, there are traditional marriage ceremonies for same sex couples. As Aniyvwiya we are not 2 spirit - we are nudaᓂᑦ ᐃᓄᐃᑦ - and it is said that we see things from both sides, male and female; whereas, others can only see it from the sides of their respective sexes. We are a bridge between the two sexes, being able to show them the view from the other side and help bring about understanding.

If you do not agree with how we live our lives that is fine. We do not ask anyone for their approval for being ourselves. We simply

ask that you keep your religious beliefs out of it when you vote on Aniyvwiya rights. Remember that we are, first and foremost, members of this tribe as well as your constituents! The way we live our lives is not a crime, it is not a reason to deny anyone equal rights, and it is not open for examination or judgement. We bleed the same color, many of us have served in the armed forces, we have the same feelings, we feel love just like everyone else, some of us have children too. We don't have extra toes, we don't hate any of you and no, you can't become gay by associating with us. We are not contagious.

Nobody, not one LGBTQ person should be unable to get married on the Rez nor be unable to have their marriages recognized. We shouldn't be unable to take care of our partner's last wishes or be denied survivors benefits given to everyone else. No Aniyvwiya should be denied any rights given to any other one. There are precious few of us, and we don't need to divide ourselves.

Everyone has someone in their family who identifies LGBTQ whether you know it or not. Please do not vote against us this year. For those of you who are out and those who are not, watch who you vote for. Remember that we are all Kituwah, we are all equal, we are all one people! Stand together as one, do not discriminate!

Jordan Oocumma

EBCI Tribal member from Wayohi (Wolfstown) currently residing in Franklin, N.C.

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Better teachers

Part 1 of 2

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D

(<https://preacherspurs.com>)

Scripture References: 1 Timothy 2:3-4, Matthew 28:19, Mark 12:30-31, James 2: 1-9, and John 13:35

I hope to encourage church fellowship to follow God's commission and commandments to make disciples who love one another. My young family and I joined a church that created its deaconship by filling it with influential men of the county, rich men, and long-time church owners/operators. These men steered, and the congregation followed, as did the hireling under-shepherd. During a concerted effort to reach out to the surrounding community, the pastor, in a brave moment, assigned pairs of church members to visit local trailer parks and low-income housing areas. I was paired with an influential local school board member. After visiting several people and one single-wide park trailer containing a beautiful young family, my partner decided he had had enough cold calling. He said there was no future in getting these people to join our church. He reasoned that they don't have any money to give, and most are no-talent losers with needy little kids. He said these words I'll never forget, "These are not the people we want in our church. They are a drain on us." I left that church within weeks of that discussion. That church has never grown and suffered pastor after pastor. That church's members couldn't understand why they lost so many pastors. They were sure they would increase if they only had a good preacher.

There are a plethora of studies on the improvement of education. For over a hundred years, master thesis studies and doctoral dissertations about school improvement have abounded. Conclusion after conclusion, statistics upon statistics prove the same thing. Many doctoral evaluators or dissertation committees will not allow another study on that topic unless it is unique. The conclusion from nearly every study comes down to one primary driving factor. If you want to improve teaching in

the classroom, improve the teachers who do the teaching. More money isn't the answer, and neither is gee-whiz technology. You don't need more teacher assistants or better principals, either. Though they might all help, the most significant impact comes from having a better teacher. Studies about years of experience, new teachers versus veterans, expensive school graduates, money increases per child in the classroom, etc., no factor comes close to the conclusion that better teachers improve schools. So, the question is, what makes a good teacher? The common findings are that a good teacher loves to teach and wants to impact their students positively. More importantly, each student feels accepted and encouraged to learn.

You cannot teach how to love students or create that desire for any teacher who doesn't have it. Individually, teachers who have it can lose it, and others can start without it and gain it over time. Unfortunately, school systems and Boards of Education think that all it takes is to throw more money at the teacher problem if their school needs improvement, but they are reluctant to throw more money at the teacher. Sound familiar? Administrators continually make the mistake of thinking that staff development, the flavor of the month programs, in-classroom techniques, and even better students are the key to school improvement. None of it comes close in comparison to better teachers. Does more money make a better teacher? Not often, but it might.

The parts of this discussion about teachers also translate to preachers and pastors. Take that any way you want to. Teachers don't like to hear it either.

So, you ask, what makes a good preacher or pastor? Well, you can separate them if you want, but I'll contend that what makes them both better is the same thing: adding a good infusion of the Spirit of God to the mix. There is no greater love for one another or a congregation than the love infused with God's Spirit.

Let me start over. People will not care for what you have to say until they know how much you care. The best churches I've ever been part of are those where most of the congregation show one another genuine love. That love begins with God and is poured upon the congregation by example. The congregation's best example of love is Christ. He is the example for the pastor, leaders in their church, and each other. It's all biblical, and you all know it.

If that kind of love is lacking in your church, revival needs to begin from the pulpit. Sometimes a member or a visiting pastor can bring revival or start an outpouring of the Spirit that brings revival, but it should be in the pastor's job description, and if it is not, I pray it already dwells in you. Your church can have a good music program, lights, talented musicians and singers, a beautiful building, and if you don't have love, all you might have is Show-Time on Primetime Sunday morning. God is love, and worshipping and glorifying Him should be Primetime all the time.



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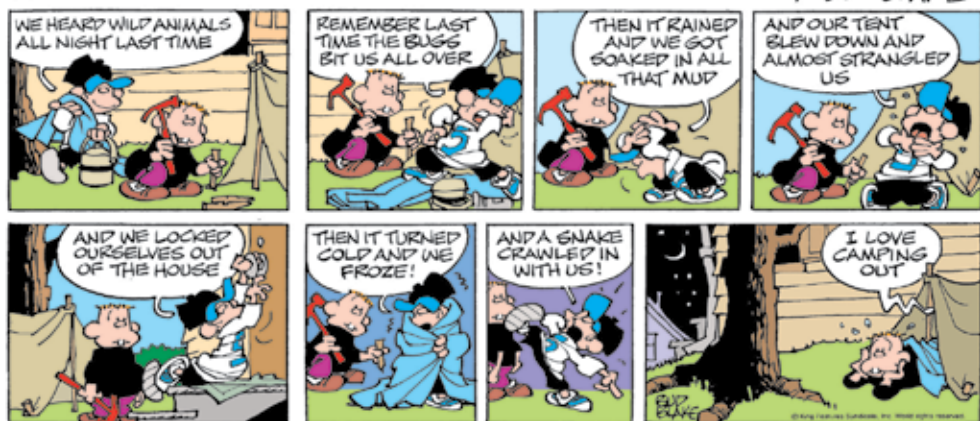
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Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I was born...*

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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

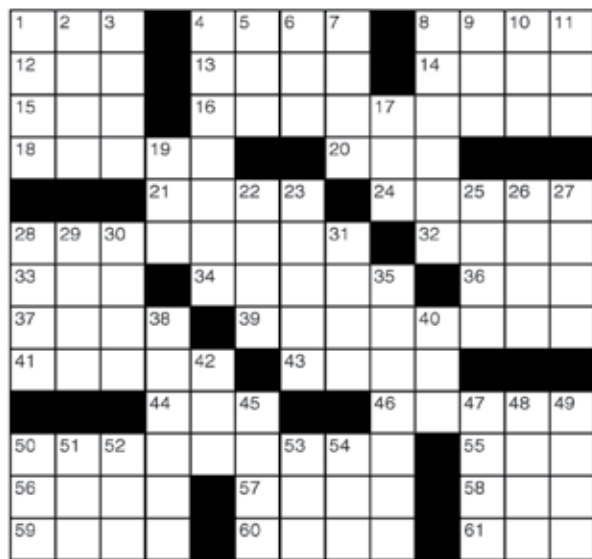
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Answers: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Sign is longer. 3. Sailboat is smaller. 4. Skirt is added. 5. Pocket is added. 6. Boy is moved.

King Crossword

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- 1 AWOL pursuers
- 4 Lab sci.
- 8 Beach crawler
- 12 Fair-hiring letters
- 13 Corporate symbol
- 14 Aware of
- 15 — pro nobis
- 16 Long-haired feline
- 18 Windshield cleaner
- 20 Hide-hair insert
- 21 Elite alternative
- 24 Bar legally
- 28 Three digits after 1
- 32 Lighten
- 33 Auction action
- 34 Tools for duels
- 36 — Na Na
- 37 Beatnik's assent
- 39 "The danger has passed"
- 41 Aquarium favorite
- 43 Morales of "Jericho"
- 44 Non-dairy milk type
- 46 Bounds
- 50 "Play it cool"



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- 56 Challenge
- 57 — Domini
- 58 Whatever
- 59 Egg on
- 60 Harvest
- 61 Reuben bread
- 7 Earth circler
- 8 Sandpaper type
- 9 GOP org.
- 10 — glance
- 11 Droid
- 17 Caviar
- 19 Ecol. watchdog
- 22 Nightclub of song
- 23 "Rumour Has It" singer
- 25 Hit with a stun gun
- 26 Job-safety org.
- 27 Dessert fruit
- 28 Slightly
- 29 Go by subway
- 30 Redact
- 31 Congers
- 35 Edible mollusk
- 38 Food seller
- 40 Fib
- 42 Small battery
- 45 Despot
- 47 Slightly open
- 48 Weak
- 49 Eyelid woe
- 50 Billboards
- 51 Tube top
- 52 Capote nickname
- 53 French article
- 54 Navarro of "The View"

DOWN

- 1 Calico's call
- 2 Actress Gilpin
- 3 Ivory, for one
- 4 "The Silence of the Lambs" role
- 5 Sweetie
- 6 Custard ingredient

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Solution time: 24 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Saudi Arabia?
3. TELEVISION: Ron Swanson is a character on which sitcom?
4. MOVIES: Who is the villain in the animated film "The Little Mermaid"?
5. SCIENCE: What part of the cell contains genetic material?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president established the Peace Corps?
7. HISTORY: Which country is home to Botany Bay, an early British colony?
8. MATH: Who is known as the father of geometry?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did the Great Smoky Mountains National Park open?
10. MYTHOLOGY: What animal did Zeus turn into to kidnap Europa?

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1. Ohio; 2. Riyadh; 3. "Parks and Recreation"; 4. Ursula; 5. Nucleus; 6. John F. Kennedy; 7. Australia; 8. Euclid; 9. 1940; 10. Bull

Trivia Test Answers

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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

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

Community Open House. Aug. 20 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. Guided tours, social dances, family fun.

MANNA Foodbank Community Market. Aug. 21 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (or until food is gone) at the Wolftown Gym outside court at 27 Long Branch Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. This event is free and open to all community members. Stop by for free grocery staples, produce, and other perishables. Info: (828) 359-6934 or megastam@ebci-nsn.gov

Honoring Long Person: An Indigenous Vision for Stewarding Our Waterways. Sept. 5 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting at the Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Complex in Cherokee, N.C. This is a community-led river cleanup. Free breakfast served by NAIWA. Materials, equipment, and planning provided. Register at: <https://forms.gle/L3VTG-sci6egWWLyN7>

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 Sept. 14.

Cherokee History & Stories.

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

Fingerweaving Fridays. Fridays from Aug. 15-Sept. 26 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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**Rose, a
9-year-old
Golden Doodle,
lives with her
human,
Gail Parker,
in Tow String.**



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in Cherokee, N.C. Join Lead Atsila Anotasgi Cultural Specialist Nola (EBCI) in a crafting circle. Bring a project you're working on or begin a new weaving using materials brought from home or sourced from the Museum's selection. Beginners and experienced weavers welcome; instruction available. This opportunity is free of charge and registration is not required.

Qualatown Makers. Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio in Cherokee, N.C. Qualatown Makers is a free opportunity to gather as a group and be together while working on art. The goal of this group, organized and

hosted by Museum of the Cherokee People, is to perpetuate Cherokee art and knowledge-sharing. Bring your own craft; all artforms are welcome. Coffee will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own snacks.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

Carni-fied Health Fair. Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 300 Cherokee County Senior Center Dr. in Marble, N.C. Sponsored by Snowbird/Cherokee County Community Health. Info: Nickki Key-Fabian (818) 629-1901

Autism Support of North

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your honesty might upset some people. But you inevitably win more admirers for having the courage to tell the truth when others are more likely to scramble for cover.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your efforts to defend your project begin to show favorable results. You should soon be able to win over even the most determined detractors who had lined up against it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You win praise for your selfless efforts in a very difficult situation. But be careful not to allow your generous nature to be exploited by those who have their own agenda.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A trusted colleague sheds light on a recent spate of puzzling workplace situations. This should give you the information you need to bring the matter to your superior's attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A shift in workplace management could be helpful for talented Leos and Leonas who have been waiting to have their accomplishments rewarded by receptive leadership.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding between you and someone you care for should be corrected immediately. This relationship is too important to lose over a bruised ego.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) A welcome piece of good news helps clear the air in a family situation. A job-related incident also eases as more information provides a clearer focus on the problem.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Quick action to heal bruised feelings pays off in a big way. Now you'll be able to move forward with your plans without a problem holding you back.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your creativity combined with a positive attitude should give you a considerable edge in finding a way to get around the negativity you've run into.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A sudden streak of stubbornness could cause some problems. Try to be more open to helpful suggestions and more flexible in making needed changes.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Now that a special relationship appears to be well and truly restored, you can spend more time dealing with some long-needed workplace changes.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new opportunity sounds promising, but watch out for any conditions that might be attached. Before making a decision, ask that each opportunity be explained in detail.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can often get distracted by promises of good times, yet you ultimately reach the amazing goals that you set out for yourself because of your determination.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

When the punishment isn't enough

It's most disturbing when one in a position of authority, someone tasked with the specific job of helping veterans, turns out to be a thief. This is what came to light recently when a Veterans Service Representative (VSR) pleaded guilty to stealing money from the very veterans he was supposed to help.

The scammer broke a federal law when he solicited and accepted gratuities for helping veterans prepare their claims for retroactive disability benefits. He had his hand out for between 10 and 20% of each veteran's benefits after their claims were approved — while he was employed by the VA.

He's scheduled to be sentenced later this year and could get five years in prison, as well as a hefty fine.

Then we have the scammer nailed for identity theft and stalking. By stealing personal information, he was able to stalk victims online and in person, do transactions at their banks, change the routing information for their direct deposits, impersonate them at banks and other places, change their account information — and have their benefits terminated. This criminal could have been given a sentence of 164 years. But no, five years it is. Why is that?

Then we have a former CEO of a Veteran Service Organization (VSO) who scammed money in federal grant funding that had been given to a nonprofit shelter for homeless veterans. He'd submitted multiple applications for the grant funding, claiming it was for counseling services that nobody ever got, and put over a million dollars in his pocket from the VA and a cool half million from the Department of Labor. His punishment could be only 10 years in prison.

Interestingly enough, there is a man with the exact same name in the same location who once claimed to be an investment counselor and had a radio talk show and who went to prison for scamming banks ...

Is he back? Is this what happens when the prison sentences are too short?

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Is crate training working for this hyper puppy?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My best friend adopted a puppy a few months ago. Training seems to be going well: "Freya" gets regular walks, and she heels pretty well and responds when called. However, my friend uses a kennel crate, and whenever Freya acts up (which is pretty normal for puppies, right?) she puts her into the crate. I don't think crates should be used as punishment. What's your advice? — Glen in Marietta, Georgia

DEAR GLEN: While you're correct that a crate shouldn't be used as punishment, crate training a puppy can get complicated sometimes. Those little guys are wriggly, fast and always a bit hyper. The line between "calm and relaxed" and "zooming around your ankles" is paper-thin.

Before giving your friend advice about how to crate her dog, ask a tactful question or two. Like, "How do you know when it's time for Freya to go into her crate?" or, "Freya is so good at going into the crate on command. How did you accomplish that?" Owners are often willing to reply in detail about their training method, especially when it's working well.

Signs that it's not going well are when both owner and pet seem stressed near the crate; when the dog is deeply reluctant to enter the crate, or even fearful. If the owner is yelling or yanking the dog's leash or collar, that's not a good sign; there's a bigger issue than the crate happening.

Ideally, both owner and dog should be relaxed, calm and happy around the crate. That's a huge help in crate training, because Freya will associate the crate with those emotions (and treats). You could point your friend to the AKC's page on crate training: www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/how-to-crate-train-your-dog-in-9-easy-steps.

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

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Carolina's Jackson, Swain, Qualla Boundary Support Group meeting. Aug. 13 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dora Reed Center multipurpose room at 897 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. An evening of autism support. Light refreshments and water provided. Info: Candy Ross (828) 359-2203, candross@ebci-nsn.gov or Amanda Bradley 359-2204, amanbrad@ebci-nsn.gov

National Breastfeeding Month Indigenous Milk Medicine Celebration. Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Complex in Cherokee, N.C. Info: Alyssa Roseman or Kim Lambert at EBCI WIC (828) 359-6237

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course. Aug. 18 – Dec. 20 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and approximately one Saturday a month from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The course, offered by Cherokee Tribal EMS, is free. Info: Eric Mayhew, EMS training captain, at eric-mayh@ebci-nsn.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.)

HIP Committee. Aug. 13 at 8:30 a.m.

Parks & Rec. Committee. Aug. 14 at 1 p.m.

Roads Commission. Aug. 18 at 9 a.m.

Timber Committee. Aug. 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Planning Board. Aug. 18 at 1 p.m.

Budget Hearings. Aug. 19 at 8:30 a.m.

Budget Hearings. Aug. 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Qualla Housing Committee. Aug. 21 at 1 p.m.

Budget Hearings. Aug. 22 at 8 a.m.

Budget Hearings. Aug. 26 at 1 p.m.

Budget Hearings. Aug. 27 at 8 a.m.

POW WOW LISTINGS

Crow Fair. Aug. 13-19 in Crow Agency, Mont. Emcees: Ruben Little Head, Darrin Old Coyote, Sylvan "Buzzy" Covers Up, Dale Old Horn, Robert "Corky" Old Horn. Info: Noel Two Leggings (406) 970-5379, crowfairpowwow2025@gmail.com

47th Wichita Annual Dance. Aug. 14-16 in Anadarko, Okla. Emcees: Cy Ahtone and Normal Clark. Head Singer: Jeffrey Lightfoot. Host Drum: Traditional Drum Grasslodge. Info: Beth Parker (405) 247-2425, wichitadancecommittee@wichitatribe.com

Mille Lacs 59th Annual Traditional Pow Wow. Aug. 15-17 at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Pow Wow Arena in Onamia, Minn. Info: <https://millelacsband.com/>

Neyaashiinigiing 40th Annual Traditional Pow Wow. Aug. 15-17 at Cape Croker Park in Wiarton, Ontario, Canada. MC: Beedahsiga Elliott. Host Drum: Little Soldier. Hometown Host Drum: Chippewa Travelers. Co-Host Drum: White Tail Cree. Invited Drum: Smoke Trail. Info:

Rachel Renfrew at communications@nawash.ca

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi. Aug. 15-17 in Shakopee, Minn. Emcees: Redwing Thomas, Juaquin Hamilton, Whitney Rencountre. Host Drums: The Descendants, Mato Pejuta. Info: Martin Mitchell (763) 353-0024, martin.mitchell@shakopeedakota.org

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Contest Pow Wow. Aug. 15-17 at Uyxat Pow Wow Grounds in Grand Ronde, Ore. Emcees: Howie Thompson and Marty Thurman. Host Drum: Midnite Express. Invited Drums: Southern Cree, Hay Creek, Fort Peck Sioux, Iron Swing, Wakinyan Luta. Info: www.grandronde.org

American Indian Council Inc. Annual Pow Wow. Aug. 16-17 at Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ind. MC: Lou Bell. Host Northern Drum: Burning Cedar. Host Southern Drum: Strong Heart. Invited Drum: Black Hand. Info: Kirsten Wamsley at indianaaic@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

Cherokee Cancer Support



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

Steve Kemp Presents "An Exaltation of Parks: John D. Rockefeller Jr's Crusade to save America's Wonderlands". Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. Kemp will share his new book, "An Exaltation of Parks: John D. Rockefeller Jr.'s Crusade to Save America's Wonderlands".

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

New Echota-Cherokee Capitol hosts "Come Fly with Me: birding hike!". Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. at the New Echota State Historic Site at 1211 GA225 in Calhoun, Ga. The Ranger guided hike will be traversing the nature

trails to the beaver pond, the best birding spot on the entire site. The ranger will discuss the different species of birds that call New Echota home along with some species that have vanished from our local landscape. Rangers will also be discussing the relationship between birds and the Cherokee and their significance to their culture. Info: Interpretive Ranger Amanda McCollum – Williams (706) 624-1321

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

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

CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CLUBS

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

Big Y Community meets the

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

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

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

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

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“Tuff” Jackson (828) 788-4088, dwayne4251@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

p.m. Pastor Tim Barker

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday 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.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Thessalonians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Genesis 38, who was the first individual killed by God for being wicked? *Cain, Er, Onan, Gomorrah*

3. How long had the woman been sick that touched the hem of Jesus' garment? *1 month, 6 months, 3 years, 12 years*

4. From 1 Kings 6, who constructed the first altar covered with gold? *Gideon, Josiah, Noah, Solomon*

5. How often does the Year of Jubilee come around, once every how many years? *5, 25, 50, 75*

6. Which king ordered Daniel into the lion's den? *Darius, Eglon, Herod, Caesar*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Er, 3) 12 years, 4) Solomon, 5) 50, 6) Darius

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscribersite at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Moments in time

• On **Aug. 25, 1921**, Franklin D. Roosevelt was diagnosed with polio — also known as infantile paralysis because it usually strikes much younger people — at the age of 39. He never regained the full use of his legs.

• On **Aug. 26, 1936**, suffragist Susan B. Anthony's likeness appeared on a U.S. postage stamp that soon sparked some controversy: While some critics claimed it was an election-year ploy for women's votes, others insisted that it showed a cigarette in her lips.

• On **Aug. 27, 1967**, Beatles manager Brian Epstein was found dead from an accidental overdose of Carbrital, a drug used to treat insomnia. A “scared” John Lennon later said that “I knew that we were in trouble then. I didn't really have any misconceptions about our ability to do anything other than play music.”


• On **Aug. 28, 1987**, the Arcadia, Florida, home of Richard, Robert and Randy Ray burned down in what was almost certainly an act of arson. The three young siblings, who were not at home at the time, had already faced severe discrimination due to their HIV status in an era in which the virus was still largely considered a “gay disease.”

• On **Aug. 29, 1914**, the Women's Defence Relief Corps was formed in Britain. Women's rights organizations in Britain at first opposed the country's entrance into the war, but reversed that position after recognizing the war effort's potential to gain advancement for British women on the home front.

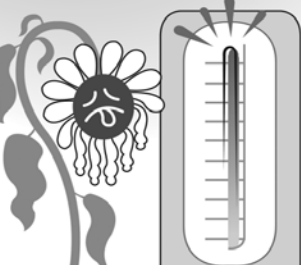
• On **Aug. 30, 2006**, the California State Senate passed the Global Warming Solutions Act, which made California the first state to place caps on carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, including those found in automobile emissions.

• On **Aug. 31, 1888**, prostitute Mary Ann Nichols, the first known victim of a London serial killer called “Jack the Ripper,” was found murdered and mutilated in the city's Whitechapel district. In 1892, with no leads found and no more murders recorded, the Ripper file was officially closed, but criminologists, historians and amateur sleuths still debate his true identity to this day.

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Heat exhaustion



Plants have different ways to deal with high temperatures. Some plants reduce the leaf area exposed to the sun by curling their leaves. Other plants let their leaves wilt, but as soon as the sun goes behind a cloud or sets in the evening, the leaves quickly recover. Many plants, especially trees, cannot do this, so they move water to as much of the leaf as possible, and let the outer edge fend for itself. These edges dry into brown sections known as “summer scorch.” Flowering annuals may react to the heat by producing fewer flowers. — Brenda Weaver

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

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

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

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

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

Christian Acts Church at the

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

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

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

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

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

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MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF



CARMEN ROBLES

RN Manager

Education: Associates in Nursing
Years at CIHA: 11 Years
Community/Hometown: Wolfetown



"I enjoy helping others and working at CIHA ensures that I get to do just that. I choose CIHA because I enjoy giving back to my community and I hope that by working here - I am able to make a difference in someone's life. I also enjoy taking care of our elders as they are the foundation of our community." - Carmen Robles

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p.m., Wednesday night service 7 p.m. Pastor Eric Moore

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Spruce Grove Baptist Church. 780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday evening service

7 p.m., third Saturday singing 7 p.m. Pastor Ernie Cable. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

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

Waterfalls Baptist Church. 82 Waterfalls Church Rd., Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 5 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Praying for a Pastor.

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

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

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

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

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SITE INSPECTION APPLICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Inspection application process begins at Tribal Realty by the property owner. <input type="checkbox"/> The property will be inspected by five tribal departments and will be determined if site is buildable or not buildable.
PROPERTY SURVEY, TRANSFER & RIGHT OF WAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveying requests for approved buildable sites will be done by the Tribal Surveying dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Property transfers will be done by the owner to the home buyer at Tribal Realty. <input type="checkbox"/> The home buyer must own the property for financing purposes. <input type="checkbox"/> All road and utility right of ways or utility easements must be in place before any site work begins.
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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LEGAL NOTICES

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 fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.

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

Dorothy M Walker

P.O. Box 292

Bryson City, NC 28713

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

JOHNSON HOWARD ARCH

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

Chrissy Arch

247 Locust Road

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:

JEROME BROCK PARKER

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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

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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 re-

spond 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.

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

First published this the 30th day of July, 2025.

Jordan R. Israel, Family Safety Program Attorney, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, N.C. 28719 (828)359-1009

N.C. Bar No. 48847

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-076

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

JACK RAY BLANKENSHIP

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Cherokee NC, 28719



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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-077

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

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

Joseph B Smith
1374 Acquoni Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

**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
General Notice**

Qualla Housing Services (QHS) of the Cherokee Indian Housing Division is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for materials and labor to perform the following:
Licensed HVAC company to install

all components in new construction homes.
Lawnmowing services for rentals.
Drywall installation for new construction homes.
Vinyl installation for new construction homes.
Metal roofing installation for new construction homes.
Propane for rentals.
Pest control for rentals.

QHS reserves the right to reject all submissions. QHS reserves the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under this RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Bid packages can be picked up at the warehouse or e-mailed to interested parties. Deliver sealed proposals to the QHS warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is September 5th, 2025, at 12:00 P.M. Please contact Michael Lambert at mlambert@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6841. **8/27**



**Cherokee Central Schools
Job Openings**

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

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

9-12 Cherokee Language Instructor
K-5 Student Supervisory Support Specialist
High School Computer Science Teacher
Pathseekers School Counselor (6-12)
K-5 School Counselor
2025-26 College Advising Corps Adviser (To apply visit: advisingcorps.appstate.edu)
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**CHEROKEE INDIAN
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**



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New Positions This Week

Patient Access Specialist – PTI
Patient Access Specialist - Temporary
Outpatient Behavioral Health RN
Diabetes Educator
Medical Social Worker – Primary Care
Galvgwodiya Cultural Advisor (repost)

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

ENGINEERING

HVAC Maintenance Mechanic - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Electrician and Maintenance Mechanic - \$5,000
Hiring Bonus

FINANCE

Billing Analyst II

MEDICAL

Physician (Emergency Department, Primary Care,
Pediatrics)

RADIOLOGY

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

NURSING

CNA/Medical Clerk PTR
Case Management Support – Primary Care
LPN/CMA – Primary Care - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
LPN – Primary Care - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
RN Supervisor-Inpatient (Nights)
TO Specialty Team Care Manager - \$5,000 Hiring
Bonus
TO Care Manager - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
TO Care Manager Float
TO Care Management Extender – Primary Care
TO Case Management Support
Clinical Care Manager - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager Float - \$10,000 Hiring
Bonus
Certified Nursing Assistant – ED - \$3,000 Hiring
Bonus
Certified Nursing Assistant – Primary Care - \$3,000
Hiring Bonus

OPERATIONS

Dental Assistant II
Dental Hygienist
Dentist - CIHA and Satellite - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Dentist-Pediatrics - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Medical Lab Technician - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Optometrist

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Licensed Practical Nurse - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
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Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

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All applications and job descriptions are available at
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Closing Sunday, August 17, 2025

1. Public Relations Assistant & Media Designer – Health Delivery – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
2. Administrative Assistant – Tribal In Home Health – Public Health & Human Services (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour)
3. Breastfeeding Peer Counselor – WIC – Public Health & Human Services (L5 \$15.00 - \$20.28 per hour)
4. Firefighter (Multiple) – Fire Department – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Fire Lieutenant – Fire Department – Operations (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Manager – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird/Cherokee County (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)
7. Teacher Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
8. Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
9. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant – Kituwah Academy – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
10. Administrative Assistant – Kituwah Academy – Education (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour)
11. Education Specialist – Higher Education – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
12. Recreation Supervisor – Cherokee Life Recreation – CERS (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
13. Plumber Assistant – Qualla Housing – Housing (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
14. Truck Driver/Operator – Infrastructure – Housing (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
15. Heavy Equipment Operator – Infrastructure – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
16. Lieutenant (Investigations) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L17 \$37.07 - \$46.34 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
17. Senior Associate Attorney General – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L20 \$125,070 - \$166,774)
18. Buyer – Budget & Finance – Treasury (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. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
9. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
11. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
12. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
13. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
14. Maintenance Technician – HELP – Education (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
15. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)
16. Carpenter – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
17. Cannery Operations Coordinator – Cooperative Extension – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
18. Truck Driver/WWT Maintenance – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
19. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
20. Supervisor (HIS/Inventory) – Tribal Construction – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
21. Environmental Regulatory Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)



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The selected applicant
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and sexual offender
screens.

Payroll direct deposit is
mandatory. Indian
preference does apply
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Cherokee Boys Club
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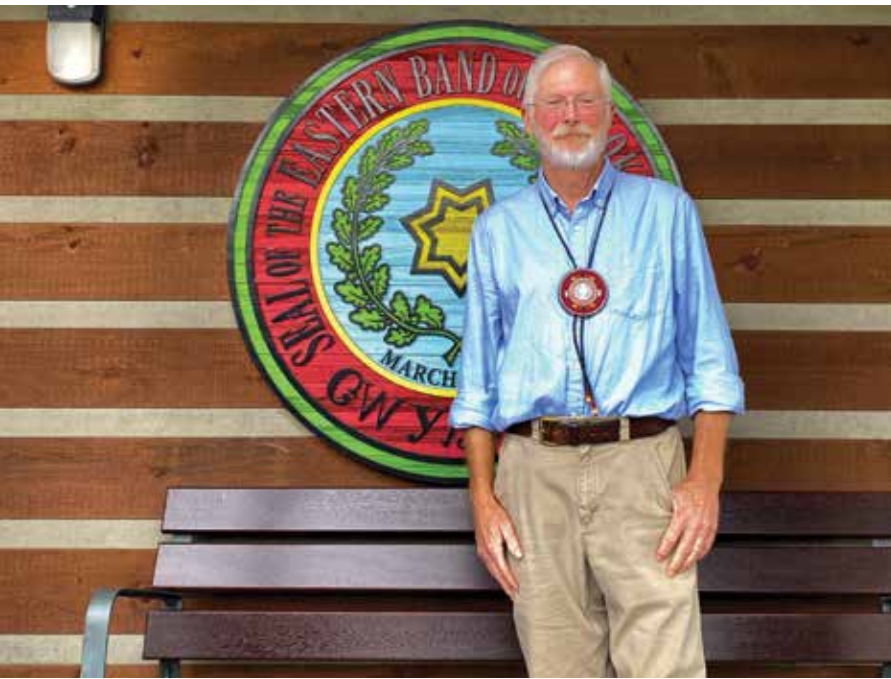
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Honorary member

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passed legislation unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Aug. 7 to make Dr. Brett Riggs, Ph.D. an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The resolution states that he "has spent the last 40 years leading archaeology work that has uncovered vast amounts of history of the Cherokee in North Carolina". The current Western Carolina University Sequoyah Distinguished Professor of Cherokee Studies, Dr. Riggs is also an at-large member of the National Trail of Tears Association Board. (Photo by Chi Shipman/Qualla Boundary Public Library)



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Marching band

Sarah Smith, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Elawodi (Yellowhill) and an eighth grader at Swain Middle School, has made the Swain County High School Marching Band where she plays saxophone. This is her third year in band. (Photo contributed)



Half marathon

Ayla Cruz and Matthew Bruneel, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, completed the half marathon at the Ninja 1M, 5K, 10K, 15K, and Half Marathon event held at Commons Park in Royal Palm Beach, Fla. on Saturday, Aug. 9. (Photo contributed)

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