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“A place of peace”

Tohi Edasdi Recovery
Community Center
opens officially

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – “This is a dream come true,” said Samantha Bradley just prior to cutting the ribbon on a new facility that will provide a friendly face and a caring heart to those in active addiction or those on their recovery journey. She helped open the new Tohi Edasdi Recovery Community Center located in Wayohi (Wolftown) in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, July 29.



Samantha Bradley, center, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the western regional director at Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness, cuts the ribbon to officially open the Tohi Edasdi (A place of peace) Recovery Community Center in Wayohi (Wolftown) in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, July 29. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

Tohi Edasdi is part of the

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Quote of the Week

"The whole basis is to get families together... it's great to see the families come out."

- Ugviyuhi
(Principal Chief)
Michell Hicks
speaking about the focus of the annual Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby

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TOHI EDASDI: From front page

Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness program which describes itself as “a nonprofit staffed entirely by Certified Peer Support Specialists who draw on their own lived experience of recovery from mental health and/or substance use challenges to support others”.

Bradley commented on the staff of the Center, “We’re all peer supports. We’re all in recovery from something - substances or mental health.”

She spoke of her own past with addiction. “When I was into my addiction, here on the (Qualla) Boundary, I was what they call a chronic relapser. I call it a chronic overcomer. But, I kept going back over and over. At the time the Hospital didn’t have all the fancy long-term...now we have this beautiful continuum at the Hospital, which is amazing. But, at that time I got sent to Asheville for treatment and that’s how I got in contact with Sunrise.

In 2016, I came out of treatment and they were doing this beautiful work. We hire peer supports, we’re giving people a chance, we pay them a living wage, and to be able to support people where they’re at. My dream has always been...I love Asheville and Asheville has a lot of resources, but I’m not from Asheville. I’m from Cherokee. I’m EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) and this is my home and I felt like my people deserved more.”

According to Sunrise, peer support specialists can help people find some of the following services: wellness options; MAT (medicated assisted treatment); food, clothing, and hygiene supplies; employment assistance; community navigation; transitional housing; help obtain-



Bradley spoke to the crowd and said, in part, “We hope that we can help someone. I just want to be able to help someone make it to the next day.”

ing an ID; harm reduction services including Naloxone; and education/training.

Sue Polston, Sunrise executive director, stated, “I just wanted to thank everybody for coming out here, and thank the Tribe and everybody that has given us this opportunity to be here. As Samantha said, I supported this 100 percent, but I knew I couldn’t do it. I’m not from here. I don’t know the culture. But, every one of these folks back here do and I am so privileged to have them on our team and have every one of you all here today. This is a bigger turnout than our Asheville drop-in center.”

On the Center, Bradley said, “What it is, in essence, is a place where people can just come and be. They don’t have to be here for any reason. They don’t have to be sober. They don’t have to be in recovery. They don’t even have to be on the track to recovery to be just a community member. It’s just a place to come. And, in our place

specifically, Tohi Edasdi, is a place of peace. We want you to feel like you’re at peace when you come here.”

She thanked the Woltown Community Club for their support. “Woltown Community Club has been super supportive. We’re in their community. When we came in, we didn’t want to step on

anybody’s toes so we would just go around and introduce ourselves. Woltown opened their arms to us and has given us training space when we didn’t have it.”

Pat Oocumma, of the Woltown Community Club, praised the work of Sunrise. “They are those that have found themselves and what I see in them - leaders, peers, warriors, and not sugar-coating anything. No judging.”

Bradley further noted, “Our main thing is showing people that we’re going to show up for them no matter what. We’re going to show up.

The idea is Tohi Edasdi, ‘A Place of Peace’. We’re right on the river. We’re going to keep culture at the forefront...It’s free. It’s low-barrier and we connect people with what they need.”

Everyone is welcome, Bradley stressed. “We hope that we can help someone. I just want to be able to help someone make it to the next day.”

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Chief Report for June 2025

Submitted by the Office of Ugvwiyuhi
(Principal Chief) Michell Hicks

June was a month of continued progress, service, and reflection. From honoring our history and strengthening our government relationships to celebrating the hard work of our youth and public servants, we stayed focused on building up our Tribe together.

On June 2, we sent off the 2025 Remember the Removal Riders as they began their journey to retrace the path of our ancestors. This was a commitment to understanding our history and honoring those who walked before us. Later in the month, I had the privilege of welcoming them in Tahle-

quah, Oklahoma, alongside Tribal leadership. Congratulations to Jamy Queen, Daryl Martin, Freida Saylor, TW Saunooke, Mary Caley, and Nathaniel Cummings-Lambert. Your dedication represents the very best of who we are.

We also welcomed our 2025 Summer Interns into the workforce. Vice Chief Ensley and I had the opportunity to meet these young professionals, who are now working across various departments, including the Executive Office, Tribal Education, and Facilities. These internships are part of our long-term investment in preparing the next generation to step into leadership roles and serve their community with purpose.

On June 11, the newly renovated Yellowhill Community Building officially reopened to the public. It was great to see our communi-

ty members gathering again in a space that holds so much history and significance for so many. Father's Day gave us the opportunity to recognize the important role our fathers and father figures play in the lives of our children. We thanked all the men who stepped up, whether by blood or by bond, to lead, support, and guide the next generation.

We also recognized World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, continuing to bring attention to the importance of protecting our Elders. Our traditions teach us to respect our Elders and listen to their wisdom, and we must ensure they live with dignity and safety.

One of the most impactful events in June was a free toy and goods giveaway made possible through collaboration between EBCI Veterans Services, PHHS,

Toys for Tots, the Christian Appalachian Project, and Good360. Thank you to USO and Gerard Ball for organizing the event. More than 1,500 children and 750 families received items, showing the power of partnerships when focused on serving our people.

I visited both the soccer and lacrosse camps hosted by the EBCI Recreation Department. Each camp welcomed over 70 kids, a strong turnout that reflects growing interest and talent in Cherokee youth sports.

We issued a proclamation for Juneteenth, recognizing the end of slavery in the United States. This was a reminder of how far this country has come and how far we still have to go in the pursuit of justice and equality for all. June included valuable meetings with leadership from the Cherokee

Space for Rent

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is inviting qualified businesses with proven expertise in restaurant operations/management to submit proposals for leasing space in the Downtown Horseshoe area, specifically in the Cherokee Village Parcel No. 104-B, which encompasses 3,650 square feet.

Businesses interested in becoming a tenant must provide a complete proposal detailing their expectations and plans for the space. This proposal package can be obtained by contacting RJ Arneach, Commercial Property Specialist, at the EBCI Commerce office at 828-508-0749 or rjarne1@ebci-nsn.gov.

All completed proposals must be submitted to the EBCI Enterprise Development Office by the close of business on Wednesday, August 13th, 2025. Proposals should be sent to RJ Arneach, Commercial Property Specialist-Commerce Office, 810 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719, or via email at rjarne1@ebci-nsn.gov. It is essential that proposals are submitted according to the guidelines outlined in the proposal package.



Nation and the United Keetoowah Band. As the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes, we remain committed to maintaining strong government-to-government relationships and working together on shared priorities.

I was honored to attend the 14th Annual Cherokee Indian Hospital Gala. The funds raised from this event directly support the Cherokee County Clinic, demonstrating our commitment to strengthening the healthcare system for the future.

We also showed our support at the Mountain High School Summer Jam, where three student teams proudly represented Cherokee Central Schools. The event welcomed 40 teams to Cherokee for three days of competitive basketball.

During our Quarterly Managers Meeting, we reviewed current priorities and discussed strategies to strengthen operations across all departments. These meetings are critical for aligning our budgetary planning with the real needs of our enrolled members.

A Town Hall Meeting was held to update our community on the Tribe's financial standing, departments, and upcoming initiatives. It's essential that our people stay informed and have the opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns.

Later in the month, we welcomed representatives from the VA and SAMHSA to the Council House. These federal programs are essential in helping our veterans access mental health, housing, and support services. No veteran in our community should ever feel alone or forgotten.

One of the more moving moments this month came during a visit to the Language Speakers Building. Students from the Cher-



okee Language Master Apprentice Program and Dadiwonisi Program sang songs in our language to first-language speakers. That's what language preservation looks like: intergenerational connection and pride.

We also celebrated a significant milestone: our Public Health and Human Services Division has

achieved national accreditation. Only six other tribal nations in the country hold this distinction. This reflects our team's hard work and commitment to delivering high-quality, culturally grounded care.

Lastly, I addressed the arrest of Swain County Sheriff Curtis Cochran, who was charged with

multiple felonies, including assault on a female and sexual battery. Our administration continues to follow developments in this case and remains committed to protecting the safety and well-being of our enrolled members.

As we move into the second half of the year, I remain confident in the direction we are headed. There's still more work to do, but we're seeing real momentum in infrastructure, health, education, and financial growth. Our focus remains steady, and our mission remains the same: to serve our people with transparency, responsibility, and a heart for the community.

Coming Up:
Cherokee Elders Day
Aug. 28

Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

Bills we're currently watching

H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act). This House bill would place 76 acres of land in eastern Tennessee into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians. Included in that land are the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, the Chota Memorial, and the Tanasi Memorial sites.

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

Action: This bill was passed in the House by a voice vote on Feb. 4.

It was received in the Senate the next day and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S.107 (Lumbee Fairness Act). This Senate bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group.

Introduced: Jan. 16 by Sen. Thom

Tillis (R-N.C.)

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

H.R. 474 (Lumbee Fairness Act). This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. This bill is identical to S. 107.

Introduced: Jan. 16 by Rep. David Rouzer (R-N.C.)

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

S.761 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act). This Senate bill would establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies. According to Congress.gov, "Among other duties, the Commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools."

Introduced: Feb. 26 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. It was "ordered to be reported without amendment favorably" by the Committee on March 5. No further action has been taken on this bill.

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


Introduced: March 27 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawaii)

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

H.R. 2929. (Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe recognition bill). This House bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of

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Rhododendron: There are two species of rhododendron native to western North Carolina, Catawba rhododendron (*Rhododendron catawbiense*), which has purple-blooms, and the Great Rhododendron (*Rhododendron maximum*), which has pink-white flowers (pictured here).

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

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

S. 2160 (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, 2025 by Sen. Gary C. Peters (D-Mich.)

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

H.R. 4276 (To amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act). The text of this bill is not currently available online. According to congress.gov, this bill amends the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act “to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

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

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

S. 2211 (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 sup-

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

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

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

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: Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.) on July 16, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:

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11th District Congressional Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.): <https://edwards.house.gov/contact>

Eminent Domain

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Legal Information Institute of Cornell Law School states, “Eminent domain refers to the power of the government to take private property and convert it into public use, referred to as a taking.”

The Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 discusses the concept of eminent domain without mentioning it by name. Sec. 1302(a)(5) states “No Indian tribe in exercising powers of self-government shall take any private property for

a public use without just compensation.”

A paper by John Beaty, entitled “Tribal Eminent Domain: Sovereignty Gaps and Policy Solutions”, appeared in the Winter 2025 issue of the New Mexico Law Review and discusses tribes’ usage of eminent domain as a direct usage of sovereignty.

That paper states, “Not only is there no evidence that Congress has stripped tribes of the power of eminent domain, but Congress also appears to affirmatively recognize it. ICRA (Indian Civil Rights Act) applies federal constitutional rights to tribal members against tribal governments. Specifically, the Act imports language mirroring the Fifth Amendment’s Takings Clause, barring tribal governments from ‘taking private property for the public use without

just compensation’. This provision demonstrates that Congress understood tribes to have the power to take property for the public use. Notably, it also shows that Congress knew of the existence of the power and chose to modify rather than abrogate it.”

The power of eminent domain is referred to in several parts of Cherokee law, namely the Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Section 24 of the Charter states, “Whenever it may become necessary, in the opinion of the council to appropriate to public purposes for the benefit of the Tribe any of the lands owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and occupied by any individual Indian or Indians of the Tribe, the Council may condemn such land for the aforesaid purposes only by paying to the occupant of such land the value of such improvements and betterments as he may have placed or caused to be placed thereon, and the value of such improvements or betterments shall be assessed by a jury of not less than six competent persons, who are members of the Tribe, under such laws and regulations as may be prescribed by the Council. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will not use eminent domain under this section or any other Tribal or Federal laws to take an individual Tribal member’s possessory holding except for bridges, roads, power lines, schools, hospitals, or sewer and water lines. Each Tribal member shall receive proper notice, proper hearings, and proper compensation for their lands.”

Cherokee Code Chapter 40 is dedicated to Eminent Domain. It was established with the passage of Ord. No. 19 on Nov. 7, 1991 which officially adopted the Cher-

okee Code stating, “The Cherokee Code containing the general laws and ordinances of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians enacted by the Tribal Council through June 30, 1991 as presented to the Tribal Council on this date is hereby adopted by the Tribal Council as the official codification of the laws and ordinances of the tribe.”

Sec. 40-1 states, “The Tribe shall have the power to condemn land within the Cherokee Indian Reservation whenever such land is deemed by the Tribal Council to be necessary for a public purpose. The exercise of eminent domain shall be initiated by the Tribal Council passing a resolution identifying the land to be taken for a public purpose, the possessory holder and leasehold tenants and the purpose for which the land will be used.”

Sec. 40-2 deals with compensation for the land holder and states, “The possessory holder or leasehold tenant shall be compensated for such condemnation by payment of the value of the improvements or betterments placed on the land.”

If a price cannot be agreed upon, Sec. 40-3 states that it will be determined in Cherokee Court. “The Tribe shall file suit in the Cherokee Court and deposit with the Clerk a sum equal to the Tribe’s appraised value of the improvements or betterments. The actual value shall be determined by a jury of six tribal members.”



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By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, July 21 in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 3:58 p.m. by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Co-Vice Chairperson Tara Reed-Cooper led roll call. Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Widagalinidigv (Big Y)

rep.; Micah Swimmer, Aniwoihi (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; Ashley Leonard, attorney; and Michael Stamper, Tribal Council representative. Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant, and Heather Driver, interim human resources director, had an excused absence.

The opening prayer was led by Swimmer.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert.

CCS Finance Director Debora Foerst presented a financial report, stating that the board's budget remains in good standing. CBC

Finance Director Rhonica Via also provided a financial report, stating that the second quarterly meeting with Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) is coming up on Aug. 21, and she will provide an update at the next school board meeting in September.

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Toineeta. The following resolutions were approved from the consent agenda: * 26-001 REDACTED is approved as the 8th Grade Math Teacher for this school year.

* 26-002 Computer Science Teacher job description update

* 26-010 REDACTED is approved as the CMS Soccer Head Coach.

* 26-011 REDACTED is approved as the Marketing & Media Coordinator/College Liaison/Sports Marketing Instructor for this school year.

* 26-012 REDACTED is approved as the Drama/Theater Teacher for this school year.

* 26-013 REDACTED is approved as the Full Time Substitute Teacher for this school year.

* 26-014 REDACTED is approved as the Cherokee High School Cultural Language Instructor.

* 26-015 REDACTED is approved as the CHS Girl's PE/Health Teacher for this school year.

* 26-016 REDACTED is approved as the Special Education Teacher for this school year.

* 26-017 REDACTED is approved as the Special Education Teacher Assistant for this school year.

* 26-018 REDACTED is approved as the Pre-K Teacher for this school year.

* 26-019 REDACTED is approved as the Cherokee Language Instructor for this school year.

* 26-020 REDACTED is approved as the Cherokee Language Instructor for this school year.

* 26-021 REDACTED is approved as the Special Education Teacher Assistant for this school year.

* 26-022 REDACTED is approved as the Cherokee Language Instructor for this school year.

* 26-023 REDACTED is approved as the Cherokee Language Instructor for this school year.

The following resolution was read into the minutes by Reed-Cooper. Lambert made a motion to approve, seconded by Hyatt. Lambert, Thompson, Hyatt and Reed-Cooper voted to approve, while Swimmer and Toineeta voted to oppose:

* 25-405 REDACTED is approved as the GEAR UP Coordinator for the Cherokee Middle School.

Updates to Policy 8210 Grants and Funding for Special Projects and Policy 7510 Leave were approved unanimously. Policy Brief 3530 A New Focus on Tribal Sovereignty & Native Citizenship was held.

A closed session was held to discuss superintendent evaluation results, a non-renewal employee, two employee appeals, and an employee waiver request. The board entered closed at 4:01 p.m. and exited closed at 7:55 p.m.

In other announcements, there is a Welcome Back Breakfast for CCS staff on Aug. 4 and a Back to School Bash on Aug. 7. More sponsors are needed for the Braves Start Initiative to provide students with new shoes and clothes for the school year. Payne said Journeys is donating new shoes for the initiative.

The board entered a second closed session at 8:49 p.m. and exited closed at 9:23 p.m.

The board adjourned at 9:23 p.m. The next board meetings are scheduled for Aug. 4 and Aug. 18 at 4:45 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.



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Ricky Waldroup
Maintenance Supervisor

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**Cherokee Tribal Court
Disposition Summary for
June 1-30, 2025**

Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court

*Note: The following cases were
disposed of in Cherokee Tribal
Court during the time period of
June 1-30, 2025. The date of each
offense is in parenthesis.*

Ayen, John R
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (May 7, 2024). Reported infraction.

Bernhisel, Emma G.
- No Liability Insurance (May 2, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (April 29, 2023). PJC
- Criminal Mischief to Property (Sept. 24, 2023). Dismissed per plea.
- A&A DWLR Not Impaired Rev (Feb. 16, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- No Liability Insurance (Feb. 16, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Bernhisel, Jasmine L.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 13, 2025). Reported Infraction.

Bigmeat, Matthew D.
- Speeding (April 9, 2025). No Contest/Responsible.

Bigwitch, Christina L.
- Cyberstalking (Nov. 12, 2021). PJC
- Harassment (Aug. 7, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea

Blanton, Tyлина R.
- Exceeding Posted Speed (April 1, 2025). No Contest/Responsible

Bradley, Connie L.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or

While Disqualified (Feb. 16, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea
- Operation of a Motor Vehicle Without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (May 3, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (May 5, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (May 3, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Sept. 12, 2024). Guilty.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Sept. 12, 2024). Guilty

Calhoun, Chad
- Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle (June 2, 2025). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify

Castro, Jose Ines G.
- No Operator's License (May 5, 2025). No Contest/Responsible

Catolster, Dominick A.
- A&A DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 2, 2025). Reported Infraction

Colon Delgado, Miguel A.
- Injuring Real Property (June 2, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.
- Assault with a Deadly Weapon (June 2, 2025). Dismissed due to Lack of Jurisdiction.

Conseen, Venyall L.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Nov. 16, 2024). Reported Infraction

Davis, Corey M.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Dec. 22, 2024). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or

Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Dec. 22, 2024). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify

Davis, Kensen
- Failure to Reduce Speed (Feb. 3, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal
- Failure to Maintain Lane Control (Feb. 3, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal

Ellwood, William S.
- Possession of Firearms, etc. by Felon Prohibited (March 24, 2025). Guilty.
- Possession of Firearms, etc. by Felon Prohibited (March 31, 2025). Guilty.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 1, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Flippo, Robert E.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 11, 2025). Reported Infraction

Gallagher, Emily A.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (June 2, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.

George, Michael J.
- Possession of Firearms, etc. by Felon Prohibited (Nov. 14, 2023). Guilty

George, Kellen M.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Aug. 18, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal

Giraldo Mendoza, Jesus J.
- No Operator's License (Jan. 26, 2025). No Contest/Responsible

Griffin, Terri W.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Oct. 25, 2024). No Contest/Responsible

ble
- Failure to Reduce Speed (Oct. 25, 2024). No Contest/Responsible

Hernandez, Adela L.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 27, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

Hicks, Travis L.
- Criminal Mischief to Property (July 2, 2024). PJC
- Injuring Real Property (July 2, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea
- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (July 2, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea
- Reckless Endangerment (July 2, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea

Hornbuckle, Cynthia R.
- Canceled/Revoked/Suspended Cert/Tag (April 28, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof
- No Liability Insurance (April 28, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

Hoyle, Tsalagi W.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 15, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

Huskey, Jordan D.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 17, 2025). Dismissed with leave

Ivey, Bill E.
- Failure to Reduce Speed (March 21, 2025). No Contest/Responsible

Jackson, Rain E.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Sept. 14, 2022). Guilty.
- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (April 25, 2022). Guilty

James, Cole E.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstruct-

ing Officers (Jan. 20, 2025). Guilty

Johnson, Aia R.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (April 25, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

- Exceeding Posted Speed (April 25, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal

Lambert, Kayleigh L.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 25, 2025). Reported Infraction

Lambert, Robert L.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Nov. 13, 2024). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 23, 2024). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify

Littlejohn, Julian A.

- Child Not in Rear Seat (March 8, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

Littlejohn, Peggy D.

- No Liability Insurance (May 5, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

- Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (May 5, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

- Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (June 16,, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

- No Liability Insurance (June 16, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

Littlejohn, Shira L.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (April 5, 2025). Reported Infraction

Locust, Richard F.

- Driving While Impaired (June 1, 2023). Dismissed, No Labs and/or Discovery Provided

- Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult : Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code (Nov. 20, 2024). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Nov. 20, 2024). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify

Locust Jr., Luke K

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Feb. 1, 2025). Reported Infraction

Lopez, Joseph G.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (March 3, 2025). Reported Infraction
- Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (March 3, 2025). Reported Infraction

Lossiah, Channing V.

- Probation Revocation (Nov. 9, 2022). Admitted
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Feb. 21, 2023). Guilty.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Nov. 8, 2022). Guilty

Maney, Julianna A.

- No Operator's License (March 14, 2025). Reported Infraction

Maney, Siceria M.

- Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2025). Guilty
- Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2025). Guilty

Manzano Molina, Juan Antonio

- No Operator's License (May 20, 2025). No Contest/Responsible

Martin, Jordyn B.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (April 27, 2025). Dis-

missed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify
- Criminal Mischief to Property (April 27, 2025). Dismissed upon Further Investigation

Martin Jr., George D.

- Second Degree Trespass (May 22, 2025). Guilty
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (March 7, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea

Martin, Brandon E.

- Larceny (Feb. 18, 2025). Guilty.
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- Breaking and Entering (Feb. 18, 2025) Dismissed per prior plea
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Martin, Tasheena S.

- No Liability Insurance (April 29, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof
- Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (April 29, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

Matamoros, Ismael V.

- Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (April 4, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

Mathis-Ledford, Aletha M.

- No Liability Insurance (March 4, 2025). Reported Infraction

McCall, James E.

- Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (April 29, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

McCoy II, Timothy J.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (Sept. 13, 2024). Reported Infraction
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (March 5, 2025). Reported Infraction

Medford, Linda G.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (June 24, 2023). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof

Medina, Shoshoni A.

- Exceeding Posted Speed (April 1, 2025). No Contest/Responsible

Molina, Jose D.

- No Operator's License (Nov. 11, 2024). No Contest/Responsible

Monti, Dustin L.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Feb. 7, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea
- Felony Flee to Elude NCGS sec. 20-141.5 (Feb. 7, 2025). Guilty
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (Feb. 7, 2025). Guilty

Morgan, Trevor D.

- Probation Revocation (Sept. 2, 2022). Guilty
- Probation Revocation (Sept. 2, 2022). Guilty
- Probation Revocation (Sept. 2, 2022). Guilty

Nations, Kristy A.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported Infraction
- Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported Infraction
- No Liability Insurance (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported Infraction

Owl, Joshua R.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 13, 2025). Reported Infraction

Panther, Rodney A.

- Second Degree Trespass (Jan. 12, 2025). Guilty
- Larceny (Dec. 30, 2024). Guilty

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Panther, Virgil L. - Expired Operator's License (Dec. 22, 2024). Reported Infraction - Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (Dec. 22, 2024). Reported Infraction - Operate Veh. No Ins. (Dec. 22, 2024). Reported Infraction	Quijada, Emerald F. - Larceny (March 12, 2025). Alford Plea	Rivera, Tyler J - Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle (Jan. 12, 2025). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify	Sequoyah, Johnson L. - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 1, 2025). Reported Infraction - Expired Registration Card/Tag (Feb. 1, 2025). Reported Infraction - Expires/No Inspection (Feb. 1, 2025). Reported Infraction
Parker, Mystical - Second Degree Trespass (Oct. 5, 2024) PJC - Reckless Endangerment (Oct. 5, 2024) Dismissed per plea	Radford, Jake - Drive/Allow MV No Registration (Feb. 2, 2025). Reported Infraction - DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 2, 2025). Reported Infraction - No Liability Insurance (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported Infraction - No Registration Card (Feb. 2, 2025). Reported Infraction	Rosario, Elijah V. - Solicitation (June 23, 2024). PJC - Expired Registration Card/Tag (April 29, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof	Sherill, Edward D. - DWLR (March 13, 2025). Reported Infraction
Parton, Chanda B. - Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Feb. 14, 2025). Guilty - Assault on a Government Employee (April 12, 2025). Guilty. - Injuring Telephone Wires, Wires, or Other Communication Equipment; Interfering with Emergency Communication (Feb. 14, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea - Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult; Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code (Feb. 14, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea	- Failure to Apply for New Title (Feb. 2, 2025). Reported Infraction - No Liability Insurance (Feb. 2, 2025). Reported Infraction - DWLR Not Impaired Rev (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported Infraction - Expired Registration Card/Tag (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported Infraction - No Registration Card (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported Infraction - Failure to Apply for New Title (Feb. 9, 2025) Reported Infraction - Expired/No Inspection (Feb. 9, 2025). Reported Infraction	Ross, Cassius D. - Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Dec. 10, 2024). Guilty	Shuler, April S. - No Liability Insurance (April 29, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof - Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (April 29, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof
Pheasant, Thomas E. - Reckless Driving (Aug. 5, 2024). Guilty. - Probation Revocation (Aug. 5, 2024). Admitted. - Flee/Elude Arrest W/MV (M) (Aug. 5, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea - Driving While Impaired (Aug. 5, 2024). Dismissed, no Labs and/or Discovery Provided	Rattler, George A. - Assault on a Female (Feb. 10, 2025). Dismissed at Request of Complainant and/or Complainant's Failure/Refusal to Appear and/or Testify	Santiago, Hannah M. - Fail Stop Stopsign/Flsh Red Lt (July 18, 2024). No Contest/Responsible	Smith, Pamela - Expired/No Inspection (April 24, 2024). Reported Infraction - Expired/No Inspection (May 17, 2024). No Contest/Responsible
Powell, Daymion T. - Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Oct. 11, 2021). Dismissed	Reed-Littlejohn, Ieton M. - Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 4, 2022). Voluntary Dismissal	Sequoyah, Ryan A. - Disorderly Conduct (June 10, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea - Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (June 10, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea - Resisting Lawful Arrest (June 10, 2024). Guilty - Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public (June 10, 2024). Guilty. - Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (June 10, 2024). Guilty	Smith, Jason D. - Improper Pass Too Close Left (March 23, 2025). No Contest/Responsible
Queen, Rae N.	Reed, Samuel E. - Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (June 12,	Sequoyah, Azuriah K. - Providing Alcoholic Beverages to/Possession of/Consumption	Smith Jr., Timothy R. - Speed Restrictions (Dec. 2, 2023). No Contest/Responsible
			Sneed, Brandon H. - Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (March 28, 2024). Guilty
			Standingdeer, Vicki - Expired Registration Card/Tag (June 4, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof - Expired Registration Card/Tag (Feb. 1, 2025). Voluntary Dismiss-

al Compliance/Proof
- Expired/No Inspection (Feb. 1, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof
Swayney, Darren D.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 12, 2025). Guilty.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 12, 2025). Guilty.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (March 10, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Feb. 10, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea
- Larceny (Feb. 17, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea
Tafoya, Phylicia K.
- Misdemeanor Larceny (Jan. 22, 2025). Guilty
- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Oct. 15, 2024). Guilty
- Second Degree Trespass (Oct. 15, 2024). Guilty
Taylor, Jason S.
- Indecent Exposure (May 11, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea
- Second Degree Trespass (March 13, 2024). Guilty
- Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public (May 11, 2024). Guilty
Thompson, Clara W.
- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Jan. 24, 2025). PJC
- Permit Operation Veh. No Ins. (March 24, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- DWLR Impaired Rev. (March 24, 2024). Dismissed per plea
Tramper, John L.
- Reckless Endangerment (June 12, 2024). Guilty
Tramper, Chanttin T.
- No Operator's License (March

16, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal
Vargas, Luis M.
- No Operator's License (March 8, 2025). No Contest/Responsible
Volkmer-Estrada, Holly K.
- Probation Revocation (March 20, 2025). Admitted
- Larceny (March 18, 2025). Guilty
- No Liability Insurance (June 18, 2025). Dismissed per plea
Wachacha, Eve W.
- No Operator's License (March 7, 2025). Reported Infraction
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (March 7, 2025). Reported Infraction
Wahnetah, Carla M.
- Driving While Impaired (July 7, 2024). Guilty
- DWLR Impaired Rev. (Oct. 17, 2024). Guilty
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 5, 2024). Guilty
- Failure to Burn Headlamps (July 7, 2024). Voluntary Dismissal Per Plea
- Unsafe Lane Change (July 7, 2024) Voluntary Dismissal Per Plea
Walker, Alex Scott K.
- Unsafe Passing Yellow Line (May 1, 2025). No Contest/Responsible
Walkingstick, Samuel J.
- No Operator's License (March 2, 2025). No Contest/Responsible
Walkingstick, Rex S.
- DWLR. Not Impaired Rev. (March 21, 2025). Reported Infraction
Watty, Christopher M.
- No Operator's License (March 16, 2025). No Contest/Responsible

- Failure Stop Stopsign/Flsh Red Lt (March 16, 2025). No Contest/Responsible
Watty, Todd M.
- Probation Revocation (Feb. 20, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea
- Probation Revocation (Oct. 21, 2024). Admitted
- Public Intoxication (Oct. 18, 2024). Guilty
Watty, Irene P.
- Breaking and Entering (Oct. 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Feb. 25, 2025). Guilty
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Feb. 25, 2025) Guilty
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Feb. 10, 2025). Dismissed per plea
- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Oct. 6, 2024). Dismissed per plea
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Feb. 10, 2025). Dismissed per plea
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Feb. 25, 2025). Dismissed per plea
Watty-Weeks, Krystal P.
- Cancl/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (April 26, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof
Welch, Jaiden W.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (April 29, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal Compliance/Proof
Wildcatt, Joshua A.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Jan. 4, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea
Wildcatt, Wesley J.
- Resisting Lawful Arrest (June 9, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (June 9, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea
- Disorderly Conduct (June 9, 2024) Guilty
- Probation Revocation (June 10, 2024). Admitted
Wolfe, Victoria M.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance Classified in Schedule I, II, III, IV, or V (Feb. 9, 2024). Guilty
Wolfe Jr. William N.
- Failure to Reduce Speed (Feb. 1, 2025). Reported Infraction
Zapeda, Travis A.
- No Operator's License (March 21, 2025). Reported Infraction
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (March 21, 2025). Reported Infraction



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CIPD Arrest Report for July 21-27, 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.

Laplante, Amanda Kaye – age 33
Arrested: July 21
Released: July 21
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Panther, Jordan Phillip – age 35
Arrested: July 21
Released: Not released as of report

date (July 28)
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection, Breaking and Entering, Larceny, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

Brady, Dusty Daniel – age 44
Arrested: July 22
Released: July 22
Charges: Breaking and Entering, Elder Abuse and Neglect, Criminal Mischief to Property

Jenkins, Randall – age 41
Arrested: July 22
Released: July 25
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Probation Violation

Lambert, Kaiden A. Kristine – age 19
Arrested: July 22

Released: Not released as of report date (July 28)

Charges: Bond Surrender

Johnson, Brandi Nichol – age 38
Arrested: July 23
Released: July 24

Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Taylor, Derrick Kyle – age 33
Arrested: July 23
Released: Not released as of report date (July 28)
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Tramper, Chanttin Travis – age 18
Arrested: July 24

Released: Not released as of report date (July 28)

Charges: Assault on a Female, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

McCoy, Timothy Jason – age 53
Arrested: July 25
Released: July 27
Charges: Serving Sentence

George, Harold Channing – age 44
Arrested: July 26
Released: July 27
Charges: Hold Until Sober



MISSING

Jo-Ann Marie Scott

Enrolled with The Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Height: 5'2" Weight: 180-200 lbs
Female Age: 33

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: July 1, 2025

Last Known Location: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance: She regularly checks in with her mom who lives out of state. Her mom said she hasn't been able to get in contact with her for about 3 weeks.

If you have seen or have information about Jo-Ann Scott contact Theresa Wisner-Lee, Investigator, Muscogee Mvskoke Creek Nation Lighthorse Tribal Police Department (918) 732-7800.

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The family of Vivian Owle would like to thank everyone who brought food, called, messaged, texted or came by and visited with the family. We would also like to thank The Cherokee Boys Club, Kituwah LLC, The Tribal Option, the grave diggers, pall bearers Charlie Burgess, Dink Burgess, Brandon Burgess, George Burgess, Corey Stamper, Evan Stamper, Daulton Burgess, and Mack Burgess. We also want to thank Boyd Owle, Jim Owle, Chief Hicks, and Vice Chief B. Ensley for their assistance in making sure our family received what we needed. Pastor Scott Hill for the wonderful job delivering moms graveside services. Special thank you to Merina Swimmer, Jeanne Wachacha, and Vicki Cruz for caring and loving mom. Four Seasons Hospice Care

nurse Connie, Pallative Care nurse Gina and many others who took such great care of our mom during her illness.

Sincerely,
Chrissy Arch, Janet Owle, Lori Owle, Jason Owle, Mindy Arch, and Hali Silvers

Family Safety Program Family Field Day thank you

The Family Safety Program would like to thank all our vendors, community services and most especially the families in the community who joined us to help make our Family Field Day such a fun and successful event! Special thanks to our vendors: Creating a Family, Center for Native Health, Cherokee Bottled Water, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (including Analenisgi, EBCI Tribal Option and Human Resources/Community Out-

reach), Qualla Boundary Head Start/Autism Awareness, Cherokee Tribal EMS, and Cherokee Indian Police Department for providing information and resources for our community members in attendance. A special thank you to Cherokee Fire and Rescue for assisting greatly with the slip n' slides for the entire event, along with grilling hot dogs. A note of gratitude to Kona Ice and Sound of Music for providing great atmosphere and refreshment for the event. Thank you Chris Watty for guiding everyone as the event emcee. Thanks to Kituwah Preservation and Education Program for assisting with our T-shirt translation and the opening prayer. Thank you to the members of the Redrum Motorcycle Club for your support of our event and of children and families in the community. Thank you to the great

team at the Family Safety Program, who put in the time and effort to help organize this event for children and families.

Most importantly, a very special thank you to the children and families who attended the Family Field Day. Seeing families having fun working together in the field games, sharing a meal or Kona Ice, along with kids smiling as they went down the slip n' slide brings joy to our hearts. The Family Field Day event was organized by the Family Safety Program for families to have a great day together and we thank you for spending your Saturday with us. We look forward to more great Family Field Days in the future. Sgi. Find more family resources on our website: <https://www.raisingrelatives.ebci-nsn.gov/>



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Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather



Remington George, age 9, an EBCI tribal member from Kolanvyi (Big Cove)



Waylon Letterman, age 5, of Sylva, N.C.



Najayden Choogie Teesatuskie, age 5, an EBCI tribal member from Kolanvyi (Big Cove)



Families are shown enjoying Saturday's event.



The Oconaluftee River was packed by early morning.



Avery Weatherly, an EBCI tribal member who serves as the conservation outreach coordinator for EBCI Natural Resources, is shown restocking fish in one of the pools for the smaller fishermen.



Scarlett Bradley, left, age 8, from Widagalinidisgv (Big Y), and Jessilyn Lambert, age 9, from Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) - both are EBCI tribal members



Rynlee Woodbury, age 5, from Hudson, N.C.

Bus NO./Driver	Morning Runs	Afternoon Runs
Bus 1 Joise Saunooke Middle/High	1. Washingtons Creek 2. Blue Wing Upper & Lower 3. Happy Holiday 4. Long Branch 5. Old Mission 6. Old River Rd	1. Old River Rd 2. EOC if necessary 3. Olivet 4. Old Mission 5. Long Branch 6. Washingtons Creek 7. Blue Wing Upper& Lower 8. Happy Holiday 9. Town Houses (just above Long Branch)
Bus 2 Agelink	No Morning Run	1. CCSS to Agelink
Bus 3 Randy Lossiah Elementary	1. Bradley Loop 2. Macadonia Rd 3. Don Craig Rd 4. Lucy Long Rd 5. Old Gap Rd 6. Standingdeer Rd 7. Stillwell Branch	1. Wendys main road 2. Stillwell Branch 3. Standingdeer Rd 4. Old Gap Rd 5. Lucy Long Rd 6. Don Craig Rd 7. Macadonia Rd 8. Bradley Loop
Bus 4 Sam Crowe Elementary	1. Wrights Creek Main Rd 2. Joe Bradley 3. Bradley Branch 4. Booger Branch 5. Bigwitch Church 6. Mink Branch 7. Swimmer Branch 8. Tooni Branch	1. Crowes Barber Shop 2. Burger King 3. Tooni Branch 4. Swimmer Branch 5. Mink Branch 6. Bigwitch Church 7. Bluewing Church 8. Wrights Creek Main Rd 9. Joe Bradley
Bus 5 Bobby Hayes Middle/High	1. Bradley Loop 2. Macadonia Rd 3. Don Craig Rd 4. Lucy Long Rd 5. Old Gap Rd 6. Standingdeer Rd 7. Stillwell Branch	1. Wendys main road 2. Stillwell Branch 3. Standingdeer Rd 4. Old Gap Rd 5. Lucy Long Rd 6. Don Craig Rd 7. Macadonia Rd Bradley Loop
Bus 6 Candi Teesatuskie Elementary	1. Old Soco Rd 2. Hyatt Cove Back Down to Rough Branch 3. Soco Hwy (Church of God)	1. Hyatt Cove Back Down to Rough Branch 2. Old Soco Rd
Bus 7 Tim Swayney Elementary	10. Washingtons Creek 11. Blue Wing Upper & Lower 12. Happy Holiday 13. Long Branch 14. Old Mission 15. Old River Rd	1. Old River Rd 2. EOC if necessary 3. Olivet 4. Old Mission 5. Long Branch 6. Washingtons Creek 7. Blue Wing Upper& Lower 8. Happy Holiday 9. Town Houses (just above Long Branch)
Bus 8 Sherry Wachacha 6:40am Middle/High	1. All of Adams Creek	1. All of Adams Creek
Bus 9 Scott Cody Middle/High	1. Hyatt Cove Rd 2. Rough Branch (J Bradley Dr, G Crowe Dr, turn at entrance to J Crowe Dr to June's Loop) 3. Old Soco Rd 4. Soco Hwy from Hyatt Cove to Jenkins Creek	1. Soco Hwy 19 form Jenkins Creek to Rough Branch 2. Old Soco 3. Hyatt Cove Rd 4. Rough Branch
Bus 10 Tony Oneal Middle/High	1. Main Rd above Soggy Hill 2. Big Cove Loop 3. Driver Rd 4. Straight Fork	1. Main Rd from Soggy Hill 2. Straight Fork 3. Driver Rd 4. Big Cove Loop
Bus 11 Jason Owle Elementary	1. Main Rd above Soggy Hill 2. Straight Fork 3. Big Cove Loop 4. Driver Rd	1. Main Rd above Soggy Hill 2. Big Cove Loop 3. Driver Rd 4. Straight Fork
Bus 12 Chantele Lossiah Elementary/Middle/High	1. Bunches Creek 2. Galamore Bridge 3. Galamore Rd 4. Soggy Hill 5. Big Cove Rd from Soggy Hill to Mingo Rd 6. Mingo Rd 7. Big Cove Main Rd from Mingo Rd to Sherrill Cove	1. Big Cove Main Rd from CCSS to Sherrill Cove 2. Mingo Road 3. Big Cove Main Road from Mingo to Soggy Hill 4. Soggy Hill 5. Galamore Bridge 6. Galamore Rd 7. Bunches Creek
Bus 13 AM Derrick & Melissa Ledford Mack Stanley Elementary	1. All of Adams Creek	1. All of Adams Creek

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School Bus

Routes &

Schedules

Bus NO./Driver	Morning Runs	Afternoon Runs
Bus 14 Jason Littlejohn Elementary/Middle/High	1. Us 74- Gateway to Barker's Creek 2. Beck Branch & Adventure Trail Campground 3. Fergusons to Olivet Rd 4. Hoot Owl & Lizzie Cucumber Rd 5. Old Mission	1. Old Mission Project 2. Hoot Owl & Lizzie Cucumber Rd 3. Adventure Trails Campground 4. Beck Branch to Barker's Creek
Bus 15 Aaron Tuttle Elementary	1. Lambert Branch 2. Hospital 3. Tsali Care 4. Yellowhill Turn at Switch Back Peavine 5. CBC Loop by Age Link 6. Catolster Johnson Rd 7. Grassy Branch	1. Grassy Branch 2. Catolster Johnson Rd 3. NKA if needed 4. Lambert Branch 5. Hospital 6. Tsali Care 7. Womens Wellness 8. Tribal Offices 9. Yellowhill 10. CBC Loop Age Link 11. Acquoni Rd
Bus 16 Monk Walkingstick Elementary	1. Owl Branch 2. Kate Lambert 3. Mccoy Branch 4. Cross Bridge at Jenkins to Lower Old #4 5. White Water Dr	1. White Water 2. All of Old #4 3. Cross Bridge at Jenkins to Mccoy Branch 4. Kate Lambert 5. Owl Branch
Bus 17 Jody Saunooke Middle/High	1. Bigwitch Church 2. Wrights Creek Main Rd 3. Joe Bradley 4. Bradley Branch 5. Booger Branch 6. Mink Branch 7. Swimmer Branch 8. Tooni Branch	1. Crowes Barber Shop 2. Burger King 3. Tooni Branch 4. Swimmer Branch 5. Mink Branch 6. Wrights Creek 7. Bigwitch Church 8. Bluewing Church (main rd) 9. Joe Bradley turn around
Bus 18 Chad Swayney Elementary/Middle/High	1. Hwy 441 from Old Mill to Hwy 74 2. Union Hill Rd 3. Conley's Creek Rd to Gold Course 4. Ollie Jumper Rd 5. 3200 Acre tract 6. Walker Woody Rd- Cross Governor's Island Bridge 7. Hwy 19 & both SAFE Houses 8. Bertha Saunooke Heights 9. Main Highway to School	1. Birdtown Main Hwy to Bertha Saunooke Heights 2. Bertha Saunooke Heights 3. Hwy 19 & both SAFE Houses 4. Governor's island Bridge 5. 3200 Acre tract 6. Ollie Jumper 7. Conley's Creek to Golf Course 8. Union Hill 9. From Hwy 441 to Old Mill
Bus 19 Montel Presley Elementary	1. Coopers Creek 2. Dewitt Owle Rd 3. Wagon Wheel Gap Rd 4. Locust Branch 5. Rec Park Rd 6. Fisher Branch Wildcat's 7. Sam Brady 8. Kallup Mccoy 9. Project & everything on the Main Rd	1. Main Rd to Fisher Branch Rd 2. Project 3. Kallup Mccoy 4. Brady Rd Turn at Wildcat's 5. Rec Park 6. Locust Branch 7. Wagon Wheel 8. Dewitt Owle 9. Cooper's Creek
Bus 20 Bill Reynolds Middle/High	1. Coopers Creek 2. Dewitt Owle Rd 3. Wagon Wheel Gap Rd 4. Locust Branch 5. Rec Park Rd 6. Fisher Branch Wildcat's 7. Sam Brady 8. Kallup Mccoy 9. Project & everything on the main RD	1. Main Rd to Fisher Branch Rd 2. Project 3. Kallup Mccoy 4. Brady Rd Turn at Wildcat's 5. Rec Park 6. Locust Branch 7. Wagon Wheel 8. Dewitt Owle 9. Cooper's Creek
Bus 115 Michael Bradley Middle/ High	1. Yellowhill Smith Rd (turn at switch back) 2. Tsali Care 3. Lambert Branch 4. CBC Loop Age Link 5. Acquoni Rd 6. Catolster Johnson 7. Grassy Branch	1. Grassy Branch 2. Catolster Johnson 3. Acquoni Rd 4. CBC Loop Age Link 5. Ginger Lynn Welch 6. Yellowhill 7. Hospital 8. Tsali Care 9. Womens Wellness 10. Tribal Office 11. Lambert Branch 12. NKA

Bus NO./Driver	Morning Runs	Afternoon Runs
Bus 116 Daniel Bowers Middle/High	1. White Water 2. Old #4 3. Lydia Squirrel 4. Cross Bridge to Mccoy Branch 5. Kate Lambert Rd 6. Owl Branch	1. Owl Branch 2. Kate Lambert Rd 3. Mccoy Branch 4. Cross Bridge to Lidia Squirrel 5. Old #4 6. White Water
Van 70 Chase Andrews Am & Pm	1. Tow String 2. Dobson Ridge	1. Tow String 2. Dobson Ridge
Bus 50 Ricky Gibson 6:30am SPED Run	13. Big Cove (Straight Fork, Bunches Creek, Galamore Rd)	14. Big Cove (Straight Fork, Bunches Creek, Galamore Rd)
Bus 51 Mitch Phillips 6:30am SPED Run	1. BP Gas Station (Dillsboro) 2. US-441(Gateway, Barker's Creek)	1. BP Gas Station (Dillsboro) 2. US-441(Gateway, Barker's Creek)
Bus 66 6:25am SPED Run	1. Soco 2. Wrights Creek 3. Birdtown	1. Soco 2. Wrights Creek 3. Birdtown

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Geraldine Nancy Bradley

Geraldine Nancy Bradley, 87, of the Wolftown Community, passed away after an extended illness on Tuesday morning, July 29, 2025, at the Cherokee Indian Hospital in Cherokee, N.C.

Geraldine was a lifelong resident of Cherokee, N.C., and the daughter of the late Roy and Alice Crowe Bradley. Geraldine, affectionately known as “Gunny” to her family and friends, dedicated her life to advocating for children. For many years, she worked tirelessly at Soco Head Start, finding great joy in watching the children under her care thrive. Her advocacy didn’t end there; after leaving the Head Start program, Gunny passionately campaigned for a new children’s home, a dream that

became a reality when the EBCI approved its construction. Her dedication was honored with an invitation to the grand opening, where she proudly cut the ribbon. Gunny often said her children and grandchildren were her greatest achievements, taking immense pride in each of them. She will be remembered for her unwavering faith, endless love, and steadfast dedication to her family.

In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her son, Lee Robert Mills Jr.; granddaughter, Destiny Long; and sisters, Elise Marie Youngdeer, Frances Parker, Helen Jackson, and Mildred Appleton.

Geraldine is survived by her children, Timothy Mills (Lisa), Darlene Hayden (Sterling), Loretta Mills, Allen Mills (Larry), Marlene Mills, and Glenda Davis

(James). She is also survived by her sister, Louise Otter; and her grandchildren, Jonathan Franks (Fauzia), Allison Franks (Elizabeth), Chelsey Ayen (Joe), Jathan Davis, Paige Davis, Joshlyn Davis, Christopher Davis, Nancy Walk, Michael Walk, Destiny Mills, and Dalaina Mills. Additionally, she leaves behind seven great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Aug. 2 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Qualla, with Bishop Cory Bowen officiating. Burial followed at Bradley Cemetery in Cherokee, N.C. Pallbearers were family and friends.

Online condolences can be made at www.longhousefuneralhome.com.

Long House Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Chanice Taylor

Chanice Taylor, age 32, passed away on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, in Asheville, N.C. Chanice “Mac a doo” Taylor was born on April 28, 1993, in Sylva, N.C., to Robert Taylor and Debbie Taylor. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, BIG Granny Webster and Jack Walker; a cousin, Beverly “Maxx” Walker; and her best friend, Devin Rathbone.

A graduate of Cherokee High School in 2007, Chanice began her career as a cashier and worked for 18 years. She was known for her humor and her love of animals.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her “fur baby,” Cy Taylor; her paternal grandmother, Dolly Taylor; her siblings, Joshua Taylor (Destinie), Alverta Henson, Charlie Arch (Kimberly), and Jimmy Arch (Sonya); and her nieces, Harper Taylor and Kendra Arch.

Chanice had notable interests in Fortnite, TikTok, and Facebook. She was also a fan of horror movies. Her favorite days were Halloween and Christmas. A memorable moment was obtaining her driver’s license at the age of 27. She will be dearly missed. GVGEYU

The service for Chanice Taylor will be held on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Wolfetown Community Building.

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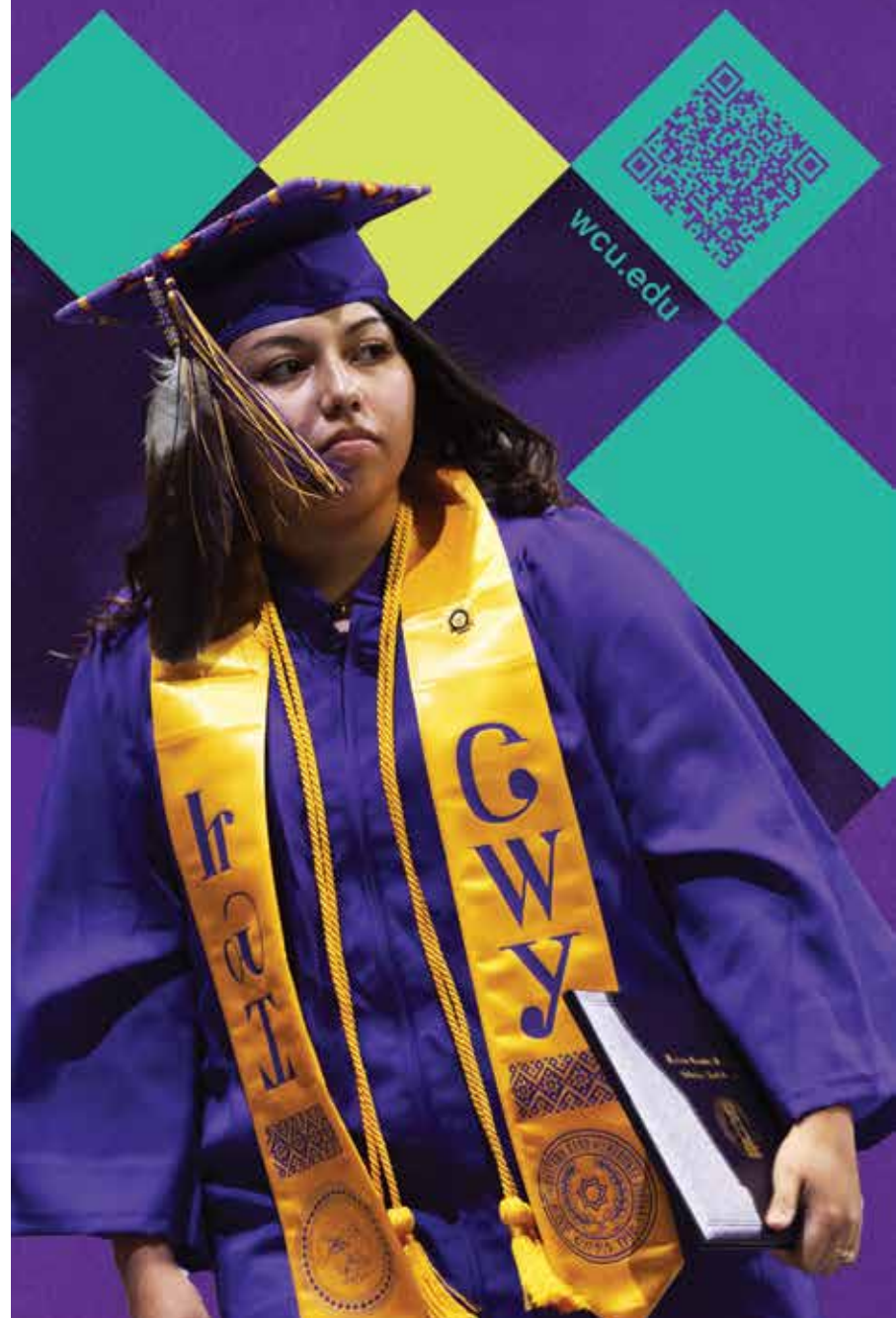
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COMMENTARY

Ethically speaking

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

We now have our slate of candidates for the general election of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Out of 24 who will be on the ballot in September for Dinilawigi (Tribal Council), 41.7 percent or 11 candidates are attempting to retain their seats. 25 percent or six of the contenders are women. We don't know specifics about the ages of the candidates, but they seem to be from across the board in age, from

young to those who might fall into the category of tribal elder. It looks to be a very diverse mix of qualified candidates for the seats.

The Cherokee Board of Elections goes through a vetting process to determine eligibility to compete for the seat. In addition, the Cherokee Supreme Court has been involved in this year's election to determine eligibility to seek office based on the criteria set forth in the Charter and Governing Document. So, all on the ballots have been through part or all of that process, and all have been deemed suitable to run for and sit in the seats they have applied for.

In addition to the Dinilawigi candidates, there are three Cherokee Central Schools School Board seats to be filled. Melanie Lambert (incumbent) and Gloria Rattler are

ying for the Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) seat. Berdie Toinetta and Timmy Ray Smith are seeking the one seat for Wayohi/Widagalinidisgw (Wolftown/Big Y) seat. The seat held by Kristina Hyatt, Kolanvyi (Big Cove), will be vacated without any candidates filing for the seat. Kristina is not seeking reelection, so what will happen to that representation is currently unknown. I do imagine that top men are working on a solution.

All the candidates for elected offices are competing to serve. Elected positions in our tribe, a town, a county, a state, and that other sovereign nation called the United States are positions of service. Whether representative republic or democracy, the governmental bodies are there to facilitate the pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness for all. Our task as voters is to select the most capable servants from among those seeking to serve.

It is an unfortunate reality that elections do turn into popularity contests. The question of likeability in many cases takes precedent over heart and ability to serve and facilitate the needs of the people. And it can line up. I mean the same candidate that is best able to serve may turn out to be the most popular. It all depends on the citizenry and constituency as to what really determines the outcome of an election.

In my former life, I worked for a drug store chain. I managed a store (actually more than one store) for this corporation. The executive management of the chain dictated where every item for sale was placed in the store. Next time you enter the checkout line in your favorite retail store, look around the cash register area. You will typically find candy bars, individu-

ally wrapped sweets, and probably a cooler with cold sodas very close to where you take out your wallet or open your purse. Coincidence? I think not. You see, when I managed my store, I would receive that layout for where everything goes from my higher-ups. That layout was a result of a detailed analysis of customer appeal and profit margin. Marketing firms studied customer trends to find out what product with the highest profit margins would be likely to be bought on impulse, or someone might quickly be enticed to make a small purchase to satisfy a sweet tooth.

Clearly, my bosses at the time weren't as concerned about the long-term well-being of their customers as they were about enticing their customers to contribute the highest contribution to their bottom line. And it was and is still common practice at retail stores. So, we would be quick to condemn those corporate heads for playing on our desires so they could gain a buck. And there is truth in that. But there is also accountability on our part. Why did the management select those items at the register? Because research has shown that we desire them. They are not good for us. They cost much more than they are worth to us. They can cause our bodies lifelong struggles. But we want what we don't need. And company leaders in one store know that if they don't give us what we want, the store next door will not only give us what we want but also try to make sure we are aware that their competition didn't give us what we wanted.

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official. But they aren't doing well in competition with the mainstream retailers. Why? Because what is good for us is often not as appealing as what gives us immediate gratification.

With the extremely short (just my opinion) terms of Dinilawigi seats, I have often said that our representatives must be in perpetual campaign mode. We, as constituents, have very short attention spans, generally speaking. We tend to make up our minds early, get impatient when we think we aren't seeing progress, and we like our projects to be quick and sweet. We want it now, and we want ourselves and our family to benefit from it. It doesn't necessarily matter if it is good for the community. It doesn't matter that some of the most beneficial community projects might take longer than two

years. We want it now. And come election season, we may actually say to each candidate, "Give me what I want now, or I am going to take my vote elsewhere."

You see, it is not only the candidates who shape the ethics of an election. It is the voters. We have seen the enemy, and the enemy is us. Those pursuing public service know that telling constituents what they cannot have is not a path to victory come election season, even if the thing the constituency is asking for is bad for them. But ethically, it is what we should be told. It is what is good for us. It is what is right for us, even if it leaves a bad taste in our mouths at the time.

One of the most frustrating comments that I hear routinely around election time is "I am not going to vote because my vote just

doesn't matter". To those who make those comments: Have you ever thought that the reason it might be that your vote doesn't matter is that so many of us are not voting using that excuse? What if every eligible voter in the tribe (and I mean every member, whether on or off the Boundary) did their homework, took an unbiased look at each candidate, and voted in this election? Do you really believe your vote wouldn't make a difference?

On Aug. 1, absentee ballots may be requested for the upcoming tribal election. Here are the criteria for being able to vote absentee:

- Tribal members serving on active military duty, including immediate family members who reside in the household, who are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes.
- Tribal members who are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes.
- Tribal members enrolled in institutions of higher education and enrolled members of their household that are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes.
- Tribal members who are employees of the Tribe are required to be away from Cherokee for training or for reasons required by their employment on the date of election who are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes.
- Tribal members who: because of illness are in a hospital, nursing home, or other treatment facility, and/ or, who because of their physical condition and course of treatment are unable to go to the polling place to cast their votes.
- Tribal members who physically reside on Cherokee trust lands but who will be absent from Cherokee

on Election Day for business or personal reasons and are unable to return to Cherokee/polling place to cast their votes.

In-person early voting begins Aug. 11 and runs two weeks (Aug. 11-16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Aug. 18-23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). If you need more time to ponder your decision (I know I do at times), you have until General Election Day, Sept. 4.

I want to leave you with a copy of the elected official's code of ethics. It is part of the Cherokee Code. It is the standard of ethical behavior that our tribal officials are supposed to adhere to. Read it. Study it. Hold each candidate up to it and ask yourself how they measure up to the standard outlined in this code. It doesn't matter if they are incumbents or candidates not seated. Test each candidate based on every item in the code of ethics. As much as possible, compare their behavior in the community to this standard.

At election time, our ethics as community members get tested as rigorously as those of the candidates. So, how do you think we will score?

Sec. 117-45.3. Code of Ethics.

Tribal officials shall not take any official action or participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract or grant award, if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, shall be involved. They shall not directly or indirectly solicit, accept or provide gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors or subcontractors who are contracting to perform services or sell goods or property to the Tribe or a Tribal program; directly or through a business entity in which the Tribal

see **COMMENTARY** next page



EBCI TRIBAL HOUSING FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

The EBCI Housing Division has identified individuals with loans through Tribal and Qualla Housing who are seriously delinquent. Those borrowers have or will be receiving foreclosure notices.

Lending Services can HELP!

Financial Lending Services offers the Foreclosure Prevention Program for those receiving foreclosure notices from the Cherokee Indians Housing Division. We can refinance your home with a favorable rate and term to allow you to keep you and your family in your home. Let us help.

Call or email for more information:

Michelle Stamper	michstam@ebci-nsn.gov	828-359-6904
Tina Larch-Rivera	tinalarc@ebci-nsn.gov	828-359-6912
Misty Millsaps	mistmill@ebci-nsn.gov	828-359-6919

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official has a personal interest. They shall not enter into any contract for services or goods with any Tribal entity, enterprise, or program for the purpose of either receiving or providing services or goods. This provision shall not apply to such persons qualifying for programs available to all Tribal members. They shall treat service to the EBCI as a sacred public trust with fiduciary responsibility, which requires upholding and acting in accordance with laws and engaging in the proper governance of the EBCI in a manner, which is placed above personal and private gain. They shall protect and conserve Tribal resources and ensure the appropriate use of Tribal resources falling under the scope of the office of the Tribal official. They shall provide every enrolled member a time to be heard on a Tribal issue that falls under the scope of the Tribal official's duties. This paragraph shall not supersede C.C. Section 117-16. They shall not use their authority, title, or influence to improperly advance personal or financial interests. They shall disclose instances when they believe there has been fraud, waste, abuse, corruption, or violations of this chapter to the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics. They shall respect and honor the customs and traditions of

the EBCI. They shall abide by the laws of any sovereign jurisdiction in which they are present. They shall disclose any misdemeanor or felony charges and/or convictions that occur in any jurisdiction while in office to the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics. They shall report to the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics, in accordance with that office's rules of procedure, any gift, donation, or contribution received or provided by the Tribal official. They shall not act individually, jointly, or through another, threaten, intimidate, or discipline any person as reprisal for any legitimate action taken by the person. They shall not offer, solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, anything of value if the gift could reasonably be expected to influence the vote, official actions, or judgment of, or for, the official or could reasonably be considered a reward for any official action or inaction. They shall not withhold materials or information from the public pertaining to those items discussed in closed session unless such materials or information are deemed exempt from disclosure in accordance with Chapter 132 of the Cherokee Code. They shall not take any official action or participate in a decision with respect to a matter if it will have a direct and predictable effect on the financial interest, personal interest, or present a conflict of interest for

the official or employee or his or her immediate family member. Any official in such situation shall recuse himself or herself from participating in a discussion and/or vote on the matter giving rise to such conflict. They may participate in private, public, civic, and/or charitable activities provided such activities do not compromise the integrity or reputation of the EBCI or interfere with the performance of official duties. They shall maintain or enhance the honesty and integrity of their respective offices; and safeguard the reputation of the EBCI as a whole. They shall protect and enhance the environmental and cultural resources, whether natural or man-made, of the EBCI to ensure the security and prosperity of future generations.

The One Feather inquired with Michael McConnell, EBCI attorney general, as to the situation regarding the Kolanvyi (Big Cove) School Board seat. Here is his response: "The incumbent school board member from Big Cove filed to run for re-election. Nobody else from that community filed and the period for filing closed. Thereafter, the incumbent withdrew her application. There is not a vacancy at this time. The incumbent's term does not expire until the end of this election year. The first day of the vacancy will be Oct. 1, 2025.

C.C. Sec. 115-9 tells Tribal

Council how to fill a vacancy on the School Board. It says that when there is a vacancy on the School Board, Tribal Council is authorized to call a special election to fill the vacancy. Unfortunately, when the drafters wrote the ordinance (in the 1980s), they did not contemplate the situation we have now (or will have on Oct. 1). The ordinance uses limiting language and states that Tribal Council can call a special election when a vacancy occurs 'due to death, resignation or removal' of the School Board member. None of these events is present now and they are not likely to be present on Oct. 1. The limiting words 'death, resignation or removal' have been part of the ordinance since at least 1993, and probably since the 1980s.

The appropriate path for resolving this issue and filling the vacancy will be to amend CC Sec. 115-9 to authorize Tribal Council to call a special election to fill a vacancy whenever a vacancy occurs, for whatever reason, instead of requiring a "death, resignation or removal". As soon as the ordinance is amended, Tribal Council can call a special election to fill the vacancy. Nobody wants a vacancy to exist on the School Board for long. I think Tribal Council will try to resolve this issue as quickly as it can after Oct. 1."

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

Info: Tribal Veterans Service Officer Gerard Ball (828) 359-6184



THE GOOD STUFF

Katelynn Ledford-McCoy keeps running and inspiring

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Katelynn Ledford-McCoy is a light and source of inspiration in the Cherokee community. She was recently chosen to be on the Native Women Run (NWR) team for the Chicago Marathon set for Sunday, Oct. 12. Katelynn, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will be joined on the NWR team by Bronwyn Smith, Navajo Nation; Iko'tsimiskimaki Beck, Little Shell Chippewa/Blackfeet Nation; and Elizabeth "Liz" Anderson, Tulalip Tribes.

NWR said in a statement, "As always, these selections are made collectively by the NWR leadership team. It's never easy – there are so many deserving individuals. We remain committed to making thoughtful choices that reflect our values, celebrate our community, and uplift Native women in meaningful ways. We are honored to return and represent Native Women Run on this major stage. Our community is our strength – made up of our families, our ancestors, and our personal goals as Native women."

After she completed The Georgia Jewel, a 100-mile trail race, in 2023, I interviewed Katelynn on the experience. During that interview, she gave me a quote that should be on posters.

"I love to do things that will challenge me," she said. "I used to be so afraid to even attempt things



Husband and wife, and co-founders of RezHOPE, Kallup McCoy II, right, and Katelynn Ledford-McCoy cut the blue ribbon, a symbol of recovery awareness, at the Gadugi House ribbon cutting ceremony on March 22, 2024. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

because I was so afraid of failure, but now I can embrace the journey, even if I fail."

Let's re-read that last portion again, "I can embrace the journey, even if I fail."

It's important for everyone to take that lesson to heart.

Be like Katelynn. Go out and try things. If you fail, it is ok. Have fun trying.

Four years ago, I interviewed Katelynn as she was training for an Ironman triathlon event in Tennessee. She noted, "Step into the person you are. Step into your purpose. I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't my purpose to be who I am."

She always strives to be a

positive force and noted, "I want to inspire people. I want to lift them up. When people look at me, I want them to think 'I know if I go around her I'm going to feel the positivity coming from her' and just have a good energy. That way, they can start believing in themselves too and think 'I'm not just trying out here in life, I'm doing it'."

Katelynn is the co-founder (with her husband, Kallup McCoy II) and executive director of RezHOPE whose mission is "to empower those struggling with addiction and mental health issues by providing a safe and support environment where they can receive the resources and skills they

need to achieve long-term recovery".

Last March, RezHOPE opened the Gadugi House in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown). My colleague, Brooklyn Brown, covered that event and quoted Katelynn as saying, "Gadugi is coming together, helping one another whenever no one else is there, no matter the circumstance, no matter the situation."

No matter the circumstance – whether it be grassroots community organizing or running a 100-mile race – you can bet that Katelynn Ledford-McCoy will be there doing her best to succeed because she's unafraid to fail. Be like Katelynn.

Be the light

Part 2 of 2

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

Friends... Isn't it great when you know you have a faithful friend?

Matthew 5:14 – “Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.”

This verse should be written in Red Ink. It is a quotation of Jesus, and it says -You are the light of the world. As Christians, we are to shine with God's love to glorify Him. If we hide our light under a bushel, God's glory is not seen as He wants it to be seen.

Light is extraordinary energy. Scripture uses the imagery of light to describe characteristics of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. You can find light references throughout the bible, and I could give you verse after verse to prove it. Darkness cannot extinguish the light. More darkness is nothing and cannot stop illumination. Multiple lights provide more illumination and shine even brighter. Darkness cannot multiply like light.

Matthew 5:16 “Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” God is glorified when He shines His light through us. The more we gather as Christians, the more God is glorified. His power cannot be extinguished by darkness, and therefore we are called to show His light wherever darkness prevails. This analogy is another way in which the Word of God shows us that God is Holy (the light) and He is greater than any sin (darkness) in this world. His Holiness cannot

be hidden.

And yet, we often hide because of fear to stand out in the darkness. Isn't that denying the power of God? How do we let our light shine if we do not go out into the darkness? How do we extinguish the evil darkness of the world around us if we do not show the Glory of God in works that we can and should do?

The German atheist philosopher Nietzsche once said, “I was in darkness, but I took three steps and found myself in paradise. The first step was a good thought, the second, a good word; and the third, a good deed.” (TOP 25 QUOTES BY FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE (of 2485), 2022) From the lips of an atheist, and I couldn't have said it better.

Can we be credible Christians if we do not perform as well as an atheist? But, on the other hand, if we did as well, would we glorify our Lord in the name of God? I think that answer is yes.

How great is our God? Without question, He is greater than we can imagine. Can you put a limit on what He can do? What are our limits to shine for Him?

These verses are the carrot God tells us in His Word.

Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me.”

Romans 8:28 “And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose.”

These verses are the stick.

1 John 1:5-6 “And this is the message which we have heard from him and announce unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not tell the truth.”

Hard to say much about that. God's Word speaks quite well and needs no help from me.

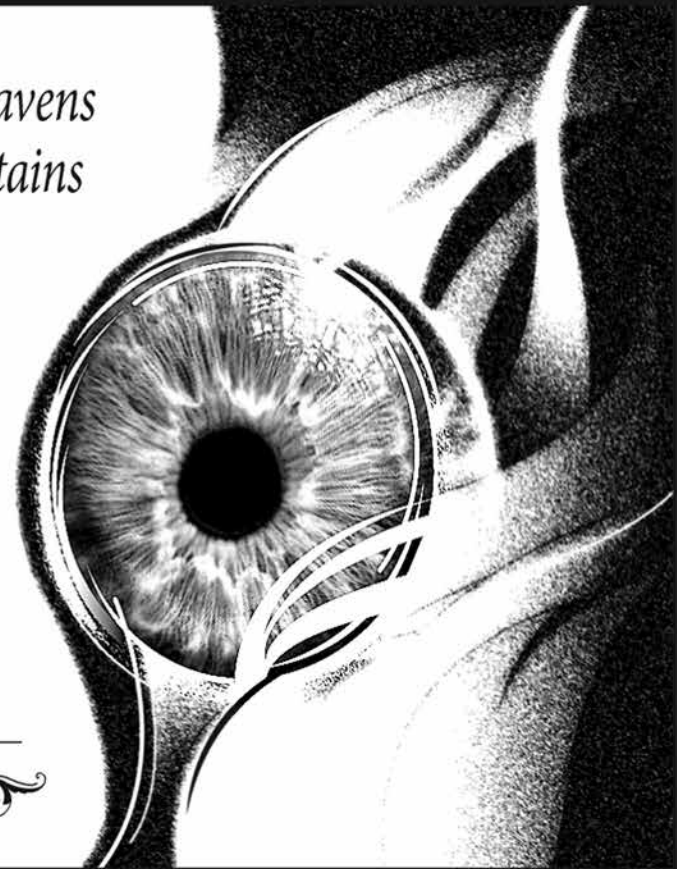
God, and Father, Light of the World, I ask today for You to shine Your light through me. Let me see through Your eyes where the darkness lies and where You want to shine through. Let me be not only Your light but also Your hands and feet to work Your will in the lives of others that they may also see the light to their paths. Amen.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Oh, that you would rend the heavens
and come down, that the mountains
would tremble before you!
As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your
name known to your enemies
and cause the nations
to quake before you!*

ISAIAH 64:1,2



Amber Waves

OOH, HERE COMES A BIG ONE!
GO ON, FISHY FISHY, TAKE A
BITE OF THAT YUMMY LURE.



OK, LET'S SEE JUST WHAT
THE FARMER IS TRYING TO
FOOL ME WITH TODAY.



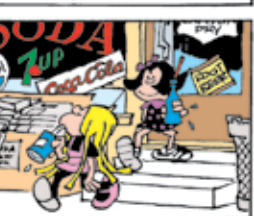
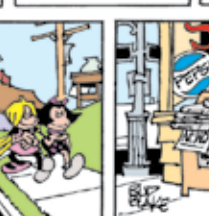
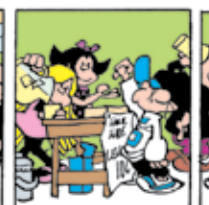
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SAYS "MADE IN CHINA" ON IT.



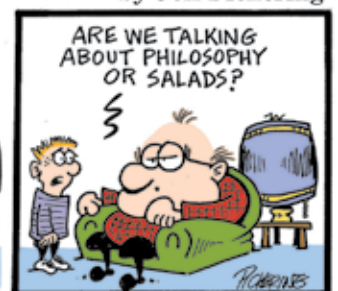
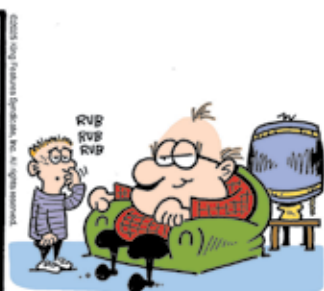
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SWEAR THAT FISH JUST
LAUGHED AT ME.



TIGER



The Spats



by BUD BLAKE

by Jeff Pickering

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

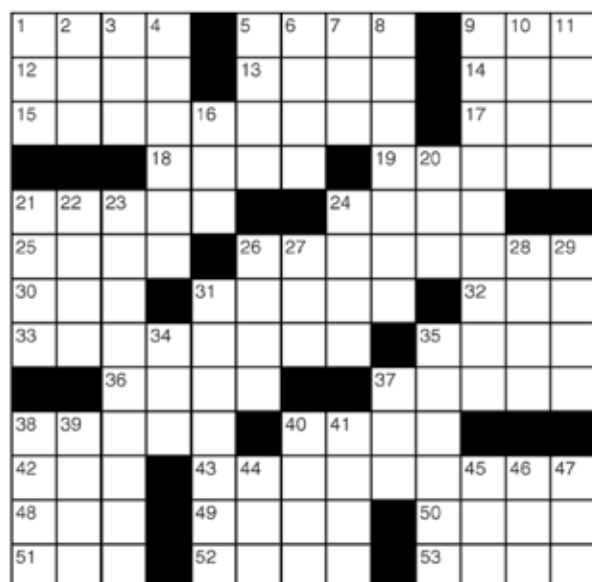


Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Stripe is added to sleeve. 3. Light is moved. 4. Lid on ice cream cart is shorter. 5. The is thicker. 6. Cart handle is shorter.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Pygmalion" writer
- 5 Grocery
- 9 Blue
- 12 Actress Skye
- 13 From the U.S.
- 14 Swiss canton
- 15 Provisional
- 17 Erin Burnett's channel
- 18 Morsels
- 19 French school
- 21 Speed reader?
- 24 Swiss artist Paul
- 25 Borodin's "Prince —"
- 26 Remorseful
- 30 Hardly any
- 31 Loses color
- 32 Conk out
- 33 Octopus arm
- 35 Hair goops
- 36 Comic Jay
- 37 Ranch visitors
- 38 Salesperson's goal
- 40 Tiny amounts
- 42 Italian article
- 43 Able
- 48 Toss in
- 49 Historic times
- 50 Acknowledge
- 51 Coifs
- 52 First-rate



- 53 Actress Farniga
- 10 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
- 29 Hardy heroine
- 31 Cure-all
- 34 Hanoi holiday
- 35 Composer Mahler
- 37 HST follower
- 38 Campus area
- 39 Nullify
- 40 IRS enforcer
- 41 Church section
- 44 Acapulco gold
- 45 Cain's mom
- 46 Neither mate
- 47 Former Delta rival

DOWN

- 1 Perch
- 2 Garden tool
- 3 Raggedy doll
- 4 Luxury hotel amenity
- 5 Actor Dillon
- 6 "Lucky Jim" author
- 7 Speed (up)
- 8 Vine-supporting frame
- 9 Came after
- 11 Eat in style
- 16 Vacuum's lack
- 20 Even so
- 21 Falling-out
- 22 Pulitzer winner James
- 23 File transfers
- 24 Elbow counterpart
- 26 Designer Rabanne
- 27 Right angle
- 28 Cleopatra's river

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Washington; 2. Juno; 3. John Milton; 4. Louis XIV of France; 5. 10; 6. Europe; 7. Catalyst; 8. A cold condiment of yogurt, cucumbers, garlic and seasonings; 9. The Bluths; 10. The hippocampus

Trivia Test Answers

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. U.S. STATES: Which is the only state named after a president?
2. MYTHOLOGY: Which goddess is queen of the Roman gods?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the poem "Paradise Lost"?
4. HISTORY: Which monarch was known as the Sun King?
5. MOVIES: How many movies did Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers make together?
6. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Malta is on which continent?
7. CHEMISTRY: What is a substance that speeds up a chemical reaction?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is tzatziki?
9. TELEVISION: What is the name of the family in the sitcom "Arrested Development"?
10. ANATOMY: What part of the brain converts short-term memory into long-term memory?

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BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Benefit Dinner in support of Horace Arch. Aug. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Painttown Gym in Cherokee, N.C. \$15 dinners include: chicken or pork chop, bean bread, fried potatoes, cabbage, fat back, dessert, and drink. Deliveries for five or more. Pre-orders due by Aug. 6 at 5:30 p.m. Text or call: Candy Martin (828) 736-6060 or Tina Saunooke 736-9957

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

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

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

Battle of the Bands. Aug. 15-16 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day at the Kanunohi Water Park in Cherokee, N.C. Prizes: 1st place

- \$1,000; 2nd place - \$600; 3rd place - \$400. Register at the Cherokee Welcome Center at 498 Tsali Blvd. in Cherokee. Info: (828) 359-6490

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

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

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 Aug. 10 and Sept. 14.

Cherokee History & Stories. January through June 2025 on the first Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. in the TJ Holland Education Room at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. Museum of the Cherokee People welcomes storyteller and historian Kathi Littlejohn, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, for Cherokee History & Sto-


CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

SŌHI ʌD RVLTʌJ DʒʌYL



Three Eye, a 3-year-old Tuxedo cat, lives with her humans, Watty and Nancy Driver in Aniwodihi (Painttown).



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ries. This free educational series will explore culturally significant places, stories, and key figures in Cherokee history. All are welcome to listen and learn; no registration is required.

Quallatown Makers will meet biweekly on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio in Cherokee, N.C. Quallatown Makers is a free opportunity to gather as a group and be together while working on art. The goal of this group, organized and hosted by Museum of the Cherokee People, is to perpetuate Cherokee art and knowledge-sharing. Bring your own craft; all art forms

are welcome. Coffee will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own snacks. This opportunity is open the Qualla Boundary community.

HEALTH & SPORTS EVENTS

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

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course. Aug. 18 – Dec. 20 on Mondays and

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A more harmonious aspect favors all relationships. Family ties with mates and children are strengthened. Libra is Cupid's choice to win the amorous Arian's heart.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The bold Bull is ready to take on fresh challenges. Expect some opposition as you plough up new ground, but supporters will outnumber detractors.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An upcoming job change could mean uprooting your family to a far-distant location. Weigh all considerations carefully before making a decision one way or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A long-standing problem is resolved by a mutually agreed upon compromise. You can now focus on getting the facts you'll need for a decision that you'll soon be asked to make.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat needs to be wary of what appears to be a golden investment opportunity. This "sure thing" could turn out to be nothing more than a sack of kitty litter.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You give of yourself generously to help others, but right now, you must allow people to help you. Confide your problems to family and trusted friends.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Relationships benefit from a strong harmonious aspect. Things also go more smoothly at work. Someone you thought you'd never see again asks for a reconciliation.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A minor distraction interferes with travel plans, but the delay is temporary. Meanwhile, expect to play peacemaker once again for feuding family members.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Keep positive momentum going on the home front. Arrange your schedule to spend more time with your family. You'll soon have news about a certain job change.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Control your possessive tendency that sometimes goads you into an unnecessary display of jealousy. You could be creating problems where none currently exist.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new project holds some challenges that you hadn't expected. But don't be discouraged; you'll find that you're more prepared to deal with them than you realized.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Yours is the sign of the celestial chemist, so don't be surprised if you experience a pleasant "chemistry" betwixt yourself and a new Leo in your life.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy being fussed over, as befits your "royal" Leonine nature. You also have a strong loyalty to family and friends.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

The Dole Act: Benefits and improvements

Have you wondered what exactly is included in the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act? There's one way to find out: Scroll through it. There's more to the Act than you might imagine, and all of it is to benefit you.

Sec. 301 calls for burial benefits for veterans who were under hospice care at the time of their death. It concerns those veterans who pass away between July 1, 2025, and Oct. 1, 2026 and who are receiving VA medical or nursing care before receiving hospice care — they will receive full VA burial allowance. That was not the case before, if a veteran went from VA medical care to home. To read all the details about VA burial benefits, see www.va.gov/burials-memorials. Should you also wish to apply for pre-need eligibility to make it easier for family when the time comes, there is info on that page as well.

Sec. 143 addresses the reimbursement of ambulance cost for veterans in rural areas. This might be by ambulance or air ambulance, to the nearest hospital that can meet the needs of the veteran. Be sure of the details on this one if you might use this service. Read the definitions in the text because coverage varies by disability rating, distance to hospital and so on. This benefit is likely to change after September 30, 2026, and is worth paying attention to because the total accumulative benefit is \$46,000 of coverage.

Sec. 208 concerns the payment of full monthly housing stipend for those who are in their final semester of education assistance under the Post-911/ Educational Assistance Program. Read the details if this applies to you.

And in a topic that's near and dear to the hearts of many of us, Sec. 304 ensures that only licensed health care professionals do the medical disability exams.

To get the most out of the 97 pages of the Act, start at the top and scroll through the Table of Contents (www.congress.gov/118/plaws/publ210/PLAW-118publ210.pdf).

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Dog Makes Odd Breathing Noise

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Recently, I had my 9-year-old, part-poodle/Maltese dog's teeth cleaned. The vet had to pull two teeth as well. Since this was done, "Scoobie" seems to make an odd noise as he is breathing. I feel like this is due to the tube they put down his throat as they cleaned his teeth. When I got him home, he had a hacking cough, which subsided about three days later. But the noise he makes when breathing continues. He doesn't seem to be in pain, though. I like our vet a lot and hate to question him, so hopefully you can help me out or let me know what I could ask the vet. — Valeeta R., Montgomery, Alabama

DEAR VALEETA: A good veterinarian will not mind extra questions from a pet owner, so I encourage you to contact your vet and describe Scoobie's breathing noise.

In fact, you should go ahead and bring Scoobie in to have the vet check out the noise in person so he can rule out any serious issues. Pets that are put under general anesthesia for certain procedures (such as the tooth scaling Scoobie had) can develop complications afterward, ranging from stress reactions to major health emergencies. Don't be worried about bothering your vet — your dog's health is the most important thing here.

Ask lots of questions, and insist on straightforward answers from the vet — not answers designed just to make you feel better. If afterward you feel that you didn't receive satisfactory answers, or if Scoobie doesn't improve, take your dog to another vet for a second opinion.

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

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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.)

Reports to Council. Aug. 6 at 9 a.m.

Qualla Housing Committee.

Aug. 6 at 1 p.m.

Tribal Council. Aug. 7 at 8:30 a.m.

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

60th Annual Shoshone-Ban-

nock Indian Festival. Aug. 7-10 in Pocatello, Idaho. Emcees: Bart Powaukee and Vince Beyl. Host Northern Drum: Wild Rose. Local Drum: Spring Creek. Info: Taryn Shoyo (208) 252-1686, shobanpowwow@gmail.com

109th Annual Meskwaki Pow Wow. Aug. 10-13 at the Meskwaki Pow Wow Grounds in Tama, Iowa. Info: <https://meskwakipowwow.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/>

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

Smoky Mountain Competition Cheer 2nd Annual Back 2 School Block Party. Aug. 9 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bridge Park in downtown Sylva, N.C. Inflatables, face painting, fairy hair, dunk booth, music, educational tables, food trucks, and more. Info: (828) 226-9943, smoky-mountaincheerclub@gmail.com

Poetry with Mackenzie Kozak, Brit Washburn, and Michael Dechane. Aug. 9 at 3 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, N.C. Mackenzie’s debut collection, “no swaddle”, selected by Brenda Shaughnessy for the Iowa Poetry Prize, Brit’s new collection, “What Is Given”, and Michael Dechane’s latest collection, “The Long Invisible”.

Swain County Democratic Party meeting. Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope St. in Bryson City, N.C. Zoom option available. All Democrat and unaffiliated voters are invited. Info: swaincountydems@gmail.com

Steve Kemp Presents “An Exaltation of Parks: John D. Rockefeller Jr’s Crusade to save America’s Wonder-

lands”. 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 “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.

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

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

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

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

Bigwitch Baptist Church. 2290 Bigwitch Rd. Sunday School

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. 21 Church of God

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

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

Cherokee Pentecostal Holi-

BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ecclesiastes (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 17, when Jesus healed 10 lepers, how many came back to thank Him? *1, 2, 5, All 10*
3. Who had seven sons who always celebrated their birthdays with a feast? *Eli, Job, John, David*
4. From Genesis 32, whose thigh went out of joint while wrestling with an angel? *Adam, Moses, Jacob, Lot*
5. The pool of Bethesda is/was near which gate to the city of Jerusalem? *Sheep, Camel, Horse, People*
6. Who was Caiaphas' father-in-law? *Annaias, Annas, Pilate, Nicodemus*

ANSWERS: (1) DIO (2) '1 (3) Job (4) Jacob (5) Sheep (6) Annas

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Moments in time

• On Aug. 18, 1992, Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird retired at the age of 35, explaining that "the last couple of years have been very tough on me, on my back and on my body. It was very hard to deal with, day in and day out." He has remained involved with the NBA in other roles, however, to the present day.

• On Aug. 19, 2011, the "West Memphis Three" — Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley — were released from prison after serving 18 years for the murders of three young Arkansas boys, under the rarely used Alford plea, which allowed them to maintain their innocence while acknowledging that prosecutors still possessed sufficient evidence to convict them.

• On Aug. 20, 2000, the peregrine falcon, known as the world's fastest bird for its speed of up to 200 mph, was removed from America's endangered species list after a little more than three decades. A ban on the pesticide DDT was widely credited for the bird's resurgence.

• On Aug. 21, 1920, Christopher Robin Milne was born to author A.A. Milne and his wife, Daphne. The boy would later be immortalized in his father's books "Winnie-the-Pooh" and "The House at Pooh Corner."

• On Aug. 22, 1962, French president Charles de Gaulle, along with his wife, survived one of several assassination attempts against him thanks to the superior suspension system of the presidential automobile, known as "La Déesse" (The Goddess), which allowed de Gaulle's chauffeur to accelerate out of a front-wheel skid to safety.

• On Aug. 23, 1945, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Marcario Garcia was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Harry S. Truman, becoming the first Mexican national to receive it, for single-handedly clearing two German machine gun nests even after receiving multiple wounds.

• On Aug. 24, 1814, an iconic portrait (actually a copy) of George Washington was removed from its frame at the White House to prevent its theft by British troops. Later, first lady Dolley Madison would take somewhat dramatic credit for supervising the act.

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The Garden Bug

• Removing the fading blooms will prompt the marigold to produce more flowers rather than go into making seeds. Pinch or cut off the wilted flowers every few days.

• Sprinkle bone meal, which is rich in phosphorus, amongst your marigolds. Avoid fertilizers rich in nitrogen, as they promote more leaf growth.

• Getting the leaves and blooms wet can cause mildew or leaf spot, so water marigolds at the base and not from overhead. The best times to water marigolds in the summer are early morning or evening. — Brenda Weaver

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe 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 Bap-

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MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF





RAKESHA CROWE

Patient Access Specialist

Years at CIHA: 5 Years in October
Community/Hometown: Big Cove

"I enjoy being able to help people, I work at Analenisgi's front desk and I love being able to help people start their journey and watch them grow and recover and use all of the support and resources our hospital offers." - Rakesha Crowe

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

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

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

Tim James 497-7644

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

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

Straight Fork Baptist Church.

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

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

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

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thomas Valley Road. Sunday school: 10 a.m., Worship: 11a.m.,


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

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

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

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Excerpt from Maggie Wachacha Interview

(Maggie Wachacha, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, born in September of 1892, was interviewed at her home in March of 1987 by Lois Calonehuskie, Earl Davis and Tom Hill. The interview was transcribed by Lois Calonehuskie)

Clerk of Tribal Council


Lois: It was later on that you became Clerk for the Tribal Council?

Maggie: Yes

Lois: Did you say that you were just visiting at the Council when you were asked to take the job?

Maggie: Yes. The former Clerk said he couldn't write any more. I'd taught myself to write in the Cherokee Language. My dad's sister was the one who helped me. She'd go over the whole alphabet with me. Her name was Nancy. Back then they held the Council meeting for two weeks once a year in the fall. The meeting lasted three days and it was all in the Cherokee Language. No English was spoken.

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1. Name the owner of the Boston Red Sox who infamously sold Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees in 1920.
2. In motorsports, what does the acronym HANS stand for?
3. In June 2025, autonomous humanoid robots from Tsinghua University's THU Robotics team defeated China Agricultural University's Mountain Sea Team's robots in what sport?
4. Who did the Charlotte Hornets select 11th overall in the 2018 NBA Draft and then immediately trade to the Los Angeles Clippers?
5. Unicycling acrobat Rong "Krystal" Niu, a fixture at pro basketball halftime shows, is better known by what stage name?
6. In 2024, Amit Patel pleaded guilty to stealing \$22 million from what NFL franchise while employed with the team?
7. What 1978 National League MVP died 29 days before being inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2025?

Answers

1. Harry Frazee.
2. Head and Neck Support.
3. Soccer.
4. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander.
5. Red Panda.
6. The Jacksonville Jaguars.
7. Dave Parker.

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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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Tribal Realty

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Misty Milsaps: (828) 359-6919

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Additional qualifications:

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Knowledge of daily internal and external (customer-facing) operations

Familiarity with proper meeting management structure and protocols

Strong project-management skills Sales-and-marketing management experience

Extensive DoD and/or federal law enforcement project experience Global or multi-national business experience

Anyone interested should submit resumes, request job description and application to Kristin Smith at kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com or at the Kituwah G3 Office (Across the Street from Waffle House) between the hours of 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday-Friday. **8/6**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-068

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

ROBERT COOPER

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against

this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

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

Casey Cooper
79 Sam Bradley Road
Cherokee NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-072

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

NANCY ANN CHILTOSKIE

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

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

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of W.W.W.

Petitioner: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services Department of Human Services

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD

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

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

pointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

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

First published this the 23rd day of July, 2025.

Jordan R. Israel
Family Safety Program Attorney
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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. 25-071

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JOHN GERALD WALKER

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Dorothy M Walker
P.O. Box 292
Bryson City, NC 28713
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Cherokee, North Carolina
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Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

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

Chrissy Arch
247 Locust Road
Cherokee NC, 28719
8/13

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
8/20

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

In the Tribal Court

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

Petitioner: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services Department of Human Services

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, R.L.F.-R. born June 23, 2016, is an abused and neglected child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on May 20, 2024.

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



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club
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5 Teachers—\$31,800–\$39,750 per year with benefits

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1 Detail Technician—\$19,080–\$25,440 per year with Benefits
1 Service Writer—\$31,800–\$39,750 per year with Benefits

Construction & Facilities:
2 Skilled Carpenters—\$31,800–\$39,750 per year with Benefits

Bus & Truck Department:

- Seasonal Bus Drivers
- Truck Drivers

SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITIONS

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:

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

Larry Blythe
P.O. Box 587
Cherokee NC, 28719
8/20

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

Notice to Creditors and

Debtors of:

YAHNIE ANN SQUIRREL

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

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

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

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Marijuana Use in HUD-Funded Tribal Rental Properties

Summary regarding marijuana use in HUD-funded tribal rental properties:
Federal Law Prohibits Marijuana Use:

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

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

HUD's Stance on Marijuana Use in Assisted Housing:

HUD prohibits the admission of individuals who use marijuana to HUD-assisted housing, including those who use medical marijuana, consistent with federal law. Owners of HUD-assisted properties must deny admission to any household with a member determined to be using a controlled substance, which includes marijuana.

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

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

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

Tribal Housing and HUD Funding:

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

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

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

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

Request for Qualifications HYATT CEMETERY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Housing Authority

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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**

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Storm water management and erosion control

Introduction

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (the "EBCI") is a sovereign federally recognized American Indian Tribe located in western North Carolina. The EBCI Natural Resources Department has a mission to protect, conserve, and en-

hance Tribal natural resources for the benefit of the Cherokee community, a mission that requires outreach and education. The lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) are characterized by high peaks and valleys with rich biodiversity. While managing community growth and high numbers of tourists, the challenge for EBCI is to allow development while preventing pollution by sedimentation. EBCI is seeking an entity qualified in storm water management and erosion control to assist with outreach and education to EBCI departmental personnel and other partners.

I. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to enhance protection of water quality on EBCI lands by educating all partners about rules and best practices for stormwater management and erosion control.

II. Scope of Work

Based on current Best Management Practices and Stormwater Management/Erosion Control Plan(s) provided by EBCI NRD, the following comprises the Scope of Work for this Request for Proposals:

Develop a Stormwater/Erosion control Management Guidance Document specific to EBCI lands
Provide Erosion and Sediment Control Training to EBCI Construction,

Transportation, and Housing Department staff and any other partners who wish to attend.

III. Contact Information

Cherise Maples, Environmental Manager Natural Resources Department

P.O. Box 1747 or 1840 Paint Town

Road Cherokee, NC 28719
Office: (828) 359-6798
Cell Phone: (828) 7367754
Email: chermapl@ebci-nsn.gov

IV. Qualifications
To be considered qualified to perform this Scope of Work, a person or entity will need to document (1) knowledge in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment controls and (2) possession of the skills to assess site conditions and effectiveness of sediment and erosion control measures used to control the quality of stormwater discharges (3) certification in stormwater management and erosion control and (4) the ability to present this information in an instructional setting.

V. Project timeline

Advertisement - July 28, 2025
Deadline for Questions - August 4, 2025

Answers to Questions - August 5, 2025

Proposals due - August 11, 2025

Selection/Intent to Award - August 13, 2025

Project Start Date - August 18, 2025

Draft Guidance and Presentation Due for review - September 5, 2025

Draft comments by - September 10, 2025

Final Guidance and Presentation Due - September 19, 2025

Training event to be completed - September 22-26, 2025

VI. Requirements

Submit proposals to: chermapl@ebci-nsn.gov by 4:00PM on August 11, 2025 with "EBCI-NRD-REG-01-2025" in the Subject line. Qualifying proposals must contain the following:

Statement of Qualifications (company and individuals assigned to the project)

Description of experience with similar projects

Methodology

Development of guidance documents (standards, compliance based)

Training event plan (capacity, agenda, field trips, etc.) Note: Venue and lunch to be provided by EBCI NRD

Timeline

Cost information with any required payment terms

Contact information

Proposal must include the signed statement:

I affirm that I am authorized to submit this proposal on behalf of (Insert Company name). Name:

Signature: Date:

VII. Selection Criteria

Project Understanding: Creative use of technical expertise in stormwater management, knowledge and experience with EBCI Code, presentation

Cost of project

Timeline (project must be completed by the deadline of September 26, 2025)

Experience with similar projects

VIII. Terms and Conditions

EBCI NRD reserves the right to reject any or all proposals when deemed to be in the best interest of the Tribe.

Late or incomplete proposals may not be considered.

All questions and any other correspondence regarding this RFP shall be sent to the designated contact in order to be valid.

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Schools, Family Safety, Child and Family – Snowbird,
Family Intensive Treatment)
Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse Manager
Targeted Case Manager

CIHA Dietary

Cook

ENGINEERING

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

FINANCE

Billing Analyst II
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MEDICAL

Physician (Emergency Department, Primary Care,
Pediatrics)
Mid Level FNP

RADIOLOGY

Radiology Technologist II (2nd Shift) - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
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RN Supervisor-Inpatient (Nights)
Clinical Nurse Educator
TO Specialty Team Care Manager - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
TO Care Manager - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager - \$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
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TRIBAL OPTION

HOP Medical Social Worker

TSALI CARE CENTER

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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828-359-6388

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Closing Sunday, August 10, 2025

1. Truck Driver/Crew Leader (Multiple) – Solid Waste – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Wood Cutter – Family Support Services – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Professional Development Specialist – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
4. Grants Analyst (Multiple) – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)

Open Until Filled

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



Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

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

K-5 Student Supervisory Support Specialist
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Cost: Free, lunch will be provided

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