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Mingo Falls Revitalization celebrated with Ribbon Cutting

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) celebrated the completion of the Mingo Falls revitalization project with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 24. Becky Bowe, manager of EBCI Project Management, welcomed those in attendance, and Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell led in a prayer. Several were in attendance and included Little

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Tribal officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and contractors look on as Little Miss Cherokee Faith Panther cuts the ribbon at Mingo Falls on Wednesday, Sept. 24. (ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather photo)

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Image of the Week

Jacee Smith, left, and Robbie Brown enjoy a moment during the Tsalagi Anitsvvasdi (Cherokee Braves) vs Murphy Bulldogs football game at Ray Kinsland Memorial Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Sept. 26. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



“The power of this place is not only in its beauty and popularity, but in the spirituality of it and how it reaches into your soul. It’s awe-inspiring in my view. It’s unique.”

- Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell speaking about Mingo Falls during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 24

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MINGO FALLS: From front page

Miss Cherokee Faith Panther and Senior Miss Cherokee Kim Lambert.

EBCI Secretary of Commerce Sean Ross congratulated everyone on the completion of the project. “It’s a pretty tall order to take something as beautiful and captivating as Mingo Falls and improve on it, but I think that’s exactly what this group did. They made various improvements to the trail system and to the observation area: a better system of steps, widened the paths, enlarged and changed the perspective of the observation deck. You know, you take a dynamic view already, and you make it even more dynamic with the drop in elevation to the observation deck. All these things combined, and you just see this is amazing and vastly improved. So, a lot of kudos to Becky and team for making this happen. Also, to the architects and our elected officials for supporting us in this endeavor.”

Kolanvyi Rep. Richard French offered his thoughts on Mingo Falls. “Thank you to everybody who had a part in this, getting these Falls back up. This is one of the number one spots. Hopefully, there will be more development up here, like permanent restrooms. I am looking forward to more things that we may put into the old campground here. We are showing that we are moving this tribe forward.” Rep. Shell said, “The power of this place is not only in its beauty and popularity, but in the spirituality of it and how it reaches into your soul. It’s awe-inspiring in my view. It’s unique. Generations of Eastern Band Cherokee and the Cherokee Nation have visited this place before, and this place is a part of our

heritage and our culture.”

Rep. Shell also expressed hope that the watershed above Mingo Falls would be protected for future generations and that any land use in the area would be done judiciously and for the preservation of this environment.

EBCI Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B Ensley spoke of the many families he has known from the area, some related to him. He shared the story of one lady from Mingo who experienced the harsh conditions of winter there. He said that it was so cold at times that her siblings would lie on top of her to try to keep her warm, and that some of her brothers and sisters died in trying to keep her warm and alive.

He said, “Mingo has a lot of history, and many families share that history.” He talked about the popularity of Mingo Falls and some of the favorable comments it receives on travel websites from visitors. Taline Ugviyu Ensley expressed appreciation to all who brought this project to completion.

EBCI Ugviyuh (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks made final remarks before the ribbon was cut by Little Miss Cherokee, Faith Panther.

He said, “I just want to thank Becky, Zach, and the entire team. You guys continue to go above and beyond. Everyone involved. Brandi, in the background, keeps us honest on finances. No individual has these ideas. It takes a community; it takes a team to accomplish these things. There is a lot of history here. I used to listen to Jerry Wolfe’s stories about living back in these areas where times were extremely hard and recall how they heated their homes and attempted to stay warm and beat the weather.

“The view of Mingo Falls will



This photo shows some of the upgrades.

never change. It is always going to be pristine. And we know the value of that. It’s extremely important to our tribe. It’s important to the

business community and most important to our people to maintain these areas at a better level than they’ve ever been.”



Ceremonial shovels were at the ready as tribal officials dedicated the new evidence building project on Wednesday, Sept. 24. Shown, left to right, are Israel Rodriguez – Cherokee Police Commission, Anita Lossiah – Cherokee Police Commission, CIPD Chief Carla Neadeau, Aniwodih (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper, Tsiqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Richard French, Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B Ensley, Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Gene Owl - CIPD, and Roger Neadeau - CIPD. (ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather photo)

Breaking ground on the EBCI Evidence Building

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) held a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the future Evidence Building on Wednesday, Sept. 24. It is a building designated to house evidence for criminal cases on the Qualla Boundary. The building site is just below the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center on the Hwy 441 spur.

Becky Bowe, manager of EBCI Project Management, emceed the event. Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Rep. Richard French led the audience of tribal officials and contractors in prayer.

Next to speak at the event was Cherokee Indian Police Dept. Chief of Police Carla Neadeau. “Today, we start something new, breaking barriers. This plot of land before

us will soon transform into a state-of-the-art evidence building. This has been a request from the police department for several years and is now in progress. We are excited and appreciate everyone who made this happen. Special thanks to Kim Deas, Rebecca (Bowe), Chief, Vice Chief, and Tribal Council. A law enforcement evidence building is critical because it serves as a critical component in the collection and preservation of evidence, which is essential for protection from crime. Evidence buildings are designed to protect and preserve evidence so that it is not contaminated, altered, or destroyed. So, we thank everybody for making this happen.”

EBCI Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B Ensley expressed his thoughts. “I just want to thank everyone for coming. I was involved in the acquisition of this property for the jail and all.” He said

he would like to see something named in the memory of Oliver Smith, one of the previous landholders who allowed the purchase of the property. “Just some kind of small gesture. This will be a great project. As Carla stated, there have been three or four chiefs of police who have asked for an evidence building, so I think it is well overdue.”

Closing remarks were presented by EBCI Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks. He thanked the Project Management team and contractors, acknowledging that the tribe was keeping them busy. “I would like to give a special thank you to Carla. She has been like a bulldog on this project. A thing that she had pointed out is that it is not just a building. With evidence, there are climate aspects that must be perfect, space, and the ability to retain evidence for the Court. I know we have some

of the judges here today. Again, we feel that these facilities, over time, like the jail that I believe we were able to complete in my third administration, are needed by our community. Some may argue that it’s not revenue-producing. Sometimes in government, everything can’t be revenue-producing. These are critical community needs,” Chief Hicks said that in reviewing the upcoming capital projects list for the next five years, “the planning is evident that we are doing now to get these things completed.”

Taline Ugviyu Ensley recognized the Police Commission. “We have the Police Commission here. We want to thank you for all the work that you all do. It doesn’t go unnoticed.”

Project Management estimates the completion of the evidence building in approximately one year.

Cherokee Cablevision provides update on Tribal Fiber Project

Submitted by Cherokee Cablevision

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Cablevision (CCV) Board has made the decision to make every home and business in Phases 1 and 2 fiber-ready, regardless of current service interest.

This decision affects residents and businesses in the Yellow Hill, Big Cove, Wolf Town, Paint Town, and Big Y communities, where crews are actively working to extend fiber to every structure. While the strategy does increase the overall cost of the project by running lines to locations that may never request service, it also significantly reduces installation time when service is eventually requested.

“Installing these drops in bulk

allows us to take advantage of cost savings through large-scale contracts, rather than handling each installation as a separate project,” Ryan Sherby, CCV chief executive officer states. “That means faster turnaround for Tribal Members when they decide to connect.”

Construction impacts and resident concerns

As construction continues, residents may notice increased activity around their homes, including fiber lines being attached to exterior walls via a small box on outside of home (NID). Crews attempt to make contact by knocking on doors before beginning work. If no one answers, the drop is installed. All of this is done at no cost to the homeowner or business owner.

Some community members have

expressed concerns about cracked pavement, diesel stains, and temporary driveway blockages during construction. We acknowledged these issues and are working to address them as they arise. If crews are blocking your driveway, you can approach them to request access.

“This is a large-scale infrastructure build, and while we aim to minimize the impact, some disruption is unfortunately unavoidable,” Sherby states. “We always try to repair any damage to the extent commercially feasible, but we also ask for residents’ understanding and patience. This is a massive technology infrastructure project that will equip the Tribe well into the future with world class connectivity”

Residents who encounter construction issues can reach out to the Customer Service Team at (828) 339-2900. From there, they will escalate to Vantage Point Solutions.

Fiber Network Construction Progress

As clean-up work continues in Phase 1, they are validating that the network is clean and tested, then scheduling installs. If you are in Phase 1 (Yellow Hill, Big Cove), we are ready to take your order. Phase 2 (Wolf town, Paint town and Big Y) is coming online relatively quickly, with some locations already tested and active.

As of this week, the project has made substantial progress in Phase 2:

- 91.56 of 91.67 total miles of fiber have been placed
- 1,009 of 1,026 aerial service drops to homes and businesses completed
- 67 of 511 buried service drops to homes and businesses completed
- 366 addresses have been tested and confirmed serviceable

Looking Ahead:

Birdtown and Whittier

With Phases 1 and 2 nearly complete, attention is turning to Phase 3 in Birdtown, which has already been engineered and the Duke poles prepared and replaced. Construction will begin once funding is secured by the Tribe. The Whittier/3200 Acre Tract is also nearing construction readiness. It is anticipated to secure funding as early as the first of the year.

Requesting Fiber Services

Are you interested in Fiber services? For more information, contact the Customer Service Team at (828) 339-2900 or visit www.cherokeecablevision.com.

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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

New this week

H.R. 5257 (To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust). The full text of this bill is not yet available, but the full title states “To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, for the benefit of an Indian Tribe that was federally

recognized on the date that the land was taken into trust”.

Introduced: Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) on Sept. 10

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 10. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 5327 (To extend federal recognition to the Nottoway Tribe of Virginia). This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.

Introduced: Rep. Jennifer L. McClellan (D-Va.) on Sept. 11

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natu-

ral Resources on Sept. 11. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Bills recently passed

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 tacked on to H.R. 3838 (National Defense Authorization Act FY26) with House Amendment 98 and was passed on Sept. 10 with the main bill on a roll call vote of 231-196. The Senate version of the National Defense Authorization Act FY26 (S.2296)

is currently being considered.

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



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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.

S.761 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act).

This Senate bill would establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies. According to Congress.gov, “Among other duties, the Commission must investigate

the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools.”

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

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. It was “ordered to be reported without amendment favorably” by the Committee on March 5. It was reported without amendment by Sen. Murkowski (R-Alaska), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs chairperson, on July 31. That same day, it was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Calendar No. 139).

H.R. 2412 (Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act).

This House bill would establish an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Advisory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

H.R. 3444. (Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act of 2025). According to the bill text, this House bill is “To direct Fed-

eral 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

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Indian reservations”.

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

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

S.2160 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025).

This Senate seeks the same as H.R. 3255 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025).

Introduced: June 25 by Sen. Gary C. Peters (D-Mich.)

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

bill as of press time.

H.R. 4276 (To amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act).

According to congress.gov, this bill amends the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act “to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

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

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

S.2211 (Special Diabetes Program Reauthorization Act of

2025). This Senate bill seeks to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. For both programs, it seeks funding in the amount of \$160,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

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

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

H.R. 4463 (To amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993).

The text of the legislation states, “Subsection (d) of section 7 of the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land

Claims Settlement Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–116), is amended by striking ‘; however, in no event may an individual be enrolled as a tribal member unless the individual is a lineal descendant of a person on the final base membership roll and has continued to maintain political relations with the Tribe.’.”

Introduced: July 16 by Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs on Sept. 4, and a hearing was held on this legislation in the subcommittee on Sept. 9.

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

According to the bill’s text, this legislation would “amend the Im-

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migration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of federally recognized Indian Tribes in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States”.

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

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

H.R. 4750 (To extend federal recognition to the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia). This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.

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

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

H.R. 4712 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act). According to the legislation text, this House bill would “amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes”.

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

Action: This bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary as well as the Committee on Natural Resources on July 23. There are no hearings scheduled for this bill in either committee as of press time.

S.2452 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act). According to the legislation text, this Senate bill would “amend the Indian Law En-

forcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes”. This bill is identical to H.R. 4712.

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

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

S.2564 (Tribal Gaming Regulatory Compliance Act). The opening text of the bill states it is “to ensure all federally recognized Tribes that are eligible for gaming in the United States are regulated under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act”.

It specifically seeks to amend Public Law 100-89 (Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act). Section 3 of the bill states, “This Act shall be construed to ensure the full applicability of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701) to gaming activities on Indian lands of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Indian lands of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe.”

Introduced: July 31 by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 31. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S.2577 (McCarran-Walter Technical Corrections Act). This Senate bill, according to its

text, would “amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of a federally recognized Indian Tribe in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States”. This bill is identical to H.R. 4596.

Introduced: July 31 by Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 31. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

House Resolution 666 (Supporting the goals of Overdose Awareness Day and strengthening efforts to combat the opioid crisis in the United States). This House resolution states in part, “Substance use disorder and drug overdose affect all socioeconomic groups, racial and ethnic groups, geographical regions, and ages; and Black and American Indian or Alaskan Native populations are more likely to die from a drug overdose than their White counterparts”.

The resolution continues, “The House of Representatives (1) recognizes Overdose Awareness Day (reporter’s note – it is usually Aug. 31, but a specific date is not listed in the resolution) in the United States; (2) commits to advancing the passing bipartisan policies that reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorders and overdoses; and is dedicated to collaborating with states,

localities, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, health care providers, patients, and families to support a comprehensive system that promotes prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery from opioid use disorder.”

Introduced: Rep. Lori Trahan (D-Mass.) on Aug. 29

Action: This resolution was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Aug. 29. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this resolution as of press time.

H.R. 5144 {Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County, Virginia Federal Recognition Act}. This House bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.

Introduced: Sept. 4 by Rep. Jennifer A. Kiggans (R-Va.)

Action: The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 4. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:

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EBCI Government Explained Regulation of businesses on tribal lands

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has full regulatory control over businesses operating on its lands. These regulations and authorities are found in Cherokee Code Chapter 106 (Business Regulation).

Prior to the passage of Ord. No. 624 by Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) on Jan. 6, 2005, the EBCI did not issue its own business licenses, then known as trader's licenses. That fell to the Cherokee

Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The whereas section of Ord. No. 624 explains the situation at that time, "The Tribe has relied on the Cherokee Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to issue Trader's Licenses to persons wanting to do business on Cherokee trust land; and Trader's Licenses are issued pursuant to an outdated federal policy toward Indians and an archaic form of business regulation on Tribal land."

It continues, "Nationally, the Secretary of the Interior has stopped issuing Trader's Licenses because they no longer serve the purpose for which they were created, and the Tribe should ask the Cherokee Agency, as the Secretary's delegate, to also stop issuing Trader's Licenses. The Tribe has the sovereign authority to regular

commerce on Tribal land."

Cherokee Code Section 106-2 states, "Unless otherwise exempted by this Chapter or other tribal ordinance, any person or entity whose primary place of business is located on tribal land that wants to conduct business on tribal land may do so only with permission of the Tribe as evidenced by issuance and maintenance of a current, valid Tribal Business License."

Section 106-4 describes the Business Committee's authority in this area. "The Business Committee shall administer this Article and has the discretion to take all steps necessary and proper to enforce compliance with this Article including, but not limited to, prohibiting the introduction of certain goods or services onto tribal land, directing that any or all tribal business licenses be suspended or

revoked, and directing that any or all applications for tribal business licenses or renewals thereof be rejected."

The fine for not having a valid Tribal Business License is \$500 per Section 106-5. Section 106-6(d) sets the price of obtaining a license at \$25 "at the time of application and renewal".

Section 106-10 deals with the time frame for a license and states, "The maximum effective period for a business license is one year, measured from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. All licenses expire at midnight on Dec. 31 of the year they were issued; provided, however, that they may be renewed as provided in this chapter."

Several changes were made to Section 106-15 (Unlawful and prohibited conduct) over the years with the passage of Ord. No. 630



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on Feb. 1, 2007; Ord. No. 991 on Oct. 8, 2007; and most recently with Ord. No. 240 on Oct. 21, 2024.

The main parts of Section 106-15 are in subsections (a) and (b) which read as follows:

(a) No person or entity may use or permit its business to be used for any unlawful conduct or purpose. Violation of this section shall subject the violator to criminal prosecution, suspension or revocation of the business license, and other action as the Tribe deems necessary under law. This section is deemed to be violated when someone is charged with unlawful conduct or purpose. Violations do not require convictions and/or sentencing.

(b) No person or entity, regardless of whether they are required to be licensed under this chapter, may engage in unfair methods of

competition or engage in unfair or deceptive acts or practices in or effecting commerce on Cherokee trust lands. In this section, “commerce” shall include, but is not limited to, the exchange of property, goods or services for anything of value, lease transactions, assignments and debt collection.

Ord. No. 240 was described as an amendment to Section 106-15 “to prohibit discrimination at places of public accommodation”.

The whereas section of that legislation describes the situation at the time. “The Tribe has received complaints that at least one hotel or motel operator has refused to rent a room to an enrolled member of the EBCI who also lives on or near trust land in Cherokee, Snowbird, or Cherokee County and that the refusal appears to be based solely on the grounds that

the person is a member of the EBCI who lives locally.”

It continues, “A hotel, motel, or other place of public accommodation that refuses to rent a room or provide a service to a person solely because the person is an enrolled member of the EBCI who lives locally is engaging in behavior that is offensive and discriminatory against tribal members and such actions should be prohibited by amendment to Cherokee Code Section 106-15.”

Section 106-15(b)(1)(A) now reads, “The definition of unfair act includes discrimination by places of public accommodation on the basis of a person’s race, color, religion or national origin, these terms and the prohibition against discrimination to be defined and interpreted consistent with Title II of the Civil Rights of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000a et seq. The Tribe hereby adds to and includes in this definition acts of discrimination by places of public accommodation against persons based on their status as enrolled members of the EBCI or any other Federally recognized Indian tribe, including refusing to provide accommodation or services based solely on the fact that the enrolled member is a ‘local’ who lives on or near EBCI trust land in western North Carolina.”

Several types of businesses are not allowed under this Chapter.

Sec. 106-17 prohibits people dealing in antiquities and states in part, “Persons and entities required to be licensed under this chapter may not deal in objects of antiquity removed from any historic or prehistoric ruin or monument on land owned or controlled by the United States, state, or any Indian tribe recognized by the federal government or any state; and may not knowingly buy, sell, rent,

lease or have in their possession any artifact created before 1930 that was removed from any state or federally recognized Indian site, historic ruin or monument.”

Section 106-18 is entitled “Trade in certain plants and animals” and states, “Persons and entities required to be licensed under this chapter shall not introduce into, sell, or spread within Tribal land any plant, plant product, seed, or any type of vegetation, or any animal, which is infested, or infected or which might act as a carrier of any pests of infectious, transmissible, or contagious diseases, as determined by the Tribe.”

Section 106-19 prohibits the sale of certain dextromethorphan, an over-the-counter cough suppressant, to minors unless they have a prescription. Hefty fines can be imposed by the Revenue Officer and/or the Business Committee per Section 106-19(b)(1) as follows: not more than \$1,000 for the first offense; not more than \$2,000 for the second offense; and not more than \$5,000 for the third or subsequent offense.

Businesses operating on EBCI tribal lands are required to pay tribal levy. Failure to do so is covered under Section 106-21 which states, “Any person or entity required to be licensed under this Chapter that fails to pay wages, Tribal levy, privilege and license fees has violated this Chapter. Compliance may be by suspension or revocation of the business license by the Office of Budget and Finance after notice and 30 days is provided in which to cure the breach. If a cure is not provided within that 30-day period, the Office of Budget and Finance shall suspend or revoke the license. Such action may be appealed to the Business Committee.”

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CIPD Arrest Report for Sept. 15-21, 2025

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Patterson, Ryan Worthy – age 25
Arrested: Sept. 15
Released: Sept. 15
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Sherman, Christopher – age 20
Arrested: Sept. 15
Released: Sept. 15
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Wiggins, Ian Alexander – age 25
Arrested: Sept. 15
Released: Sept. 18
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Hornbuckle, Crystal Lynn – age 44
Arrested: Sept. 16
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 22)

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Roberts, Tony Durk – age 62
Arrested: Sept. 16
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 22)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Wolf, Jason – age 24
Arrested: Sept. 16
Released: Sept. 18
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bowman, Skyler Cub – age 18
Arrested: Sept. 17
Released: Sept. 21
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Holiday, Siah Kenyon – age 23
Arrested: Sept. 17
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 22)
Charges: Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Reckless Endangerment, Probation Revocation, Driving While Impaired

Bowman, Sakuro Meisha – age 26
Arrested: Sept. 18
Released: Sept. 18
Charges: Injuring Real Property

Junaluska, Kody Francine – age 42

Arrested: Sept. 18
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 22)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Lane, Celina Melinda – age 48
Arrested: Sept. 18
Released: Sept. 18
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Smith, Jaylen Xavier – age 23
Arrested: Sept. 18
Released: Sept. 18
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Beasley, Jerome Montana – age 33
Arrested: Sept. 19
Released: Sept. 19
Charges: Reckless Endangerment

Lambert, Melvin Edward – age 40
Arrested: Sept. 19
Released: Sept. 20
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Patterson, Ryan Worthy – age 25
Arrested: Sept. 19
Released: Sept. 19
Charges: Failure to Appear on a

Misdemeanor

Sherman, Richard Chamberlin – age 63
Arrested: Sept. 19
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 22)
Charges: Failure to Appear on a Misdemeanor

Woodson, Michael Allen – age 47
Arrested: Sept. 19
Released: Sept. 20
Charges: Failure to Appear on a Misdemeanor

Silva, Jose Alfonso – age 61
Arrested: Sept. 20
Released: Sept. 21
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Watty, Jason Adam – age 47
Arrested: Sept. 20
Released: Sept. 21
Charges: Public Nuisance

McMillan, Barry Jason – age 47
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Released: Sept. 21
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PRE-APPROVAL PRE-QUALIFICATION	☐ 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. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender. ☐ Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter
INFRASTRUCTURE	☐ Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed. ☐ Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included. ☐ Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.
HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE	☐ Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved. ☐ Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home. ☐ After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure. ☐ 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	☐ 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. ☐ Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will review for completeness of application. ☐ Completed applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature. ☐ Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature. ☐ The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. ☐ Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.
CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands	☐ 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. ☐ Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD. ☐ Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution. ☐ 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	☐ 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. ☐ 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. ☐ Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator. ☐ Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.
LOAN CLOSE	☐ Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing. ☐ Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed. ☐ Home construction may start after loan close. ☐ Client will begin working with Lender's Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.
SITE PREP SCHEDULING	☐ Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure. ☐ 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	☐ For qualified EBCI enrolled members residing on trust land, Infrastructure provides: ☐ Site Prep, Footers, Block Foundation, Block Underpinning, Vinyl Underpinning, Gutter System and Final Grade to prevent erosion.

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CIHA recognizes National Recovery Month by announcing ‘Recovery Friendly NC Workplace’ Certification

Submitted by
Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

During a catered lunch from Nikki’s Frybread on Wednesday, Sept. 24 to celebrate staff at Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) who are in recovery, Tara Reed-Cooper, associate director of Career Development announced CIHA completed the certification process to become a Recovery Friendly Workplace through Recovery Friendly NC, a statewide initiative that helps employers and community partners create supportive spaces for individuals in or seeking recovery.

“This is deeply personal for us. Recovery lives in our teams, our families, and our community. Becoming certified is one of the ways we show up for each other—quietly, consistently, and with respect,” said Reed-Cooper. “CIHA aims to be the employer of choice for our region. That means a workplace where people can build strong careers and strong recovery at the same time. It strengthens safety, trust, and teamwork—so we can care well for our patients and for each other. It also sends a clear message to talented people who Choose CIHA that their whole health is welcome here. When treatment or recovery needs come first, we have flexible options to support you. And we’re backing a stigma-free culture with real policies, education, and practice.”

Recovery Friendly NC equips workplaces with tools, training, and resources to support the health, wellness, and safety of employees. A Recovery Friendly Workplace educates about sub-



Freida Saylor, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority executive director of behavioral health services, speaks at an event on Sept. 24 recognizing CIHA as a Recovery Friendly NC Workplace. (CIHA photo)

stance use and addiction, fosters an environment conducive to the journey of recovery, and works to reduce the stigma often associated with the disease of addiction, substance use, and recovery.

“Recovery Friendly NC exists to reduce stigma and promote recovery-positive environments that prioritize wellness, inclusion, and hope,” said CIHA CEO Casey Cooper. “This initiative strengthens the workforce while uplifting individuals and families impacted by substance use and mental health challenges.”

There are many benefits to working with individuals in recovery. Employers consistently see improved productivity, fewer days out of work, and increased job retention - delivering measurable savings. Just as importantly, the values of recovery - accountability, holistic wellness, and seeking help when needed—create social benefits that strengthen teams and

inspire positive change.

CIHA is committed to creating a healthy, safe, and stigma-free work environment. Through participation in the Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative (RFW), CIHA is designating its workplace as Recovery Friendly. RFWs encourage environments where employers, employees, and communities collaborate to create positive change and eliminate barriers for those impacted by substance use.

“To everyone on a recovery journey who has chosen CIHA as your employer, thank you. Your courage, your skill, and your honesty make our teams better,” said Reed-Cooper. “We are grateful to support you and proud to work alongside you. We want our current and future employees to know that at CIHA, you can build your recovery and your career because both belong here. Thank you for choosing CIHA, and thank you for the care you show our patients and

each other every day.”

Executive Director of Behavioral Health Dr. Freida Saylor explained the new certification is just the beginning and is a work in progress that can change and evolve as needed to best meet the needs of CIHA and the community. To achieve a high level of employee health, safety, and wellness, CIHA invites and encourages all employees to reach out for help and support. All communication regarding recovery support is confidential. For anyone uncomfortable discussing recovery support in the workplace, CIHA’s Recovery Friendly Advocates at Wilkes Recovery Revolution are available to assist directly.

For confidential recovery support or to learn more about CIHA’s Recovery Friendly NC Workplace resources, employees may contact CIHA Human Resources.



2025 Cherokee Middle School Homecoming Court

This year's Cherokee Middle School Homecoming Court is shown, left to right, back row - Abelia Flores, Emma Milholen, Ehko Lossiah, Misha Slee, Chotky Davis; front row - Bailey Swimmer, Miri Larch, Nahnie George, Amaya Eaglestar, and Izley Bell. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



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Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship Committee

Dear Members of the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for being selected as a recipient of the Yogi Crowe Scholarship. I am truly honored and humbled by this recognition, and I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and support.

This scholarship will not only alleviate some of the financial burdens associated with my education but also inspire me to continue striving toward my academic and professional goals. The opportunity to pursue my studies with less financial concern is invaluable, and it motivates me to work even harder to make a positive impact in my field.

As an MBA student, I am com-

mitted to applying the lessons I learn to help others and contribute to the betterment of our community. This scholarship reinforces my dedication to achieving my educational and career objectives, and it is a tremendous encouragement to keep pushing forward.

I deeply appreciate the confidence you have placed in me, and I promise to honor the legacy of the Yogi Crowe Scholarship by maintaining a strong work ethic and a commitment to excellence in all my endeavors. I am proud to be a part of such a meaningful and impactful scholarship program.

Once again, thank you for your incredible generosity. I am excited for the opportunities this scholarship will provide, and I look forward to giving back to my community in the future.

Sincerely,

Ahli-sha Stephens
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Thank you from the family of Roger "Poncho" Ballard

The family of Roger "Poncho" Ballard cannot express our gratitude enough for the generosity, thoughtfulness and support shown during the loss of our "Poppa". To all who donated to the Go Fund Me account to assist with treatment expenses we thank you as it helped us out so much. When we expected treatment, instead was told six months and then only had 11 days everything in our lives changed forever.

We want to thank all who helped make Poncho's last days at home as comfortable as possible. The Four Seasons Hospice Team, our Tribal Fire Department and our Tribal EMS programs were al-

ways a phone call away. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your caring and professionalism.

The funeral service was heartfelt and comforting. We thank all who helped make it so special. We appreciate all the visits from friends and family, the food provided at home and by the EBCI Executive Offices, the flowers, music, all the cards and donations and the many prayers that were offered mean so much to each of us.

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(113 Cherokee Hospital Loop, Cherokee, NC 28719)
- Pamela Dawn Taylor Gym & Community Center (Formerly known as Paintown Gym)
(10 Old Gap Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719)
- Cherokee County Indian Community Club
(300 Airport Road, Marble, NC)
- Cherokee Tribal Food Distribution
(2266 Old Mission Rd., Cherokee, NC)
- Big Cove Kolanvyi Community Center
(8765 Big Cove Rd., Cherokee, NC)
- Big Y Community Club & Gym
(2641 Wrights Creek Rd., Cherokee, NC)
- EBCI PHHS Administration Building
(43 John Crowe Hill, Cherokee, NC)
- Food Lion (16 Cherokee Crossing, Whittier, NC) – Still out of service due to electrical problems.
- Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Center
(1212 Birdtown Rd., Cherokee, NC)
- Snowbird Jacob Cornsilk Complex
(60 Snowbird School Rd., Robbinsville, NC)
- Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start
(897 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC)
- Yellowhill Elawodihi Activity Center
(1416 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC)

One Feather Poem of the Week

See

*By Janet Gatlin
Cherokee, N.C.*

See Little Deer drink from a quiet, flowing stream
Beaver playfully slaps water as he dives
Butterflies eat flower nectar all day, so it seems
Busy bees buzzing working around a beehive-

See Sunlight come alive over a misty Mountain top
Suddenly Hawk sees slow food from way up high!
Half Moon spills Silver over a nearby corn crop
Min-e-lee Quail hides eggs so they won't die

Mon-o-lah lays earth pattern for us to all walk on
Strong trees are shelter from driving rain and wind
A winding trail dips into a meadow, then it's gone!
Animal hides make coats, pants, and moccasins

See Bear and cubs awake after long nap in a den
Chanting of voices with drum speak message of events
Telling Tribe what to expect, where and when
Warriors return from hunt with food, air carries scent

See Eagle circle above a deep, swift rushing river
He takes what he needs, nothing else, a fish to the sky
He knows Great Spirit, Creator of all, true life-giver
He understands the reason, the purpose, no need to ask
"Why?"

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OBITUARIES JHFR

Mary Lynn Johnson

Mary Lynn Johnson, 67, Whit-tier, passed away unexpectedly, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025. She was the daughter of the late Cecil and Bernita Johnson.

She was the owner of Johnson Realty. She was very dedicated to spending time with her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Carroll Ray, Donna Faye, and Tina Daphne.

Mary is survived by her son, Steven "Robbie" Crisp; grand-daughters, Scout Claxton and Rowan Williamson; brothers, Olin Kent Johnson (Margie), Jerry Michael Johnson (Kelly); nephew, Branden Johnson (Morgan); nieces, Kristen Holder (Roger), Lauren Smith, Tori Johnson; great nieces,

Maddie Wiggins, Katie Wiggins; aunts and uncles, Marlin Johnson, Bernice McKeehan, James and Ruby Lequire, Kaye Adams, Janet Lequire; and special friend, Pete Underwood.

Mary also leaves behind many cousins and dear friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Sept. 30 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Burial was in the Breedlove Cemetery.

Patricia Goodson Ensley

Patricia Goodson Ensley, 69, of Cherokee, N.C., went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025. A native of Haywood County and longtime resident of Cherokee N.C., she was the daughter of the late Charles Junior and Alice Irene Goodson. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Ricky Dean

Goodson.

She is survived by her five children, Katina Smith and husband Will of Cherokee, Selena Ramey and husband Matt of Buncombe County, Billy Williams of Cherokee, Charles Ensley of Cherokee, Alisha Rhinehart and husband Dustin of Cherokee; grandchildren, Tait, Blake, and Alexis Smith, Tyler, and Zachary Ramey, Nicholas Ensley, Hayden, Leiland, Nevaeh, and Mackenzie Rhinehart; great grandchildren, Hannah and Bailey Ramey; two sisters, Barbara Stiles, and Cynthia Goodson; special friend, Donna Lossiah.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later time.

Mystical Parker

Mystical Parker, 54, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away after a period of declining health on Tuesday,

Sept. 23, 2025, at Cherokee Indian Hospital in Cherokee, N.C.

Mystical was a native and lifelong resident of the Paint Town community. She was employed by the Cherokee Indian Hospital and Harrah's Casino for many years. She loved her family, friends, and community, and she will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Henson Rattler, Ben Parker, Albert Crowe, Clydia Mae Rattler, and Flora Lambert Parker; and her daughters, Cinda J. Taylor and Talia Taylor.

Survivors include her parents, Donald Lee Parker and Eunice C. Washington; her sister, Mignon Parker; grandchildren, Dreyvon I. Taylor, Elexia K. Bird; and her great-granddaughter, Me-Li-Phoebe Mystical Taylor.

Burial was at the Wrights Creek

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Baptist Church Cemetery, Wrights Creek Road, Cherokee, N.C. on Saturday, Sept. 27.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Carly Elizabeth Johnson

Carly Elizabeth Johnson, 50, passed away suddenly and tragically on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025, in Asheville, N.C. Her unexpected departure has left a deep emptiness in the hearts of those who knew and loved her most.

Born on June 14, 1975, in Lawrence, Kansas, Carly brought light and laughter into the world from the very beginning. She was known for her infectious laugh and beautiful smile - qualities that made her unforgettable. Her intelligence and

quick wit were matched by a warm sense of humor that endeared her to many. She was our go-to for legal advice and will be deeply missed.

Carly was a loving mother to her three daughters: Taylor Johnson (Corey), Rayven Hughes, and Xihanna Christian. Her love for them was constant and clear in every part of her life. She also treasured her role as a grandmother to Dahvie Conseen and Isabella Conseen, finding joy in their laughter and milestones.

She shared close bonds with her siblings - Erik Taylor (Kim), Erin Shuler (Stephen), and Charley Johnson - and held dear memories of her late sister Phoenix Johnson. Carly was the beloved daughter of

Eva Taylor and Charles Johnson IV, both of whom have passed away. She also kept meaningful connections with her extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A talented cook, Carly loved preparing meals that brought people together. Her kitchen was often filled with the comforting scents of home-cooked dishes and the sound of shared stories. Her culinary skills were just one way she showed love to those around her.

Carly's home was also filled with the companionship of her cherished pets - Peanut, Josie, Mabel, and Gigi - who were constant sources of comfort and affection. Her sudden death is a heartbreaking loss for everyone who had the

privilege of knowing her. May Carly's memory provide comfort to those who mourn her and may the echoes of her laughter continue to live in their hearts.

If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic violence, please know that help is available. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or text 'START' to 88788. EBCI Domestic Violence Program at 828-359-6830.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home.

Long House Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Siyo!

My name is Dr. Kathleen Foote, and I'm grateful to join Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority as a Pediatric Care Provider. I grew up in Michigan, most recently practiced in Colorado, and I'm excited to now call North Carolina home. I earned my Doctor of Medicine from the University of Texas Health Science Center and bring 25 years of experience in pediatrics.

My practice is rooted in general pediatrics with a special focus on caring for medically fragile and special needs children and adolescents, as well as kids with mental and behavioral health needs. I especially enjoy wellness visits—time set aside to talk about health promotion, disease-prevention strategies, and to identify concerns early so we can address them together. I value listening, learning from families, and partnering to support each child's growth not only physically, but emotionally and socially, too.

I come from a big family with five children, and that background shaped how I approach pediatric care. I appreciate the energy, curiosity, and resilience kids bring into the clinic, and I work to create a calm, supportive environment where questions are welcomed and every child feels seen. I look forward to working with the other members of your Primary Care Team who you know and trust like Kenna Armachain, Chelsea Waldrup, and Kasi Matthews to contribute to the hospital's ongoing work and supporting the health and wellness of this community in ways that will benefit the next seven generations.

To set up your next appointment or if you have any questions, please call us directly at (828) 497-3551.



Dr. Kathleen Foote

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MISSING PERSON

James Dallas Cross

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'8" Weight: 150 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Age: 16 Male

Last contact: July 24, 2025

Last Known Location: Wasilla, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:

James was last seen at his residence in Wasilla, AK running toward Swan Lake. James was last seen wearing glasses, blue jeans, white hoodie, and white shoes.

If you have seen or have information concerning James Cross contact Malia Miller, Missing Persons Clearinghouse Manager, Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511.

Source: Namus.gov



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COMMENTARY

What happens next - Remembering Sept. 25, 2024

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

Many of you are aware that last year, on Sept. 25, Hurricane Helene made its presence felt in the mountains of western North Carolina. Many said that they had never seen anything like it. Surely, the town where I live, Clyde, has seen its share of mud and flood events over the last several years. My little home had skirted the fate that many of the homes in that little town had met for many years.

But on this day, the home that my wife and I had enjoyed for over three decades was inundated with stormwater and mud, along with a car that had been left behind due to my attachment to history. I didn't think we were close enough to the river for flooding that had taken so many homes before. We were.

Due to the massive efforts of family, friends, churches, charitable groups, and yes, even governmental organizations, who supported us getting our feet back under us, and above all, through the grace of God, we have stepped back into a somewhat normal life. It can never be what it was before, but when has any life ever stayed the same? Change is a relentless part of life and is a constant companion to us as we travel through.

We stayed in hotels for weeks and in a rental property for months while we organized our thoughts and resources and discussed next steps. Initially, it was about cleaning up and salvaging the things that the flood didn't destroy or render unusable.

Like many of you, we worked for years to build up a life at our home, which was in ruin from the disaster. Neither of us came from backgrounds where our families had the means to give us a house. We worked our way through, saving to make a down payment, then working through the many common trials of life that families face daily, weekly, and so on. Through job losses and illnesses, our little home served as a refuge from those trials. It was our protection from the storms of life. Ironically, it was a storm that destroyed our sanctuary called home.

At our age, the devastation could have been insurmountable. This little house was what gave us our sense of place for over 30 years. It wasn't long after we married that we began the journey to what would become our home. It was exciting for us to have land and a house to call our own, even though it would be years before we could really claim ownership. I used to tell my wife, it wasn't much, but it was ours.

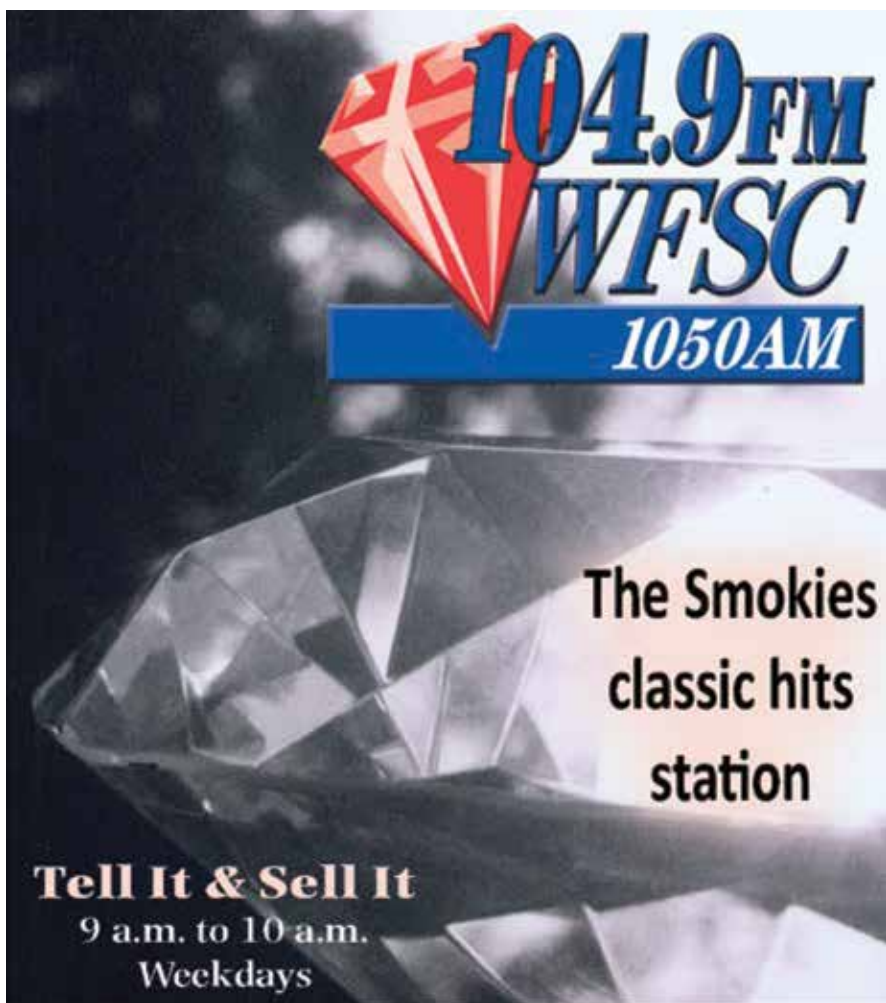
One of the great takeaways from the flood that took our home was the knowledge that material things accumulate in your life without you even knowing it. I hoarded things that I totally forgot I had in a very short period, much more than I needed. As we were separating things into salvageable and trash, we were amazed at the "things" that were at our home that we should have let go of over the years.

And over the past year, my wife and I have had the joy of letting go of things that really don't matter and learning to cherish the things that do matter, like friends and family. We are back to building life again, being a little choosier about the material things that we let matter in our lives.

I am reminded how blessed and fortunate we are every time I make a trip down to the old property and see so many houses that are shells of the homes that they used to be. I am humbled to know that there are so many with fewer resources. Even now, I pull into the supermarket and see cars jam-packed with trash bags of clothing and family treasures, their owners still searching for their place to call home, even after a year of searching.

I have mentioned before how the biggest thing Helene took from us is our sense of place, our sense of normalcy. You don't take for granted the little things in your life that you completely ignored before. I know so many people in western North Carolina continue to struggle to get their normalcy back to whatever degree that we are able. And as bad as it has been for us in our neck of the woods. There are so many others who suffer daily in other states and countries from one catastrophe or another. It is humbling to see how much suffering really is going on that stays in the background until it touches a family member, a friend, or you. And see how important that network of people who care is when you are the one waiting for relief.

I know that my wife and I, along with many other western North Carolinians, will never forget the events and aftermath of September 25 and Hurricane



Helene.

A blunder on Jan. 13, 2018, caused the official state emergency alert system in Hawaii to issue the following message to cell phones and other media devices: "Ballistic missile threat inbound to Hawaii, seek immediate shelter. This is not a drill."

The accounts that followed would remind you of what happened during the 1938 broadcast of War of the Worlds on the radio. Back then, several listeners were convinced of a Martian invasion by the excellent radio theatre of Orson Welles. Panic ensued in Hawaii after the alert was announced. People were running from the beaches to seek shelter. Parents were sticking their children in manholes on the street. Earlier drill instructions explained that once this type of warning

was issued, citizens had just 10 or 12 minutes to find shelter before detonation. And the citizenry assumed that these missiles would be nuclear.

One resident believed that the end had arrived and that he was living his final moments on earth. The citizen was Jim Carrey, a famous comedian and actor. These are his words recorded in The Hollywood Reporter, "My brain started winding. I didn't want to die in my car. Then I just had a moment when I looked out into the ocean and pondered what I could do with the last moment of my time. I just decided to go over a list of gratitude. I could not stop thinking about the wonderful things that have happened to me and the blessings that I've had. It was lovely, and I got to a point of grace with two minutes to spare

when I learned the missile was a false alarm. I have been pounded by life several times. When you survive that, sooner or later, you're an experienced person, and if it doesn't kill you, you start to see things for what they really are. You're stronger from it."

"I wish everybody could get rich and famous and do everything they ever dreamed of so that they can see that's not the answer." The wisdom of King Solomon in modern-day language from a comedian.

I pray that I never forget the God that saw us through, the family, friends, and organizations that were there in our time of need. I don't know what will happen next. I pray that we will never forget those who were lost because of Hurricane Helene and the suffering that continues from it. And I

pray we never forget the grace we all have received in the wake of such a shocking and life-changing event. This is certainly not a happy anniversary in the strict definition of happy, but at least it is a peace-filled time of remembrance. Be grateful for grace and be strong in resolve to make the best of what happens next.



1. Pitcher Larry Sherry, 1959 World Series MVP, and his brother, catcher Norm Sherry, played together on what Major League Baseball team from 1959-62?

2. Woody Strode, who played for the NFL's Los Angeles Rams (1946) and the CFL's Calgary Stampeders (1948-49), received a Golden Globe Award nomination for his acting role in what 1960 gladiator movie?

3. What two-sport pro athlete played with the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers and San Francisco Warriors (1964-65), and Major League Baseball's Chicago White Sox (1967) and Minnesota Twins (1969-70)?

4. Julie Krone became the first female to win a Triple Crown race when she jockeyed what horse to victory at the 1993 Belmont Stakes?

5. Name the Ukrainian boxer who became the first undisputed world heavyweight champion in 24 years when he beat Tyson Fury in May 2024.

6. What is the nickname of the University of Delaware's athletic teams?

7. What multinational sports entertainment franchise was founded in 2000 by twin brothers Steve and Dave Joliffe?

Answers

1. The Los Angeles Dodgers.
2. ?Spartacus.?
3. Cotton Nash.
4. Colonial Affair.
5. Oleksandr Usyk.
6. The Fightin' Blue Hens.
7. Topgolf.

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Tsalagi MINUTE

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Aggie Ross Lossiah, daughter of Joe and Cornelia Ross and great granddaughter of Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) John Ross, was born Dec. 22, 1880. She and her brother, Jossiah, spent their growing-up years in east Tennessee with their maternal grandparents, Jessie and Sela Techeskee.

This is the story of those growing-up years as Aggie wrote it in 1960. For the first few years of her life Aggie had spoken only the Cherokee language, and her formal education had consisted of four years at the Cherokee Training School.

However, Aggie mastered the English language primarily because she never stopped learning. In 1904, Aggie married Henry Lossiah and found her "permanent home" when they settled in the Yellowhill township of Cherokee.

She died Jan. 20, 1966.

To read her story, *Journal of Cherokee Studies*, Volume IX, No. 2 Fall 1984

Photo credit: Museum of the Cherokee People

Control yourself

Part 2 of 2

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

Scripture references: Romans 8:38-39, Matthew 5:28, Matthew 13:3-9

If you give thought to evil and sin in that dark, dirty place you call your mind, that's where Satan finds fertile soil to provide action in making you sin. That's right, and who do you think sows those seeds? Dirty movies, hate, revenge, murder, TV, porn, the Internet, and some advertising all come in through your eyes and ears! So be careful, little eyes, what you see. There you are alone in your head, and you're thinking something sinful, like; you must do this, you hate that, somebody wronged you and you want revenge, she's hot and needs me, I must have this or that, I'm addicted and need that. The list goes on and on as Satan has been tempting us for thousands of years. He doesn't have the power to put those thoughts in your head. He only assures you are exposed to those things so YOU can think about them. What grows from there is on you.

That's where you must fight, right there in your head. Nothing has happened yet. Think. Pray to God right then. Ask Him to get these junky thoughts out of your head. Help me, Lord, I don't want to think like that anymore.

Stop it! Be a quitter! Ask for help. Don't let those thoughts make you do it. Wash them out

with the power Jesus gave you over sin.

Nip them in the bud right in your head. Read some scripture. Think good thoughts. Good things. If no one ever knows what you thought cause you never let it get out of your head and didn't act on it, the sin stays between you and Jesus. He already knows what you're thinking anyway; just don't let those thoughts control you and your actions.

I'm not saying it is easy. You can't do it alone. I can't do it by myself, either. But with God, we can! Philippians 4:13 – "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me". This application is an excellent way to use this verse. Remember it. Try it. The Spirit of God will remind you while you're thinking about it, you get in the habit of praying about it, and God will be faithful to help you through it. Try. Get closer to God, and He will get closer to you.

He can only do that if He's in you and possesses you. Is He in you? Have you allowed or asked the Spirit of God to possess you? Only you can know that. If you are

not sure, He's there to help; let somebody show you how you can be confident and know that you know God's Spirit is there for you. Have No Doubt. And you will have Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. I once had a friend who partnered with me at work. We spent years working together, teaching teachers about technology. At first, she didn't know much about technology, but I did. I knew some about teachers, but she knew more. Sometimes we didn't agree on how to proceed on one subject or another. We were both very stubborn, but I learned something about her that cut our conversations short. I would look at her and ask, "Do you know what you know?" Or, in the middle of the discussion, she'd cut us both short and say, "I know what I know." When she said that, I learned she knew and was sure of her position without a doubt. She was never wrong when she said that. Somewhere in her mind, she KNEW the truth. Have you ever felt that strongly about something? I do. I learned from her that when you KNOW a fact, you know the truth.

You can't be wrong. You can stand up and get in the face of Satan. That's also the strength of FAITH.

It has its assurance. Peace comes over you knowing that you know. You have no doubt. Do you know where you are going after you die? You're going somewhere. The Bible says there are only two places you will spend eternity. Let me give you a clue as to what I'm writing. It's Hell without Jesus! If you don't know what you know, if you don't know the truth, if you don't have God's peace and assurance, you'd better get right with Him today. Know that you know. Jesus, Lord, and God of all, thank you for Your Spirit that dwells within me. Thank You for pecking at my heart when I think sinful thoughts. Thank you for being so powerful in helping me to overcome my weaknesses. Most of all, God, thank You for Your saving grace and forgiveness when I fail and offend You. You are my hope and assurance. Thank You, Lord, for being my God and for loving me. Amen.



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"Job Praying" by Marc Chagall (1960)

...You will take pleasure in the Almighty and lift up your face to God. You will pray to Him, and He will hear you; and you will pay your vows. You will also decide something, and it will be established for you; and light will shine on your ways.

— JOB 22:26-28 —

Amber Waves

OK, PEPPER, WE'VE GONE OVER THIS AT LEAST A DOZEN TIMES ... NOW WATCH ME.



GET THE BALL!!



FETCHING IS REALLY NOT THAT TOUGH. I WILL GO GET THE BALL AGAIN AND WE'LL KEEP TRYING.



I DON'T KNOW, I THINK HE'S GOT IT DOWN PRETTY GOOD.



TIGER



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bump on head is moved. 2. Mouth is different. 3. Tie is longer. 4. Hand is moved. 5. Player is moved. 6. Cap is longer.

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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1. Tiger; 2. San Francisco; 3. Utah; 4. Florence, Italy; 5. Buffalo Bill; 6. James A. Garfield; 7. The first 10 amendments (of 27 to date); 8. Spiral; 9. Barenaked Ladies; 10. March

Trivia Test Answers

by Dave T. Phipps

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Frozen" character
- 5 Droop
- 8 Aspiring atty.'s exam
- 12 Former Italian money
- 13 — Beta Kappa
- 14 Off-roaders, for short
- 15 Grand tale
- 16 Trail the pack
- 17 Clench
- 18 Garden pavilion
- 20 "Reckon so"
- 22 Asian holiday
- 23 Busy insect
- 24 Dick Tracy's love
- 27 Russian horsemen
- 32 "Breaking Bad" network
- 33 Ad —
- 34 Smack
- 35 Seller
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- 39 Put on TV
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- 45 Roast hosts
- 49 Salt formula
- 50 PC key
- 52 Hardy cabbage
- 53 Fed. workplace monitor

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- 55 Wicked
- 56 Unfavorable votes
- 57 Journalist
- 58 Coral formation
- 6 "Caught ya!"
- 7 Leslie Caron role
- 8 California's — Beach
- 9 Spandex-like
- 10 Rara —
- 11 Recipe amts.
- 19 Exist
- 21 Petrol
- 24 Light touch
- 25 Big bird of Australia
- 26 Sore, as a throat
- 28 Odometer start
- 29 Like some owls
- 30 Half a ton
- 31 Fr. holy woman
- 36 Orchestral strings
- 37 Goof up
- 38 Website invader
- 41 Downing Street VIP
- 42 Shortly
- 43 Juanita's home
- 44 Belgrade resident
- 46 Roof edge
- 47 Writer Wiesel
- 48 Ego
- 51 Pitcher Maglie

DOWN

- 1 Couturier
- 2 "Break My Heart" singer
- 3 Calif. neighbor
- 4 Diamond sides
- 5 Mottled

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. TELEVISION: What was the name of the dog on "The Brady Bunch"?
2. U.S. CITIES: Which major U.S. city was called Yerba Buena until 1847?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Bryce Canyon National Park located?
4. HISTORY: Where did the Renaissance begin?
5. MOVIES: What is the nickname of the serial killer in "The Silence of the Lambs"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the 20th president of the United States?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many amendments are in the United States' Bill of Rights?
8. ASTRONOMY: What type of galaxy is the Milky Way?
9. MUSIC: Which rock band sings the theme song to "The Big Bang Theory"?
10. LITERATURE: What is the last name of the family in "Little Women"?

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Benefits/Fundraisers

Cherokee Speakers Council

“NDN” Taco Fundraiser. Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. at the Cherokee Speakers Place in Cherokee, N.C.

Annual Jesse Welch Memorial

Turkey Shoot.

Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

Bingo Night Fundraiser.

Oct. 18 at Yellowhill Community Building in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., first game at 5 p.m. Free entry to play. Proceeds will go towards a trip for the Cherokee High School Student Council’s president and vice president visiting Harvard University.

EBCI Community Events

113th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair NAIWA Indian Dinner.

Oct. 7 at 5 pm. Until gone, Oct. 10 from 5 p.m. until gone, Oct. 11 from 4 p.m. until gone at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Strawberry shortcake will also be available. Info: Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

9th Annual Cherokee Skate

Competition. Oct. 8 at the Cherokee Action Sports Park in Cherokee, N.C. Skate Jams: Beginner at 10 a.m., Intermediate at 11:30 a.m., Advanced/Open at 1 p.m., Best Trick at 2 p.m., Awards at 3:30 p.m. Entry is free for all.

Cherokee Idol contest.

Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at the old Cherokee High School in Cherokee, N.C. Show off your vocal talent. This event is part of the 113th Cherokee Indian Fair. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center (828) 359-6490 or email chriwatt@ebci-nsn.gov

Cherokee Comedy Hour.

Oct. 11 at 11 p.m. at the old Cherokee High School in Cherokee, N.C. This event is part of the 113th Cherokee Indian Fair. First place - \$1,000; Second place - \$500; Third place - \$250. To register, contact the Cherokee Welcome Center (828) 359-6490

Cherokee Youth Center’s Halloween Carnival.

Oct. 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Cherokee Youth Center in Cherokee, N.C. This fun evening is open to the public. Games, bouncy houses, and a haunted house. If you’re interested in being a food vendor this event, please call (828) 359-8113.

Compassion Week.

Nov. 3-9 at 7 p.m. nightly at New Song at 3548 Wolfetown Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Monday – Pastor Mike Youngblood, Tuesday – Pastor Tim Dove, Wednesday – Pastor Kelsey Moore, Thursday – Pastor Tim Melton, Friday, Evangelist Jonas Henderson, Saturday – Pastor Anita Ayers, Sunday – Apostle Eric Moore. Food provided. Free and open to the public. Info: (828) 507-7392, newsong-cherokee@gmail.com

Gather & Give Market.

Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yellowhill Community Building in Cherokee, N.C. Lots of vendors with Tupperware, Shaklee, handmade baskets, ribbon skirts, jewelry, beadwork, and more. Contact Angie Garcia for tables (828) 778-4585

Cherokee Cultural/Historical Events

Beginner Fingerweaving Class.

Mondays at 3:30 p.m. from Sept. 8-29 at the Qualla Boundary Public Library. Learn basic fingerweaving skills or add to your skills. Limited to 12 participants – first come, first served. Contact Amy Postoak to

register at amypost@ebci-nsn.gov.

Info: (828) 359-6738

Junaluska Wreath-Laying

Ceremony. Nov. 5 at 11 a.m. at the Junaluska Memorial Site at 1 Junaluska Dr. in Robbinsville, N.C. Join in celebrating the life of Junaluska. Info: Angelina Jumper at angejump@ebci-nsn.gov or Kayleen Rockwood at kaylrock@ebci-nsn.gov

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 Snow-

bird 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.

Quallatown Makers.

Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio in Cherokee, N.C. 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 artforms are welcome. Coffee will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own snacks.

Fingerweaving Fridays.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Medusa and Bigfoot, ball pythons, live with their human, Sean Arch, in Kolanvyi (Big Cove).

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days through Sept. 26 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio in Cherokee, N.C. Join Lead Atsila Anotasgi Cultural Specialist Nola (EBCI) in a crafting circle. Bring a project you're working on or begin a new weaving using materials brought from home or sourced from the Museum's selection. Beginners and experienced weavers welcome; instruction available. This opportunity is free of charge and registration is not required.

EBCI Community Regular Mtgs.
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.

NAIWA Daughters meetings.
 Each meeting is from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Qualla Java in Cherokee, N.C. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone from your past could arrive with welcome news concerning your future. Meanwhile, avoid taking sides in a workplace confrontation until you have more facts to go on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A decision about a relationship could have longer-lasting consequences than you might imagine, so be sure of your facts before you act. A trusted friend can help.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A strained relationship could be restored with more personal contact between the two of you. Letting others act as your go-between only adds to the ongoing estrangement.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) New facts could mean taking a new path toward a goal you've been hoping to reach. However, be sure that all your questions are answered before you undertake to shift directions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good week for all you fine Felines to turn your attention to some important considerations such as your health, your job situation, and the status of important relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid making a quick decision about a matter that needs more study. Keep your mind open for possibilities, even if they don't seem plausible — at least not yet.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might welcome the emphasis on openness in relationships that mark this period. But it's a good idea to avoid sharing personal secrets with people you hardly know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There are still some questions that need to be asked and answered before you can feel confident enough to make a potentially life-changing decision.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some lingering effects from a now largely resolved workplace confrontation could make things difficult for you. Act on this before it becomes serious.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You feel like you're finally in control of your own life after months of making compromises and concessions you never felt comfortable with. Congratulations!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) No sooner do you decide to pass on one job offer than another suddenly turns up. This one might not have everything you're looking for, but it's worth checking out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Congratulations! With Jupiter's strong influence dominating this week, don't be surprised if you get some good news about a troubling financial matter.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are usually kind and loving, but you can be highly critical of those who don't measure up to your high standards.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

The House Veterans' Affairs Committee

The U.S. House Committee on Veterans' Affairs has been busy. In a recent week they passed 14 veterans bills, all designed to help veterans and their families.

Here are a few of the bills that passed out of the committee and are ready to go to the full House of Representatives.

The Delivering Digitally to Our Veterans Act of 2025 is intended to improve outreach to benefits by authorizing the VA to send digital messages to veterans instead of only paper mail for G.I. Bill updates. Not only does it save paper, but digital information arrives immediately.

The Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act of 2025 is intended to expand access to health care in rural areas. One crucial component will allow health care staff to prescribe controlled substances via telemedicine instead of requiring that a veteran appear in person for an appointment. The requirement was temporarily lifted during the pandemic; this bill seeks to make it permanent.

The Women Veterans Cancer Care Coordination Act requires the designation or hiring of a coordinator for each area. The care team, under the direction of the coordinator, is required to coordinate between the various clinicians and cancer care providers, including community care.

The Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship Opportunity Act allows veterans who are going for degrees in engineering, mathematics, technology, science or health care to receive nine additional months of benefits (up to \$30,000).

The Service Member Residence Protection Act protects a veteran's home from squatters during periods of military service when the veteran is away. Too many instances of squatters taking over empty homes have tied owners' hands due to local laws being ineffective. A long process is often necessary, involving the courts and legal eviction, to remove squatters. This amendment to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act preempts those state laws.

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A talking cat?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Whenever I'm having a conversation with my friends or talking to my mom, our cat "Jasper" stands right in the middle of our group and meows. If we stop talking, he stops meowing. What's going on? Is my cat trying to talk? — Victoria L., Canton, Massachusetts

DEAR VICTORIA: Sort of! Although it's probably because Jasper sees a bunch of humans gathered together, all of whom have thumbs and can therefore open a bag of treats for him.

Cats vocalize with humans more than they do with other cats. Much more. Researchers (and owners) have figured out that they meow at us a lot because it prompts us to give them food, treats and snuggles — even though we have a harder time understanding cats' meows than other animal noises. They're very perceptive, these housecats, with not much to distract them from observing us all the time (especially since so many of us work from home these days).

They've figured out our daily schedule better than we have. I have a cat who hops on my lap and starts head-butting my smartphone exactly at bedtime. He gets his little snack, and I get eight proper hours of sleep. And if I get home late? Oh, the silent treatment I receive. It's the complete opposite of meowing, and just as manipulative.

Like you, I'd like to think that Jasper is just trying to get in on the excited conversation going on all around him. That could be the case. It could also be Jasper's realization that big gatherings of humans usually involve food ... and if he stays underfoot, some of that deliciousness will come his way.

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

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Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Mtgs.

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

No meetings scheduled.

Pow Wow Listings

14th Annual Rocking the Rez

Pow Wow. Oct. 4-5 at Pakitu Community Park in El Paso, Texas. MC: Marty Thurman. Host Northern Drum: Sun Eagle. Host Southern Drum: Iron Bow. Info: (915) 704-5488 or 694-4424

Hart of the West Native American Pow Wow.

Oct. 4-5 at William S. Hart Park in Newhall, Calif. Info: Citlaly Ortega (818) 837-0794, HartPowWow@tataviarnsn.us

Sacred Springs Pow Wow.

Oct. 4-5 at Meadows Center for Water and the Environment in San Marcos, Texas. MC: Tim Tall Chief. Host Drums: Ottertrail, Eagle Point. Info: Courtney Enriquez at courtney@sspowwow.com

Santa Ynez Chumash Intertribal Pow Wow.

Oct. 4-5 in Santa Ynez, Calif. Info: Heather Armenta (805) 694-6997, sy.powwow@chumash.gov

Homelands Pow Wow.

Oct. 4-5 at Darrow School in New Lebanon, New York. MC: Aaron Athey. Host Drum: Gii Taa'See. Info: Shannon Chada (630) 969-1134, info@homelandspowwow.org

Support Groups

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

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

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 meets 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

Western N.C. and Beyond Events

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting.

Oct. 2 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. Richard Eller will present "The Lincoln-Enloe Story" on the historical mystery surrounding Abraham Lincoln's possible birth in North Carolina. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

Free Legal Counseling for

Small Business Owners.

Oct. 17 at Southwestern Community College in Sylva, N.C. Experienced attorneys and UNC Law Clinic students will provide free one-on-one counseling on common small business issues including: entity formation, contract review, and lease questions. Register at: <https://go.unc.edu/lawclinicWCU>

Stecoah Valley Center Harvest Festival Quilt Show.

Oct. 17-18 at the Stecoah Valley Center at 121 Schoolhouse Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. All types of quilts and fiber arts are encouraged for display. To be eligible for the Viewers' Choice Award of \$100, the quilt has to have been made by the person(s) entering it, and the quilt cannot have already won this award. Quilts will be received and hung for display on Oct. 17, and the exhibit will be open for viewing and voting on Oct. 18. A copy of the exhibit rules and an entry form can be obtained by calling the Center at (828) 479-3364.

Buffalo Blessing. Oct. 18 at 8220 Hwy 60 in Georgetown, Tenn.

Buffalo blessing by Sonny Ledford, intertribal dancing, Warriors of Anikituhwa performance, birds of prey, and more.

Smoky Mountain Geek Expo.

Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Smoky Mountain Event Center in Waynesville, N.C. Cosplay contest, comics and toys, games, collectibles, artists, food trucks, and more. Admission is \$5, 12-and-under and free. Info: <https://www.smoky-mountaingeekeexpo.com>

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

Qualla Community Club

Christmas Bazaar.

Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 180 Shoal Creek Church Loop in Whittier, N.C. Crafts, textiles, woodworking, pottery, candles, glass, jewelry, décor, metal, etc. Spots are available for vendors. Message Qualla Community Club on Facebook for more information.

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, roger-smoker@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. 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

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MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF



GADUSI CROWE

Galvgwodiya Peer Support
Specialist

Years at CIHA: 2 Years
Community/Hometown:
Birdtown

"I choose CIHA because I came here as a client, at my lowest, and they offered me the services and support I needed to turn my life around and become a better mother, wife, friend, and community member, and I want to return that help to my community members in need. I enjoy working at CIHA because they're like my family. They're understanding, compassionate, and offer grace freely. I have never felt so appreciated at a job as I do here." - Gadusi Crowe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Conference Center. Full season starts Aug. 4. Sunday School 10 a.m. and Morning Worship 11 a.m. Year-round services – church online live streamed from the 24/7 church

channel, Embassy TV <https://embassytv.net> Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Will Chambliss, Thursday Night Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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

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



Moments in time

• On Oct. 13, 1773, French astronomer Charles Messier discovered the first-known spiral galaxy and named it the Whirlpool Galaxy. It would be another three centuries before scientists confirmed that our own galaxy, the Milky Way, is also spiral shaped.

On Oct. 14, 1977, pop singer, former beauty queen and spokesperson for Florida orange juice Anita Bryant was hit in the face with a pie by gay rights activist Tom Higgins while speaking at an Iowa event to promote her campaign to repeal anti-discrimination laws protecting LGBTQ people.

On Oct. 15, 1864, the world's first successful combat submarine, the H.L. Hunley, went down in Charleston Harbor during a demo run, killing its inventor and namesake along with seven crew members. The vessel was recovered and performed its only successful mission the following year when it sank the Yankee ship Housatonic, but sank again, taking its third ill-fated crew with it. Raised again in 2000, it is currently on exhibit in Charleston.

On Oct. 16, 1964, after conducting a successful nuclear test, China became the fifth nation with atomic bomb capability, after the United States, the Soviet Union, Great Britain and France.

On Oct. 17, 1985, magicians Penn & Teller notably responded to "Late Night" host David Letterman's invitation to "surprise" him on their next appearance on his show by unleashing hundreds of cockroaches from a top hat onto his desk. While Letterman was unsurprisingly hardly pleased, he later admitted the stunt made "great TV."

On Oct. 18, 1974, singer Al Green was attacked by his former girlfriend, Mary Woodson, in his Memphis home while taking a bath. Woodson dumped a pot of scalding grits on his back before retreating to a bedroom where she killed herself with Green's gun.

On Oct. 19, 1994, Jesse Timmendequas was charged with killing 7-year-old Megan Kanka in New Jersey. The crime inspired Megan's Law, a statute requiring that information about convicted sex felons be made available to the public. Versions of Megan's Law have been passed in many states since her death.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ecclesiastes (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which book could be summarized, "God will hold us accountable for all our actions"? *Daniel, Hosea, Zephaniah, Haggai*
3. From Genesis 28, who had the vision of angels going up and down a ladder reaching into heaven? *Joseph, Ahab, Ehud, Jacob*
4. What does Paul say is the supreme gift of the Spirit to believers? *Faith, Love, Holiness, Eternity*
5. From Genesis 19, where did Lot encounter an angel? *Wilderness spring, City gate, New temple, Tent door*
6. Where did Jesus turn water into wine? *Bethany, Nazareth, Cana, Gethsemane*

ANSWERS: (1) Old, (2) Zephaniah, (3) Jacob, (4) Love, (5) City gate, (6) Cana
More than 1,200 brand-new trivia questions in Wilson Casey's latest book "Quest for Bible Knowledge" available in bookstores and online.

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The Garden Bug

All parts of the dandelion, including its flowers, roots and stems, are edible. Dandelion tea is full of nutrients such as vitamins A, C and K, folate, calcium and potassium. It is known to be beneficial for digestion and for detoxing the liver and bile systems, which can help clear acne and other skin problems. It also contains beta-carotene, which protects against cell damage, and polyphenols, which are anti-inflammatory, which help the heart. - Brenda Weaver

Source: health.clevelandclinic.org/dandelion

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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 Wofltown 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 Ser-

vice 9:45am.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- In a remote area of Colombia called Los Pinos, some students have to get to school on a zipline up to 800 meters long.

- A teaspoon of a neutron star would weigh over a trillion tons.

- Chock Full o' Nuts coffee does not contain nuts. It's named for a chain of nut stores that the founder converted into coffee shops.

- During the Middle Iron Age, spears were placed into the graves of some young men. The reason isn't clear, but some think it may have been a military send-off similar to the modern 21-gun salute.

- While worms make up the majority of their diet, robins won't mind if you leave out a dessert tray. In fact, they're partial to pastry dough, fruit cake and coconut cake.

- In 1998, a Georgia student was suspended for wearing a Pepsi shirt to "Coke in Education Day."

- American cheese was invented in Switzerland in 1911 by Waltz Gerber and Fritz Stettler to lengthen the shelf life before being shipped overseas.

- According to Guinness World Records, Veronica Seider's eyesight was so keen that she could recognize people from more than a mile away.

- In 2010, a man became stranded for days near Wollaston Lake, Saskatchewan. With no way to call for help, he cut down four wooden power poles with an ax, causing an outage to the nearby community, and SaskPower sent a helicopter crew to investigate. They found the man and escorted him back to safety.

- When Joel Burger married Ashley King in 2015, Burger King paid for the ceremony.

- In India, escalators in Delhi metro stations feature "sari guards" to prevent women's long garments from getting trapped.

Thought for the Day: "It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop." — *Confucius*

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Museum of the Cherokee People: Now Hiring

Museum of the Cherokee People is now hiring for full and part-time positions. The Manager/Director of Finance is a career ladder position. Applicants may choose which position for which they would like to apply, and categorization will be made the by interview panel depending on their qualifications and experience. Manager Hiring Range: \$40,000 — \$52,000. Total Salary Range: \$40,000 — \$60,000. Director Hiring Range: \$65,000

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate
File No. 25-090

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William Arch Jr.
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-088
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Heather Singleton
194 Red Tail Drive
Cherokee, NC 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
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Shirley Jean Lambert Reagan
50 Qualla Town Rd
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The Endowment was created under the will of Percy B. Ferebee for educational, charitable, and benevolent purposes.

Ferebee was a former state senator and mayor of Andrews. A native of Elizabeth City, he moved to Western North Carolina in 1913 to work for the U.S. Forest Service.

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be given projects which will be of a non-recurring nature or short term in duration. Grants may be made to match contributions or other sources of funds for the support of a particular project.

To apply, reach out to the Private Trust Company via email requesting an application to kimberly.tomlinson@lplfinancial.com or call 216-649-7104. Please put "FEREBEE GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST" in the subject line of your email. **10/29**

Notice Flood Hazard Information

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians – Natural Resources Department (EBCI-NRD) in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of EBCI's intent to revise the flood hazard

information, generally located along the Raven Fork in Big Cove between the dam for the fish farm water intake to a tributary approximately 3,300 downstream of the dam. The flood hazard revisions are being proposed as part of Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) Case No. 25-04-5157R for a proposed project along the Raven Fork.

EBCI-NR is proposing a stream habitat improvement project to improve aquatic habitat conditions along a 3,800 linear feet reach of Raven Fork. This reach of the Raven Fork was identified as a priority for a habitat improvement project based on the deteriorating structures of the Emergency Watershed Protection project implemented in 1992. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) FY2021 Annual Inspection Report

of the Raven Fork diversionary dam reported substantial failures of the 1992 installed structures after storms events in 2018 and 2020. The BIA recommended removing the dam and restoring the stream reach. The project will remove the dam, improve aquatic organism passage, and improve overall stream habitats.

Once the project has been completed, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request should be submitted that will, in part, revise the following flood hazards along Raven Fork.

The floodway will be revised along Raven Fork from approximately 500 feet upstream of the dam to approximately 3,300 feet downstream of the dam.

Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) will increase and decrease along Raven Fork.



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.

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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

- **Human Resources & Employee Relations Coordinator (Closing Oct. 2, 2025)**
- **9-12 Cherokee Language Instructor**
- **8-12 Student Supervisory Support Specialist**
- **9-12 High School Computer Science Teacher**
- **6-12 Pathseekers School Counselor**
- **K-5 School Counselor**
- **K-5 Cherokee Language Instructor**
- **K-5 Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant (GRANT FUNDED)**
- **High School Custodian (Evening Shift)**
- **Part-Time Food Service Worker**
- **Weekend Security Monitor**

The Special Flood Hazard Area will increase and decrease along Raven Fork.

Maps and a detailed analysis of the proposed flood hazard revisions can be reviewed at the EBCI-NRD office, 1840 Paint Town Road, Cherokee, NC. If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed project or its effect on your property, you may contact Mike LaVoie of EBCI-NRD at 828-359-6113 or michlavo@ebci-nsn.gov from September 17, 2025 to November 15, 2025. **11/12**

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for two (2) Guardian ad Litem Attorneys Advocates. The GAL Attorney Advocates will assure the protection of a child's legal rights by taking all action necessary to zealously represent the child's best interest. This service will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court. Interested individuals should submit a brief proposal including the following: Name and Contact Information Copies of Certificates and Licenses Relevant Work Experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before September 30, 2025, will receive priority over later submissions. Please email proposals to:

Amber Shuler, Court Administrator ambeshul@ebci-nsn.gov

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **10/1**

INVITATION TO BID

Re: CIHD 2025-14 Lambert Wilson Way, Unit 43 Interior Gut & Remodeling
TERO Vendors:

The Cherokee Housing Indian Division is seeking sealed bids from qualified TERO contractors to conduct Residential Remodeling Services at Lambert Wilson Way, Unit-43 Whittier NC. 28789
Please contact CIHD for additional information.

Ernest Tiger, Property Manager, Qualla Housing Services, Cherokee Indian Housing Division, PO Box 1749, 687 Acquoni Rd., Office, 828-359-6748, ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov. **10/1**

INVITATION TO BID

Re: CIHD 2025-15 Sara Smoker Loop Unit-19 Remodeling/Update
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The Cherokee Housing Indian Division is seeking sealed bids from qualified TERO contractors to conduct Residential Remodeling Services at Sara Smoker Loop Unit-19. 28719

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INVITATION TO BID

Re: CIHD 2025-16 Sara Smoker Loop Unit-93 Residential Remodeling
TERO Vendors:

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Project Management Program, Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg., 810 Acquoni Road, Suite 117, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, N.C. 28719, Ph. (828) 359-6702

Project Title: vCONSTRUCT NEW CEREMONIAL GROUNDS

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program is seeking the services of a licensed general contractor to provide work under contract for the construction of new ceremonial grounds. The project includes an amphitheater, shade structure, 2 – restroom pavilions, 8 – standard pavilions, associated site improvements, and utility expansions or connections as required.

The project area is located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation at 545 Tsali Boulevard (US441), Cherokee NC 28719. Contact Becky Bowe at (828)359-6702 or by email at rebebowe@ebci-nsn.gov with any questions or to request a copy of the RFP.

A mandatory Pre-Proposal on-site meeting is scheduled for 11:00 AM (EDT) on October 9, 2025. Proposals should be submitted to Ms. Becky Bowe in a manner prescribed in the RFP and must be received by 11:00 AM (EDT) on OCTOBER 23, 2025. Any proposal received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) regulations apply for award and execution of this contract. **10/1**



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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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1. Professional Development Specialist – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
2. Training & Development Specialist – Training & Development – Human Resources (L14 \$55,669 - \$63,357)
3. Water Laboratory Analyst – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
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10. Maintenance Technician – Housing Program – Housing (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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4. Sergeant - Corrections - EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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6. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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9. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
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11. Supervisor – Biological/Waste Water Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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The Qualla Boundary Public Library has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past few years—one that goes far beyond new paint and furniture. This transformation began in 2018 with a grant from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and has continued under new leadership with a renewed mission. Today, the library is evolving into a vibrant hub of culture, learning, and community engagement.

At the heart of this evolution is a commitment to meeting the diverse needs of the Cherokee communities. No longer just a place to borrow books, the library now serves as a gathering space for education, cultural enrichment, and Cherokee language revitalization.

Literacy and Youth Engagement

One of the library's most successful efforts is Hinigoliya, a reading initiative for Pre-K through 3rd grade students launched in partnership with the Snowbird Library and Cherokee Central Schools (CCS). Open to any child in the surrounding area, the program included two monthly reading parties throughout the school year—amounting to over 25 hours of engagement per month. CCS sponsored a reading challenge requiring students to read 100 books or more per quarter to qualify for the parties. The result? Reading scores for the targeted age group increased by 17%.

Due to its success, Hinigoliya will expand to include 4th through 6th grade students beginning in Fall 2025, with plans to continue through Spring 2026. The library also hopes to include students from New Kituwah Academy (NKA) in the next phase.

Other literacy-focused programs include:

- Summer Reading Programs with the Cherokee Youth Center and Cherokee Recreation, which recorded 17,595 and 3,825 minutes read, respectively, and ended with pizza parties and recognition for top readers.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten Reading Time, where a fluent speaker reads in Cherokee and staff lead a complementary language-based craft.
- Toddler Time, a new program planned for Fall 2025–Spring 2026, offering reading activities twice a month for the community's youngest learners.
- School Open House Outreach, where library staff attend local school open houses to promote literacy, sign children up for programs, and distribute free books.

Cherokee Language and Cultural Preservation

Language revitalization is a central priority. Through partnerships with New Kituwah Academy, the Kituwah Preservation & Education Program, fluent speakers, and second-language learners, the library has launched several successful initiatives:

- Cherokee Syllabary Classes, including a Lunch and Learn for tribal employees, will be open to the public beginning Fall 2025.
- Mothers Connection, which hosted two cohorts—one focused on language learning for mothers and their babies, and another that integrated culturally relevant teachings.
- Support for Cherokee Language Classes through Western Carolina University, serving as the host site for Level 1 and Level 2 in 2024–2025, with Level 3 scheduled for Fall 2025. All classes filled within 24 hours of announcement.

In addition to language education, the library is actively working toward the development of a Cherokee language archive in collaboration with cultural preservation partners.

Creative Expression and Publishing

The library has also ventured into publishing, uplifting local voices and producing resources in the Cherokee language:

- “Scarecrow” by JC Wachacha and “Edutsi Garden” were published in both Cherokee and English and celebrated through community reading events.

- Two additional books are planned for publication in the coming year.

The Indigenous Book Club, launched in Summer 2025, attracted 60 sign-ups and featured five books read over two months. Twelve readers completed all readings and gathered for a native-themed dinner to reflect on the experience and provide input for future book clubs. A Boarding School Book Club is planned for Fall 2025, with the goal of continuing the Indigenous Book Club series based on community feedback.

Maker Space and Cultural Crafting

The newly added Maker Space has quickly become a hands-on hub for creative expression. While currently small, the library hopes to expand it further in 2026.

Recent and upcoming offerings include:

- Sewing classes for Mothers Connection participants and finger weaving workshops with Education Youth Interns, both held in Summer 2025.
- Beginning in Fall 2025, the library will offer classes in sewing, Cricut, and Cherokee-themed crafts.

- Plans are in place to expand the library's collection of cultural craft books and materials to support a dedicated cultural arts facilitator.

The Maker Space is being sponsored in part by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and with its support we will be able to offer more to the community in the coming year.

The Qualla Boundary Public Library is redefining what it means to be a community library. From early literacy to Cherokee language classes, from creative workshops to culturally rooted storytelling, the library is no longer just about books—it's about belonging, identity, and building a stronger, more connected community.

This transformation would not be possible without the dedication and expertise of the library staff. Chi Shipman, Library Manager, is a proud graduate of Western Carolina University and the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program. Amber Ledford, Cultural Outreach Coordinator, is also a graduate of the Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program. Amy Postoak, another vital team member, holds a bachelor's degree from WCU and an MBA from Charleston Southern University, and is likewise a graduate of the language program. Together, their passion and leadership are helping shape a library that honors tradition while embracing innovation—ensuring that the Qualla Boundary Public Library continues to serve as a powerful resource for generations to come.

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Tsalagi Cougars take bronze

Tsalagi Cougars, representing the Smoky Mountain Senior Games won the bronze medal in the Cheerleading Medium Team category at the recent Statewide Senior Games held in Raleigh, NC. The team is shown, left to right, including Loretta Bolden, Kim Sneed Lambert, Lisa Pinick, Regina Swimmer, and team captain Deb Owle. (Photo courtesy of Kim Sneed Lambert)



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Senior Miss at Sequoyah Birthplace

On Saturday, Sept. 6, Senior Miss Cherokee Kim Sneed Lambert visited the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. for the Annual Cherokee Fall Festival. (Photo by Kim Wildcatt)



Cherokee High School 2025 Homecoming Court

(BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

Festivities were held during halftime of the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) vs Murphy Bulldogs football game at Ray Kinsland Memorial Stadium on Friday, Sept. 26. The class representatives were Ava Walkingstick, Chaz Martens, Joscelyn Stamper, Dillon Beam, Cecily Dvdaya Swimmer, Tayvin Bark, Marleigh Aguilera, Adaneti Durham, Livia Crowe, Reggie Hyatt, Zoe De Los Reyes, Noah Dossett, Yvonne Saunooke, Timber Sampson, Marlee Hicks, Samuel Hernandez, Lilly Lossiah, Cameron Oocumma, Kennedy Moore, Josue Rivera, First Grade Attendants Jeannine McCoy and Dayton Tooni.

Shown, clockwise from left, are:
Homecoming Queen Marleigh Aguilera
Homecoming King Tayvin Bark
Homecoming Princess Livia Crowe
Homecoming Prince Josue Rivera



The Atlanta Braves are honored to participate in the 113th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair and Parade!

Come see us in the parade on October 7th and at the fair during Children's Day on October 8th and enjoy games, freebies and more fun!



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