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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Post Office has been expanded and gotten a facelift in a few other parts. Those renovations have been ongoing for the past few months and were celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the rainy morning of Wednesday, Sept. 3.

“This was one of our many projects we have in the works right now, so thank you all for being here. We’re really excited.

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Surrounded by EBCI officials, Michael Hartley, Cherokee Post Office postmaster, cuts the ribbon on the renovations to the Post Office facility on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 3. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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“We appreciate you doing it for us in good faith in what we’re doing for the community and everybody here.”

- Michael Hartley, Cherokee Post Office postmaster, speaking at the ribbon cutting for the renovations to the facility on Wednesday, Sept. 3

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POST OFFICE: From front page

"I'm sure the post office folks are," said Rebecca Bowe, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Project Management manager. "I know this has been a project that's been in the works for a long time. This is the new space. We added just under 1,000 square feet to the post office. We renovated the existing facility, added new flooring, ceiling, lighting."

She related to the One Feather some of the other renovations including a new roof, mold remediation, a new walkway and handrails at the entrance, and additional parking spaces.

"We want to give a shout-out to Michael (Hartley) and his crew," Bowe said. "I know they have been conducting an orchestra working with the contractors and normal day-to-day services. So, thank you for being a very good tenant and working with us throughout this project...we're really excited to turn this space over to them."

Michael Hartley, Cherokee Post Office postmaster, commented, "I know it was a big financial investment, and a lot of time invested, a lot of meetings, a lot of talks, a lot of things like that. So, thanks for that. We appreciate you doing it for us in good faith in what we're doing for the community and everybody here. It was a lot of work. I also appreciate all the people that worked on everything and got it going. I told them at one point, it's probably like working on a running car. We're just all over the place in here. But, we managed to survive it. It's great. We're looking forward to putting it to use. It's going to help us be a lot more efficient, more safe, all the good things. Thank you. We'll continue to do our best for the community



This photo shows the outside of the expanded area.

going forward."

Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks thanked those involved in the project. "With our contractors, we're putting a lot in front of you. We appreciate you guys stepping up and keeping us on time and helping Becky and her staff. It means a lot to us and we just appreciate all your effort."

In the past several weeks, EBCI officials have cut ribbons on several other projects including Soco Falls and the new Whitewater Landing. "We just have to keep moving," said Ugvwiyuhi Hicks. "A lot more projects in front of us. Thank you, Becky - you and Zack and all your team. You guys are staying organized and helping us to make sure to be fiscally responsible and really doing things the way we need to do them." He added, "It's great to see this additional space. I know it's going to make a difference. We just appreciate all the efforts of the post office. You guys sometimes go kind of unnoticed, but you all make the world go around in a lot of ways."



This photo shows the inside of the expanded area which is on the backside of the existing facility.

Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley called the renovations to the Post Office a great project and noted, "It's good to know that we've got a new post office. I want to thank the postal staff...it's a very important place for the entire tribe. But, for Yellowhill, this is the

hub of Yellowhill...there's a lot of comments and a lot of conversations throughout the Tribe covering politics and everything else that happens in the post office. This has been here for a number of years; so, I think it's a great addition."

Big Cove Ponds dredging plans happening soon

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.— The three ponds on Big Cove Road that sit adjacent to KOA campground, which are owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and managed by EBCI Fisheries & Wildlife Management, were drained mid-summer to prepare for dredging due to low water levels and high water temperatures. KOA acting general manager Sara Messer said KOA has received many complaints from customers who were expecting to fish during their stay, but Messer is thankful to EBCI Hatchery Supervisor David Rowland for personally informing KOA management about the much-needed dredging of the ponds.

KOA management posted a sign in their lobby that reads, “Attention all guests: the tribal fishing ponds located in the front of the KOA Campground are currently closed by the tribe due to low water levels as well as the water being too hot for fish survival. Please refer to fishcherokee.com for more info.”

EBCI Hatchery Manager Doug Reed said the dredging should begin in about two weeks, including clearing old trees and general maintenance. Reed hopes to have the ponds ready for opening day in Spring 2026.

The One Feather will continue to provide updates on the ponds.



These photos show empty ponds on Big Cove Road in front of KOA Campground. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)



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Dinilawigi approves increase to tribal levy and privilege tax; approves FY26 budget

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – During its regular session on Thursday, Sept. 4, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approved an increase to the tribal levy and privilege tax and approved the FY2026 budget for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell presented a substitute for Ord. No. 518 (2025) during Thursday's session dealing with the tribal levy and privilege tax. That legislation was originally submitted by Brandi Claxton, EBCI interim secretary of treasury, during the July session.

The whereas portion of the legislation states part of its purpose, "The levy rate has not been adjusted since 2011 {Ord. No. 785 (2011)} and the short-term privilege tax rate has not been adjusted since 2018 {Ord. No. 59 (2018)} and is substantially below the rate imposed by surrounding destination communities."

As discussion began on Ord. No. 518 on Thursday, Attorney General McConnell told Dinilawigi, "This ordinance is straightforward. It increases the tribal levy from 7.5 percent to 9 percent. It increases the privilege tax rate from 4 percent to 6 percent.. the percentage allocations going to the tribal programs stays the same. Of course, they'll be more money behind those percentages because the rate increases. One thing that is added to the 'use of funds section' is the authority to help fund a Tourism Development

Authority, a TDA, here in Cherokee."

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. asked if the local hoteliers had been consulted on the increase.

Attorney General McConnell responded, "No, we have not shopped this to hoteliers. With the effective date starting in January, you have time to inform people of the change before they have to change their systems and, if they want to, inform anybody else."

Kolanvyi Rep. Richard French said, "I can't support this. We've got businesses here that owned by tribal members, and they've not had a chance to see this and give their input. We get hit a lot of times saying this Council does stuff behind closed doors, behind people's backs, but the cameras are on today. It's not behind closed doors, but this still was brought in here without their input.

I'm going to make a move to re-table this until we can sit down with all of the businesses and get input from them."

Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Bo Crowe commented, "The tribal levy is going to affect everybody on the Boundary. Everything is going to be raised up with tribal levy jumping up 1.5 percent. I just can't support it either."

Dinilawigi Vice Chairman David Wolfe said he hoped there would be "teeth" added to the ordinance to handle those businesses not paying levy on a timely basis.

Attorney General McConnell responded, "We did talk about

adding teeth. We were going to do that in a separate item. Several people brought up the issue of some businesses not paying tribal levy – remitting that to the Tribe. That issue has come to Business Committee. The Budget and Finance Office has been very active sending letters to them, and instructions are to me to back that up with action from the Attorney General's Office. So, we are pursuing that."

He said it is of the utmost importance for local business owners to pay tribal levy. "If you don't pay it, we do have authority within the (Cherokee) Code to take action including going to court, including revocation of a tribal business license, including shutting the business down. So, we're not playing games with this. If you owe the tribe money, please pay it."

During the continued discussion on Ord. No. 518, Interim Secretary Claxton noted, "The increase to the levy and privilege tax was built into the (FY) 26 budget proposal. So, if that doesn't pass, then we would hold the budget until it either passes; or, if it doesn't pass, then we would update the budget to reflect the current tax rates."

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Tom Wahnetah commented, "If you cross the mountain...it is 10 percent over there, and it doesn't bother you to spend it over there. I don't think it will affect us spending it here. I think we need this for our budget. I think we need this for our TDA. I think once the businesses realize this is

going to fund a TDA to help their businesses, they'll be ok with it."

That ordinance passed with the voting as follows: For – Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Jim Owle, Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper, Vice Chairman Wolfe, Elawodi Rep. Wahnetah, Tsisqwohi Rep. Boyd Owle, Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee County) Rep. Bucky Brown; Against – Kolanvyi Rep. Richard French, Kolanvyi Rep. Perry Shell, Tutiya/Tsalgi Gadugi Rep. Adam Wachacha, Wayohi Rep. Bo Crowe, Dinilawigi Chairman Mike Parker; and Absent – Aniwodihi Rep. Dike Sneed.

Following that vote, Res. No. 519, which was submitted by EBCI Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks and EBCI Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley, was taken up which was for the approval of the EBCI's FY2026 budget. Dinilawigi went into a closed session as discussions began.

When they came out, Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi Rep. Wachacha made a motion that the budgeted amount of the merit raise metric average be 3.5 (range of 3 to 5 percent) percent. That was approved, and the FY2026 budget was approved unanimously.

Following that vote, Ugviyuhi Hicks said, "I just want to say thank you on behalf of all of the employees. As you guys know, we have a lot of hard-working folks here and whatever we can do to keep them above inflation, I think it is good for the community.

Voter participation over 45 percent for EBCI General Election

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Over 45 percent of the registered voters of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians cast a ballot in the General Election held Thursday, Sept. 4. According to information from the EBCI Board of Elections, 3,031 of the 6,702 registered voters cast a ballot for a voter participation of 45.23 percent. That percentage is up from the 31.97 percent voter participation rate for the July Primary Election. The number of registered voters also increased from the 4,285 registered by the Primary.

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

Following are the unofficial results, per the EBCI Board of Elections, for the Sept. 4 General Election:

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council)

Kolanvyi (Big Cove)

Lavita Hill 214 (32.72 percent)
Venita K. Wolfe 188 (28.75 percent)

Perry Shell 132 (20.18 percent)
Richard French 120 (18.35 percent)

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

Jim Owle 471 (31.48 percent)
Boyd Owle 425 (28.41 percent)
Patrick Lambert 417 (27.87 percent)
Joi Owle 183 (12.23 percent)

Aniwodihi (Painttown)

Sean Michael Stamper 273 (38.40 percent)
Shannon Swimmer 166 (23.35 percent)
Jeff Thompson 163 (22.93 percent)
Bill Taylor 109 (15.33 percent)

Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee County)

Adam Wachacha 213 (28.59 percent)
Michael Smoker 185 (24.83 percent)
Bucky Brown 174 (23.36 percent)
Janell Rattler 173 (23.22 percent)

Wayohi (Wolftown)

Bo Crowe 505 (39.00 percent)
Mike Parker 328 (25.33 percent)
Joey Owle 320 (24.71 percent)
Glenn Bradley 142 (10.97 percent)

Elawodi (Yellowhill)

David Wolfe 204 (29.91 percent)
Shennelle Feather 185 (27.13 percent)
Tom Wahnetah 170 (24.93 percent)
Chris Reed 123 (18.04 percent)

Wayohi/Widagalinidisgv (Wolftown/Big Y) School Board

Berdie Toineeta 319 (60.76 percent)
Timmy Ray Smith 206 (39.24 percent)

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) School Board

Melanie Lambert 416 (53.96 percent)
Gloria “Punkin” Griffin 355 (46.04 percent)

Following is a breakdown of voter participation by community:

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) - Registered voters: 759; Voters casting ballots: 346; Voter participation: 45.59 percent

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) – Registered voters: 1,711; Voters casting ballots: 812; Voter participation: 47.46 percent

Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County) – Registered voters: 384; Voters casting ballots: 130; Voter participation: 33.85 percent

Tutiya (Snowbird) – Registered voters: 520; Voters casting ballots: 285; Voter participation: 54.81 percent

Elawodi (Yellowhill) – Registered voters: 911; Voters casting ballots: 374; Voter participation: 41.05 percent

Aniwodihi (Painttown) – Registered voters: 813; Voters casting ballots: 389; Voter participation: 47.85 percent

Wayohi (Wolftown) – Registered voters: 1,223; Voters casting ballots: 539; Voter participation: 44.07 percent

Widagalinidisgv (Big Y) – Registered voters: 381; Voters casting ballots: 156; Voter participation: 40.94 percent



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Dinilawigi tables several ordinances during Sept. session

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) tabled several ordinances during the Orders of the Day portion of its regular session on Thursday, Sept. 4 including one designed to solve an upcoming vacancy on the Cherokee School Board. Several of these were tabled for more discussion before being brought to the floor for a vote.

First off, Ord. No. 562, submitted by Michael LaVoie on behalf of the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Natural Resources Department, was deemed read and tabled. It will sit for 25 days before it can be acted upon. It seeks “to establish a deer hunting season and other changes needed to natural resources law”.

The whereas section of the legislation states, “Currently, the Tribe allows for the hunting of various animals, but not deer; and it is now possible to establish a deer season which balances increased hunting opportunities for enrolled members and the responsible management of the deer population.”

The legislation seeks many small changes to Cherokee Code Chapter 113 which governs the Natural Resources Department. The ordinance would amend Section 113-5(a)(6) {Hunting offenses}, under hunting offenses to drop the term ‘deer’ and simply

read, “It shall be unlawful to hunt, trap, kill, or take any bird of prey or elk.”

Section 113-5(b)(5) {Fishing offenses} would be amended to delete the line, “Destruction of fish in tribal holding facilities shall be unlawful.” And, it would replace that line with, “Using non-native bait determined by the Department to be invasive shall be unlawful.”

The main portion of the ordinance adds a section relating to deer hunting under Section 113-8 (Big Game) which would set the hunting season for white-tailed deer from Nov. 30 to Jan. 1. and deer could “only be harvested using archery weapons”.

Ord. No. 563, submitted by Aniwodih (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Perry Shell, and Kolanvyi Rep. Richard French, seeks to amend Cherokee Code Section 115-9 dealing with how a vacancy on the School Board is handled. It was also deemed read and tabled during Thursday’s session and will sit for 25 days before it can be acted upon.

Currently, it reads, “If a vacancy occurs within the School Board due to death, resignation, or removal, the Tribal Council shall call a special election within 30 calendar days of the vacancy...” The legislation seeks to remove the language “due to death, resignation, or removal” to make it easier for a special election to be held in the event of a vacancy on the School Board.

The whereas section of the legislation describes the need for the change. “Death, resignation, or removal are not the only ways a vacancy on the School Board could be created; and a vacancy on the School board will be created on Oct. 1, 2025, when a School Board member’s term expires, but no

election was held for a successor because no eligible applicant filed to be a candidate before the filing period closed.”

It continues, “Tribal Council has the authority to call special elections to fill vacancies of other tribal officials in other contexts, and also doing so here is in the best interests of students, parents, guardians, Cherokee Central Schools, and the entire tribal community.”

Dinilawigi then voted unanimously to table Ord. No. 451 (2025) and Ord. No. 484 (2025). Tabled Ord. No. 451 was submitted by (EBCI) Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks and seeks to amend Cherokee Code Sec. 130-B which covers how appointments are made to the CIHA Governing Board.

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

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

The legislation would also add a sentence to Section 130B-3(b) stating, “Nominations and appointments shall be made so that at any one time a majority of members of the Governing Board are health care professionals cur-

rently licensed and in good standing with the appropriate licensing body and who have practiced and earned their primary income under that license for not less than 5 years. Retired health care professionals, who were licensed and in good standing when they retired, may also be nominated and appointed. When possible, nominations and appointments should be made so that the Governing Board includes in its membership a physician, a dentist, an attorney, and an auditor or certified public accountant.”

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

The whereas section states the purpose of the proposed amendments to Sec. 95-12 and 95-13. “Taken together, those sections state that the first employment preference shall be given to any ‘Local Indian’, an archaic phrase that has outlived its usefulness and which is defined as enrolled members of the EBCI and ‘any member of another federally recognized tribe who resides within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation’.”

It goes on to state, “Sec. 95-12 and Sec. 95-13 should be amended to strike the definition of ‘Local Indian’ and clearly state that EBCI enrolled members and their spouse and children shall have the first preference in employment.” Attorney General McConnell asked that Ord. No. 536 be withdrawn, and Dinilawigi unanimously granted that request.

Ord. No. 536, submitted by Michael LaVoie, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Natural Resources Dept., was deemed read and tabled in the Aug. 7 session. Attorney General McConnell noted that this legislation would be re-

submitted at a later date.

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

Attorney General McConnell also asked that Item No. 28 be withdrawn. That piece of legislation is a resolution that was not given a number, which called for a referendum vote to amend the EBCI Charter and Governing Document Section 17 regarding who can run for office. He noted that the required petition was not submitted with the resolution and should be withdrawn, and Dinilawigi granted that request.

That legislation, submitted by Solomon Saunooke and Jacob Ivey, sought the referendum to amend Charter Section 17 to add the phrase "or who has been impeached and removed from office" as one of the reasons a person would be barred from running for elected offices of the EBCI.

Dinilawigi Vice Chairman David Wolfe asked that Tabled Res. No. 533 (2025) be withdrawn, and Dinilawigi unanimously granted that request. This resolution requested that the Senior Miss

Cherokee pageant be placed under the EBCI Royalty Board and be given a budget.

Vice Chairman Wolfe also asked that Tabled Res. No. 549 (2025) be tabled, and Dinilawigi unanimously granted that request. That legislation would authorize the EBCI to purchase Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 114, 109-B, and 109-C which are collectively known as the Cherokee Lodge properties.

Dinilawigi approves budget amendments, requests to apply for grant funding

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – During its regular session on Thursday, Sept. 4, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approved several budget amendments and requests from programs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) to apply for grant funding. Items No. 15-20, all submitted by Brandi Claxton, interim secretary of treasury, were approved unanimously as part of the consent agenda.

Item No. 15 approved a budget amendment "to amend the FY Cherokee Fitness Complex budget to increase sales and membership dues revenue".

Item No. 16 approved a budget amendment "to amend the FY Family Support budget to add miscellaneous revenue received from a donation and reimbursements".

Monetary amounts were not given for Items No. 15 nor No. 16.

Item No. 17 authorizes the Cherokee Fire Dept. "to apply for and accept funding from the Dogwood Health Trust in the estimated amount of \$80,142 for

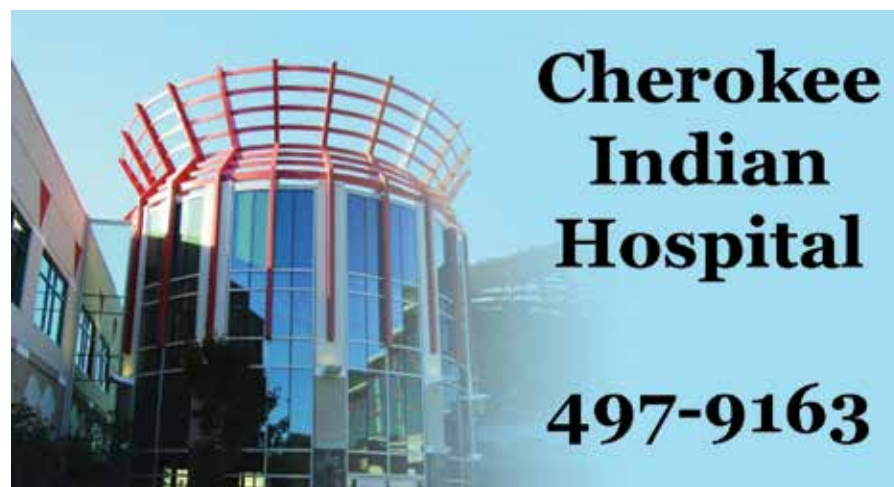
FY26". The whereas section of the legislation states, "The Fire Department has identified a funding opportunity from the Dogwood Health Trust, to provide needed equipment to assist the elderly when in need."

Item No. 18 authorizes the Cherokee Fire Dept. "to apply for and accept funding from the Dogwood Health Trust in the estimated amount of \$80,008 for FY26". The whereas section of the legislation states, "The Fire Department has identified a funding opportunity from the Office of State Fire Marshal, HB1012, to purchase and replace equipment damaged during Hurricane Helene."

Item No. 19 authorizes the EBCI Natural Resources Program "to apply for and accept funds from the Fish and Wildlife Service in the estimated amount of

\$42,000 for FY26". The whereas section of the legislation states, "The Natural Resources Program has identified a funding opportunity from the Fish and Wildlife Service to assist in conservation, monitoring, and stabilizing the Barnett Knob Cabin roosting sites for vulnerable species."

Item No. 20 authorizes the EBCI Natural Resources Program "to apply for and accept funds from the U.S. Forest Service in the estimated amount of \$1,197,530 for FY26-32". The whereas part of the legislation states, "The Natural Resources Program has identified a funding opportunity from the U.S. Forest Service to coordinate both research and management activities on USFS lands with the needs of members of the EBCI and Earth Keepers Advisors".



Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

New this week

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 dis-

order 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, nongovern-

mental 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.

Bills we're currently watching
H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act). This House bill would place 76 acres of land in eastern Tennessee into trust

for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Included in that land are the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, the Chota Memorial, and the Tanasi Memorial sites.

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

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

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



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Introduced: Jan. 16 by Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. It was “ordered to be reported without amendment favorably” by the Committee on March 5. It was reported without amendment by Sen. Murkowski (R-Alaska), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs chairperson, on July 31. That same day, it was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar

under General Orders (Calendar No. 139).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

H.R. 3255. (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). This House bill will would grant federal acknowledgment to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a state-recognized group in Michigan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

S.2022 (Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act of 2025). This Senate bill, according to the legislation, would “amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat Indian Tribal governments in the same manner as state governments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes”.

Introduced: June 11 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

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

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

the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.

Introduced: June 12 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

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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. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Enforcement 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 activ-

ities 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.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:
Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.): <https://www.tillis.senate.gov/email-me>
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EBCI Government Explained

Control of open burning

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – With fall quickly approaching, let's delve into the law surrounding open burning on the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). This subject can be found in Chapter 113C of the Cherokee Code.

Section 113C-1 states, "The practice of open burning of combustible materials results in pollution of the air which can detrimentally affect the health and well-being of the human community and the natural resources on which they depend. The purpose of this section is to maintain air quality, control air pollution, and prevent wildland fires resultant from the open burning of materials on Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians trust lands."

The current law was put in place with the passage of Ord. No. 303 on June 2, 2022 which repealed the then-existing Chapter 113C and replaced it with the current language. The whereas section of that legislation states, "Open burning presents a risk of harm to persons, property, and the environment; and the harm presented by open burning can be managed by a system of permitting and conditions under which open burning is allowed on tribal land."

Section 113C-3(b) gives the EBCI Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) the authority to issue burn bans "which prohibit open burning during periods of hazardous forest fire conditions or poor air quality

conditions".

Section 113C-4 outlines the types of open burns allowable without a permit. Each type is followed by many requirements, and for the purposes of this article we will just describe the main type which is as follows:

- (1) Recreational burning and the use of portable outdoor fireplaces
- (2) Ceremonial fires conducted for culturally significant traditions
- (3) Campfires and fires used solely for cooking or for human warmth and comfort and which do not create a nuisance and do not use synthetic materials, refuse, or salvageable materials for fuel
- (4) Fires purposely set to forest lands for forest management practices by a government program authorized by law to manage Tribal forest lands
- (5) Fires purposely set to agricultural lands for disease, pest control, and other agricultural practices by a government program authorized by law to manage agricultural lands
- (6) Fires purposely set for wildlife management practices by a government program authorized by law to manage wildlife
- (7) Fires purposely set for the instruction and training of fire-fighting personnel, including fires at permanent firefighting training facilities, or when conducted under the supervision of or with the cooperation of BIA or the Cherokee Fire and Rescue Department

The next part of the Code, Section 113C-5, deals specifically with open burning that is allowable with a permit which can be obtained from the Cherokee Fire and Rescue Department and includes the following main types:

- (1) Residential burning of land clearance materials from the permitted property
- (2) Bonfire

- (3) Agricultural burning authorizing the open burning of vegetation such as grass, woody species, crop residue and other dry plant growth for agricultural purposes exceeding two acres in area
- (4) Prescribed burning authorizing open burning for the purpose of vegetation/habitat management
- (5) Commercial/house site burning authorizing the open burning of land clearance materials, uprooted or cleared trees, stumps, shrubbery, or other natural vegetation in connection with the construction of buildings; rights-of-way; residential, commercial, or industrial development; mining activities; or initial clearing of vegetation to enhance property value

Section 113C-6 deals with air curtain burners which is defined earlier in Section 113C as, "a stationary or portable combustion device that directs a plane of high velocity forced draft air through a manifold head into a pit with vertical walls in such a manner as to maintain a curtain of air over the surface of the pit and a recirculating motion of air under the curtain".

Permits are required for such burning and also may be obtained from the Cherokee Fire and Rescue Department.

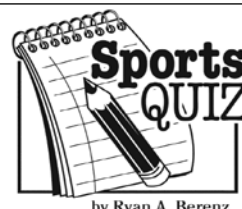
The last part of Section 113C deals with penalties for not following the law.

Section 113C-7(a) states, "Any person who violates any of the provisions may be assessed a civil fine by the Cherokee Fire and Rescue Department or by Natural Resources Enforcement. The civil fine shall be not less than \$100.00 but not more than \$1,500.00 for each violation. Each day the violation occurs may be a separate offense. Unpaid civil fines are a debt to the Tribe."

It is followed by subsection

(b) stating, "Any person who violates any of the provisions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100.00, nor more than \$5,000.00 and may be subject to imprisonment of not less than one day, nor more than 90 days. Each day the violation occurs may be a separate offense. As an alternative sentence, any person found guilty may be placed on probation and required to provide not less than 40 hours, but not more than 200 hours of community service."

To obtain a burn permit, contact the Cherokee Fire and Rescue Department at (828) 359-6584.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Horacio Llamas, the first Mexican-born player in the NBA, spent two seasons from 1997-98 with what team?

2. How old was Danish swimmer Inge Sorensen when she won a bronze medal at the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics?

3. Name the Little Caesars Pizza founder who was the owner of the NHL's Detroit Red Wings and Major League Baseball's Detroit Tigers.

4. The Cincinnati Reds, Milwaukee Schlitz, Kentucky Bourbons and Cleveland Stepien's Competitors were professional teams that played what sport in the late 1970s and early 1980s?

5. Name the former ESPN sportscaster who served as the New York Yankees' radio play-by-play announcer from 2002-04 before joining the Los Angeles Dodgers' radio and TV broadcast booth in 2005.

6. What Cuban baseball player helped the 1965 Minnesota Twins to a World Series championship and was named American League MVP that year?

7. Calbert Cheaney scored a Big Ten Conference career record 2,613 points playing for what college basketball team from 1989-93?

Answers

1. The Phoenix Suns.
2. 12 years old.
3. Mike Ilitch.
4. Men's slow-pitch softball.
5. Charley Steiner.
6. Zoilo Versalles.
7. The Indiana University Hoosiers.

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**Cherokee Tribal Court
Disposition Summary
for Aug. 1-31, 2025**

Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court

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

Arch, Justin M.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers
Licenses. (a) License required.
(February. 3, 2019). Dismissed

Bark, Darrin S.

- Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable
Adult: Elder and Vulnerable Adult
Protection Criminal Code (March
31, 2025). Dismissed upon compli-
ance/proof/successful completion
of deferred sentence.

- Assault on a female (March 31,
2025). Dismissed upon compli-
ance/proof/successful completion
of deferred sentence.

- Assault on a female (March 31,
2025). Dismissed upon compli-
ance/proof/successful completion
of deferred sentence.

Bark, Preston L.

- Domestic Violence and Dating
Violence (April 17, 2025). Dis-
missed upon further investigation.
- Domestic Violence and Dating
Violence (Feb. 28, 2025). Dis-
missed upon further investigation.

Bell, Alexander K

- Expired Registration Card/Tag
(March 27, 2024). Voluntary dis-
missal compliance/proof.
- Unlawful to Drive While Li-
cense Revoked, After Notification,
or While Disqualified (April 26,

2023) No disposition given

Bernhisel, Chad L.

- Notice of Change of Address or
Name (Sept. 3, 2018). Dismissed

Cabe-Burgess, Samantha L.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Pos-
sessing) (Apr. 26, 2025) Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Sub-
stance (Schedules I-V) (Apr. 26,
2025) Dismissed per plea
- Possession of a Controlled Sub-
stance (Schedules I-V) (Apr. 26,
2025) Dismissed per plea
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers
Licenses (a) License Required.
(Jan. 8, 2018) Dismissed

Cabrera, Rogelio M.

- Issuance and Renewal of Driv-
ers Licenses (a) License Required
(Jan. 8, 2018) Guilty.
Sentencing: 30 days, suspended,
12 months supervised probation.
24 hours community service, ob-
tain substance abuse assessment
and comply with recommenda-
tions.

Catt, Jeffery D.

- Intoxicated and Disruptive in
Public (March 29, 2025). Guilty
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstruct-
ing Officers (March 29, 2025)
Dismissed per plea
Sentencing: 30 days, suspended, 3
months unsupervised probation.
10 hours community service.

Cedillo, Andrea E.

- Exceeding Posted Speed (May 7,
2025) No disposition given

Cisneros, Jose I.

- No Operators License (March 13,
2025). Reported infraction

Climbingbear Jr., Henderson

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (aug.
20, 2025) Dismissed in the inter-
est of justice

- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag
(Aug. 20, 2025). Dismissed in the
interest of justice

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstruct-
ing Officers (Aug. 20, 2025). Dis-
missed in the interest of justice

Climbingbear Jr., Isaac

- Did Unlawfully Possess a Con-
trolled Substance Found in Sched-
ule I-V (May 28, 2025) Guilty
- Providing or Possessing Contra-
band (May 27, 2025). Guilty
- Possession of a Controlled Sub-
stance (May 27, 2025) Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Sub-
stance (May 27, 2025) Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Sub-
stance (May 27, 2025) Guilty.
Sentencing: 36 months, credit
89 days. Transferred to Wellness
Court.

Cooper, Amber S.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag
(July 9, 2025) Voluntary dismissal
compliance/proof
- Expired/No Inspection (July 9,
2025). No disposition given

Crisp, Johnathan N.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag
(May 11, 2025). Reported infrac-
tion
- DWLR (May 11, 2025). Reported
infraction
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (June
19, 2025). Reported infraction

Crowe, Natasha D.

- Speed Restrictions (June 5,
2014). Dismissed
- Issuance and Renewal of Driv-
ers Licenses (a) License Required
(July 21, 2017). Dismissed

Crowe, Billy J.

- Public Intoxication (June 20,
2025). Guilty
Sentencing: 10 days, suspended, 3
months unsupervised probation.



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Crowe, Melodee T.
- No Liability Insurance (May 5, 2025). Reported infraction
- Canc/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (May 5, 2025). Reported infraction

Cucumber, Saith S.
- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Aug. 9, 2025). Guilty
Sentencing: 30 days active

Dockery, Dennis L.
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (May 8, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (May 8, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.

Duncan, Daniel D.
- Second Degree Trespass (June 21, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of

jurisdiction.

Ferretiz, Penny T.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (May 20, 2017). Dismissed.

Floyd, Joseph K.
- Weapons Offense (Aug. 10, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Frank, Sheldon
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (March 10, 2018). Dismissed.

George, Charles E.
- Canc/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (Feb. 10, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 10, 2025). Reported infraction.
- No Liability Insurance (Feb. 10,

2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (July 5, 2025). Reported infraction.

George, Fred L.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 19, 2025). Reported infraction.

George, Adrian S.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Jan. 16, 2025) Guilty
Sentencing: 30 days, suspended, 3 months supervised probation. 24 hours community service. Complete substance abuse assessment and comply with recommendations.

Jenkins, Randall
- DWLR (March 20, 2025). Reported infraction.

Johnson, Anthony D.
- Larceny (June 18, 2025). Dismissed with leave.

Johnson, Michael J.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (June 30, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (April 29, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (June 30, 2025). Guilty.
- Probation Revocation (April 30, 2025). Admitted.
- Providing or Possessing Contraband (April 29, 2025). Guilty.
Sentencing: Probation revocation: 365 days active, 173 days credit. Violation of exclusion and providing/possessing contraband: 1 year, suspended, 18 months supervised probation.

Johnson, Brandi N.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Sept. 3, 2019). Dismissed

Junaluska, Kody F.
- License Plate Frame/Cover Viol. (Aug. 19, 2025). No disposition given.

Lambert, Kayleigh L.
- DWLR (May 30, 2025). Reported infraction.

Lambert, Justin R.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (April 16, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Littlejohn, Shannon D.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 8, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Littlejohn, Shira L.
- DWLR (May 31, 2025). Reported infraction
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 31, 2025). Reported infraction.

Lossiah, Jiah A.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (July 2, 2023). No disposition given.

Maney, Siceria M.
- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (Dec. 8, 2016). Dismissed.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Sept. 1, 2021). Dismissed
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Sept. 7, 2021). Dismissed.

Martinez, Paul P.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 19, 2025). Reported infraction.

McCoy, Kaeson A.
- No Liability Insurance (Aug. 15,

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2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

McCoy, Christine R.

- DWLR (May 18, 2025). Reported infraction.
- No Liability Insurance (May 18, 2025). Reported infraction.
- Cancl/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (May 18, 2025). Reported infraction.

McDaneil, Crystal M.

- Disorderly Conduct (Aug. 18, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Morgan, Jennifer R.

- Cancl/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (May 20, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 20, 2025). Reported infraction.

Morton Jr., Tony R.

- Grand Larceny (Sept. 18, 2022). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Murphy, Reena L.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 30, 2025). Reported infraction.

Myers, Mark H.

- Probation Revocation (June 8, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.
- Probation Revocation (June 8, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 8, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.

Nash, Meisha

- Expired/No Inspection (Sept. 14, 2024). No disposition given.

Owle Jr., Alfred W.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (April 22, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.
- Breaking and Entering (April 22, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.
- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (April 22, 2024). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Parris, Daniel B.

- Criminal Conspiracy (July 31, 2025). Dismissed with leave.
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (July 31, 2025). Dismissed with leave.

Pheasant Sr., Thomas E.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, after Notification, or While Disqualified (Feb. 7, 2017). Dismissed.

Pheasant, Greta L.

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

Pheasant, Cory M.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, after Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 30, 2016). Dismissed.

Powell, Daymion T.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 22, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Radford, Robin J.

- Cruelty to Animals (Feb. 10, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Impaired Driving (Feb. 11,

2024). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Weapons Offense (Feb. 11, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Driving by Person Less Than 21 Years Old after Consuming Alcohol or Drugs (Feb. 11, 2024). Guilty.
- Weapons Offense (Feb. 10, 2024). Guilty.

Sentencing: 12 months suspended, 18 months supervised probation. 20 hours community service. Complete substance abuse assessment and comply with recommendations.

Ramirez, Artemio E.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers License (a) License Required (Oct. 30, 2021). Dismissed.

Ross, John R.

- Unlawful o Drive While License Revoked, after Notification, or While Disqualified (Jan. 24, 2023). Reported infraction.
- Vehicles Required to be Registered (Jan. 24, 2023). Reported infraction.
- Allow Unlicensed to Drive (March 12, 2024). Reported infraction.

Sampson, Donovan L.

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Dec. 1, 2024). Guilty
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Dec. 1, 2024). Guilty

Scales, Destiney M.

- Breaking and Entering (Dec. 16, 2024). Guilty.
- Grand Larceny (Dec. 16, 2024). Guilty.
- Larceny (Feb. 27, 2025). Guilty.
- Second Degree Burglary (Dec. 16, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Larceny (Dec. 14, 2024). Guilty.
- Grand Larceny (Dec. 15, 2024). Guilty.

- Second Degree Burglary (Dec. 14, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Second Degree Burglary (Dec. 15, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (Dec. 16, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Larceny (Dec. 16, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Sentencing: 18 months suspended, 18 months supervised probation.

Sherriff, Nicole P.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 12, 2025). Reported infraction.

Sherrill, Edward D.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 11, 2025). Reported infraction.

Smith, Bobby J.

- Larceny (May 18, 2025). Guilty.
- Second Degree Trespass (May 18, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Sentencing: 6 months suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation.

Smith, Ryan N.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (June 4, 2025). Reported infraction.

Sneed, Samuel O.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 24, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

Stamper, Forrest C.

- Failure to Maintain Lane Control (Aug. 12, 2025). No disposition given.
- Failure to Reduce Speed (Aug. 12, 2025). No disposition given.

Sundown, Trevor H.

- Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public (May 17, 2025). Guilty.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (May 17, 2025). Guilty.

Sentencing: 90 days suspended, 12 months supervised probation. 20 hours community service. Complete substance abuse assessment and comply with recommendations.

Swayney, James D.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 25, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (March 24, 2018). Dismissed.

Swayney, James E.

- Notice of Change of Address or Name (Dec. 1, 2016). Dismissed

Swimmer, Naomi A.

- Speed Restrictions (Nov. 25, 2021). Dismissed.

Taylor, Jacob N.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Aug. 2, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.
- Tampering with Evidence (Aug. 2, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Thompson, Victoria G.

- Issuance and Renewal of Drivers Licenses (a) License Required (May 10, 2018). Dismissed.

Toineeta, Samuel A.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Dec. 6, 2024). Reported infraction.

Tranter, Tabitha L.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 3, 2025). Reported infraction.

Wade, Jason L.

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (May 24, 2025). Guilty.

Sentencing: 3 months suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation.

Walkingstick, Kory D.

- Child abuse in the Second Degree (Feb. 24, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Feb. 24, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
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Watty, Dakota

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Nov. 16, 2023). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Nov. 29, 2024). Reported infraction.

Watty, Brian K.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (June 2, 2025). Dismissed with leave.

Welch, Anthony D.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 26, 2025). Admitted.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (May 28, 2025). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (May 28, 2025). Guilty.
- Violations of Exclusion Resolu-

tions and Orders (May 28, 2025). Guilty.

- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (July 31, 2025). Guilty.

- Probation Revocation (May 28, 2025). Admitted.

Sentencing: Probation Revocation, 6 months active, 79 days credit. Remaining charges: 12 months active to run at end of probation revocation sentence.

Wilnoty Sr., Michael W.

- Elder Abuse and Neglect (July 21, 2025). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Woodson, Michael A.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Nov. 20, 2017). Dismissed.

Youngdeer, Andrea E.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (June 6, 2017). Dismissed.
- Violation of Registration Provisions (June 6, 2017). Dismissed



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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Aug. 25-31, 2025**

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

Banks, Tonya – age 45
Arrested: Aug. 25
Released: Aug. 26
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Bradley, Connie Lynn – age 41
Arrested: Aug. 25
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Crowe, Ervin Ivandale – age 53
Arrested: Aug. 25
Released: Aug. 27
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Oocumma, Eugene Murray – age 35
Arrested: Aug. 25
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Sneed, Samuel Otter – age 24
Arrested: Aug. 25
Released: Aug. 27
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (two counts); Flee Elude Arrest with a Motor Vehicle; Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Washington Jr., Robert Lee – age 33
Arrested: Aug. 26
Released: Aug. 26
Charges: Driving While Impaired, Flee Elude Arrest with a Motor Vehicle

Buchanan, Kimberly Nicole – age 33
Arrested: Aug. 27
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

Eggen, Caleb Jage – age 23
Arrested: Aug. 27
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Drug Trafficking; Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance; Manufacture, Sell, Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance

Taylor, Taylor Norman – age 25
Arrested: Aug. 27
Released: Aug. 28
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Neff, Jonathan David – age 42
Arrested: Aug. 28
Released: Aug. 28
Charges: Temporary Hold

Parton, Reagan Elizabeth – age 32
Arrested: Aug. 28
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Caldwell, Milburn H. – age 52
Arrested: Aug. 29
Released: Aug. 29
Charges: Possession of Firearm by Felon

Climbingbear Jr., Henderson – age 77
Arrested: Aug. 29
Released: Aug. 29
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Holder, Timothy Dale – age 53
Arrested: Aug. 29
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Transporting Controlled Substance into the Territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Criminal Conspiracy

Parris, Daniel Blake – age 25
Arrested: Aug. 29
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Taylor, Leslie Lee – age 28
Arrested: Aug. 29
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Armachain, Larissa Renee – age 39
Arrested: Aug. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Bird, Regina Dawn – age 32
Arrested: Aug. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Hinds, Brian – age 34
Arrested: Aug. 30
Released: Aug. 30
Charges: Assault on a Female

Lossie, Timothy Marc – age 41
Arrested: Aug. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Pre-Trial Release Violation, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Martens, Dorian Sequoyah – age 25
Arrested: Aug. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Assault by Strangulation, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Surrett, Mark – age 46
Arrested: Aug. 30
Released: Aug. 30
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Wolfe, Jacob Dewayne – age 37
Arrested: Aug. 30
Released: Aug. 30
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Young, Tansi Elaine – age 45
Arrested: Aug. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 1)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Transporting Controlled Substance into the Territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Drug Trafficking, Providing or Possessing Contraband

Sneed, Samuel Otter – age 24
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PRE-APPROVAL PRE-QUALIFICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed, unless applicant is wishing to purchase a home. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender. <input type="checkbox"/> Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter
INFRASTRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed. <input type="checkbox"/> Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included. <input type="checkbox"/> Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.
HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE	<input type="checkbox"/> Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved. <input type="checkbox"/> Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home. <input type="checkbox"/> After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneously, HBS Coordinator will submit same plans to the lending institution, as well as financial documents to keep loan active. Financial documents are updated with lender every 30 days.
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will process documents to request Down Payment Assistance for 20% of sales contract amount, up to \$50,000.00, and will request \$5,000.00 in Rate Buy Down (RBD) gift funds simultaneously. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will review for completeness of application. <input type="checkbox"/> Completed applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.
CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands	<input type="checkbox"/> After receiving signed loan approvals, the Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send DPA firm commitment to Tribal Realty to initiate Ownership Statement (OS), Lease and Assignment. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD. <input type="checkbox"/> Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution. <input type="checkbox"/> Lending Institution will contact client to “lock in” their interest rate, taking into consideration the gift funds to purchase discount points.
DPA funds – Off Trust Lands	<input type="checkbox"/> After loan approvals are received, Coordinator will send letter notifying lender the borrower has been approved for DPA and RBD funds and request closing attorney information. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will complete the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust and to be signed at closing and recorded at Register of Deeds in the county of purchase. <input type="checkbox"/> Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.
LOAN CLOSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed. <input type="checkbox"/> Home construction may start after loan close. <input type="checkbox"/> Client will begin working with Lender’s Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.
SITE PREP SCHEDULING	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> If 1 acre or more will be disturbed during site prep construction, a SWPP (Storm Water Protection Plan) must be completed by our contractor before any work can begin.
SERVICES PROVIDED BY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW HOMES	<input type="checkbox"/> For qualified EBCI enrolled members residing on trust land, Infrastructure provides: <input type="checkbox"/> Site Prep, Footers, Block Foundation, Block Underpinning, Vinyl Underpinning, Gutter System and Final Grade to prevent erosion.

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CIHA Governing Board holds August meeting

Submitted by Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

The August meeting of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) Governing Board highlighted progress in addressing workforce shortages at both CIHA and at Tsali Care Center while brainstorming interventions to improve ongoing challenges. CIHA's Executive Leadership provided updates on how individual departments are growing the workforce, expanding services, strengthening cybersecurity, and stewarding resources to serve today's patients and the next generation.

Interim Director of Human Resources Tina Vaitkus opened the monthly meeting with introductions of new employees and a snapshot of workforce demographics, including department-level representation of enrolled EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) members. Environmental Services is approaching 80 percent EBCI representation, while some credentialed and medical roles remain underrepresented—an area of active focus. Recruitment efforts include school and community partnerships led by Tara Reed-Cooper, CIHA's Career Development Coordinator, internal career ladders and certification opportunities such as the nurse aide program which just graduated more than a dozen individuals, and benchmarking against local



Interim HR Director Tina Vaitkus provides board members with demographic data for current employment levels. (CIHA photo)

demographics to guide outreach.

CIHA's Executive Director of Engineering Damon Lambert updated board members on construction progress at the new

Cherokee County Clinic site located in marble, which reached the visible milestone with the exterior being completed. Damon also provided updates to the Phar-



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macy Expansion project, which remains on track. Portions of the construction project that have caused the drive-thru to be closed two days a week are nearly complete and operations will continue as normal in the next few weeks.

EBCI Tribal Option Executive Director Karen Kennedy informed the board that the Tribal Option team has been working through issues within the state data-system issues that misidentified roughly 1,000–1,500 members. The TO team have been assessing the data and making adjustments where needed to ensure individuals are properly attributed and supported.

Executive Director of Operations Mary Beth Dorgan addressed accessibility challenges in CIHA's Eye Clinic due to being short-staffed by one optometrist. The challenges will hopefully resolve in the coming weeks, as interviews are currently underway to fill the vacant position.

After hearing monthly reports from CIHA's Executive Leadership, Governing Board members provided reports from the various subcommittees that they serve on for CIHA. Each member of CIHA's Governing Board is assigned to a sub-committee based on their interests and expertise. The sub-committees meet monthly prior to the monthly Governing Board meeting.

Sonya Wachacha, who serves at the PHHS board Representative on CIHA's Governing Board is the Chair of the Long Term Care Committee provides the routine monthly report to the Governing Board, however due to scheduling conflicts, the sub-committee was unable to meet prior to the Governing Board meeting. In place of a report from the sub-committee, Michelle deV-

ille-Tenhengel, Administrator at Tsali Care Center provided an update on the results from the recent CMS annual survey and complaint investigations at Tsali Care Center. According to Michelle, three complaints were investigated and all were deemed unsubstantiated by the state. Surveyors found no deficiencies in dietary, kitchen, housekeeping, medical records, rehab, or activities. Michelle reported that the survey did however show minor, isolated findings which included a single medication error and a few dignity-related items, such as assistance with facial hair or socks being inside out. Michelle also noted that overall, the primary improvement area based on the survey can be solved in improving documentation. While quality & performance improvement work has been ongoing at Tsali Care Center, CMS expects formal Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) project documentation. CIHA is updating its quality policy, formalizing QAPI charters and measures, and expanding routine audits. A cross-functional committee meets weekly and tracks progress on a red-yellow-green dashboard.

Marcia Hollifield, who serves on CIHA's Governing Board as a Community Representative from the Snowbird Community serves as the Chair of CIHA's Patient Family Advisory Council. Marcia reported to the board that PFAC met on Aug. 12 and advanced a proposal - which has now been approved by Governance - to extend hospice eligibility on the CIHA Medical Inpatient Unit to certain non-enrolled immediate family members. Extended eligibility to these members of the community will allow families of loved ones who have resided in

and serves the EBCI with end-of-life care in their final days. Marcia also reported that members of CIHA's PFAC contributed 34.5 volunteer hours in July, many of which were spent reporting to their respective community clubs regarding news and information for CIHA. The monthly PFAC report to Governing Board also included details of ongoing work of the board such as accessibility challenges and possible solutions in scheduling, expanding security at Tsali Care, and recent mandated changes to the pharmacy formulary that caused changes to medication for a handful of patients.

Due to a current vacancy on CIHA's Governing Board for the Physician Board Representative, the Quality sub-committee is being Chaired by Dr. Richard Bunio, who is a member of the Governing Board based on his role at CIHA as the Executive Director of Clinical Services. Dr. Bunio presented the Governing Board with recommendations for approval for new medical staff appointments. Dr. Benjamin Giny was approved as a hospitalist/emergency physician, Jennifer Peterson was approved as a primary care nurse practitioner, and Rachel Pitcher was approved to join CIHA as a certified nurse midwife. Dr. Bunio's Quality Committee report to the board also included the reappointments of 12 existing staff across dental, radiology, emergency, orthopedics, and behavioral health. Dr. Bunio also reported that three providers transitioned off provisional status after successful reviews.

Although CIHA budgeted conservatively entering the next fiscal year due to uncertainty on the federal level and poten-

tial impacts of cuts to Medicaid expansion, Adele reported that due to the fiscal responsibility of CIHA's Finance Department, the board was able to approve absorbing up to \$5.5 million in anticipated operating losses for Tsali Care Center to maintain stability for residents and families for the second year in a row. Prior to last year, the Tribe covered the operating loss for Tsali Care Center as part of the joint operations agreement for the long-term care facility following CIHA assuming operations. However, due to CIHA's strong financial position and budget constraints with the Tribal budget, CIHA Leadership made adjustments to absorb the costs internally.

Barbara "Sunshine" Parker, who serves as the Attorney representative on CIHA's Governing Board, provided the monthly report from the Governance sub-committee, which she Chairs. Sunshine informed the board that the focus of this month's Governance Committee was centered around an update on federal policy. CIHA is currently evaluating participation in a national coalition monitoring administrative changes to 105(l) leases. The Tribe currently receives more than \$17 million annually in 105(l) leases, underscoring the importance of staying engaged in a political climate that changes frequently

From workforce pipelines to clinic construction, from safer systems to shorter wait times, the work is moving forward. CIHA remains focused on access, quality, and stewardship - delivering care that reflects the values and priorities of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Cherokee Growing Readers Unite for Literacy program begins book garden initiative

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - During Reports to Council on the morning of Wednesday, Sept. 3, Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Superintendent Consuela Girty, Center for Native Health (CNH) Relational Health Program Director and Growing Reader Associate Kristina Hyatt, and Hope Center Director Michele Galloway, presented the Cherokee Growing Readers initiative through Unite for Literacy, which will include book gardens and a community writer's workshop.

"Cherokee Growing Readers is

an initiative that puts books into the hands of Cherokee children and families through free book gardens, nurturing a lifelong love of reading and connection," Hyatt said.



"This reading initiative made possible through a partnership between Unite for Literacy, National Center for Families Learning, and Cherokee Central Schools, is planting the seeds of literacy across the Qualla Boundary."

Free book gardens are avail-

able at Cherokee Central Schools, Qualla Boundary Head Start, Qualla Boundary Public Library, the Cherokee Dental Clinic, the Center for Native Health Mothers' Gatherings,

and Nurse-Family Partnership.

Hyatt also shared that the initiative is working to partner with other organizations like the Cherokee Boys Club to place free book boxes on the school buses.

The initiative will also include a writer's workshop on Oct. 29, details

to be announced, for Cherokee community members to produce 9-page books that will be distributed in the book gardens.

Girty said the writer's workshop is important for representation. "The writer's workshop is to get more Cherokee people involved and creating more books so that they are Cherokee driven...Our kids will be able to see themselves in these pictures, they will see our local community. I believe in the quote, 'You can't be what you can't see.'"

There is also a free subscription of books that can be mailed to your home by signing up at www.unite-forliteracy.com/register/cherokee



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ASHEVILLE, N.C. – On Aug. 29, the National Park Service announced completion of a landslide repair project located at milepost 422, near Devil's Courthouse. Completion of this project restores continuous access to over 85 miles of the park from milepost 382, in Asheville, N.C., to the southern terminus of the park at milepost

469, near Cherokee. The Devil's Courthouse overlook and trail are also now open.

Tuesday's (Sept. 2) opening is another important step in completing in an initial round of recovery projects underway across the Parkway in North Carolina addressing multiple landslides that occurred on the Parkway as a result of Hurricane Helene. This first round of projects is planned for completion across the summer and into the fall of 2025.

The park is prioritizing restor-

ing road access through a phased system to provide both public access to newly opened areas as soon as possible, and access to previously unreachable areas by contractors. Parkway construction activity is complex and highly technical, including factors such as remoteness, challenging terrain, and reduced construction seasons due to ice and winter weather at higher elevations.

For safety reasons, the park asks that people continue to be patient and respect remaining

closures. Multiple seen and unseen hazards exist in closed areas, and crews and heavy equipment at work make areas unsafe. Visitors should also be aware that trail assessments are also still underway, and caution should be exercised as hikers may encounter hazards on trails such as landslides, tree debris, and washed-out sections or bridges.

- National Park Service release

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

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Jeremiah Taylor

Jeremiah Taylor, age 63, of the Big Cove Community, Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Monday, Sept. 1, 2025, at his residence after a period of declining health.

Jeremiah was an avid sports fan, supporting the Cherokee Braves and Florida State. An outdoor enthusiast, he loved playing sports, fast pitch, and stickball.

Jeremiah was preceded in death by his parents, Jane Lossie Taylor and Jeff Jarrett Taylor; brothers, Ted, Michael, and Dennis; paternal grandparents, Julius and Julia Taylor; and maternal grandparents, John Rome, and Charlotte Lossiah.

He is survived by his sister, Cynthia A. Meuse; six nieces; two

nephews; four great-nephews; three great-nieces; his uncle and aunt, Jack and Ruth Lossiah; his aunt, Dolly Jean Taylor; and several other close relatives. Also surviving are his best friends, Bear and Frank Driver, and Bob and Lil Bob Maney.

Funeral services and visitation were held on Thursday, Sept. 4 at Straight Fork Baptist Church, with Rev. Harley Maney Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Lossie Family Cemetery. Pallbearers included Kirk Lossiah, Kirk Lossiah Jr., Woody, Houston, Hou Jr., Duane Bird, Delbert Ross, and Earl Martin.

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Employee Spotlight

Ernest Tiger, property manager

With a strong commitment to the Tribal Community and housing excellence, Ernest Tiger has been an integral part of the Cherokee Indian Housing Division as a Property Manager. His work plays a vital role in ensuring that tribal members have safe, quality, and affordable housing—an effort that directly supports the well-being and future of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians community.

Mr. Tiger oversees the daily operations of multiple housing and rental units, ensuring compliance with tribal, state, and federal housing regulations. From coordinating maintenance, repairs, and inspections to supporting tenants and addressing housing needs, he brings a solutions-focused approach to property management.

"It's more than just managing properties," Tiger shares. "It's about preserving our community's values and helping families feel secure and supported in their homes."

He is also actively involved in community outreach, helping tenants understand their rights and responsibilities, and facilitating communication between residents and the housing authority. When not at work he enjoys creating Native American Artworks for Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual Co-Op, Cherokee Museum of the Cherokee Indian, spending time with family members, participating in cultural events, and Hunting.

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division is proud to recognize Ernest Tiger for his ongoing dedication to supporting tribal housing and strengthening our community.



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Thank you for your service, and we look forward to hearing from you so we can share your stories of service with the entire community.

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COMMENTARY

Kinship, not governments, defines the Cherokee People

By TROY LITTLEDEER

STILWELL, Okla. — For centuries, the Cherokee people were united not by a single central government but by kinship, clans, and shared values. Our ancestors built their lives on responsibility to one another, not bureaucracy. Towns governed themselves. What held us together was culture, language, and family bonds. Governments came later.

That balance broke when the United States forced our removal, imposed its laws, and betrayed the treaties it had sworn to honor. Federal policy split us into three governments: the Cherokee Nation, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma (UKB), and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). These divisions were drawn in Washington, not in Cherokee communities — though internal politics also played a role.

My own family shows the weight of this divide. My late brother, Chris French, was a citizen of the EBCI. My younger brother, Travis Sawney, belongs to the Cherokee Nation. I am with the UKB. Our children are now growing up under three governments. Yet when we gather, there is no division. We share the same blood, the same stories, and the same kinship that has always defined the Cherokee people.

Today, however, the Cherokee Nation asserts that the treaties belong to its government alone, dismissing the broader promises they created for all Cherokees.

But history tells a different story. In 1828, the United States promised a “perpetual outlet west.”



The children and grandchildren of three siblings — one from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, one from the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma, and one from the Cherokee Nation. (Photo courtesy of Troy Littledeer)

In 1835, it pledged that lands would be held “forever.” In 1846, it secured territory “to the whole Cherokee people ... for their common use and benefit.” And in 1866, it guaranteed full rights to Freedmen and their descendants. These promises were made to the people — families like mine — not to any one government.

Courts and agencies have affirmed that truth. In 2017, a federal judge ruled that Freedmen descendants must be recognized as full citizens of the Cherokee Nation because of those treaty guarantees. And in January 2025, the Department of the Interior issued a solicitor’s opinion reaffirming the UKB’s federal status and clarifying consultation standards for its trust lands. The opinion remains under review, but its reasoning reflects what his-

tory already shows: the Keetoowah Cherokee people have carried cultural continuity long before Removal, holding an unbroken thread of identity across generations.

The UKB, chartered in 1950 under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, has long faced jurisdictional disputes with the Cherokee Nation. Those conflicts trace back to federal policies like the Curtis Act of 1898 and the Five Tribes Act of 1906, which dismantled Cherokee institutions and reshaped governance. These were decisions made in Washington — not by the people themselves. The deeper question remains: do treaty promises belong to governments, or to all Cherokee people?

What does it say about kinship when governments fight in court while families struggle to repair

their homes? What does it mean when a child is told they belong to the “wrong” government to receive help, even though their ancestors share the same stories and land? That is not sovereignty. That is kinship denied.

Sovereignty is not a government building. It is the people in community, bound by kinship. Governments are meant to serve the people — not replace them. Our ancestors lived by kinship. If we are to honor their sacrifices, we must put kinship first again.

When my family gathers — Chris’s memory beside us, Chooge at my side, our children playing together — no government line divides us. That is the Cherokee truth: kinship endures. And if it can endure in my family, it can endure for our people.

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COMMENTARY The Matriarch Era

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

Following the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) primary, I wrote a commentary about the women candidates showing up, showing out, and providing a new hope for the general election.

Well, here we are. It's the morning of Sept. 5, after the general election, and the unoffi-

cial Dinilawigi election results are giving matriarchy.

Namely, Lavita Hill with 214 votes and Venita K. Wolfe with 168 in Kolanvyi (Big Cove), Shannon Swimmer with 166 in Aniwodihi (Painttown), and Shennelle Feather with 185 in Elawodi (Yellow-hill).

We're entering a new era of Cherokee politics that is reflective of a vibrant and ancient history of Cherokee women in leadership. It's the Matriarch Era. Are you ready for it?



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Compelling devotion

Part 1 of 2

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

Scripture references: Exodus 1:13-14, Matthew 27:32, Luke 14:16-23, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

We are called to be courageous Christians. Yes, meek and humble are traits we should aspire to, but forthright, faithful, righteous, and brave as soldiers for Christ are also what Christians should be in the face of evil. When Christians evangelize and preach the Word to the lost, we are fighting against the unseen forces of evil, and if we are weak in Spirit or faith, we will lose and be ineffectual. We can never forget we are the Children of God and heirs to the throne with the power of the Holy Spirit so strong

as to raise the dead. We must call upon that power to defeat Satan and put on the Full Armor of God, as in Ephesians 6.

The commentary is written to call Christians to action. We are to fear for the lost and fight for their salvation.

I was asked to chaperon a home missionary trip to the Outerbanks of NC with a youth group from our church. The purpose of the trip was to minister and spread the Gospel to vacationers and inhabitants of the area. I was disappointed that the expedition leaders were only interested in going to the beach and prayer walking through neighborhoods. No one was introduced to the Lord, and the youth group received very little discipleship training in witnessing or evangelizing. I wrote this devotional treatise for the breakfast morning devotion of the last day there. The devotional made the point that we had not done our job.

I like words, and often I like to play with their meanings by finding and using double entendre and double-meaning words. It helps to build a good vocabulary. I just like words, especially God's Words. Compel - Compel is one of those words you can say about ten times in a row, and it becomes a sound instead of a word. Depending on the version, the Bible uses the word compel in only a few places, and the use of the word provides you with a possibly different meaning than how our English language emphasizes.

Exodus 1:13 says, "The Egyptians used violence to compel the sons of Israel to labor; Yeah, right. Verse 14 continues with and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they violently had them perform as slaves." NASB (2000). That's kind of funny to hear that. A rather compelling understatement to use the Word

compel to enforce slavery. Bet it wasn't too funny to the slaves of the Egyptians.

So, what does it mean to 'compel' someone? Let's try it. What would I have to do to compel you to go to church on Sunday? A bit toned down from what the Egyptians did to make Israelis work, but a bit more urging than just asking someone...don't you think? Let's look at another example. Matthew 27:32 "And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to go with them, that he might bear his cross." ASV

Most Christians who grew up in Sunday School know that Simon wasn't asked nicely to help bear Jesus' crucifixion cross. The centurions didn't say, "Golly mister, do you mind taking this criminal's cross and carrying it up to Golgotha for him?"



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So he set out and came to his father.

But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

LUKE 15:20



Detail of "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Rembrandt (1636)

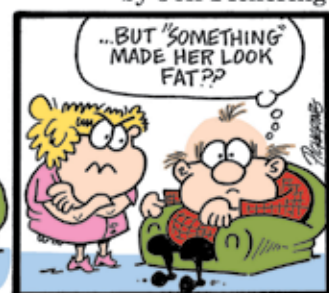
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The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree trunk is wider. 2. Sun is smaller. 3. Walking stick is shorter. 4. Cap design is different. 5. Thumb is moved. 6. Cloud is not as large.

Trivia Test Answers

1. The Atlantic Ocean; 2. Red and blue; 3. South Atlantic Ocean; 4. Decepticons; 5. Agatha Christie; 6. 300 million; 7. August 1969; 8. Glossophobia; 9. Colorado; 10. The letter "e"

by Dave T. Phipps

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Cambridge sch.
- 4 Tizzies
- 9 NPR's Shapiro
- 12 "Rocks"
- 13 Old Testament book
- 14 Guitar master Paul
- 15 Puzzle solver's epiphany
- 17 "Tasty!"
- 18 Director DuVernay
- 19 Postpones
- 21 Supervised
- 24 Appear
- 25 Blackbird
- 26 Back talk
- 28 "Swell!"
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- 33 Corn core
- 35 "Go no further!"
- 36 Nerd
- 38 "Don't Start Now" singer Lipa
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- 49 Black Sea region

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- 54 New England cape
- 55 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
- 56 Farm female
- 57 Dijon denial
- 58 Head lights?
- 59 "Evil Woman" gp.
- 8 Lustrous fabric
- 9 Yale, to Jodie Foster
- 10 — Martin (cognac)
- 11 Doctrines
- 16 Irate
- 20 Cask sediment
- 21 Round of applause
- 22 Sufficient, old-style
- 23 "Save Me" singer
- 27 Group of whales
- 29 Vocal quality
- 30 Makes a choice
- 32 Vend
- 34 Beast on a nickel
- 37 Laundry additive
- 39 Los —, New Mexico
- 42 Confused
- 44 "— Blue?"
- 45 Astronaut Shepard
- 46 Gambling city
- 50 Unwell
- 51 Formerly known as
- 52 Hogwarts messenger
- 53 Old Oldsmobile

DOWN

- 1 Actress Farrow
- 2 German pronoun
- 3 Chai, e.g.
- 4 Digging tool
- 5 Itinerant
- 6 British verb ending
- 7 Looks after

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



1. SCIENCE: Which of the major oceans is the saltiest?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which two primary colors mix to make the color purple?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Falkland Islands located?
4. MOVIES: What are the villains in the movie "Transformers" called?
5. LITERATURE: Hercule Poirot is a detective featured in more than 30 of which author's novels?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many olfactory receptors are in a dog's nose on average?
7. MUSIC: When did the Woodstock Music and Art Fair take place in rural New York state?
8. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear of speaking in public called?
9. U.S. STATES: In which state is the Rocky Mountain National Park located?
10. LANGUAGE: What is the most commonly used letter in the English alphabet?

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Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. Good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

- Sept. 13 at 3 p.m. fundraiser for Betty's Place

- Sept. 13 at 5 pm., fundraiser for Kolanvyi Indian Ball team

EBCI Community Events

Makers Market. Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Artisans and community coming together to offer products and handmade items. Food vendor on site. For information or to request a table, Angie Garcia (828) 788-4585

Cherokee Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Services Open House. Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the VOC Building at 70 Bingo Loop in Cherokee, N.C. Stop by and learn about the program and the services available to eligible applicants. Free lunch (bag lunches with drink and dessert, limited number) and door prizes.

2nd Annual Shrednanigans. Sept. 12-13 at Mountainside Theatre at 288 Drama Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Raffles, games, prizes, DJ, Nanigans Relay, Fire Mountain Spoker Game, Hike, Bike, Run, Block Party, and more. This event is sponsored by 7 Moons MTB.

Larch and Dixie Taylor Family Reunion. Sept. 14 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Wolftown Gym in Cherokee, N.C. Bring your favorite dish to share and your favorite pictures of loved ones that have passed on.

From Darkness Into Hope Annual Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event. Sept. 18 at the Oconaluftee Island

Park. Info: (828) 359-6180.

MANNA FoodBank Community Market. Sept. 18 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. (or until food is gone) at the Wolftown Gym at 27 Long Branch Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. This event is free and open to all community members. Stop by for free grocery staples, produce, and other perishables from MANNA FoodBank. Info: (828) 359-6934 or megastam@ebci-nsn.gov

Crafting Your Path: Building a Business that Works for You seminar. Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. The Museum is partnering with Mountain Bizworks on this two-day workshop to help members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians start or pivot their creative business. This seminar is free with lunch provided. Space is limited. Registration is required: bit.ly/4IV-2VH4

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 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

Kuwohi Celebration. Sept. 16 at 7 a.m. at Kuwohi in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This event will mark the one-year anniversary of the USGBN officially approving Kuwohi as the rightful name of the tallest peak in the Park. To attend the celebration, you will need a parking pass. Email: arneachdawn@gmail.com to get a pass.

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

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK


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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. Fridays 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

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects favor new romances for unpaired Ewes and Rams. Already paired Arian twosomes might experience renewed harmony in their relationships. Money matters also take a bright turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Use your strong Bovine determination to help you keep the faith with your convictions while you move through a period of uncertainty. Things begin to ease by the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Pay attention to your intuition. It could be alerting you to be more careful about accepting a "statement of fact" that is simply based on trust. Don't be shy about asking for more proof.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Concern for the well-being of someone in need is admirable. But don't forget to take care of yourself as well. Ask a family member, close friend or colleague to help you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's OK to focus on the demands of your career. But try to avoid misunderstandings by also reaching out to family and friends. Your sharp intuitive sense kicks in by midweek.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Keep a rein on the green-eyed monster — jealousy is counterproductive. Instead of resenting a colleague's good points, concentrate on developing your own abilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Spending time on a creative project during this high-energy week can pay off — both in emotional satisfaction and in impressing someone who is glad to see this side of you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Now is a good time to start planning a trip you've put off because of the demands on your time. Be sure to choose a destination that is new and exciting!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An upbeat mood during the first part of the week makes you eager to take on new ventures. A more serious note sets in later to help you assess an upcoming decision.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A high energy level gives the Goat the get-up-and-go to finish outstanding tasks before deadlines, leaving time for well-earned fun and games with friends and family.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Dealing with disappointment is never easy. But the wise Aquarian will use it as a vital lesson and be better for it. Meanwhile, a close friend has something important to say.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your best bet is not to get involved in an argument between colleagues until you know more about who started it and why. And even then, appearances could be deceiving. Be alert!

BORN THIS WEEK: You have creative gifts that inspire those who get to see this sometimes-hidden side of you. You should let it out more often for the people who appreciate it.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Recent accomplishments at the VA

The headline said it all: The VA has processed more disability claims in one year than they've ever done before. They surpassed last year's total months before the end of this fiscal year. Specifically, the backlog of veterans waiting for benefits is down over 37%.

And that's not all the VA is accomplishing. In the last six months, the VA has opened 16 new health care clinics scattered around the country. Fredericksburg and North Battlefield Clinics in Virginia, Florence Clinic in South Carolina, and 13 more. Fingers crossed that the planned clinics for 2026 will happen as well.

They're spending an additional \$800 million to upgrade existing facilities. Elevators, sprinklers and fire alarms, boilers and air conditioning and more — all in the name of making the facilities better for veterans and staff.

The VA has made it easier for veterans to access community health care, cutting out the middle steps that dragged things out. Additionally, there are 30 categories of care that only require an authorization once a year.

They've identified and saved \$106 million from duplicate billings caused by cases where millions of veterans were enrolled in both VA health care and Medicare. Providers were double billing, raking in the cash, and now the VA is going after that money.

Ten thousand workers have been brought back to the office, no longer able to telework. There are eligibility criteria to continue to work remotely, such as a disability or living more than 50 miles from work, but for the most part, they are back in the office.

The VA is phasing out treatment of gender dysphoria; in other words, stopping voice training, wigs, chest binders, hormone therapy and other sex change services. The saved money will instead go to helping amputees and paralyzed veterans.

Veterans at some locations say there is a shortage of physicians and other medical staff, but for the most part it looks like the VA is moving in the right direction.

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The case of the chronically constipated cat

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My 13-year-old cat, "Tibbles," has suddenly developed a litter box problem. He pees quite a lot — I'm constantly scooping the box — but I have not seen any poo for about three days. Tibbles seems comfortable and doesn't seem distressed. — **Jamie B. in Milwaukee**

DEAR JAMIE: A significant change in litter box habits is a signal that something is going on, and you should call the veterinarian.

Cats are famously good at hiding illness. It's an instinctive trait to keep predators away. If they're feeling a bit off, you'll almost never notice. If they're seriously ill, they may hide themselves away. Senior cats like Tibbles become very secretive as their body ages. They walk more slowly and jump less if arthritis is developing. Their personality may change. They may yowl from discomfort or confusion.

Your cat may be developing a kidney problem, but to confirm this, you'll need to bring Tibbles to the vet for some tests. It would be helpful to collect a urine sample and a stool sample (if he goes before your visit), so the vet can present results faster. If you're not able to do that ahead of the visit, the vet may give you collection tools and instructions on how to get those samples and bring them in later.

Make sure that your cat is hydrating as well as possible. Keep his water bowl filled. Give him less dry kibble and more paté-style cat food. Limit his treats to just one or two pieces a day, or switch to a "lickable" treat (available in packets at most retailers).

The veterinarian will provide further dietary adjustments, and possibly medication, once they've observed and tested your cat. Follow their instructions precisely to help Tibbles become regular again.

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

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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.

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Mtgs.

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

HIP Committee. Sept. 10 at 1:30 p.m.

Lands Committee. Sept. 11 at 9 a.m.

Roads Commission. Sept. 15 at 9 a.m.

Timber Committee. Sept. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Planning Board. Sept. 15 at 1 p.m.

THIP Community Meeting. Sept. 16 at 9 a.m.

Health Board. Sept. 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Qualla Housing Committee. Sept. 18 at 8:30 a.m.

Enrollment Committee. Sept. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Minors Investment Fund

meeting. Sept. 24 at 1 p.m.

Clean-up session of Dinilawigi. Sept. 30 at 8:30 a.m.

Pow Wow Listings

Sycuan Pow Wow. Sept. 12-14 in El Cajon, Calif. MC: Ruben Little Head. Host Drums: Black Lodge, Motown. Info: Julia LaBrake (619) 672-4840, sycuanpowwow@yahoo.com

Trail of Tears Pow Wow. Sept. 12-14 at Western Cherokee Event Center of Black Sea Shines in Kimberling City, Mo. MC: Shannon Leroy. Host Drum: Drowning Creek. Info: Murl and Marjorie Pierson (417) 924-2040, ozarksplateauindians@gmail.com

Mendota Mdewakanton 28th Traditional Wacipi. Sept. 12-14 at St. Peters Church Grounds in Mendota, Minn. Info: mendotadakota@gmail.com

20th Annual Totah Drums of Fall. Sept. 13 at McGee Park in Farmington, N.M. MC: Erny Zah. Host Northern Drum: Mile Post 30. Host Southern Drum: Smoke Stack. Info: Kristine Werito (505) 564-4804, ariana_goldtooth@pmsnm.org

Wichita Kansas Intertribal Warrior Society Annual Dance. Sept. 13 at The Cowntown Museum in Wichita, Kan. Info: Victor Follis at wichitakswarriorsociety@gmail.com

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 Chero-

kee 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

26th Annual Sorghum Festival. Sept. 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site in at 2620 South Roan Street in Johnson City, Tenn. Visitors will have the opportunity to observe sorghum being processed into molasses using a mule-powered mill as well as tour the historic structures of the property. Local homemade crafts, classic and antique cars, and more. Admission with breakfast is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 12+under, and kids under 3 are free. Without breakfast, admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Info: 423)926-3631

20th Annual WNC Run/Walk for Autism. Sept. 20 at the Bill Moore Community Park at 85 Howard Gap Rd. in Fletcher, N.C. The event begins at 8 a.m., race begins at 9 p.m. This event is being hosted by the Autism Society of North Carolina. Early bird registration until Sept. 3 is \$30; regular registration until Sept. 17 is \$40. Info: www.autismsociety-nc.org

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.

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

see **EVENTS** next page

MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF




TAYLOR CROWE

Primary Care Clinical RN Case Manager

Education: Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Western Carolina University

Years at CIHA: 1

Community/Hometown: Sylva



"I choose CIHA because as a nurse I was taught to treat the patient holistically; treating all aspects of a person. The time and resources allotted by CIHA allows me to do just that. Working here allows me to be present with my patients and provide high quality care, instead of feeling like I'm marking off tasks on a to-do list. Working within a hospital whose Guiding Principles align with my professional morals makes CIHA my choice again and again." - Taylor Crowe

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

Bigwitch Baptist Church. 2290 Bigwitch Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday service 6 p.m. Pastor James "Jimbo" Sneed. All are welcome.

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

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

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

Cherokee Church of Christ. 2350 Old Mission Road and Hwy. 19. Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.

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

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

Cherokee Pentecostal 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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jonah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 19, who escaped to Zoar on hearing wicked cities were going to be destroyed? *Gomorrah, Elijah, Lot, Shimei*
3. After beating his mule, who confessed to an angel that he had sinned? *Sodom, Balaam, Samuel, Daniel*
4. From Job 4, who was so frightened by a dream that his hair stood on end? *Eliphaz, Abraham, Ehud, Joseph*
5. Who had to parade his eight sons before a prophet as found in 1 Samuel? *Aaron, Jacob, Naboth, Jesse*
6. From Exodus 14, whose chariots were lost in the Red Sea? *Solomon, Pharaoh, Samson, Ahab*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Lot, 3) Balaam, 4) Eliphaz, 5) Jesse, 6) Pharaoh

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

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Moments in time

• On **Sept. 22, 1888**, National Geographic magazine published its first issue, without photos. The publication had so few subscribers that its editor, Gilbert H. Grosvenor, addressed each copy and carried them to the post office himself.

• On **Sept. 23, 1992**, Manon Rheame became the first woman to play in one of the four major men's North American pro sports leagues when she stepped on the ice as goalie for the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning in a preseason game. Admitting to being "very nervous," she also noted that part of her admission was "for publicity," but added that it was "still a chance to play. That's what I care about."

• On **Sept. 24, 1902**, cookbook author Fannie Farmer, who changed the way Americans prepared food by advocating for the use of standardized measurements in recipes, opened Miss Farmer's School of Cookery in Boston. Farmer not only taught women how to cook, but later instructed medical professionals on nutrition for the sick.

On **Sept. 25, 1890**, religious leaders issued the "Mormon Manifesto," which ordered all Latter-day Saints to uphold America's anti-polygamy laws. The men were given little choice in the decision, as they faced federal confiscation of their temples and revocation of church members' basic civil rights for failure to comply.

• On **Sept. 26, 1996**, biochemist and U.S. astronaut Shannon Lucid returned to Earth in the U.S. Space Shuttle Atlantis after six months in orbit aboard the Russian space station Mir. She was the first American woman to live in a space station.

• On **Sept. 27, 622**, the prophet Muhammad completed his Hegira, or "flight," from Mecca to Medina to escape persecution. In Medina, he set about building the followers of his religion, Islam, into an organized community and Arabian power. The Hegira would later mark the beginning of the Muslim calendar.

• On **Sept. 28, 1850**, Congress voted to end flogging on both naval and merchant vessels. Until then, seamen were often punished by being stripped to the waist and subjected to lashes on their backs with whips called cat-o'-nine-tails.

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The Garden Bug

Ailanthus altissima, known as Chinese sumac or tree-of-heaven, is native to China. In the late 1700s, it was brought to the U.S. as an attractive, fast-growing ornamental tree. Since then it has spread throughout much of North America, filling fields and forests with its dense thickets, destroying habitats and crowding agricultural fields and roadsides. It can regrow even when most of the plant is thought to be removed, and it is tolerant of poor soil and drought. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.invasive.org, www.nature.org

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service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

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

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

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

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., Wednesday services 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brent Stewart. Search Grace Bible Church NC on Facebook. Check the page as

some Wednesdays there are no services. Also, Sunday worship service is live-streamed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Olivet United Methodist Church. 811 Olivet Church Road.

Sunday School 9am. Sunday Service 9:45am.

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

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

Rock Creek Missionary 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



EMPLOYMENT



Museum of the Cherokee People

Museum of the Cherokee People: Now Hiring

Museum of the Cherokee People is hiring for two full-time roles.

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 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 — \$78,000. Total Salary

Range \$40,000 — \$60,000.

The Manager of Educational Programming oversees all aspects of educational programming, including planning and development, fostering meaningful, safe community and guest engagement with MotCP through an educational approach. Hiring Range: \$40,000 — 52,000. Total Salary Range: \$40,000 — \$60,000. MotCP offers an extensive benefit plan to all full-time employees. Learn more and apply by October 3 at motcp.org/contact/employment. **10/1**

CLASSIFIEDS

Buying Fresh Wild Ginseng

Starting September 1. Buying at the Old Caney Fork General Store every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 PM — 6:00 PM. Also buying at my home every day 1:00

PM — 9:00PM. Call Ricky Teem (828)371-1802 or (828)524-7748. **10/29**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-081

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

VERLIN A. MCCOY

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

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

Jeffrey H. McCoy
100 Copperhead Rd
Cherokee NC, 28719
9/10

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-082

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

VIVIAN BURGESS OWLE

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

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

Hali Silvers
188 Wagon Gap Road
Cherokee NC, 28719
9/10

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of M.R.H.

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

TO: UNKNOWN PARENTS OF
THE MINOR CHILD

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, M.R.H., born May 28, 2024, is an abused and neglected child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on June 17, 2025, 2024.

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

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

First published this the 27th day of August, 2025.

Jamie Arnold, Family Safety Program Attorney, P.O. Box 455,



**Cherokee Central Schools
Job Openings**

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

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

9-12 Cherokee Language Instructor

8-12 Student Supervisory Support Specialist

High School Computer Science Teacher

Pathseekers School Counselor (6-12)

K-5 School Counselor

JV Boys Basketball Coach

JV Girls Basketball Coach

High School Custodian (Evening Shift)

6-Hour Food Service Worker

Part-Time Food Service Worker

Weekend Security Monitor

Middle School (5-7) Substitute Teacher

Cherokee, N.C. 28719 (828)359-1009.
9/10

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate
File No. 25-080

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
FRIEDA MARLENE BROWN**

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI
CATION
Ashley Brown 1001 Windsor Drive
Asheville, NC 28803.

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-083

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
NANCY BRADLEY**

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
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Allen Mills
185 Albritton Lane
Whittier, NC 28789

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-086

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
RILEY E. LEDFORD**

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

Cynthia Lambert
477 Goose Creek Rd.
Cherokee, NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-078

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
DAPHNE C. BLOUNT**

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
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Frank C. Blount
P.O Box 1316
Murphy, NC 28906

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-087

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
WINSTON CARL WOLFE
WELCH**

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Kevin Winston Welch
1066 Galamore Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719

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

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST
PUBLICATION

William Arch Jr.
P.O. Box 890
Cherokee, NC 28719

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**BIDS, RFPs, etc.
NOTICE OF PROPOSED
ISSUANCE OF
NATIONAL POLLUTANT
DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM PERMIT**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency intends to reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, P. O. Box 455, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719. The applicant has a request for reissuance

of NPDES No. NC0089907 for its Jacob Cornsilk Complex, located at 314 Cornsilk Branch Road, Robbinsville, North Carolina 28771. The draft permit authorizes one existing discharge of treated sanitary wastewater (SIC Code 4952) through Outfall 001 to Snowbird Creek.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to any aspects of the permit issuance or wishing to request a public hearing, are invited to submit the same in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice to the NPDES Permitting Section, Water Division, Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, ATTENTION: Ms. Shanna Pearce. Comments may also be sent via email to: Pearce.Shanna@epa.gov or 404-562-8364. Pursuant to 40 CFR § 124.13, any person who believes that any proposed permit condition is inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments in full, supporting his/her position, by the close of the comment period. The public notice number and NPDES number should be included on the first page of comments.

The administrative record, including the draft permit, fact sheet, a sketch showing the exact location of the permit area, comments received and additional information on hearing procedures is available by contacting Shanna Pearce at the address above or Pearce.Shanna@epa.gov or 404-562-8364. Copies will be provided at a minimal cost per page, or by downloading these documents from <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-epa-region-4-southeast>.

All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of a

final determination regarding the permit issuance. Also, within the 30-day period, any interested person may request a public hearing. Where there is a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit issuance, the EPA Regional Administrator will schedule and hold a public hearing which would be formally announced in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 124.10 and 124.12.

After consideration of all written comments and the requirements and policies in the Clean Water Act and appropriate regulations, the EPA Regional Administrator will make a determination regarding the permit issuance. If the determination is substantially unchanged from that announced by this notice, the EPA Regional Administrator will so notify all persons submitting written comments. If the determination is substantially changed, the EPA Regional Administrator will issue a public notice indicating the revised determination. Appeal of NPDES permits may be filed after the Regional Administrator makes the above-described determination. Additional information regarding appeal of NPDES permits is available in 40 CFR § 124.19, or by contacting Paul Schwartz of the Office of Regional Counsel at (404) 562-9576 or Schwartz.Paul@epa.

gov.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested in this matter. If you would like to be added to our public notice mailing list, submit your name and mailing address to the EPA, at the address given above. **9/17**

Request for Proposals

General Notice

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

New Single Family Turnkey Homes

QHS reserves the right to reject all submissions. QHS reserves the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under this RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Bid packages can be picked up at the warehouse or e-mailed to interested parties. Deliver sealed proposals to the QHS warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is September 19th, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. Please contact Michael Lambert at mlambert@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6841.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS: CHEROKEE CENTRAL SCHOOLS CAMPUS RECLADDING BID STAGE 1

Project Will Bid Friday, September 26th, 2025 at 3PM.

BIDDER PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUEST: Vannoy Construction has been selected as the Construction Manager at Risk by EBCI Facilities & Cherokee Central Schools and is seeking TERO Pre-Qualified Contractors to submit bids for furnishing labor, materials, tools & equipment for the Cherokee Central Schools Recladding Bid Stage 1 Project

Tribal Business Preference (TERO) participation is encouraged.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Cherokee Central Schools Recladding Bid Stage 1 project will entail removal of all exterior cladding of Buildings A-F. This bid will consist of (3) phases with (2) buildings being remediated in each phase. The exterior wall will be replaced where deteriorated in-kind with like materials including Metal Stud Framing and Structural Insulated Panels. Windows will be removed and reinstalled to facilitate new weather barrier installation. New cladding will be installed once the structure is repaired including Stucco, Cement Fiber Siding and Masonry Veneer. Minor sitework and sidewalks to be replaced to facilitate remediation. Removal and replacement of exterior steel egress stairs.

Tribal Business Preference (TERO) participation is highly encouraged. **PREQUALIFICATION FORMS AND FURTHER PROJECT INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED** by contacting Kevin Aull kevin.aull@jrvannoy.com. **9/24**

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF

INTEREST

DESIGN-BUILD REQUEST for LETTERS of INTEREST (RFLOI)

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is requesting interested Design-Build Teams submit qualifications for a CM/GC Project in New Hanover County. The project, HB-0040, replaces Wrightsville Beach Bridge 21 on U.S. 76 (Causeway Drive), and Bridges 22 and 24 on U.S. 74 (West Salisbury Street).


Interested parties should send a request, by e-mail only, to rfq_package_request@ncdot.gov for a formal package detailing the requirements for submitting a Letter of Interest. The following contact information must be included in the e-mail request: company name, physical address, city, state, zip code, contact person, phone number and current e-mail address. The Letter of Interest must be submitted, by e-mail only, to db_soq_submittal@ncdot.gov by 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2025

All available CM/GC Project information is on the NCDOT website at <https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Design-Build.aspx>. Project information is continually being added, so it is advisable to monitor this website for the most up to date information.

Technical questions related to the RFLOI package, or other project related questions, must be sent, by e-mail only, to altdelivery@ncdot.gov. For tracking purposes, questions will only be answered through e-mail requests.

When making requests by e-mail, it is advisable to request a return receipt for your records.

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Cherokee Cinemas & More

Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities:

Assistant General Manager: The primary responsibility of the Assistant Theater Manager is to assist the Theater General Manager in overseeing the daily operations of the theater. The Assistant Manager is responsible for establishing and maintaining guest services. The Assistant Manager supervises employees at the location. The position is responsible for the various tasks involved in the overall operation of the theater, including maximizing sales/profitability with staff and by controlling expenses, shortages and all aspects of merchandising and inventory control.

Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, **KG3 Building** across the road from Waffle House, if you have any questions, please call Kristin Smith at 828-508-6502. **Open until filled.**

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club
P.O. Box 507,
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-497-2101

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1 Master Technician—\$31,800–\$39,750 per year with Benefits

1 Detail Technician—\$19,080–\$25,440 per year with Benefits

Construction & Facilities:

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

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Bus & Truck Department:

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



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Galvgwodiya Cultural Advisor (repost)
Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse Manager (repost)
EVS Supervisor – 2nd shift
LPN - Inpatient
Employee Relations Specialist

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

ENGINEERING

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

MEDICAL

Physician (Primary Care, Pediatrics)
Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant

RADIOLOGY

Radiology Technologist II – Part Time w/Benefits
Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist Student PTI

NURSING

LPN/CMA – Primary Care - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
LPN – Primary Care - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
TO Care Manager - Hiring Bonus Eligible
Clinical Care Manager - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager Float - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Medical Social Worker – Primary Care

OPERATIONS

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

TRIBAL OPTION

HOP Medical Social Worker

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Closing Sunday, September 14, 2025

1. Telecommunicator (Multiple) – Public Safety Communications Center – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Finance Specialist- TABCC (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Grounds Maintenance Worker- Public Works- Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77) SAFETY SENSITIVE
4. Member Service Representative- Cherokee Fitness Complex- CERS (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.88)
5. Lead Compliance Officer- Regulatory & Compliance- PHHS (L16 \$33.09 - \$41.37)

Open Until Filled

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

Analenisgi
828-497-6892
1 Hospital Road
Cherokee, NC

Child and Family Services
828-497-9163 ext. 6549

On-Call Mobile Crisis After Hours:
Adult: 828-269-0301
Child: 828-736-9797



Softball All-Star

Anna Watty, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, participated in the All Star America softball games in Myrtle Beach, S.C. on the weekend of Aug. 29 to Sept. 1. (Photo courtesy of Charla Reed)



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Semper Fi

Matthew Garcia Wahnetah, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Elawodi (Yellowhill), left for boot camp for the United States Marine Corps at Parris Island, S.C. on the morning of Monday, Sept. 8. Wahn- etah is a recent grad- uate of Cherokee High School. (Photo courtesy of family)



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