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“A sacred space”

Kuwohi Connection
Day held to educate
students

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

KUWOHI – The low-hanging clouds, mostly blue skies, and brisk temperature made for a magical morning as area students attended Kuwohi Connection Day at Kuwohi (Mulberry Place) in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 9. The event was hosted this year by the Center for Native Health and featured educators from the Museum of the Cherokee People, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee



Nancy Pheasant, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, welcomes the students to the Kuwohi Connection Day with the story of Medicine Lake. The event was held at Kuwohi (Mulberry Place) in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 9. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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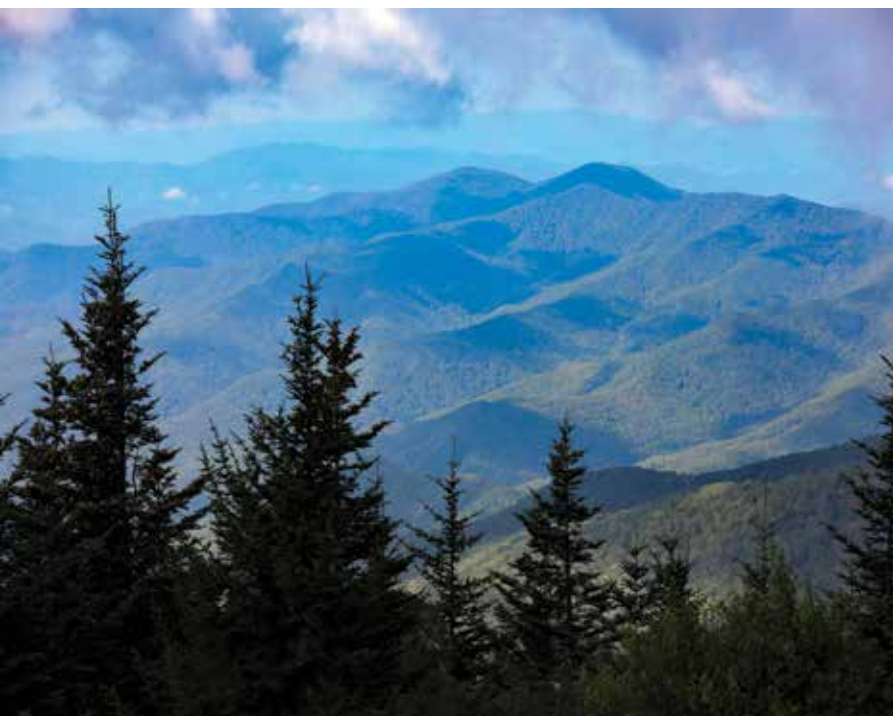


Image of the Week

This photo was taken from Kuwohi overlooking the mountains on the chilly morning of Tuesday, Sept. 9. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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KUWOHI: From front page

Indians) Cooperative Extension Office, and the EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO).

Another Kuwohi Connection Day event will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16 and will start with the Community Kuwohi Celebration at 7 a.m. to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the name restoration. Several school systems are participating in this year's Kuwohi Connection Days including New Kituwah Academy, Cherokee Central Schools, Graham County Schools, and Swain Co. Schools.

"There's a reason we're here this morning...there's a reason we asked you guys to come up here," Nancy Pheasant, an EBCI tribal member, told the students gathered. "You see, this place where we stand and we sit this morning is very sacred to the Cherokee people."

Each student present received a tote bag emblazoned with artwork by Pheasant as well as a Kuwohi beanie.

Pheasant referenced the recent name restoration of Kuwohi, an effort that was spearheaded by Mary "Missy" Crowe, an elder of the EBCI from Elawodi (Yellow-hill), and Lavita Hill, an EBCI tribal member from Kolanvyi (Big Cove). "The reason this place had a name change was because the Cherokee have always known it as Kuwohi...the beanies that you have on have the word 'Kuwohi' written in Cherokee as well as phonetics, so you can always remember what this mountain is called."

She went on to say, "The story that I want to share with you today is another reason why we think this mountain is a sacred space for the Cherokee. This is also known



Dylan Morgan, a cultural specialist with the Museum of the Cherokee People and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, sings the Cherokee Bear Dance song for the students who got to participate in the dance.

as a place for Bear Council, meaning that the Bear People, or the Bear Clan, once held councils here. It's not only a sacred space for the Cherokee, but it's also a sacred space for the animals as well as the plants that surround us."

Beau Carroll, an EBCI tribal member and EBCI THPO lead archaeologist, told the students, "Anything that's important culturally, we are involved in and care for - special mountains like this place, rivers, mounds, archaeological sites, old towns, burials, historic cemeteries. We protect artifacts - tools, pottery, old baskets, carvings. We also protect stories and help keep language because that's the way our people remember the past. Every story, artifact, that tells us who we are and where we came from. So, by protecting them, we're able to pass it on to future generations."



Beau Carroll, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and lead archaeologist for the EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), explains to the students about the THPO program and the role of archaeology.

Dylan Morgan, an EBCI tribal member and cultural specialist with the Museum of the Cherokee People, sang several songs for the students to dance to including the Cherokee Bear Dance and the

Friendship Dance. He commented, "This is a very special place to be. For us as Cherokee people, it's an honor to get to come up here and dance again. If you think about it, a long time ago these

dances were lost from this area, but now we're getting to bring all these dances back...the mountains are alive. They do hear these songs. They know the presence of us being here."

Rhonda Wise, former lead education ranger for the North Carolina side of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, helped create the event after attending a webinar hosted by Trey Adcock, a Cherokee Nation citizen and executive director of the Center for Native Health.

Wise noted, "In 2021, we had to stop giving educational programs up here because of the sheer volume of people...the logistics of having 5th graders up here was not possible at the time."

She added, "The idea from the beginning was to just give access to the Cherokee people to do whatever they wanted to up here...we already had some connections in the community...so we went to the people that we knew and already had relationships with and we were like, 'here's our idea. We have permission. Can you help us? Can you help us make this a thing?'"

Wise said partnerships have been at the forefront from the beginning. "They've continued to have it and it's continued to grow. Now this year, it's even more exciting to me because it feels like it's come full-circle. With the Center for Native Health, with Trey Adcock at the helm, it feels like it's come full-circle to me. The fact that it started with Trey and his webinar of instilling in people who are not Cherokee with the importance of this land. And now it's back being run by an organization that he is in charge of. It feels very full-circle, and it is very exciting. This is growing, and it's going to adapt. And, it's a living, breathing thing and I imagine every year



Each student at the event received a special Kuwohi backpack, emblazoned with a design by Nancy Pheasant, as well as a special Kuwohi beanie.

it's going to get more excitement, more interest, and it's just going to grow."

Bonnie Claxton, a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma, is the deputy director for the Center for Native Health. She said, "This has been going on for years. The National Park Service and the Community Club Council, and the community group that was helping to organize Kuwohi had been doing that. Earlier this year, the National Park Service has been wanting to give this over to the community. So, they talked to a few different groups and the Center for Native Health was honored to be part of that. So, there are so many people who make this possible and our job was just to get everybody together regularly and call meetings and help move things forward, hold the money and make sure things can get paid for since we are a 501c3."

Claxton said the Center for

Native Health is very happy to be involved in the event. "Our whole mission and vision are all about how culture is health. So, this is health. Even the ones of us that are just working here, to see these kids, so see them engaging with the place is medicine."

She also spoke of the name restoration. "To me, I get chills looking at the signs where the name is restored because it takes back that sense of belonging and that sense of place that Native people have had in the United States for so long, but have been displaced from land in so many different ways. And, the way that government policies and specific targeted ways of trying to displace Native people has affected people's health. Having to come into this park where everything is paved and is not the way that it used to be, it's like you're visiting your own ancestral homeland. So, to have that language restored, I

think is really valuable."

Claxton also thanked the National Park Service for their involvement. "I'm new to this this year, but to see the way that the National Park Service is engaging with the community is really beautiful because they really are leading from behind. They have so many staff here today. Their folks were down at the gate. They locked the gate for us, which is a huge deal, so that the kids can be here without a bunch of other folks around...A lot of those are volunteers and they're here because of how much they acknowledge the fact that this is Cherokee land. And, they are so grateful to work with the community, and the way that they have shown up and not at all tried to impose what they think needs to happen, but really tried to listen and say, 'here's how we can support this'...I just think that the way they show up in this project has been really cool to see."

PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearing pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A

Confirmation hearing for Michelle Sneed to the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise Board of Advisors

Monday, Sept. 29 at 9:20 a.m.
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.



These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date.

**The final date for public comment will be
Friday, Sept. 26.**

Dinilawigi General Election Recount held

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 9, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Board of Elections held a hand-count recount in the Tribal Council House for the Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), Aniwodih (Painttown), and Wayohi (Wolf-town)/Big Y (Widagalinidisgv) Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) General Election results.

The recount was live streamed by EBCI Communications and lasted 10 hours and 20 minutes. There was only one change in the results from the recount, with

Wayohi/Widagalinidisgv Rep. Mike Parker receiving 327 votes instead of 328. The elected seats remained:

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

Jim Owle 471
Boyd Owle 425
Patrick Lambert 417
Joi Owle 183

Aniwodihi (Painttown)

Sean Stamper 273
Shannon Swimmer 166
Jeff Thompson 163
Bill Taylor 109

Wayohi (Wolf-town)/Big Y (Widagalinidisgv)

Bo Crowe 505
Mike Parker 327
Joey Owle 320
Glenn Bradley 142

The Dinilawigi Inauguration is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 6 at 9 a.m. in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center.

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Cherokee Police Commission holds September meeting

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—The Cherokee Police Commission held their monthly meeting in the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) training room on the morning of Thursday, Sept. 11. Vice Chairperson Tunney Crowe called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Secretary Israel Rodriguez led roll call. Commissioners in attendance were Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove), Rick Queen (Wayohi, Wolfstown), Regina Rosario (Aniwodihi, Painttown), Treasurer Kym Parker (At-Large), Hillary Norville (Tutiya, Snowbird & Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.), Secretary Israel Rodriguez

(At-Large), and Vice Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown). Chairperson Anita Lossiah (Elawodi, Yellowhill) had an excused absence.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Rosario seconded by Queen. The minutes were approved with a motion by Queen seconded by Rosario.

Guests in attendance were Indica Climbingbear, CIPD Chief of Police Carla Neadeau, CIPD Assistant Chief of Police Josh Taylor, CIPD Attorney Cody White, Tribal Prosecutor Randall Jones and Lead Tribal Prosecutor Leo Phillips, Chief Justice Bradley Letts, Attorney General Mike McConnell, Judicial Specialist Heather Sneed, and One Feather Reporter Brooklyn Brown.

Chief Neadeau provided the monthly CIPD report. The report was approved with a motion by Rosario seconded by Queen.

Judge Letts gave a presentation on court dismissals. Through data tracking with TribalX that began in 2023, he displayed numbers associated with dismissals. Letts showed that in the summary of data from 2023, 2024, and 2025, 87 percent of court dismissals came from the tribal prosecutors, while 13 percent came from the court. For court dismissals, 84 percent of their dismissals are due to a lack of jurisdiction, i.e. non-enrolled defendants committing crimes on tribal land. Judge Letts said this data can be used to lobby for expanded jurisdiction and tribal sovereignty. For the prosecutors, the top three reasons for dismissals were 1) interest of justice, 2) prior plea, and 3) dismissed with leave. Judge Letts said the judges and prosecutors are meeting regularly to discuss specifics in categorizing dismissals that may provide better understanding to the CIPD officers and tribal community for dismissals. Judge Letts also shared that he would provide quarterly reports to the commission, and he is currently drafting the annual report and State of the Judiciary report. Asst. Chief Taylor said the current relationship between CIPD and the court system is the best it has been in his opinion, and he is looking forward to continued communication between the departments.

Crowe asked Judge Letts about how the court can work to ensure that federal courts are taking up cases from the Qualla Boundary that are under federal jurisdiction. Judge Letts said he met with the U.S. Attorney recently and would

continue to advocate for the forward movement of federal cases. Judge Letts also gave a presentation on sentencing, sharing that roughly 75 percent of sentencing results in probation, while 25 percent results in active time judgments. Judge Letts said that these numbers match up with the North Carolina Sentencing Commission judgement summaries that also show roughly 75 percent and 25 percent respectively across the state.

Judge Letts then gave a presentation alongside Asst. Chief Taylor on potential improvements to the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center through SLAM, an Orlando-based architecture firm that specializes in courthouse structures. The improvements could include increasing security measures at the front of the building, restructuring dead space, increasing court space, and more. McConnell noted that the tribe's five-year capital plan does not include these renovations. Chief Neadeau suggested applying for grants, specifically to fund the \$73,000 SLAM on-site charrette, and working with EBCI project management to find funding. Indica Climbingbear, a mother of six from Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), shared concerns regarding the alleged drugging of her teenage sons. Climbingbear shared a photo of her minor child on ventilator following an incident with a vape. Chief Neadeau set up a meeting with the narcotics team and Climbingbear directly following the meeting.

The meeting adjourned with a motion by Rosario seconded by Queen. The next meeting will be held on Oct. 9 in the Ginger Lynn Welch Poke Salad Room at 12 p.m.



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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

New this week

There is no new legislation this week.

Bills we're currently watching

H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act). This House

bill would place 76 acres of land in eastern Tennessee into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Included in that land are the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, the Chota Memorial, and the Tanasi Memorial sites.

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

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

S.107 (Lumbee Fairness Act). This Senate bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the

Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group.

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

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

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There is not a sched-

uled 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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

state-recognized group in Michigan.

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

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

H.R. 3444. (Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act of 2025). According to the bill text, this House bill is “To direct 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 the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. For both programs, it seeks funding in the amount of \$160,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

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

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

H.R. 4463 (To amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993). The text of the legislation states, “Subsection (d) of section 7 of the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–116), is amended by striking ‘; however, in no event may an individual be enrolled as a tribal member unless the individual is a lineal descendant of a person on the final base membership roll and has continued to maintain political relations with the Tribe’.”
Introduced: July 16 by Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.)

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

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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 Patowomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia).

This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Patowomeck 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 activities on Indian lands of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Indian lands of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe."

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

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

S.2577 (McCarran-Walter Technical Corrections Act).

This Senate bill, according to its text, would "amend the Immi-

gration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of a federally recognized Indian Tribe in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States". This bill is identical to H.R. 4596.

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

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

House Resolution 666 (Supporting the goals of Overdose Awareness Day and strengthening efforts to combat the opioid crisis in the United States).

This House resolution states in part, "Substance use disorder and drug overdose affect all socioeconomic groups, racial and ethnic groups, geographical regions, and ages; and Black and American Indian or Alaskan Native populations are more likely to die from a drug overdose than their White counterparts".

The resolution continues, "The House of Representatives (1) recognizes Overdose Awareness Day (reporter's note – it is usually Aug. 31, but a specific date is not listed in the resolution) in the United States; (2) commits to advancing the passing bipartisan policies that reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorders and overdoses; and is dedicated to collaborating with states, localities, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, health care providers, patients, and families to support a comprehensive system that promotes prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery from opioid use disorder."

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

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

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:

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



1. He won five NBA championships and has his No. 10 retired by the Detroit Pistons. His daughter has played on the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team. Who are they?

2. Germany's Isabell Werth won 14 medals over seven Summer Olympics from 1992-2025, competing in what sport?

3. In rowing, the coach of the boat responsible for steering, safety and motivating the crew is known as what?

4. At the 2025 Major League Baseball All-Star Game, which Philadelphia Phillies slugger hit three home runs in the game's first "swing-off" tiebreaker round to give the AL a 7-6 win over the NL?

5. Founded in 1908, The Strongest is the oldest active soccer club in what South American country?

6. What NFL quarterback was going to purchase a \$2.99 million, fully functioning Batmobile replica until a December 2024 robbery at his home made him reconsider?

7. Name the Basketball Hall of Famer who was head coach of the University of Louisville Cardinals men's basketball team from 1971 to 2001.

Answers

1. Dennis and Trinity Rodman.
2. Equestrian.
3. The coxswain.
4. Kyle Schwarber.
5. Bolivia.
6. Joe Burrow.
7. Denny Crum.

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EBCI Government Explained Department of Justice and Attorney General

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Department of Justice was created for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) with the passage of Ord. No. 118 on Feb. 4, 2016. This legislation also set an Attorney General as the director of this new department.

The whereas section of the ordinance explains why the department was put into Code at that time. “The provisioning and management of legal services to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has no clear governmental mandate; and currently the responsibility for the provisioning and management of legal services to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is not organized or centrally managed and comes from a number of sources, including the Office of the Attorney General.”

It continues, “A centralized structure and mandate for the provisioning and management of legal services to the EBCI will provide enhanced accountability and efficiency of use of tribal resources.” Cherokee Code Section 114-1(a) establishes the department and sets its director as the Tribe’s Attorney General. Section 114-1(b) states, “The Attorney General shall be a lawyer duly licensed in the State of North Carolina and in the Cherokee Court and shall serve as the Tribe’s chief legal counsel. The Attorney General shall be appointed by the Principal Chief and shall serve at the discretion of the Principal Chief.”

Section 114-2 outlines the duties of the Attorney General as follows:

a. To prosecute or provide for the prosecution and defend or provide for the defense of all actions in which the EBCI, including any of its departments, subdivisions, enterprises, boards, committees, or programs shall be interested, or a party, and to appear for the EBCI in any other court or tribunal in any cause or matter, civil or criminal, in which the EBCI may be a party or interested. The primary source for all legal services for the EBCI is the Attorney General.

b. To engage and manage outside legal resources as are reasonably necessary to protect the best interests of the EBCI and to maintain autonomy for Tribal entities and subdivisions where required by Tribal law.

c. To direct and manage all lawyers within the Department of Justice, including the civil and criminal divisions.

d. To consult with legal counsel for the Tribal Council and legal counsel for the Principal Chief to ensure that there are open lines of communication among all legal service providers engaged or employed by the EBCI.

e. To engage outside independent counsel for such boards as is necessary to provide for the fair administration of justice, not inconsistent with the powers granted to boards or enterprises by the Cherokee Code.

f. To investigate a discrimination complaint filed by a covered employee against the Office of Internal Audit in accordance with Cherokee Code Section 96-6(b).

The final duty, found in Section 114-1(f) was added with the passage of Ord. No. 362 on Sept. 8, 2016. The whereas section of that ordinance states, “There is a

need to statutorily protect all tribal and tribal entity employees who make disclosures evidencing illegal or improper government activities; and the intent of this ordinance is to strengthen and improve protection for the rights of tribal and tribal entity employees, to prevent reprisals, and to help eliminate wrongdoing with the tribal government.”

Ord. No. 118 also established a Prosecutor’s Office for the EBCI. Section 114-3 states, “There shall be a Prosecutor’s Office within the Department of Justice, which shall be under the direction of a Chief Prosecutor hired by the Attorney General.”

Section 114-3(b) states the duties of the Chief Prosecutor as:

i. Ensure that justice is served through the prosecution in a timely manner and in the name of the EBCI all criminal actions and infractions requiring prosecution in Cherokee Court;

ii. Direct and manage such assistant prosecutors as are hired within the Prosecutor’s Office; and

iii. Cooperate and coordinate with all law enforcement agencies to assist in the development of criminal cases to ensure timely and successful prosecutions.

Section 114-4 deals with any lawyers who are employed by the EBCI but are not in the Department of Justice. It states, “Legislative counsel to the Tribal Council and executive counsel to the Principal Chief are not employees of the Department of Justice and are not managed by the Attorney General. However, the Attorney General shall coordinate regular meetings and communication among the Attorney General, legislative counsel to the Tribal Council, and executive counsel to the Principal Chief to ensure coordinated and efficient provision of

legal services to the EBCI.”

The definition of “Attorney for the Tribe” is set forth in Cherokee Code Chapter 15 (Criminal Procedure) Appendix A as follows: “(A) The Attorney General or an authorized assistant or deputy; (B) The Tribal Prosecutor or an authorized assistant; and (C) Any other attorney authorized by law to conduct proceedings under these rules as a prosecutor.”



• If you get a gray-colored film on your utensils after they come out of the dishwasher, try cleaning them with a cream of tartar paste. Additionally, clean out the filter regularly.

• “I love my blender and use it all the time, but I don’t always have time to clean the blades properly when I’m in a rush. There is a spot under the blades that I find it hard to clean if my smoothie gets dried on. I have found a way to clean it now, though, with rice! A couple of spoonfuls in the otherwise clean blender, and the rice buffs any residue right off. I even use the rice powder in a homemade facial mask that makes my skin feel great!” — D.W. in Oregon

• Have you nailed down your holiday shopping list yet? Many find it distasteful to see Christmas and other holiday items out so early, but studies show that the earlier you start, the less you spend. Likely because you are not rushed and are able to take advantage of sales and to shop smart.

• Use cola to marinate your meat! The acids in the soda pop make meat nice and tender before cooking, and sugar can actually give you a nice caramel flavor on the outside too. You can use a cola bath for meat on the grill or search cookbooks or internet sites for great slow-cooker recipes.

• “If your cat regularly has issues with hair balls, try giving it a teaspoon of olive oil a day. Mine loves it and will lick it right off a saucer, but you could drizzle it over food too. It’s better than butter, because it’s good fats not bad.” — Y.E. in Missouri

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Sept. 1-7, 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.

French, Anthony Reign – age 46
Arrested: Sept. 2
Released: Sept. 2
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

George, Elizabeth Serena – age 27
Arrested: Sept. 2
Released: Sept. 2
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Hobbs, Travis – age 71
Arrested: Sept. 2
Released: Sept. 2
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Ngai, Kin Fai – age 63
Arrested: Sept. 2
Released: Sept. 2
Charges: Larceny

Palano, Tiffany – age 35
Arrested: Sept. 2
Released: Sept. 3
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive

Patterson, Ryan Worthy – age 25
Arrested: Sept. 2
Released: Sept. 2
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive

Sequohah Jr., Gary Len – age 41

Arrested: Sept. 2
Released: Sept. 4
Charges: Aggravated Weapons Offense

Silva, Leander James – age 26
Arrested: Sept. 2
Released: Sept. 4
Charges: Driving While Impaired, Child Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts)

Taylor, Terrance Blayne – age 33
Arrested: Sept. 2
Released: Sept. 2
Charges: Probation Violation

Thompson, Darius Mycah – age 29
Arrested: Sept. 2
Released: Sept. 5
Charges: Assault by Strangulation, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Gale, Dylan Randall – age 38
Arrested: Sept. 3
Released: Sept. 4
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

George Jr., William Howard – age 38
Arrested: Sept. 3
Released: Sept. 4
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Sutton Jr., John Theodore – age 28
Arrested: Sept. 3
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 8)
Charges: Assault on a Female, Probation Violation

Taylor, Taylor Norman – age 25
Arrested: Sept. 3
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 8)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Walkingstick, Rex Spencer – age 26
Arrested: Sept. 3
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 8)
Charges: Possession of Firearm by Felon (three counts), Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts), Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Taylor, Jamelle Nathan – age 32
Arrested: Sept. 4
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 8)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Ellington, Phillip Sean – age 51
Arrested: Sept. 5
Released: Sept. 5
Charges: Misusing Tribal Money and Property

Rich, Cody James – age 31
Arrested: Sept. 5
Released: Sept. 5
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Welch Jr., James McKinley – age 43
Arrested: Sept. 5
Released: Sept. 5
Charges: Indecent Exposure, Disorderly Conduct

Ellwood, Jalyynn Shavon – age 20
Arrested: Sept. 6
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 8)
Charges: Elder Abuse and Neglect

Hooper, Annamelia Grace – age 25
Arrested: Sept. 6
Released: Sept. 6
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Watty, Michael R. – age 62
Arrested: Sept. 6
Released: Not released as of report

date (Sept. 8)
Charges: Assault on a Female, Offensive Touching, Abusive Sexual Contact

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 47
Arrested: Sept. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 8)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Hornbuckle, Mary Ann Jumper – age 59
Arrested: Sept. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 8)
Charges: Elder Abuse, Reckless Endangerment

Littlejohn, Michael – age 64
Arrested: Sept. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 8)
Charges: Interference with a Criminal Process

Rattler, Jacob Hunter – age 33
Arrested: Sept. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 8)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation



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

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EBCI Public Health expands Public Health Vending Machine Initiative

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Public Health is expanding its innovative Public Health Vending Machine Initiative with the addition of two new vending machines, bringing the total to 12 locations across tribal communities.

The two new machines are located at:

- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority – Analenisgi Wing (113 Cherokee Hospital Loop, Cherokee, NC 28719)
- Pamela Dawn Taylor Gym & Community Center (Formerly known as Paintown Gym) (10 Old Gap Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719)

They join the 10 existing Public Health Vending Machine locations:

- Cherokee County Indian Community Club (300 Airport Road, Marble, NC)
- Cherokee Tribal Food Distribution (2266 Old Mission Rd., Cherokee, NC)
- Big Cove Kolanvyi Community Center (8765 Big Cove Rd., Cherokee, NC)
- Big Y Community Club & Gym (2641 Wrights Creek Rd., Cherokee, NC)
- EBCI PHHS Administration Building (43 John Crowe Hill, Cherokee, NC)
- Food Lion (16 Cherokee Crossing, Whittier, NC) – Still out of service due to electrical problems.
- Peaches Squirrell Sports & Recreation Center (1212 Birdtown Rd., Cherokee, NC)
- Snowbird Jacob Cornsilk Complex (60 Snowbird School Rd., Robbinsville, NC)

- Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start (897 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC)
- Yellowhill Elawodihi Activity Center (1416 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC)

Launched in October 2023 to provide 24/7 access to essential health and wellness supplies, the vending machines are stocked with items that promote prevention, harm reduction, and overall well-being. Products include Naloxone (a life-saving medication that reverses opioid overdoses), fentanyl test strips, condoms, pregnancy tests, diapers, first aid kits, COVID-19 tests, and more.

This expansion would not be possible without strong partnerships. EBCI Public Health is working closely with the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority and Cherokee Recreation to make sure the vending machines are placed in trusted, high-traffic community spaces. These partnerships ensure community members have safe, convenient access to resources that support their health and wellness.

“These new locations expand access to critical health resources, helping to reduce harm, promote wellness, and remove barriers for community members,” said Sheena Kanott Lambert, MPH, Public Health director. “The goal is to ensure people can get the supplies they need—when they need them—without stigma or unnecessary obstacles.”

The machines are accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and are designed to increase accessibil-



ity to care beyond traditional clinic hours. They also provide discreet access to sensitive health products, supporting individuals who may be hesitant to approach a health-care provider directly.

EBCI Public Health officials noted, “The Public Health Vending Machine Initiative reflects EBCI’s commitment to improving health outcomes, addressing social deter-

minants of health, and providing practical solutions that support families, youth, and individuals in need.”

For more information about the vending machine program, please contact Tsalagi Public Health (828) 359-6240.

- EBCI Public Health and Human Services release



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Kloey Madison Davis

Enrolled with The Chickasaw Nation

Height: 5'2" Weight: 100 lbs

Hair: Blue Eyes: Brown

Age: 13 Female

Date of last contact: August 29, 2025

Last Known Location: Ada, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance: Kloey was last seen at a residence in the 16000 block of CR 3635 CT.

If you have seen or have information about Kloey Davis, contact the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police (580) 436-1166.

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FOOTBALL

Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi lose at Enka 27-19

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The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) visited the Enka Jets on the evening of Friday, Sept. 12. FINAL SCORE: Enka 27 Cherokee 19.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter
9:14 - ENKA - William Parham 33-yard run. Point-after good. Enka 7 Cherokee 0
2nd Quarter
8:16 - ENKA - Parham 86-yard run. Point-after good. Enka 14 Cherokee 0
3:41 - CHER - Jonathan Saylor 33-yard run. Point-after good. Enka 14 Cherokee 7
:13.5 - CHER - Dawson Panther 75-yard pass to Kimo Sokol. Two-point conversion no good. Enka 14 Cherokee 13
3rd Quarter
:16.4 - ENKA - Parham 1-yard run. Point-after good. Enka 21 Cherokee 13
4th Quarter
8:56 - ENKA - Logan Trantham 33-yard pass to Jake Gerolimatos. Point-after blocked by Saylor. Enka 27 Cherokee 13
7:30 - CHER - Saylor 5-yard run. Two-point conversion no good. Enka 27 Cherokee 19

GAME STATS

(Note: Enka did not enter any statistics for this game on the official



Cherokee’s Kimo Sokol (#14) hauls in a Dawson Panther pass and runs 75 yards for a touchdown with 13 seconds left before the half.

Maxpreps site.)	Emiliano Garcia, 4 carries, 9 yds, 2 TD	Emiliano Garcia, 1 rec for 17 yds;
PASSING: Cher – Dawson Panther, 10 of 19 for 207 yds, 1TD, 1INT	RECEIVING: Cher – Jonathan Saylor, 2 rec for 38 yds; Javan Garcia, 3 rec for 65 yds; Kimo Sokol, 3 rec for 84 yds, 1TD;	Drallen Ledford, 1 rec for 3 yds
RUSHING: Cher – Jonathan Saylor, 11 carries, 45 yds, 2TD;		DEFENSE: Cher – Jonathan Saylor, 1 INT; Drallen Ledford, 1 fumble recovery. Tackle statistics were not provided for Cherokee.



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Cherokee Doula Program up and running

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – In January, the One Feather reported that The Center for Native Health (CNH) had been selected to receive a \$500,000 grant, provided by the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors and supported by the Spirit Aligned Leadership Program, to establish a doula program for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

Now, that program is up and running.

The Cherokee Doula Program is known as Dinineladi dinisdelvhido “those who care for the pregnant ones”. The doulas completed training from Zaagi’idiwin (mutual love) Full Spectrum Indigenous Doulas organization.

According to WebMD, “A doula provides emotional and physical support to you before, during, and after your pregnancy and child-birth. Doulas aren’t medical professionals. They don’t deliver babies or provide medical advice or medical care. Doulas assist and advocate for the birthing parent.”

Kristina Hyatt, an EBCI tribal member who is the CNH relational health program director, said, “I think it’s going great. Sometimes it can feel like we’re off to a slow start. And, behind the scenes - all of the legwork and the networking and pulling all the community members together - it can feel slow at times. But, as an example, just recently, Lori (Sanders) was able to support a family in bringing their baby into the world. Moments like that reminds you that it’s all coming together and it’s really going to make a difference for the community.”

She added, “We have been hosting doula workshops that are led by Kelly Thomas-Hill. She has offered to help with this and she’s been doing doula workshops...one of them talked



Bonnie Claxton, Center for Native Health deputy director, massages Brittany Hampton during a recent doula training event at the Center. (Photo courtesy of Center for Native Health)

about breastfeeding. And, today we’ll have one where we’ll talk about prenatal visits and birth plans.”

Hyatt noted that three doulas have been actively attending the meetings and two of them have begun pairing with mothers.

Lori Sanders, an EBCI tribal member and one of the new doulas noted, “Every birth is sacred. Being present for my first as a doula in my Cherokee community is more than a milestone. It’s a reminder that each child arrives surrounded by generations of love and that serving my people in this way continues the traditions that carry us forward.”

Information from the Center for Native Health states, “The Cherokee Doula Program emphasizes:

- Traditional Cherokee practices in pregnancy, birth, and postpartum care
- Support for families across the journeys to motherhood, including birth, postpartum, and grief
- Language and cultural integration, including Cherokee songs, stories, and food traditions

• Community connection, through Mothers Gatherings, and pairing doulas with families to walk beside them in supportive ways

“This project is guided by a Mother’s Council,” said Hyatt. “They meet once a month to just talk through and share their vision for what they want this program to be, then try to allow them the opportunity to share cultural knowledge and information with the doulas.”

The Mother’s Council consists of the following EBCI tribal elders: Onita Bush, Roseanna Belt, Bernice Bottchenbaugh, Marie Junaluska, and Louise Goings. Bush told the One Feather in January, “From the beginning, on, they get to learn back in history of the medicines, and the plants, and different things that they used – what they used for pain...if the mother’s legs were swelled up, what they used to lotion the legs with to keep her as comfortable as she can because that’s bringing a life into the world.

The doula project is going to be amazing.

see **DOULA** next page

Woodcarving Club starts up in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) member, carver and art collector Driver Blythe has started a biweekly woodcarving club at the Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Community Building with renowned Cherokee carvers Davy Arch and Dewey Owle.

“It’s been an amazing start to our woodcarving club that has been going on since July. The mission was simple: Let’s get a space where anybody can come in, get a free cut out of wood, supply them with a carving knife or chisel if needed, and let’s carve,” Blythe said.

“The inspiration came from some of the elders discussing how arts and crafts socials took place and classes were taught regularly. I asked one of the elders, Mr. Davy Arch, ‘Why don’t we do that again?’ With the help of Birdtown Community Club letting us use the Birdtown Community Building, we have that opportunity

now.”

Blythe said Arch and Owle provide a strong support for the group of thirty carvers, men and women, with skill sets ranging from beginner to advanced.

“With artists like Davy Arch and Dewey Owle being active members in the club, it gives an opportunity for “beginner” woodcarvers to learn from two artists who have each been doing this amazing art-form for over 50 years. These two amazing artists have each won well over 100 first place ribbons in Cherokee Fair competitions, regional competitions, and state competitions.”

Blythe is looking to expand the club after a successful launch in July.

“With the continued guidance of carvers like Dewey and Davy, there will be valuable learning opportunities for anybody that wants to come and learn. The club is held at the Birdtown Community Building and has a recurring gathering every 2 weeks. We hope to branch out in the Snowbird area to offer clubs like this occasionally, but most of all I hope clubs and socials like this continue to happen across the Boundary so people may find a talent they have or a new hobby they enjoy, or both!”



Renowned Cherokee Carver Davy Arch leads a mask making tutorial. (Photo by Driver Blythe)

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And I can’t wait to get it started because once it gets started it’s going to be bringing that to our culture, our traditions – foods and different stuff, and the plants and what was used, that’s going to be amazing.”

Hyatt described the process to become involved in the program. “Right now at this point in time, we have just started out receiving

referrals from the NFP (Nurse Family Partnership) program. Right now, that’s the only way that they can be paired with a doula is if they’re referred to us from their program...I know that they do have a waiting list of moms trying to get into that program because they do provide great services. It’s nurses and the moms that they’re sending to us are moms that they feel need additional support.”

She spoke of the benefits of

having a doula. “Having that extra support, someone to just be there - presence. It can just create an overall more healthy pregnancy and can help lower the risk of pre-term deliveries and things of that sort.

Some of those moms (who worked with the doulas) were able to fill out a reflection survey and throughout that reflection survey, you consistently see the words, ‘I felt supported just having some-

one there to tell me it’s going to be ok’.”

Hyatt noted, “In thinking about the support that these families are going to have from the very beginning...it’s needed for our families. Just understanding the importance of that support.”

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WCU–CIHA partnership grows Cherokee’s next generation of healers

CULLOWHEE – In the midst of ongoing staffing challenges across the healthcare industry, the innovative partnership between Western Carolina University (WCU) and the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) is doing exactly what a great pipeline should do - it matches local talent with meaningful careers close to home, expands continuing education opportunities, and opens career-ladder pathways for enrolled members of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians (EBCI). It’s working, as this collaboration has brought several new employees to CIHA and helped current team members keep advancing their skills.

At the heart of the partnership is a shared vision. WCU prepares

students with rigorous coursework and hands-on learning as part of their founding mission of “Inspiring learning through innovative teaching, nationally recognized programs, exceptional support, and a robust connectedness with surrounding communities in Southern Appalachia, including the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

CIHA provides a real-world environment rooted in integrated, culturally informed care—nowhere more evident than at Analenisgi, CIHA’s behavioral health program. Students arrive as interns and trainees, then often return as colleagues, already aligned with CIHA’s mission and the needs of our community.

Two recent examples tell the

story well.

Robert “Noland” Brown, an enrolled member of the EBCI, trained at Analenisgi during graduate school and has now returned as a master-level therapist. He applied to intern at CIHA, he says, because “During grad school, I pursued the Addictions Certificate Program, as well as studying the integrated healthcare model. Which both my academic supervisor and I agreed, Analenisgi is quintessential of the integrated care model. Additionally, I am member of the community and felt a call to serve the community that I love.”

That commitment deepened during his internship, which he credits for allowing him to gain a new perspective on caring for his community. “I better learned to meet people where they are. In the social work field, we talk a lot about differing evidence-based interventions/practices, but at Analenisgi, I learned the importance of connection, patience, and care.” Mentorship mattered, too. “There are many, but one supervisor in particular that both inspired me as a practitioner, but also as a human being is Michelle Frerich. Michelle is a one-of-a-kind person, and in turn a one-of-a-kind mentor to have,” said Brown.

Now, as a full-time CIHA teammate working as a Masters Level Therapist at Analenisgi, Brown says, “I feel excited to rejoin the family that I built here during my internship. As well as recommit myself to serving my community to the best of my ability.” For Brown, the work is personal and a family legacy he wants to carry on. “When I was younger, my grandmother was a nurse at the old Cherokee Hospital, and I

beam with pride at the fact that I have followed her steps in a way, and have become someone that can help others,” he said. “Additionally, this is a community that I love and care for, and I hope to become the best version of myself, so that I can best provide intentional and focused care.”

His goals are not fleeting, but rather a promise he plans to keep for his community. “I hope to be someone that others can rely on. I want to have a strong connection with the people I provide service to, and above all else I hope to grow as a person,” he said.

Kathryn Moore’s path mirrors that same arc. Drawn by the chance to match classroom learning with real clinical impact, she chose CIHA for her internship because, “it offered an incredible opportunity for both professional growth and community impact. I was drawn to the chance to turn theoretical knowledge into real-world clinical practice, to be part of a close-knit team that feels like family, and to contribute to the mission of guiding individuals toward healing and new beginnings—one step at a time,” she said.

For Moore, the internship confirmed a calling that even she was unaware of until it became too strong to ignore. “One of the most valuable lessons I learned is that it’s rare—and truly special—to find a career that aligns so closely with your calling and passion that it doesn’t feel like ‘just a job.’ Serving the community is not only meaningful but a privilege I don’t take for granted,” she said.

Like they did for Brown, the mentorship Moore received during her internship not only proved pivotal, but was the affirming voice

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she needed. “Rebekah Tucker was an incredible mentor and supervisor throughout my internship,” Moore said. “Clinical work was completely new to me at the time, but Rebekah, along with the entire Analenisgi Child Team, welcomed me with open arms and showed me the ropes. Their guidance helped me fall in love with clinical work and ultimately led me to pursue a career in behavioral health.”

Now a Master-Level Therapist with CIHA, Moore says, “What excites me most is the genuine connection I’ve built with the team—they truly feel like family. I’m also excited to continue engaging with the community and expanding my professional network to drive meaningful change.” Serving the same community where she trained “feels incredibly rewarding,” and working at Analenisgi “means the world to me. Personally, I’ve always wanted to be part of a workplace that treats its staff and community members with humility, dignity, and respect. CIHA and the Analenisgi Child Team embodies this every day. Professionally, this role is a dream come true. I’ve always felt called to help others, and becoming a therapist allows me to live out that purpose daily. Analenisgi is truly the perfect fit for me—both personally and professionally.”

WCU’s mission statement endeavors that “Through a broad range of scholarly activities, our faculty and students seek to better understand our region, state, nation, and world.” Moore’s goals reflect that as part of the partnership’s growth mindset: “My goals include continuing to build strong connections within the community, pursuing further education and training in various treatment modalities, and ultimately obtaining



Robert “Noland” Brown and Kathryn Moore (WCU photo)

my full LCSW license. I’m committed to growing both as a clinician and as a community advocate.”

These journeys—student to intern to colleague—show how a well-designed pipeline strengthens care close to home. WCU equips students with the academic foundation and specialized tracks (such as addiction studies and integrated care). CIHA offers immersive training in team-based, integrated, culturally anchored practice. Together, they create a loop that keeps talent in the region, elevates standards of care, and supports EBCI members with clear steps upward—through internships, supervision, licensure preparation, and ongoing professional development. Critically, by filling high-demand roles locally, reducing recruitment and relocation costs,

and keeping salaries and spending in the Qualla Boundary and surrounding counties, this pipeline also drives regional growth—an opportunity proven effective and one that delivers on WCU’s mission, which “aims to improve the lives and promote economic prosperity throughout western North Carolina and beyond.”

The benefits extend beyond hiring. This partnership supports continuing education for current CIHA staff—expanding access to advanced certificates, workshops, and emerging treatment modalities—and it builds career ladders that make it easier for enrolled EBCI members to grow from entry-level roles into licensed professionals. That means more providers who understand Cherokee culture, history, and community dynamics serving patients here at home.

Most importantly, it cultivates something you can’t teach in a textbook: a sense of belonging and purpose. As Brown put it, “I feel excited to rejoin the family that I built here during my internship.”

As Moore noted, “Serving the community is not only meaningful but a privilege.” When students become colleagues in the very place they trained, the result is continuity of relationships, trust, and care.

That is the promise of the WCU–CIHA partnership. To develop the next generation of caregivers for Cherokee, by Cherokee, in Cherokee. And with each new intern, supervisor, and graduate who chooses to stay and serve, that promise becomes daily practice.

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Hyatt returns to his roots as Mainspring's new executive director

When Sylva resident Jeremy Hyatt looks across the landscape of western North Carolina, he doesn't just see beautiful scenery — he sees his childhood.

"These places are where I grew up — the rivers and streams I played in as a child with my brother and my cousins, the trails where I rode mountain bikes, and the woods I camped in," Hyatt said. "They still are."

Now, Hyatt is turning that lifelong connection into action as the new executive director of Mainspring Conservation Trust. A lifelong resident of western North Carolina and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Hyatt steps into the role to lead the nonprofit, which has worked since 1997 to conserve the special places in the heart of the Southern Blue Ridge for the benefit of all.

Hyatt's leadership is backed by more than 15 years of experience guiding large-scale initiatives across government, natural resources, and cultural preservation. During his 14-year tenure with the EBCI, he served as Secretary of Operations, overseeing 17 programs and 400 employees while managing an \$80 million budget. In that role, he spearheaded critical infrastructure and recreation projects, including the Fire Mountain Trails and Fire Mountain



Jeremy Hyatt

(Photo courtesy of Mainspring)

Disc Golf Sanctuary. Other roles within the Tribe and later, with the Museum of the Cherokee People, further shaped his ability to build partnerships and connect with people.

From the beginning of the search process, Hyatt's qualities were clear. "Jeremy demonstrated a combination of vision, experience, and deep regional connection that immediately stood out," said James Stork, Mainspring board member and chair of the Search Committee. "We were particularly impressed by his ability to build partnerships across tribal, public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and his proven success leading large-scale operations. Just as important, though, was Jeremy's

deep-rooted passion for western North Carolina and his thoughtful, collaborative approach to community engagement."

In his first few months, Hyatt plans to listen and learn, connecting with staff, board members, partners, community stakeholders, and funders to understand where his leadership can best serve Mainspring's next chapter. "Conservation must be collaborative," he said. "It must be anchored in the needs of rural communities, Indigenous voices, working lands, and the integrity of our natural systems. Listening to others will allow me to identify where I can best add value without disrupting the great success Mainspring has achieved and continues to build upon."

The board hopes Hyatt's leadership will bring both continuity and new energy. "With Jeremy's experience managing complex initiatives and engaging diverse stakeholders, we believe he will strengthen Mainspring's role as a regional conservation leader," Stork said. "We hope his leadership will bring expanded opportunities for partnership, increased public engagement in our work, and creative approaches to land and water protection that reflect both environmental and cultural priorities."

For Hyatt, the work is both

professional and personal. "I consider myself of this place, so it's incredible to be able to work with an organization that affirms that we are all responsible for the stewardship of our environment, cultural heritages, histories, and community ecologies," he said. "I am looking forward to joining this talented team to make a positive difference for my family, my community, and my region."

Stork said the board feels the same. "This decision was made with great care and intention. Jeremy's appointment reflects our belief that conservation is not just about protecting land and water—it's about people, place, and heritage. We invite the community to join us in welcoming him and look forward to all we will accomplish together under his leadership."

Founded in 1997, Mainspring has conserved thousands of acres of land and working farms, along with miles of streams and riverbanks in the Southern Blue Ridge. With offices in Franklin and Andrews, the nonprofit partners with landowners, agencies, and communities to protect the region's natural and cultural heritage. To learn more, visit www.mainspring-conserves.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearing pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A

Confirmation hearing for Pam Sneed to the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

Monday, Sept. 29 at 9 a.m.
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.



These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date.

**The final date for public comment will be
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Fire Mountain Trails – Maintenance

Throughout the summer, Trail Dynamics (an organization specializing in trail design, construction, and assessment) performed maintenance and improvements to the Fire Mountain Trail System ensuring its quality for locals and visitors coming to Cherokee, N.C. Fire Mountain Trails have proven to be an integral part of Eco-Tourism efforts, and these improvements point towards a safer, more enjoyable experience for participants. Trail Dynamics removed numerous fallen trees, replaced many damaged areas on bridges and ramps, and made improvements to differing boardwalk areas. EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Destination Marketing contracted for their services which wrapped up prior to the start of the Shrednagans event on the Trail system on Sept. 12-13. This project was planned weeks in advance to be ready for that weekend. Trail Dynamics crew members are shown, left to right, including Alex “El Guapo” Zamora, Edward “El Jefe” Sutton, Cristian “La Colendrina” Guerrero, and Marco “El Chivo” Guerrero. (Photo courtesy of Trail Dynamics)

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

Dear Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board Members,

This letter is to express my gratitude for the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund. I would like to thank the board for continuing to support me during my academic career. I am happy to share that I have completed my first year of grad school, and I am now working toward graduating in the spring. During my first year I completed my first internship with Family Safety, and I will be completing my final internship with Analenisgi. I want to thank you all for providing me with the resources to obtain professional clothing

for my internship. I am excited to learn new things in this internship and build new connections. I have continued to build relationships with my peers and strengthening connections in my support system. I have gained knowledge from my first year that has impacted the way I envision serving the community and supporting future clients. I hope to build on my knowledge during my internship with Analenisgi and hopefully share my experience. I am super excited to give the board members an update upon completion. Once again, I want to thank the board for your continued support. I am thankful to have you all in my support system.

Sgi,
Tierney Bradley



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Roger "Poncho" Ballard Jr.

Roger "Poncho" Ballard Jr., 67, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, Sept. 5, 2025, after a long illness. Surrounded by love, he was joyfully reunited with his precious grandson, Kobe Gavin, whom he loved and missed with all his heart.

Born in Charlotte, N.C., to Roger Earl Ballard Sr. and Grace Moore Ballard, Poncho made Cherokee, N.C., his home in 1981. There, he became a devoted member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians community and built a successful construction business, Ballard Drywall. A true master of his trade, he generously passed his knowledge to apprentices who worked beside him. Later, he served as Superintendent for RGC,

traveling across the Southeast to help build many projects. After retiring from construction, he found joy working with Junior Sequoyah and his towing business - a role he cherished most because it allowed him to serve his community, spend time with local people, and build meaningful connections that brought him true happiness. In his later years, Poncho poured his heart into the Chop Shop, a BBQ food truck that reflected his passion for smoking barbecue. What began as a personal joy soon became a gathering place, where friends and family came together to enjoy the food he made with love. What made it most meaningful was having his grandson, Kaleb, working alongside him every step of the way.

Poncho married the love of his life, Denise, 41 years ago, and

together they created a life filled with love. In their Birdtown Community home, they raised their greatest blessings—Amanda and Neil—and later celebrated the joy of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Their home was always open, a place where everyone felt welcome, accepted, and loved. Known for his servant's heart, Poncho lived his life in service to others. He never hesitated to lend a hand, offering kindness, compassion, and support to anyone in need. If you needed him, he was there—always giving, always caring, and never wanting to see anyone go without.

Poncho's legacy will live on in the love he poured into his family, the friendships he built, and the countless lives he touched. He will be remembered for his strength, his generosity, and his unwavering

devotion to those he loved. Though he will be deeply missed, his spirit will forever remain a guiding light for his family and all who had the blessing of knowing him.

In addition to Denise, Amanda (David), and Neil (Frances), he is survived by his grandchildren, Keelie Smoker (Creighton) and Kaleb Smoker (Taryn), Chloe Owle, Shiann Lunsford (Matt); and great-grandchildren, Barrett and Koa Smoker, with another grandson on the way, Mason, Ella, and Ezra Lunsford. He is also survived by his sister, Patty Ballard of Jacksonville, FL; brothers, Buddy Lambert (Deb), Mark Lambert (Sherry), and Lumpy Lambert (Tia), and many nieces and nephews; and his special girls, whom he considered daughters, Melanie, Jessica, Bonnie, Sarah, Melissa, Rae, little Amanda, and Summer.

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In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Donna Wheeler, his mother and father-in-law, Mary and JD Lambert, and brothers Will and Rick Lambert.

Pallbearers will be Kaleb Smoker, Michael Lambert, Tso Smith, Kennan Panther, Creighton Bradley, George Swayney, Lloyd Blythe, Logan Teesateskie, and Jack Jack Teesateskie.

Visitation was on Thursday, Sept. 11 with funeral services immediately following at Cherokee Methodist Church. Burial was in the Smoker-Toineeta cemetery.

Thomas Keith Parker

Thomas Keith Parker, "Tom" as he was better known, age 81, of the Wolftown Community in Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, after an extended illness.

Tom was the son of the late Ben and Flora Lambert Parker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his companion, Mary Catt, and his siblings, Christine Buchanan, Kathleen Welch, Jeanette Kinsey, Helma Parker, Elba Crain, Ed, Claude, Jerome, Carroll, and Gerard.

Tom was a proud member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He loved bear hunting, riding the roads, and hanging out with his friends.

He is survived by his brother, Don Parker, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Sept. 11 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Burial followed at Tow String Cemetery in Cherokee, N.C. Pallbearers were family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements

Nicholas Donald Briggs III, 81 of Whittier, N.C., passed away to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025.

He faithfully served his country during the Vietnam War, where his bravery earned him the Bronze Star Medal and several other distinguished honors. Nick's dedication to his fellow veterans was evident through his active and enthusiastic involvement in the American Legion Post 143, where he formed lasting bonds and provided unwavering support to those who served.

He leaves behind a legacy of love, honor, and devotion and now rests in eternal peace.

Nick Briggs will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Julia Briggs; his son, Shawn Briggs; his daughter, Nikki Cooper; six cherished grandchildren; and three

precious great-grandchildren.

A visitation was held on Monday, Sept. 15 at Long House Funeral Home. A service celebrating Nick's life followed.

Long House Funeral Home, Cherokee, N.C. was in charge of arrangements

Charles "Charlie" William Bigwitch (Tsali)

Charles "Charlie" William Bigwitch (Tsali), 67, of Cherokee, N.C., went home to be with the Lord Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Fred and Eva Bigwitch. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brothers, Robert, Isaac, Fred, Richard, James; and sisters, Lucy, Marie, and Stacy Bigwitch.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years Mary Bigwitch; one daugh-

ter, Ugnast Bigwitch of Cherokee; three grandsons, Kolbey Littlejohn, Eden Littlejohn, and Little Charlie Bigwitch; sister, Peggy "Dolly" Littlejohn; uncle, Jim Bigwitch; and numerous nieces and nephews; special friends, Bo Lossiah, and June Wolfe.

One of his ICU doctors said Charlie's legacy is his students and the knowledge he had shared with them. We hope and pray the students continue the efforts to save the Cherokee language by continuing their studies and passing on what they learned from Charlie to future generations.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Cherokee Bible Church. Pastor Randy Miller officiated with burial at Bigwitch Family Cemetery.

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COMMENTARY

But wait, there's more

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiyi (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

I question the transparency of government a bunch. Questioning the government isn't always the healthiest thing for a career in tribal government. It is a testament to the progress made in both our government and the tribal media that we can now ask the relevant questions, even to the discomfort and displeasure of government, and seek answers from government without the imminent possibility of being fired or being reassigned to a remote

closet office in the Ginger Lynn Welch building, shuffling blank paper. Fulfilling the hopes of our forefathers expressed in Chapter 75 of the Cherokee Code is much more a reality than it was, say, a decade ago.

Could we go backward? Sure. However, the current trend is one of increased community involvement and a stronger community voice. And that involvement and voice need an outlet; the self-same government in an earlier version of Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) put in place the Cherokee One Feather and the Free Press Act. A colleague, long before I came to the One Feather, reminded me that the tribal newspaper belongs to the community, and that is who we should report to and for.

So, we fight for transparency.

Not because we are nosy or want to expose anything or anybody. It is our firm belief and guiding policy that you, the Principal People, are the owners and purveyors of all things tribal, including culture, language, history, land, and family. You own it. All the houses, buildings, land, water, wind, fire, and air of the Qualla Boundary. Rights are what the Creator gives you, not the government. Governments are designed to be in a servant role to the people. To you. Governments facilitate the expectations of the community. And because we all own what is called Cherokee, we should have access to all the information, especially those things that will determine our livelihood and way of life.

Information and decision-making fall to you, the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. You made a significant statement in the September election. I don't know the intricacies of each community, but 42% of the "seats of power" have new bodies in them, representing 38% of the weighted vote. Female representation on the Dinilawigi went from zero to 33 percent of the seats. The community spoke and spoke loudly. Just what is being said by the community will play out over the next two years. Now that we have decided on leadership, we are done, right? Wait, there is more to do. And it may be the hardest part of our responsibilities as community members. We must PAY ATTENTION!

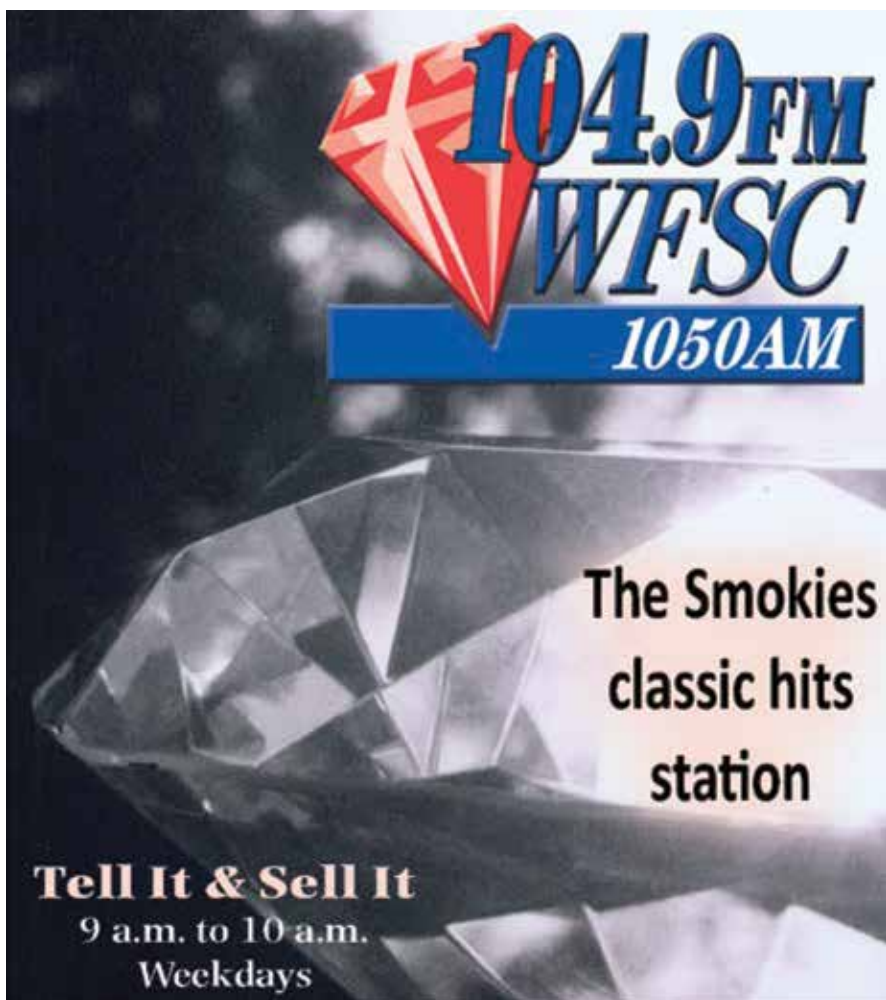
In 2015, Kevin Mcspadden wrote the following brief article titled "You Now Have a Shorter Attention Span Than a Goldfish". In Time magazine, this is what Mcspadden reported, "The average attention span for the notoriously ill-focused goldfish is nine sec-

onds, but according to a new study from Microsoft Corp., people now generally lose concentration after eight seconds, highlighting the effects of an increasing digitalized lifestyle on the brain.

"Researchers in Canada surveyed 2,000 participants and studied the brain activity of 112 others using electroencephalograms (EEGs). Microsoft found that since the year 2000 (or about when the mobile revolution began) the average attention span dropped from 12 seconds to eight seconds. 'Heavy multi-screeners find it difficult to filter out irrelevant stimuli-they're more easily distracted by multiple streams of media,' the report said.

"On the positive side, the report says our ability to multitask has drastically improved in the mobile age. Microsoft theorized that the changes were a result of the brain's ability to adapt and change itself over time and a weaker attention span may be a side effect of evolving to a mobile Internet. The survey also confirmed generational differences for mobile use; for example, 77 percent of people aged 18-24 responded 'yes' when asked 'When nothing is occupying my attention, the first thing I do is reach for my phone', compared to only 10 percent of those over the age of 65."- <https://time.com/3858309/attention-spans-goldfish>

Disclaimer: Some subsequent studies have contradicted this report. However, from personal experience, I know that there is a high likelihood that many of our readers have difficulty with focusing on an article until the end. In fact some of our studies have shown that some folks don't read past the headline. When the tribe was struggling with the expansion



of alcohol, having a failed referendum on the issue due to low voter turnout, the One Feather put out a survey asking the community about support for expansion of alcohol on the Boundary, several readers became irate and commented that they thought alcohol had been voted down and why was the tribe going ahead with it anyway. They missed the fact that it was not an article but a survey asking their opinion on the subject. They didn't have enough of an attention span to read and understand a survey question that was two sentences long. That was several years ago. Every week since then, there will be those who comment on an article or commentary having read the headline and not the content of the piece. We will post information on the media feeds with all the pertinent information and invariably readers

will ask for information that is in the same post that they are commenting on. My guess is that, since the Microsoft study was done a decade ago, that our overall attention span has gotten even shorter since our dependence on digital mobility has increased dramatically since 2015.

There is a bit of hope in the article. Since attention spans can be shortened, we can relearn and lengthen. The secret seems to be giving ourselves generous breaks from mobile connectivity. Stop "death scrolling" images and videos on social media. Stop picking up the smartphone every time there is a lull in a conversation. Engage in social discourse in-person to person. There is an enormous difference in texting or messaging a friend and sitting in a coffee shop with them in person engaging in conversation. Much

of the hate and violence in this world comes from us talking "at" each other instead of talking to each other. It is hard to let your attention wander when the person you are engaging is sitting in front of you. I have friends that I make a point of meeting in person for lunch or coffee just to stay engaged in their world. They know they and their words are important to me, and I and mine to them, even if our discussion is a disagreement.

Our focus is so very important as we move forward as a tribal community. We need to be engaged and attentive to our leaders, our laws, and our finances. Surely, we must have trust in our leadership, but we also need to be able to verify. As those opportunities avail themselves to us, we must pay attention and not be distracted. How many important issues, important to you and the rest of the commu-

nity, have risen to the surface for discussion, only to disappear from our sight and be replaced with the next project? And like a dog distracted by a squirrel, we let things we want and need fade back into the background because something else distracted us, things like recycling, a constitution, term reform. Property intended to promote the wellbeing of our people sits idle because we focus and then lose focus on the mission. Because our attention span is so short, it doesn't take much to distract us.

Elections are not endings. They are beginnings. But wait, there is so much more to do as a community. Our part is not over. We can do so much for our community if we will focus and pay attention.



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Compelling devotion

Part 2 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

Let's look at Luke 14:16-23: "Then He said to him, 'A certain man gave a great supper and invited many and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all, with one accord, began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out

quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'" NKJV (Nelson, 2018).

Compare the uses in the Bible and tell me what Jesus has asked us to do.

The parable is Jesus speaking about the intensity He wants to bring people into His house, salvation, and peace. This story was His words. I'm talking BOLD red letters here. Completely different use of the Word than we use. How do we compel others? Where do we go to compel them? Do we actually go out to the highways and byways? Does that mean knocking on doors in friendly neighborhoods? Or is doing a prayer walk enough? Or does it mean getting out of your comfort zone to boldly witness to strangers? Does it mean going out on the street, grabbing people by the arm, and telling them they need to come into church? Whatever it means, I don't think it's the meek

and mild Christian way, but I don't think it's by threat or whip. It's something else.

Try this one.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 "For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." NKJV (Nelson, 2018).

Does Christ's love compel you to live for Him?

We need to think about what "compel" means to us and then compel others to meet Christ. Be BOLD for God. Tell others about Jesus. Make it your purpose, find lost and fallen souls and bring them closer to Jesus. Then, lead, follow, or get out of the way.

Lord, God, and Father, my prayer for this Spur is to spur our church to be bolder in our testimony. I pray we hear what You say in approaching the great commission. You gave us to spread the Gospel throughout the world. Give us more faith and strength to step up with Your power within us to reach the lost of this world. Amen.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

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and establish the work
of our hands for us;
yes, establish the work
of our hands.*

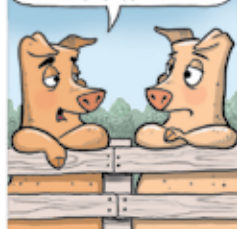
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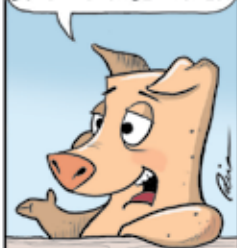
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Amber Waves

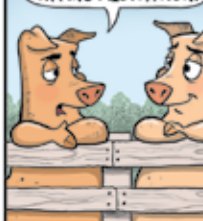
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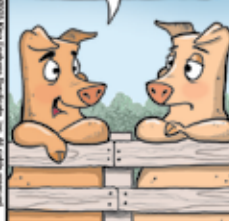
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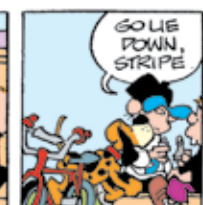
I WAS THINKING MAYBE YOGA, OR BETTER YET, TRYING MEDITATION.



I FIGURE I SLEEP ABOUT 12 HOURS A DAY, SO I SHOULD BE A NATURAL!



TIGER



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Paper is longer. 2. Mirror is moved. 3. Man's left arm is not showing. 4. Light is different. 5. Flood is different. 6. Plants are different.

Trivia Test Answers

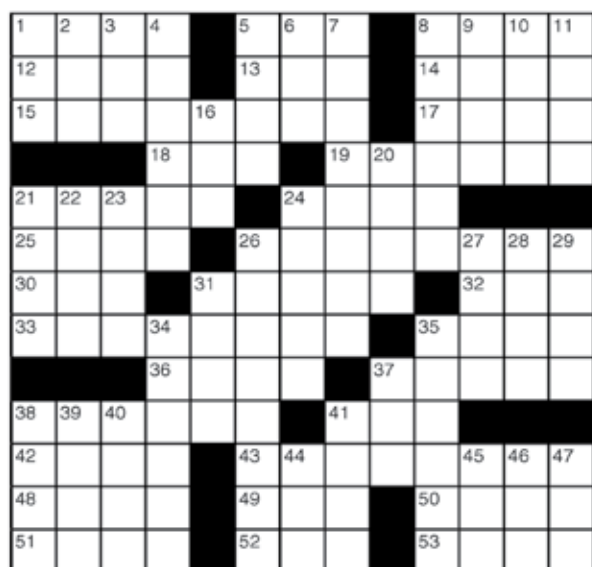
1. Baxter; 2. "Diary of a Wimpy Kid"; 3. The deepest and darkest part of the ocean, at depths of 3,000 to 6,000 meters; 4. Southern Caribbean Sea; 5. Albuquerque, New Mexico; 6. Chromophobia; 7. Tendons; 8. South Dakota; 9. John Quincy Adams; 10. Sapphire

by Dave T. Phipps

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Like lemons
- 5 Rock concert booster
- 8 Farm fathers
- 12 "The Kite Runner" boy
- 13 Saloon
- 14 Buffalo's lake
- 15 Yellow-brown gemstone
- 17 Blaze
- 18 Industrious insect
- 19 Actor Karl
- 21 Entices
- 24 Small rodents
- 25 Common connections
- 26 Vision tests
- 30 Enjoy Aspen
- 31 Camper owners, for short
- 32 Yule quaff
- 33 Close watch
- 35 Blog entry
- 36 Hibernia
- 37 Trousers
- 38 Brief time
- 41 Debussy's "La —"
- 42 Author Hunter
- 43 Good-looking person
- 48 Laptop connection
- 49 Fair-hiring letters
- 50 Shabby beer joint



- 51 Feeder filler
- 52 Slangy denial
- 53 Way out
- 11 Viewed
- 16 ER workers
- 20 Experts
- 21 Pyramid part
- 22 "Puppy Love" singer
- 23 Beatnik's assent
- 24 "No way!"
- 26 Katniss in "The Hunger Games"
- 27 Shortly
- 28 Lion's share
- 29 Boot camp VIPs
- 31 Check
- 34 Mr. Brezhnev
- 35 Saint Patrick's Day event
- 37 Chest muscle
- 38 Stitches
- 39 Marisa's "Only Love" role
- 40 Parisian eatery
- 41 Cat call
- 44 Pro vote
- 45 Veto
- 46 506, in old Rome
- 47 However

DOWN

- 1 Bit of ink
- 2 "— Blue?"
- 3 Fix illegally
- 4 Goodies
- 5 Help a hood
- 6 Spring month
- 7 Opening night
- 8 Automatic reaction
- 9 Saharan
- 10 Swampy terrain

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: What was the name of Ron Burgundy's dog in "Anchorman"?
2. LITERATURE: The middle school student Greg Heffley is the protagonist of which book series?
3. SCIENCE: What is the Abyssal Zone in the ocean?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island of Aruba located?
5. TELEVISION: Which city is the setting for the series "Breaking Bad"?
6. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear of colors called?
7. ANATOMY: What connects muscles to bones?
8. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Badlands National Park?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the sixth president of the United States?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is September's traditional birthstone?

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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. 20 at 3 p.m. fundraiser for Betty's Place

* Sept. 20 at 5 p.m., fundraiser for Kolanvyi Indian Ball team

EBCI Community Events

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 Wolfstown 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, produces, 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/4lV2VH4

Voices of Strength: Monthly Mental Wellness Workshop. Sept. 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cherokee Youth Center at 1570 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Open to the community and all ages are welcome. Engaging workshop

to build self-awareness, strengthen emotional resilience, and learn tools to support your mental well-being.

National Day for Truth & Reconciliation and Wear Orange Shirt Day Walk. Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cherokee Welcome Center parking lot at 498 Tsali Blvd. in Cherokee, N.C.

113th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair NAIWA Indian Dinner. Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. 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 Youth Center's Halloween Carnival. Oct. 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Cherokee Youth Center in Cherokee, N.C. This fun evening is open to the public. Games, bouncy houses, and a haunted house. If you're interested in being a food vendor this event, please call (828) 359-8113.

Cherokee Cultural/Historical Events Beginner Fingerweaving Class. Mondays at 3:30 p.m. from Sept. 8-29 at the Qualla Boundary Public Library. Learn basic fingerweaving skills or add to your skills. Limited to 12 participants – first come, first served. Contact Amy Postoak to register at amypost@ebci-nsn.gov. Info: (828) 359-6738

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

Cherokee Storytellers meet the fourth Tuesday of every month from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ray Kinsland Leadership building in Cherokee, N.C. All ages are welcome. The group shares stories and resources.

Cherokee storytelling and Cherokee history in the 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.

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

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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.

ECBI Community Regular Mtgs.

NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association, Inc.)

Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Eligibility for membership: any American Indian or Alaska Native or Canadian First Nations woman, 18 years of age or older, who is officially identified as

a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe/Nation. The meetings contain information on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

NAIWA Daughters meetings.

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

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Mtgs.

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

Qualla Housing Committee.

Sept. 18 at 8:30 a.m.

see **EVENTS** next page

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent change of plans upsets your penchant for keeping things in order, but once you adjust to the new situation, you'll be able to make new plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Aspects favor personal commitments. Family plans could include moving to a new home or even to a new city. Be open to any and all considerations.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Both attached and single Archers can expect to see a positive reversal in certain relationships that had seemed to be on a collision course to nowhere.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family and friends take priority over everything else. Exercise a little more flexibility in your well-planned life so that you can spend more time with your kith and kin.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A pesky person who caused you some problems recently will soon move out of your life. Meanwhile, an Aries is ready to help you get a fresh start romantically.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Yours is the sign of change and creation. This is a good time for you to experience changes that can open up new personal and professional opportunities.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to have fun and enjoy competition. You also have a gift for "reading" people and assessing situations.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Unions are out at the VA

One wonders how this was allowed to happen in the first place: Last year the VA paid out \$45 million to employees who were working for federal unions instead of being at their jobs.

But no more. Not only are most of them no longer employed at the VA, but the ones who are still employed have been directed to be on the job — and that \$45 million is going back into the VA coffers to be used on veteran services.

A month ago the VA terminated the union bargaining agreements for most of those employees, canceling the contracts that had kept VA managers in a stranglehold and unable to hire and fire as they wanted and needed.

To get an idea of how the unions operated (to the detriment of the VA), the VA was forced to pay out \$134 million to former employees who had been fired for misconduct (which included harassment and patient abuse). Unions opposed the MISSION Act, which had a direct impact on veterans getting health care. And unions were against whistleblower protections.

Nurses alone were paid \$1.25 million for doing union business instead of taking care of patients. VA employees were paid for working 750,000 hours doing union business instead of doing their jobs at the VA. Others being paid for doing union business included attorneys and pharmacists.

Over 187,000 square feet of VA property had been used by the unions, for free, for union business, as well as over 2,000 pieces of equipment such as computers and phones. In one VA medical center alone the unions had used 7,500 square feet of office space, 3,500 square feet at another and over 2,000 square feet at nearly a dozen other VA facilities.

Following the VA's example, several other government agencies have followed suit and terminated their contracts with unions. Those include the Health and Human Services, Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Homeland Security.

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Puppy training 101: Basic commands

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm bringing home a 2-month-old puppy soon. And as I get my apartment ready, I also want to start her training right away. What do you recommend? — Francine J., Jacksonville, Florida

DEAR FRANCINE: Congratulations! Sounds like your new puppy will get a great start. Basic obedience training is the foundation of all your puppy's training. It can improve behavioral issues or stop them before they start. It keeps your puppy safe, because she'll respond to you — very important if she slips her leash outside or tries to nab something from the kitchen counter.

The six most important commands are:

Come: Your dog should stop whatever she's doing and immediately come back to you.

Sit: Your puppy should sit calmly on your command.

Down: Your dog should lay down on their stomach, head up and alert.

Stay: Your dog should remain sitting (or laying) once you place them in that position.

Heel: Directs the dog to walk next to you — not ahead, behind or darting off to the side.

Leave It: Commands her to drop and move away from any object.

As you start her training, remember: Keep training sessions short but frequent. Puppies' attention spans are super-short because they are still exploring their new world. Plus, they tire quickly.

Potty break first, then training. A puppy can't concentrate on commands when she has to go.

Create a routine. Each day, train your puppy in a familiar, safe spot.

Keep treats handy. Soft, puppy-appropriate treats given when your puppy does anything right. Cut them into very small pieces so they don't eat too much.

Online training guides are very helpful. Search specifically for basic obedience training tutorials. I also recommend group or private puppy training sessions with a local trainer.

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

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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

San Manuel Pow Wow. Sept. 19-21 at CSU San Bernardino in San Bernardino, Calif. Info: powwow@sanmanuel.com

53rd Annaul Mahkato Annual Traditional Pow Wow. Sept. 19-21 at Land of Memories Park in Mankato, Minn. Emcees: Jerry Dearly, Galen Drapeau Jr., Bill Taylor. Host Drum: Mazakute. Info: Megan Heutmaker (507) 387-3572, info@mahkatowacipi.org

Prescott Pow Wow. Sept. 19-21 at Watson Lake Park in Prescott, Ariz. MC: Gabriel Ayala. Host Northern Drum: Maswadee. Host Southern Drum: Chris Dinehdeal. Info: Alberta Cook (623) 455-0485, albertajcook@yahoo.com

Gathering of the Waters Pow Wow. Sept. 20 at Valley Sports Academy in Lake Hallie, Wisc. MC: Dylan Jennings. Host Drum: Mission Hill. Info: Sami Taylor at taylor.sami@mayo.edu

Honolulu Intertribal Pow Wow. Sept. 21 at Kapi'olani Park in Honolulu, Hawai'i. Info: Loa Simoes at hipowwow808@gmail.com
34th Annual Morongo Thunder and Lightning Pow Wow. Sept. 26-28 in Cabazon, Calif. Info: mlorenzo@morongo-nsn.gov

Last Chance Community Pow

Wow. Sept. 26-28 at Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall in Helena, Mont. MC: Vincent Short. Host Drum: Niskuni Style. Info: lccpw@hotmail.com

Medicine Lodge Pow Wow. Sept. 26-28 at Memorial Peace Park Pow Wow Grounds in Medicine Lodge, Kan. Emcees: Cy Ahtone and Marshall Williamson. Head Southern Singer: Keith Satepeahtaw. Info: David Colburn (620) 886-1759, mllooper@hotmail.com

2nd Annual Dance by the River Pow Wow. Sept. 27-28 at Adado Riverfront Park in Lansing, Mich. MC: Shannon Martin. Host Drum: Ribbontown. Co-Host Drum: Fire Creek. Info: Aja Washington (517) 977-8137, Anishinaabe.friendship.center@gmail.com

42nd Annual WilCo Pow Wow. Sept. 27-28 at James E. Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon, Tenn. MC: Rob Daugherty. Host Drum: Medicine Tail. Info: Cindy Yahola (615) 512-0952, WilCoPowWow@gmail.com

Painted Skies Pow Wow. Sept. 27 at USS Bullhead Park in Albuquerque, N.M. MC: Steven Toya Sr. Host Northern Drum: Powerhouse. Host Southern Drum: Shield Chief. Info: Adrian Tsosie (505) 967-5649, paintedskiespowwow@gmail.com

Sobriety Pow Wow. Sept. 27 at Pearl River Softball Field in Choctaw, Miss. MC: Cubert Bell. Info: Clarissa Stewart (601) 389-4150, cdstewart@choctaw.org

Support Groups

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

Celebrate Recovery meets every

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

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

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

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

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

Western N.C. and Beyond Events 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

Mountain Life Festival. Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mountain Farm Museum located just behind the Oconaluftee Visitor Center in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This free, family-friendly event celebrates the many families who once lived on the lands that later became the Park. Visitors can engage with living historians and cultural demonstrators to learn what daily life was like in the mountains. Highlights include traditional sorghum milling, hearth cooking, apple butter making, apple cider pressing, broom making, hominy preparation, and demonstrations of Cherokee culture.

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/lawclinicW-CU>

Stecoah Valley Center Harvest Festival Quilt Show. Oct. 17-18

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

Buffalo Blessing. Oct. 18 at 8220 Hwy 60 in Georgetown, Tenn. Buffalo blessing by Sonny Ledford, intertribal dancing, Warriors of Anikihwa performance, birds of prey, and more.

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

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MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF





BRANDI SEQUOYAH

Patient Access Specialist

Education:
Years at CIHA: 2 Years
Community/Hometown: Birdtown

"What I love most about working at CIHA is the opportunity to serve and connect with the people in our community. I've built meaningful friendships here, and I truly feel a sense of belonging. I choose CIHA because CIHA cares about people and the community. It embraces the values of culture, compassion and connection, while honoring and supporting the employees who help bring that mission to life." -Brandi Sequoyah

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business meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m.

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness

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

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

Boiling Springs Missionary

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

Cherokee Baptist Church.

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

Cherokee Bible Church.

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

Cherokee Church of Christ.

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

Cherokee Church of God.

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

Cherokee Church of the Naz-

arene. 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 Method-

ist 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, Whit-
tier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit



Moments in time

• On **Sept. 29, 1780**, British spy John André, an accomplice of Benedict Arnold, was court-martialed, found guilty and sentenced to death by hanging. He wrote to Gen. George Washington asking to be executed by firing squad instead, which was considered a more "gentlemanly" death, but though Washington attempted to have him exchanged for Arnold, the original sentence was carried out on Oct. 2.

• On **Sept. 30, 1918**, President Woodrow Wilson gave a speech before Congress in which he supported a guarantee that women would be granted the right to vote. The House of Representatives had approved a 19th constitutional amendment giving women suffrage, but Congress would not pass the amendment for another year.

• On **Oct. 1, 1958**, the American Express company issued its first charge card, made of purple paper-board, in the U.S. and Canada, to give traveling customers more flexibility.

• On **Oct. 2, 1965**, during a football game between the University of Florida Gators and the Louisiana State University Tigers, UF players tested a new sports drink developed in the school's science labs to help them regain essential chemicals their bodies lost through sweating. The Gators won their match and the drink now known as Gatorade went on to make its investors wealthy.

• On **Oct. 3, 2011**, an Italian appeals court overturned the murder conviction of American exchange student Amanda Knox, who'd been found guilty of stabbing her British roommate, Meredith Kercher, to death in 2007. Imprisoned since her arrest, Knox flew back to the States the following day.

• On **Oct. 4, 1970**, singer Janis Joplin was found dead of an accidental heroin overdose in her Los Angeles hotel room after failing to attend a recording session. She was putting the finishing touches on the album titled "Pearl," that would prove to be the biggest hit of her career.

• On **Oct. 5, 1892**, the infamous Dalton Gang attempted a daylight robbery of two Coffeyville, Kansas, banks simultaneously. After someone recognized a member and spread word of the crime, the townspeople ran for their guns and surrounded the two banks, then took justice into their own hands, killing all but Emmett Dalton, who, incredibly, survived prison and eventually ended up as a Hollywood screenwriter.

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ezra (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Daniel 4, who had the vision of a tree growing higher and higher until it could be seen by everyone? *Silas, Josiah, Nebuchadnezzar, Solomon*
3. Which book could be summarized, "God, why don't you stop bad things from happening"? *Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Malachi*
4. What hour mentioned in the Bible means the last possible moment something can be done? *1st, 3rd, 11th, 12th*
5. From Judges 6, where did Gideon encounter an angel? *Prison, Oak tree, Temple, Well*
6. What was Adam's occupation in Eden? *Preacher, Shepherd, Carpenter, Gardener*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nebuchadnezzar, 3) Habakkuk, 4) 11th, 5) Oak tree, 6) Gardener
Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscribersite at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Old pots made new

Try freshening up older clay pots with paint, mosaics, stucco or gluing items like shells, buttons, etc. It helps mismatched pots look more uniform, and gives your garden or patio some fresh color, without the cost of replacing all your pots. - Brenda Weaver

Inspect used pots for cracks, damage, mold and mildew. Clean and repair each pot.



Let dry. Sand surface lightly, then refinish.



When finished and completely dry, seal with clear water-proof finish.



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Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible Study at 6 p.m., Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 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 now hiring for full and part-time positions. The Manager/Director of Finance is a career ladder position. Applicants may choose which position for which they would like to apply, and categorization will be made the by interview panel depending on their qualifications and experience. Manager Hiring Range: \$40,000 — \$52,000. Total Salary Range: \$40,000 — \$60,000. Director Hiring Range: \$65,000

- \$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. MotCP welcomes applications for the part-time role of Frontline Associate. Flexible hours and seasonal work welcome. Total Hourly Range: \$16.50 — \$24.00. Hiring Range: \$16.50 — \$20.00. 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.

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Large Sale. Sept. 19 and 20 at 9 a.m. each day at the building in front of Quality Inn (Hwy 441N) in Cherokee, N.C. Ethan Allen Curio, Entertainment console, Lawn chair, Exercise Equipment, King size mattresses, Double-size sheet sets, Rugs 8X10 etc., Washer and Dryer Set, Dryer, Clothes, Pictures, and more. Call (828)-226-0994 or 497-9427 for more information.

9/17

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 PUBLICATION

Cynthia Lambert
477 Goose Creek Rd.
Cherokee, NC 28719

9/17

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 PUBLICATION

Frank C. Blount
P.O Box 1316
Murphy, NC 28906

9/17

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

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All persons, firms and corporations



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LEGAL NOTICES

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

NANCY BRADLEY

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

Allen Mills
185 Albritton Lane
Whittier, NC 28789

9/17

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

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

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

Kevin Winston Welch
1066 Galamore Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
9/24

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

**Notice to Creditors and
Debtors of:
BRITTNEE ARCH**

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

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

William Arch Jr.
P.O. Box 890
Cherokee, NC 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-088

**Notice to Creditors and
Debtors of:
Harold George**

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

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

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

Heather Singleton
194 Red Tail Drive
Cherokee, NC 28719
10/8

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**

**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 Qualifications

State of North Carolina
Department of transportation
Raleigh, NC
DESIGN-BUILD

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is requesting interested Design-Build Teams submit qualifications for a Design-Build Project in Henderson County. The project, BL-0078, constructs a Multi-Use Paved Trail in Henderson County from US 64 at Battle Creek Road to the Transylvania County Line.

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

Statement of Qualifications. 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 Statements of Qualifications must be submitted, by e-mail only, to db_soq_submittal@ncdot.gov by 3:00 p.m. on October 13, 2025.

All available Design-Build Project information is on the NCDOT website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/pages/Design-Build-Letting-Details.aspx?let_id=BL-0078. 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 RFQ 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. **9/17**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ASBESTOS ASSESSMENTS & ABATEMENTS
CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING

DIVISION PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the service of assessing and abatement of single-family homes for asbestos and any hazardous materials. The service will be for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians residing on trust lands. Contracts will be awarded on a per-project basis and competitive pricing and reserve the right to add additional contractors to the on-call as needed based on scheduling demands. Qualification packets can be picked up at Acquoni Rd, at the old QHA office, Cherokee, NC 28719. All Qualifications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2025, for fiscal year 2026. Contact person for this RFQ is Sarah Crowe, Infrastructure Interim Manager, (828) 359-6131 or email at saracrow@ebci-nsn.gov. **9/24**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS DRIVEWAY PAVING CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION

PURPOSE:


The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS is to establish a pool of on-call contrac-

tors for the paving of driveways for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee receiving assistance through the CIHD Infrastructure Program. Contracts will be awarded equally on a per-project basis. CIHD reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call pool as needed based on scheduling demands. Qualification packets can be picked up at the old QHA office at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. All Qualifications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2025, for fiscal year 2026. Contact person for this RFQ is Sarah Crowe, Infrastructure Interim Manager, (828) 359-6121 or email saracrow@ebci-nsn.gov. **9/24**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS GUTTERING SYSTEM CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the construction of single-family guttering system for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee residing on trust lands and receiving assistance through the Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) Site Prep Program. Contracts will be awarded based




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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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on per-project basis and competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by CIHD-Site Prep coordinators and CIHD also reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call as needed based on scheduling demands. Qualification packets can be submitted to the old QHA office at 687 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719 no later than September 30, 2025. Contact person for this RFQ is Sarah Crowe, Infrastructure Interim Manager, (828) 359-6121 or saracrow@ebci-nsn.gov. **9/24**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

MASONRY BLOCK
FOUNDATIONS

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING
DIVISION INFRASTRUCTURE
DEPT.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications is for all interested contractors for the construction of single-family masonry foundations for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee residing on trust lands and receiving assistance through the Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) Infrastructure Program. Contractors will be selected, and contracts will be awarded on a pre-project basis and competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by CIHD-Site Prep coordinators and CIHD also reserves the right to add additional contractors to as needed based on scheduling demands. CIHD reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the right not to award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under the RFQ is subject to TERO guidelines. Any project

not completed in a timely manner or abiding to the scope of work will be removed from the bid or project if awarded. These are time sensitive projects.

Qualifications can be submitted to the old QHA office at 687 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719. The contact person for this RFQ is Nekyle Lossiah, Infrastructure Coordinator at (828) 788-6371 or Joel Queen, Infrastructure Coordinator (828) 788-3650. **9/24**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS SITE PREPARATION AND FINAL GRADING CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION is for all interested contractors for the construction of single family house sites and driveways, and final grading for positive drainage to prevent erosion. The service is for EBCI members residing on trust lands and receiving assistance through the Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) Infrastructure Program. Contractors will be selected, and contracts will be awarded based on per project basis and competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by CIHD-Site Prep coordinators and CIHD also reserves the right to add additional contractors as needed based on scheduling demands due to time sensitive projects. CIHD reserves the right to reject all submissions and reserves the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under the bid process is subject to TERO guidelines. All Qualifications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on September 30, 2025, for fiscal year 2026.

Contact person for this RFQ is Sarah Crowe, Infrastructure Interim Manager, (828) 359-6121 or saracrow@ebdi.nsn.gov. **9/24**

Requests for Qualifications (RFQ)

Roadway Design, Bridge Design,
Permitting, Surveying (PLS),
ERFO Repairs

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting Sealed Proposals from Qualified Professional Engineering Firms to provide the following services: Roadway design of repairs and permitting for five roadways on the Qualla Boundary. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Qualification (RFQ) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. Deadline to submit is September 25, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Uriah Maney, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/(828)-736-1888 (cell) Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Department of Transportation, PO BOX 2400, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719. **9/24**

GRANT APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

The Percy B. Ferebee Endowment Fund will be accepting grant applications through October 31, 2025.

The Endowment was created under the will of Percy B. Ferebee for educational, charitable, and benevolent purposes.

Ferebee was a former state




Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club
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Bus & Truck Department:

- Seasonal Bus Drivers
- Truck Drivers

SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITIONS

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

Grants from the Endowment are limited to municipal entities and exempt organizations, under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, located in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties and the Cherokee Indian Reservation in western North Carolina. The Endowment's primary focus is on capital projects and typically does not fund requests for general operating and salary expenses.

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

To apply, reach out to the

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

Notice Flood Hazard Information

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians – Natural Resources Department (EBCI-NRD) in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of EBCI's intent to revise the flood hazard information, generally located along the Raven Fork in Big Cove between the dam for the fish farm water intake to a tributary approximately 3,300 downstream of the dam. The flood hazard revisions are being proposed as part of Conditional Letter of Map Revision

(CLOMR) Case No. 25-04-5157R for a proposed project along the Raven Fork.

EBCI-NR is proposing a stream habitat improvement project to improve aquatic habitat conditions along a 3,800 linear feet reach of Raven Fork. This reach of the Raven Fork was identified as a priority for a habitat improvement project based on the deteriorating structures of the Emergency Watershed Protection project implemented in 1992. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) FY2021 Annual Inspection Report of the Raven Fork diversionary dam reported substantial failures of the 1992 installed structures after storms events in 2018 and 2020. The BIA recommended removing the dam and restoring the stream reach. The project will remove the dam, improve aquatic organism passage, and improve overall stream habitats.

Once the project has been completed, a Letter of Map Revi-

sion (LOMR) request should be submitted that will, in part, revise the following flood hazards along Raven Fork.

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

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

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

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




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**
- **9-12 High School Computer Science Teacher**
- **6-12 Pathseekers School Counselor**
- **K-5 School Counselor**
- **K-5 Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant (GRANT FUNDED)**
- **High School Custodian (Evening Shift)**
- **Part-Time Food Service Worker**
- **Weekend Security Monitor**





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Closing Sunday, September 21, 2025

1. Head Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
2. Lieutenant (Investigations) – Cherokee Indian Police Department (L17 \$37.07 - \$46.34 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Maintenance Technician – Housing Program – Housing (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

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)
22. Truck Driver/Operator – Infrastructure – Housing (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)



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Electrician and Maintenance Mechanic - \$5,000
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MEDICAL

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

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Clinical Care Manager Float - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Medical Social Worker – Primary Care

OPERATIONS

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

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Registered Nurse – \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse – Part Time Intermittent

EBCI Public Health Vending Machine Initiative locations



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