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“What a blessing”

Kuwohi Celebration
marks one-year
anniversary of
name restoration

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

KUWOHI – The sun peeked through the moving clouds and fog covered the mountain peaks at Kuwohi (Mulberry Place) on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025 for a special event. Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and friends gathered at the site to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the restoration of the name of the area to its original Cherokee name,

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Tennessee State Rep. Justin Jones (D-District 52) presents a copy of Tennessee General Assembly Bill H.J. 452 to Mary Crowe, an EBCI tribal elder, and Lavita Hill, EBCI Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. elect, during the Kuwohi Celebration on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 16. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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The Oconaluftee River in Cherokee, N.C. was super sparkly on the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 18. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Quote of the Week

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“We did this for our community. We did this for our families. This belongs to us. Not in an ownership way, this belongs to us in our hearts and in our minds knowing that this is that sacred place.”

- Mary Crowe, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, speaking during the Kuwohi Celebration on Tuesday, Sept. 16 about the importance of the site

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Mary Crowe, an EBCI tribal elder, speaks at Tuesday's event.

KUWOHI: From front page

Kuwohi.

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) approved the application for the name restoration on Sept. 18, 2024.

The name restoration effort was led by Lavita Hill, EBCI Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. elect, and Mary Crowe, an EBCI tribal elder.

"What a blessing," said Crowe. "Just to let you know right now that my heart is full. If the Creator was to call me home today, my heart is full."

She spoke of the importance of Kuwohi to herself personally. "This place was significant to my family and my father. And when this issue came up, I told Lavita, 'I don't know where this is going because not everybody has heard of this place and knows of this place as Kuwohi'. We know because of forced assimilation and acculturation a lot of our traditions and

our ways were kept from us. The stories were kept from us. I told Lavita we don't have to be that way anymore. We can tell our stories. We can share our stories."

Crowe went on to speak about the effort for the name restoration. "We both knew that it was important that we at least tried. We knew we had to try.

"We worked for two-and-a-half years. She would go to some places that I couldn't go to, and I would go to places that she couldn't go to, but we still had that same message. And, that same common goal was to restore Kuwohi...We did this for our community. We did this for our families. This belongs to us. Not in an ownership way, this belongs to us in our hearts and in our minds knowing that this is that sacred place."

Hill commented, "I'm so happy to see this much love and this much reconnection to our land and to one another."

She spoke of her relationship



Lavita Hill, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. elect, speaks at the event.

with her grandmother and noted, "She loved us so much and I really wanted to honor her by being brave enough to go do something that has so much meaning for our people."

Hill spoke about the meaning of the name restoration. "People have negative things to say all the time about a lot of things. Do it anyway. Step out of your comfort zone and do it anyway. Our mountain, since time immemorial, was Kuwohi. For only 166 years it was Clingman's Dome. So, let's put that into perspective. For more than 12,000 years it was Kuwohi, and then it became Clingman's Dome. But, now it's Kuwohi again and we get to celebrate."

EBCI Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks thanked Crowe and Hill for all of their work on the name restoration effort. "As we think about what we're doing today, what comes to mind for me is, we're not rewriting history, but we're reestablishing

true history...I think it's our job, it's our role...we've got to find that passion to do these things. Thank you ladies for all your work.

It's our jobs to make sure that we reestablish the true history... that has to change. People need to know...we have to make an effort - each and every one of us."

Nancy Pheasant, an EBCI tribal member and storyteller, told the crowd, "I just want you all to stop, turn around, and look. Look where you're standing. Even though the mountain is covered in clouds this morning, and we can see the mist as it rolls down the mountain-side and over the tops of the pine trees and down the rocks, this is a sacred place. I just want you guys to take in that connection, not only to the land that we stand on, but to each other. For everyone that is gathered here this morning, we're here for a reason."

She has participated for several years in the Kuwohi Connection Days event where area students



Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks gives remarks during the event.

visit the site to learn about its history and the culture of the Cherokee people. “This is the fourth year in a row that I’ve come up here this early in the morning, when I was standing here in the clouds to share our true history, our oral histories, to fifth graders and seniors from all the surrounding schools.

I’ve told many stories standing here in this exact same spot, everything from Bear Council, which was mentioned earlier, to other stories - the origin of medicine and disease, and how we also got our clans. It came from right here where we’re standing. So, when people say, ‘why did you want that name changed back to Kuwohi instead of known as Clingman’s Dome’, those are the reasons, and they’re the reasons we’re standing here this morning.”

Tennessee House Rep. Justin Jones (D-District 52) was in attendance during Tuesday morning’s event and presented Crowe and Hill with a copy of Tennessee General Assembly Bill H.J. 452. That bill was introduced by Rep. Jones and honored Crowe and Hill

for their work on the name restoration effort.

During Tuesday’s event, he said, “It’s just the beginning, and I just want to thank you because you’ve also inspired our people back home. In Nashville, after you all restored the name of Kuwohi, just last year they changed the name of our park to Wasioto Park, back to its Shawnee name. So, you are inspiring so many people and the ripples continue to reverberate across our state and across this nation.”

Background

The Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) of the EBCI passed Res. No. 72 (2024) unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024 that approved the submittal of an application on behalf of the Tribe to restore the name. The application to BGN was filed by Hill and Crowe on behalf of Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks and Dinilawigi on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2024.

Res. No. 72 speaks to the support for the name restoration regionally stating, “...commu-



Matt Tooni, an EBCI tribal member, signs the Cherokee Friendship Song.

nity support for the restoration of the Kuwohi name has been overwhelming, including formal support from multiple local governments, including the counties of: Buncombe, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Graham, Clay, and Cherokee, and the towns of Asheville, Andrews, Murphy, Hayesville, Fontana Dam, Lake Santeetlah, Robbinsville, Canton, Clyde, Maggie Valley, Waynesville, Dillsboro, Sylva, Webster, the Village of Forrest Hills, Franklin, Highlands, and Bryson City in western North Carolina, and the counties of Knox and Cambel in eastern Tennessee.”

In 2023, Hill and Crowe were recognized for their efforts by the Tennessee General Assembly with the passage of Bill H.J. 452. That legislation, submitted by State Rep. Justin Jones (D-District 52), stated, “Ms. Crowe and Ms. Hill are testaments to the power of dedication and determination, and their laudable mission deserves to be acknowledged; now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the One Hundred Thirteenth General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, the Senate

concurring, that we honor and commend Mary Crowe and Lavita Hill on their efforts to restore the traditional Cherokee name of ‘Kuwohi’ to Clingman’s Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.”

That legislation passed 92-0 in the Tennessee House of Representatives on March 20, 2023, and it passed 31-0 in the Tennessee Senate on March 30, 2023. Gov. Lee signed it on April 11, 2023.

Dinilawigi passed legislation on July 14, 2022 which officially lent support from the EBCI for the name restoration effort. That legislation, submitted by Crowe and Hill, describes the area, “Kuwohi or ‘mulberry place’, is the highest point in our area and has significance to us as Cherokee as it was visited by medicine people who prayed and sought guidance from the Creator regarding important matters facing our people, and then returned to our towns to give guidance and advice.”

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National Outdoor Economy Conference

Ugviyuihi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks addresses the National Outdoor Economy Conference held at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Resort in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 16. North Carolina Gov. Josh Stein was also in attendance at the conference. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)



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Lumbee recognition included in House-approved FY26 NDAA bill

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

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 3838 (National Defense Authorization Act FY26) last week which included a tack-on of the Lumbee Fairness Act which would grant full federal acknowledgement to the state-recognized group known as the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. The bill was passed in the House on Sept. 10 by a roll call vote of 231-196.

House Amendment 98 was agreed to prior to the roll call vote and incorporated the text of the Lumbee Fairness Act (H.R. 474) into H.R. 3838. The Senate version of the bill (S.2296) is currently being considered.

For years, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has opposed Lumbee recognition. EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks said in a statement to the One Feather, “Historians and the federal government have repeatedly found that the Lumbee cannot substantiate their claims to be a tribe. Until the name was invented in 1956 there was no such thing as a ‘Lumbee Tribe’. The families they claim to descend from were never identified as Native in historical documents. If Congress passes this legislation, it will be the first time in U.S. history that a group is recognized without evidence of descent from a known historical tribe. If that becomes the standard, the floodgates open—there are hundreds

of groups making false claims waiting to cut their own backroom deal.”

He added, “This legislation isn’t recognizing a tribe — it’s creating one out of thin air—at a cost of nearly \$2 billion in just five years, with billions more in the years to come.”

Congressman David Rouzer (R-N.C.), who introduced H.R. 474 (Lumbee Fairness Act), said in a statement, “Today marks an historic effort not just for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, but for justice long overdue. I’m proud to stand with the Lumbee people as the House passed legislation to grant them full recognition. This is about dignity, opportunity, and honoring the rich heritage of one of North Carolina’s proudest communities.”

This issue has been before Congress before. Following are the results of Lumbee recognition bills from the past 11 Congresses alone. The bills passed in the House would subsequently die in the Senate.

- The Lumbee Fairness Act (H.R. 1101), in the 118th Congress, passed the House by a vote of 311-96 on Dec. 17, 2024.
- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 2758), in the 117th Congress, passed the House by a vote of 357-59 on Nov. 1, 2021.
- The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Recognition Act (H.R. 1964), in the 116th Congress, passed the House by a voice vote on Nov. 16,

2020.

- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 2352), in the 115th Congress, died in the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 184), in the 114th Congress, died in the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 1803), in the 113th Congress, died in the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 27), in the 112th Congress, died in the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs.
- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 31), in the 111th Congress, passed the House by a vote of 240-179 on June 3, 2009.
- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 65), in the 110th Congress, passed the House by a vote of 256-128 on June 7, 2007.
- The Lumbee Recognition Act (H.R. 21), in the 109th Congress, died in the House Committee on Resources.
- The Lumbee Recognition Act (S.420), in the 108th Congress, passed the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Nov. 24, 2003 but never made it to a vote in the Senate. There was no House companion bill in that Congress.



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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

New this week

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

Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.

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

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

Bills recently passed

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

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

Action: This bill was tacked on to

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

Bills we're currently watching

H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act). This House bill would place 76 acres of land in eastern Tennessee into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Included in that land are the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, the Chota Memorial, and the Tanasi Memorial sites.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

H.R. 3444. (Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act of 2025).

According to the bill text, this House bill is “To direct 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

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LEGISLATIVE: From page 9

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The resolution continues, “The House of Representatives (1) recognizes Overdose Awareness Day (reporter’s note – it is usually Aug. 31, but a specific date is not listed in the resolution) in the United States; (2) commits to advancing the passing bipartisan policies that reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorders and overdoses; and is dedicated to collaborating with states, localities, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, health care providers, patients, and families to support a comprehensive system that promotes prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery from opioid use disorder.”
Introduced: Rep. Lori Trahan (D-Mass.) on Aug. 29
Action: This resolution was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Aug. 29. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this resolution as of press time.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:
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**13 days until the
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EBCI Government Explained Parades and demonstrations

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The first amendment of the United States Constitution includes the “right of the people peaceably to assemble”, and this is also covered in the Cherokee Code of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). This was put into the Code with the passage of Ord. No. 574 on Sept. 10, 1993.

Cherokee Code Chapter 167 deals specifically with parades and demonstrations. Sec. 167-1 outlines when a permit for such activities is required. “It shall be unlawful for any person to obstruct or

block the public highways, roads, streets or sidewalks on Cherokee Trust Lands by any exhibition, demonstration, picket line, or parade, so as to prevent the normal flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, except that a special permit may be granted pursuant to this article by the Chief of Police, or by authority of the Tribal Council authorizing peaceful occupancy of a specified portion of the street or sidewalk for a specified period of time for purposes other than hostile demonstrations or commercial gain. Participation in such illegal exhibition, demonstration, picket line, or parade by any individual, through leadership, organization or physical participation therein, shall be unlawful.”

While the terms “peaceful occupancy” and “hostile demonstration” are not defined in Code,

Sec. 167-2 describes what conduct is expected for people during demonstrations. It states, “(a) It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons to shout, scream, sing or make any other noises with their voices which shall be unreasonably loud and which disturbs the general public.

(b) It shall be considered that shouting, screaming, singing or making of any other noises with voices by any person shall be considered as being unreasonably loud and disturbing when it can be heard through the distance of 1,200 feet.

(c) Any gathering of persons or any group of persons upon the public highways, roads, streets or sidewalks for the purpose of creating, or which creates, mechanical or vocal sound which is of such intensity or nature as to interfere with the rights of peaceful occupancy by property owners in the adjoining areas, is unlawful, and no individual shall participate in, lead, direct or encourage such actions.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person participating in, affiliated with, or present as a spectator at any parade, demonstration, picket line or exhibition to willfully possess or have immediate access to any dangerous weapon. For the purposes of this section, the term “dangerous weapon” shall include any firearm, bowie knife, dagger, metallic knuckles, razor, stun gun or any other object capable of inflicting serious bodily injury or death when used as a weapon.

(e) Nothing provided in this section shall be construed to prevent the orderly expression of spectators at any regularly organized sport event or the peaceful assembly of any group for orderly expression or communication

between those assembled.”

Section 167-8 states the circumstance for which a demonstration permit might be denied. “The Chief of Police or Tribal Council may refuse to issue the permit when the activity or purpose stated would violate the provision of this chapter or any other ordinance, or when the activity or purpose would endanger the public health or safety or hinder or prevent the orderly movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.”

Sec. 167-9 sets the penalty for violation of Chapter 167 law as being a fine of not more than \$500 and not more than six months imprisonment.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Former NFL quarterbacks and brothers David and Derek Carr both played football for what college team?
2. American biophysicist, biochemist and inventor Britton Chance won a gold medal at the 1952 Helsinki Summer Olympics competing in what sport?
3. What forced the cancellation of the 1919 Stanley Cup Final series after five games between the Montreal Canadiens and the Seattle Metropolitans?
4. Name the NBA player with the Seattle SuperSonics (1973-78) who was known for his shaved head and his off-center headband.
5. Sepang International Circuit, site of a Formula 1 Grand Prix race from 1999-2017, is located in what country?
6. Who became the first (and still only) American man to win an Olympic gold medal in the javelin throw when he did it at the 1952 Helsinki Summer Games? (Hint: He shares a name with a baseball legend.)
7. First presented in 2015, the annual award given to the best power forward in men's college basketball is named after what Basketball Hall of Famer?

Answers

1. The Fresno State Bulldogs.
2. Sailing.
3. An outbreak of Spanish flu.
4. Slick Watts.
5. Malaysia.
6. Cy Young.
7. Karl Malone.

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Wilnoty convicted of decade-long child sex abuse

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On July 31 in Cherokee Court, with Judge Barbara Parker presiding, Bernard David Wilnoty plead guilty to two counts of abusive sexual contact, one count of aggravated sexual abuse, with one count of assault on a child and solicitation dismissed with the plea.

For one count of felony abusive sexual contact, which occurred in December 2016, Wilnoty was sentenced to 475 days in Cherokee Jail, with credit given for 110 days served prior to judgement. For one count of felony abusive sexual contact, which occurred

in August 2013, and one count of felony aggravated sexual abuse, which occurred in August 2003, Wilnoty was sentenced to 36 months, which was suspended with supervised probation.

Wilnoty will register as a Tier 3 sex offender, which will entail lifetime registry.

Nunez pleads guilty to second degree murder and felony child abuse

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**,
One Feather Reporter and
On-site staffer
INDICA CLIMBINGBEAR

ROBBINSVILLE, N.C.—Corbin Lee Nunez plead guilty to second degree murder and felony child abuse in Graham Co. Courthouse

on the afternoon of Sept. 18. Nunez murdered his 8-month-old daughter, Lively Crüe Colindres, in February of 2022.

Nunez was sentenced to 300–372 months in prison for second-degree murder, and 64–89 months for felony child abuse. Nunez will receive 1,365 days credit for time served.

The mother, Elbia Colindres, read her victim impact statement in court. Colindres shared her statement with the One Feather. In part of her statement, Colindres said, “The hardest days of my life were choosing the clothes my 8-month-old daughter would wear on the day of her funeral, and living through that day itself...I was a mother with no child. A mother forced to live without her daughter.”

The presiding judge was the

Honorable Judge Edwin Wilson who commented, “I’ve done this job for over 20 years, and I can never get used to the murders, especially that of a child.”

CIPD Arrest Report for Sept. 8-14, 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.

Anthony Jr., Troy Douglas – age 25
Arrested: Sept. 9



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Released: Sept. 9
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Taylor, Jason Shane – age 51
Arrested: Sept. 9
Released: Sept. 9
Charges: Larceny

Armachain Jr., Steven – age 42
Arrested: Sept. 10
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 15)
Charges: Communicating Threats, Resisting Lawful Arrest

Jenkins, Emmett Gregory – age 62
Arrested: Sept. 10
Released: Sept. 10
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Ledford III, Noah – age 33
Arrested: Sept. 10
Released: Sept. 10
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

Driver, Derek Wilson – age 33
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Sept. 12
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Lambert, Nikki Nicole – age 34
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Sept. 11
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Parton, Reagan Elizabeth – age 32
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 15)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Probation Violation

Robinson, Denerio Rodrecus – age 41
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 15)

Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Wade, Jason Lee – age 34
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 15)
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Bradley, Ceceilia Belle – age 34
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 15)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Davis, Corey Matthew – age 35
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Sept. 13
Charges: Drug Trafficking (two counts); Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance; Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts)

Edwards, Casey John – age 42
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Sept. 12
Charges: Temporary Hold

Timeau, Ralph – age 40
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Sept. 12
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Yanez, Colby Lucas – age 31
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 15)
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Reckless Endangerment

French, Anthony Reign – age 46
Arrested: Sept. 13
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 15)

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Palma, Angel – age 46
Arrested: Sept. 13
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 15)
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Martens, Dorain Sequoyah – age 25
Arrested: Sept. 14

Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 15)
Charges: Kidnapping; Injuring Telephone Wires or other Communication Equipment Interfering with Emergency Communication; Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (two counts); Pre-Trial Release Violation

Owle-Perez, Korrina Lynn – age 24
Arrested: Sept. 14
Released: Sept. 14
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

The One Feather is developing a list of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists and craftspeople to help get your name out there for potential buyers. If you would like to be included, please send your name, contact information (phone, email, etc.), and what mediums you are selling to: Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov or message us on our Facebook page.





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

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- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority – Analenisgi Wing
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- Pamela Dawn Taylor Gym & Community Center (Formerly known as Paintown Gym)
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- 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)

FOOTBALL

Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi win big over Rosman 40-6

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

The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) hosted the Rosman Tigers at Ray Kinsland Memorial Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Sept. 19.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter

7:36 - CHER - Dawson Panther 8-yard pass to Jonathan Saylor. PAT no good. Cherokee 6 Rosman 0

3:40 - CHER - Kingston Welch 11-yard run. PAT good. Cherokee 13 Rosman 0

2nd Quarter

3:11 - CHER - Kingston Welch 17-yard run. PAT good. Cherokee 20 Rosman 0

3rd Quarter

10:41 - CHER - Kingston Welch 6-yard run. PAT no good. Cherokee 26 Rosman 0

7:46 - CHER - Kingston Welch 16-yard run. PAT good. Cherokee 33 Rosman 0

4th Quarter

11:44 - CHER - Noah Watty 24-yard run. PAT good. Cherokee 40 Rosman 0

5:59 - ROS - Brayan Reynaldo 1-yard run. 2-point conversion no good. Cherokee 40 Rosman 6

FINAL SCORE: Cherokee 40 Rosman 6

GAME STATISTICS

(Note: Rosman did not enter any statistics into Maxpreps, the official stat keeper for NCHSAA, for



Cherokee's Kingston Welch (#21) runs for a gain in the first half of Friday's game. On the night, he rushed the ball 15 times for 175 yds and 4 touchdowns.

this game.)

PASSING: Cher – Dawson Panther, 7 of 11 for 81 yds, 1 TD

RUSHING: Cher – Noah Watty, 6 carries for 68 yds, 1 TD; Jonathan Saylor, 3 carries for 34 yds; Javan Garcia, 1 carry for 9 yds; Dillon Beam, 1 carry for 4 yds; Kingston Welch, 15 carries for 175 yds, 4 TDs
RECEIVING: Cher - Noah Watty, 2 rec for 53 yds, 1 TD; Javan Garcia, 3 rec for 30 yds

TACKLES: Cher – John Gloyne 1, Jonathan Saylor 3, Kyitan Johnson 3, Mack Burgess 2, Javan Garcia 5, Kimo Sokol 3, Trae Carey 5, Dillon Beam 1, Cain Welch 1, Elijah Sherrill 1, Charlie Swayney 9 (2 fumble recoveries), J. Saunooke 2, Dalton Yates 3, Emiliano Garcia 4, Kaden Cucumber 1, Zaynon Taylor 1, Levi Tramper 4, Reginal Hyatt 2, Preston Roach 1, Nicolas Paramo 1, Drallen Ledford 3, Kingston Welch 2



Cherokee's Jonathan Saylor (#7) and Tsu-la Howlingcrane (#6) celebrate after Saylor caught an 8-yard touchdown pass from Dawson Panther in the first quarter.



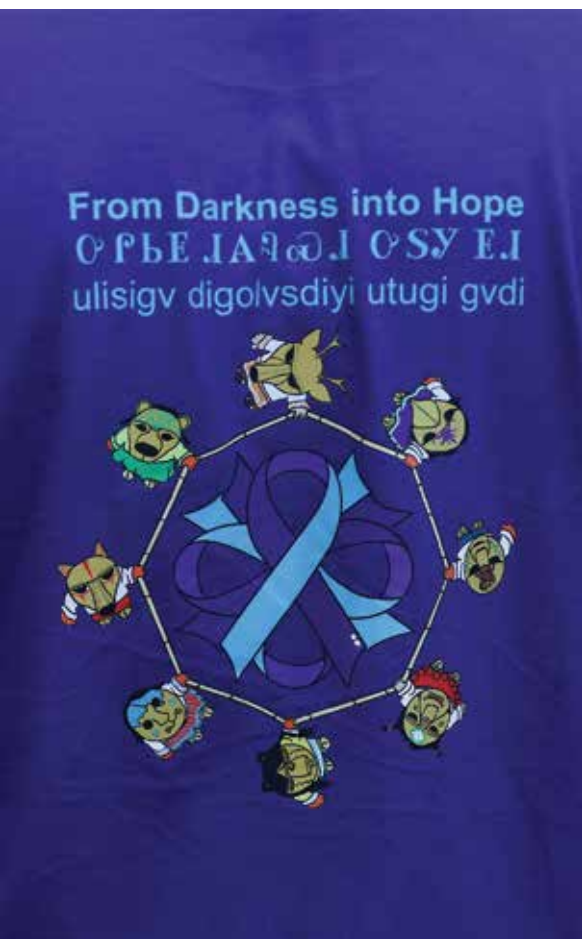
Cherokee's Charlie Swayney celebrates a fumble recovery. On the night, he had 9 tackles and 2 fumble recoveries.

Healing and Hope

Photos by SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather Asst. Editor

The Ulisigv Digolvsdiyi Utugi Gvdi (From Darkness Into Hope) Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention Event was held on the Oconaluftee Island Park in Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 18. The event featured speeches and information booths from programs and entities of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) as well as other area programs.

The following people spoke during the event: Sonya Wachacha, EBCI secretary of public health and human services, gave welcoming remarks; Dr. Freida Saylor, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) clinical director of behavior health sciences, gave welcoming remarks; Israel Milan Rodriguez, CIHA patient access manager, spoke on "Shame and Resilience"; Tom Hill, retired masters level therapist at Analenisgi, spoke on "Grief"; Ava Walkingstick, a junior at Cherokee High School, spoke on "The Impact of Bullying and How it Affects us Mentally"; Cat-cue Tiger, Cherokee Central Schools cultural facilitator, spoke on "Cultural Views on Balance and Wellbeing"; Jessica Huskey, Selu Mothering Project co-founder, spoke on "Postpartum Mental Health for Parents: Perinatal Mood & Anxiety Disorders"; Kevin Jackson, EBCI director of information technology and a U.S. Army veteran, spoke on "Mental Health and Culture"; and Joe Lambert, training and event supervisor, Galvgwodiya at Analanisgi, spoke on "Suicide Prevention: Signs and Resources".







Cherokee High School 2025 Homecoming Court

Following is the 2025 Cherokee High School Homecoming Court. This year, there will be a King and a Prince crowning in addition to the Queen and Princess crownings. Festivities will be held during halftime of the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) vs Murphy Bulldogs football game at Ray Kinsland Memorial Stadium on Friday, Sept. 26. The class representatives are shown, left to right, back row – Ava Walkingstick, Chaz Martens, Joscelyn Stamper, Dillon Beam, Cecily Dvdaya Swimmer, Tayvin Bark, Marleigh Aguilera, Adaneti Durham, Livia Crowe, Reggie Hyatt, Zoe De Los Reyes, Noah Dossett, Yvonne Saunooke, Timber Sampson, Marlee Hicks, Samuel Hernandez, Lilly Lossiah, Cameron Oocumma, Kennedy Moore, Josue Rivera; front row – First Grade Attendants Jeannine McCoy and Dayton Tooni. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools)

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Ask A Therapist Should I tell my family? Expectations Vs. Reality

By BROOKE BARRETT, LCMHC

Q: I have been recently diagnosed with a mental health disorder, my family doesn't know yet. How do I approach discussing it with them as well as dealing with the stigma that comes with a Mental health diagnosis?

Answer: First, let's acknowledge the courage it takes to receive a diagnosis and even consider sharing it with your family. That's a big step, and it's normal to feel a mix of relief, fear, and uncertainty. You have valued your health enough to take action and seek professional help and that deserves being honored.

Expectations are resentments under construction

I often joke with clients that therapy is for people who need more support navigating people in their life who will NOT go to therapy! All jokes aside, expectations are resentments under construction. When thinking about telling family members about a diagnosis, many people carry unspoken expectations. You might imagine support, relief, or finally being understood. But the reality is often more complicated. Families may respond with compassion, curiosity, confusion, or even dismissal. Preparing yourself for both possibilities can protect your sense of self and help you approach the conversation with more clarity of what you want/need moving forward. Our expectations can set us up for failure which is why it's important to be aware of them.

Questions to ask yourself

before sharing

- Why do I want to share this right now? For support? To be transparent? To reduce secrecy?
- What am I hoping my family will do with this information? Listen, offer encouragement, respect boundaries? (This one helps to see if you are expecting your relative to show up as someone they are not currently. If your family has never respected boundaries, expecting them to magically begin now might be an unrealistic expectation)
- Do I expect them to respond a certain way? If so, what will I do if they don't?
- Would it help me to practice with a trusted friend, therapist, or support group first?

Sometimes, we hope family will give us what we've long needed: validation, safety, and care. And if they can't, the disappointment can sting more than staying quiet. Knowing your expectations ahead of time allows you to enter the conversation more grounded.

Reasons for sharing

There are many valid reasons to tell your family:

- You want to reduce shame and secrecy
 - You need their support during treatment
 - You want to deepen honesty in your relationships
- #### Reasons for waiting
- Your safety or well-being might be compromised by disclosure
 - You don't feel ready to answer questions about your treatment or diagnosis
 - You're still coming to terms with it yourself

Navigating stigma and misunderstanding

Even if stigma surfaces, remember that it doesn't diminish your progress. Family members may need time to catch up. It can

help to frame your diagnosis in terms of your growth: "This helps me understand myself better and gives me tools for healing."

Reality check

The truth is, sharing a diagnosis is not a single moment, it's often a process. If your family isn't supportive, please know that their response is not a reflection of your worth or the legitimacy of your experience. Sometimes loved ones need time, education, or their own healing before they can show up in the way we hope. In the meantime, it's okay to lean on friends, professionals, or community who can provide the understanding and support you deserve. Reactions may shift over time as your family sees your commitment to care and stability. Your job is not to convince them; it's to take care of yourself while allowing them the space to learn and support.

Have a mental health or relationship question? Submit anonymously to Ask a Therapist at asktherapistbrooke@gmail.com. Your question might help others too.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Sloths might be the only mammals that don't fart.

- Austrian-American composer Arnold Schoenberg feared the number 13 so intensely that he deliberately misspelled his opera "Moses and Aron" to have 12 letters instead of 13. He also died on July 13, 1951, which would seem to confirm his phobia.

- The first round of women's golf was played in 1811 — four centuries after the sport was invented.

- Almost all of the first major television networks — NBC, ABC and CBS — still exist today, but the second network to get off the ground, the DuMont Television Network, is mostly forgotten, though it aired the first two seasons of "The Honeymooners" and "Mary Kay and Johnny," which is widely considered to be the first sitcom.

- Believe it or not, May is Zombie Awareness Month, which celebrates zombie media and recognizes ways to prepare for a zombie apocalypse. Participants are encouraged to wear gray ribbons to spread awareness of the potential dangers of the undead.

- In 2023, North Dakota was named the best state for surviving a zombie apocalypse.

- We obtain 60% of our energy intake from just three plant species — rice, wheat and maize.

- Spiders recycle webs by eating them.

- The sitcom "30 Rock" was known for its fast-pace writing, with one reporter calculating in 2014 that there was an average of 7.44 jokes per minute.

- After "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" first aired in 1966, Charles Schulz's California office was inundated with shipments of candy sent from kids who were upset that Charlie Brown only got rocks in his Halloween goodie bag.

Thought for the Day: "Liberty means responsibility. That is why most people dread it." — George Bernard Shaw

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Right Path Adult Leadership Program celebrates 2025 Graduates, welcomes 2026 Cohort

KITUWAH – The Duyugodv'i Right Path Adult Leadership Program honored its 2025 graduates and introduced the 2026 cohort during a special ceremony held Thursday, Sept. 11 at the Kituwah Mound Pavilion.

This year's graduates included Tyra Maney, Sheena West, Malia Crowe-Skulski, Lynn Catt, Ashford Smith, Nichole Efird, Madison Leatherwood, Samantha Bradley, Faith Long-Presley, and Kevin Tafoya. The 2025 graduates introduced themselves in the Cherokee language and reflected on their time in the program. They spoke about forming a deep connection with one another and expressed gratitude for the many presenters who shared their knowledge and experiences throughout the year.

During the ceremony, Tyra Maney highlighted the group's project, Tsunatsohisdi—Where They Gather, which took place on July 26 at the Museum of the Cherokee People. The one-day event celebrated Cherokee art and culture with art vendors and hands-on classes, including weaving with Louise Goings, polymer clay mask-making with Michelle Long, and a Sense of Place lecture by Levi West, paired with a cornbread necklace-making class taught by Faith Long-Presley.

"This year's graduates worked hard and grew together in meaningful ways. I'm grateful to all the presenters who shared their knowledge and experiences with them, and I'm excited to see how they will carry that knowledge into the community," said Tara McCoy, Right Path Leadership specialist.

The incoming 2026 cohort was



The 2026 Right Path Adult Leadership Cohort are shown left to right including: Alea Martens, Megan Smith, Lori Sanders, Shannon Bark, Bumper Smith, Josiah Lossiah, Nelson Lambert, and Weege Littlejohn. Not pictured are Israel Rodriguez and Jarrett Wildcatt. (Photo by Raylen Bark)

also announced at the event. This year's participants are Shannon Bark, Bumper Smith, Weege Littlejohn, Nelson Lambert, Megan Smith, Josiah Lossiah, Alea Martens, Lori Sanders, Jarrett Wildcatt, and Israel Rodriguez.

The Duyugodv'i Right Path Adult Leadership Program is a nomination-based initiative for enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Participants meet two full days each month for a year to study Cherokee history, culture, and language while building leadership skills rooted in servant leadership and the seven Cherokee Core Values: Group Harmony, Sense of Place, Strong Individual Character, Honoring the Past, Educating the Children, Spirituality, and Sense of Humor.



The 2025 Right Path Adult Leadership Cohort is shown, left to right, back row - Ashford Smith, Tyra Maney, Sheena West, Malia Crowe-Skulski; front row - Nichole Efird, Lynn Catt, Madison Leatherwood, and Samantha Bradley. Not pictured are Faith Long-Presley and Kevin Tafoya. (Photo by Kristy Herron)

The program is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and operates under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at

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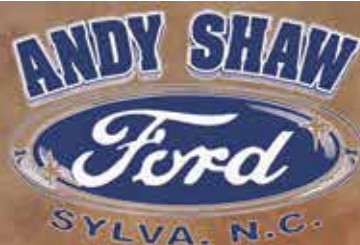
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

Elk rutting season underway in Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Keep at least 50 yards (150 feet) from all wildlife

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—The annual elk breeding season, known as the rut, is underway in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The rut can be exciting to witness, but it can also be dangerous, as elk are especially unpredictable during this time.

Park visitors should exercise extra caution and respect all wildlife regulations as they visit the park this season.

During the rut, male elk (bulls), experience heightened testosterone levels and are more likely to exhibit defensive behavior as they compete for dominance. Bulls will charge or challenge anything

they perceive as a threat, including people and vehicles. Additionally, female elk (cows), remain protective of their calves, adding to the overall stress amongst elk herds.

To ensure both visitor and wildlife safety, follow these guidelines:

- Keep your distance: Willfully approaching elk within 50 yards (150 feet), or at any distance that causes them to change their behavior due to your presence, is illegal in the park. Violating this federal regulation may result in fines or arrest.
- Respect area closures and staff guidance: Adhere to direction given by park rangers and volunteers regarding your viewing distance. The fields around Oconaluftee and Cataloochee are closed to all visitors during this sensitive time.
- Stay alert and slow down: Elk frequently cross roadways, espe-

cially in areas like Oconaluftee, Cataloochee, Balsam Mountain and along the Blue Ridge Parkway. Obey speed limits and remain vigilant.

- Viewing elk from your vehicle: Use designated pull-offs and make sure your vehicle is completely off of the roadway and not obstructing traffic.

- Back away if approached: If an elk approaches you, calmly back away and give it plenty of space.

Once native to the southern Appalachian Mountains, elk were eliminated from the region by the mid-1800s due to overhunting and habitat loss. Their return to Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a powerful story of conservation. In 2001, the National Park Service reintroduced 25 elk to Cataloochee Valley, launching a successful effort to restore the species to its historic range. Today, elk thrive in the park, captivating visitors and playing a vital role in the ecosystem.

For the most rewarding elk viewing experience, plan your visit during the early morning or late evening hours, when elk are most active. Visitors are most likely to see elk in North Carolina in areas such as Cataloochee, Balsam Mountain and Oconaluftee.

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the beauty of elk in their

natural habitat while also prioritizing safety and conservation. Learn more about elk and their role in the Smokies.

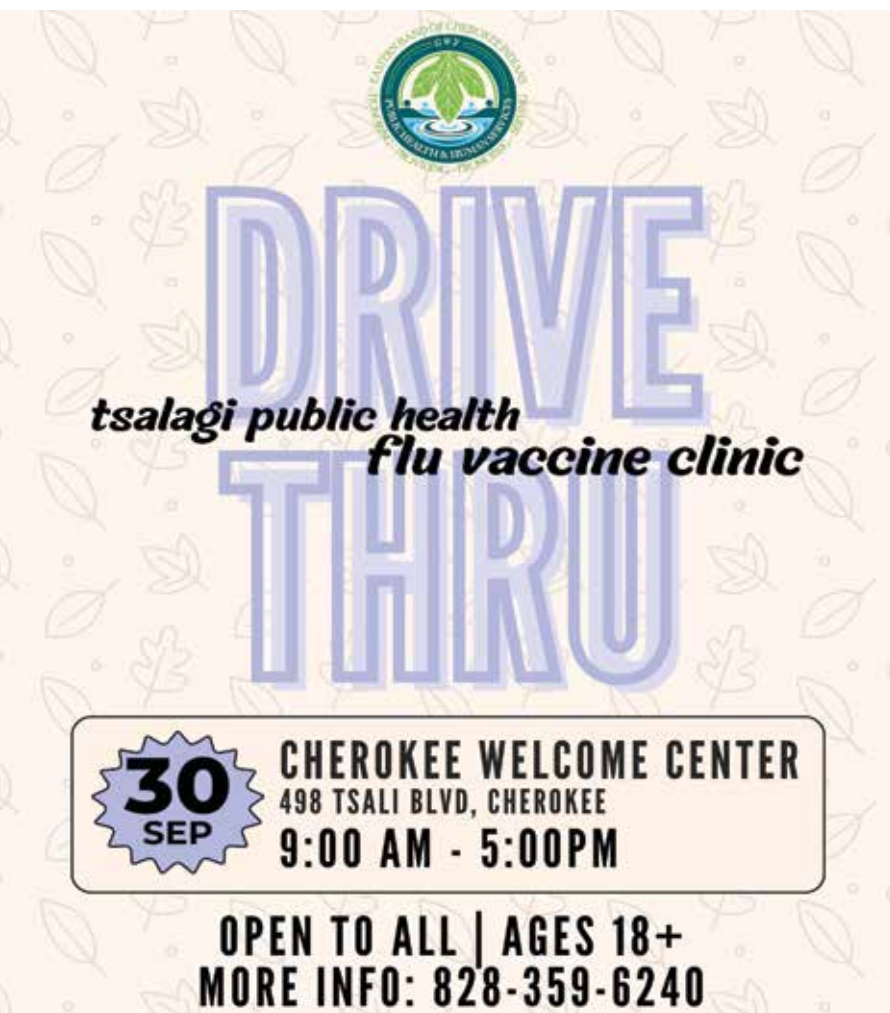
- National Park Service release

Smokies Life now accepting applications for 2026 Steve Kemp Writer's Residency

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — Smokies Life, a nonprofit partner of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, is now accepting applications for its sixth Steve Kemp Writer's Residency. The annual program is designed to help writers of any medium connect in meaningful ways with the national park while focusing on their craft in an inspiring, retreat-like setting.

Following the application process, one writer will be selected to live in the Great Smoky Mountains for six weeks in 2026. The chosen writer will have the opportunity to be immersed in the natural environment and cultural history of the Smokies, learning about the park in ways that will inform their chosen genre — whether this is narrative nonfiction, fiction, poetry, playwriting, music or another form of writing. Applications for the 2026 Kemp Residency are being accepted now through Nov. 1.

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a verdant, teeming, undulating, ancient landscape. There is no substitute for full immersion,” said writer and biology professor Jim Costa, the 2025 Steve Kemp writer in residence, who participated alongside Leslie Costa, illustrator in residence. During their residency, the North Carolina-based couple worked on writing and illustrating their forthcoming field guide to the natural history of the park’s insects, to be published by Smokies Life.

To better observe insect activity and the various life cycle stages of different species throughout the seasons, the Costas split their residency into three two-week stays rather than spending six consecutive weeks in the park. This also allowed them to engage with park visitors through Smokies Life’s Branch Out programming, teach-

ing others about insect diversity and species’ connections to native plants.

“We were deeply honored to be awarded the 2025 Kemp Residency in support of our field guide project,” Leslie said. “Besides the uninterrupted blocks of time for observing, writing and drawing at different points in the season, it was so fun working with the park’s education staff to encourage folks to look a bit more closely at the natural world around them.”

The residency’s namesake, Steve Kemp, retired from Smokies Life in 2017 after spending 30 years writing, editing and directing the publication of hundreds of books, magazines, brochures and newsletters that continue to support the preservation of the national park. As part of the residency, each writer works with Kemp, Smokies Life Creative Director Frances Figart and other park professionals and partners.

Previous program awardees include author Daron K. Roberts, Western Carolina University professor Dr. Brian Railsback, nature writer Sue Wasserman, journalist Latria Graham and poet Elise Anderson.

For full residency details, as well as instructions for submitting an application prior to the Nov. 1 deadline, visit SmokiesLife.org/the-steve-kemp-writers-residency.

- *Smokies Life release*

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you to the Cherokee Senior Citizens Center

I, Linda J. Lambert, an EBCI Elder, would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Renissa McLaughlin and Monica Wildcatt for our recent Senior Trip. We traveled to the Bahamas on the Carnival Glory Cruise Ship. The Glory is a beautiful older ship with

beautiful cabins and one of the best things was that we all had our own private balconies. We were indeed a very lucky group of people to be able to go on a trip like this. For some, this was their first cruise. We had nice cabins and delicious food for dinner. We chose an appetizer, an entree, and a dessert off the menu. We met with our group every evening for dinner and every morning for breakfast if we decided to do so. We chose the excursions that we wanted to attend, and for those that enjoyed the Casino, then that was their choosing. We all had Renissa and Monica’s numbers so we were as close as a text anytime of the day. They both treated us with dignity and respect and helped us off and on the bus at all stops and had plenty of snacks available with water and juice if wanted. A very blessed trip. Thanks so much. And thanks to Kris Sikorski and Ulela Harris also, although they were on the other bus. Kris helped load and unload my bags, and Monica helped me off the ship and believe me that was quite the walk. We are blessed to have Renissa and Monica over the West Senior Center.

Submitted by,
Linda J. Lambert
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dear Board Members of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund,

I am writing to extend my heartfelt thanks for your continued support of my graduate studies. As I begin my second year in the PhD program in History at the University of Georgia, I remain deeply grateful for the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship’s investment in my academic journey. Your generous support has made it pos-

sible for me to focus more fully on my research and language work, which is rooted in my commitment to our shared culture and history.

I am now able to dedicate more time and energy to my dissertation, which centers on collaborative work with first-language Cherokee speakers to translate and analyze the Cherokee-language editorials published in the Cherokee Phoenix newspaper. This research not only enriches the historical record and re-centers Cherokee voices in the telling of our past, but also actively supports ongoing language preservation efforts. I am committed to giving back to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in the years ahead, both through my scholarship and by helping to ensure that our history is preserved with care, accuracy, and respect. Sgi for supporting my journey!

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idence surrounded by his loving
family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sons,

Left to cherish his memory is his son, Michael Joseph Christie of Salisbury, N.C.; daughters, Mary Himes (Bob) of Salisbury, N.C. and JoAnn Jackson (Perry) of Salisbury, N.C.; brothers, Wayne Christie (Diane) of Salisbury, N.C., Bill Christie (Pat) of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Jack Christie (Dee) of Salisbury, N.C., and Jerry Christie (Debbie) of Salisbury, N.C.; sisters, Mary Alice Carroll of Pauline, S.C. and Emily Doby of Linwood, N.C.; grandchildren: Katie Taylor (Andrew), Rockie Shehan, Sarah Hailey (Edward) and Holly Morris

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital, Processing Center, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394. Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Christie family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Georgia Elaine Driver
Georgia Elaine Driver, 60, of Cherokee, passed away Tuesday,

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 20 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Burial was in the Lucy Sequoyah Driver Family Cemetery.

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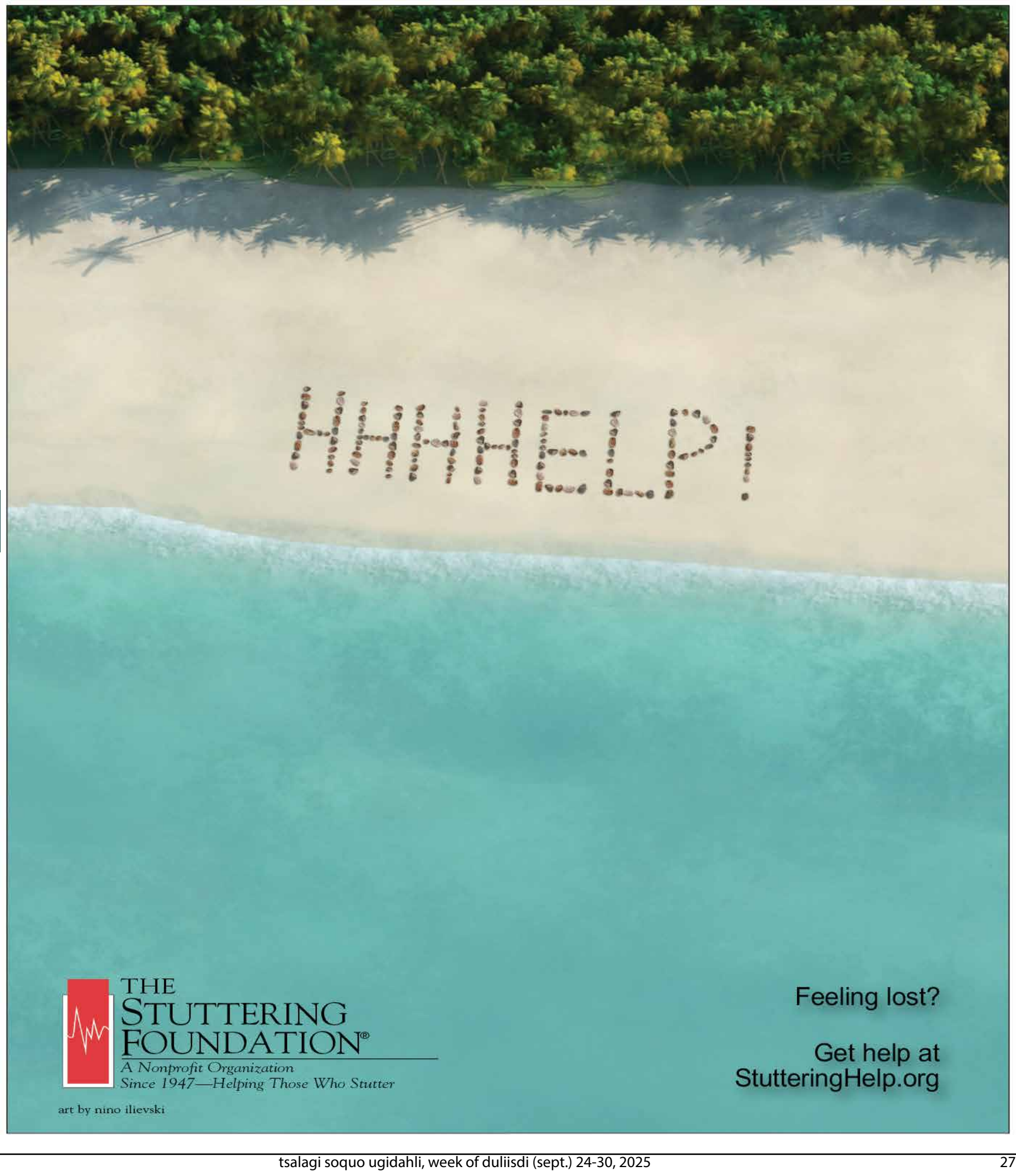
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A photograph showing two chestnut leaves held side-by-side for comparison. The leaf on the left is long, slender, and has a smooth underside. The leaf on the right is shorter, wider, and has a leathery texture. A hand is visible at the bottom left holding the leaves.

Source: Jaime Vanderleuvenson

Once one of the most dominate trees in eastern U.S forests, the **American Chestnut** is now considered functionally extinct due to blight. While young sprouts of American Chestnut trees can still be found, they aren't able to survive to maturity. The Chinese Chestnut is now more common because it is resistant to the blight. You can tell them apart by their leaves: American Chestnut leaves (left) are long and slender with smooth undersides, while the Chinese Chestnut leaves (right) are shorter, leathery, and have white, hairy undersides.



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COMMENTARY

The importance of communal dialogue

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

People are being killed for it. Simply having an opposing opinion can cost your family members. You may lose friends. You may lose your job. You may lose your life. We, in general, are losing our ability to disagree on an issue without hating the person with the opposing position on the issue. I thought “cancel” in the modern definitive use was indeed a relatively new creation. But it seems that the new definition of cancel

might have come from a 1991 movie called “New Jack City”, where the word was used when cutting ties with someone. In one of my rare moments of compassion for AI, I found the following summary: “Cancel culture is the withdrawal of support for public figures and companies after they have said or done something questionable or offensive. It is a form of public shaming, often conducted on social media, that can result in significant social and professional repercussions for the target.”

Speaking of AI, shaming, and cancelling, the following report hit the headlines this week: “Matthew Raine and his wife, Maria, had no idea that their 16-year-old son, Adam, was deep in a suicidal crisis until he took his own life in April. Looking through his phone

after his death, they stumbled upon extended conversations the teenager had had with ChatGPT. Those conversations revealed that their son had confided in the AI chatbot about his suicidal thoughts and plans. Not only did the chatbot discourage him from seeking help from his parents, but it also offered to write his suicide note, according to Matthew Raine, who testified at a Senate hearing about the harms of AI chatbots held Tuesday.” (www.judiciary.senate.gov)

A phrase that has been used since at least the mid-19th century has apparently lost its meaning. When taunted and insulted by others, the old schoolyard saying used to be “sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me”. The reality of that statement was that you can yell and scream words at me, and they will never harm me physically. It was simple and childlike. And true. This simple little children’s rhyme was society’s admonition to not resort to physical violence because you are offended by words from another.

It wasn’t a call for people to be silent. It wasn’t a direction to change your words. It challenged the reaction to words, to appeal to our “better angels” and be bigger than those words, and seek resolution or at least understanding through means other than physical violence.

We now live in a culture that breeds fear of retribution. We suppress what we say because of the radical reactions that we have witnessed from others. We weigh each social interaction, afraid that our words will be followed by “sticks and stones”. Or a bullet. We choose either to hold our tongue or accept that there is a possibility

that a discussion will devolve into a fight ending in hospitalization or death. Sounds dramatic, but it has been borne out repeatedly. From road rage to mass killings in schools and churches, we see the signs of cancelling through physical violence instead of temperate discussion. There seems to be a mindset among some that when argument fails, violence is justified. Just my opinion, but that seems to be a lose/lose scenario.

Whether on a world stage or in the little hamlet of Cherokee, N.C., we see the effects of words. We also see the effects of violence. Yes, even here in our little town and our little community. The most recent CIPD weekly report shows the arrest report had 21 arrests of our people on it, four expressly for violent acts. The CIPD monthly report shows, year to date, 310 arrests for assault, five more than this time last year. The Cherokee Court Disposition Report reveals that in August 2025, two assaults on officers, two charges of elder abuse, five counts of assaults on females, two simple assaults, and nine counts of accused child abuse were adjudicated. Cringe-worthy information.

Society seems to be intent on being manipulated into two extreme factions. One extreme side of an ideology aims its aggressive agenda at the other extreme side, and most of us are getting caught in a crossfire of extreme rhetoric. My personal understanding is that God/Creator is the God of absolutes, a world of black and white. Mankind is a creation that lives in states of constant confusion, a world of infinite shades of gray.

And since I brought religion into it, during the Civil War, two very different ideologies clashed first in heated debate,



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then in a fierce battle with many mini conflicts, sometimes pitting biological brother against brother. Both sides claimed that they would ultimately see victory because “God was on their side.” It has been reported that Abraham Lincoln was once asked if he felt that God was indeed on the side of the Union. Lincoln replied, “Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God’s side, for God is always right.” (www.brainyquote.com) According to the American Battlefield Trust, by the end of the war, there were 1.1 million killed, wounded, captured, or missing.

If you don’t have a particular religious bent and if Christianity is not your thing, I am not debating that here. I am only saying that philosophically, it is sound thinking to examine writings attributed to God and glean from those what we think is a way to avoid words that turn into hate and actions that turn to violence. For example, in 1 Corinthians 13:13, “So now faith,

hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” Wouldn’t it be great if we truly could learn to speak to each other in love, no matter what the topic or ideological position is? I know that in my own personal dealings, when I start to get heated about an issue and when I remember to temper my speech with love, I always feel better about the outcome, even if I don’t “win” the argument.

I really enjoy reading and listening to good history presentations. Recently, I have been interested in the history of an event that occurred when I was nine years old. No, it wasn’t the Civil War; it was actually during the Vietnam War (technically for the U.S., a police action, because the U.S. never legally declared war). In mid-August 1969, a music event named Woodstock took place. It was supposed to be a music festival celebrating the mood of the times, a concert for peace. The organizers planned for and anticipated

40,000 to 50,000 concertgoers. Instead, 400,000 to 500,000 were estimated to have come to this event. I was reading some of the testimonials of people who attended Woodstock. While nearly all of them either participated or were witnesses to the expected drugs and sex that were perceived to follow such an event, they said most of the people were there for the music and the community of those advocating for love and peace. One commentary on Woodstock said, “Woodstock was much more than just a music festival. It was a gathering of like-minded individuals who were united by their opposition to the Vietnam War, their commitment to social justice, and their belief in the transformative power of art and culture. The festival’s themes of peace, love, and social justice were reflected in the music, the art, and the activism that surrounded the event, and have continued to inspire people around the world in the decades since. (www.hippieshop.com)

We are allowing social media and artificial intelligence to drive us further apart. No longer are there communal gatherings to just talk and see one another. It is so much easier to hate an emoji or avatar than it is to hate a flesh-and-blood person sitting across from you. We have become a society that phones it in rather than show up in person. There is a world of difference that we are letting slip away. We have seen it in recent weeks with the terrible images produced online of a disturbed individual looking at someone through the lens of a rifle scope and taking a life, like he was vaporizing an enemy in a video game. And with that decision, he destroyed many lives, including his own. Love instead of hate. Peace instead of violence. Discussion instead of rage. We can fix it. We can do better. The question is, “Are we going to realize what we need to do before it is too late?”



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

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine, sounds conceptually lovely, but the fact is, many people don't feel it, don't know it, and don't use the power God gave them through His Spirit. That power allows us to lean on Jesus and overcome temptation as He did.

We give up too easily, and we allow Satan too much sway. We need to remember the final battle has been won, and Jesus is our Victor. Live it, speak it.

Like Paul, I have battled with doing the things I don't want to do and not doing the things I want to do. I don't think I'm the only one, but I have, through the Grace of God, fought toe to toe with Satan over my sin, and not that I have won every time, but I have won enough to know when to start fighting. I start in my head when those evil thoughts begin to form. God's word and the Spirit are my weapons, suitable for us all.

I have seen most of you after the invitation to this altar has been made; it looks like everyone is saved. That's good. I'm in good company. You may not know everything about me, and I may not know everything about you, but we have eternity together to make up for that. By the way, now that we are all saved, when does eternity

start? We are eternal right now. Ever think about that?

Why don't we act like we are saved by Christ all the time? Christ saves us from sin by His grace, cleansed by His blood, right? We should be living a Kingdom life. I mean, you can't kill a Christian - did you know that? We will never die! This earthly body will go to a grave, to dust, but I will live eternally. So, all you can do to me on this earth is change my address. Right?

What do I have to fear as a Christian? I don't have to be tough enough - I have Christ; he's tough enough. I'm His son, and He is my Father. Who shall I fear? I wasn't saved to be silent. But I know a few things that not everyone is going to tell you.

First off, I'm possessed. Romans 8:38-39 says so. Many places in the Bible assure me of my Salvation, but that's my favorite. The Holy Spirit has me, and nothing can separate me from His love

and that possession. He holds on to me. NOTHING - can separate His love for me - NOTHING - Not even me.

Secondly, even though I'm saved and possessed by God, I still sin. I do! I admit it. Like Paul, I hate it when I do that, but it still happens when I'm weak, and I ask God to forgive me and help me not to sin anymore. I found a key to help me not sin. And it works.

As Jesus spoke in Galilee, Matthew 5:28, I firmly believe that if you think about doing sin, like adultery, the Lord knows your heart, and He can see your mind, and you have already sinned. My reaction to hearing that for the first time was, "That is totally not fair! I just thought about it. I didn't do it. I just kind of had a little fantasy, and hey, no harm, no foul, I didn't do anything." So, follow me down this rabbit trail for a minute.

It's all in your head. If you've been a Christian for a while, you've

heard the parable of Jesus when he talked about scattering seeds on fertile ground. Preachers, teachers, and evangelists all love that parable. So let me read it to you from Matthew 13:3-9.

Consider how the devil works just like that, too.

I could even rewrite those verses about Satan. Watch.

Satan's 13 - Behold, Satan went forth to sow; and as he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the Angels came and devoured them: and others fell upon places, where Jesus was the Rock and Foundation: and straightway they dissipated when the Son arose, and they were scorched because they had no root, they withered away. And others fell upon the church; and righteousness grew up and choked them: and others fell upon the wicked fertile soil in thoughtless minds, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He that hath ears, let him hear.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*You examine the Scriptures
because you think that
in them you have eternal life;
and it is those very Scriptures
that testify about Me...*

JOHN 5:39



"Woman Reading" by Rembrandt (1634)

Amber Waves

MY MOM SAYS WE NEED TO SPEND MORE TIME OUTSIDE AND STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES.



SNIFF
SNIFF



SNIFF
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WE LIVE ON A FARM WITH COWS AND PIGS. PRETTY SURE THAT'S NOT ROSES.



TIGER



The Spats



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. Shorts are shorter. 2. Suitcase is moved. 3. Thumb is moved. 4. Hat is smaller. 5. Flap on backpack is missing. 6. Sock is missing.

by Dave T. Phipps

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Antiquing aid
 - McCourt memoir
 - Alphabet quartet
 - Houston org.
 - "I love," to Ovid
 - Chaste
 - Floor cleaners
 - "Got it"
 - Plum relatives
 - Raw bar mol-lusk
 - Numbered rds.
 - "Eureka!"
 - River block-ers
 - Rich soil
 - Prattle
 - Debtor's note
 - Elegance
 - Swiss canton
 - Golfer Ernie
 - Plucked instrument
 - Slightly
 - Brewed drink
 - Bygone jets
 - Jerry of the Grateful Dead
 - Part of 42-Across
 - Sweet sand-wich
 - Nike slogan
 - Use a rotary phone
 - Santa — winds

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- DOWN**
- Common conjunctions
 - Old France
 - Canadian gas brand
 - Critics, often
 - Eastern path
 - Little rascal
 - Mediocre
 - Gorilla-like
 - Work very hard
 - Part of Q.E.D.
 - "Maureen" singer
 - Abolish
 - Missile shel-ter
 - Manitoba tribe
 - Woodland grazer
 - Rockies hrs.
 - Candied veg-gies
 - First lady of scat
 - Flies high
 - Conk out
 - MSN rival
 - Highly-ecommended book
 - Nile vipers
 - Football's Parseghian
 - eBay offer
 - Spiced
 - 39-Across
 - Stage com-ments
 - Paris school
 - Stick with a kick
 - Pantheon members
 - Met melody
 - Slightly open
 - Actress
 - Spelling
 - Iranian money
 - "Beetle Bailey" dog
 - Numerical prefix
 - Melancholy
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

1. A horse; 2. Richard Dreyfuss; 3. Moscow, Russia; 4. Detroit, Michigan; 5. Panem; 6. Four; 7. 8 minutes, 20 seconds; 8. 10; 9. "Hill Street Blues"; 10. 26

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The children's novel "Black Beauty" is about what kind of animal?
- MOVIES: Which actor narrates the 1980s film "Stand by Me"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which world city is home to Saint Basil's Cathedral?
- U.S. CITIES: Which major U.S. city sits on top of a working salt mine that has been operating since 1910?
- LITERATURE: What is the name of the country where "The Hunger Games" takes place?
- MATH: How many sides does a trapezoid have?
- ASTRONOMY: How long does it take for light from the Sun to reach Earth?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs does a lobster have?
- TELEVISION: Which TV drama always begins with a meeting and the warning, "Let's be careful out there"?
- LANGUAGE: How many letters are in the English alphabet?

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Benefits/Fundraisers

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

EBCI Community Events

Blood Drive in honor of Miriam Fuller. Sept. 29 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Painttown Gym and Community Center in Cherokee, N.C. Info: 1-800-RED-CROSS, www.redcross.org

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

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

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

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

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 Post oak 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 working on or begin a new weaving using materials brought from home or sourced from the Museum's selection. Beginners and experienced weavers welcome;

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

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(Snowbird) with
her humans
Charlotte and
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EBCI Community Regular Mtgs.

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

Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Eligibility for membership: any American Indian or Alaska Native or Canadian First Nations woman, 18 years of age or older, who is officially identified as a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe/Nation. The meetings contain information on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

NAIWA Daughters meetings.

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

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Mtgs.

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

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

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone has some suggestions to offer regarding your new project. You might find them helpful. Remember to avoid speculation and stick with just the facts, Lamb.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An old friend suddenly reappears. Whether this proves to be a boon or a bane in the Bovine's life depends on the reason for this surprising reappearance. Be cautious.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Vital information finally emerges, allowing you to make an important personal decision. You can now move your focus to an upcoming professional development.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might not like seeing so many on-the-job changes. But some of them could open up new opportunities for the Moon Child's talents to shine to your best advantage.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An apparently solid-gold opportunity beckons the Lion. But check to see if all that dazzle isn't just a sprinkling of surface glitter before making a commitment.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A close friend could offer advice on how to handle a difficult family matter. But in the end, the decision has to be made based on what is best for you and those you love.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Family problems are best worked out with all those concerned contributing suggestions that will ease tensions. Stay with it until a workable solution is found.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Expect to hear more about an offer that has piqued your interest. You earn respect for insisting on solid facts, not just a fancy talk about potential opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) What seemed to be a reasonable workplace request might need to be defended. Don't fret. You have both the facts and a surprise ally on your side.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A bit of capriciousness might be just what you need. Plan to kick up your heels in a round of fun and games with family and friends this weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Although some of your plans might have to be put on hold, things do begin to take a turn for the better by midweek. Your financial crunch also eases.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your financial picture begins to brighten by week's end. There are also favorable changes in your personal life. Someone you care for has good news to report.

BORN THIS WEEK: You seek balance, but not at the expense of justice. You would make a fine judge or do great with humanitarian work.

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by Freddy Groves

The VA health and benefits mobile app

The VA Health and Benefits mobile app is very well done, and having the app can make it a lot easier for veterans to manage VA business directly from a phone or tablet. Many apparently agree, because by this summer there were over 3 million downloads of the app and 1.4 million use it every month.

There are several tools in the app, with the one for health care possibly being the most valuable. With the health care tool, you can send (and receive) secure messages to and from your health care team, see your appointments and put them on your calendar, get your records for vaccines and refill your prescriptions.

The benefits tools portion of the app can help you review your claim and appeal status, submit more evidence for your claims and check your disability rating.

The payments tool will let you see the payments the VA has sent you and update your direct deposit information.

If you have VA-related travel (mileage only) claims, you can now do that right on the phone. Coming soon: lab and test results viewable right on your phone.

But the tools aren't the only things you'll find on the app. Being able to show your status as a veteran can come in handy if you're in a store that gives a discount to veterans — you'll have the proof right there on your phone. You can locate the VA facilities near you and quickly access the VA's crisis line. You'll have secure sign-in with fingerprint or face recognition for access.

For more info about the app, see mobile.va.gov/app/va-health-and-benefits. You'll find the download links for both iOS and Android. On that page you'll also find a few short videos done by veterans who talk about their experiences with the app. If you want more information about the app, put "VA benefits app" in a search engine.

If you need help with the app, call 800-698-2411. They're available 24/7.

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Why your dog's leash matters

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Your recent column about the dog being allowed to walk onto a neighbor's lawn to pee and poop had me wondering. Why was this dog not on a leash in the first place? Too often, I see people in my neighborhood who allow their dogs to run loose in the front yard, with no apparent barrier to them running into traffic. Too often, I see poor leash discipline, with dogs pulling far away from owners on a retractable leash — too far for them to reel the dog back if they bound into an intersection. Can you at least tell people how to walk their dogs properly? — Gary in Atlanta, Georgia

DEAR GARY: Those are great observations. It's not unusual to see owners who let their dogs pull ahead or wander onto lawns and into shrubbery. My guess is that most feel their pets deserve a little freedom.

But dogs need structure and routine. Halfway leash discipline creates a half-obedient dog. When you and your dog are walking, you are walking. Not playing, not exploring.

I'm all for allowing dogs to run and explore — but the time and place are important. Running free at a dog park or in a well-fenced yard is OK. Zig-zagging all over the sidewalk and into the street ... not so much.

And as you pointed out, poor leash discipline is a huge safety issue. Owners must be able to control their dog. A sturdy, fixed leash is recommended for walking dogs of all sizes. A retractable leash is helpful at parks where dogs must be leashed but have space to safely explore. But I don't recommend them for walking or training purposes.

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

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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 Satepeahataw. 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 Agri-cultural 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

14th Annual Rocking the Rez Pow Wow. Oct. 4-5 at Pakitu Community Park in El Paso, Texas.

MC: Marty Thurman. Host Northern Drum: Sun Eagle. Host Southern Drum: Iron Bow. Info: (915) 704-5488 or 694-4424

Hart of the West Native American Pow Wow. Oct. 4-5 at William S. Hart Park in Newhall, Calif. Info: Citlaly Ortega (818) 837-0794, HartPowWow@tataviarnsn.us

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Cancer Support Group, potluck dinner with a speaker the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Betty's Place, 40 Goose Creek Rd, Cherokee, N.C.

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

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

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

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

Western N.C. and Beyond Events Bingo at the Fair. Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. at the Smoky Mountain Event Center in Waynesville, N.C. \$15 buy-in, cash prizes, \$500 coverall. Info: www.haywoodcountyfair.com

Haywood County Fair Rodeo.

Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at 758 Crabtree Rd. in Waynesville, N.C. Rodeo included with your Fair gate admission. \$8/adults, \$6/kids 6-12. Info: www.smokymountaineventcenter.org

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Richard Eller will present "The Lincoln-Enloe Story" on the historical mystery surrounding Abraham Lincoln's possible birth in North Carolina. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

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

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

Buffalo Blessing. Oct. 18 at 8220

Hwy 60 in Georgetown, Tenn. Buffalo blessing by Sonny Ledford, intertribal dancing, Warriors of Anikituhwa performance, birds of prey, and more.

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

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

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

Cherokee Community Clubs

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

Big Y Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at

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

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

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

Painttown Community meets the last Monday of each month at the old community building across from the casino at 5:30 p.m. Info: Chair Shannon Swimmer (828)

736-3191, swimmer.shannon@gmail.com

Snowbird Community meets the first Tuesday of each month, or the Tuesday before Tribal Council, at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex, at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Roger Smoker (828) 479-8678 or 735-4959, roger-smoker@yahoo.com

Tow String Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Jacob Long (828) 736-9128, jacoblong19982@gmail.com

Wolftown Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the community building; potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Dwayne “Tuff” Jackson (828) 788-4088, dwayne4251@gmail.com

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

Cherokee Houses of Worship

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

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

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

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

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

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. 7710 Big Cove Road.

see **EVENTS** next page

MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF



DARYL MARTIN

Supply Manager

Education: Bachelor's in Business Management and currently enrolled at the University of Oklahoma in a Master's Program in Legal Studies in Indigenous Peoples Law

Years at CIHA: 6

Community/Hometown: Birdtown, Yellowhill, and Big Cove

"I grew up between the Birdtown and Yellowhill communities, and I now live in Big Cove. Each of these places has played a big role in shaping who I am, family-oriented, community-focused, and committed to helping others. I've worked at CIHA for the past six years, making sure our hospital teams have what they need to take care of our people. I really enjoy working in an environment where teamwork and culture come first, and where I feel like I'm doing something that matters. Before coming to CIHA, I spent 14 years in law enforcement, where I built a strong foundation in leadership and public service. I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and I'm currently working toward my Master of Legal Studies in Indigenous Peoples Law from the University of Oklahoma. I also enjoy learning new skills like woodworking and stone masonry, things that keep me grounded in both tradition and hands-on work. I chose CIHA because it's more than just a job to me, it's a chance to serve my community, stay connected to my culture, and be part of something that truly makes a difference." - Daryl (DD) Martin

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Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor Roberta French 497-6918

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

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

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

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

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

Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m.

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

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

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. Located behind the Wolfetown Gym. Sunday School: 10 a.m, Sunday worship: 11 a.m, Sunday evening worship: 5 p.m.

Wednesday night worship: 6 p.m. Pastor Tim Melton 674-2690

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

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

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads. 3501 Hwy. 441, Whit-tier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday service – music practice at 5 p.m. and Bible

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Judges 7, who had the vision of a barley cake tumbling into an army camp overturning a tent? *Shepherd, Soldier, Peasant, Steward*
3. Which book could be summarized, "Pay attention, God has a master plan in the works we need to be a part of"? *Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel*
4. After an angel delivered them from a Jerusalem prison, where did the apostles go? *Temple, Fields, Mountaintop, River*
5. Who had his servants set barley crops on fire because he refused to meet with Absalom? *Job, Joab, Jethro, Jehoshabeath*
6. From Acts 12, where did Peter encounter an angel? *Tent door, Prison, City gate, By a stream*

ANSWERS: (1) New, (2) Soldier, (3) Prison, (4) Temple, (5) Joab, (6) Prison

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Moments in time

• On Oct. 6, 1927, "The Jazz Singer," a part-talkie film featuring six songs by Al Jolson, debuted in theaters, marking the end of cinema's silent film era even though it only contained about two actual minutes of synchronized dialogue.

• On Oct. 7, 1944, several hundred prisoners in the Nazi death camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau revolted and destroyed most of the gas chambers and crematoria in which they were forced to work. A small number of Nazi officers were killed in the struggle, but after a brief escape, the perpetrators were captured and executed.

• On Oct. 8, 1871, the Peshtigo Fire, today considered the most devastating fire in American history, started in Wisconsin, killing about 1,200 people and consuming 2 billion trees. Despite its massive scale, however, the smaller Great Chicago Fire, which began later that night, dominated newspaper headlines over the next days.

• On Oct. 9, 1635, Roger Williams was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony by the General Court of Massachusetts for protesting the right of civil authorities to punish religious dissension and to confiscate Native American land. He went on to found present-day Providence, Rhode Island, with assistance from the Narragansett tribe.

• On Oct. 10, 1973, less than a year before Richard M. Nixon's resignation as President of the United States, his vice president, Spiro Agnew, resigned in disgrace, pleading no contest to a charge of federal income tax evasion in exchange for dropped charges of political corruption. He was fined \$10,000, sentenced to three years' probation, and disbarred by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

• On Oct. 11, 1962, Pope John XXIII convened an ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church for the first time in 92 years, in the hope of bringing a spiritual rebirth to Catholicism as well as fostering greater unity among other branches of Christianity.

• On Oct. 12, 1945, Private First Class Desmond T. Doss of Lynchburg, Virginia, became America's first conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor for outstanding bravery as a combat medic.

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Pill bugs

Sometimes called roly-poly or woodlouse, *Armadillidium vulgare* are more closely related to shrimp and crayfish than insects. They are nocturnal, feeding on algae, fungus, moss, bark and

all kinds of decaying plant and animal material. The females lay 100-200 eggs per brood, typically having 1-3 broods per year. The

eggs are carried in a pouch on her belly. The babies hatch after 3-4 weeks, and may stay in the pouch for 2 more weeks to grow a little more. A pill bug can live up to 2 years.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: alabamawildlife.org

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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. **10/29**

Puppies for Adoption. Cockapoo puppies for adoption. 11 weeks old, all shots given, weaned and ready for their forever homes. We have 4 males and 1 female left. For more information call or text 828-506-9678 or 828-269-8579. **10/8**

Seasoned Firewood - \$225 a haul, delivered on a ton truck. You haul or we'll haul, give us a call. John Smith (828) 736-0866. **9/24**

Seeking Room - 51-year-old male displaced enrolled member seeking to rent a room through the winter. If you have any availability, please contact Mike Robinson (972)- 903-5268 or via email at cherokeedrumworks@gmail.com. **9/24**

Wanted to buy. Cherokee pottery by Tiney Bigmeat Bradley. Please call Teresa Sweeney at Queen House Gallery@ 828-775-5475 or Tim McCracken@ 828-734- 9850 **12/10**

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

WINSTON CARL WOLFE WELCH

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

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 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

William Arch Jr.
P.O. Box 890
Cherokee, NC 28719
10/1

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 fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make im-



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Email: HRRcruitment@onespaworld.com

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 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**

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 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 Reequst 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 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



**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

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



Cherokee Cinemas & More

Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities:

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

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

with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1),] hereby gives notice of EBCI's intent to revise the flood hazard information, generally located along the Raven Fork in Big Cove between the dam for the fish farm water intake to a tributary approximately 3,300 downstream of the dam. The flood hazard revisions are being proposed as part of Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) Case No. 25-04-5157R for a proposed project along the Raven Fork.

EBCI-NR is proposing a stream habitat improvement project to improve aquatic habitat conditions along a 3,800 linear feet reach of Raven Fork. This reach of the Raven Fork was identified as a priority for a habitat improvement project based on the deteriorating structures of the

Emergency Watershed Protection project implemented in 1992. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) FY2021 Annual Inspection Report of the Raven Fork diversionary dam reported substantial failures of the 1992 installed structures after storms events in 2018 and 2020. The BIA recommended removing the dam and restoring the stream reach. The project will remove the dam, improve aquatic organism passage, and improve overall stream habitats.

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

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

downstream of the dam.

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

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

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

Request for Proposals

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

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before September 30, 2025, will receive priority over later submissions. Please email proposals to: Amber Shuler, Court Administrator ambeshul@ebci-nsn.gov

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

Request for Bids

State of North Carolina

Department of Transportation
Raleigh, N.C.

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be October 21, 2025, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2.

(C205034) NORTHAMPTON;
(C205092) PITT;
(C204711) BEAUFORT;
(C205136) WAKE;
(C205134) WAKE;
(C205116) ROCKINGHAM;
(C205137) LEE;
(C205143) DAVIDSON;
(C205142) FORSYTH;
(C205093) DAVIE;
(C204840) CALDWELL;
(C205011) BUNCOMBE

A bid bond or bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the bid will be required.

These contracts are subject to all appropriate Federal Laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Plans, proposal forms, and specifications may be obtained at the Raleigh Office of the Department of Transportation, Telephone # 919-707-6925. Department of Transportation, Mr. Patrick Norman, PE., Chief Engineer. **9/24**

INVITATION TO BID

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

The Cherokee Housing Indian Division is seeking sealed bids from qualified TERO contractors to conduct Residential Remodel-




Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club
P.O. Box 507,
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-297-9101

Agelink:
5 Teachers—\$31,800–\$39,750 per year with benefits

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

Construction & Facilities:
2 Skilled Carpenters—\$31,800–\$39,750 per year with Benefits
Crew Leader—\$47,700–\$53,000

Bus & Truck Department:

- Seasonal Bus Drivers
- Truck Drivers

SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITIONS

ing Services at Lambert Wilson
Way, Unit-43 Whittier NC. 28789
Please contact CIHD for addi-
tional information.

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

INVITATION TO BID

Re: CIHD 2025-15 Sara Smoker
Loop Unit-19 Remodeling/Update
TERO Vendors:

The Cherokee Housing Indian
Division is seeking sealed bids
from qualified TERO contractors
to conduct Residential Remodel-
ing Services at Sara Smoker Loop
Unit-19. 28719

Please contact CIHD for addi-
tional information.

Ernest Tiger, Property Manager,

Qualla Housing Services, Chero-
kee Indian Housing Division, PO
Box 1749, 687 Acquoni Rd., Office,
828-359-6748,
ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov. **10/1**

INVITATION TO BID

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

TERO Vendors:

The Cherokee Housing Indian
Division is seeking sealed bids
from qualified TERO contractors
to conduct Residential Remodel-
ing Services at Sara Smoker Loop
Unit-93. 28719

Please contact CIHD for addi-
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Box 1749, 687 Acquoni Rd., Office,
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ernetige@ebci-nsn.gov. **10/1**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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

(828) 359-6702

Project Title:vCONSTRUCT NEW
CEREMONIAL GROUNDS

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

The project area is located on

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

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

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

MISSING PERSON

Arden Pepion

Enrolled with Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet
Indian Reservation of MT

Height: 3'0" Weight: 31 lbs Age: 3
Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Female

Last contact: April 22, 2021

Last Known Location: Browning, Montana

Circumstances of Disappearance: Arden was last
seen at about 7 p.m. in the vicinity of Joe Show
East off U.S. Highway 89 South on the Blackfeet
Reservation. She was last seen wearing a purple
jacket with a unicorn design on the front, a gray
sweater, black sweater, black leggings, and black
boots.

If you have seen or have information concerning
Arden Pepion, contact the Blackfeet Tribal Law
Enforcement Agency (406) 338-4000.

Source: Namus.gov



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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Closing Sunday, September 28, 2025

1. Advanced Linguist Apprentice – Language and Culture – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L5 \$15.00 - \$20.28 per hour)
 2. Manager – Child Advocacy – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$61,776 - \$77,230)
 3. Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
 4. Professional Development Specialist – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
 5. Cook – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
 6. Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
- SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
7. Field Technician I – Water & Sewer – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
 8. Field Technician II – Water & Sewer – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
 9. Water Laboratory Analyst – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
 10. Fire Lieutenant – Fire Department – Operations (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
 11. Elementary Immersion Instructor – Kituwah Academy – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
 12. Maintenance Technician – Housing Program – Housing (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
- SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
13. Grants Analyst – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)
 14. Air Quality Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
2. Child Advocate Coordinator – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
3. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
4. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) **SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION**
5. 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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Registered Nurse – ED
Clinical Care Manager
Galvgwodiyu Program Coordinator
RN Supervisor – Inpatient – Dayshift Weekends
Targeted Case Manager - MAT

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

ENGINEERING

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

FINANCE

Payroll and Compliance Manager

HUMAN RESOURCES

Employee Relations Specialist

RADIOLOGY

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

MEDICAL

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

NURSING

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

OPERATIONS

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

TRIBAL OPTION

HOP Medical Social Worker

TSALI CARE CENTER

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Certified Nursing Assistant - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Licensed Practical Nurse - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
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- Juvenile court-based services
- Family Safety Services
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Cherokee, NC

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

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Adult: 828-269-0301
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THE GOOD STUFF



Summer Youth Photography winner

This photograph, by Marleigh Aguilera of Cherokee High School, is the winner in the Cherokee One Feather Youth Photography contest with 831 votes.



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Contest winner

Marleigh Aguilera, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a student at Cherokee High School, received her prize for winning the Cherokee One Feather Youth Summer Photography Contest – a Canon EOS Rebel camera. She picked it up in the One Feather office on the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 19. (ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather photos)

Congratulations to Marleigh, and thank you to everyone who entered! Stay tuned for more fun contests from the One Feather.



Wonderful find

Henry Turner, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Tutiya (Snowbird) found a huge wishy on Saturday, Sept. 20. He is the son of Joel and Melody Turner of Tutiya. (Photo courtesy of family)

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Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com

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