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as executive director for 18 years (2005-23) and as a member of the VOC Board of Directors (1999-2005 and 2023-present). Lambert has also served on the TERO Commission.

Lambert is highly-educated holding a bachelor of science degree in business administration and a master of arts degree in educational administration from Western Carolina University. She was the first EBCI tribal member to serve on the North Carolina State Rehabilitation Council, and she also served as a Governor appointee to the North Carolina State Independent Living Council.

A resolution approved by the VOC Board of Directors states, "It is the desire of the staff and clients that the VOC Building at Cherokee, N.C. on the Qualla Boundary be named in honor of our beloved executive director and be known as the Kimlyn Sneed Lambert VOC Rehab Center."

Lambert also served as the 2024-25 Senior Miss Cherokee and represented the EBCI at various events including the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque, N.M.



Lambert, who served as the 2024-25 Senior Miss Cherokee, is shown in the 113th Cherokee Indian Fair Parade in Cherokee, N.C. on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025.



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Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) recognizes 150th anniversary of amendments to Lloyd Welch Constitution

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) has passed legislation recognizing the 150th anniversary of amendments being adopted for the Lloyd Welch Constitution. During an Annual Council session on Monday, Oct. 13, 2025, Dinilawigi passed Res. No. 15 (2015) unanimously that

states in part, “Tribal Council acknowledges the 150th anniversary of the amendments to the Lloyd Welch Constitution and recognizes Oct. 13, 1875 as a meaningful date in our Tribe’s history, and further honors those leaders then who guided us to the path we take today.”

The legislation was originally submitted by Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Lavita Hill, Kolanvyi Rep. Venita Wolfe, Aniwodihi (Paint-town) Rep. Shannon Swimmer, and Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shennelle Feather. It was amended to state it was submitted by the entirety of DInilawigi.

Res. No. 15 further states, “On Oct. 13, 1875, exactly 150 years ago today, the General Council of our Tribe met and adopted amendments to our governing document which bear resemblance to our

Charter and Governing Document today, and which set into place the modern form of our tribal government which has sustained us as a people against many outside forces for the last 150 years; and these Oct. 13, 1875 amendments adopt our branches of government, describe who may serve in executive and legislative offices, establish the length of the terms of office, say when election day will be (the first Thursday in September), and lay out the powers of each office.”

There was no discussion on the floor before it was passed.

Following passage, Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks commented, “Thank you for this legislation. I think it helps us remind ourselves of the foundation and where we came from and the hard work that went into that. I think that’s an element of what we

do that we can do a better job of is making sure that we are reminding ourselves of those historical points in time that are critical to our survival.”

Taline Ugwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley also thanked Dinilawigi for the resolution and noted, “Lloyd Welch got credit for the constitution, but Nimrod Smith was the one that really drafted and wrote it, but he went out of office, and it went into effect under Lloyd Welch.

I agree with this resolution. We do need to start commemorating dates and times in our history especially with the fight we’re up against with (Sen.) Tillis we need to let the whole world know how long we have been here as Cherokee people.”



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Lumbee recognition not included in Senate-passed NDAA bill

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group, was hoping that federal acknowledgment would be one of the things included in the passage of a recent military spending bill, but it was not to be.

After weeks of debate, the U.S. Senate passed S.2296 (National Defense Authorization Act FY26) on Thursday, Oct. 9 by a vote of 77-20. Over 800 amendments were introduced for that legislation including one that would have added language from the Lumbee Fairness Act which would grant federal acknowledgment to the state-recognized group known as the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) introduced Amendment 3273 to add that language to S.2296, but no action was taken and it was not included.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 3838, the House's version of the bill, on Sept. 10 by a roll call vote of 23-196, and that legislation included a tack-on of the Lumbee Fairness Act.

There are still two pieces of legislation in Congress that would grant the Lumbee federal acknowledgment including H.R. 474 (Lumbee Fairness Act), which is currently in the House Natural Resources Committee, and S. 107 (Lumbee Fairness Act), which is currently in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

For years, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has opposed Lumbee recognition. Following passage of H.R. 3838 last month, EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Prin-

cipal 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 following the House's passage of NDAA in September, "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

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

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

New this week

There are no new bills to report this week.

Bills we're currently watching

H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act). This House bill would place 76 acres of land

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

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

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

S.107 (Lumbee Fairness Act).

This Senate bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a

state-recognized group.

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

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

H.R. 474 (Lumbee Fairness Act).

This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. This bill is identical to S. 107.

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

Action: This bill was 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) was approved on Oct. 9 by a vote of 77-20. Sen. Thom Tillis submitted amendment 3273 to add the text of this bill to S. 2296. No action was taken on this amendment, and it was not included in the final vote taken.

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



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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 sched-

uled 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 gov-

ernments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes”. Introduced: June 11 by U.S.

Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

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

H.R. 3956 (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Act of 2025).

This bill would amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 “to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts and self-governance agreements with Indian entities to administer the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

According to congress.gov, this bill amends the Native American Tourism and Improving

Visitor Experience Act “to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

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

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

S.2211 (Special Diabetes Program Reauthorization Act of 2025).

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

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

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

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

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

Introduced: July 16 by Rep. Ralph

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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. Timo-

thy 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). Ac-

cording 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

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

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

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

federal acknowledgement to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.

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

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

H.R. 5257 (To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust). The full title of the bill states “To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, for the benefit of an Indian Tribe that was federally recognized on the date that the land was taken into trust”.

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

Action: This bill was referred to

the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 10. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 11. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S. 2832 (Native American Entrepreneurial and Opportunity Act of 2025). This bill would establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration.

Introduced: Sen. John W. Hickenlooper (D-Colo.) on Sept. 17

Action: This bill was referred to

the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship on Sept. 17.

H.R. 5488 (To extend funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians). This bill would amend Title III of the Public Health Service Act to extend the funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. It would approve “\$160,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 to remain available until expended”. Introduced: Rep. Paul Ruiz (D-Calif.) on Sept. 18

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Sept. 18.

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This proposal package can be obtained by contacting Pam Sneed, Director of Economic Development, at the EBCI Commerce office at 828-359-6710 or pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov.

All completed proposals must be submitted to the EBCI Enterprise Development Office by the close of business on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025. Proposals should be sent to Pam Sneed, Director of Economic Development-Commerce Office, 810 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719, or via email at pamesnee@ebci-nsn.gov. It is essential that proposals are submitted according to the guidelines outlined in the proposal package.

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Ordinances adding to criminal code introduced into Dinilawigi (Tribal Council)

TRIGGER WARNING: This article contains references to violent and sexual crimes.

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Several ordinances dealing with adding crimes to the Cherokee Code of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) were deemed read and tabled during the Monday, Oct. 13 session of Annual Dinilawigi (Tribal Council).

Ord. No. 4, submitted by

the EBCI Office of the Attorney General, seeks to add the crime of ‘Taking indecent liberties with children’ to the Code. The whereas section of the legislation states, “Currently, the Cherokee Code does not prohibit the conduct commonly listed as ‘indecent liberties with children’; and the prohibited conduct within this proposed ordinance covers a broad range of behaviors that should be prohibited under Cherokee Law.”

The legislation seeks to add Section 14-20.5 to read as follows: (a) A person is guilty of taking indecent liberties with children if, being 18 years of age or more that person either: a. Willfully takes or attempts to take any immoral, improper, or indecent liberties with any minor for the purpose of arousing or gratifying sexual desire; or b. Willfully commits or

attempts to commit any lewd or lascivious act upon or with the body or any part or member of the body of a minor.

It would set the punishment for the crime of “not less than one year nor more than three years, all or any part of which may be suspended in the Court’s discretion, and a fine of up to \$15,000”.

Ord. No. 5, submitted by the EBCI Office of the Attorney General, seeks to add the crimes of voluntary manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter to the Code. The whereas section states, “Currently, the Cherokee Code relies on common law definitions of voluntary and involuntary manslaughter and does not express the prohibition via statute; and codifying the common law crimes of voluntary and involuntary manslaughter is an exercise of sovereignty; and in doing so expresses Tribal Council’s intent to protect the citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians by expanding criminal prohibitions to allow for more robust prosecutions.”

The legislation seeks to add two sections as follows:

Section 14-40.38 –

Voluntary manslaughter

(a) It shall be unlawful to intentionally kill another human being with premeditation and deliberation. Voluntary manslaughter may be considered a lesser included of Homicide in the first degree.

Section 14-40.30 –

Involuntary manslaughter

(a) It shall be unlawful to kill another person without malice, without premeditation and deliberation, and without the intent to kill or inflict serious bodily injury. Involuntary manslaughter may be considered a lesser included offense to Homicide in the second degree.

The legislation also seeks to

add punishments for the crimes with both being the same: term of imprisonment not less than one year and not more than three years; fine of not more than \$15,000; exclusion (banishment) not less than 10 years.

These ordinances must set for 25 days from the day of being tabled before they can be acted upon.



1. The length of the original Olympic stadium in ancient Greece was based on the stadion, a unit of measurement said to equal 600 feet of which mythical hero?

2. What boxing tournament, organized by promoter Don King and airing on ABC TV in the 1970s, was canceled midway through after the discovery that fighters’ records and rankings were falsified?

3. The Indianapolis Hoosiers (1913-14) and Chicago Whales (1915) were the only champions of what short-lived “third major league” baseball organization?

4. With a capacity of 45,000 spectators, a stadium in Lahore, Pakistan, is the largest facility in the world built for what sport?

5. Name the NFL cornerback who became the first Black sports analyst to work on national TV when he joined CBS in 1971.

6. What figure skater was the lone gold medal winner for the United States at the 1968 Grenoble Winter Olympics?

7. What Nacogdoches, Texas, university’s athletic teams are nicknamed the Lumberjacks (men) and Ladyjacks (women)?

Answers

1. Hercules.
2. The 1977 United States Boxing Championship Series.
3. The Federal League of Base Ball Clubs.
4. Field hockey.
5. Irv Cross.
6. Peggy Fleming.
7. Stephen F. Austin State University.

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Davis, Jeremiah Israel-Dementric – age 27
Arrested: Oct. 6
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 13)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Thompson, Victoria Grace – age

35
Arrested: Oct. 6
Released: Oct. 6
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Crowe, Billy Jack – age 40
Arrested: Oct. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 13)
Charges: Public Intoxication, Probation Violation

Fry, Austin Taylor – age 29
Arrested: Oct. 7
Released: Oct. 7
Charges: Out-of-State Warrant

Gantt, Charles Douglas – age 72
Arrested: Oct. 7
Released: Oct. 7
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Love Jr., Kenneth Lamar – age 47
Arrested: Oct. 7

Released: Oct. 8
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Hughes, Kevin Matthew – age 37
Arrested: Oct. 8
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 13)
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Morgan, Frances Armachain – age 50
Arrested: Oct. 8
Released: Oct. 9
Charges: Public Intoxication

Powers, Shannon Brent – age 44
Arrested: Oct. 9
Released: Oct. 10
Charges: Public Intoxication

Smoker, Kaleb Spencer – age 24
Arrested: Oct. 9
Released: Oct. 9
Charges: Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Williams, Savetta Rowena – age 36
Arrested: Oct. 9
Released: Oct. 10
Charges: Simple Assault, Intoxicated and Disruptive, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Horseman, Kathleen Marie – age 71
Arrested: Oct. 10
Released: Oct. 10
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Rickman, Patrick Lynn – age 49
Arrested: Oct. 10
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 13)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Smoker, Adrian Contreras – age 32
Arrested: Oct. 10
Released: Oct. 10
Charges: Larceny

Nations, Jason Lee – age 46
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Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Maney, Ryan – age 23
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FOOTBALL

Swain tops Cherokee 40-14

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The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) traveled to the Swain Co. Maroon Devils in Bryson City, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Oct. 17. FINAL SCORE: Swain Co. 40 Cherokee 14.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter
4:05 - SWAIN - Andruw Cody 4-yard run. Point-after good. Swain County 7 Cherokee 0.
1:18 - SWAIN - Cody 20-yard run. Point-after good. Swain County 14 Cherokee 0.

2nd Quarter
9:19 - SWAIN - Cody 9-yard run. Point-after good. Swain County 21 Cherokee 0.
5:38 - SWAIN - Cody 28-yard run. Point-after no good. Swain County 27 Cherokee 0

3rd Quarter
7:52 - CHER - Jonathan Saylor 8-yard pass to Javan Garcia. Point-after good. Swain County 27 Cherokee 7.

4th Quarter
9:45 - CHER - Saylor 16-yard pass to Tsu-la Howlingcrane. Point-after good. Swain County 27 Cherokee 14.
7:32 - SWAIN - Kaden Sawyer 20-yard run. Two-point conversion no good. Swain County 33 Cherokee 14.
2:04 - SWAIN - Sawyer 20-yard run. Point-after good. Swain County 40 Cherokee 14.
FINAL SCORE: Swain County 40 Cherokee 14

GAME STATISTICS

PASSING: Cher – Jonathan Saylor, 8 of 20 for 101 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT; Swain – Andruw Cody, 2 of 5 for 18 yds

RUSHING: Cher – Jonathan Saylor, 14 for 131 yds; Kingston Welch, 21 for 75 yds; Swain – Kaden Sawyer, 11 for 50 yds, 2 TD; Zeke Glaspie, 8 for 101 yds; Andruw Cody, 18 for 140 yds, 4 TDs; Colton Shuler, 3 for 110 yds

RECEIVING: Cher – Tsu-la Howlingcrane,



Cherokee’s Tsu-la Howlingcrane catches a ball during a game at Swain Co. High School in Bryson City, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Oct. 17. For the game, he had 4 receptions for 58 yards and 1 TD.

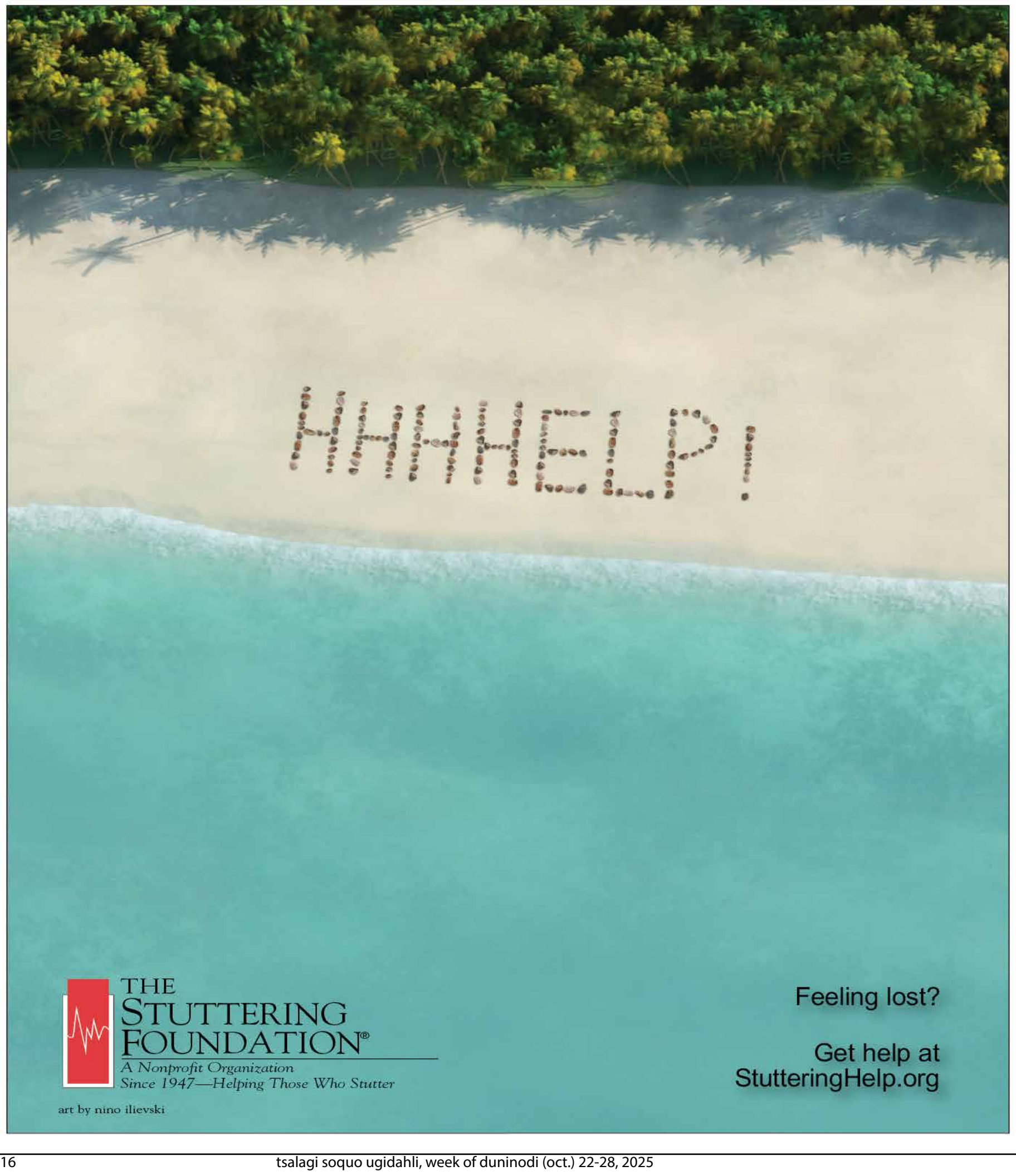
4 for 58 yds, 1 TD; Javan Garcia, 3 for 40 yds, 1 TD; Kaden Cucumber, 1 for 3 yds; Swain – Corey Stillwell, 2 for 18 yds

TOTAL YARDS: Cherokee 307, Swain 419

Note: Defensive statistics were not provided by either team.



Jonathan Saylor, Cherokee senior quarterback, rolls out on a play. For the game, he completed 8 of 20 passes for 101 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT, and he rushed 14 times for 131 yards.



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Bark accepted into National Leadership Academy for Young Native Women

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Raylen Bark, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and RKLI's (Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute) grants and fundraising specialist, was recently accepted into the Native Action Network's 2025 Young Native Women's Leadership Academy.

The Academy is a highly competitive program that brings together young Native women from across the country to grow as leaders, build connections, and carry forward the legacy of Native women as changemakers.

"I am incredibly grateful to

have been selected for this opportunity and am looking forward to connecting with and learning from young women leaders from other Indigenous communities," said Bark.

She is from Wayohi (Wolf-town) in Cherokee, N.C. A graduate of Cherokee High School, she recently earned her degree in Native American and Indigenous Studies with a minor in linguistics from Dartmouth College. While at Dartmouth, she served as co-president of Native Americans at Dartmouth (NAD), supporting nearly 200 Indigenous students. She now brings her leadership, skills, and passion back home to her community.

"We are proud of the example Raylen sets through her leadership," said Tonya E. Carroll, RKLI

department manager. "This recognition reflects her commitment to our values and the bright future she is building for herself and for our community."

As part of her acceptance, Bark will join other Native women leaders later this month at the Muckleshoot Casino Resort in Auburn, Wash., in a program of workshops, cultural sessions, leadership skill-building, and networking with peers and mentors.

RKLI and Bark related they would also like to thank The Center for Native Health for sharing information about the opportunity.

The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is supported by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.



Raylen Bark
(Photo contributed)

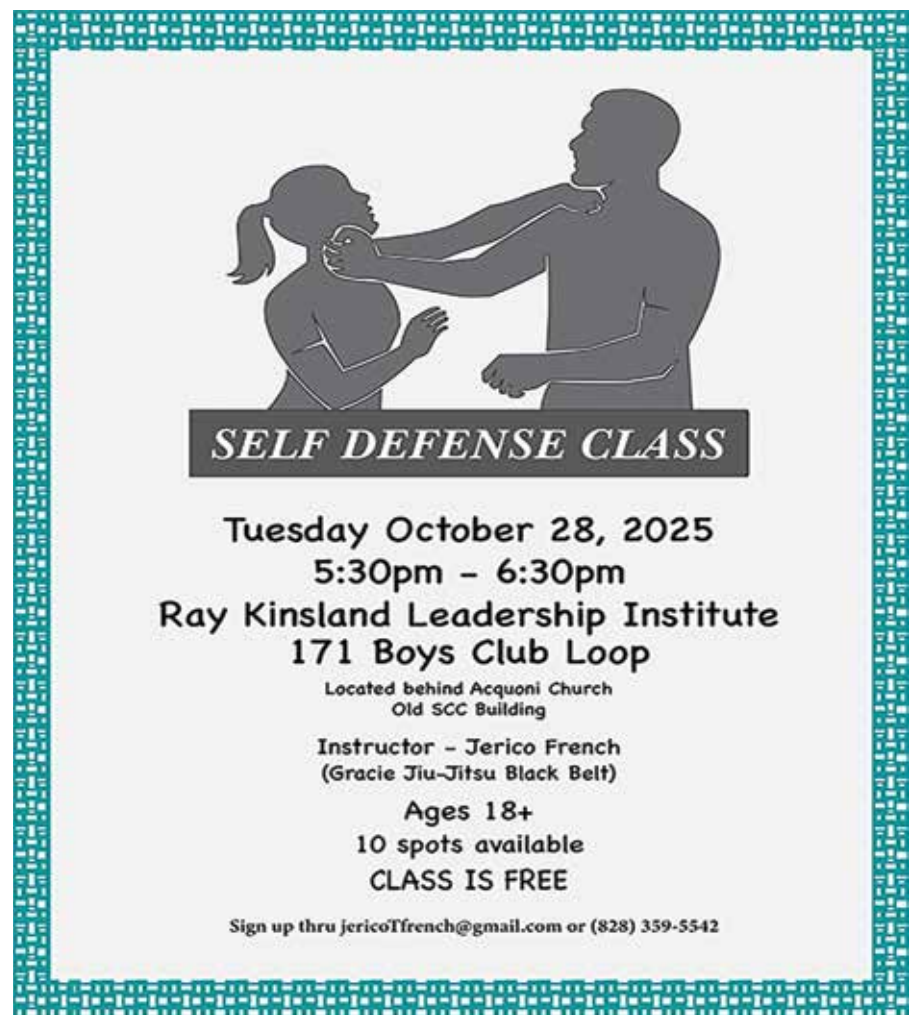


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PRE-APPROVAL PRE-QUALIFICATION	☐ Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed, unless applicant is wishing to purchase a home. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant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

Submitted by
Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

VONORE, Tenn. - Sequoyah Birthplace Museum is a recipient of a \$55,084 grant for Capital Maintenance and Improvements from the State of Tennessee as administered through the Tennessee State Museum. The grant award will be used for a new entrance front and rear doors for the Museum and bat-proofing the building.

The Tennessee General Assembly made available \$5 million

in funding from the 2025-2026 Appropriations Act, “for the sole purpose of providing grants to museums with a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or affiliated with a governmental entity for capital maintenance and improvements.”

In the third year of the grant program, it remains a highly competitive process. In total, the Tennessee State Museum received 178 applications, totaling \$12,031,874 in requests. The Museum has made full or partial awards to 99 museums across the state, representing 45 counties. In the three years the Museum has administered the grant program, it has served museums in 73 counties across the state. A complete list of 2025-26 grantees, counties and amounts is posted at TNMuseum.

org/grants.

“The Tennessee Capital Improvement Grants continue to support and strengthen the infrastructure of institutions preserving our state and local history and culture,” said Ashley Howell, Tennessee State Museum executive director. “We are honored to help support the commitment of those institutions to better serve their communities and visitors through collection care and visitor accessibility these last three years. We are inspired by the dedication of their staff and volunteers. None of it would be possible, of course, without the State of Tennessee’s unwavering support for Tennessee history.”

“The Capital Maintenance Grant from the Tennessee State

Museum assist smaller museums, like ours, to cover large capital projects that other grants will not cover. Without the support and funding from the Tennessee State Museum we would not be able to complete projects like upgrading our almost 40-year-old entrance doors and addressing bat problems we have been battling for several years”, stated Charlie Rhodarmer, manager/director of Sequoyah Birthplace Museum.

The Capital Maintenance and Improvements grant had a minimum request amount of \$5,000 and a maximum request amount of \$100,000. All projects must be completed by June 30, 2026.

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Raymond Lee Farmer

Raymond Lee Farmer, 66, of Sylva, N.C., went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025. Raymond was born on Sept. 26, 1959 to the late James W. Farmer and Mary H. Farmer.

Raymond is survived by the love of his life, Jenny Bean. Also surviving are two sons, Ray (Michelle) Farmer of Whittier, and Jeff Bean of Sylva; two daughters, Brandi (Brent) Allison of Whittier, and Jessica (Michael) Long of Cherokee; and one sister, Debbie (Doug) Owen of Sylva. Nine grandchildren also survive.

Raymond enjoyed deer hunting and just being outdoors. He enjoyed new adventures and traveling with Jenny to discover new places. Raymond was not a

big talker until he got to know you. When he did, he was quick witted and loved to get a “good one” on somebody. He loved to pull little jokes on people and watch their reaction so he could have a good chuckle. Raymond’s love, wisdom, support, and humor will be missed immensely.

A celebration of Raymond’s life will be held at a later date. The date and place will be announced when decided upon.

Melvin Anthony Driver

Melvin Anthony Driver, 27, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025, at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C., after a brief illness.

Melvin was a lifelong resident of the Big Cove community in Cherokee, N.C. He enjoyed watch-

ing sports, especially his favorite teams, the Green Bay Packers and Duke Blue Devils, as well as spending quality time with family and friends. He will be deeply missed by many. His father, Melvin Driver, predeceased Melvin.

He is survived by his mother, Janice Welch Driver, of Cherokee, N.C.; two brothers, Allen Ledford Jr. and his wife, Joey Petrilli, and Joshua Driver, all of Cherokee, N.C.; a sister, Shayna Ledford, also of Cherokee, N.C.; and his special aunt, Josephine Teesateskie. He is also survived by many uncles, aunts, and cousins, all of whom were very special to Melvin.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Oct. 17 at Big Cove Baptist Church in Cherokee, N.C. Burial followed at Sequoyah Cemetery. Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Esther “Gig” Ross-McCoy

Esther “Gig” Ross-McCoy, 78 of the Yellowhill Community, went home to be with the Lord, Friday, Oct. 17, 2025

Gig was preceded in death by her mother, Lillie Mae Wahnetah; step-father, John “Pop” Wahnetah; her brother, Bob Ross; two sisters, Mary Visage and Jessie Ross-Swimmer; two sons, Terry McCoy and Shane McCoy; two nieces, Vickie Ross and Francis “Totsy” Ross; one nephew, Mike Ledford; her Lifelong companion, Bud Moore; one step-daughter, Tiffany Yon; and one step-son-in-law, Ben Yon

Gig is survived by one niece, Tina Swimmer; several nephews, Billy Ledford, Gary Ledford, Ethan Ledford, Shannon Ross, John Ross, Don Ross, Raymond Ross;

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several great nieces and nephews; a very special friend, Gaynell Bradley; step grandchildren, Haven and Mea Yon; a granddaughter, Lindsey Snyder; and many more dear friends.

Gig worked as a teacher assistant for the Cherokee Central School system for 10 years. She then became the manager of the Long Johns Silvers in Cherokee for 13 years and then moved to Waynesville where she became an assistant manager at Ingles for five years and then moved to the Food Lion in Hazelwood and worked there till she retired. After the passing of her lifelong companion Bud Moore, Gig moved back to Cherokee where she resided at Tsali Manor until her passing.

Gig loved her family and friends and would do anything for them. She will be greatly missed

but will never be forgotten.

A graveside service was held at the Yellowhill Baptist Church Cemetery on Monday, Oct. 20. Bro. Foreman Bradley officiated the service.

Pallbearers were Shannon Ross, Ethan Ledford, Jerry Swimmer, Robert Harris, Roger McCoy, Mike Oocumma, and Tyler Pepion.

Mianna Louise Cucumber Luther

Mianna Louise Cucumber Luther, 80, of the Wofltown Community, Cherokee, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025, at her residence after a brief illness.

Miana enjoyed going into the woods to gather greens and berries. She liked to relax and shop, especially at Walmart and Roses. Miana loved dining out and enjoyed playing Bingo. She cherished spending time with her grandchildren and family. She was the wife of the late Richard Luther. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Daniel Luther; her parents, Noah Cucumber and Emaline Cucumber; her brothers, James Cucumber, Alfred Cucumber, and

Clement Cucumber; and her sister, Martha Cucumber-Lossie.

She is survived by her son, Victor Wildcatt, and her brother, Sammy Cucumber. She has six grandchildren, Stephane Wildcatt, Jarrett Wildcatt, Brandy Pheasant (Jeremiah), Vincent Wildcatt, Lauren Luther (Zakarias), and Kalista Luther (Jobie), along with 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home on Monday, Oct. 20. Burial followed in the Tsali Cemetery.

Hattie Elizabeth Panther

Hattie Elizabeth Panther, age 82, passed away peacefully at Tsali Care Center on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025.

She is survived by her four children, Beverly, Sammy, Pam, and Ernie Pheasant; seven grandchildren, Callie (Ster), Tristen, Kyle (Grace), Dustin, Bill, Malaki and DJ; 14 great grandchildren, Kayandra, Austin, Eli, Hypatia, Jayden, Anna, Dolly, Tristen Jr, Kylex, Maddox, Ernie Jr, Auri, Harley and Charli; five great great grandchildren, Daeohna, Amiri,

Avanna, Ace and Wayne; brothers, Sonny, Rick, Kenny, and Jim; and sisters, Alice, Patsy, Gloria, Debbie Panther, Loretta and Jean Bradley. Hattie was preceded in death by her parents, Emmaline Driver and Sam Panther; one daughter, Mona; one granddaughter, Tasha; brothers, Snake, Floyd, Earnest Panther, Charlie Davis, Tommy and Nickey Driver; and sisters, Wilma, Nora, Alma and Nita.

Hattie worked at the Big Cove Day Care for several years then went to The Cherokee's until it closed.

She enjoyed being outdoors and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. She had a passion for children; it didn't matter who's they were.

Hattie was loved by all who knew her. She will be greatly Missed.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 21 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Rev. Harley Maney officiated with burial at Sequoyah Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dean Hill, Deino, Delbert, Darius, Koye, and Ster.



Painttown Scholarship

Now accepting applications for the Painttown scholarship. It is a \$500.00 annual scholarship to a student who resides in the Painttown community and attending a four year accredited university.

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OCT 20-OCT. 26, 2025

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseegee River	October 6-10	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Yellow Sallies, Sulphurs, Tan Caddis, October Caddis, Prince Nymph, Golden Stoneflies, & terrestrials such as ants, beetles, and inchworms
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Based on water temperatures	Brown Trout	Yellow Sallies, Sulphurs, Tan Caddis, October Caddis, Prince Nymph, Golden Stoneflies, & terrestrials such as ants, beetles, and inchworms
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	N/A	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Yellow Sallies, Sulphurs, Tan Caddis, October Caddis, Prince Nymph, Golden Stoneflies, & terrestrials such as ants, beetles, and inchworms

BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, OCT. 20 BEST++++ 11:40 AM-1:40 PM	TUESDAY, OCT. 21 BEST 12:00 AM-2:00 AM 12:21 PM-2:21 PM	WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22 BETTER 12:43 AM-2:43 AM 1:05 PM-3:05 PM	THURSDAY, OCT. 23 BETTER++ 1:27 AM-3:27 AM 1:50 PM-3:50 PM	FRIDAY, OCT. 24 GOOD 2:14 AM-4:14 AM 2:39 PM-4:39 PM	SATURDAY, OCT. 25 AVERAGE 3:04 AM-5:04 AM 3:29 PM-5:29 PM	SUNDAY, OCT. 26 AVERAGE 3:55 AM-5:55 AM 4:21 PM-6:21 PM
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FRELL OWL AWARD

2025 marks the 38th year that the Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors will publicly recognize a person or persons with the Frell Owl Award. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a recipient was not selected in 2020.

The Frell Owl Award is given to those who best exemplify the character and accomplishments of the late Mr. Frell Owl, Cherokee educator and civic leader and to those who have significantly contributed to the welfare of Cherokee children and families.

Past recipients of this award are: John Crowe, Stella Kanott, the Scar Crowe Family, Ray Kinsland, Pearl and John Reagan, Betty Crisp, Jerri Kinsland, Mary Chiltoskey, Dora Reed, Marie Junaluska, Sharon and David Crowe, Ernestine Walkingstick, Jody Adams, Gary Maney, Mary Sneed, Mary Mantooth, David McCoy, Glenda Crowe, Denise Ballard, David McQueen, Skooter McCoy, Johnson "Booger" Arch, Kathy Wolfe, Carmaleta Monteith, Roy Lambert, Sandi Owle, Lana Lambert, Catherine Blythe Sanders, Will Poolaw, Lou Johnson, Wilbur Paul, Alan and Mary Jane Smith, Isaac "Ike" Long, Michael Yannette, Mianna "Peaches" Squirrel, Lloyd Carl Owle, Butch & Louise Goings, and Jennifer Thompson and the Physical Therapy Staff at CIHA.

Anyone may submit a nomination. Any person or persons may be nominated with the exception of current Cherokee Boys Club Board Members.

The closing date for receiving nominations is Wednesday November 12th, 2025. You may pick up a nomination form from the receptionist at the Boys Club's Information Window. Please return the nomination form and any support documents (Marked Confidential) to Jackie Bradley, Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719 or deliver to the Cherokee Boys Club at 52 Cherokee Boys Club Loop, Cherokee, NC 28719. If you have any questions, please call Jackie Bradley at (828) 359-5508 or 828-506-4939.

EBCI Public Health Vending Machine Initiative locations



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

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from family of Little Miss Cherokee

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported Alessandra Ramirez in being crowned Little Miss Cherokee. A special thank you to her wonderful sponsors — Ronnie Blankenship from Dragging Canoe Clothing Company, Cherokee Historical Association, Whiskey's Tattoo, Wolfe Signings, and Dan and Rosie McCoy — for your generosity and belief in her. From the candy donations to the kind words of encouragement, we truly appreciate all the love and support from our friends and family - it made this experience so special.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Ro and Family

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Please call your primary care home if you need anything or need to cancel an appointment.	Dr. Houser: (828)497-3727	Trudy Crowe (FNP): (828)497-3711	Mary Postell-Jones (FNP): (828)479-3974
h̄AGYV (Ni hi tsa tse li) "It belongs to you."	Quana Winstead: (PA-C): (828)497-1991	Dr. Owens: (828)497-3552	Cherokee County Clinic
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MISSING

Jonathan Michael Nelson

Enrolled with Navajo Nation

Height: 5'6"-5'7" Weight: 100-130 lbs

Male Age: 39 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: September 3, 2025

Last Known Location: Albuquerque, NM

Circumstances of Disappearance: Jonathan was last known to be in the area of 150 98th Street in Albuquerque, NM, on September 3, 2025.

On or about July 27, 2025, Jonathan was known to be in Chinle, AZ, and Kayenta, AZ. He was also reported to be in Farmington, NM, some time prior to being in Albuquerque on September 3, 2025. Jonathan's family has been attempting to locate him in these areas, but they have been unsuccessful. His family has also been utilizing social media posts in an attempt to locate him. Jonathan has only one tooth (top front), a scar on the left side of his face near his left eye, and his jaw permanently sits to his right. He was last seen wearing a light brown shirt and pants with a black hat.

If you have seen or have information about Jonathan Nelson contact Officer Trevon Tso, Navajo Nation Police Department-Chinle District (928)674-2000.

Source: Namus.gov



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COMMENTARY

Language Revitalization requires a winner's mentality

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

There is a great urgency to our language revitalization efforts; we feel it every day. If we're not careful, that urgency can feel like anxiety, dread, or even defeat. But urgency does not mean defeat; it means there's an opportunity that we can seize.

I had an enlightening conversation with a coworker yesterday about the language realities of other tribes across Indian Country. Some tribes have less than ten speakers, and some have no speakers left.

Cherokee is blessed, even though we see our numbers go down frequently, because we have the opportunity to talk with and learn from our speakers every day! We are neighbors with speakers. We have a building dedicated to their work. We are surrounded by



The Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity volleyball players celebrate a point in the 2024-25 Smoky Mountain Conference Championship. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

resources, including books written and translated by our speakers, audio recordings of our speakers reading these books, Cherokee Syl-labary throughout our community on building and roads signs, and more. We must seize the opportunity we have been blessed with to learn our language.

In sports, the winner's mentality recognizes reality while seizing

opportunities. The winner says, yes, in this volleyball set we have 24 points and the other team has 25, and they need one more point to win, but we still have the opportunity to win. We can come back and beat them. The losing mentality is filled with dread and chokes at the opportunity before them. The Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) do not

run from their opportunities, they seize them. That is the mentality we need to have in our language efforts.

Unetlanv has given us a gift. We have the opportunity before us to learn the language given to us. A language that is filled with medicine, history, and power. The reality is urgent, but the opportunity is before us. Iyusdigwo!!

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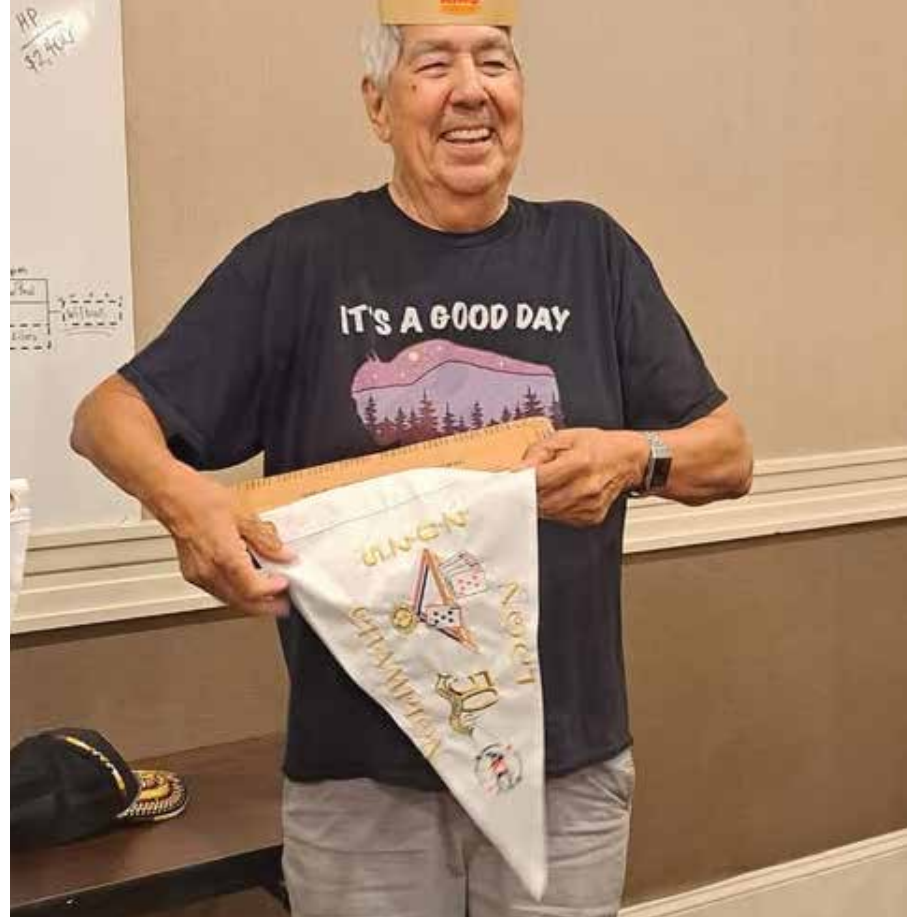
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NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED, WALK-INS WELCOME!

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Wilbur Paul, an elder of the Blackfeet Nation (Mont.) and an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is shown at the Veteran's Day event at the 113th Cherokee Indian Fair in Cherokee, N.C. on Friday, Oct. 10. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Wilbur played and overcame 225 competitors to win the National Open Cribbage Tournament. The event was hosted by the Raleigh Cribbage Club on July 18-21 in Raleigh, N.C. (Photo contributed)

THE GOOD STUFF

Wilbur Paul serves community with a dedicated spirit and a smile

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Wilbur Paul is a staple at events in Cherokee and has worked for decades serving the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) community. An elder of the Blackfeet Nation (Mont.), Paul has lived on the Qualla Boundary (Cherokee, N.C.) for years and was made an honorary member of the EBCI in 2005.

He was married to Maude Elizabeth Paul, an EBCI tribal member, for 54 years until her passing in 2018.

Wilbur's service to the Cherokee community has been extensive.

In December 2016, Wilbur

received the Frell Owl Award from the Cherokee Boys Club. According to his nomination for that award, "He has coordinated and participated in countless fundraising programs that have benefited individuals and groups as well as organizations. Award-winning crafts have been donated to use as raffle prizes or auction items in efforts to raise money."

Over the years, he has also served the community in numerous volunteer positions including being on boards for the Cherokee Historical Association, Museum of the Cherokee People, Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Cherokee Cancer Support Group, and the Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors. He is also a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Wilbur is an avid cribbage

player, and he's placed in numerous tournaments across the country over the years, and he won the National Open Cribbage Tournament, held July 18-21, 2025 in Raleigh, N.C. He also placed second in the Cribbage Tournament of Champions in Reno, Nev. on March 7-8, 2025.

In an article he wrote for the One Feather on cribbage in December 2023, Wilbur stated, "Most enthusiasts consider it the best two-person card game there is. It has the combinations of poker, the strategic thinking of bridge, the luck of Crazy Eights, the math you wished you had learned in high school, and some of the best interaction between players of any game."

As stated earlier, Wilbur is an

honorary member of the EBCI and was made such with the passage of Res. No. 1 on Oct. 17, 2005. The legislation states, "Wilbur Paul worked at the Cherokee Agency (Bureau of Indian Affairs) from 1962 until 1964 and then served as superintendent from 1985 until his retirement in 1997."

It continued, "Wilbur Paul is a valued member and treasured friend of the Cherokee Community."

He was given the Cherokee name that day of Di g(a) t i yi which translates into English as "Keeper of; Takes care of".

The name sums it up for Wilbur and his service to the Cherokee community.

COMMENTARY

Breast Cancer Awareness starts with access and compassion

By JESSICA BLACK, BSN, RN

Breast Care Nurse Navigator,
Harris Regional and Swain Community Hospitals

October marks Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and for me, it's more than just a pink ribbon or a reminder to schedule your annual mammogram. It's personal. As the Breast Health Navigator for Harris Regional and Swain Community Hospitals, I have the privilege of walking alongside women at every stage of their breast health journey. Whether it's a routine screening or a newly discovered abnormality, I'm there to answer questions, offer support, and help coordinate the care that every woman deserves.

One of the most important lessons I've learned in this role is that

early detection saves lives. And the key to early detection is access. At Swain Community Hospital, we are proud to offer walk-in screening mammograms throughout the month of October for anyone with a provider's referral.

At Harris Regional Hospital, our Breast Care Center offers advanced diagnostic services, including 3D mammography, ultrasound, MRI, and biopsies, supported by a full care team ready to act swiftly when follow-up is needed. The process can be overwhelming, but I'm proud to say that our team wraps patients in support, from start to finish.

Understanding the Risk

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the U.S., and while survival rates have improved, that's only because we're finding it earlier and treating it faster. It's important to know your family history, perform regular self-checks, and be aware and talk to your doctor about symptoms such as new lumps, changes in

breast shape, skin dimpling, or nipple discharge. But even without symptoms, annual mammograms beginning at age 40 are your best line of defense.

Why Awareness Matters

This month isn't just about education. It's about empowerment. It's about encouraging women to prioritize themselves, even when life is busy. It's also about supporting the survivors and standing in solidarity with those still in treatment. And it's about creating a community where no woman feels like she has to navigate this journey alone.

If you or someone you love hasn't scheduled their mammogram, now is the time. Screenings can be scheduled at Harris Regional, Swain Community, and Angel Medical Center in Franklin. Walk-in mammograms are available at Swain for those with a referral, and most insurance plans cover annual screenings at 100 percent as part of preventive wellness care. Let's work together to make breast health a priority, this month and every month.

To learn more or schedule a mammogram, visit www.MyHarrisRegional.com/Breast-Health or call 828-631-8100.

Talk with your primary care provider to obtain a referral for a mammogram. If you don't have a primary care provider, call 844.414.DOCS to get connected to care.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Family appreciative of events in Cherokee

I just wanted to reach and say thank you. Our family comes to visit several times a year - mostly centered around events you plan. We were able to sit with the crowd and watch stickball with our children. Thank you for opening events to the public. Letting my kids learn your legacy first-hand has been something truly priceless.

Thank you,
Brandy West
Watkinsville, Ga.

The Cherokee One Feather will be closed the following days:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 25:** Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdadisdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day)
- **Wednesday, Nov. 26:** Thanksgiving holiday
- **Thursday, Nov. 27:** Alihelisdi Iga (Thanksgiving Day)
- **Friday, Nov. 28:** Tsali Dudayosv Iga (Charlie's Surrender Day aka Tsali Day)

Note: There will be not a print paper for Wednesday, Dec. 3.

EVERY APPOINTMENT MATTERS

Show Up for Your Health

Need to cancel your appointment?

Please call your Primary Care Team 24 hours in advance.

Letting your Primary Care team know you can't make your appointment allows them to schedule other patients that also need their care.



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Division

Part 1 of 2

By Lamont H. Fuchs, Ed.D.

(<https://preacherspurs.com>)

Scripture Base: Genesis 1:26, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Matthew 5:9, Luke 22:24-26, 1 Corinthians 3:3

Division within the Christian community can be devastating. Though pruning is a form of eventual growth, division for the wrong reasons is a means by which the unseen evil powers of Satan seek to destroy and tear down spiritual growth and progress. Satan's use of division quenches the Spirit of God, and within our American society, the divisions between people are growing dangerously deeper.

This writing intends to remind us how God's Word and Gospel show the way of Salvation for all tribulation.

Division in America is, in my opinion, at an all-time peak since the Civil War. I don't believe that is an exaggeration. Politics, mainstream media, race, sex, age, social status, foreign powers, and worldly influence are all divided. Christianity has a unique time in history to be united and espouse unity in our testimony by showing our love for God and one another. God's answer is love, for He is love.

Divisions happen every day; they happen to families, businesses, partners, friends, brothers, sisters, and churches. Some people seek to divide or cause disunity without even thinking of the mischief they create. These troublemakers forge headlong into con-

troversy, considering themselves righteous to point out a wrong.

How is this done? It can be done through gossip, false accusations, or people thrusting themselves where they have no business, and then they twist the information they get, causing a division. Unfortunately, down South, we see folks like that and wish they would just stay 'In their lane.' Other tools Satan uses to divide are misaligned jealousy, self-righteousness, pride, power, and money.

Our Bible has enough stories and examples about division and conflict that could fill another book. But there are some distinct places we can look to and find God's will towards division.

To begin with, we know He is big on unity. If He were divisive, there would be no Trinity. It

sounds basic, but honestly, God's example for unity is in Himself.

Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

I'm confident you've considered this before, but as it relates to His example of unity, what better description can we see in God's Word than this? First, while united in Heaven, God made us in harmony with the Heavenly Host. Then He separated His human creations by giving us dominion over the other living things on earth: evident unity and specific division in one verse.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*...You will be brought low;
from the earth you will speak,
and from the dust where you
are prostrate your words will come.
Your voice will also be like that of
a spirit from the ground, and your
speech will whisper from the dust.*

ISAIAH 29:4 

Amber Waves

MOM, COME ON. WE HAVE OUR COSTUMES ON AND ARE READY TO GO!



HURRY UP! WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG? WE'RE GONNA MISS ALL THE GOOD CANDY!



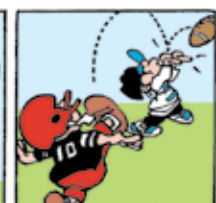
GULP!!



THE ONLY THING THAT COULD POSSIBLY MAKE THIS WORSE IS IF SHE GETS MORE CANDY THAN ME.



TIGER



The Spats



by BUD BLAKE

by Jeff Pickering

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTONOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cake slice is reversed. 2. Cup is a different shape. 3. Pillow is behind edge of other pillow. 4. Picture is moved. 5. Finger is moved. 6. Nightgown strap is moved.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Animation frame
- 4 Literary rep
- 7 Viewed
- 11 Daring
- 13 Singer Lipa
- 14 Noggin
- 15 Flintstones' pet
- 16 Doo follower
- 17 Gumbo veggie
- 18 Serengeti grazer
- 20 Coconut fiber
- 22 Leg, in slang
- 24 Tempt
- 28 Frosty, for one
- 32 — Martin
- 33 Had on
- 34 Thumbs-up
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- 9 Listening device
- 10 Secret-protecting doc.
- 12 Three- or four-day vacations
- 19 River blocker
- 21 — pickle
- 23 Satan's forte
- 25 Lay — the line
- 26 Didi of "Grease"
- 27 New Age singer
- 28 Booty
- 29 Asta's caretaker
- 30 Tolkien villains
- 31 Up-to-date
- 35 Pink Floyd's Barrett
- 38 Society newbie
- 40 Court divider
- 42 Hosiery shade
- 45 Gym site, for short
- 47 Ship's jail
- 48 Austen novel
- 49 Knocks
- 50 Family
- 51 Here, in Dijon
- 52 Allow
- 54 Calif. clock setting

DOWN

- 1 Yield
- 2 Satan's forte
- 3 Sultry Horne
- 4 Annex
- 5 Avocado dip, for short
- 6 Sierra Nevada lake
- 7 Writings by Kate Chopin
- 8 Comics cry

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1. COMICS: What is Thor's home planet?
2. LITERATURE: Which of Charles Dickens' novels has a character named Miss Havisham?
3. ANATOMY: What is the largest muscle in the human body?
4. MOVIES: In the movie "Zombieland," what sweet treat is Woody Harrelson's character searching for?
5. ASTRONOMY: What is the largest moon of Jupiter?
6. TELEVISION: How does George Costanza's fiancée die on "Seinfeld"?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a quahog?
8. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries does the Amazon River and its tributaries flow through?
9. ENTERTAINERS: Where is Elvis Presley's home, Graceland?
10. SCIENCE: What is the study of clouds called?

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Benefits/Fundraisers

NAIWA Fundraiser. Oct. 24-25 at 11 a.m. each day at Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual in Cherokee, N.C. Oct. 24 – Indian Dinners for \$15. Oct. 25 – Soup and Sandwich for \$10. Info: Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

EBCI Community Events

Purple Lotus Flower Event.

Oct. 22 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Welcome Center Pavillion in Cherokee, N.C. Presented by the EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program, this event aims to promote awareness and support for survivors in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is a collaborative event with local advocates and community leaders promoting cultural resilience, hope, and support for domestic violence survivors, featuring speakers and presentations. The theme is the Purple Lotus, which is a symbol of hope, strength, and healing for domestic violence survivors. Info: Billie Jo Rich at bijrich@ebci-nsn.gov

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.

Tsalagi Public Health Walk-in Vaccine Clinics (18+).

Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Beloved Women and Children's Building at 72 Kaiser Wilnoty Rd. in Cherokee, N.C.

Happy Holiday RV Park Halloween.

Oct. 24-25, Oct. 27-31

from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Park at 1553 Wolfetown Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. \$5/person. Haunted Village (Haunted Train and Spooky Village). Info: (828) 497-9204

EBCI Nurse-Family Partnership Childbirth Class.

Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Choices Community Room at 806 Acquoni Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. This is free and open to all. Register with Tricia Carver at triccarv@ebci-nsn.gov or (828) 359-6250

Community Fire Relations

Day. Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kituwah Pavillion at Kituwah. This is a community gathering for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and other federally recognized tribes to support re-Indigenizing the practice of fire in forested lands, from a Kituwah perspective. Community discussion, cultural exchange, fire pot workshop with Levi West, and a cultural lunch. Info: everyguy@ebci-nsn.gov

Yellowhill Baptist Church

Homecoming 2025. Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the church located at 297 Yellowhill Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Lunch following services. Special singing by Isaac's Well, Tyler Broyhill, and Brenda Cannon. Preaching by Bro. Danny Cannon of Clayton, Ga.

The Fun House (haunted

house. Oct. 26 – Nov. 1 at 9 p.m. nightly at the Donald "Kool-Aid" Queen Gym at 27 Long Branch Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Entry fee is a non-perishable food donation/canned good. Donations will be distributed to community pantries. Info: Donald Jackson (828) 788-4727

EBCI Eco-Cultural Wildland Firefighter Training.

Oct. 27-30. Earn your NWCG Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) certification and learn eco-cultural fire practices. What to expect: 4.5 day course, per day stipend for students, hands-on field exercises in an outdoor classroom, EBCI eco-cultural fire contest, lunch served daily, curriculum includes: L-180, S-130, and S-190. Info: everyguy@ebci-nsn.gov

Self Defense Class.

Oct. 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at 171 Boys Club Loop in Cherokee, N.C. Instructor – Jerico French, Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Black Belt. Ages 18+, 10 spots available for this free class. To register, call French at

(828) 359-5542 or jericoTfrench@gmail.com

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, newsongcherokee@gmail.com

5th Annual Mountain Community Career and Resource

Expo. Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first floor of the Harrah's Cherokee Convention

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Skeeter, a 3-year-old Sphynx Cat, lives in Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) with human, Chloe Locust

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Center in Cherokee, N.C. This event open to the public, is presented by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and sponsored by Harrah's Cherokee Resort and Event Center. There will be a full range of resources, employment, education, and assistance opportunities on site. Meet directly with representatives from all over western North Carolina. Info: Gerard Ball, EBCI veteran services officer, (828) 359-6184

Breaking Bread, Building Wealth Information Session. Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Enjoy a good meal and learn more about the financial wellness pro-

gram of Uwena – seven principles for financial wellness. Everyone attending will receive a free gift and a financial wellness workbook. Info: siyo@uwena.org or visit www.uwena.org

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

Turkey Strut 5K. Nov. 22 at

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A work-related situation that started last month takes on increasing importance this week. The choice is still yours as to how it will evolve. Be careful not to make quick judgments.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) "Careful" is the watchword for the prudent Bovine this week. Don't let your emotions overwhelm your logic. Try for balance as you maneuver through a touchy situation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your energy levels rise to meet the challenges that will mark much of this month. New opportunities beckon. Look them over, but proceed cautiously before making any kind of decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your private life can be a problem this week as a partner becomes more difficult. Resist a reaction that you might regret. Instead of walking away, try to talk things out.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You should be your usual sunny self these days as you bask in the admiration that you adore. Enjoy it as you move into a new arena to confront an exciting upcoming challenge.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your perseverance reserves will be tapped frequently this week as you deal with the problems involved in making a new situation work for you. It'll all be worth it!

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You'll find fewer roadblocks turning up as you continue to move ahead with your plans. Expect some important news to come your way in a few weeks.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Good news! You finally get to the bottom of a pesky mystery you've been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break their silence.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The best time to take on that important task is now. Move forward one step at a time so that you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be sure you make the choice that's best for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you'll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it!

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sharp, logical mind and a quick intellect. You would make an excellent mystery writer.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Claims error rate: 61%

It's one thing to have a medical condition that neatly slots into the VA's presumptive chart of toxic exposure-related illnesses. If you served at a location at a certain time, your illness is presumed to have been caused by that service under TERA, a toxic exposure risk activity. As the list of presumptives grows (courtesy of the PACT Act), so do the number of veterans who qualify automatically. Disability benefits soon follow — if all goes well.

But what if you were there, at a certain time, and your toxic exposure illness isn't on the list?

In 2022 when the PACT Act added so many presumptives, veterans submitted their claims, the how-to claims manual increased in size and things became complicated. For one thing, those veterans without a presumptive (listed) illness were required to get a medical exam and a medical opinion. The claims people had to do extra work and request the specific exam as well as the opinion to verify that the veteran did have that illness, and that the exposure did indeed cause that illness.

And there the problems began with the denial of claims.

The VA's Office of Inspector General stepped in and conducted a very long review to investigate whether processors handled those denials correctly.

The results of that investigation showed that 61% of denials for non-presumptive TERA-related claims had processing errors. In some cases, there was no request for a medical exam and opinion. In other cases there was no research into whether the veteran participated in a toxic exposure activity.

It's not surprising so many mistakes were made. Besides the standard 82-page how-to manual, processors needed to wade through eight policy documents, nine general information documents and 94 webpages of frequently asked questions.

The OIG's recommendations, if followed by the VA, should ease the difficulties in accurately processing the exposure claims. We can only hope they're listening.

Veterans, if you believe your illness was caused by toxic exposure, insist on a TERA exam and medical opinion to bolster your claim.

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Headline

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My cat "Jonesy" is 11 years old and has suddenly become a very picky eater. He is barely touching his dry kibble, and he will only eat canned pate or fresh chicken, shredded very fine. Is this something to be concerned about? — Martha Y., Tallahassee, Florida

DEAR MARTHA: Sudden, unexplained changes in a cat's behavior — especially around food — often signal a change in their health. Call the veterinarian and describe your cat's symptoms; the vet will likely ask you to bring Jonesy in for a look.

One possible cause is a dental infection. After age 4, more than half of cats begin to experience some degree of dental problems, like gingivitis, tooth infections and tooth resorption. Symptoms of dental disease include bad breath, excessive drooling, blood-tinged saliva, pawing at the face, dropping food from the mouth, lack of appetite and several more — all requiring a visit to the vet.

Your cat's vet will give him a complete physical exam to determine if something else is causing his lack of appetite, and will take a close look at his teeth. X-rays may be ordered to determine the extent of the problem.

If Jonesy's issue is an infection, antibiotics will be prescribed. If a tooth is involved, the vet will probably recommend pulling it; this is done under anesthesia, and will provide so much relief to your cat.

Once your cat has recovered, the vet will likely set up a toothbrushing routine — a finger brush and flavored toothpaste made just for cats work best. They may recommend a dry cat food that helps fight plaque buildup. There are many more preventive treatments available for pets today than in the past, so ask your vet how you can keep Jonesy happy and healthy through his senior years.

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

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Kituwah. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Race begins at 12 p.m. Proceeds from this event will be donated to Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness. \$15 early sign-up. Price increases to \$20 after Nov. 2. To register online, visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/BrysonCity/Cherokee5KTurkeyStrut>. Info: Yolanda Saunooke (828) 359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

Cherokee Cultural/Historical Events

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 Chero-

kee 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.

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.

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

Work session on Tabled Ord. No. 11 (Underground storage tanks). Nov. 10 at 9 a.m.

Work session on Tabled Ord. No. 13 (Deer hunting season). Nov. 10 at 10 a.m.

Work session on Tabled Ord. Nos. 12 and 14 (Unlawful searches by game wardens and fishing laws). Nov. 10 at 11 a.m.

Work session on Tabled Res. No. 10 (Noquisi Initiative). Nov. 19 at 9 a.m.

Work session on Tabled Ord. No. 6 (Ordinance amending Judicial Code). Nov. 19 at 10 a.m.

Pow Wow Listings

41st Annual Roy Track Memorial Mesa Pow Wow. Oct. 24-26 at Riverview Park in Mesa, Ariz. MC: Dennis Bowen. Host Northern Drum: Northern Mixx. Host Southern Drum: Sunny Deer. Info: Hawk Track (602) 799-0260, mesapowwow@gmail.com

Chambers Farm Intertribal Pow Wow. Oct. 24-26 at 22400 NW Hwy 315 in Fort McCoy, Fla. MC: Tony Phess. Host Drum: Gray Cloud. Info: Ozetta Gipson (321) 277-9688, chambersfarm2025@gmail.com

Modoc Nation Pow Wow. Oct. 24-25 at the Modoc Nation Grounds in Wyandotte, Okla. Emcees: Council and Henry Rondeau. Host Drum: Southern Sway. Info: Audrey McGaughey (918) 325-8108, Audrey.McGauhey@modocnation.com

Tribal Unity Pow Wow. Oct. 25-26 at The Lighthouse in Philadelphia, Pa. MC: Ray Silva. Host Drums: War Paint, Red Blanket. Info: Cornelia Dimalanta (267) 348-9393, nahaincphila@gmail.com

Support Groups

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

Celebrate Recovery meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the 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

Forge After Dark event. Nov. 7-8 at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, N.C. Blacksmithing showcase, live auction of handcrafted works, two live music performances (Appalachian Son, Clover-Lynn), and more. Info: www.folkschool.org/100

Holiday Art Market. Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SCC Swain Center at 60 Almond School Rd. in Bryson City, N.C. Art, crafts, food, and demonstrations. This is sponsored by the SCC Ceramic Arts Club.

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, rogersmoker@yahoo.com

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

Wolftown Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the community building; potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

Info: Chair Dwayne “Tuff” Jackson (828) 788-4088, dwayne4251@gmail.com

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

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

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

Antioch Baptist Church. 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.,

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MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF



SHERRI GARRETT

*Director of Admissions and
Marketing at Tsali Care Center*

Education: Bachelors in Business
Administration from Montreat College and
Associates Degree in Theology from Life
Christian University
Years at CIHA: 1 Year 7 Months
Community/Hometown: Bryson City, NC

“What I enjoy most about working for CIHA at Tsali Care Center is it has given me a place to belong and allows the gift that I have to serve others to be used. I love the geriatric community and it gives me such fulfillment to serve and meet the needs of our community, knowing that I have made a difference in the lives of others by assisting them with the hard decision to be admitted into a long-term care facility.” - Sherri Garrett

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Monthly business meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Pentecostal 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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Romans (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Exodus 34, who was frightened of a man who came down a mountain with a shining face? *Laban, Stephen, Aaron, Cornelius*
3. During a famine, who set out with another man to find grass to feed his horses and mules? *Abishag, Ahab, Abner, Agrippa*
4. From Esther 7, who met his death on the gallows he built for another man? *Herod, Haman, Peter, Ezekiel*
5. What charioteer rode to Jezreel to find King Joram? *Jehu, Omri, Naboth, Jethro*
6. From Acts 5, who fell dead after lying about a property deal? *Nehemiah, Shimei, Levi, Ananias*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Aaron, 3) Haman, 4) Haman, 5) Jehu, 6) Ananias
Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Moments in time

• On Nov. 3, 1883, California bandit and stagecoach robber Black Bart, born Charles E. Boles and famous for his daring as well as his habit of occasionally leaving short poems at the scenes of his crimes, held up his last stagecoach. While he initially made a quick getaway, he was done in by the handkerchief with a laundry mark he'd inadvertently dropped and spent four years in San Quentin prison.

• On Nov. 4, 1928, Arnold Rothstein, a legendary New York gambler with a fortune estimated at about \$50 million, was shot during a poker game at Manhattan's Park Central Hotel. He died in the hospital two days later without revealing the name of his assassin, though the fellow gambler who'd invited him to the game was tried for the crime, and acquitted.

• On Nov. 5, 2024, former President Donald Trump was elected to a second term in office, becoming the first president to serve nonconsecutive terms since 1892.

• On Nov. 6, 1977, the Toccoa Falls Dam in Georgia collapsed just hours after a volunteer fireman inspected it and found everything in order, with 39 people dying in the resulting flood.

• On Nov. 7, 1943, Roberta Joan Anderson, now known to the world as Joni Mitchell and dubbed the greatest female guitarist of all time by Rolling Stone magazine, was born in Fort MacLeod, Alberta, Canada. She cemented her status in the music world as a composer rather than performer, with David Geffen of Geffen Records noting in 1994 that, "Even though we lost money on every one of her records, we always treated Joni as one of the most important artists in the world."

• On Nov. 8, 1970, Tom Dempsey, a professional football kicker, though he was born with no toes on his right foot, launched a 63-yard field goal in his custom shoe and set a new NFL record, beating the previous record by seven yards.

• On Nov. 9, 1956, French philosopher and author Jean-Paul Sartre, a long-time admirer of the Soviet Union, denounced both the USSR and its communist system following the Soviet invasion of Hungary.

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This low-maintenance succulent from Mexico gets its name from its thick, whitish-green leaves, which can become pink-tinged in hot, dry weather, and blueish when in shade. In spring it forms clusters of small star-shaped flowers that are white with small red dots. It likes full sun to partial shade, and well-drained soil is a must. Once it is established, it is drought tolerant. It does well in rock gardens, containers, as a ground cover or on the patio. It is easily propagated by rooting leaves, division or stem cuttings. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: plants.ces.ncsu.edu, www.smgrowers.com

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

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

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

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

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

John and Linda George 497-3512

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

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

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

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

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

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolftown 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

Tsalagi MINUTE

Spearfinger

Long long ago, a terrible monster lived in the mountains. Her name was Spearfinger, Utlvda because she had a long, sharp, stony forefinger of bone like an awl. She used to stab people and scoop out their livers - her favorite food. She had a thick stony skin, but the scariest thing about her was that she could change her appearance to look like your grandmother, or someone in your family. When she got close to her victim, she could stab him, scoop out his liver, and eat it without him even noticing. A few days later he would get sick and die.

Finally the Cherokees held a council to decide how to get rid of her before she killed everyone. They dug a deep pit, and covered it over with brush and grass. Soon Spearfinger came along the trail, looking like someone's granny, and fell in the pit. Then she changed into the monster that she was, and all their arrows just bounced off of her stony hide. The titmouse, utsugi, sat on a branch and sang, and the warriors thought it was saying "heart, heart." They aimed at her heart, but their arrows and spears bounced off and broke. This why they say now the titmouse is a liar.

Then the chickadee, tsikilili, flew down and lit on Spearfinger's right hand, where she kept her heart clenched in her fist. The warriors shot at that, hit her hand, and killed her. Ever since, the chickadee is known as a truth teller. If a man is away on a journey, and a chickadee comes and sings near his house, his friends know he'll be home soon.

Source: Museum of the Cherokee People

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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

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- If selected, you can participate in a conversation, taking & sharing photos, or both!
- Recruitment will be open until participation is filled.
- You would be compensated \$25 to \$175 depending on your participation selection(s).

INTERESTED?

- Were you adopted by non-Native parent(s) as a child?
- Did you spend at least half of your childhood apart from Native culture & community?
- Have you met at least one Native member of your birth family or Tribal Nation as part of reunification in adulthood?
- Would you be willing to share stories about your experiences of the land, or significant places, as a Native/Indigenous adoptee who has sought reunification?

Contact the Researcher:
Meschelle Linjean, MSW
Cherokee Nation citizen, adoptee & graduate student
918-212-6312
meschell@buffalo.edu



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EMPLOYMENT



Museum of the Cherokee People

Call For Board Members

Museum of the Cherokee People seeks volunteers to join its board of directors. The Museum's board of multigenerational community members advances the 501(c)3 nonprofit organization's mission to preserve and perpetuate the history, culture, and stories of the Cherokee people.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest to communications@motcp.org by Wednesday, October 31. **10/29**

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**

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. 25-093
Notice to Creditors and

Debtors of:

PHYLLIS TOMLINSON

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.

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Shirley Jean Lambert Reagan
50 Qualla Town Rd
Whittier, NC 28789
10/22

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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-096
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2025 EBCI Special Election Calendar

BIG COVE SCHOOL BOARD (1 seat)

Special Election - Registration is now open and will close on November 14th at 4:00pm.

October-20	Candidate filing begins 8:00am-4:00pm
October-22	Candidate filing closes at 4:00pm
October-27	All Candidates must be notified of decision
November-14	Voter Registration closes at 4:00pm
November-20	Big Cove School Board Special Election 6:00am-6:00pm
November-21	Recount Request ends at 4:00pm

Debtors of:

RAMONA LOSSIE BAITH

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P.O. Box 1684
Cherokee, NC 28719
10/29

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
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Carol Bernhisel
P.O. Box 433
Cherokee, NC 28719
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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

**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 with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1),] hereby gives notice of EBCI's intent to revise the flood hazard



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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**

INVITATION TO BID

2026 Lawn Mowing

Advertisement:

The Cherokee Housing Indian Division is seeking sealed bids from qualified TERO contractors to complete Lawn Mowing Services in Cherokee/Qualla Boundary, Snowbird, Robbinsville, and Cherokee County, NC.

CIHD-2025-17 Olivet Church Properties 1,2,3 (10 Units)

CIHD-2025-18 Pioneer (2 Complexes)

CIHD-2025-19 Cherokee Properties (6 Units)

CIHD-2025-20 Sara Smoker (Sara Smoker Loop/16 Units)

CIHD-2025-21 Olivet Church (50 Red Cabin Rd./10 Units)

CIHD-2025-22 Lambert Wilson Way (Whittier/16 Units)

CIHD-2025-23 Grandview (11 Grandview Circle/11 Units)

CIHD-2025-24 Blackberry Ridge (15 Teesateskie Dr./6 Units)

CIHD-2025-24 Potato Patch (20 Potato Patch Dr./6 Units)

CIHD-2025-26 Scattered Sites/Qualla Boundary/ 7 Units)

CIHD-2025-27 Snowbird/Robbinsville/Cherokee County-8 Units)

Please contact CIHD for additional information. Ernest Tiger, Property Manager, Qualla Housing

Services, Cherokee Indian Housing Division, PO Box 1749, 687 Acquoni Rd., Office 828-359-6748

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Project Title: Cherokee Central Schools – Grease Trap Replacement

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program is seeking the services of a licensed general contractor to provide work under contract for the saw cut the existing asphalt, remove and replace two (2) existing grease traps located in the rear of the school's campus, patch/repair asphalt within the project limits.

The project area is located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation on the Cherokee Central School campus, 86 Elk Crossing Lane Cherokee NC 28719. Contact Becky Bowe at (828)359-6702 or by email at rebebowe@ebci-nsn.gov with any questions or to request a copy of the RFP.

A pre-proposal meeting will not be held for this project, please reach out to Becky Bowe to schedule a site visit. Proposals should be submitted to Ms. Becky Bowe in a manner prescribed in the RFP and must be received by 1:00PM (EDT) on OCTOBER 28, 2025. Any proposal received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) regulations apply for award and execution of this contract. **10/22**



**Cherokee Central Schools
Job Openings**

Apply online at
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www.ccs-nc.org/apps/pages/human_resources for more information.

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

- 9-12 Cherokee Language Instructor**
- 9-12 Special Education Teacher**
- 8-12 Student Supervisory Support Specialist**
- 9-12 High School Computer Science Teacher**
- 6-12 Pathseekers School Counselor**
- K-5 School Counselor**
- K-5 Cherokee Language Instructor**
- K-5 Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant (GRANT FUNDED)**
- High School Custodian (Evening Shift)**
- Part-Time Food Service Worker**
- Weekend Security Monitor**



Request for Qualifications and Proposals

Kituwah LLC is seeking a Request for Qualification and Request for Proposal (RFQ/RFQ) from qualified General Contractors to Renovate the Cherokee Cinemas & More Bathrooms (Men's & Women's).

Qualifications for General Contractors:

Must have no less than 5 years of experience.

Must have 3 Professional references related to Commercial Construction Remodels.

Must have COI with Workers' Compensation.

Must have a flexible schedule to perform some of the work before or after Business hours at the Cherokee Cinemas.

Must have Unlimited General Contractor's License

General Contractors can get a copy of duties assigned in a Scope of Work (SOW) at a mandatory meeting at 10:00 am on Thursday October 30, 2025 at: Cherokee Cinemas 91 Sequoyah Trail, Cherokee, NC 28719

The SOW will be handed out at this meeting. Proposals shall be delivered by 3:00 Friday November 7, 2025 to Kituwah Operations office at: 559 Casino Trail, Whittier NC 28789

Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, and the outside of the envelope shall be clearly

marked. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid is received at the proper time. Any proposal received after the scheduled time or incomplete will be rejected. The person to contact technical questions concerning the projects specifications or meeting, should be directed to Chad Carver/ Project Manager, via email at chad.carver@kituwahllc.com or at (828-508-5590). **10/22**

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 November 18, 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.

(C204967) WAKE;
(C205148) DURHAM;
(C205094) CUMBERLAND;
(C205069) ROBESON;
(C205155) MOORE;
(C205012) FORSYTH;
(C205154) UNION;
(C205118) MECKLENBURG;
(C204505) MECKLENBURG;
(C205044) SURRY;
(C205147) CLEVELAND;
(C205126) BUNCOMBE;
(C205146) HENDERSON;
(C205086) JACKSON

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. **10/22**



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club
P.O. Box 507,
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-497-9101

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6 Teachers—\$31,800–\$39,750 per year with benefits

Children's Home

2 Residential Counselor—Full Time—\$17.00 per hour with benefits

1 Residential Counselor—Part Time—\$17.00 per hour w/out benefits

Service Department

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

Construction & Facilities

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

Bus & Truck Department

Seasonal Bus Drivers
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EVS Technician – 3rd Shift
Laundry Aide – TCC
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Training and Development Coordinator

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Employment Specialist – Kanvwotiyi
Behavioral Health Therapist - \$5,000 Hiring
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Family – Snowbird, Family Intensive Treatment)
Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety, MAT

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Electrician and Maintenance Mechanic -
\$5,000 Hiring Bonus
EVS Supervisor – 2nd Shift

EXECUTIVE

Public Relations Specialist

FINANCE

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HUMAN RESOURCES

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MEDICAL

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

NURSING

Clinical Care Manager - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager – Pediatrics - \$10,000
Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager Float - \$10,000 Hiring
Bonus
Medical Social Worker – Primary Care
RN Supervisor – Inpatient – Dayshift Weekends

OPERATIONS

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

TRIBAL OPTION

Tribal Option Medical Social Worker

TSALI CARE CENTER

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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828-359-6388

All applications and job descriptions are available at
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Closing Sunday, October 26, 2025

1. Professional Development Specialist – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
2. Case Aide – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. ALE Agent – Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement – TABCC (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Air Quality Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
5. Grants Analyst – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)

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



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