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Hope, Strength, and Healing

EBCI acknowledges Purple Lotus Day

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Hope, strength, and healing were the messages conveyed at the Purple Lotus Day event held at the Cherokee Welcome Center on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 22. The event, presented by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program, featured speeches and information on domestic violence and MMIP (Missing and Murdered Indigenous People) in recognition of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Prior to planning our DV

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Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer, a domestic violence survivor, speaks during the Purple Lotus Day event held at the Cherokee Welcome Center in Cherokee, N.C. on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 22. The event, presented by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program, featured speeches and information on domestic violence and MMIP (Missing and Murdered Indigenous People) in recognition of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Image of the Week

Taline Ugviwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley, 2025-26 Junior Miss Cherokee Keilani Arch, 2025-26 Senior Miss Cherokee Lisa Penick, and Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks are shown at the Cracker Bowl at Ray Kinsland Memorial Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 25. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Quote of the Week

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“At this time, no tribal services have been impacted. We continue to provide all essential services without interruption, and our leadership team remains in close communication with our federal partners and lobbyists to stay informed and respond quickly to any developments.”

- Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks
in a statement on Thursday, Oct. 23 regarding
the federal government shutdown

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PURPLE LOTUS: From front page

month event, we reflected on the community,” said Billie Jo Rich, EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program manager. “And, we decided, ultimately, that we wanted to share what we think the victims and survivors need to hear the most - a message of hope and resilience, which the purple lotus represents. We have a message for survivors, for those who’ve been in a dark place, and those who may be in one now living in fear at home. The message is you are not alone. You matter. You deserve safety and you are worth protecting. Your voice matters. Your story deserves to be heard. You deserve safety and love.”

She added, “Hope - that is such a powerful word. It’s literally a life-changer. We can all be messengers of hope. Hope comes from recognizing survivorship, strength from providing community support, and by making sure that support and resources are available. If we all work together, we can turn hope into action.”

Some statistics were provided by the EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program including:

- 84 percent of American Indian/Alaskan Native women experience violence in their lifetime
- 23 percent of EBCI enrolled members identified domestic violence as one of the most significant health issues in the community
- 22 percent of EBCI enrolled members identified violence and abuse as a top harmful behavior affecting community well-being
- 96 percent of perpetrators against American Indian/Alaskan Native women are non-Native
- 55 percent of American Indian/Alaskan Native women have experienced intimate partner violence



Sheyahshe Littledave, left, a domestic violence survivor, and Ahli-sha Stephens, both EBCI tribal members, gave a presentation on MMIP and their podcast “We Are Resilient” during Wednesday’s event.

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Sheyahshe Littledave and Ahli-sha Stephens, both EBCI tribal members who run a podcast on MMIP entitled “We Are Resilient”, spoke on the MMIP epidemic in Indian Country.

Stephens noted, “We share these stories because these people mattered. We share them to bring awareness and humanize these people. A lot of times when we hear the stories of something that happened to someone, it’s after the fact and it talks about what happened to them. These people are more important. We’re all more important than a news headline and what happened to us.”

She went on to say, “Hope doesn’t come easy after everything we’ve seen and shared. But, hope isn’t about pretending anymore that everything is ok. It’s about choosing to believe that healing is possible.”



Maggie Jackson, an EBCI tribal member and a domestic violence survivor, is a member of the Qualla Boundary MMIW organization and spoke on the MMIW/P movement.

Littledave, a domestic violence survivor, commented, “Awareness is where change begins. It’s how we hold systems accountable and how we remind people that these stories aren’t rare because they’re happening every single day.”

She spoke about the symbolism of the purple lotus. “The lotus teaches us that something beautiful can grow from the hardest places. That even through pain, that there’s strength. We carry the same truth in the stories we tell. Often, we don’t think about the healing aspects or strength when it comes to MMIP because it’s such a traumatic epidemic that’s happening. But, what we really try to do is tell these stories to remind us why awareness matters and why we can never stop speaking their names.”

Maggie Jackson, an EBCI tribal member who is part of the Qualla Boundary MMIW organization, spoke and said, “Here, at the Purple Lotus Event, we are gathered as a community to say that we are not defined by violence, but by strength. And, we do that by honoring personal and community healing. For the Cherokee community, domestic violence is not only a personal issue - it’s truly a community crisis. It impacts our families. It impacts our health. It impacts our sense of well-being. Events like this are important because we know that silence protects abusers, but our voices and presence protect survivors.”

A domestic violence survivor, she spoke of healing stating, “Every survivor who stands up, every family who turns loss into advocacy, and every voice that speaks truth to violence brings us closer to healing. Not just for ourselves, but for our entire community. Violence is not normal and it is not ok. But it also does not define you. You are not what happened



The EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program had a table at the event with resources about domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and more.

to you, you are what you choose to become after. You are the courage to keep going, the hope that wins from pain, and the strength that reminds others that healing is possible.”

Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer, a domestic violence survivor, said, “For me, the biggest message that we can send is that, whether you’re a survivor or an ally, we are in this together. We can remind one another of our worth, of our strength, and how important it is for us to come together and support one another, and to not let others take our power. But also, whenever we share our stories, we’re not just raising awareness, but we’re letting other people know that you’re not alone, that there’s not something wrong with you, that you’re not damaged.

You’re not worthless. You are still lovable. You are still valuable. Don’t let anybody make you think differently.”

She said that recovery comes in many forms. “I know that in our community when we talk about recovery a lot of times it’s associated with substance use disorder, but we’re all in recovery from our own traumas. And we’re all in recovery from the things that we struggle with.

We need to protect one another. We need to stick with one another and encourage one another and keep reminding each other of our worth and how precious every single one of us is because we have something to offer.”

EBCI Secretary of Public Health and Human Services Sonya Wachacha spoke highly of the

EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program. “Last year, they delivered over 800 services in advocacy services so they touched at least 800 people with the services they deliver. They are leading the path. They’re doing that through education, compassion, and action, and we want to thank them. They are striving to make each and every home in the community a safe haven and no longer a place of harm.”

The EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program states, “If you need services, information, or would like to speak with someone about domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and/or human trafficking, please contact us at: 1-800-264-9611, (828) 359-6830 – hotline, or call 911 in case of an emergency.”

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approves opinion referendum on constitution

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Voters of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) will be able to have their voices heard regarding the future of the Tribe’s effort towards a constitution in March 2026. During an Annual Council session on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approved Res. No. 23 (2025) that sets the referendum “on or before March 20, 2026”.

The question approved is as follows:
- Which of the following statements best describes your opinion about changes to the EBCI Charter and Governing Document? (Pick one)

1. The Charter and Governing Document should be replaced entirely with a new constitution document, as presented by the Constitution Committee, which is voted on by tribal voters.

2. The Charter and Governing Document should be amended in sections with each amendment, as presented by the Constitution Committee, voted on by tribal voters.

The whereas section of the legislation states in part, “The EBCI Constitution Committee was charged with evaluating the Charter and Governing Document, potential changes to this document, and how best to address any such changes.”

Res. No. 23 was submitted by

EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell who said prior to the vote, “There is a question about which direction to go – whether change the Charter bit by bit or do a wholesale repeal and replace. We can talk about the benefits of each, the disadvantages of each, but the resolution itself just asks for the public to weigh in on the question.”

Dinilawigi Vice Chairman David Wolfe said, “We had discussion on this with Constitution Committee member Lloyd Arneach (Jr.), and he said the Constitution Committee was kind of stuck on which way to go as a Committee and how to proceed, and some of the Committee members have asked what are their options.”

Wayohi Rep. Bo Crowe and Aniwo dihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer both inquired what would happen if not enough voters showed up for the referendum to be valid.

Cherokee Code Sec. 161-9(c) (8b) states, “Not less than 30 percent of registered voters must vote in a referendum/initiative election to answer a question on a ballot question or the election is deemed void. No decision approved or denied by the voters on an issue shall be reconsidered by Tribal Council for two years.”

During Tuesday’s debate, Rep. Swimmer noted, “If we don’t have the percentage that’s required by the Code, then they’re still in the same situation that they’re in right now of being stuck without any way to move forward.”

Attorney General McConnell responded, “No, you’re right, but there are many ways to get over being stuck...this is requesting an expression of preference. This would not make law. This would not change any ordinances. It’s an opinion.”

He added, “It’s possible that the referendum would not meet the required percentage in which case you say ‘we have not received a full expression of opinion and so, therefore, we have to find a different way to determine how to move forward’.”

Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee County) Rep. Adam Wachacha said he would prefer amending the current Charter – an idea shared by some of his constituents. “With the constitution, they felt like it was reinventing the wheel. We have a current governing document, and I think that the packet that was proposed last time, they felt like it was too big. I’m just sharing some of the conversations I’ve had.

One of the things that I think would help is that if we did referendums to change the Charter to strengthen the Charter to answer some of the questions that are out there. One in particular is we operate as a three-branch government, but in the Charter we’re only listing two (Executive, Legislative).” Rep. Wachacha said the referendum proposed in Res. No. 23 would help provide guidance for the effort, and he made the motion to pass which was seconded by Vice Chairman Wolfe.

Voting on Res. No. 23 was as follows: For – Dinilawigi Chairman Jim Owle, Dinilawigi Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Wayohi Rep. Bo Crowe, Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi Rep. Adam Wachacha, Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle, Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi Rep. Michael Smoker; Against – Aniwo dihi Rep. Shannon Swimmer, Aniwo dihi Rep. Michael Stamper; Absent – Elawodihi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shennell Feather, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Lavita Hill, Kolanvyi Rep. Venita Wolfe, and Wayohi Rep. Mike Parker.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- One spark of static electricity can generate as much as 3,000 volts.
- Hockey pucks are frozen before each game to prevent bouncing in and out of play and other potentially dangerous and uncontrolled movements.
- According to the National Turkey Federation, around 88% of Americans enjoy the bird as part of their annual holiday feast each year. That adds up to a belly-busting 46 million-plus turkeys, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Yep, we don’t call it Turkey Day for nothing!
- The phrase “United States of America” was first published anonymously in the Virginia Gazette newspaper in Williamsburg, Virginia, on April 6, 1776.
- When he was a teenager, physicist Stephen Hawking’s friends called him “Einstein” after they created a computer using telephone switchboards, old clock parts and additional items meant for recycling.
- Nearly 500 animal species have documented homosexual behaviors.
- The Atlantic is the saltiest of Earth’s five major oceans, primarily due to the Antarctic ice sheet and global mountain ranges.
- Muhammad Ali started boxing at age 12 after someone stole his bike. The tearful boy told police officer Joe Martin that he wanted to pummel the culprit, and Martin, who was a boxing instructor at a local gym, advised him to learn how to fight.
- American school buses are yellow because the color is easier to see in poor light and bad weather.
- Helium was the first chemical element not initially discovered on Earth.
- On average, Google.com processes about 63,000 search queries every second, or more than 5.5 billion searches per day, and 2 trillion per year.
- A common garden spider can produce as many as seven types of silk, each made up of a different sequence of proteins.

Thought for the Day: “The successful warrior is the average man, with laser-like focus.” — *Bruce Lee*

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Tabled ordinance would change candidacy requirements

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

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One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Board of Elections has submitted an ordinance that would remove a section from the tribe's election law regarding requirements for filing for candidacy. Ord. No. 21 (2025) was deemed read and tabled during the Annual Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) session on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025.

It seeks to remove the entirety of subsection (3) of Section 161-3(d) which starts, "No person shall ever be eligible to run for or serve in any of the above Tribal Offices, if: (3) The person has been impeached and removed by the Tribal Council from any elected office or appointed office, for having violated his or her oath of office or being guilty of any offense making the person ineligible to hold said office."

This change was spurred by a recent decision of the Cherokee Supreme Court.

On the morning of July 10, 2025 in Cherokee Tribal Court, the Cherokee Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Cherokee Board of Elections to disqualify Patrick Henry Lambert from candidacy in the 2025 Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) election.

Lambert, who was impeached from his position as Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) of the (EBCI) in 2017, filed for candidacy for

the 2025 Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) election. The Board would find Lambert ineligible for candidacy based on his 2017 impeachment as stated in the appellee brief, "It appeared to the Board that Mr. Lambert would be ineligible to be a candidate due to his previous impeachment and removal from Tribal office in 2017 (Resolution No. 596 (2017))."

During the July 10 hearing, Lambert argued that Sec. 161-3(d) (3) violates the EBCI Charter & Governing Document Section 9 which reads, "In order to run for or serve as Principal Chief, Vice-Chief or Tribal Council member, a candidate must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band. For the offices of Chief and Vice-Chief a candidate must also be at least thirty-five years of age by the date of the election and have resided on Cherokee trust lands continuously for at least two years immediately preceding the date of the election. For the Tribal Council a candidate must be at least eighteen years of age by the date of election and have resided in the township which he is to represent for at least ninety days immediately preceding the date of the election."

He noted that day, "Cherokee Code Section 161-3(d)(3) violates Charter Section 9's exclusive criteria: enrollment, age, and residency, all of which I indisputably meet. This is not just about my candidacy, it's about protecting the voice of every Cherokee voter. I ask this court to reverse the Board's error, declare Cherokee Code Section 161-3(d)(3) void, and certify my candidacy, ensuring that the peoples' will prevails."

The Cherokee Supreme Court order announcing the reversal of the Board of Elections decision to deny Lambert's candidacy allowed

him on the ballot as a candidate for Tsisqwohi.

Ord. No. 21 has to set for 25 days before it can be acted upon with the next date it will likely be on the Dinilawigi agenda being the December 2025 session.

EBCI Government Explained Referendums

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Law governing referendums held for voters of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) can be found in the Tribe's election law in Cherokee Code Section 161-9. That section was established with the passage of Ord. No. 409 on Aug. 7, 2008.

Section 161-9(a) outlines the purpose as, "A referendum is the people's ability to vote on ballot questions approved by Tribal Council."

Section 161-9(c) describes the processes by which a referendum can be initiated. There are two ways – it can be by a resolution of Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) or by a petition of a tribal member requesting Dinilawigi to authorize one. Petition signatures of at least 25 percent of registered EBCI voters are required to authorize a referendum "on a proposed ordinance or action by the Tribal Council or Principal Chief" and 33 percent is required "on a proposed change to the Charter and Governing Document".

These amounts were established with the passage of Ord. No. 408 on Dec. 19, 2018.

Referendums require a minimum amount of voter participation. Section 161-9(c)(8) states, "(a) Not less than 51 percent of

registered voters must vote in a referendum/initiative election on a proposed amendment to the Charter or Governing Document or the election is deemed void. (b) Not less than 30 percent of registered voters must vote in a referendum/initiative election to answer a question on a ballot question or the election is deemed void. No decision approved or denied by the voters on an issue shall be reconsidered by Tribal Council for two years."

These amounts were also established by Ord. No. 408.

The binding nature of a referendum vote is discussed in Section 161-9(c)(11) which states, "The outcome of the referendum vote, if it has first met the minimum threshold of voters, shall be certified by the Board of Elections and sent to Tribal Council for further action."



CCS School Board holds October meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, Oct. 20 in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson.

Co-Vice Chairperson Tara Reed-Cooper led roll call. Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, co-vice chairperson and Widagalinidisgv (Big Y) rep.; Micah Swimmer, Aniwo-dihi (Painttown) rep.; Melanie Lambert, co-vice chairperson and Tsiqwohi (Birdtown) rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wayohi (Wolfstown) rep.; Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Heather Driver, human resources coordinator; Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; and Ashley Leonard, attorney.

The opening prayer was led by Heather Driver.

The agenda was approved unanimously with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Toineeta.

In good news, the Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) varsity volleyball team shared their appreciation to the board for supporting their summer trip to Hawaii to play volleyball. The players and coaches shared their experiences learning about the Indigenous cultures in Hawaii, playing schools stacked with Division 1 prospects, and bonding as a team. The team gifted jackets

to the board to show their appreciation.

CCS Finance Director Deb Foerst and CBC Finance Director Rhonica Via provided their monthly financial report. No major changes were reported.

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert. The following positions were approved from the consent agenda (Names are redacted by the decision of the board):

26-057 REDACTED is approved for the Human Resource and Employee Relations Coordinator position

26-059 REDACTED is approved as a permanent Substitute SPED Teacher for this school year

Revisions to Policy 2410 Policy Development were approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert.

Toineeta asked about morning traffic flow issues as students entered campus last week. Girty said the issue was due to miscommunication about gate entrances, but it has since been resolved.

The board entered closed session at 5:20 p.m.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 3 in the Central Office Board Room at 4:45p.m.

CCS increases E-STEAM learning thanks to CPF grant

Submitted by
Cherokee Central Schools

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Preservation Foundation approved a grant for \$257,125 to Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) during its Fall Board meeting. The focus of the grant is to increase E-STEAM learning, improve CCS

grant management operations, and increase student awareness of career opportunities relating to natural resources.

E-STEAM, which is an acronym for Entrepreneurial Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math learning, is a learning model that focuses on project-based and student-led learning to increase student's skills and understanding in these subject areas. The grant funding provided to CCS over the past few years has been directed towards blended learning that focuses on STEAM and project-based learning methods that utilize a connection to Cherokee culture to teach to the standards adopted by the Cherokee School Board.

"CCS believes in its mission to address these educational opportunities by leaning into the rich cultural connections that exist within our communities and families. Promoting a sense of belonging amongst our student population is critically important in furthering our educational goals," says Consuela Girty, superintendent of Cherokee Central Schools.

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Examples of CCS's efforts over the past few months include:

- Training teachers on these learning methods during summer professional development sessions
- Developing monthly cultural events tied to E-STEAM learning
- Attending the WCU STEM Outreach event
- Studying the potential expansion of E-STEAM learning into CHS

classrooms and clubs

With the receipt of this latest grant award, CCS is furthering these efforts by:

- Purchasing science lab equipment and materials
- Continuing teacher training opportunities
- Purchasing web-based science subscriptions for student use
- Increasing career awareness opportunities

This programming is sponsored in part by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.



1. Pat Pitney (nee Spurgin), who became president of the University of Alaska System in 2020, won a gold medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympics competing in what sport?

2. What Pro Football Hall of Famer served as an associate justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court from 1993-2015 and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2018?

3. What NBA player, nicknamed "Chocolate Thunder" for his powerful dunks, shattered two glass backboards in 1979 and led the league to adopt breakaway rims?

4. American Dick Beardsley and Norwegian Inge Simonsen intentionally crossed the finish line together and shared first place in what 1981 long-distance running race?

5. Running back Pinball Clemons amassed a Canadian Football League record 25,438 combined regular-season yards playing for what team from 1989-2000?

6. What three Chicago Cubs players were immortalized in the refrain of the 1910 poem "Baseball's Sad Lexicon" by Franklin Pierce Adams?

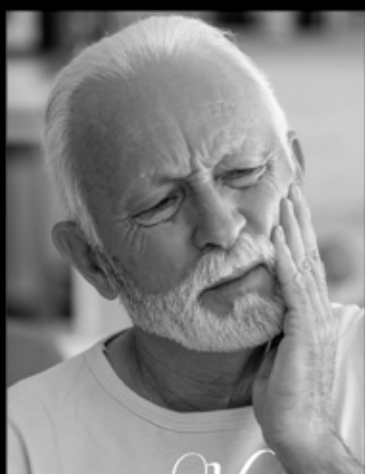
7. What trophy is awarded to the winner of the traditional college football rivalry game between the Cincinnati Bearcats and the Louisville Cardinals?

Answers

1. Air rifle shooting.
2. Alan Page.
3. Darryl Dawkins.
4. The London Marathon.
5. The Toronto Argonauts.
6. Joe Tinker, Johnny Evers and Frank Chance.
7. The Keg of Nails.

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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

New this week

H.R. 5739 (Italian Heroes and Heritage Act). This House bill would, according to the legislation, “prohibit federal funds from being provided to any state or local government that celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day instead of

Columbus Day”. Section 2(a) (1) of this bill states, “Christopher Columbus set sail 533 years ago in 1492 to bravely cross the Atlantic Ocean and discovered new land that would soon after become known as America.”

Section 2(b) states, “It is the sense of Congress that Oct. 13 should continue to be celebrated nationwide as Christopher Columbus Day, as it has been since 1892, to honor our Italian-American heritage and our forefather, Christopher Columbus, who helped to discover this great land.”

Introduced: Rep. Michael A. Rulli (R-Ohio) on Oct. 10

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on

Oct. 10. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S. Res. 450. (A resolution expressing support for the designation of the second Monday in October 2025 as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” to celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples and their shared history and culture).

The resolution states, “Columbus Day does not currently provide an opportunity to reflect on the stories and perseverance of the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that are now part of the United States; and where, prior to western contact, Indigenous Peoples lived and flourished in the lands that

are now part of the United States for thousands of years”.

Introduced: Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) on Oct. 14

Action: This resolution was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Oct. 14. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H. Res. 809 (A resolution expressing support for the designation of the second Monday in October 2025 as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” to celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples and their shared history and culture).

This House resolution is identical to S. Res. 450 (above).

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.

Introduced: Rep. Norma J. Torres (D-Calif) on Oct. 14
Action: This resolution was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Oct. 14. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Bills we're currently watching
H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act).

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

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

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

S.107 (Lumbee Fairness Act).

This Senate bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group.

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 acknowledgement to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. This bill is identical to S. 107.

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

Action: This bill was tacked on to H.R. 3838 (National Defense Authorization Act FY26) with House Amendment 98 and was passed on Sept. 10 with the main bill on a roll call vote of 231-196. The Senate version of the National Defense Authorization Act FY26 (S.2296) 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 the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools."

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

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

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

This House bill would establish

an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Advisory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

According to the bill text, this House bill is "To direct Federal land management agencies of the Department of the Interior to establish Tribal Co-Management

Plans and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for the performance of certain activities of the Forest Service, and for other purposes".

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

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

S.2022 (Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act of 2025).

This Senate bill, according to the legislation, would "amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat Indian Tribal governments in the same manner as state governments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes". Introduced: June 11 by U.S.

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

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

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

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

Introduced: June 12 by Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.) and Rep.

see **LEGISLATIVE** next page

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 Na-

tive American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act).

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

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

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

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

This Senate bill seeks to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and

the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. For both programs, it seeks funding in the amount of \$160,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

H.R. 4750 (To extend federal recognition to the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia).

This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.

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

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

H.R. 4712 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act).

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

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

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

S.2452 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act).

According to the legislation text, this Senate bill would “amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes”. This bill is identical to H.R. 4712.

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

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

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

It specifically seeks to amend Public Law 100-89 (Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act). Section 3 of the bill states, “This Act shall be construed to ensure the full applicability of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701) to gaming activities on Indian lands of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Indian lands of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe.” Introduced: July 31 by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.)

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

S.2577 (McCarran-Walter Technical Corrections Act). This Senate bill, according to its text, would “amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of a federally recognized Indian Tribe in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States”. This bill is identical to H.R. 4596.

Introduced: July 31 by Sen. Steve

Daines (R-Mont.)

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

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

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

that Committee for this resolution as of press time.

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

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

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

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. Mc-

Clellen (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.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:

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CIPD traffic stop leads to Fentanyl seizure and multi-agency investigation

Submitted by
Cherokee Indian Police Dept.

CHEROKEE, N.C. On Wednesday, Oct. 15, Community Response Officers (CRO) with the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) conducted a traffic stop in the vicinity of Cherokee United Methodist Church, within the boundaries of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The driver was identified as Jasmyrn Wolfe, with passengers Ayana Cardenas, Derek Driver, and Leslie Taylor. During the stop, a CIPD CRO K-9 unit conducted an open-air sniff and alerted to the

presence of narcotics.

A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed 31.2 grams of fentanyl and 16.4 grams of methamphetamine concealed within the vehicle. All individuals in the vehicle were arrested and charged with the following offenses.

Charge Information:

- Leslie Taylor was charged with two counts of drug trafficking, manufacture, sell or deliver, or possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver a controlled substance, and transporting a controlled substance into the territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
- Jasmyrn Wolfe was charged with Criminal Conspiracy.
- Ayana Cardenas was charged with Criminal Conspiracy.
- Derek Driver was charged with Criminal Conspiracy.

Further Investigation:

As a result of this traffic stop, CIPD Narcotics investigators developed intelligence regarding a male and female suspected of trafficking fentanyl within Woodfin's jurisdiction. Acting on this information, Woodfin Police officers, with assistance from Weaverville Police, executed a search warrant that resulted in the seizure of approximately 57 grams of fentanyl and 20.3 grams of methamphetamine.

Two individuals were arrested during this operation:

- Tivan Saunooke of Cherokee, N.C.
 - Alexandria Jackson of Cherokee, N.C.
- Both were charged with:
- Trafficking Fentanyl by Possession
 - Trafficking Fentanyl by Manufacturing
 - Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Methamphetamine

Chief Carla Neadeau stated, "This case demonstrates the power of collaboration between law enforcement agencies. By sharing intelligence and working together, we were able to disrupt a significant drug trafficking network and prevent dangerous narcotics from reaching multiple communities."

The Cherokee Indian Police Department remains committed to protecting the safety and well-being of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the surrounding areas. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

CIPD traffic stop on Goose Creek Road results in narcotics seizure

Submitted by
Cherokee Indian Police Dept.

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Earlier on Wednesday, Oct. 15, Community Response Officers (CRO)/CIPD Narcotics Division with the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) conducted a traffic stop on Goose Creek Road within the boundaries of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

During the stop, officers identified the driver as Jason Wolf, accompanied by passengers Trevan Lambert, Diamond Wolfe, and Kimberly Buchanan, all of Cherokee, N.C.

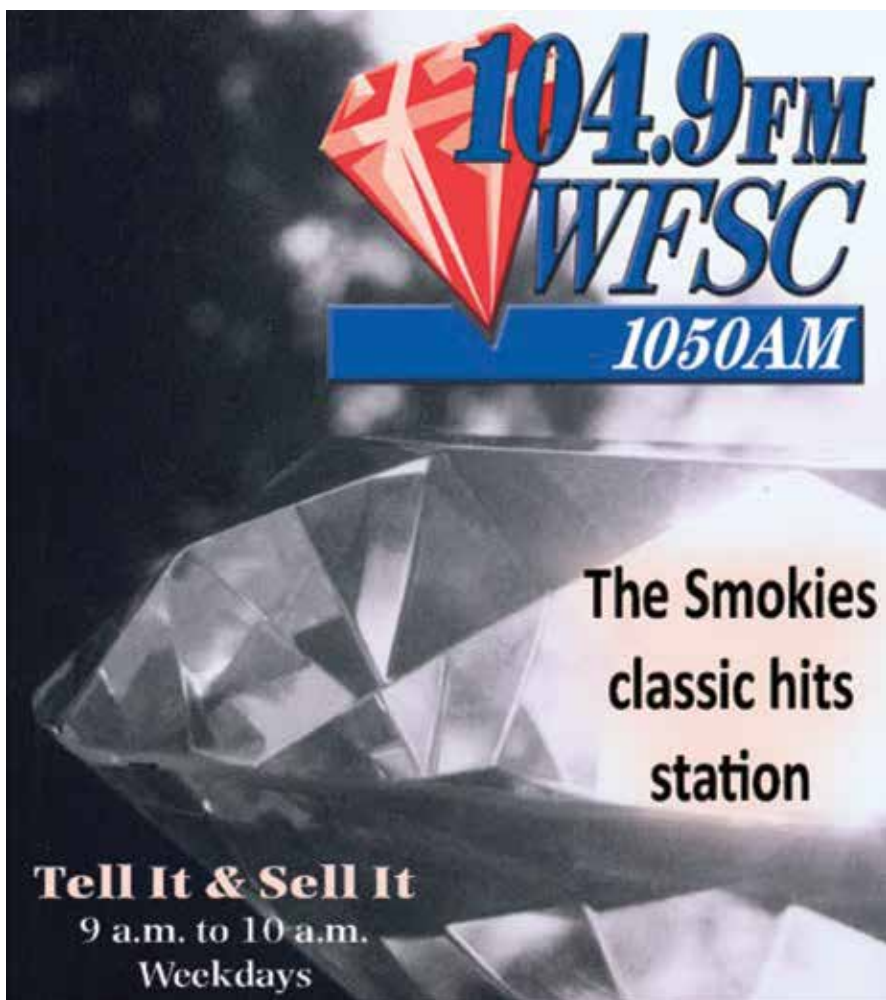
A subsequent search of the vehicle uncovered drug paraphernalia inside the car. All individuals were taken into custody, and during the investigation, it was determined that Kimberly Buchanan had concealed narcotics.

Charge Information:

- Kimberly Buchanan: Charged with drug trafficking (3.6 grams of fentanyl), tampering with evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia, transporting a controlled substance into the territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and outstanding warrant.
- Jason Wolf: Charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Trevan Lambert: Charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Diamond Wolfe: Charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Chief Carla Neadeau stated, "Our officers remain vigilant in their efforts to combat the flow of dangerous drugs into our community. Every successful interdiction is a step toward safeguarding the health and safety of our people."

The Cherokee Indian Police Department continues its commitment to proactive enforcement and collaboration with regional law enforcement partners. All



suspects are innocent until proven guilty in the court of law.

CIPD Arrest Report for Oct. 13-19, 2025

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

Adams, Alisia Lynn – age 48
Arrested: Oct. 13
Released: Oct. 13
Charges: Temporary Hold

Driver, Daniel Edward – age 55
Arrested: Oct. 13
Released: Oct. 14
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Ivey Jr., Jacob Jackson – age 43
Arrested: Oct. 13
Released: Oct. 13
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts)

Cline, Damion Dae – age 30
Arrested: Oct. 14
Released: Oct. 15
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Gunter, Tori Shey – age 38
Arrested: Oct. 14
Released: Oct. 14
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Rooker, Dwight Talmadge – age 76
Arrested: Oct. 14
Released: Oct. 14
Charges: Prostitution

Welch, Susan Ashley – age 39
Arrested: Oct. 14
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Buchanan, Kimberly Nicole – age 33
Arrested: Oct. 15
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release, Drug Trafficking, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Tampering with Evidence, Transporting a Controlled Substance into Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cardenas, Ayana Marie – age 25
Arrested: Oct. 15
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Criminal Conspiracy

Driver, Derek Wilson – age 33
Arrested: Oct. 15
Released: Oct. 17
Charges: Criminal Conspiracy

Lambert, Trevan Holden – age 19
Arrested: Oct. 15
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Taylor, Carol Denise – age 54
Arrested: Oct. 15
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance, Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Taylor, Leslie Lee – age 28
Arrested: Oct. 15
Released: Not released as of report

date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Drug Trafficking (two counts); Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance; Transporting Controlled Substance into the Territory of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Wolf, Jason – age 24
Arrested: Oct. 15
Released: Oct. 16
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Wolfe, Diamond Spring – age 31
Arrested: Oct. 15
Released: Oct. 16
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Wolfe, Jasmyn Tiandra – age 29
Arrested: Oct. 15
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Criminal Conspiracy

Bird, Eddie – age 35
Arrested: Oct. 16
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance

Ivey Jr., Jacob Jackson – age 43
Arrested: Oct. 16
Released: Oct. 16
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Littlejohn, Angela – age 46
Arrested: Oct. 16
Released: Oct. 17
Charges: Temporary Hold

Martin, Julian – age 24
Arrested: Oct. 16
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance

Owl, Sierra Anna – age 39
Arrested: Oct. 16
Released: Oct. 16
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Watty, Irene Polly – age 31
Arrested: Oct. 16
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance

Youngdeer, Steven Henry – age 43
Arrested: Oct. 16
Released: Oct. 16
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V)

Walkingstick, William G. – age 53
Arrested: Oct. 17
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Probation Violation

Anderson, Kelijah Micah – age 23
Arrested: Oct. 18
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Lambert, Austin Roger – age 44
Arrested: Oct. 18
Released: Not released as of report date (Oct. 20)
Charges: Public Intoxication, Weapons Offense

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FOOTBALL: Mites win Cracker Bowl

The Tsalagi Anitsvvasdi (Cherokee Braves) Mites celebrate after winning the 2025 Cracker Bowl 30-8 over the Murphy Bulldogs at Ray Kinsland Memorial Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 25. The team also won the Smoky Mountain Conference regular season title. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



FOOTBALL: Termites are runners-up at Cracker Bowl

The Tsalagi Anitsvvasdi (Cherokee Braves) Termites were runners-up at the 2025 Cracker Bowl at Ray Kinsland Memorial Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 25. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



CROSS COUNTRY: Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi advance to state meet

The Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) cross country team took second place at the 2A West Regional Cross Country Meet held on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Tryon Equestrian Center in Tryon N.C. They have qualified for the state meet for the first time in school history. The team is shown, left to right: head coach Ahli-sha Stephens, Dvdaya Swimmer, Maya Lossiah, Lilly Lossiah, Cambry Stamper, Livia Crowe, Lolo Bell, Austin Fourkiller-Raby, assistant coach Ty Andrews, and assistant coach Jimmy Oocumma. Swimmer and Crowe both received All-region honors. (Photo contributed)

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WCU Cherokee Center to hold 50th anniversary celebration Nov. 4

Submitted by
Western Carolina University

CULLOWHEE – Western Carolina University’s Cherokee Center will celebrate five decades of outreach and partnership with the Cherokee community on Tuesday, Nov. 4 with an open house beginning at 5 p.m. followed by a reception and panel discussion at the Cherokee Youth Activity Center from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., Principal Chief

of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Michell Hicks and others will give remarks followed by a panel discussion.

“At Western Carolina University, we deeply value our longstanding and special relationship with the EBCI,” said WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown. “For 50 years, the Cherokee Center has stood as a testament to that bond—honoring Cherokee culture, preserving language, advancing health, and serving as a bridge between our university and the Cherokee community. As a regional partner, WCU is committed to walking alongside the Eastern Band in mutual respect and collaboration. This milestone is not only a celebration of the past five decades, but a reaffirmation of our shared future.”

Shannon Swimmer, director of the WCU Cherokee Center, echoed Brown’s sentiments.

“The WCU Cherokee Center has been a community presence and an example of WCU’s continuing commitment to meaningful collaboration with the EBCI. It’s an honor to be part of these efforts as the director of the Cherokee Center,” Swimmer said. “We are excited to celebrate this milestone anniversary with our friends and partners at WCU and the EBCI. We look forward to 50 more years of providing valuable resources and support services to students, staff and community members.” The center was founded in 1975 by Lawrence Arney as a hub for professors who would teach college-level courses across the street from the former Cherokee High School. As the years passed, those professors were no longer needed because the high school teachers could become certified to teach the courses themselves.

Since that time, the center has evolved to provide services to EBCI students and the community and the surrounding region, including assistance with applying to WCU, transcript requests, scholarships, internship placement, high school recruitment and more.

Former director of the Center and current EBCI Secretary of Community, Education, and Recreation for the EBCI, Sky Sampson, says this is a celebration of partnership between the Cherokee community and the campus

community through the Center.

“I think Western now operates as a model for a lot of other universities and colleges when it comes to partnering with tribes. I think we have reached that point, which is great, and we’re super proud of that, because that was the goal when I was there,” she said. “Having that physical presence of Cherokee students, staff, alumni, events, and culture at Western makes a huge impact on campus, and we just need to keep this great partnership growing and moving forward.”

The Center sits on the Qualla Boundary and operates with help from administrative support like EBCI member Elias Huskey, former intern Driver Blythe, former director Roseanna Belt, and so many other Cherokee community members and WCU alumni who value the importance of the Center.

WCU Provost Richard Starnes reflected on the significance of the Center’s beginnings and its future for WCU.

“Together, we have made great strides to make the mountains we call home better,” said WCU Provost Richard Starnes. “This legacy is an impressive foundation, and I think the best years of work for this important partnership are yet to come.”

The public is invited to attend both the open house and the reception. Please RSVP to wcuevents@wcu.edu or (828) 227-3003 by Wednesday, Oct. 29.



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Cherokee High School 1st quarter honor Roll (8th-12th grades)

8th grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Uli-ahna Beheler, Amelia Holiday, Odie Owle, Gabriel Read, Lily Robertson, Carter Stephens

Alpha Honor Roll: Makai Hernandez, Emily Maney, Kaelyn Montelongo, Lucas Myers

Beta Honor Roll: Laylauna Allison, Kirsten Anderson, Brannon Arch, Keilani Arch, Makeena Armachain, Drayzin Beheler, Uriah Ben, Xavion Davis, Michael Driver, Aiyana Evans, Tai Foalima, Nahnie George, Kody Gloyne, Kaiser Hernandez, Nicolas Holder, Deagan Hornbuckle, James Ledford, Brayden Littlejohn, Jeshua Lossiah, Abelia Mahan-Flores, Jack Maney, Curren McCoy, Hunter McMillan, Emma Milholen, Piper Owl, Aryahnie Pheasant, Adrian Santos, Sean Schultz, Riley Standingdeer, Adalynn Taylor, Katielynn Taylor, Serenity Teesateskie, Nickyle Teesatuskie, Channing Toineeta, Lillianna Toineeta, Skyler Welch, Selina Yanez

9th grade

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Alpha Honor Roll: Jaylee Arch, Tyson Calhoun, Dominique Gonzalez, Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Hynasha Ledford, Colin Lossie, Andyn Pheasant, Brayon Tucker, Devyn Wittman

Beta Honor Roll: Angelica A-kwi-na, Khrystyna Armachain, Mathias Arneach, Kingzlli Beheler, Allie Bowling, Dagan Conway, Laila Crowe-Taylor, Genesis Ensley, Paseto Foalima, Kodesgi Jackson, Christopher Martinez, Riley McCoy, Kennedy Moore, Ava Murphy Walkingstick, Janessa Owl, Jordan Panther, Nakai Pheasant, Kirk Reed, Taytem Saunooke, Blake Sequoyah, Emily Teesateskie, Siah Teesateskie, Joslynn Thompson, Julius Walkingstick

10th grade

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Alpha Honor Roll: Kyam Arch, Marek Brown, Rubiana-Lyn Conner, Kahya Cucumber, Audree Edwards, Lydon Gloyne, Ariel Hoyle, Olivia Huskey-Morales, Trenten Larch, Jay-Jay Ledford, Elvia McCoy, Jae McMillan, Kiara Sneed, Kimo Sokol, Briann Teesateskie, Armani Watty

Beta Honor Roll: Jessica Arsana, Mack Burgess, Kimberly Crowe, Dagoberto Guerrero, Nanette Hull, Maia Lane, Walela Ledford, Caius Littlejohn, Hailey Locust, Felix Lossiah, James

Martinez, Karmelita Montelongo-Huertaper, Taleeah Murphy, Ernest Pheasant, Jayla Pheasant, Preston Roach, Kylana Sampson, Ivan Santos, Haley Swadling, Kylea Swayney, Marcelita Swayney, Calvin Taylor, Jayanna Thompson, Christopher Toineeta, Jess Walkingstick, Kaidyn Walkingstick, Aliyah Watty, Ezekiel Welch, William J Welch, Carlisle Williams, Brendan Wolfe

11th grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Sage Bark, Dillon Beam, Brandon Blankenship, Emilee Brady, Jarvis Brady, Israel Cotton, Livia Crowe, Kymani Foalima-Squirrel, Aubree Grimes, Kayla Guillen, Courtney Hitt, Reginald Hyatt, Johnny Long, Chaz Martens, Dawson Panther, Aaliyah Rogers, Utsela Saunooke, Joscelyn Stamper, Dalton Yates

Alpha Honor Roll: Nayaa Addo, Martin Arteaga, Carter Bird, Chloe Cooper, Ayaisha Driver, Jezakiah Driver, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Carlito Huerta-Perez, Emily Maney, Denver Porterfield, Kaden Stephens, Annie Trampler

Beta Honor Roll: Dante Bigwitch, Elias Blankenship, Trennan Calhoun, Carmen Cline, Kaden Cucumber, Layla Cucumber, Nicholas Ensley, Ajaidyn George, Ilana George, Kiowa George, Alexis Grimes, Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Braden Howlingcrane, Drallen Ledford, Ajalah Locust, Christian Luna-Martinez, Jamee McMillan, Elizabeth Myers, Levi Oocumma, Russell Reed, Rodrigo Santiago, Kylan Sneed, Zaynon Squirrel Taylor,

Luke Stamper, Auron Taylor, Ava Teesatuskie-Walkingstick, Noah Watty, Kingston Welch, Aiden West, Timpson Wildcat

12th grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Marleigh Aguilera, Tayvin Bark-Cruz, Logan Biddix, Maya Brabham, Brihana Burgos Delgado, Talan Crowe, Zayden Crowe, Brett Elders, William Ellwood, Javan Garcia, Jayvin George, Oscar Guillien-Swayney, Samuel Hernandez, Marlee Hicks, Shawnee Kirkland, Isaiah Ledford, Evan Nations, Dailin Panther, Ayden Queen, Chaske' Raines, Calvin Roan Eagle-Littlejohn, Jocelyn Saunooke, Yvonne Saunooke, Jonathan Saylor, Gabriella Smith, Keith Smith, Cecily Swimmer, Keeifer Taylor, Samantha Toineeta

Alpha Honor Roll: Owen Bird, Payton Driver, Tsa-li Dv-di-s-di, Conner Junaluska, Taylor Kazhe, Leland Locust, Lexcy Ortiz, Chloe Owle, Nia Sequoyah, Pippa Welch

Beta Honor Roll: Francesca Armachain, Krenston Armachain, Traelin Carey, Audrina Cooper, Winter Crowe, Elora Fuson, Fred George Jr., Jessie Hernandez Walkingstick, Leilah Lossie, Christian Malloy, Trinity Martinez, Kayla Morgan, Mato Nierenhausen, Hailey Owle, Jaime Panther, Ayla Ross, Alicia Sampson, Korbin Sampson, Timber Sampson Rattler, Jadence Saunooke, Elijah Sherrill, Matix Stamper, Izabella Terrell, Sara Toineeta, Jayden Trampler



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EBCI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) School Board election

Per the EBCI Board of Elections, the election will be held on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Cove Community Center located at 8765 Big Cove Road.

Following is the list of candidates:

Renee Long Cole
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Karen French-Browning
Kenny Davis
Lisa Frady
Carla Neadeau
Lori Taylor

EBCI Referendum Information

This referendum is to measure public opinion regarding the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Charter and Governing Document. The referendum is being held pursuant to Res. No. 23 (2025). Below is the question that will be on the ballot.

Which of the following statements best describes your opinion about changes to the EBCI Charter and Governing Document? [Pick one.]

1. The Charter and Governing Document should be replaced entirely with a new constitution document as presented by the Constitution Committee which is voted on by Tribal voters.

2. The Charter and Governing Document should be amended in sections with each amendment as presented by the Constitution Committee and voted on by Tribal voters.

The Referendum Day is Thursday, March 12, 2026 with polls open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Voter Registration

Registration is now open for

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Request Absentee Application/ Ballot

Applications for Absentee Ballots will be accepted until Feb. 25, 2026 at 4 p.m. Application can be made by phone, electronic mail, or US mail. Requests may be made in person in the Board of Elections office on or before March 6, 2026 at 4 p.m. on the Friday before the Referendum. Absentee ballots must be witnessed, returned to and received by the Board of Elections on or before March 12, 2026 at 4 p.m.

- EBCI Board of Elections

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you, Richard Yogi Crowe, for your inspiration and character. Let us carry your legacy forward.

Nolan Arkansas

PhD Student in Art History at
Duke University

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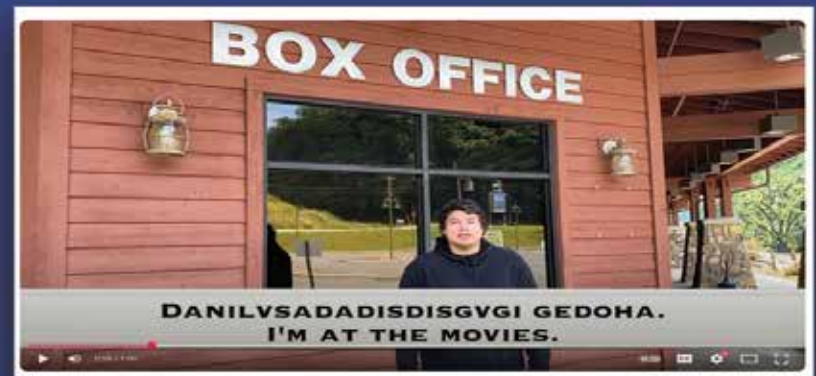
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it possible for students like me to continue striving toward academic and professional goals with greater focus and less financial stress.

This semester, I am working on research on mental health and Indigenous youth as part of my disquisition and your support allows me to dedicate the time and energy needed to reach these milestones. The experiences and knowledge I am gaining will directly benefit our school system and community. I am deeply appreciative of the opportunities this scholarship provides.

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Maria "Ada" Arch

Maria "Ada" Arch, 61, of the Painttown Community, peacefully gained her wings surrounded by her loving family on Monday, Oct. 20, 2025.

She was born on June 11, 1964 to the late Alice Mae Arch. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Kytston Drayk. She was also preceded by her two brothers, Jim and Bob Arch of Cherokee, N.C. She is survived by her babies, Chasity, Kira, Dylan (The Big Baby), Josiah, and Justin; special daugh-

ter, Paige; special sister, Fat Girl; her grandbabies, Dominyk, Nich, Josi, Jakob, Aliceiah, Adacynne, Draelyn, Nate, Ezra, Haidyn, Caidyn, Jaryn, and Xavion; as well as many nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

Pallbearers will be Dylan, Josiah, Nich, Justin, Scrappy, Buster, Damian, and Doolie.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 25 at Rock Springs Baptist Church. Pastor Noah Crowe (Baby Noah) officiated with burial in the Arch Family Cemetery.

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COMMENTARY

Why are we having to ask “Show me the Money”?

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

Every dollar in the tribal coffers, and for that matter every tribal debt incurred, is owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Not the government. The Principal People. You and me.

“Show me the money!” In the Youtube video series “Objectively Speaking: Unveiling the Essence” the meaning of this popular phrase is clarified.

“This phrase is not just about finance, but it carries a rich context in culture and emotion. ‘Show me the money’ literally means asking someone to display or present the money they have promised or are expected to provide. It’s a straightforward request for financial proof of payment. This phrase can be used in various situations, ranging from casual to formal contexts, depending on tone and setting. The phrase gained immense popularity from the 1996 film ‘Jerry Maguire’, where it was used as a catchy, humorous expression. It encapsulates a demand for proof of financial reward or success. In popular culture, ‘Show me the money’ has become synonymous with the desire for monetary success or proof of financial benefit. It’s often used humorously or to express excitement about potential financial gain. Metaphorically, the phrase can be used to ask for proof or evidence in situations

beyond just financial transactions. For instance, in a business context, asking someone to ‘show me the money’ might mean asking for evidence of results or success, not just financial gain. It’s a way of asking someone to prove their claims or promises, emphasizing the need for tangible, concrete evidence. ‘Show me the money’ is a versatile phrase, rich in cultural and emotional significance. Whether used literally, metaphorically, or humorously, it reflects a demand for proof, especially regarding financial matters.”

Are we too stupid to know? A former tribal official stated in a leadership meeting that we would just be too confused by getting information on our projects and finances, so it is better to let the government handle it without community involvement. Basically, this official was saying that we, the common folk, could not be informed or educated enough to let us be a part of any decision-making process. And doesn’t it say something about us that we are afraid that there are so many villains out there that we may not know how to deal with that it is better if all our information remains hidden? Check your history, particularly from the World War II era. Doesn’t that sound familiar? Is the damage that our leaders keep prophesying that result from doing things in the light greater than the damage that is being done by keeping us in the dark? In fact, a recent tribal leadership policy of financial nondisclosure has effectually blinded the community to any of the ongoing dealings the tribe has with contractors and even government-to-government treaties. Even down to the cost of a playground or park, the community is left to wonder. And

the suggestion that our leadership may have little side-bar sessions and ensure that they educate and inform 16,000-plus stakeholders is ludicrous.

A tribal lawyer stated that we are too ignorant to make decisions on our governing document. We routinely hear members of leadership state that we, the community, are so inattentive and short of attention span that it would be impossible to pass a constitution in its entirety. Seriously? In our day-to-day lives, don’t we routinely enter into contractual agreements and negotiate household budgets requiring varying levels of multitasking? Do leaders really believe that you and I are so inept that we cannot weigh a document and decide if the negatives outweigh the positives and vice versa? There have been very few times in my life that I haven’t had to count the cost of a decision or an action, then make a choice.

Another lawyer stated that it is preferable to have a charter rather than a constitution because actions were more easily achieved under the weak language of the current charter than to have a constitution that more specifically outlined community rights, supposedly muddying the waters for those doing the tribe’s business. The discussion even prompted one Dinilawigi representative to say that they were actually afraid of the proposed constitution. Afraid? Sharing things at community club meetings, where, on a good day, five percent of a community might be in attendance to hear, is not a substitute for making the entire tribe aware of what is going on in government and in the tribal entities. As stockholders and stakeholders of each of these entities, we should be entitled to at least a

detailed annual fiduciary report of assets, gains, and losses. And go to any municipality and check to see if they may withhold their financials from their citizenry. Let me save you some time. They can’t. I live in Haywood County, but if I want to know how Jackson County spends its money, what assets they have, and who they are contracting with and for how much money, it is either on a public access website already or just a quick public information request to be provided. Why? Because it is the law. The scope of privileged information in municipalities is very limited. Why? Because the resources the government is working with belong to the community. The community doesn’t stand for politicians telling them that they are too stupid or too confused or that it’s too scary to be able to make decisions that affect them. Is there some risk in sharing some information? Absolutely. But the benefit of an informed citizenry outweighs it, and the government has other tools that it may use to mitigate any negative outcomes. The easy route is not always the safest or best route.

During the October Annual Council session on Oct. 21, Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks expressed his desire and concern over keeping everyone informed on the status of tribal entities. He wanted to specifically address a public post from a tribal member who purported to share information about a lawsuit. “We do have a lot of entity updates coming. I don’t know, Mike (Attorney General Michael McConnell), how much you want to say about the thought of a lawsuit, which we have known about for several weeks now. There’s only so much you can say in this situation. May-

be clarifying some of the information that went out in the last day or so. How do we do our best to keep everybody updated?"

Over the past two years, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) has developed a web-based tribal information portal at the direction of tribal leadership. OIT has done an outstanding job of building a framework for communicating information to the community and populating it with numerous video records, community help forms, and educational materials. Despite the challenges of accessing the "Portal," OIT successfully established a member-only access web portal. But they cannot load onto the site what they do not possess or, more importantly, do not have the authority to publish. And since there is a governmental moratorium on releasing any financial information, one of the promised communication outcomes has not materialized for our community.

In most entities and governments, it is critical to have a stable of trained public information officers (PIOs) whose job is to traffic information via press releases to the public. While we have public relations positions within the executive and legislative branches, there are not enough to sufficiently handle the large amount of activity in these branches, not to mention their areas of oversight, like a nine-digit budget, and multiple programs and projects. And before you say it, this is not an impeachment of those serving in public relations roles for our tribe. It is a commentary on the lack of support for the jobs they are tasked with. A more definite and aggressive strategy is needed to address the information and communication needs of our tribe.

Many entities and programs

rely on their social media presences to "inform and educate". Again, this is not enough. Most of our tribal entities have a limited following, and many social media followers are not the target of the messaging, who are enrolled members. For medical, financial, and emergency situations like missing persons or community threats, our government should communicate information as broadly as possible through as many media outlets as possible, going far beyond the Cherokee One Feather. As a member of the tribe, I firmly believe that we should be routinely sharing information with all media outlets when it comes to notifying our community about current events and personal safety information. Social media is a grapevine, and every time information is shared from one source to another without proper vetting, the chances are high that information will be lost or embellished. Central sources from a dedicated tribal PIO system will be the cleanest, most efficient way for the government to communicate with the community and media.

Part of our responsibility in Chapter 75 of the Cherokee Code is to inform the community. That, in part, should be the responsibility of tribal government as well. It was obviously the intent of the lawmakers who drafted and voted on Chapter 75. "It shall be the policy of the Cherokee One Feather to publish news articles and other materials and information judged by the editorial staff to have general value to the Cherokee community. Such news shall include a resume of Tribal Council business, Executive Committee, and Business Committee actions and actions taken by other Tribal committees, boards, and enterprises."

In other words, our government and our community were in synchronization regarding a desire for this media outlet to inform the public on things related to tribal government. The words you may be looking for are "governmental transparency". And it doesn't say, "Share if nobody else is looking". Indeed, the implication is that the community has a right to that information. The One Feather strives daily to provide the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians community with as much of that type of information as we can obtain. And when we cannot obtain it, we do not send our community conjecture about it. We simply advise when we get it and when we do not.

As we talked about in the beginning, part of being accountable is transparency. If we (or anyone else) are not transparent, then we are not being accountable. In the EBCI 2024 Annual Report (hard copies were distributed to elders and a digital copy resides in the tribal portal), Ugviyuhi Hicks said, "The Annual Report is our way of keeping you updated on our progress. It highlights the important programs, events, and initiatives from the past year, providing transparency and accountability in the work we do on behalf of our Tribal members." And the report did as the Chief stated, highlighting the many successes of our tribe and even some of the challenges. The report even shared topline, aggregate financial information.

Taline Ugviyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley commented, "The Office of the Vice Chief works for the people through commitment to aid you in times of need, communicating in an honest and transparent manner, and by listening to you so we can try to provide this Tribe and its members consistent,

unwavering, and progressive service." And finally, then-Dinilawigi Chairman Mike Parker, "On behalf of the Tribal Council, our heartfelt thanks to every department, employee, and Tribal member who continues to demonstrate the spirit of Gadugi."

I applaud our government for the openness to produce and share the information contained in the Annual Report. We need so much more transparency in reporting. And we need to find ways to expand our minds and report to the larger tribal audience. Because not every tribal member accesses the portal. It hasn't been reported in a while, but I am guessing many of our people still do not. The youngest of us and the oldest of us may not be physically able to, or at least need to be guided to and through the portal. Not all employees of the tribe have access to the portal, because not all employees are tribal members. While many things should be hidden from view because of uncertain outcomes for our tribe, there are many more that are hidden without clear cause or reasoning.

The Public Records law for our tribe is woefully inadequate. At first glance, Chapter 132 appears to be a very detailed outline, allowing public access to a number of tribal documents. But the chapter has stipulations that restrict typically open communications in other open governments. For example, subsection 11-7 says "Memoranda, correspondence, and working papers in the possession of the executive and legislative branches or persons employed in their immediate staffs" are exempt from view of the public and the tribal membership.

Subsection 11-8, "Memoranda, see **COMMENTARY** next page

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correspondence, documents, and working papers relative to efforts or activities of a public body to attract business or industry to invest within the Tribe,” are exempt from view of the public and the tribal membership. Subsection 11-10 “The identity, information tending to reveal the identity, of any individual who in good faith makes a complaint or otherwise discloses information, which alleges a violation or potential violation or potential violation of law or regulation by a public body,” are exempt from view of the public and the tribal membership. Now, Section 132-4(d) “Public Body means the government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and any of its agencies, enterprises, entities, authorities, boards, commissions, committees, subcommittees, organizations or corporations supported in whole or in part by funds created, managed,

disbursed or passed-through by the Tribe, the business enterprises of the Tribe and its political subdivisions, including Qualla Housing Authority, the Cherokee Boys Club and Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee.”

Please note and take into account the supposed purpose of our public records law. Section 132-2 “The Tribe finds that it is vital in a democratic society that public business be performed in an open and public manner. Toward this end, provisions of this Chapter must be construed so as to make it possible for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, or their representatives, to have access to public records at a minimum cost and with minimum delay to the persons seeking access. Members and their representatives have a right to know the basis of the formulation of public policy. Therefore, it is the public policy of this Tribe that members shall be advised of the performance of

public officials and of the decisions that are reached in public activity.”

My personal summary of these statements is that the public records law provides little to no right for the membership to information that should be provided to them as a matter of course. This law implies a right conferred on the membership of the tribe. I would offer that is a privilege, not a right, and point to Section 23 of the Charter and Governing Document: “The Tribal Council is hereby fully authorized and empowered to adopt laws and regulations for the general government of the Tribe.” That section goes on to say that the Tribal Council “is hereby vested with full power to enforce obedience to such laws and regulations as may be enacted.”

So, what rights exactly do we have as tribal members?

While the One Feather continues its duty to the members and community by providing related information in a neutral and

unbiased manner, per the Tribe’s direction under Chapter 75 of the Code, we are perplexed by the withholding of certain information under blanket admonitions like the one currently in place regarding financial information. We, as a tribe, will either have to insist on being shown the money, from a financial, social, and political perspective, or we need to stop identifying ourselves as a democracy. Obedience is a word that was typically used by colonizers. While I deeply respect and support our governmental leadership, I also feel that we are due respect as a members of the tribe, and whether in an elected or appointed seat, or just being an average citizen, we are all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. We, as the governed, should have rights in our governing document, and one of those rights should be the right to know.



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EVERY APPOINTMENT MATTERS, SHOW UP FOR YOUR HEALTH

THE GOOD STUFF

Stuttering is ok and you're allowed to take your time

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

You might be wondering why I'm writing one of my Good Stuff columns about a neurological disorder, and that's a fair question. I've stuttered since early childhood, and it has been a lifetime of ups and downs regarding my speech.

I've been subject to some of the worst ridicule, but I've also been subject to some of the kindest, most understanding and

patient people on the planet – and that's what I want to focus on.

First off, let's discuss stuttering itself. STARS (Stuttering Treatment and Research Society) states, "Stuttering is a neurological condition that affects speech timing, initiation, and flow, leading to repetitions, prolongations, or blocks. It can impact individuals of all ages, from young children learning to speak to adults in professional and social settings."

The Stuttering Foundation, a 501(c)(3) established in 1947, states, "One of the most frustrating aspects about stuttering is that it is a variable disorder. In other words, sometimes you may stutter quite a bit and other times you may not. Because it is so variable and complex, stuttering is often misunderstood."

I have found this to be the case

in my life. There are sometimes when I can speak very fluidly, and there are other times when I am almost rendered mute because I cannot get words to come out. Most days, I fall somewhere in between.

One of the most recognizable voices in the world – that of Darth Vader and the voice of CNN – stuttered as a youth. "Stuttering is painful," the late actor James Earl Jones once said. "In Sunday school, I'd try to read my lessons, and the children behind me were falling on the floor with laughter."

Like I said earlier, my stuttering comes and goes in occurrence and severity and hearing that I stutter might even surprise some, but it was really bad at other points in my life. As a child and teen, there were times when, just like Jones, reading aloud was a nightmare. It wasn't that I didn't know how to pronounce the words – I was reading at a college level by the time I was in the sixth grade. I just couldn't get the words to come out.

One thing I want to make very, very clear. Stuttering has nothing to do with intelligence. Sometimes, people think that those of us who stutter are "dumb" or "stupid", but that is not the case at all. People who stutter don't ask for special treatment. We just ask for patience. Let us finish our sentences.

One myth that I had as a teen

is that I'd eventually outgrow my stuttering. Well...that didn't happen.

The Stuttering Foundation states, "If you continue stuttering into your teenage years, you will most likely continue to stutter throughout adulthood."

That's fine. I stutter, and I'm ok with doing so. It isn't anything I enjoy, but it is a part of me and something that I literally deal with every day in some form.

I want to thank the people who are patient with me daily and those who have been kind and patient over the years. To those who have made fun of me and bullied me; well...I hope you read this and learn kindness and patience towards others.

Award-winning British actress Emily Blunt once said, "It's nothing to be ashamed of to have a stutter."

Like me, she stutters, and I agree that it's nothing to be ashamed of.

To all of the young people and teenagers reading this who might stutter – just be aware that there are kind people out there. It might seem like there are more mean people, but I've found that not to be the case. Concentrate on the kind ones and do your best and realize that it is ok to stutter. It is ok to take your time speaking.

International Stuttering Awareness Day is Oct. 22, and I hope everyone has a great day.

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Division

Part 2 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

When we see division, we should immediately become peacemakers. Do not allow division between brethren to fester and become cancerous. Jesus and Paul give us examples, and God's Word gives us instruction. Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God".

Luke 22:24 shows the 12 disciples arguing among themselves about who is greater. Jealousy and the pursuit of power here become a spirit of division. Jealousy and desire for more power are Satan's

tools to cause division among people and groups.

In Chapter 22 of Luke, these verses, starting with verse 24, show the disciples in argument, and then Jesus instructs them immediately. Luke 22:24 says, "And there arose also a contention among them, which of them was accounted to be greatest." The discussion sounds like your typical argument between two children, so you can imagine what it sounded like between twelve adults. Jesus answered them and said in Luke 22:25-26, "And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles have lordship over them; and they that have authority over them are called Benefactors. But ye shall not be so: but he that is the greater among you, let him become as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve".

What is said here is that the greatest person we can be is the one who has a servant's heart. By the way, relating to peacemaking,

I'm sure that He was not only the Son of God but also God.

Paul not only had to deal with divisions identified in the churches he started, but he also had to contend with fellow disciples who didn't work well together. Paul's approaches to these issues are straightforward and bold.

1 Corinthians 3:3 "for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are ye not carnal, and do ye not walk after the manner of men?"

Paul, writing to the people of Corinth, said they were not walking in the Spirit but walking in the flesh according to the world's standards instead of God's standards. We see this going on today, where people want to keep up with the Joneses and desire everything instantly. They don't consider what God wants in their lives because they focus so much on worldly things. This train of thought can bring forth Satan's ability to work his way into a situation, causing

envy and strife, and thus ultimately creating a division among people.

So, you see, Satan uses different tools to break or divide groups, and he doesn't care what kind of group it is. Therefore, we must be constantly vigilant to fight his schemes as he tries to destroy the creation of God at any cost. To fight is to pray and call upon the name of Jesus. For when we do, Satan must flee.

Father, Lord my God, my prayer before Your throne of grace today is to help us become peacemakers in this world. Enable us to fight the unseen powers of darkness when they attack to destroy and devour Your servants and their desires to glorify You. Help us to hear Your Word and boldly react to stomp out our division wherever we see it in our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters in You. We ask in Jesus' mighty name for You to make Satan flee. Amen.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*The Lord said to Satan,
"From where do you come?"
Then Satan answered the Lord
and said, "From roaming
about on the earth and
walking around on it."*

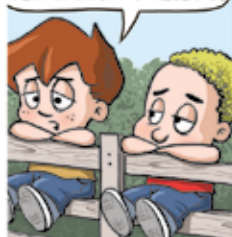
❧ JOB 1:7 ❧

Detail of "Head of Satyr" by Michelangelo (16th century)



Amber Waves

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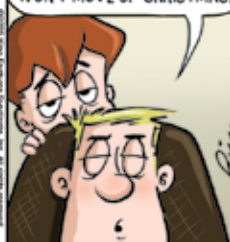
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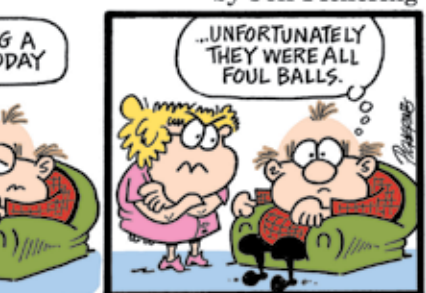
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The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Music note is missing. 2. Leg is moved. 3. Clothespin is missing. 4. Sheet is longer. 5. Window is wider. 6. Arm is not showing.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Dandies
- 5 Patient's need, briefly
- 8 Small town
- 12 "Yeah, right!"
- 13 Brazilian city
- 14 Screenwriter James
- 15 Buyer's offer
- 17 "Pinocchio" fish
- 18 Six, in Milan
- 19 Devoured
- 20 Dexterity
- 21 "See ya!"
- 22 Knock
- 23 Apiary homes
- 26 Business magnates
- 30 "Shake —!" ("Hurry!")
- 31 Singer Carly — Jepsen
- 32 Aussie hoppers
- 33 Lend a hand
- 35 Composer Joplin
- 36 Priestly garment
- 37 "Humbug!"
- 38 Music category
- 41 JFK Library architect
- 42 "— the season ..."
- 45 During
- 46 "Troy" actor

DOWN

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- 2 Theater award
- 3 Mani counter-part
- 4 NASCAR sponsor
- 5 Banal
- 6 Grown-up nits
- 7 Iowa college
- 8 Rear veranda
- 9 Hybrid fruit
- 10 Stagger
- 11 Earth sci.
- 16 Light beams
- 20 Pouch
- 21 "Excuse me?"
- 22 Deli bread
- 23 "So there!"
- 24 — -de-France
- 25 Speed (Abbr.)
- 26 Make lace
- 27 Tic-tac-toe win
- 28 "— so fast!"
- 29 Retired jet
- 31 Barbecue coating
- 34 World Cup cheer
- 35 Stated
- 37 Pulsates
- 38 Wanders
- 39 Send forth
- 40 Jazz singer Simone
- 41 Baby carriage
- 42 Scrabble piece
- 43 Slanted type (Abbr.)
- 44 Ocular woe
- 46 Crunchy sandwich
- 47 Soup cooker

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states are part of New England?
2. LITERATURE: What district does Katniss Everdeen represent in "The Hunger Games"?
3. ANATOMY: What is the longest nerve in the human body?
4. COMICS: What is Captain America's shield made of?
5. SCIENCE: What is the process called when a solid becomes a gas?
6. HISTORY: In what year did the Three Mile Island nuclear accident happen?
7. MOVIES: What is Edward's last name in the movie "Twilight"?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only marsupial found in North America?
9. TELEVISION: Which character on "The Brady Bunch" is famous for saying, "Marcia, Marcia, Marcia!"
10. ENTERTAINERS: Pop singer Taylor Swift was born in which U.S. state?

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi in Cherokee, N.C. Good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

- Nov. 1 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Dora Reed and Big Cove Head Start holidays and trip
- Nov. 8 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Dora Reed and Big Cove Head Start holidays and trip

EBCI Community Events

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: averyguy@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

Halloween Carnival & More.

Oct. 28 from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

at the Qualla Boundary Public Library 810 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, N.C. For more information contact Amber Ledford - ambeledf@ebci-nsn.gov.

Snowbird Halloween Carni-

val. Oct. 28 from 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex 60 Snowbird Rd, Robbinsville, N.C. Admission is \$2 (includes hotdog dinner) Costume Contest at 7 p.m. Hayride is \$1 starts at 7 p.m.

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 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 program 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

MANNA Foodbank. Nov. 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Wolf-

town Gym 27 Long Branch Rd. Cherokee, N.C. Free grocery staples, produce and other perishables. For more information contact Megan Stamper (828) 359-6934.

Turkey Strut 5K. Nov. 22 at 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 yolas aun@ebci-nsn.gov

Cherokee Cultural/Historical Events

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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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 kayrock@ebci-nsn.gov

Cornshusk Christmas Tree Topper Workshop. Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Quala Boundary Public Library 810 Acquoni Rd Cherokee, N.C. Learn to make heirloom cornhusk dolls. For Adults. \$60 cost. Limited to 20 participants. Contact Laura Walkingstick (828)707-6122 or email Rezdogartstudio@gmail.com.

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Cornshusk Christmas Tree Topper Workshop. Nov. 22 from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. at Casa Kawi Coffee Shop at 1655 Acquoni Rd Cherokee, N.C. Learn to make heirloom cornhusk dolls. For Adults. \$60 cost. Limited to 20 participants. Contact Laura Walkingstick (828)707-6122 or email Rezdogartstudio@gmail.com

Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvdisdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day) event. Nov. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Kalvgviditsa Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Tsunatsohisdihi (Cher-

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't feel sheepish about looking to spend more time with a special person during the upcoming holidays. Do it because it's the right thing to do.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Nevermind letting misunderstandings repair themselves. Consider speaking up while the healing process can be shorter and sweeter, and it will leave fewer scars.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Romance is easily awakened in the Geminian heart, especially around the happy holiday season. So, go ahead and make plans with a special someone!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children can glow with their own inner light as the holiday season magic takes hold. It's a very special time for Cancers and Libras together. Enjoy!

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you fabulous Felines to take pleasure in your special gift for, well, taking pleasure! Look for this holiday season to give you every reason to purr.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to let others who are in your life get a little closer to you. You'll both find out what you've been missing for far too long.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Open up your eyes and see some welcome surprises that you've missed or overlooked for too long. What you find can lead to other favorable changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you expect to be potentially troublesome might simply be especially challenging and well worth your efforts to check out. Good luck!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friendship might not seem as trustworthy as you'd like. This is OK. Ask your questions, get your answers, and settle the matter once and for all.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family situation moves into a new area because of (or maybe thanks to) some decisions you might have felt you could not avoid making.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be cutting it very close if you hope to make holiday plan changes in time to avoid problems. Get a friend or family member to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends show how important you are to them. Keep these precious relationships thriving. They affect much that will happen to the fabulous Fish in the new year.

BORN THIS WEEK: Time spent at home alone nurtures your mystic self, while spending your time with others nurtures them. Your presence is a gift.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Stolen valor: When they didn't earn it

Despite the Stolen Valor Act and the punishments for violating that act, there are still far too many who decide to take the chance on reaping the material gains of claiming benefits and wearing a uniform they didn't earn.

A veteran on the east coast was nailed not only for scamming charities but for pretending to be a Purple Heart recipient. In a rare change from the usual in these cases, the veteran is a female. She claimed she'd been injured in an improvised explosive device (IED) attack. The charity in question was one she had created to help low-income veterans and the homeless, all noble endeavors, if any of it had been true. Instead, all the money donated by genuine charities went into her own pocket and paid for travel, a fancy car, gym membership and more. She'll repay the money she scammed and spend a year in jail.

Then there was the former Marine who had the nerve to submit an application for a Purple Heart for himself. He based this on a fake case of PTSD and IED-caused brain injury while he stole in excess of a quarter of a million dollars in disability benefits from the VA. Over the years he'd been invited to speak at veterans events and made up stories in the press. However, for this he'll only serve two years of supervised release.

Then there was the thief (again, a female) who claimed to have earned a Purple Heart for pulling people from a burning Humvee, needed surgery for injuries, damaged her lungs on burn pit smoke, then collected \$250,000 from various charities — all without ever having served in the military. For this she got 70 months in prison.

To those who think they can pull off an impersonation of a true veteran, there are always people who will know when your salute isn't right, who'll know when your DD-214 looks forged and who'll know when the ribbons on your fake uniform aren't correct. And they'll turn you in.

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Halloween pet safety is a paramount concern

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Please warn your readers to keep their cats indoors on Halloween night! I've heard too many stories of cats disappearing or being injured by people with ill intentions — especially black cats. — Francis in Des Moines, Iowa

DEAR FRANCIS: It's a good idea to keep cats indoors every night, but yes, they face additional threats to their safety on Halloween. The biggest danger is from cars — traffic is heavier during peak trick-or-treating hours, around sunset. Frequent opening and closing of the front door is another danger: As owners hand out treats in the doorway, their cat may take the opportunity to run outside — often right into the busy street.

Halloween safety extends to all the pets in the household. Cats are not likely to get into the big bowl of candy near the doorway, but dogs may be fascinated by the wrappers and lovely aromas. If owners don't keep watch, their dog may overturn the bowl and begin gobbling up chocolate or sugar-free candies that contain xylitol — an ingredient that is poisonous to them.

While pranksters harming cats (and other pets) can happen, a much more concerning fact is that many people adopt black cats for Halloween, only to abandon them afterward for one reason or another — they're too expensive to take care of, their apartment management doesn't allow pets, and so on. Impulsive adoptions are a bigger risk.

So keep your pets safe on Halloween by placing them in a separate room during the busiest part of trick-or-treating, or during a party. And make sure the candy stays out of their reach.

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

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okee Speakers Place) in Cherokee, N.C. This ceremony will honor the lives of the first language Cherokee speakers who passed in 2025. There will be remarks, flag presentation, and a Memorial bell ringing. Refreshments will be served after the event. Info: Kayla Pheasant (828) 359-6404, kaylphea@ebci-nsn.gov, or Scarlett guy at scarguy@ebci-nsn.gov.

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

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

Quallatown Makers. Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio in Cherokee, N.C. Quallatown Makers is a free opportunity to gather as a group and be together while working on art. The goal of this group, organized and hosted by Museum of the Cherokee People, is to perpetuate Cherokee art and knowledge-sharing. Bring your own craft; all artforms are welcome. Coffee will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own snacks.

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

Choctaw Pow Wow. Oct. 31 – Nov. 2 at the Choctaw Event Center in Durant, Okla. Info: powwow@choctawnation.com

37th Annual Red Mountain Eagle Pow Wow. Nov. 1-2 at the Salt River Baseball Field in Scottsdale, Ariz. Emcees: Bart Powakee, Ruben Little Head. Host Drums: Northern Cree, Southern Style.

Info: Victorialyn McCarthy at redmountainpowwow@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 Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City, N.C. Wendy Myers will present "Murder in the Name of Love" and discuss shocking stories of love and jealousy-inspired murders in Swain County. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation which is free and open to the public.

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

Thomas Memorial Cemetery Clean-up Day. Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the cemetery located on Shaol Creek Church Loop in Whittier, N.C. What to bring: gloves, rakes, small tools, weed eaters, chainsaws, leaf blowers, etc. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Info:

thomasmemorialcemetery@gmail.com

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 Kolanvyi (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.

Widagalinidisgv (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

Tsisqwohi (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

Tsalagi Gadugi (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

Aniwodihi (Painttown) Community meets the last Monday of each month at the old community building across from the casino at 6 p.m. Info: For building rental, contact Janet Arch (828) 508-8071.

Tutiya (Snowbird) Commu-

nity meets the first Tuesday of each month, or the Tuesday before Tribal Council, at the Jacob Cornsilk Complex, at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Elijah Wachacha (828) 735-6453, ewachacha@ebci-nsn.gov

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

Wayohi (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

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Community meets the first Tuesday of

each month at the Yellowhill Activity Center at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Dakota Bone (828) 736-8092, Dbone8312@yahoo.com, For building rental, contact Virginia Johnson (828) 788-8659

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

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

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

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

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

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness

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MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF



TARA REED-COOPER

Associate Director of Career Development

Education: Bachelors Degree in Business Administration
Years at CIHA: 5 Years in November
Community/Hometown: Big Y

“My passion in life is to help community members succeed. In my role here at CIHA, I am able to personally and specifically assist those that are looking for jobs, further their careers, or to assist them in finding their own passion. Being able to be within the community and share what CIHA is about allows me to extend my hand to those that are interested in a healthcare career. Involving our youth and opening up the inside world of healthcare for them, creates a pipeline of employees for the years to come. This is what it's all about for me!”
- Tara Reed-Cooper

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. Located behind the Wolfetown Gym. Sunday School:

10 a.m, Sunday worship: 11 a.m, Sunday evening worship: 5 p.m. Wednesday night worship: 6 p.m. Pastor Tim Melton 674-2690

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

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

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads. 3501 Hwy. 441, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain Credit Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m.,

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Abaddon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 12, when an evil spirit returns to a person, how many companions does it bring? 2, 3, 7, 16
3. In which book's 22:18 does it state, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live"? *Exodus, Numbers, Isaiah, Hebrews*
4. The mark of the beast number (666) is found in what chapter of Revelation? 1, 7, 11, 13
5. From 1 Samuel 16, which king of Israel was tormented by an evil spirit? *Solomon, David, Elah, Saul*
6. Who called the city of Nineveh the mistress of witchcraft? *Ahab, Nahum, Lucifer, Peter*

ANSWERS: (1) Neither, (2) Seven, (3) Exodus, (4) 13:18, (5) Saul, (6) Nahum
Find expanded trivia online with Wilson Casey at www.patreon.com/triviaguy. FREE TRIAL!

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Moments in time

• On Nov. 10, 1885, German inventor Gottlieb Daimler's teenage son made the first long-distance test run of the world's first motorcycle, the Reitwagen, which featured a wooden frame and wheels, no suspension system and a leather drive belt.

• On Nov. 11, 1984, the bronze "Three Soldiers" statue (also known as the "Three Servicemen") was unveiled near the Vietnam War Memorial. Designed by Frederick Hart to honor the diversity of those who served in that conflict, it also marked the first time an African American was depicted in a sculpture on the National Mall.

• On Nov. 12, 1996, teens Amy Grossberg and Brian Peterson checked into a Delaware motel, where Amy gave birth to their child. The baby was later found dead in a trash container behind the motel, and the couple confessed to the crime after having previously claimed the child was stillborn.

• On Nov. 13, 1953, Mrs. Thomas J. White of the Indiana Textbook Commission called for the removal of references to the book "Robin Hood" from textbooks used by the state's schools, claiming that there was "a communist directive in education now to stress the story of Robin Hood because he robbed the rich and gave it to the poor." Her campaign, unlike Robin's, was unsuccessful.

• On Nov. 14, 1941, "Suspicion," a romantic thriller starring Cary Grant and Joan Fontaine and directed by Alfred Hitchcock, made its debut on the silver screen. It would go on to win an Academy Award nomination for Best Picture and a Best Actress Oscar for Fontaine, and marked the first time that Grant and Hitchcock worked together. They would collaborate again on "Notorious," "To Catch a Thief" and "North by Northwest."

• On Nov. 15, 1783, John Hanson, the first president of the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation, died in Maryland. Though he's sometimes referred to as America's first president, the role didn't exist as an executive position separate from Congress until 1789.

• On Nov. 16, 2012, Hostess Brands sparked a panicked hoarding of snack cakes when the company announced it was shutting down, and a 31,000% jump in Twinkie sales on Amazon in only a week.

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The Garden Bug

White pumpkins

Both white and orange pumpkins are members of the Cucurbita family, which includes winter and summer squash, cucumbers, and melons. White pumpkin varieties such as "Lumina," "Snowball" and "Casper" were developed about 40 years ago using albino pumpkin seeds. They tend to be smaller and more "round" than other pumpkin varieties. "Lumina" are the most popular for carving and making decorative displays for the fall holidays.

- Brenda Weaver

Sources: chefsmandala.com, www.epicgardening.com

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

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

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God

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

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C.

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

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

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

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

736-9383

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

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

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

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

Olivet United Methodist Church. 811 Olivet Church Road. Sunday School 9am. Sunday Service 9:45am.

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

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

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Memories of Mrs. Elinor Boudinot Meigs

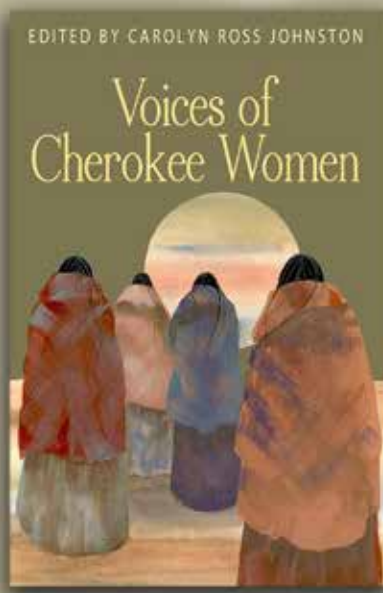
I was the fourth child of William Penn Boudinot and Caroline Fields Boudinot..... Father was the son of Elis Boudinot, a full blood Cherokee and Harriet Gold Boudinot, a white woman.....

“I remember my mother telling of a peculiar incident that happened during the raid that the Pin Indians made upon our home. She said father had a large amount of gold hid in an old leather satchel hanging on the wall, and during the search they were making of the house, an Indian reached up and taken hold of the old satchel, and just as he dd so, his attention was attracted by a beautiful bright colored blanket that hung near. He left the old satchel and took the blanket and a side saddle that was hanging by it and walked out of the house leaving father’s money as though they were not looking for it.”

Source: James S. Buchanan, a field worker for the WPA, interviewed Mrs. Elinor Boudinot Meigs at Fort Gibson, Okla., March 2-4, 1937.

From: “Voices of Cherokee Women”, Carolyn Ross Johnston

EDITED BY CAROLYN ROSS JOHNSTON



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ist 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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Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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



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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. 25-096
Notice to Creditors and

Debtors of:

LUCY FRANCIS BIGMEAT

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Louzett Standley
445 Mink Branch Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-095
Notice to Creditors and

Debtors of:

RAMONA LOSSIE BAITH

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Mona Baith
P.O. Box 1684
Cherokee, NC 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-092
Notice to Creditors and



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Now Hiring for Our Spa!

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Hair Stylist
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For questions, please contact:
Autumn Parker, Spa Operations Manager
828-497-8550 AutumnP@mandaraspa.com
Email: HRRrecruitment@onespaworld.com



STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- *Administrative Support Specialist*
- *HVAC - Night Shift*
- *Scrub Team - 2nd Shift*
- *Psychologist*
- *Campus Nutrition and Sustainability Manager*

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- *Assistant Professor - Composition/Rhetoric*
- *Instructor/Assistant Professor - Birth to Kindergarten*
- *Assistant Professor - Mathematics*
- *Assistant Professor - Interior Design*
- *Assistant Professor - American Government & Politics*

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Debtors of:

VIOLET LOUISE LEE

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

Carol Bernhisel
P.O. Box 433
Cherokee, NC 28719

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

In the Tribal Court
In the Matter of M.N.P.

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

TO: UNKNOWN PARENTS OF THE MINOR CHILD

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, M.N.P., born September 25, 2024, is an abused and neglected child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on September 13, 2024.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed. If you are not

already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

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

First published this the 29th day of October, 2025.
Jamie Arnold,
Family Safety Program Attorney
P.O. Box 455

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

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of M.L.P.

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

TO: UNKNOWN PARENTS OF THE MINOR CHILD

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, M.L.P., born December 17, 2024, is an abused and neglected child, filed in the Chero-

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kee Tribal Court on December 20, 2024.

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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 sup-

port of a particular project.

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

Notice Flood Hazard Information

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



**Cherokee Central Schools
Job Openings**

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

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

9-12 Cherokee Language Instructor
9-12 Special Education Teacher
6-12 Pathseekers School Counselor
K-5 Special Education STARS Teacher
K-5 School Counselor
K-5 Cherokee Language Instructor
K-5 Mental Health Classroom Teacher
Assistant (GRANT FUNDED)
Part-Time Food Service Worker
Weekend Security Monitor



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
Truck Drivers

SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITIONS

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 storm events in 2018 and 2020. The BIA recommended removing the dam and restoring the stream reach. The project will remove the dam, improve aquatic organism passage, and improve

overall stream habitats.

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

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

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

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

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

gov from September 17, 2025 to November 15, 2025. **11/12**

Request for Proposals

The EBCI Communications Department is taking proposals from qualified audio-visual (AV) vendors and integrators for a comprehensive redesign of the broadcast and livestream system in the Council Chambers. A scope of work is available upon request. Please contact Steven Smith at stevsmit@ebci-nsn.gov or 828-359-7027 for details. **11/5**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS HIGHWAY ENHANCEMENT / LITTER PICKUP 2025-2026

In an effort to provide a more appealing and beautiful appearance on the Qualla Boundary and Cherokee/Graham County areas to the general public, the SOLID WASTE PROGRAM seeks to provide services to maintain trash pickup on roadways, road pull offs and scenic areas.

Bids Open: November 12, 2025
Notice of award: November 19, 2025

Questions, request for packet and requests for clarifications regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to:

Tee Trejo

Solid Waste Manager

Work phone: 828-359-6143

Email: teetrejo@ebci-nsn.gov

RFP NUMBER/PROJECT NAME

To avoid confusion and to provide consistency in reporting to authoritative agencies concerning this project, the SOLID WASTE PROGRAM has assigned the following RFP identification number to reference all communications.

RFP Number: 2026 SOLID WASTE

Project Name: Highway Enhancement / Litter Pickup

11/5



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**CHEROKEE INDIAN
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**



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New Positions This Week

Certified Coder
Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner
Clinical Pharmacist – Overnight
EVS Technician – 2nd Shift
Pharmacy Technician I
Pharmacy Technician II
Psychiatrist

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Behavioral Health Therapist - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
(Analenisgi Outpatient, Analenisgi MAT, Cherokee Central Schools, Family Safety, Child and Family – Snowbird, Family Intensive Treatment)
Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor - Kanwotiyi
Galvgwodiya Program Coordinator
Employment Specialist – Kanwotiyi
Nurse Supervisor – Analenisgi Inpatient – Nights

ENGINEERING

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

FINANCE

Payroll and Compliance Manager

HUMAN RESOURCES

Employee Relations Specialist

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

TRIBAL OPTION

Tribal Option Medical Social Worker

TSALI CARE CENTER

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



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Closing Sunday, November 02, 2025

1. Professional Development Specialist – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
2. Supervisor – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$61,776 - \$77,230) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Advocate – Domestic Violence – Public Health & Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
4. Stock Clerk – Tribal Food Distribution – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
5. Housekeeper II Heavy Duty – Housekeeping – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
6. Supervisor (Telecommunicator) – Public Safety Communications – Operations (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Certified Biological Wastewater Treatment Operator – Wastewater Treatment – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
8. Truck Driver/Crew Leader – Solid Waste – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
9. ALE Agent – Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement – TABCC (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Assistant Supervisor (Mother Town) – TERO (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
11. Sergeant (Patrol) – CIPD – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
12. Lieutenant (Investigations) – Cherokee Indian Police Department (L17 \$37.07 - \$46.34 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
13. Commercial Property Specialist – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour)
14. Air Quality Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
15. Grants Analyst – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. 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) 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)

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.

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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.



**CHEROKEE INDIAN
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**



Harvesting wisi

Gilliam "Gil" Jackson (photo at left), a first Language Cherokee speaker and instructor and an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), took a few students out into the woods recently to teach them how to identify and harvest Wisi "Hen of the Woods" the correct way. Driver Blythe (photo above with a wisi), a graduate student at Western Carolina University and an EBCI tribal member, stated "Learning how to harvest is an essential part of our culture and I'm thankful for tribal elders, such as Gil, who are willing to teach younger EBCI members such as myself how to identify and harvest plants." (Photos contributed)

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