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National Day for Truth & Reconciliation event held

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – Hundreds of people turned out, wearing orange shirts, to commemorate the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation event hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 30. The event, also known as Orange Shirt Day, featured a walk and informative speeches on the subject of Indian

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Patty Grant, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, speaks about historical grief and trauma during the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation event held in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 30. The event featured a walk and informative speeches on the subject of Indian Boarding Schools, specifically the Cherokee Boarding School. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Image of the Week

Misha Slee and Makeneddy Ensley, both Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) junior varsity cheerleaders, are shown after a game at Ray Kinsland Memorial Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 2. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Quote of the Week

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RECONCILIATION: From front page

Boarding Schools, specifically the Cherokee Boarding School. Orange Shirt Day originated in Canada, and according to its official governmental website, “The day honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.”

During Tuesday’s event, EBCI Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, standing in front of an enlarged black-and-white photo of students at the old Cherokee Boarding School, stated, “I think the pictures, without question, they tell a lot of stories. Especially if you pay attention to the earlier pictures - not a lot of smiles.”

He spoke of the ongoing work that the EBCI is doing to document the boarding school days. “As we go through the work that we’re doing, we have folks that are doing some tremendous research with the things that we saw today and will see in the future. It’s warming to me that we’re able to recapture this element of our history that’s so important that I don’t think any of us fully understand. We’ve heard the stories. We’ve captured a lot of the things. But, as we continue to put these items together, there is going to be times of emotion.”

Ugviyuhi Hicks went on to say, “As we look at where we are, a lot of our boarding school folks, they’re moving on. So, I was telling the guys yesterday, we have to do everything we can to capture a thought, to capture a memory, to capture a picture, to capture what-



Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks speaks during Tuesday’s event.

ever we can so that we can help ourselves heal. That’s what this is about. It’s about that healing process that every one of us needs.”

In May 2022, then-Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Bryan Newland issued a 106-page report entitled “Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report”.

He states in a foreword to that report, “This report confirms that the United States directly targeted American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children in the pursuit of a policy of cultural assimilation that coincided with Indian territorial dispossession. It identifies the Federal Indian boarding schools that were used as a means for these ends, along with at least 53 burial sites for children across this system- with more site discoveries and data expected as we continue our research.”

The Cherokee Boarding School operated from 1880 to 1954.

According to an informational kiosk at the event, “From 1892-1933, the Cherokee Boarding School structure followed a militaristic model. Students wore military style uniforms on certain occasions, marched to military style drills between classes, performed manual labor, and were harshly punished for not meeting certain standards or disobeying the rules. The military education model is reflected across most boarding schools nationwide, as seen in Carlisle Industrial training school in Pennsylvania and the Chilocco Indian Industrial School, for example.”

Renissa McLaughlin, EBCI youth and adult education director, commented, “What we began here is more than just a walk. It is the start of building community

resources and education around the Cherokee boarding and day schools.

This walk is our first official step to raise awareness, to educate, and to create space for healing together as a community. The collective past of our families and ancestors is marked by both resilience and deep sorrow.”

She added, “Today, by walking together, we acknowledge those wounds while affirming that healing and education can move us forward. In contrast to the past, today’s educational landscape for our enrolled members reflects sovereignty and choice. Parents may decide whether their children attend public, private, BIE, or charter schools. After high school, our young people can choose again - trade schools, vocational programs, universities, and colleges all across the country. More than

500 enrolled members annually are currently pursuing post-secondary education. There is nothing more powerful than the power of choice. We get to choose the education for our children.”

Patty Grant, an EBCI elder, spoke on historical grief and trauma and noted, “We know that this historical event of the boarding school era, and the generations that occurred in this community, has had its long lasting impact. Some of the things that we know that is impactful is for our parents to say, or grandparents to say, ‘my parents did not teach me how to speak Cherokee because they did not want us to go through what they went through’... Because the trauma was deep-seeded and is, through research we know that it is in our DNA and it is being passed from generation to generation.”

She further commented, “I do know that there are individuals who say, ‘well, my parents or grandparents never spoke of the severe punishment that they experienced, only of the good things’. And, I’m not here to stand before you and say that the boarding school was all bad, because it



Over 200 people came out for the event which began with a walk from the Cherokee Welcome Center to the Cherokee BIA Agency which is near the site of the old Cherokee Boarding School.

wasn't. The boarding school, for what it stood for, taught the students a lot of good things. However, if you read the sign, the origin of the boarding school was to 'kill the Indian, and save the man'. And, they went about this process by beating and severing the families from each other.”

Grant said the trauma affects all relationships. “I wanted people

to understand that there was a reason for the way we are today, and it's not our fault. We get raised up by our parents who are traumatized and who are wounded and who are hurt, then they raise us and that's how we feel as we come up through the ranks of childhood into adulthood.

As we take this journey and all of you are so graciously willing to

learn about the boarding school - whether your parents went to the boarding school, or grandparents, or you know someone who went to the boarding school - but it's easier to understand now that their trauma oftentimes plays out in their relationships with us.”



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Property adjacent to Noquisi Mound receives Cherokee name

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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FRANKLIN, N.C. — A small piece of property located adjacent to the Noquisi Mound, sometimes referred to as the Nikwasi Mound, has been given a Cherokee name. Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approved Res. No. 344 (2024) during its clean-up session on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025 that designated the 0.56 acre lot adjacent to the Mound as Gaduni Kanohesgi which means “The Franklin Storyteller”.

The resolution states, “In 2019, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) purchased real property located at 454 East Main Street, Franklin, N.C., containing 0.59 acres, more or less, adjacent to the Noquisi Mound; and the real property was formerly the site of Dan’s Auto Service, a motor vehicle service station, and currently has on it a paved parking area and a concrete block building which needs to be removed to make it useable.”

Juanita Wilson, an EBCI tribal member and co-chair of the Noquisi Initiative Board of Directors, submitted the legislation on Nov. 7, 2024.

Following the resolution’s unanimous passage on Tuesday, she told the One Feather, “As you see the resolution has been tabled for almost a year. We originally requested the naming for two reasons: 1 The building needed to have a Cherokee name as it is part of the property on which the mound sits. We felt it strengthened our community’s relation and connection to the mound. While the building is a separate property, Noquisi Initiative has stewarded not only the mound, but the build-



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ing and the property surrounding it. 2 We were preparing to submit a federal grant to support the economic strategies for the property. While we were not able to move forward with the grant proposal, the priority was the naming of the building to reflect our ties to the mound and properties around it. We approached the Cherokee Speaker’s Council and they named it, Gaduni Kanohesgi.”

The resolution states that a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be drafted between the EBCI and the Noquisi Initiative “to define the roles and expectations of the parties regarding the stewardship by the Noquisi Initiative of the real property...and for the potential development of a Cherokee culture learning center on the property”.

Elaine Eisenbraun, Noquisi Initiative executive director, was happy with the passage of the

legislation. “To keep the project active while the resolution was tabled, we moved forward as we feel the Speakers have spoken. We will always respect that. In any event, it’s nice to see the unanimous support from Tribal Council.”

She added, “In regard to the MOA, that is another facet that we’ve worked hard to keep on the table, because we feel that it is most important that we maintain a strong partnership between Noquisi Initiative and EBCI in decisions and actions that will advance the development of the building into a unique and extraordinary learning center for our people and for visitors who are eager to learn more about us. There is an extraordinary opportunity here to assure better protections for the Mound, to provide a unique learning space for our people, and to help people everywhere better understand the history and

present-day culture of Cherokee people.”

Information from the Noquisi Initiative states the following regarding the site, “Noquisiyi, later interpreted as Nikwasi, means star place and was a Cherokee town situated in present-day Franklin, North Carolina. Though its exact age remains unknown, Noquisiyi appears on maps as early as 1544, and British colonial records first mention it by name in 1718.”

It continues, “At the heart of Noquisiyi on the banks of the Little Tennessee River, the town’s meeting hall once towered over the landscape, built atop the mound which was formed by Cherokee women carrying baskets of soil to that location. Today, Noquisiyi Mound, the settlement’s only surviving landmark, rises as the gateway to Franklin.”

EBCI making progress on MMIP database development

Submitted by EBCI Office of
Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief)
Michell Hicks

Cherokee, N.C. - In May, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) passed a resolution directing the development of a Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) database for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). While this work remains in the early stages, significant progress is underway to ensure the database is built with care, accuracy, and respect for the families and communities it will serve.

The EBCI is currently working with the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) to compile the most accurate information on cases within the EBCI that remain unsolved, defined as individuals still missing or cases of homicide that have not yet been resolved. This stage of the process is meticulous and time-intensive, but it is a necessary step toward building a reliable and respectful primary resource for the community.

“Our goal is not only to create a foundational list, but to ensure that every entry is accurate, complete, and carefully coordinated with CIPD,” said Ugviyuhi Hicks. “We are approaching this process with intention, knowing how important it is for our people to have a trusted source of information and a way to bring renewed attention to these cases.”

Once completed, this initial phase will provide the foundation for a system where tips can be submitted, awareness can be raised, and pathways toward justice can be strengthened. The EBCI’s Information Technology department is also involved in ensuring that the information is protected while still being accessible to the public.

The next phase of development will involve community meetings to discuss how to respectfully and comprehensively build a complete database of all MMIP cases connected to the EBCI. These conversations will be crucial in shaping how the database honors victims, supports families, and strengthens public awareness.

The EBCI remains dedicated to pursuing justice for missing and murdered Indigenous people. While this work will take time, the

foundation being laid today will provide a vital resource for generations to come.



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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

New this week

S. 2832 (A bill to establish an Office of Native American Affairs with the Small Business Administration). As the title states, this bill would establish the new office. Full text of this bill was not available by press time.

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. Full text of this bill was not available by press time.

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.

Bills recently passed

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

Introduced: Jan. 16 by Rep. David Rouzer (R-N.C.)
Action: This bill was tacked on to H.R. 3838 (National Defense Authorization Act FY26) with House Amendment 98 and was passed on Sept. 10 with the main bill on a roll call vote of 231-196. The Senate version of the National Defense Authorization Act FY26 (S.2296) is currently being considered.

Bills we're currently watching

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

Introduced: Jan. 7 by Rep. Charles J. "Chuck" Fleischmann (R-Tenn.)
Action: This bill was passed in the House by a voice vote on Feb. 4. It was received in the Senate the next day and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for

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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.

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 Fed-

eral 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

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- *Proof of all income
- *Copy of recent Electric Bill & Copy of Fuel Bill/Fuel Account Details
- *Custody/Placement/POA, where applicable

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Indian reservations”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

bill as of press time.

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

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

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

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

S.2211 (Special Diabetes Program Reauthorization Act of

2025). This Senate bill seeks to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. For both programs, it seeks funding in the amount of \$160,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- *EBCI Enrollment Card
- *Custody/Placement/POA, where applicable

is identical to H.R. 4712.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to

the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 31. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

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

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

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

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 text of this bill is not yet available, but the full title 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 acknowledgement to the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.

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

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

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Cherokee Tribal Court hearing held for alleged sex abuse by former Swain Co. Sheriff

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On the afternoon of Monday, Sept. 29, former Swain Co. Sheriff Curtis Cochran appeared in Cherokee Tribal Court with Judge Barbara Parker presiding. Cochran is being represented by criminal defense attorney Jack Stewart. The case was continued to the next court date scheduled for Feb. 17, 2026.

A silent protest occurred as Cochran entered the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center led by the Qualla Boundary MMIW grassroots organization. Included in the group were three Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Representative-elects: Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shennelle Feather, Kolan-vyi (Big Cove) Rep. Lavita Hill, and Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer. The group shared their reasoning in a public statement, “We stand in solidarity with survivors and families as former Swain County Sheriff Curtis Cochran faces charges of rape and sexual assault...Our silent presence at the courthouse is both mourning and resistance. We refuse to let victims be ignored or silenced.”

Cochran also appeared in Swain Co. Court on Sept. 24. That case was continued to Dec. 17. The protesters were also present at the Swain Co. Hearing.

Agents with the State Bureau of Investigation and police officers with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians arrested Swain County Sheriff Curtis Cochran, 72, on Friday, June 27.

Cochran has been charged with four state crimes: felonious

restraint; assault on a female; sexual battery; and solicitation to commit prostitution.

Cochran has also been charged with violations of the Cherokee Code: two counts of oppression in office and one count of abusive sexual contact.

CIPD Arrest Report for Sept. 22-28, 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.

Davis, Vincent Collin – age 29
Arrested: Sept. 22
Released: Sept. 25
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Assault by Strangulation

Hornbuckle, Jamie Ray – age 49
Arrested: Sept. 23
Released: Sept. 27
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Mitchell, Joshua Lloyd – age 27
Arrested: Sept. 23
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 29)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Hudson, Shawn Fredric – age 47
Arrested: Sept. 24
Released: Sept. 25
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance

Crow, Timothy Ryan – age 35

Arrested: Sept. 25
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 29)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Lambert, Trevan Holden- age 19
Arrested: Sept. 25
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 29)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Probation Violation

Amerson Jr., Robert Calvin – age 38
Arrested: Sept. 26
Released: Sept. 26
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Jaworski, Michelle Therese – age 57
Arrested: Sept. 26
Released: Sept. 26
Charges: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Powell, Ladybird – age 54
Arrested: Sept. 26
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 29)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Smith, Mary Dalena – age 40
Arrested: Sept. 26
Released: Sept. 27
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Campbell, Matthew Randall – age 38
Arrested: Sept. 27
Released: Sept. 27
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, Obstructing an Officer

Scroggins, Teresa Lynn – age 55
Arrested: Sept. 27
Released: Sept. 27
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Buchanan, Kimberly Nicole – age 33
Arrested: Sept. 28
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 29)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance; Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance; Criminal Conspiracy; Transporting Controlled Substance into the Territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Collins, Ozzy Daniel – age 24
Arrested: Sept. 28
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 29)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance; Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance; Transporting Controlled Substance into the Territory of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Criminal Conspiracy

Sutton, Stevi – age 29
Arrested: Sept. 28
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 29)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Wolfe, Terrance Russell – age 27
Arrested: Sept. 28
Released: Sept. 28
Charges: Assault on a Female

Wolfe Jr., Thomas Edward – age 21
Arrested: Sept. 28
Released: Not released as of report date (Sept. 29)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Cherokee Tribal Court Disposition Summary for Sept. 1-30, 2025

Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court

Note: The following cases were disposed of in Cherokee Tribal Court during the time period of Sept. 1-30, 2025. The date of each offense is in parenthesis.

Amerson Jr., Robert C.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Sept. 26, 2025). Guilty per plea.
30 Days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation.

Arch, Cassandra A.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev (Sept. 7, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Operation of a Motor Vehicle without Financial Responsibility a

Misdemeanor (Dec. 1, 2022). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 1, 2022). Dismissed in the interest of justice.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 22, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Beck, Jackie L.
- Drive Left of Center (June 26, 2025). No disposition given.

Bernhisel, Chad L.
- DWLR Impaired Rev. (Sept. 3, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Bertram, Pamyla M.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (June 29, 2025). Guilty.
30 days suspended, 12 months

unsupervised probation .

Bocanegra-Mata, Luis F.
- Exceeding Safe Speed (June 13, 2025). No disposition given.
- Failure to Reduce Speed (June 13, 2025). No disposition given.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (June 13, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Drive Left of Center (June 13, 2025). No disposition given.
- Failure to Give Info/Aid per Inj. (June 13, 2025). No disposition given.
- No Operators License (June 13, 2025). No disposition given.
- Reckless Driving (June 13, 2025). Guilty per plea.
6 months suspended, 12 months supervised probation

Bowman, Skyler C.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Sept. 17, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Bradley, Ronald A.
- Second Degree Trespass (June 2, 2023). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Sept. 12, 2024). Guilty.
- Aiding/Abetting/Acting in Concert/Accessory Before the Fact (Aug. 29, 2025). Guilty.
12 months suspended, 24 months supervised probation, special condition of probation serve 3 months, credit for 85 days served.

Bradley, Connie L.
- Reckless Driving-Wanton Disregard (Nov. 19, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Resisting Lawful Arrest (Nov. 19, 2024). Guilty.
- Speeding to Elude Arrest (Nov. 19, 2024). Guilty.
- Reckless Endangerment (Nov. 19, 2024). Guilty.

- Fel. Hit/Run Injury (Nov. 19, 2024). Guilty.
- Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult: Elder and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code (Nov. 19, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Drive Left of Center (Nov. 19, 2024). No disposition given.
- Fail to Heed Light or Siren (Nov. 19, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Nov. 19, 2024). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Fail Yield Stop Sign/Flsh Red Lgt (Nov. 19, 2024). No disposition given.
- Unsafe Passing Yellow Line (Nov. 19, 2024). No disposition given.
- Driving While Impaired (Nov. 19, 2024). Guilty.
24 months suspended, 24 months supervised probation, special condition of probation serve 6 months on electronic home confinement, 6 months suspended, 12 months supervised probation, begins at end of prior sentence.

Brady, Dusty D.
- Criminal Mischief to Property (July 18, 2025). Dismissed with leave.
- Elder Abuse and Neglect (July 18, 2025). Dismissed with leave.
- Breaking and Entering (July 18, 2025). Dismissed with leave.

Brady, Torie A.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (July 8, 2025). Guilty per plea.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (July 8, 2025). Guilty.
- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 12, 2024). Guilty per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (June 11, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

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- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (July 8, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.
12 months suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation.

Campbell, Matthew R.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Sept. 27, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Sept. 27, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Chastain, Caeden N.

- No Liability Insurance (June 4, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.

Conseen, Venyall L.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (July 11, 2025). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Feb. 13, 2025). Guilty.
12 months suspended, 12 months supervised, special condition of probation serve 3 months, credit for 89 days served.

Crow, Timothy R.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Feb. 5, 2025). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Sept. 25, 2025). Guilty.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Sept. 25, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Sept. 25, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
6 months suspended, 12 months supervised probation.

Fuller, Jamie M.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (April 20, 2025). Dismissed with leave.

George, William H.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (April 2, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Harjo, Renita L.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (June 11, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.

Hornbuckle, Mary A.

- Public Intoxication (July 12, 2024). Guilty.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Sept. 7, 2025). Guilty.
- Hit/Run Fail Stop Prop Damage (Sept. 7, 2025). Guilty.
- Driving While Impaired (May 23, 2024). Guilty.
- Driving While Impaired (Dec. 1, 2024). Guilty.
Sentences run concurrent, 12 months suspended, 12 months supervised probation, 60 days in detention, credit for 60 days served, CAM device for 90 days, surrender license in detention, credit for 60 days served, 9 months suspended, 12 months supervised probation.

Hornbuckle, Joshua I.

- No Operators License (March 14, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.
- Reckless Driving - Wanton Disregard (March 14, 2025). Voluntary Dismissal.

Huskey, Joseph M.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (July 6, 2025). Dismissed with leave.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (July 6, 2025). Dismissed with leave.

Laws, James E.

- No Motorcycle Endorsement (June 19, 2025). No disposition

given.

Ledford, Mitchell J.

- DWLR Viol Restored Lic. (May 6, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

Ledford, Amber M.

- Operate Veh No Ins. (July 28, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.

Littlejohn, Triniti B.

- Child not in Rear Seat (June 6, 2025). No disposition given.

Littlejohn, John

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (April 3, 2022). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.
- Assault on a Female (April 3, 2022). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Littlejohn, Stephanie M.

- Disorderly Conduct (May 23, 2025). Guilty.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (May 23, 2025). Guilty.
- Injuring Telephone Wires, or Other Communication Equipment; Interfering with Emergency Communication (May 23, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 23, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Mathis, Fredrick J.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 27, 2025). Dismissed with leave.

Maye, Cassandra D.

- Speeding (July 2, 2025). No

disposition given.

McCoy, Charlene A.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (May 9, 2023). Voluntary Dismissal compliance/proof.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (June 17, 2023). Voluntary Dismissal compliance/proof.

McCoy, Jackie W.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (July 4, 2023). Voluntary dismissal.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 17, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.

Owl, Joshua R.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Sept. 3, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Oxendine, Krista C.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (May 28, 2025). Guilty.
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (May 28, 2025). Guilty.
12 months suspended, credit for 12 days served, 12 months unsupervised probation, special condition of probation serve 30 days, credit for 30 days served, banished-not to be on or about tribal lands.

Parton, Reagan E.

- Larceny (Aug. 6, 2022). Guilty.
30 days credit for 5 days served suspended, 6 months supervised probation.

Perez, Carina

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 21, 2024). Voluntary dismissal.

Pheasant, Owen R.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 5, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Price, Colby T.

- Probation Revocation (Sept. 21, 2022). Admitted.

- Probation Revocation (Dec. 20, 2024). Admitted.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Dec. 19, 2024) Guilty.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 10, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

172 days, credit for 172 days served.

Queen, Joel

- Altered Reg Card/Tag (June 3, 2024). No disposition given

Radford, Jake

- No Liability Insurance (May 22, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

- No Operators License (May 22, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

- Fail to Obtain Reg or Title (May 22, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

Reed, Donovan E.

- Driving While Impaired (March 31, 2024). Guilty.

120 days suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, surrender license.

Reed II, Gary L.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 5, 2024). Voluntary dismissal.

- No Operators License (April 16, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

Saunooke, Josephine L.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 4, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

Sequoyah, Tashina L.

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (April 6, 2025). Guilty. 90 days suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation.

Sequoyah, Annette

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 22, 2022). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.

Sequoyah, Cheryl L.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 21, 2025). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Slinkey, Dwight A.

- Public Intoxication (July 4, 2025). Guilty. 2 days active.

Smith, Deborah L.

- Simple Assault (Aug. 12, 2023). Guilty.

- Elder Abuse and Neglect (Aug. 12, 2023). Guilty. 12 months, credit for 365 days served.

Smith, Jaylen Z.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Sept. 18, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Sept. 18, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Stigman, Maxine F.

- Interference with a Criminal Process (Aug. 15, 2025). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (Jan. 1, 2014). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Suarez Sanchez, Mauricio J.

- Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public (Jan. 8, 2025). Guilty.

- Second Degree Trespass (Jan. 8, 2025). Guilty. 6 months suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation.

Sutton, Janice M.

- Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (May 19, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.

- No Liability Insurance (May 19, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.

Swayney, Darren D.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (Dec. 27, 2023). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 5, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, After Notification, or While Disqualified (April 4, 2023). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (April 8, 2023). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 16, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Swayney, Carey L.

- No Liability Insurance (July 24, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.

Swayney, Thadius R.

- Public Intoxication (Aug. 2, 2025). Guilty. 10 days suspended, 12 months supervised probation.

Tafoya, Phylicia K.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (July 11, 2025). Guilty.

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- Probation Revocation (July 11, 2025). Admitted.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (July 11, 2025). Guilty.

- Probation Revocation (July 11, 2025). Admitted.

- Probation Revocation (July 11, 2025). Admitted.

Sentences run consecutive: 6 months suspended, 12 months supervised probation, 12 months suspended, 12 months supervised probation.

Taylor, Jeremiah

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 28, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

Taylor, Heather L.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Sept. 15, 2021). Dismissed.

Taylor, Jamelle N.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Sept. 4, 2025). Guilty. 6 months suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation.

Taylor, Jalen R.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Aug. 20, 2025). Guilty.

- Probation Revocation (March 25, 2025). Admitted.

Sentences run consecutive: 6 months suspended, 6 months supervised probation, 90 days suspended, 6 months supervised probation.

Toineeta, Amaya

- Speeding (July 2, 2025). No disposition given.

Tramper, Dustin H.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Sept. 2, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Walkingstick, Andrea

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Jan. 14, 2020). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Watty, Brent L.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Nov. 14, 2024). Guilty.

6 months suspended, 6 months supervised probation.

Watty, Todd M.

- Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public (July 9, 2025). Guilty.

- Probation Revocation (July 9, 2025). Admitted.

- Probation Revocation (July 9, 2025). Admitted.

Sentences run consecutive: 90 days active, credit for 83 days served, 20 days active.

Welch, Susan A.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Jan. 16, 2025). Guilty.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (May 12, 2025). Guilty.

- Providing or Possessing Contraband (May 12, 2025). Guilty.

- Tampering with Evidence (May 12, 2025). Guilty.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (March 7, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (May 8, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

12 months credit for 138 days served suspended, 12 months supervised probation.

Welch Sr., Benny L.

- No Liability Insurance (July 4, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.

Welch, Emerson S.

- Misdemeanor Larceny (May 4, 2025). Guilty per plea.

- False Pretenses (May 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

6 months suspended, 6 months supervised probation.

West, Ayianna

- DWLR (June 7, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.

Wildcatt, Patricia A.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 12, 2024). Voluntary dismissal.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Sept. 10, 2024). Voluntary dismissal. - Fail to stop-Steady Red Light (July 12, 2024). No disposition given.

Wolf, Brittany L.

- Probation Revocation (Jan. 9, 2025). Admitted.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (July 27, 2023). Guilty.

- Probation Revocation (Dec. 5, 2024). Dismissed upon further investigation.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Jan. 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Sentences run consecutive: 6 months, 12 months, transferred to wellness court.

Wolfe, Diamond S.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (July 5, 2025). Guilty.

- Escape from Imprisonment and Custody (July 5, 2025). Guilty.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (July 5, 2025). Guilty.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (July 4, 2025). Guilty.

- Public Intoxication (June 10, 2025). Guilty.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Jan. 5, 2022). Guilty.

12 months credit for 53 days served suspended, 12 months supervised probation.

Youngdeer, Ostani C.

- No Operators License (May 9, 2025). Voluntary dismissal compliance/proof.

Young, Adena M.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (June 21, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 21, 2025). Voluntary dismissal.

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Cherokee's Nashoba Tushka (#5) tackles Mountain Heritage's Matthew Nunes (#41).

FOOTBALL

Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi edged by Hayesville

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

The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) traveled to the Hayesville Yellow Jackets in Hayesville, N.C. on the evening of Friday, Oct. 3. FINAL SCORE: Hayesville 37-28.

SCORING SUMMARY

1st Quarter
7:51 - CHER - Jonathan Saylor 2-yard run. PAT good. Cherokee 7 Hayesville 0
5:41 - HAYES - Peyton McGaha 2-yard pass to Ben Bethel. PAT good. Cherokee 7 Hayesville 7
2:23 - HAYES - Tre Graves 2-yard run. Point-after blocked by Cherokee's Jonathan Saylor. Hayesville 13 Cherokee 7

2nd Quarter
11:07 - CHER - Saylor 29-yard pass to Javan Garcia. PAT good. Cherokee 14 Hayesville 13
6:04 - CHER - Saylor 2-yard run. PAT good. Cherokee 21 Hayesville 13
:9.5 - HAYES - McGaha 6-yard run. 2-point conversion good by Ephraim Jones. Cherokee 21 Hayesville 21

3rd Quarter
8:43 - CHER - Saylor 3-yard run. PAT good. Cherokee 28 Hayesville 21

4th Quarter
11:54 - HAYES - McGaha 3-yard



Cherokee's Jonathan Saylor (#7) avoids a sack during a game at Hayesville on the evening of Friday, Oct. 3. On the night, Saylor completed 13 of 16 passes for 234 yds and 1 TD and rushed 13 times for 52 yards and 3 touchdowns.

pass to Bethel. 2-point conversion good by Tre Graves. Hayesville 29 Cherokee 28
:37.5 - HAYES - McGaha 11-yard run. 2-point conversion good. Hayesville 37 Cherokee 28

GAME STATISTICS

Total Plays: Cher – 48, Hayes – 52
First Downs: Cher – 12, Hayes – 14
Penalties: Cher – 14, Hayes 6
Penalty Yards: Cher – 141, Hayes 58

Passing: Cher – Jonathan Saylor, 13 of 16 for 234 yds, 1 TD; Dawson Panther 1 of 1 for 10 yds; Hayes – Peyton McGaha, 6 of 9 for 47 yds, 2 TD
Rushing: Jonathan Saylor, 13 rush for 52 yds, 3 TDs; Kaden Cucumber, 1 rush for 3 yds; Cain Welch, 16 rush for 62 yds; Hayes – Peyton McGaha, 9 rush for 44 yds, 2 TD; Tre Graves, 22 rush for 168 yds, 1 TD; Kaden Ledford, 13 rush for 85 yds
Receiving: Cher – Tsu-la Howlingcrane, 4 rec for 67 yds; Javan

Garcia, 8 rec for 156 yds, 1 TD; Kaden Cucumber, 1 rec for 10 yds; Drallen Ledford, 1 rec for 11 yds; Hayes – Colton Bruggers, 1 rec for 8 yds; Ben Bethel, 3 rec for 11 yds, 2 TD; Tre Graves, 1 rec for 6 yds; Daemien Soto, 1 rec for 22 yds
Tackle Leaders: Cher – Statistics not listed on Maxpreps as of press time; Hayes – Braden Thompson 6, Ben Bethel 6, Tre Graves 6, Patrick Denton 7, Will Brown 7
PATs: Cher – Tayvin Bark, 4 of 4; Hayes – Josue Salas 1 of 2



Cherokee's Zaynon Taylor (#51) gives an anetso (stickball) challenge call prior to the start of the game.

EBCI bestows title of Beloved Man to Rev. Fred Lunsford

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has bestowed the exalted title of Beloved Man to the late Rev. Fred Bruner Lunsford. Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) approved Res. No. 435 unanimously during a clean-up session on Tuesday, Sept. 30 which made the designation.

Prior to passage, Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks spoke of Lunsford. “His work record, his community record speaks for itself. I can’t think of anyone more deserving for the impact he had on our people and our communities.”

The legislation was submitted by Tutiya/Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee County) Rep. Adam Wachacha and Ugviyuhi Hicks on behalf of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

Res. No. 435 speaks to Lunsford’s service. “An important part of his life was as an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and was recognized as an elder of the tribe. He was well-received at the Cherokee County Community Club meetings and his attendance at the John Welch Senior Citizens Center.”

Lunsford was a World War II veteran, and on July 2, 2025, his memory was honored during a ceremony at Post 143 headquarters as representatives from Congressman Chuck Edwards’ Office (R-N.C.) read a Congressional Record honoring Lunsford’s service. The Congressional Record, which was presented to Congress on June 23, 2025 was read during the event by Chris Burns, district director in Congressman Chuck Edwards’ office. That record reads as follows:

“Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Staff Sergeant Fred Bruner Lunsford of the United States Army, who passed away on March 1, 2025.

Fred was born on March 7, 1925, and was enrolled as a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Fred graduated from Andrews High School in Andrews, North Carolina in the spring of 1943 and he and his wife, Glad-



The late Rev. Fred Bruner Lunsford, shown serving as a grand marshal during the 2016 Cherokee Indian Fair Parade, was made a Beloved Man of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians during a clean-up session of Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) on Sept. 30, 2025. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

ys, were married on March 17, 1944, before Fred enlisted in the United States Army.

Fred served as a Staff Sergeant during World War II and was deployed to the European Theater, with service at the Normandy Invasion, Battle of the Bulge and the Liberation of France. Fred was highly decorated for his bravery, leadership, and courage he displayed during those years of service. These decorations include the Europe-Africa-Middle East Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the Victory Medal, the Army Occupation Medal, and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

Fred was honorably discharged from active duty following the war and returned home to Cherokee County, North Carolina where he would go on to be licensed to preach the Gospel on October 23, 1949, by Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Murphy, North Carolina and was ordained in 1950.

On behalf of all of western North Carolina,

I would like to take a moment to honor the life of Fred Bruner Lunsford.”

Lunsford received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2015 and served as a grand marshal of the Cherokee Indian Fair parade in 2016. He was also a recipient of the North Carolina Baptist Convention’s Baptist Heritage Award.

The North Carolina Dept. of Transportation designed Bridge #5 on N.C. Highway 141 in Marble, N.C. as Reverend Fred B. Lunsford Bridge on Aug. 13, 2020. The resolution passed that approved this designation states, “The Cherokee County Board of Commissioners request that the North Carolina Department of Transportation name a bridge in honor of Fred Bruner Lunsford for his service in the ministry of Christ, his service to our country, and his service to the families, children, and communities of western North Carolina.”

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Slow Flow & Relax Tuesdays 12pm (10/6; 10/14; 10/21; 10/28)

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Space is limited to sign up contact Robin robibail@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6785.

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November 22, 2025

Registration begins at 11am and race starts at 12pm. Profits will be donated to Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/BrysonCity/Cherokee5KTurkeyStrut>

Contact Yolanda for more information at yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6784

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Pilates is a type of exercise that helps improve strength, stability, and flexibility. This is a beginner level class but all levels welcome! Mondays from 12-12:45 in the Yoga room and on Tuesdays at 12pm in the Community room. Contact April to sign up at apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov or 359-6201.

Nutrition Counseling

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A commitment to culture: Kolanvyi's Chris Hornbuckle

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Chris Hornbuckle, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), is an Anetsovsgi (Ball player) from the Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Anetso (Stickball) team. Hornbuckle works for Qualla Housing as a carpenter/crew leader.

Hornbuckle has been playing stickball for four years. "The cultural part of it is what drew me to it, and it was something that I wanted to be a part of. My grandma is a fluent speaker from Big Cove, so most of my family are from that area, and I wanted to play with my family," he said.

"I spoke with Pat Hill, we'd go run the track at lunchtime, and I told him it was something I wanted to be a part of, and he told me to just get some sticks and practice and come out there and see how things go from there. The first couple days were pretty rough, but not too bad, but then as time went on and the season got closer towards Fair time, that commitment this time of the year is really something you've got to be willing to be a part of, but they accepted me and supported me and most of them being my family made it a lot easier."

Hornbuckle said playing stickball is a commitment to a lifestyle, not just a sport, "It's not just about picking up a stick and going after the ball. I mean, when you're in the game it is, but to me, and for the team and the community, it's a



Chris Hornbuckle, left, in the Kolanvyi v. Wudelignv game at the 112th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

way of life for us and it's how you carry yourself on and off the field. We try to be as respectful to the game as we possibly can be," he said.

"A lot of the older ones, what I call veterans of the team, and the leaders, try to instill that in us and we try to carry that on with these younger ones. This time of year, it's tough, but it's something that I look forward to because of the way it shapes you and prepares you for that mental toughness, not just the physical."

Hornbuckle said he felt the need to earn his spot on the team.

"I didn't wear nothing with Kolanvyi on it for the longest time,

even though my uncles, my great uncles, and a lot of family that I have played the game and were stick makers and they've passed on, it was important to go out there and try to earn a spot and do it for my family and my kids to be able to say that I played," he said.

"What I was after wasn't because I just wanted to go out there and learn how to hit somebody or just go score every time. It's not just me out there. It's the team. It's that family that I'm going to battle with, and to be accepted into that was special to me. I think the first time that I felt comfortable and a part of a team was when we played an exhibition game at Mountain

Heritage Day, and one of the guys that played years before I had, he brought me a pair of his blue shorts and he told me to put them on and from that day on I felt accepted."

Because of that acceptance, Hornbuckle felt honored that his team trusted him to represent them in this article, "I wanted to represent not just myself but my team, my community, all the families and women that's a part of the Big Cove team and community, and just to represent them well and say that our team respects the game and we try to do things the right way for our culture."



Cory Junaluska, left, battles during the Wayohi v. Walelu anetso game at the 112th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

A player's responsibility: Wayohi's Cory Junaluska

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Cory Junaluska, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), is an Anetsovgi (Ball player) for the Wayohi (Wolfstown) Anetso (Stickball) team. Junaluska was featured in the One Feather previously for his podcast, Uktena Underground.

Junaluska said the challenge call, a traditional Cherokee war whoop used in anetso to challenge

teams to a game, is his favorite experience of any game, “The best and only experience I will share is the challenge calls, and genuinely knowing in my heart that to my left, my right, and behind me, I am surrounded by family.”

Junaluska shared that for him and his team, stickball is a guide for life as a Cherokee person. “Stickball for me is the foundation of life. Not in a sense that my life is built around stickball, but that stickball is a guide for how to best live it. For those who live correctly to be able to participate understand what I mean. From the practices on and off the field. Only those who are regularly involved know and would be able to relate. The do’s and don’ts, should and should not, the lessons this game has taught me can be applied to

my day-to-day life,” he said.

“A Stickball Player’s lifestyle, for both men and women, I believe is one of the purest ways to live your life. Shame on me for not remembering who exactly said this, but I once heard an elder say, “Right now in this moment, we are the only people on the planet who are gathered together to play this sport.”

Junaluska said that anetso is an important tradition of Cherokee culture that should be kept alive. “It’s who we are. Much like our language, it separates us from those who meant to destroy us. It’s ours. Our tradition, our medicine, our culture, it’s a part of our religion. Like us, Cherokee, it is the original. It’s our responsibility to keep it that way.”



Cory Junaluska, right, participates in a traditional Cherokee challenge call ahead of an anetso game during the 112th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Coming home: Wudelivy's Donato Seabolt

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. - Donato Seabolt is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation from Tahlequah, Okla., where he works as an armed security officer for Cherokee Nation Health Services. He is an Anetsovsgi (Ball player) for the Wudelivy (west) Anetso (Stickball) team out of Oklahoma.

"I was born here in Tahlequah and raised in Fort Gibson, Okla. I'd say it's about 15-20 miles west of Tahlequah and it's within the Cherokee Nation reservation. I was just a regular country kid.



Donato Seabolt, second from right, participating in a traditional Cherokee challenge call during the 112th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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James was last seen leaving a family member's residence on the westside of Redding on his bicycle and stated he was going to the nearby gas station, but never returned home. He has not been seen or heard from since. James was last seen wearing dark clothing and shoulder-length hair.

If you have seen or have information concerning James Wright, contact the Redding Police Department (530)225-4200.

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I grew up playing sports, tried baseball and wasn't very good at it. I was better with contact sports - wrestling, football. I loved getting into trouble, loved hanging out with my buddies, fishing, coon hunting, riding ATVs, just doing normal everyday kids' stuff," Seabolt said.

"I didn't have a whole lot of interaction with the Cherokee culture growing up. My grandfather was born in 1912, and he passed away at 98 when I was about 9 years old, and he was the last fluent Cherokee speaker in our family. My mom and my dad are both deaf, so my first language is sign language. I didn't even start talking until I was 5 years old, because my household language was sign language."

Seabolt is a veteran, serving his tour of duty in the United States Navy as Military Police. He met his wife with whom he has three children while stationed in Coronado, Calif. Seabolt received his associate's degree last May from Connors State College in Sociology with a focus in police science. He is currently a student at Northeastern State University (NSU) pursuing a bachelor's in criminal justice with a minor in American Indian studies. Seabolt plans on becoming a marshal or probation or parole officer for Cherokee Nation upon graduation.

NSU is one of the invisible strings that has pulled Seabolt into learning more about his culture. "How I got involved in stickball and actively involved in the Cherokee culture—going to stomp, trying to learn the language, being involved in the community—is my wife. She used to work at Northeastern State University, and she's also currently a student and she graduates this year with her degree in accounting, but



Donato Seabolt in the Wudeligv v. Walelu game at the 112th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

she had a coworker there named Kendra Mouse, and her and Kendra wound up becoming friends. And Kendra Mouse is the wife of Wudeligv's team captain Josh Mouse, or Tsisdetsi (mouse)." Tsisdetsi recruited Seabolt to play, knowing that Seabolt competed in Muay Thai and Jiu-Jitsu.

"I thought he was talking about Choctaw stickball, the most popular one out here that everyone plays. And I was like, 'Yeah, sure.' And he was like, 'No, no, no, not Choctaw stickball, Cherokee stickball. We used to play out here, but we haven't played

in a long time, what they still play back in our traditional homelands in North Carolina. We're starting our own stickball team, and we're wanting to take a team out there to go to the Qualla Boundary and play with the community teams out there.' I went to a practice, and I immediately fell in love with it," Seabolt said.

Seabolt has been playing now for about three years. "A lot of the guys that I'm on the team with, I didn't know them at all prior to stickball, and now some of them are my closest friends. It's given us, which you probably hear

among a lot of stickball players, a sense of brotherhood, which it's a beautiful thing," he said.

"I started doing stickball, which actively started influencing me to learn about my heritage and my culture. I started learning the language. Some of the guys on the team either work for Cherokee Nation at the Immersion School as teachers or coaches, or they're also CLMAP [Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program] graduates, so they help me from time to time.

"I'm wanting to learn the language, too, because my goal is to be a marshal, and some of the communities out here and the people out here are first language speakers, and that's what they're more comfortable in. Language is how you connect to people, and if I'm going to those areas, I want them to know that I'm there to help and I'm there to serve."

In speaking about his experiences on the Qualla Boundary, Seabolt describes it as a homecoming. "The first year after every game, we went to water with just about every team. For some of us, we'd never been to North Carolina before. It's beautiful. The people are lovely. They welcomed us. We talked about how some of our family members and our ancestors haven't been here in a long time, so it felt like coming home, and it was just beautiful."

Seabolt highlighted Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) member Frankie Bottchenbaugh as being particularly welcoming and helpful to Wudeligv as a driver during games.

Seabolt broke his jaw at stickball practice and will not be able to play this year, but he is still making the journey home for the 113th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair.

Inheriting the game: Tsisqwohi's Elias Griffin

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Elias Griffin, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), is an Anetsovsgi (Ball player) for the Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Anetso (Stickball) team. Griffin said he comes from the Griffin and Ledford families, and he is a member of the Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) community.

Griffin has been playing anetso for three years. "My brother Kenny [Griffin] brought me out, taught me how to play, and I fell in love with it," he said.

Griffin said travelling to Oklahoma in the summer of 2024 to play an exhibition game with Wudelivy was one of his favorite experiences playing stickball, "We had a fun time out there, and it was also my first time travelling out there."

Griffin shared that for him, playing anetso is in his DNA as a Cherokee man. "It's in our blood, it's our tradition. One day, I want to teach my kids how to play stickball."



Elias Griffin scoring a point during the Tsisqwohi v. Wudelivy game at the 112th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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Daryl Martin, second from left, participates in a traditional Cherokee challenge call during the 112th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

“Talehvga!”: Walelu’s Daryl Martin

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Daryl Martin, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), is an Anetsovsgi (Ball player) for the Walelu (Hummingbirds) Anetso (Stickball) team. Martin is the supply manager for Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority.

Martin has been playing stickball since 1997, when the late Will Driver ask him to play for the Ani-wodihi (Painttown) team. “That’s where I got my start. And then I guess our team, the Hummingbirds, or Walelu, blossomed from

the ashes of the Painttown team Will had gotten together,” he said. “I love the tradition, the competitiveness, and the unity of the team. It helps bring us closer, like a family. We fight like brothers, we fight at practice but it brings in more unity of us as brothers.”

Walelu is a unique team in that they do not represent a single Cherokee community.

“We’ve we got some players from Snowbird that come up and play. We have some from Big Cove, some from Wolftown, from Birdtown, and we all play to achieve the same goal. We have some players that are married into Cherokee families that play for us, and they’ve stepped up and they’ve earned my respect in every way, too, and I’m honored to stand beside them on the field. So, it makes me feel good that we brought that

unity together for the whole team.”

Martin said playing stickball is an honor. “Being one of the 12 picked to play against the other team, I feel like it’s a great honor to be able to do that, and that’s what I challenge other players and I keep telling myself I want to retire, that it’d be my last year playing, but I’m still able to run and I’m going to keep playing until I can’t come back onto the field. And that’s what I keep telling them, that I want them to work to earn their place on the field, earn that honor to walk out onto the field against the other team.”

“It’s tough, but it’s about getting slammed, getting up, and running again. Talehvga! Get up! Keep going. It hurts afterwards but you don’t let them see it. Show them, keep running.”



Daryl Martin during an Anetso game at the 112th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



CMS Homecoming

The Cherokee Middle School held its homecoming festivities at Ray Kinsland Memorial Stadium on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 2. Abelia Mahan-Flores (second from left), escorted by Till Flores, was named CMS Homecoming Queen; and Misha Slee (second from right), escorted by Michael Slee, was named CMS Homecoming Princess. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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EBCI employees complete ASIST Training

A cohort of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) employees and a Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) employee have successfully completed Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) on Sep. 24, a nationally recognized program designed to equip participants with life-saving intervention techniques. This achievement reflects EBCI's commitment to fostering a trauma-informed, culturally grounded workforce capable of responding to mental health crises with compassion and skill. By completing ASIST, these employees strengthen the Tribe's capacity to support community wellness and uphold the values of care, resilience, and relational responsibility. Employees from all professions include: EBCI Housekeeping, Sharon Bradley; Cherokee Police Department, Bryan Chekelelee; EBCI Public Health & Human Services Administration, Jill Lossiah; Cherokee Middle School, Jordyn Thompson; EBCI Tsalagi Public Health, Daisy Garcia; EBCI Education Program: Brittany Beck, Kyla Teesateskie, Amy West; Qualla Boundary Head Start/ Early Head Start, Neaka Smathers; EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program: Sherry Welch and Kyle Chapa; Cherokee EMS: Sara Poalillo; ASIST Trainers: Rashawn Penn and Kenya Procter; Cherokee Youth Center, Stephanie French; and Generation Schools Network, Stacy Smith Ledford. (Photo courtesy of EBCI Public Health and Human Services)

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from THIP Mental Health Team

The Tribal Health Improvement Plan (THIP) Mental Health Team would like to thank the following for their care, support, and participation in the Mental Health Awareness & Suicide Prevention Event, From Darkness Into Hope, held on Thursday, September 18th, 2025 at Oconaluftee Island Park.

Principal Chief Michell Hicks, EBCI Tribal Council, EBCI Public Health & Human Services (PHHS) Secretary Sonya Wachacha, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) Clinical Director of Behavioral Health Services Dr. Frieda Saylor, Stephanie French, Donica

Conseen, Michael Quillen, Jill Lossiah, Lakota Grindstaff, Gwynne Wildcatt, Daisy Garcia, Emily Moore, Lisa Lefler, Keahana Lambert, Stacy Smith Ledford, EBCI PHHS, Cherokee Youth Center, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, Ananlenisgi, Medicine Lake Shakers, EBCI Facilities, EBCI Communications, Food Lion, EBCI Risk Management, Kevin Tafoya, Luke Swimmer, Chelsea Hemphill, Brittney Lofthouse, Bo Lossiah, Marie Junaluska, Myrtle Driver, Charlie Bigwitch, EBCI Sanitation, Justice Littlejohn, Cherokee Central Schools, Cherokee Visitors Center, EBCI Tribal Hatchery, Dr. Brooke Smith, Juakina Perez, Generation Schools, Indian Ink Tattoo, Yellow Hill Community

Club, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Tubby's, Qualla Java, Western Carolina University, Ananlenisgi, Gadusi Crowe, Clay Nations Photography, Songbird Therapeutic Massage, Sunrise Community Tohi Edasdi team, Kym Huskey Burns, Charles Reagan, Saints European Skincare, Brooklyn Brown, Chris Davis, Kevin Primo, Janna Girty, and Jaelyn Lossiah.

If we have unintentionally missed anyone who contributed to the success of this event, please accept our sincere apologies. Every act of support, whether behind the scenes or front and center, was deeply appreciated and helped make From Darkness Into Hope a meaningful service to and for our community.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The atomic clock known as the NIST-F1 Cesium Fountain Clock, created by the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Colorado, is so accurate that it won't gain or lose a second in 20 million years.
- Compared to the production of standard paper, recycled paper production reduces air pollution to up to 73%.
- The Towel Museum in Japan showcases a vast collection of towels from different countries, each with its unique designs and cultural significance.
- Lobsters pee out of their face.
- A crow funeral is much like a human funeral — the birds gather around a fallen fellow crow, call to each other and pay close attention to their late peer.
- The tradition of a wedding cake topper originated in ancient Rome, where figurines depicting the bride and groom were used for good luck.
- Female turkeys don't gobble.
- Matthias Buchinger, known as the Little Man of Nuremberg, was born without hands or feet and was only 29 inches tall, but still managed to perform numerous magic feats and illusions, including the famous cups-and-balls routine.
- The first knitting union, founded in Paris in 1527, allowed only men as members.
- Will Shortz, a crossword editor for The New York Times, designed a degree program at Indiana University in enigmatology, or the study and science of puzzles.
- Ancient Romans gargled with urine to whiten their teeth.
- Since the prosthetics Heath Ledger wore on his mouth during filming of "The Joker" would loosen as he spoke, he kept them on by frequently licking his lips, a trait that suited his character and was therefore incorporated into the film.

Thought for the Day: "The battles that count aren't the ones for gold medals. The struggles within yourself — the invisible battles inside all of us — that's where it's at." — *Jesse Owens*

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EBCI Public Health & Human Services Division employees are shown, left to right, at a recent awards ceremony at Kituwah including front row - Anita Lossiah, Kansas Parker, Jenny Bean, Tamara Jackson, Voncile Harris, Amy Nations; second row - Sonya Wachacha, Karen Norton, Jessica Mitchell, Jamie Arnold, Brooklyn Cornelius, Tracy Phillips, Melody Turner, Joanna Dean, Christina Langley; back row - Valerie Parker, Roxanne Shell, Robyn Wienges-Duckworth, Elizabeth Hebenstreit, Nicolas Squirrel, Christina Reed, Kathy McMahan, Jennifer Jones, Terri Burton, Aileen Green, and Peter Yurko. (EBCI Public Health & Human Services photos)

Family Safety named EBCI PHHS Program of the Year

Submitted by EBCI Public Health & Human Services Division

KITUWAH - On Friday, Sept. 19, against the backdrop of the Mother Town of the Cherokee, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Public Health & Human Services Division honored employees who embody excellence, service, and cultural values. Earlier this year, PHHS employees were given the opportunity to nominate colleagues or programs for recognition. Up for nomination were 10 PHHS Core Value Awards, one Champion Award, and one Program of the Year Award.

The 2025 PHHS Program of the Year Award was presented to the Family Safety Program. A young social service program, only in its ninth year of operation, Family Safety operates as an integrated team. While incorporating behavioral health initiatives into

their activities, the program supports parents in maintaining their families. Additionally, they provide adult protective services that supports elders with guardianship, referral assistance, and care plans. Notable for the team this year included being the only independent welfare program selected to receive an Improving Child Welfare Through Investing in Family grant through the Administration for Children and Families Children's Bureau, of which is unprecedented.

The following was shared by Anita Lossiah, PHHS human services director, in reflection of the Family Safety Program, "Sidanelv. This word is translated to 'family', but it means so much more to the staff of Family Safety. This word is what we live, it is what we do, it is how we support, and it is the heart of soul of each team member. When case numbers were high and

staff numbers were low, each team member stepped up to support each other. They worked through exhaustion, sometimes working around the clock to ensure children and elders of the community were safe and cared for. So much time is spent away from their own families as they support and work towards the safety and well-being of the families of Cherokee, Snowbird, and Cherokee County. On top of their daily duties, staff volunteer to be present at community events, care for children who are in need of placement, stay late to help a coworker, and accompany team members on home visits. This team shares laughter, tears, encouragement, and genuine love for their job and each other."

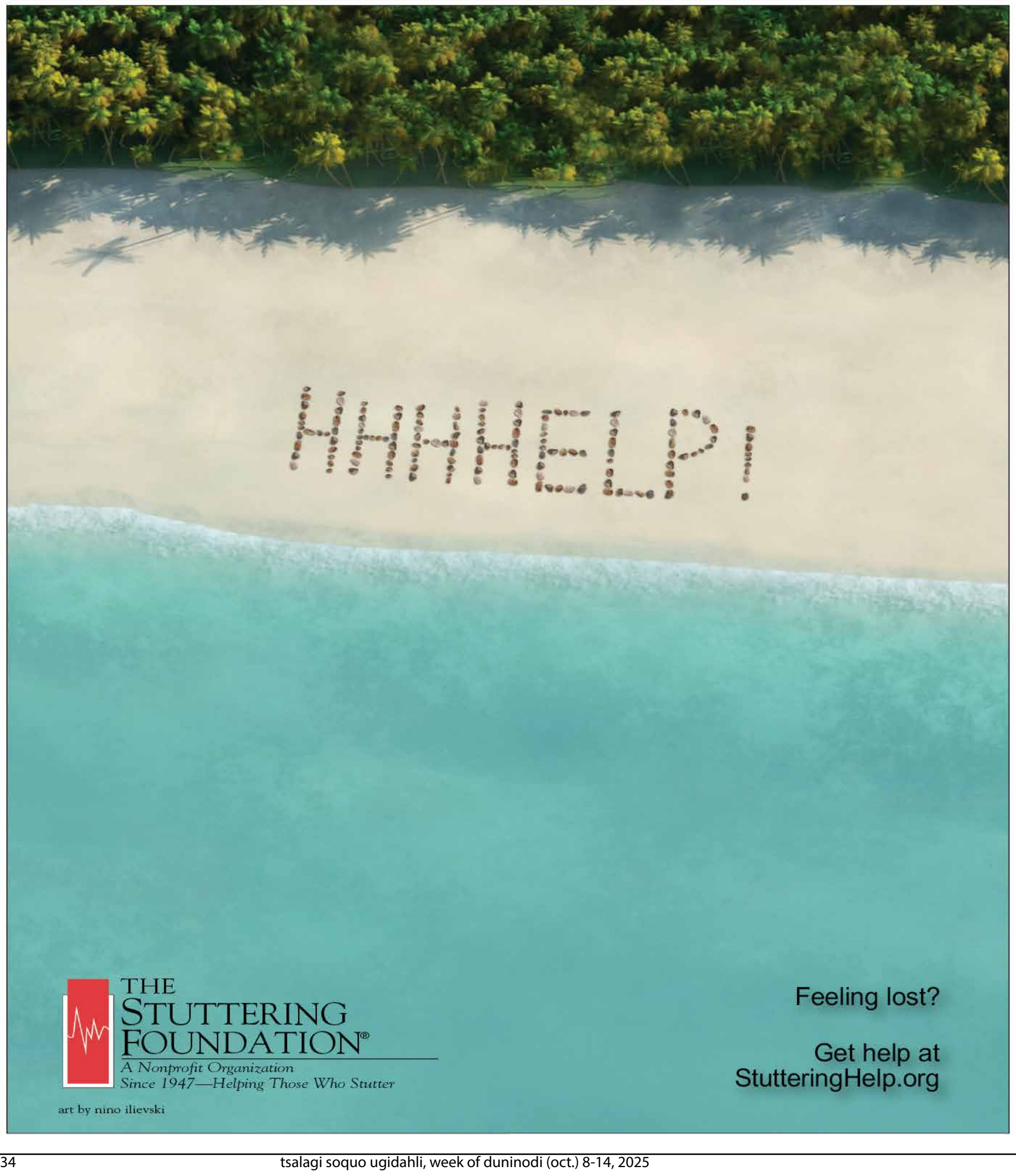
Amy Nations, family integrity preservation & licensing supervisor of Family Safety, was honored with the 2025 PHHS Champion Award. Nominees cited her tireless

leadership. "Amy is consistently looking to gain knowledge of the child welfare models, creative ways to recruit new foster families, and seeking trainings and offering suggestions to leadership for staff improvements."

As well, they highlighted her work in creating a quicker, more accurate foster care payment system and new case plan form that better assists families in defining their reunification goals.

PHHS Secretary Sonya Wachacha and Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks took time to share uplifting words of encouragement and celebration of division employees and their service to the community.

Secretary Wachacha began, "Today, we come together to celebrate the people who make Public Health and Human Services what it is—the heart and hands of our community. Each day, you show



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Sheridan Everett "Sonny" Smith
Sheridan Everett "Sonny" Smith, 76 of Cherokee, N.C., passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025.

A decorated veteran, Sonny was drafted into the United States Army and served honorably during the Vietnam War from March 1, 1969 through March 9, 1971. His commendations included the National Defense Service Medal, two Overseas Service Bars, the Army Commendation Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device, and Sharpshooter qualifications for both the M-14 and M-16.

Following his military service, Sonny dedicated many

years to the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a surveyor, retiring after 32 years of service. After retiring, Sonny transformed his lifelong love of fishing, camping and lake life into a full-time pursuit, finding deep joy in the outdoors and in the company of family and friends. Known for his generosity and wisdom, Sonny was always eager to share his knowledge with those around him. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who took great pride in supporting his grandsons in all their endeavors.

Sonny was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, "Squeek"; his parents, Edgar and Geneva Johnson Smith; sisters, Edgarita "Sis" Ensley (Charlie), Mary Ensley; and brother, Ray Smith.

He is survived by his loving

and devoted daughters, Cher Smith and Myra Smith; grandson, Trae Bradley and his wife Kelsi; two cherished great-grandsons, Eli and Levi Bradley; and he is also survived by many nieces and nephews along with honorary daughter and son-in-law, Chickie and Tee Trejo.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Crisp Funeral Home. The service was officiated by Pastor Tim Barker and Reverend Danny Lambert. Pallbearers included family members and friends. Burial followed at Birdtown Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by the North Carolina Army National Guard.

Sonny's family extends their heartfelt thanks to all who have offered love and support during this difficult time.

Amber Joy McNeilly

Amber Joy McNeilly, 42, of Lenoir, N.C., passed away unexpectedly at her residence on Monday, Sept. 29, 2025.

Amber was a native and lifelong resident of Lenoir, N.C., and was the daughter of Kenneth and Iris Johnson Shell. She was a loving daughter and mother, and she will be missed by many.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Iris Johnson Shell.

Amber is survived by her companion, Jamie Presnell of Lenoir, N.C.; her daughters, Tori and Raven Presnell of Lenoir, N.C.; and her father, Kenneth Shell, also of Lenoir, N.C.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Lenoir, N.C.



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COMMENTARY

A true tribal nation's identity speaks for itself

Op-ed from the Office of Ugvwiyuhi
(Principal Chief) Michell Hicks

Earlier this month, Lumbee leadership sent a letter to President Trump claiming his daughter, Tiffany Trump, has ancestral ties to their people. In that very same letter, they admitted she is not eligible to be a member of their tribe. Still, they chose to use her name and supposed lineage as part of their lobbying push in Washington, hoping to attach recognition language to the annual

defense bill.

I share this with you because it shows us just how far the Lumbee are willing to go. If you are a true tribe, if you carry your history, your culture, and your government through the generations, you do not need to search for celebrity ancestors or political connections to prove your identity. You do not need to rely on letters to the President to make your case. A true tribal nation's identity speaks for itself.

Federal recognition is not meant to be won by politic rhetoric, made up claims, or backroom lobbying. The OFA process is set forth by the federal government, which requires evidence, documentation, and proof of identity. The Lumbee are actively working

to avoid that process and instead are seeking shortcuts through Congress and the Trump administration.

This matters because recognition allows access to federal funding. When a group tries to bypass the process, it weakens the meaning of recognition and threatens to diminish the struggles of those who fought for it the right way.

Our people deserve to know the truth of what is happening in Washington. The Eastern Band has always recognized the significance of acknowledgment and what it means to live as a sovereign nation. Lobbying tactics and name association are not proof of sovereignty. They are signs of desperation, and desperation is not legitimacy.

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Siyoo!

My name is Dr. Kathleen Foote, and I'm grateful to join Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority as a Pediatric Care Provider. I grew up in Michigan, most recently practiced in Colorado, and I'm excited to now call North Carolina home. I earned my Doctor of Medicine from the University of Texas Health Science Center and bring 35 years of experience in pediatrics.

My practice is rooted in general pediatrics with a special focus on caring for medically fragile and special needs children and adolescents, as well as kids with mental and behavioral health needs. I especially enjoy wellness visits—time set aside to talk about health promotion, disease-prevention strategies, and to identify concerns early so we can address them together. I value listening, learning from families, and partnering to support each child's growth not only physically, but emotionally and socially, too.

I come from a big family with five children, and that background shaped how I approach pediatric care. I appreciate the energy, curiosity, and resilience kids bring into the clinic, and I work to create a calm, supportive environment where questions are welcomed and every child feels seen. I look forward to working with the other members of your Primary Care Team who you know and trust like Kenna Armachain, Chelsea Waldrup, and Kasi Matthews to contribute to the hospital's ongoing work and supporting the health and wellness of this community in ways that will benefit the next seven generations.

To set up your next appointment or if you have any questions, please call us directly at (828) 497-3551.

Dr. Kathleen Foote

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The essence of a walking stick

By ARMANDO BASULTO

It is a generally held belief that inanimate objects have no feelings or emotions or memories of their own. When human beings project their own feelings and bias into objects it's called anthropomorphism. It's a big word for a simple sentiment that we sometimes call nostalgia or emotional connection; a beloved toy, book or music album that we cannot just part with. We build emotional bonds with objects through cherished memories, personal history, or the comfort they provide, which can strengthen our perception of them as having a life of their own.

Imbuing inanimate objects with human-like qualities can also be harnessed for our own benefit. For example, when I first purchased musical instruments for my sons, I told them that a lonely guitar sitting in a corner not being played, was really really sad. Guitars or saxophones are only happy when someone is using them to make music. A child not wanting to see their instrument suffer, will play and practice more often and consider it a noble act of mercy.

So it is with a good old-fashioned walking stick. Whether you make yourself one out of a sturdy branch or you purchase a beautiful hand-crafted model, a walking stick will beckon you from its corner by the doorframe, calling you to take it outside and make it happy.

You may think that walking sticks, canes, and trekking poles are only for the aged or injured. Nothing could be further from the truth. Walking sticks help its bearer navigate uneven terrain, both in



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the woods and on sloping pavement. Using a walking stick for balance helps prevent falls, one of the major causes of injuries for the aged. A study by NIH showed that 75 percent of falls happened when a cane or walker was not being used. For younger folks, twisted ankles from rocks, trees, roots, or curbs on the street can all put a damper on your exercise regimen and daily outdoor perambulations.

A walking stick does not just act as a reminder to pursue a healthy habit but acts as a tool for accountability. Everyone knows that some amount of walking every day, regardless of pace or distance or time, is a healthy habit for body, mind and spirit

It must be scheduled into your week, like you would make sure to take a medication the doctor prescribed. Maybe your daily dosage is a walk around the block or maybe only two or three times a week in the woods behind your house. If a person doesn't make it a sacred part of their routine, it is very easy to accidentally forget

or even avoid. Your walking stick however, serves as a visual and tangible reminder to get out of the house.

If you are lucky enough to live near woods or open fields in our beautiful mountains, it's not only a physical exercise but an opportunity to do what the Japanese refer to as "Forest Bathing"; regulating your mind, breath, thoughts, and emotions with the nature you see, feel, hear and smell around you. A walking stick by its nature, helps to slow your pace, especially in treacherous terrain, allowing your attention to wander to the natural world around, instead of focusing on your feet. If your walk is around your suburban neighborhood, your trusty staff can help with uphill slopes and stepping on and off curbs. It also comes in handy to keep overly-zealous or menacing dogs at bay.

If an early morning prework walk does not match your schedule then including it in your post-workday routine is a wonderful option. You do not need to come home and change into specific athletic-wear "walking clothes". Since a change of shoes and socks may be all that's in order, don't let your walking stick shame you, simply grab it and head out the door. You only have 10 minutes? Then that's what you do. Look at your watch and walk five minutes in one direction, turn around and walk five minutes back. While it may seem very little, it is absolutely 100% better than doing nothing at all.

My favorite rustic walking stick was purchased from a roadside craftsman almost 30yrs ago. It leans right outside my door and stares at me accusingly when I walk past it as I enter my home after a long day of work and a grueling commute. Oftentimes I pass

it by with a sneer and the words "don't tell me what to do" on my lips. But, when I take the time to listen, I drop my work bag, put on my sneakers and try to make my walking stick happy. It in turn does the same for me.



1. What basketball star from Delta State University became the first woman officially drafted by an NBA team when the New Orleans Jazz selected her in 1977?

2. What bruising fullback from Arkansas State University won two Super Bowls during his NFL career with the New York Giants from 1985 to 1991?

3. How many playoff games did the Atlanta Thrashers win during their existence in the NHL from 1999 to 2011?

4. Who holds several Toronto Blue Jays team records, including home runs (336), RBI (1,058) and walks (827)?

5. What team selected University of Alabama quarterback Bryce Young with the first overall pick in the 2023 NFL Draft?

6. First held in 1985, what biennial multi-sport event includes nine participating countries that each have a population of less than 1 million?

7. What Baseball Hall of Fame relief pitcher, known for his knuckleball, received a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in World War II's Battle of the Bulge?

Answers

1. Lusia Harris.
2. Maurice Carthon.
3. Zero (They were swept in their only playoff appearance in 2007).
4. Carlos Delgado.
5. The Carolina Panthers.
6. Games of the Small States of Europe.
7. Hoyt Wilhelm.

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Discipline

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

Scripture references: Hebrews 12:8, Matthew 10:28

The scripture is tough but easy to understand. The formula is simple. If we expect heavenly rewards after we leave this old world, we need to expect discipline as a consequence of our actions while we are here. Without accepting the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins, it will be hell as retribution.

God is a disciplinarian. There is no denying it. He hasn't changed, and He never will. He is demanding, fair, and best of all, He loves us. He is the perfect Father.

People I witness to and talk with have a problem understanding how God can be so severe in the Old Testament and so loving in the New Testament. Understanding that He is the same God and He hasn't changed is difficult for nonbelievers and the faithful. Reading God's Word tells it all. The Spirit leads believers to have faith and understand what it means to fear God and love God. He's the best Father I have ever had, and I know what He has done for me.

To paraphrase Hebrews 12:8, if you are not disciplined, like everyone else, you are illegitimate children and not sons. Harsh words to consider, but the essence is there. God wants you to expect to be chastised if you call yourself His heir.

I have said before how much I love the study of words. Of course, I enjoy researching God's word specifically, but other words, too.

Words often carry such meaning for me that the research becomes fascinating to learn the mystery behind the meanings, how they might have developed, and how they are used now. The study of words is called etymology.

Etymology sounds like the study of bugs or something else, but it comes from the Greek stem, which means the "True Sense." Ology is an extension meaning "the study of," so, in short, the word etymology means – the study of the true sense – finding the real meanings of the words we use.

Discipline is a word like that for me. You can probably take any word and extrapolate the compounds of where the word came from, but some take particular interest to me.

And it's not fair to take a word and pull it apart unless there is a purpose in doing so. The word we are getting into today is essential to our vocabulary and has been

around for a long time. In that time, the term has been modified, repurposed, misused, and in some cases, given an entirely different meaning.

Think about it for a second. How many uses can you think of for the word discipline? Let me try.

- I am a student, and my discipline of study is education.
- I took that young'un and gave him some discipline on his bottom.
- If you can't discipline yourself, then go back to your desk.
- The teacher maintained a strict discipline using grammar.
- He disciplined his body every day, enabling him to run faster.

The word can be used as a verb for action or a noun for a thing. The original use was quite severe. Discipline meant to punish as a means of instruction. People would discipline themselves when they sinned to punish themselves for being weak and succumbing to

temptation or evil. The word was always used to educate or teach, or to give knowledge. Face it; the truth is that pain is a great instructor. Don't believe me? How long did it take you before you knew what HOT meant or what HOT did to your fingers? Some people take a long time to learn what causes pain and how to avoid it. Some people enjoy the pain and never quite understand what burns their fingers repeatedly. Of course, I'm speaking allegorically. Some people never learn what is hurting them.

I could go on for another 20 minutes about how discipline has been diminished in our society over the past four decades because child Psychologists think discipline is linked to punishment, and using punishment is not how we want to instruct our children in the 21st century. But I'm afraid I can't agree wholeheartedly, and the concept is anti-biblical.



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not sin. And if anyone sins, we have
an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous.
And He Himself is the propitiation
for our sins, and not for ours
only but also for the whole world.*

1 JOHN 2:1,2

Amber Waves

OK, EVERYONE, YOU'RE ALL IN FOR A REAL TREAT! I'VE OUTDONE MYSELF.



I SHOULD HAVE WRITTEN IT DOWN AS I MADE IT UP.



YOU CAN'T GO BY THE WAY IT LOOKS OR SMELLS. IT'S AN ACQUIRED TASTE.



UH, I THINK MY DAD CAME UP WITH A FIFTH FOOD GROUP?

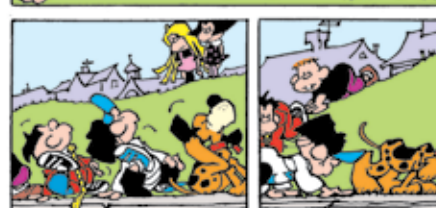


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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Box is smaller. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Tie is longer. 4. Thumb is moved. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Cap is a different shape.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Surrenders
- Tennis match division
- Cover
- Fold
- Sch. founded by Jefferson
- Blackbird
- Shadow
- Utter disaster
- Author Lurie
- Bump into
- Soup cooker
- Cowboys quarterback Prescott
- Has an intense craving
- Actor Guinness
- Toothpaste holders
- Strange thing
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- ER workers
- Quilters' get-together
- Tragic king
- Rum cocktail
- TV anchor Norville
- "Glee" guitarist
- Packed away
- Historic period



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- Cracker type
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- Borscht base
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King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: In the United States, what is the title of the first Harry Potter movie?
- GEOGRAPHY: The Prime Meridian Line runs through which major city?
- HISTORY: When did federal child labor law start in the United States?
- ACRONYMS: What does the acronym VPN stand for?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president appeared on the 1960s comedy show "Laugh-In"?
- TELEVISION: Which teen show starred Mayim Bialik before she got the role as Amy Fowler on "The Big Bang Theory"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where did the Minoan civilization flourish?
- SCIENCE: What pH balance is considered neutral?
- LITERATURE: In which of Shakespeare's plays does the character Polonius appear?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: In which African country can the Bonobos species of ape be found in the wild?

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Benefits/Fundraisers

Bingo & Pop-Up Shop Fund-raiser. Oct. 14 at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Center in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., regular games start at 6 p.m. This is a fundraiser for Amanda Ramirez who is currently out of work due to medical reasons. Pack prices - \$20/regular packs, \$10/kids packs. Food will be available for sale. Wear pink for breast cancer awareness and receive a free game.

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

Bingo Night Fundraiser. Oct. 18 at Yellowhill Community Building in Cherokee, N.C. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., first game at 5 p.m. Free entry to play. Proceeds will go towards a trip for the Cherokee High School Student Council's president and vice president visiting Harvard University.

EBCI Community Events

9th Annual Cherokee Skate Competition. Oct. 8 at the Cherokee Action Sports Park in Cherokee, N.C. Skate Jams: Beginner at 10 a.m., Intermediate at 11:30 a.m., Advanced/Open at 1 p.m., Best Trick at 2 p.m., Awards at 3:30 p.m. Entry is free for all.

Tsalagi Public Health Vaccine Clinics (COVID-19 and Flu).

- Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cherokee Indian Fair Elder's Day event at the old Cherokee High School site in Cherokee, N.C.
- Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cherokee Indian Fair Veteran's

Day event

- Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center in Cherokee, N.C.

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

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

Tsali Care Center 1st Annual Fall Car Show. Oct. 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 267 Tsali Care Way in Cherokee, N.C. First, second, and third place "everyone's favorite" trophies will be voted on by Tsali Care residents. This event is hosted by the Pharoahs Car Club of western North Carolina.

Tsalagi Public Health Walk-in Vaccine Clinics (18+). Oct. 14, 17, 21, and 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Beloved Women and Children's Building at 72 Kaiser Wilnoty Rd. in Cherokee, N.C.

Cherokee Travel League Basketball signups.

Until Oct. 15. Text the following information: Player name, parent/guardian name, phone number(s). Peewees (1st-3rd grade), Termites (4th-5th grade), Mites (6th-8th grade). Text to Osh Stephens (828) 736-5841, Charmin Welch 736-2500. Coaches will send more information

to the number(s) you list as the tryout dates approach.

Breast Cancer Walk. Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Little Snowbird Field at 1897 Little Snowbird Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. Please wear pink. Everyone is welcome to attend. Info: Hummer Phillips (828) 346-6959, humphil@ebci-nsn.gov

Lotus Flower Event. Oct. 22 (place to be determined). Presented by the EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program, this event aims to promote awareness and support for survivors in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Info: Billie Jo Rich at bijrich@ebci-nsn.gov

Cherokee Youth Center's

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

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

Community Fire Relations Day. Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Kituwah Pavillion at

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

SŌHi ʌD RVLTʌJ DʒʌYL



Harlee, age 7, a Chihuahua/Pug, lives with his humans Brian and Aimee Johnson in Tutiya (Snowbird).

Sponsored by:



CHEROKEE
ANIMAL CARE CLINIC

828-497-3401
1100 US 441N, Whittier, NC 28789



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

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 diem 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

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)

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A bid for you to swoop in and take over an incomplete project could prove to be an excellent learning experience that you can take with you when a new opportunity opens up.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for socializing, both with family and friends. Your aspects also favor developing new relationships, any or all of which might become especially meaningful.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your success in handling a recent difficult situation prompts a request to handle another workplace problem. But this is one you should accept only if you get all of the relevant facts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) New information about a past decision raises some unsettling questions from an old friend. Be prepared to explain your actions fully and, if necessary, make adjustments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is not a good time to share personal secrets, even with someone you've known for a long while. What you don't reveal now won't come back to haunt you later.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pushing yourself to meet a project deadline is admirable. But be careful not to leave out important details in your rush to complete your work and send it off.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch that you don't take on more than you can handle when offering to help someone with a personal problem. There might be hidden factors you weren't told about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A major move you've been considering could come sooner than you expected. Make sure that you'll be ready with the facts you need when decision time arrives.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Languishing relationships can benefit from a break in routine. Get out of the rut, and do something new and maybe a little unpredictable this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although you don't think of yourself as a role model, your ability to make a tough decision at this time sets an example for others, who admire your courage.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You need to move any remaining obstacles out of your way before you can take on a new challenge. Seek out advice from close, trusted friends and associates.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A career change appears increasingly likely to happen during the next several weeks. It's a good idea to start now to prepare so that you can be ready to make the move when the time comes.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of obligation to justice, which inspires others to follow your example and do the right thing.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Using the VA home loan program

The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, gave several benefits to veterans coming back from war, including help to buy homes. Within a few years, 2 million veterans took advantage of the program.

Now, in 2025, they've issued the 29 millionth home loan. Since the Home Loan Guaranty program began, the VA has guaranteed \$4 trillion in home loans.

Are you ready to buy a home? Your first step will be to get a Certificate of Eligibility (VA Form 26-1880). The COE is used for specific VA benefits, such as the home loan or education (Post-9/11 GI Bill). It is your proof of entitlement with details about your service and the benefits you qualify for. The COE confirms to a lender that the VA will back part of your loan.

There are several ways to get the COE, but the fastest might be to go online to complete the form. You'll need to log in at [ID.me](https://id.me) or [Login.gov](https://login.gov). Once in your account, you'll be able to request your COE, see if you already have one or check the status if you've previously asked for one. See tinyurl.com/ytr5549 to get started. Or if you're working with a lender who specializes in doing VA loans, they'll be set up to process your COE request. You can also do it by mail: Download the form, fill it out and send it in with a copy of your DD-214.

Keep in mind that you still need to pass the lender's scrutiny to get a home loan. (The VA's part of the program is to guarantee that the lender won't lose money if you fail to pay the mortgage.) The COE isn't a preapproval or a promise. You'll need to have a good credit history and adequate income. Your current debts will be factored in.

To see how your basic entitlement is calculated, go online to www.va.gov/housing-assistance/home-loans/loan-limits.

If you have eligibility questions, call the VA at 877-827-3702.

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Readers sound off on dog peeing in a neighbor's yard

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Unbelievable that someone wouldn't take responsibility for keeping their dog off the neighbor's property! I just wanted to thank you for your response to the question. — Leonard H.

DEAR PAWS: Although you were correct that any dog should not go on a neighbor's lawn, you also may have hurt the chances for shelter dogs to get homes. We have had dogs for years, and they did their business in our yard, but we did not have a yard full of awful bare spots surrounded by yellow dying grass. What you stated could, sadly, make a family decide not to adopt a dog. — Nancy D., via email

DEAR NANCY: While I'm not sure why being a responsible neighbor would preclude a family from adopting a dog, I'm happy that you agree with me about the bigger problem: trespassing into a neighbor's yard to pee in it.

DEAR PAWS: We have a 7-year-old female Great Pyrenees dog and about 3 acres of lawn. I can tell exactly where our dog has peed, because the 8- to 10-inch area of grass is much greener and about 2 inches taller than the adjacent grass. She also goes on our various neighbors' lawns near the edge of the street, and I've never noticed any yellowing or dead grass areas. So, what gives? Is our dog unique or is it the breed, or maybe what she eats? All the best. — Gary S.

DEAR GARY: Some strains of grass are more resistant to the nitrogen in dog urine (Kentucky bluegrass, for one), but no grass is completely tolerant of pee. Again, the bigger problem is that a pet owner felt it was just fine to let their pet walk onto their neighbor's lawn to "fertilize" it.

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

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507-7392, newsongcherokee@gmail.com

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

Cherokee Cultural/Historical Events

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

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

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

Quallatown Makers. Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio in Cherokee, N.C. Quallatown Makers is a free opportunity to gather as a group and be together while working on art. The goal of this group, organized and hosted by Museum of the Chero-

kee People, is to perpetuate Cherokee art and knowledge-sharing. Bring your own craft; all artforms are welcome. Coffee will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own snacks.

Fingerweaving Fridays. Fridays through Sept. 26 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio in Cherokee, N.C. Join Lead Atsila Anotasgi Cultural Specialist Nola (EBCI) in a crafting circle. Bring a project you're working on or begin a new weaving using materials brought from home or sourced from the Museum's selection. Beginners and experienced weavers welcome; instruction available. This opportunity is free of charge and registration is not required.

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

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

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

No listings at this time.

Pow Wow Listings
37th Annual He Sapa Wacipi Na Oskate (Black Hills Pow Wow and Celebration). Oct. 10-12 at Summit Arena at the Monument in Rapid City, S.D. Emcees: Ruben Little Head and Whitney Rencountre II. Info: (605) 341-0925, <https://www.blackhillspowwow.com>

Snow Mountain Pow Wow. Oct. 10-12 at Las Vegas Snow Mountain Pow Wow Grounds in Las Vegas, Nev. MC: Bart Powau-kee. Host Northern Drum: Red Spirit. Host Southern Drum: Red Thunder. Info: (702) 386-3926, powwow@lvpaiute.com, <https://www.lvpaiutetribe.com/powwow>

Annual Midwest SOARRING Foundation Harvest Pow Wow. Oct. 11-12 at DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wehaston, Ill. MC: Leonard Malatare. Host Drum: Wind Eagle. Invited Drums: Iron Bear, GiiTaa'se Singers. Info: Joseph Schranz at joseph@midwestsoarring.org, <https://harvestpowwow.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 Mc-Millan (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 Democratic Party monthly meeting. Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. at the United Community Bank Community Room at 145 Slope St. in Bryson City, N.C. Zoom option available. All Democrat and unaffiliated voters are invited. Info: swaincountydems@gmail.com

Cherokee Animal Care Clinic Pet Food Donation Day. Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Clinic located at 1100 US Hwy N in Whittier, N.C. Those who are in need can come by and get some free bagged food for their dog and/or cat. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Info: (828) 497-3401

Folkmoot Live! Presents Free Planet Radio with Adam Maalouf and Aparna Keshaviah. Oct. 16 at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. at the Folkmoot Friendship Center at 112 Virginia Ave. in Waynesville, N.C. \$25 donations (pay what you can). Tickets: givebutter.com/folklive1016

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

Stecoah Valley Center Harvest Festival Quilt Show. Oct. 17-18 at the Stecoah Valley Center at 121 Schoolhouse Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. All types of quilts and fiber arts are encouraged for display. To be eligible for the Viewers' Choice Award of \$100, the quilt has to have been made by

the person(s) entering it, and the quilt cannot have already won this award. Quilts will be received and hung for display on Oct. 17, and the exhibit will be open for viewing and voting on Oct. 18. A copy of the exhibit rules and an entry form can be obtained by calling the Center at (828) 479-3364.

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

Smoky Mountain Geek Expo. Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Smoky Mountain Event Center in Waynesville, N.C. Cosplay contest, comics and toys, games, collectibles, artists, food trucks, and more. Admission is \$5, 12-and-un-

der and free. Info: <https://www.smokymountaingeekeexpo.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 Big Cove Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the new community building at 6 p.m. Chair Butch Hill (828) 506-8936. For building rental contact any of the Officers.

Big Y Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community gym at 6:30 p.m. Info: Chair Bunsey Crowe (828) 788-4879, bunsey.crowe@kituwahllc.com

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

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

Painttown Community meets the last Monday of each month at the old community building across from the casino at 5:30 p.m. Info: Chair Shannon Swimmer (828) 736-3191, swimmer.shannon@gmail.com

MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF



JOSIE OWLE

Drug and Alcohol Counselor

Education: Currently Enrolled at SCC in the Associates Program for Human Service and Addiction Specialist
Years at CIHA: 3 Years
Community/Hometown: Birdtown and Yellowhill

"I love that I am able to help others on their recovery journey and support those who struggle with mental health illnesses. CIHA has helped me reach my career goals and through their support, I hope I am able to inspire others to reach their goals. "Caring from the heart" helps me when I am supporting others. Connecting to Cherokee culture and traditions help foster a healing environment, here a CIHA and the community. I choose CIHA because they have supported me in my recovery journey and I hope I can continue to help others on their journey. No one is alone here at Analenisgi. Connecting to community and culture will help you heal." - Josie Owle

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Houses of Worship
Abundant Life Apostolic

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

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

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

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

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Sunday

evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evening prayer meeting 7 p.m., Monthly business meeting is first Wednesday 7 p.m.

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

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

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Acts (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who honored a man by letting him ride the royal steed through city streets? *Silas, Hosea, Ahasuerus, Asa*
3. From Job 4, who was so frightened by a dream that his hair stood on end? *James, Eliphaz, Noah, Cain*
4. Pharaoh gave what burnt city to his daughter for a gift? *Cana, Gezer, Joppa, Bethel*
5. From Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? *Dorcas, Leah, Jezebel, Miriam*
6. Where did Gideon meet an angel? *Prison, Field, Oak tree, Well*

ANSWERS: (1) New, (2) Ahasuerus, (3) Eliphaz, (4) Gezer, (5) Dorcas, (6) Oak tree

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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Moments in time

• On Oct. 20, 1967, the mythical Big-foot was believed to have been filmed in northern California, firing the imaginations of numerous enthusiasts. However, when a prominent researcher sent the FBI a supposed hair sample, agents concluded that it was, sadly, of "deer family origin."

• On Oct. 21, 1797, the USS Constitution launched in Boston Harbor. A 44-gun U.S. Navy frigate, it was constructed to fight Barbary pirates off the coast of Tripoli, and performed admirably during those conflicts. In 1805, a peace treaty with Tripoli was signed on the Constitution's deck.

• On Oct. 22, 1895, a train with a faulty brake tore through the Gare Montparnasse in Paris and out the front before landing nose down in the street. Onlookers purchased train tickets just to see the damage.

• On Oct. 23, 1958, Boris Pasternak was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for "Doctor Zhivago," a romance set during the Russian Revolution and World War I. The book was banned in the Soviet Union, and the Soviet government forced Pasternak to renounce the honor, but his admirers smuggled the manuscript out of Russia in pieces and the CIA helped with distribution behind the scenes. Appearing in numerous translations around the world, it was hailed as a classic, but Pasternak was banished from the Soviet Writers Union, ending his literary career.

• On Oct. 24, 1921, in the French town of Chalons-sur-Marne, an American sergeant chose the body of the first "Unknown Soldier" to be honored among the approximately 77,000 American servicemen who died on the Western Front during World War I.

• On Oct. 25, 1964, Minnesota Vikings star defensive end Jim Marshall ran 66 yards in the wrong direction into his own end zone after recovering a fumble against the 49ers in San Francisco. Despite the gaffe, the Vikings won.

• On Oct. 26, 1984, 19-year-old John McCollum was found shot to death on his bed in Indio, California. The boy's parents believed that singer Ozzy Osbourne was responsible, because John was listening to Osbourne's album "Blizzard of Oz," which contained the song "Suicide Solution," when he died, but the suit was dismissed in 1988.

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Dry used grounds thoroughly before using in the garden; this prevents mold development and unpleasant odors. Spread them on newspaper or screens for 24-48 hours until completely moisture-free.

Using coffee grounds

Limit quantities to 1-2 tablespoons per plant, applied once every 3 months. Sprinkle evenly over the surface to avoid thick clumps forming. Combine your grounds with other organic amendments for balanced nutrition.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: blog.bostonorganics.com

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Cherokee Baptist Church.

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

Cherokee Bible Church.

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

Cherokee Church of Christ.

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

Cherokee Church of God.

21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night

Service 7 p.m. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Every third Sunday they have a fellowship meal to celebrate all the birthdays throughout that month.

Everyone is cordially invited for any of the services and meals. Pastor Rev. Owen Isaacs (828) 242-0754

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene.

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

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Located behind the Wolfetown Gym. Sunday School: 10 a.m, Sunday worship: 11 a.m, Sunday evening worship: 5 p.m. Wednesday night worship: 6 p.m. Pastor Tim Melton 674-2690

Cherokee United Methodist Church.

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

Cherokee Wesleyan Church.

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

Christian Acts Church at the Crossroads.

3501 Hwy. 441, Whittier, N.C. (near Mountain

Credit Union). Sunday School and Continental Breakfast 10 a.m., Sunday Service 11 a.m., Wednesday 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.

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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, Oklahoma, March 2-4, 1937.

From: Voices of Cherokee Women, Carolyn Ross Johnston

EDITED BY CAROLYN ROSS JOHNSTON

Voices of Cherokee Women



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Old Antioch Baptist Church.

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

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

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

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

Rock Creek Missionary Baptist Church. 240 Sherrill Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Pastor Rev. Ned Welch. Check our FB Page "Rock Creek Baptist Church" for the latest updates.

Rock Springs Baptist Church. 129 Old Gap Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m. Pastor Greg Morgan 497-9455, 736-1245 (cell)

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 3755 Big Cove Road. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Bible Study 1 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 p.m. Pastor Tim James 497-7644

Shoal Creek Baptist Church. 184 Shoal Creek Church Loop Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m.,

Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., Wednesday evening Fellowship Meal 6 p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer Service 6:30 p.m., Choir Practice 7 p.m. Dr. Mickey Duvall, Pastor

Spruce Grove Baptist Church. 780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday evening service 7 p.m., third Saturday singing 7 p.m. Pastor Ernie Cable. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

Straight Fork Baptist Church. Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship 6 p.m. Wednesday night prayer service 7 p.m. Youth group meetings also. Interim Pastor - Harley Maney Jr.

Waterfalls Baptist Church. 82 Waterfalls Church Rd., Sunday School 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 5 p.m., Wednesday evening service 6 p.m. Praying for a Pastor.

Whittier United Methodist Church. 150 Church St., Whittier, N.C. 28789. Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Rev. Beverly Parker-Reece

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thomas Valley Road. Sunday school: 10 a.m., Worship: 11a.m., Sunday night worship: 6 p.m., Wednesday prayer service: 7 p.m., every other Monday night (Youth night) singing, bible study and crafts: 6 p.m.

Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday

Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Yellowhill Baptist Church. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or 736-4872

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The atomic clock known as the NIST-F1 Cesium Fountain Clock, created by the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Colorado, is so accurate that it won't gain or lose a second in 20 million years.
 - Compared to the production of standard paper, recycled paper production reduces air pollution to up to 73%.
 - The Towel Museum in Japan showcases a vast collection of towels from different countries, each with its unique designs and cultural significance.
 - Lobsters pee out of their face.
 - A crow funeral is much like a human funeral — the birds gather around a fallen fellow crow, call to each other and pay close attention to their late peer.
 - The tradition of a wedding cake topper originated in ancient Rome, where figurines depicting the bride and groom were used for good luck.
 - Female turkeys don't gobble.
 - Matthias Buchinger, known as the Little Man of Nuremberg, was born without hands or feet and was only 29 inches tall, but still managed to perform numerous magic feats and illusions, including the famous cups-and-balls routine.
 - The first knitting union, founded in Paris in 1527, allowed only men as members.
 - Will Shortz, a crossword editor for The New York Times, designed a degree program at Indiana University in enigmatology, or the study and science of puzzles.
 - Ancient Romans gargled with urine to whiten their teeth.
 - Since the prosthetics Heath Ledger wore on his mouth during filming of "The Joker" would loosen as he spoke, he kept them on by frequently licking his lips, a trait that suited his character and was therefore incorporated into the film.
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- Thought for the Day:** "The battles that count aren't the ones for gold medals. The struggles within yourself — the invisible battles inside all of us — that's where it's at." — *Jesse Owens*

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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**

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

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. 25-088

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: Harold George

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-093

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
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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.

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Louzett Standley
445 Mink Branch Rd
Cherokee, NC. 28719
10/29

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-095

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Mona Baith
P.O. Box 1684
Cherokee, NC 28719
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Carol Bernhisel
P.O. Box 433
Cherokee, NC 28719
10/29

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

GRANT APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

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

Primary considerations will be given projects which will be of

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

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

Notice Flood Hazard Information

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians – Natural Resources Department (EBCI-NRD) in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program regulation 65.7(b)(1), hereby gives notice of EBCI's intent to revise the flood hazard information, generally located

along the Raven Fork in Big Cove between the dam for the fish farm water intake to a tributary approximately 3,300 downstream of the dam. The flood hazard revisions are being proposed as part of Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) Case No. 25-04-5157R for a proposed project along the Raven Fork.

EBCI-NR is proposing a stream habitat improvement project to improve aquatic habitat conditions along a 3,800 linear feet reach of Raven Fork. This reach of the Raven Fork was identified as a priority for a habitat improvement project based on the deteriorating structures of the Emergency Watershed Protection project implemented in 1992. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) FY2021 Annual Inspection Report of the Raven Fork diversionary



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club
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Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

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

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

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 EB-CI-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**

Advertisement for Bids

Single Prime sealed proposals will be received by Graham County Schools ("Owner") in their Board Room, located at 52 Moose Branch Road, Robbinsville, NC 28771 on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 no later than 3:00 PM local time, for the Big Oaks Stadium Seating Renovations project in Robbinsville, NC. If a re-bid is required, sealed proposals will be received at the same location, Thursday,

November 6, no later than 3:00 PM local time.

An open pre-bid conference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th, 2025, at 1:00 PM starting in the Boardroom and progressing to the Big Oaks Stadium site.

Complete plans and specifications for this project can be viewed at LS3P ASSOCIATES, LTD., 14 O'Henry Avenue, Suite 210, Asheville, NC 28801. Hours: 8am-5pm Mon-Thur and 8am-12 pm Fri.; as well as at Henco Reprographics.

Hard copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained & purchased, after October 3rd, 2025, for a non-refundable cost of \$125 per complete set or \$35 for PDF format, directly from: Henco Reprographics Website: www.hencoplanroom.com

54 Broadway, Asheville, NC 28801 Phone: 828-253-0449

Hours of Business: M-F 8am - 5:30pm

HUB Certified and MBE are encouraged to participate. The Owner reserves the unqualified right to reject any or all bid proposals. **10/15**

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and Family – Snowbird, Family Intensive Treat-
ment)
Outpatient Behavioral Health Nurse Manager
Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety, MAT

ENGINEERING

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

FINANCE

Payroll and Compliance Manager
Medical Coding Education Specialist

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
Registered Nurse – ED - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
RN Supervisor – Inpatient – Dayshift Weekends

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1. Professional Development Specialist – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
2. Operations Manager – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Receptionist – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L5 \$15.00 - \$20.28 per hour)
4. Water Laboratory Analyst – Water Treatment – Operations (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
5. Finance Specialist – Tribal ABC Commission (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Air Quality Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
7. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant – Kituwah Academy – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)

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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)



How do you say that in Cherokee?



Hanv agwotla-
I'm sitting here

Ayagwudi-
It's just me

Agwvsa gadawonisi-
I'm talking to myself

Gesdi kilo yadvgiyvela gasgilo-
Nobody is going to steal my chair

Tsigti ananetsodi-
I'm waiting on the stickball games

Wudelignv nole Kolanvyi nole Tsigwohi nole
Wayohi nole Walelu-
Oklahoma/west, Big Cove, Birdtown, Wolf-
town, and Hummingbirds

Ananetsodi osda gesesdi-
the games will be good

Sgi: Irene Smoker and Sam George Jr.



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Mother's Gathering

Lori Sanders and Roseanna Belt are shown at a recent Mother's Gathering at the Cherokee Choices Room in Cherokee, N.C. Organizers state, "The recent Mothers Gathering was a time of connection, reflection, and renewal. Participants shared about the importance of self-care and the grounding benefits of walking barefoot, reminding one another to slow down and reconnect with the earth. Together, they made homemade sugar scrubs for their feet, a simple, nourishing way to show themselves a little kindness. Hoot and Wren provided delicious food that added to the warmth of the evening, which was filled with laughter, learning, and encouragement." (Photo contributed)

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