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“Saving the Voices”

Recording
Cherokee speakers
for the future

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Darrell McCoy, Michael Fields, and Michael Cooksey from the Cherokee Nation Language Department have been exploring the Qualla Boundary during the first week of November, recording interviews with Cherokee speakers from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Their interviews are part of a larger ongoing project since 2022 called, “Saving the Voices.”

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EBCI speaker Marie Junaluska sits down for an interview with Michael Cooksey from the Cherokee Nation Language Department. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)



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"IT'S TIME FOR GUTTER MAINTENANCE"

6 REASONS TO STAY ON TOP OF YOUR GUTTER MAINTENANCE

It certainly isn't the most fun weekend project, but it's an important one, nonetheless. While it's certainly easier to procrastinate cleaning out your gutters, there are several problems that can arise from debris building up. If the reality is that you're just not going to get out and do it, then it can be a good idea to call in a professional service to come in and make sure it gets done well.

People don't often stop and think of the issues that can arise from clogged gutters, but there are many. If water is not able to properly flow away from your house, then damage can result in several different locations, from your roofing to your foundation. There are number of reasons to make sure that your gutters get cleaned out.

Here is a list of some of those reasons.

**PREVENT
EROSION & MOLD**



1. Roof Damage

When leaves and other debris clog up your gutters to the point that water is flooding over, you can end up having issues with rot on your roofing. This is one of the main reasons that it's important to keep your gutters clean.

2. Wood Fascia Damage

If water backs up in your gutters, it becomes very heavy (8 lbs. per gallon) which can cause the gutter attachments to pull away from the wood fascia it is attached to and damaging the wood. Water spilling over the edges of gutters and onto the wood fascia boards will cause the wood to rot and weaken as well.

3. Damage to Walls, Windows, Doors and Patios

Water that spills over the gutter edges, falls onto walls, window frames, doors and whatever surface is below. These features of your home are not designed to have this much water contact. They count on your gutters and downspouts doing their job in order to last longer. Eventually this extra water contact will cause these features of your home to rot, warp and weaken.

4. Damage to Foundations and Landscaping

Your foundation supports the entire structure of your home. Excess water contact here can cause your foundation to leak, shift, and crack or even sink. Clean gutters and downspouts carry water away from your home and foundation to points where it can be easily absorbed into the ground or drainage system. Your landscaping also suffers when this excess water falls on trees, plants and flowers. It is simply the difference between watering plants with a garden hose vs watering with a fire hose. Too much water directed in one spot can be a bad thing.

5. Slip and fall

Again, with clogged gutters, water is falling in places you don't expect it to. This can lead to slippery situations where water is falling from the clogged gutters above onto a walkway, entry or driveway. Keeping gutters and downspouts clean keeps the water moving away from your home and walkways and helps keep your home as "slip-free" as possible.

6. Prevent Mold

"Moisture is the enemy," Damp and wet areas are prime locations for mold growth, which damages the structural integrity of the home.

Exposure to mold can also affect a family's health, from triggering asthma and coughs, to causing runny noses, and other, more severe respiratory conditions."

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Image of the Week:

Aaliyah Swimmer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, models a show-stopping basket design dress by Anyiona during the 7th Annual Kananeshi Fashion Show held at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 8. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather photo)



Quote of the Week

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"To understand our perspective, it is essential to remember: In Indian Country, tribal identity and individual identity as a tribal citizen are not formed by modern circumstance - it is proven by history and continuity. When the United States forced my Shawnee people from Ohio, through Kentucky and Missouri, to Kansas, and finally to Oklahoma, we did not reinvent ourselves at each river we came to. We remained Shawnee. We carried our ceremonies in secret. We kept our language alive in whispers. Our culture and our government lived in the hearts of our people, even when the United States wished it would vanish."

- Testimony of Shawnee Chief Ben Barnes, stating his opposition to S.107 (Lumbee Fairness Act) during a Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hearing on Nov. 5

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interviewing speakers back in Oklahoma in 2022. We came out here to interview Eastern Band speakers. Everybody's got different dialects and different ways to speak. It's been really good to be able to hear. We've been able to talk with them about, 'How do you say that? Well, we say it this way, I wonder why we say it this way and you say it that way?' Not that anybody's wrong or right. It's just interesting to see how it is has changed," McCoy said.

Cherokee Nation speaker Michael Cooksey has the recorded conversations with EBCI speakers, which range from talking about families, to canning vegetables, to hunting and fishing, or wherever the conversation goes.

"It's an absolute pleasure to be here and just have an opportunity to meet these wonderful people and I'm just thankful," Cooksey said.

"We listen for some words that are hardly spoken, and it's just produced for learning purposes for others. We try to make that as clear as possible and to preserve that person's voice; We usually tell them in the beginning how their family or someone might want to listen to that years down the road."

"There's definitely some where you're just like, man, I could have sat for four or five hours listening to them talk," McCoy said.

"I say it all the time, I can't believe how lucky we are that we get paid to do something like this. And to come out here and visit our homelands, visit everybody. Everybody's always so nice and welcoming and we're always so appreciative of it."

Although the project is still developing, the team said the goal is to eventually develop an app where people can access the interviews, which are transcribed and translated in English and Cherokee.

Renissa McLaughlin, Kituwah Preservation & Education Program (KPEP) youth & adult education director, said KPEP is working on a similar project. They have currently interviewed roughly 40 EBCI speakers, and the ongoing interviews will eventually be housed on a tribal digital archive accessible only to enrolled EBCI members.



Cherokee Nation speaker Michael Cooksey conducts an interview with EBCI speaker Marie Junaluska for the "Saving the Voices" language project of the Cherokee Nation Language Department.



Darrell McCoy and Michael Fields help conduct an interview for the "Saving the Voices" language project.

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Billboards

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The law governing billboards on the tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians can be found in Article I Chapter 136 of the Cherokee Code which was established with the passage of Ord. No. 310 on Sept. 6, 2012.

Section 136.2 outlines who is in charge of approving billboards. “All billboards shall be under the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. No billboards shall be allowed on Cherokee trust land except with

the approval of the Tribal Business Committee.

The Planning Office and its successor offices shall serve as the primary staff for the administration of this article, at the direction of the Business Committee. Staff duties shall include, but not be limited to, review of billboards, the enforcement of rules and decisions of the Business Committee, for offering recommendations to assist in regulatory efforts, and referring billboard matters not delegated to the staff to the Business Committee for its consideration. The extent practicable, the Business Committee and the Planning Office shall administer this article and the regulation of billboards in the same manner as the site review process expressed in Cherokee Code Section 47A-1.”

According to Section 136-3,

billboards are not allowed within the Qualla Boundary’s business district. That section goes on to define that area as:

“The Business District is defined, for the purposes of this article, as those geographic areas including: (1) On and along US 19 from the intersection of Standingdeer Road running in a westerly direction to Owl Branch Road; (2) On and along US 441 from the exterior boundary line of the Cherokee Indian Reservation to the intersection with US 19; (3) On and along White Water Drive from the intersection of US 441 to the intersection of US 19; (4) On and along US 441 where it intersects with US 19 to the entrance of the Great Smokey Mountain National Park; (5) On and along Aquoni Road; and (6) From Saunooke Village along Big Cove Road to Cherokee High School.”

Section 136-4 describes the permitting process for billboards. According to that law, a permit cost \$250 and cannot exceed three years in duration.

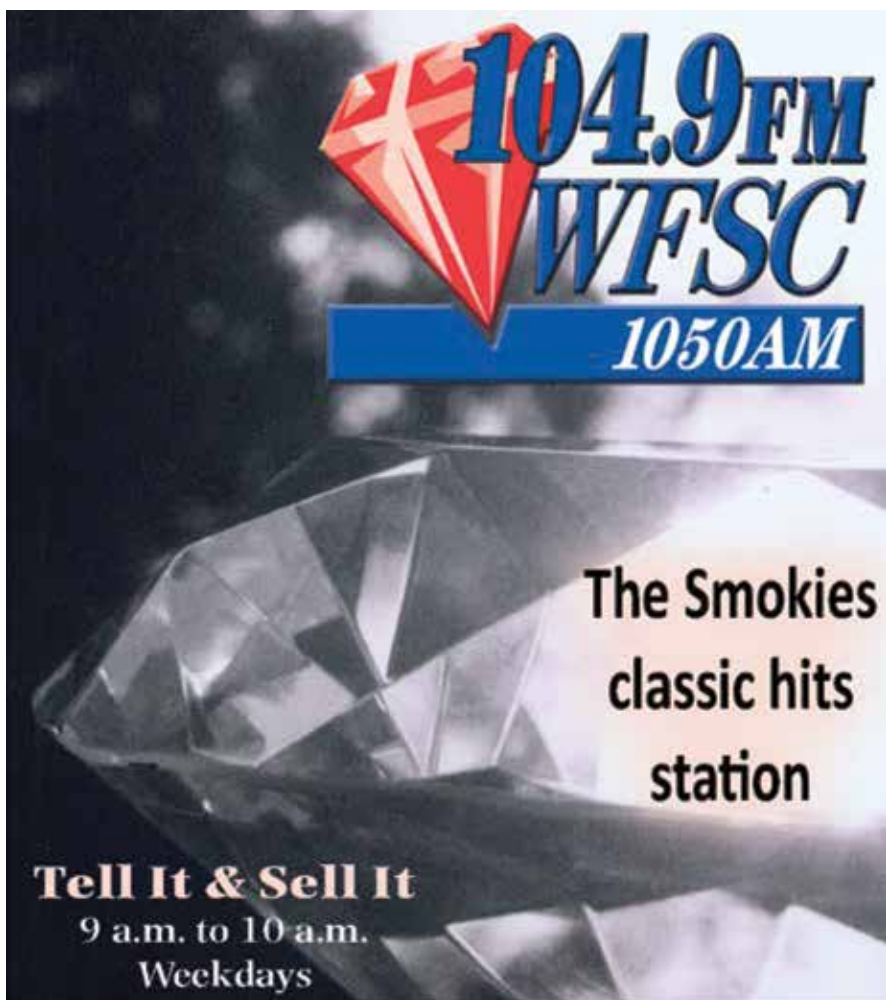
Section 136-5 describes in detail the regulations that billboards must adhere to under the Cherokee Code. The first three subsections describe height, spacing, and size as follows:

“(a) Height. The top of any billboard shall not be higher than 30 feet above the natural established grade of the parcel or lot upon which it is located or placed, and in no case shall double-decker billboards be allowed. (b) Spacing. No billboard shall be nearer than 500 feet to another billboard along the same side of a common right-of-way. (c) Size. No billboard shall exceed 36 feet in length or 378 square feet in area, inclusive of any border

and trim, but excluding the base or apron, support and other structural members. The maximum size limitation shall apply to each side of a billboard structure. Two or more billboards may be grouped back-to-back, end-to-end or in a single V having an included angle not greater than 30 degrees at a single location. The aggregate area of such billboards at a single location facing the same direction shall not exceed 378 square feet, and any such grouping of billboards shall not exceed 36 feet in length.”

Section 136-5(j) deals with the subject matter and message of billboards and states, “No billboard shall be allowed for the display of any statement, word, character or illustration of an obscene, indecent or immoral nature, or to be adverse to the interests of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

Section 136-8 allows for variances to the law and states, “Variances shall be submitted to the Planning Office for review and forwarded to the Business Committee for approval or denial.”



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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

New this week

S. 3041 (Tribal Warrant Fairness Act). This Senate bill would “allow the U.S. Marshals Service to assist in certain tribal criminal matters”.
Introduced: Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) on Oct. 23

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

H.R. 5820 (Mono Lake Kootzaduka’a Tribe Recognition Act). This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Mono Lake Kootzaduka’a Tribe of California and Nevada, a group based in Lee Vining, Calif.
Introduced: Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-Calif.) on Oct. 24
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Oct. 24. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 5869 (Tribal Water Infrastructure Grants Expansion Act). This House bill would “amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to assistance for Indian Tribes”. According to the bill, “In addition to amounts otherwise made available under Title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, there is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031 to make grants, in cooperation with the Director of the Indian Health Service...for (A) projects and activities eligible for assistance under 603(c) of such Act; and (B) training, technical assistance, and educational programs related to the operation and management

of treatment works eligible for assistance...”
Introduced: Rep. Frederica S. Wilson (D-Fla.) on Oct. 28
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on Oct. 28. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Bills we’re currently watching

H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act). This House bill would place 76 acres of land in eastern Tennessee into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Included in that land are the Sequoyah Birthplace Muse-



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um, the Chota Memorial, and the Tanasi Memorial sites.
Introduced: Jan. 7 by Rep. Charles J. “Chuck” Fleischmann (R-Tenn.)
Action: This bill was passed in the House by a voice vote on Feb. 4. It was received in the Senate the next day and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S.107 (Lumbee Fairness Act). This Senate bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group.
Introduced: Jan. 16 by Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.)
Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. A hearing was held on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 2:30 p.m.

H.R. 474 (Lumbee Fairness Act). This House bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group. This bill is identical to S. 107.
Introduced: Jan. 16 by Rep. David Rouzer (R-N.C.)
Action: This bill was tacked on to H.R. 3838 (National Defense Authorization Act FY26) with House Amendment 98 and was passed on Sept. 10 with the main bill on a roll call vote of 231-196. The Senate version of the National Defense Authorization Act FY26 (S.2296) was approved on Oct. 9 by a vote of 77-20. Sen. Thom Tillis submitted amendment 3273 to add the text of this bill to S. 2296. No action was taken on this amendment, and it was not included in the final vote taken.

S.761 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies

Act). This Senate bill would establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies. According to Congress.gov, “Among other duties, the Commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools.”
Introduced: Feb. 26 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. It was “ordered to be reported without amendment favorably” by the Committee on March 5. It was reported without amendment by Sen. Murkowski (R-Alaska), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs chairperson, on July 31. That same day, it was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Calendar No. 139).

H.R. 2412 (Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act). This House bill would establish an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Advisory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State.
Introduced: March 27 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai’i)
Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the House Committee on Natural Resources. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 2929. (Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe recognition bill). This House bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North

Carolina, a state-recognized group.
Introduced: April 17 by Rep. Donald G. Davis (D-N.C.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 3255. (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). This House bill will would grant federal acknowledgment to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a state-recognized group in Michigan.
Introduced: May 7 by Rep. Hillar J. Scholten (D-Mich.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 3444. (Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act of 2025). According to the bill text, this House bill is “To direct Federal land management agencies of the Department of the Interior to establish Tribal Co-Management Plans and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for the performance of certain activities of the Forest Service, and for other purposes”.
Introduced: May 15 by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.)
Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Federal Lands on June 3, and a hearing was held in that subcommittee on June 10.

S.2022 (Tribal Tax and In-

vestment Reform Act of 2025). This Senate bill, according to the legislation, would “amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat Indian Tribal governments in the same manner as state governments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes”.
Introduced: June 11 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 3956 (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Act of 2025). This bill would amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 “to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts and self-governance agreements with Indian entities to administer the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.
Introduced: June 12 by Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.) and Rep. Frank Lucas (R-Okla.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S.2160 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). This Senate seeks the same as H.R. 3255 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025).
Introduced: June 25 by Sen. Gary C. Peters (D-Mich.)
Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this

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

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

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

H.R. 4712 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act). According to the legislation text, this House bill would “amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes”.

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

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

S.2452 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act). According to the legislation text, this Senate bill would “amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes”. This bill is identical to H.R. 4712.

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

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

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

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

ities on Indian lands of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Indian lands of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe.” Introduced: July 31 by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The resolution continues, “The House of Representatives (1) recognizes Overdose Awareness Day (reporter’s note – it is usually Aug. 31, but a specific date is not listed in the resolution) in

the United States; (2) commits to advancing the passing bipartisan policies that reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorders and overdoses; and is dedicated to collaborating with states, localities, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, health care providers, patients, and families to support a comprehensive system that promotes prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery from opioid use disorder.”
Introduced: Rep. Lori Trahan (D-Mass.) on Aug. 29
Action: This resolution was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Aug. 29. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this resolution as of press time.

H.R. 5144 {Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County, Virginia Federal Recognition Act}. This House bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.
Introduced: Sept. 4 by Rep. Jennifer A. Kiggans (R-Va.)
Action: The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 4. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

land was taken into trust”.
Introduced: Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) on Sept. 10
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 10. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 5327 (To extend federal recognition to the Nottoway Tribe of Virginia). This House bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.
Introduced: Rep. Jennifer L. McClellan (D-Va.) on Sept. 11
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 11. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S. 2832 (Native American Entrepreneurial and Opportunity Act of 2025). This bill would establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration.
Introduced: Sen. John W. Hickenlooper (D-Colo.) on Sept. 17
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship on Sept. 17.

H.R. 5488 (To extend funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians). This bill would amend Title III of the Public Health Service Act to extend the funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. It would approve “\$160,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 to

remain available until expended”.
Introduced: Rep. Paul Ruiz (D-Calif.) on Sept. 18
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Sept. 18.

H.R. 5739 (Italian Heroes and Heritage Act). This House bill would, according to the legislation, “prohibit federal funds from being provided to any state or local government that celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day instead of Columbus Day”. Section 2(a) (1) of this bill states, “Christopher Columbus set sail 533 years ago in 1492 to bravely cross the Atlantic Ocean and discovered new land that would soon after become known as America.”

Section 2(b) states, “It is the sense of Congress that Oct. 13 should continue to be celebrated nationwide as Christopher Columbus Day, as it has been since 1892, to honor our Italian-American heritage and our forefather, Christopher Columbus, who helped to discover this great land.”
Introduced: Rep. Michael A. Rulli (R-Ohio) on Oct. 10
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Oct. 10. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

Day does not currently provide an opportunity to reflect on the stories and perseverance of the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that are now part of the United States; and where, prior to western contact, Indigenous Peoples lived and flourished in the lands that are now part of the United States for thousands of years”.
Introduced: Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) on Oct. 14
Action: This resolution was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Oct. 14. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. Res. 809 (A resolution expressing support for the designation of the second Monday in October 2025 as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” to celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples and their shared history and culture). This House resolution is identical to S. Res. 450 (above).
Introduced: Rep. Norma J. Torres (D-Calif) on Oct. 14
Action: This resolution was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Oct. 14. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:
Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.): <https://www.tillis.senate.gov/email-me>
Sen. Tedd Budd (R-N.C.): <https://www.budd.senate.gov/contact/>
11th District Congressional Rep. Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.): <https://edwards.house.gov/contact>

Cherokee Tribal Court Disposition Summary for Oct. 1-31, 2025

Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court

Note: The following cases were disposed of in Cherokee Tribal Court during the time period of Oct. 1-31, 2025. The date of each offense is in parenthesis.

Adams, Alisha L.
- Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public (Oct. 13, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Arch, Elizabeth S.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Sept. 22, 2023). Prayer for Judgement Continued (PJC) for one year charge amended from Child Abuse in First Degree to Child Abuse in Second Degree.

Arkansas, Steven W.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 5, 2025). Reported infraction.

Beck, Amber
- No Liability Insurance (Aug. 25, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Canceled/Revoked/Suspended Certif/Tag (Aug. 25, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Bell, Aizen N.
- Obscene Literature and Exhibitions (Dec. 8, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Disseminating and Exhibiting Harmful Material and Performances to Minors (Dec. 8, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Bird, Malachi
- No Operator's License (June 30, 2025). Reported infraction.

- Exceeding Posted Speed (June 30, 2025). Reported infraction.

Bird, Robert W.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 19, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 16, 2025). Reported infraction.

Brady, Katherine L.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Jan. 19, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 3, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Brown, Corey E.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 20, 2025). Reported infraction.
- A&A DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 28, 2025). Reported infraction.

Calhoun Jr., James P.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 18, 2024). No disposition given.

Castillo, Christopher B.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (July 10, 2025). No disposition given.

Cline, Dawn L.
- DWLR (July 19, 2025). Dismissed with leave.
- DWLR (July 10, 2025). No disposition given.
- NO Liability Insurance (Aug. 22, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Collins, Samantha J.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 27, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (July 7, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Conseen, Venyall L.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (July 31, 2024). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Crean, Johnathan M.
- Assault with a Deadly Weapon (Oct. 9, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Crowe, John E.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (June 5, 2025). Guilty.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 20, 2025). Guilty.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 6, 2025). Dismissed per plea. 6 months suspended, 12 months supervised probation.

Crowe, Galanvdi W.
- Second Degree Child Abuse (Feb. 2, 2023). Guilty. Amended charge from Child Abuse in First Degree to Child Abuse in Second Degree, 364 days, credit for 364 days served.

Deniz, Mete
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 11, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Dolson, Kelly S.
- Providing or Possessing Contraband (Dec. 26, 2024). Alford Plea. 6 months, credit for 11 days served, sentence suspended, 12 months supervised probation. Defendant is eligible as a first offender and if she successfully completes this probationary judgment she may move to withdraw the plea and have the charges dismissed.

Ellington, Jeffrey B.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June

5, 2025). Reported infraction.

Ferguson, Jerrick L.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Oct. 28, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Flippo, Emmitt L.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Aug. 31, 2025). No disposition given.
- Expired/No Inspection (Aug. 31, 2025). No disposition given.

French, Anthony R.
- No Operator's License (April 25, 2025). Guilty.
- Second Degree Trespass (March 9, 2024). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 25, 2025). Guilty.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (April 25, 2025). Guilty.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Sept. 13, 2025). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (July 15, 2025). Guilty.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (July 15, 2025). Guilty. 12 months, suspended 12 months unsupervised probation, special condition of probation, serve 6 months active, credit for 27 days served, date of release March 3, 2026.

George, Vincente T.
- Canceled/Revoked/Suspended Certif/Tag (June 13, 2025). Reported infraction.

Girty, Jarren J.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Aug. 18, 2025). Dismissed with leave.

Gould, Kenneth P.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag

(July 14, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Griffin, Nancy S.
- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (May 23, 2025). Reported infraction.

Harden-Davis, Amanda
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Oct. 28, 2025). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Hemphill, Tracy T.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Sept. 8, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Hornbuckle, Mary A.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (May 26, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- DWI - Level 5 (July 9, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Public Intoxication (Jan. 4, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Dec. 1, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Leave Scene of Accident (May 23, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Sept. 7, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Operate Veh. No Ins. (July 23, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Open Cont. after Cons. Alcohol 1st (May 23, 2024). Dismissed per plea.
- Reckless Endangerment (Sept. 7, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Aug. 11, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Hornbuckle, Crystal L.
- Second Degree Trespass (July 18, 2025). Guilty.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (July 18, 2025). Guilty.

45 days, credit for 16 days served, 6 months unsupervised probation.

Horseman, Kathleen
- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 30, 2024). Guilty. 1 month suspended, 6 months unsupervised.

Hoyle, Daphne R.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Oct. 4, 2024). No disposition given.

Hughes, Kevin M.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 15, 2025). Guilty.
- Reckless Endangerment (May 15, 2025). Guilty.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 15, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 15, 2025). Dismissed per plea. 6 months suspended, 12 months supervised.

Huskey, Jordan D.
- No Liability Insurance (June 27, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 27, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 10, 2025). Reported infraction.
- No Liability Insurance (July 10, 2025). Reported infraction.
- No Registration Card (July 10, 2025). Reported infraction.

James Jr., Calvin T.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 3, 2024). Reported infraction.

Jones, Clay S.
- Breaking and Entering (April 10, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

Lambert, Noreen A.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Aug. 5, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug.

5, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Lambert, Melvin E.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Aug. 24, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Sept. 19, 2025) Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Lossiah, Brent J.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (July 21, 2023). Guilty.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Advertising) (July 21, 2023). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (March 9, 2024). Guilty.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Dec. 16, 2024). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Dec. 16, 2024). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) July 21, 2023). Guilty.
- Failure to Heed Light or Siren (Dec. 16, 2024). Guilty.
- Dr/Allow Reg. Plate Not Display (Dec. 16, 2024). Guilty.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Dec. 16, 2024). Guilty. 24 months, credit for 242 days served, transferred to Wellness Court.

Lossiah, Thomas L.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 24, 2025). Reported infraction.

Maney, Siceria M.
- Providing or Possessing Contraband (Oct. 23, 2025). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Martinez, Antonio B.

- DWLR (Aug. 7, 2025). Reported infraction.

- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (Aug. 7, 2025). Reported infraction.
- No Liability Insurance (Aug. 7, 2025). Reported infraction.

McCoy, Rickenna D.
- Dr/Allow Reg. Plate Not Display (April 28, 2025). No disposition given.

McCoy, Christine R.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 23, 2025). Reported infraction.
- No Liability Insurance (July 23, 2025). Reported infraction.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (July 23, 2025). Reported infraction.
- Failure to Reduce Speed (July 23, 2025). Reported infraction.

Mitchell, Lloyd J.
- Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) (April 6, 2025). Guilty.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Delivering, manufacturing) (April 6, 2025). Guilty.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (March 27, 2025). Guilty.
- Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Jan. 24, 2025). Guilty.
- Drug Trafficking (Jan. 24, 2025). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 6, 2025). Guilty.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Jan. 24, 2025). Guilty.
- Child Abuse in the Second De-

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gree (Jan. 24, 2025). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Aggravated Possession of Marijuana) (Jan. 2, 2020). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Providing Alcoholic Beverages to/Possession of/Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by/Persons Under 21 Years Old (Nov. 16, 2013). Dismissed per prior plea. 3 years, credit for 37 days served, transferred to Wellness Court.

Morgan, Jennifer R.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 26, 2025). Reported infraction.
- No Operator's License (Feb. 26, 2025). Reported infraction.
- Drive/Allow MV No Registration (April 26, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 26, 2025). Reported infraction

Myers, Thomas K.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 18, 2025). Reported infraction.

Oglesbee, Hannah L.
- Simple Assault (May 24, 2025). Charge amended from Domestic Violence to Simple Assault, Prayer for Judgement Continued (PJC) for one year.

Owle, Lloyd E.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 28, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 24, 2025). Reported infraction.

Owle, Aaron L.
- Escape from Imprisonment and Custody (June 22, 2024). Guilty.
- Assault on a Female (May 21, 2025). Guilty.
- Assault with a Deadly Weapon (May 21, 2025). Guilty.
- Assault by Strangulation (May 21, 2025). Guilty.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 21, 2025). Guilty. 12 months suspended, 6 months supervised, serve 160 days in custody, date of release from custody March 18, 2026.

Oxendine, Krista C.
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (July 31, 2025). Dismissed, codefendant accepted responsibility.

Palma, Angel
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Sept. 13, 2025). Guilty.
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (Sept. 13, 2025). Guilty. 47 days, credit for 47 days served.

Pheasant, James L.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (March 17, 2024). Dismissed per plea upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Powell, Daymion T.
- No Liability Insurance (July 12, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (July 12, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Price, Colby T.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 10, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Reed, Tamara A.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Aug. 15, 2023). Reported infraction.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Aug. 29, 2023). Reported infraction.

Reed, Samuel E.
- Elder Abuse and Neglect (July 2, 2025). Guilty. 12 months, suspended, 12 months supervised probation, peaceful contact at request of prosecuting witness.
- Probation Revocation (July 2, 2025). Admitted.
- Probation Revocation (July 2, 2025). Admitted. 118 days, credit for 118 days served.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (July 2, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Roach, Kenneth M.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 17, 2025). No disposition given.

Rooker, Dwight T.
- Prostitution (Oct. 14, 2025). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Ross, Magdalene M.
- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (Feb. 25, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Breaking and Entering (Feb. 25, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Santiago, Brandon R.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Aug. 26, 2025). Dismissed with leave.

Saunooke, Steven I.
- No Liability Insurance (May 19, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR (May 19, 2025). Reported infraction.
- Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (May 19, 2025). Reported infraction.

Seay, Kamie C.
- DWLR (Sept. 3, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Sequoyah, Johnson L.

- DWLR (July 28, 2025). Reported infraction.

Sequoyah, Richard N.
- Probation Revocation (Jan. 24, 2025). Admitted.
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- Probation Revocation (Jan. 24, 2025). Admitted. 12 months, credit for 257 days served, date of release 12/17/25.
- Restrictions; Hindering Sex Offender Registration (Oct. 14, 2024). Guilty. 36 months, date of release 12/17/28. Sentences run consecutively.
- Restrictions; Hindering Sex Offender Registration (Nov. 27, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Sherrill, Edward D.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 14, 2025). Reported infraction.

Smith, Pamela
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (March 20, 2025). Dismissed, defendant or necessary witness deceased.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (March 17, 2025). Dismissed, defendant or necessary witness deceased.
- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (March 20, 2025). Dismissed, defendant or necessary witness deceased.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (March 17, 2025). Dismissed, defendant or necessary witness deceased.
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (March 16, 2025). Dismissed, defendant or necessary witness deceased.

Smith, Alexis C.

- DWLR (March 13, 2025). Reported infraction.

Smoker, Kaleb S.

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Oct. 9, 2025). Dismissed, successful mediation.

Squirrell, Gabrielle A.

- Canc/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (May 19, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- DWLR (May 19, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Squirrell, Karina L.

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Dec. 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Standingdeer, Shena D.

- Providing or Possessing Contraband (Oct. 23, 2025). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Sutton, Jamie M.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Feb. 27, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Vehicles Required to be Registered (Jan. 2, 2023). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Jan. 1, 2024). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.
- Violation of Registration Provisions (Dec. 11, 2023). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Tackett-McCoy, William T.

- No Operator's License (June 27, 2025). No disposition given.

Talala, Gene

- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (April 21, 2025). Dismissed upon further investigation.

Taylor, Carol D.

- A&A DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (July 19, 2025). Reported infraction.
- Operate Veh. No Ins. (July 19, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 27, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 20, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 2, 2025). Reported infraction.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Oct. 15, 2025). Guilty.
- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Oct. 15, 2025). Guilty.
- Unsafe Movement (July 19, 2025). Reported infraction.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (May 2, 2025). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 9, 2025). Guilty.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (April 9, 2025). Guilty. 12 months suspended, 12 months supervised, special condition of probation serve 3 months on electronic home confinement, credit for 12 days served.

Taylor, Dreyvon I.

- DWLR (Aug. 23, 2025). Dismissed with leave.

Taylor, Derrick K.

- Reckless Endangerment (March 15, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Filing a False Emergency Report (March 15, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Nov.

26, 2024). Guilty. 6 months, credit for 97 days served, suspended, 12 months supervised probation.

Taylor, Stephanie N.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 16, 2024). Reported infraction.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Jan. 5, 2024). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Oct. 15, 2024). Reported infraction.
- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (Oct. 15, 2024). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 29, 2025). Reported infraction.

Teesateskie, Taylor

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 5, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 9, 2025). Reported infraction.

Teesateskie Jr., Gary M.

- Operate Veh. No Ins. (June 6, 2025). Reported infraction.
- DWLR (June 6, 2025). Reported infraction.

Thompson, Ada J.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 16, 2025). Reported infraction.

Thompson, Sarah M.

- Tampering with Evidence (Feb. 18, 2025). Guilty. 12 months suspended, 12 months supervised probation, 40 hours community service.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (March 2, 2025). Guilty. 12 months suspended, 36 months supervised probation, serve 3 months, credit for 107 days.
- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (March 2, 2025). Guilty.
- Providing or Possessing Contraband (June 18, 2025). Guilty.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (June 18, 2025). Guilty.
- Reckless Endangerment (June 18, 2025). Guilty.
- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (June 18, 2025). Guilty.
- Drug Trafficking (June 18, 2025). Guilty. 36 months, suspended, 36 months supervised probation, serve 12 months active.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 4, 2025). Guilty.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (April 28, 2025). Guilty.
- DWLR (May 10, 2025). Guilty.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 8, 2025). Guilty.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 6, 2025). Guilty.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 18, 2025). Guilty.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Sept. 18, 2025). Guilty.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Dec. 21, 2024). Guilty.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Aug. 14, 2024). Guilty. 6 months, 6 months unsupervised probation.
- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Feb. 1, 2023). Guilty.
- Second Degree Trespass (May 27, 2025). Guilty. 6 months suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation.
- Accessory after the Fact (Feb. 18, 2025). Guilty.
- Larceny (Feb. 18, 2025). Guilty.
- Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (Feb. 18, 2025). Guilty.
- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 2, 2025). Guilty.
- Operation of Motor Vehicle without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (April 23, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea.
- Unlawful to Permit Unlicensed Minor to Drive Motor Vehicle

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(April 23, 2023). Dismissed per prior plea.

- No Operator's License (Jan. 21, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Expired/No Inspection (May 8, 2025). No disposition given.

- Drive without Two Headlamps (March 2, 2025). No disposition given.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Feb. 21, 2025). Guilty.

- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag (March 2, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

- No Liability Insurance (March 2, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Aiding/Abetting/Acting in Concert/Accessory Before the Fact (Feb. 18, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

- No Liability Insurance (May 10, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (May 8, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Canc'l/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag (May 10, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

- Drive/Allow MV No Registration (May 6, 2025). Dismissed per prior plea.

Tramper, Alyssa J.

- No Operator's License (July 14, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Tranter, Tabitha L.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 19, 2025). Reported infraction.

Wahnetah, Samuel

- Reckless Endangerment (July 30, 2025). Guilty.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (March 14, 2025). Guilty.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 13, 2025). Guilty.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (July 30, 2025). Guilty.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (July 30, 2025) Guilty.

- Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (July 30, 2025). Guilty.

- Weapons Offense (July 30, 2025). Guilty. 2 years, runs concurrent with other sentence.

- Probation Revocation (July 30, 2025). Admitted.

- Probation Revocation (July 30, 2025). Admitted.

- Probation Revocation (March 18, 2025). Admitted.

- Probation Revocation (march 18, 2025). Admitted. 24 months, credit for 340 days served, date of release 10/26/26.

Washington, Amanda S.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (Sept. 22, 2023). Dismissed, codefendant accepted responsibility.

Watty, Felicia A.

- DWLR (Sept. 3, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Sept. 10, 2021). Dismissed upon compliance/

proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Watty, Justina E.

- No Registration Card (July 17, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

- No Liability Insurance (July 17, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Watty, Irene P.

- Probation Revocation (Oct. 20, 2025). Admitted.

- Probation Revocation (Oct. 16, 2025). Admitted.

- Probation Revocation (Oct. 20, 2025). Admitted.

- Probation Revocation (Oct. 16, 2025). Admitted. 12 months, suspended, 18 months supervised.

- Attempt to Possess a Controlled Substance (Oct. 16, 2025). Guilty. 12 months, suspended, 18 months supervised probation. Sentences run concurrent.

Welch, Tsisquanida, S.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (June 22, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Feb. 9, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Williams, Becky R.

- Providing or Possessing Contraband (Oct. 23, 2025). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Wolfe Jr., Thomas E.

- Driving while Impaired (Aug. 20, 2024). Guilty. 120 days, suspended 12 months probation, surrender license, 48 hours of community service.

Wolfe, Diamond S.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (Aug. 20, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Yanez, Colby L.

- Failure to Obey Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 16, 2025). Alford Plea. 6 months suspended, 12 months unsupervised.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 30, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

- Reckless Endangerment (Sept. 10, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

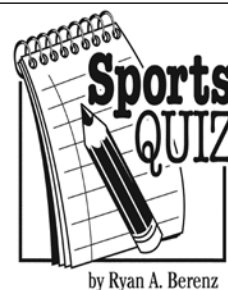
Youngdeer, Anna L.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (June 24, 2025). Reported infraction.

Youngdeer, Sateva R.

- Failure to Yield Left Turn (Oct. 14, 2025). No disposition given.

- No Operator's License (Oct. 14, 2025). No disposition given.



1. FootJoy is a leading brand of shoes, gloves and apparel made for what sport?

2. What Racing Hall of Fame jockey from Puerto Rico won eight U.S. Triple Crown series races from 1974-85?

3. What caused umpire Bill Haller to eject Baltimore Orioles manager Earl Weaver from a game versus the Minnesota Twins on Aug. 2, 1969?

4. How many touchdowns did Seattle Seahawks running back Shaun Alexander score in the first half of a 48-23 win over the Minnesota Vikings on Sept. 29, 2002?

5. What NBA expansion team had a 7-44 record before finally winning its first road game at the Atlanta Hawks on Feb. 8, 1975?

6. What two brothers, both rookie pitchers, started against each other in a 1986 game between the Philadelphia Phillies and the Chicago Cubs?

7. Butch van Breda Kolff was the head coach of which NBA team that lost the NBA Finals in consecutive seasons from 1968-69?

Answers

1. Golf.
2. Angel Cordero Jr.
3. Weaver was smoking a cigarette in the dugout.
4. Five (four rushing, one receiving).
5. The New Orleans Jazz.
6. Mike (Phillies) and Greg (Cubs) Maddux.
7. The Los Angeles Lakers.

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
Oct. 27 to Nov. 2, 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.

Dolson, Kelly Sue – age 56
Arrested: Oct. 27
Released: Oct. 27
Charges: Temporary Hold

Ivey Jr., Jacob Jackson – age 43
Arrested: Oct. 27
Released: Oct. 27
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Probation Violation

Ferguson, Jerrick Lanier – age 33
Arrested: Oct. 28
Released: Oct. 28
Charges: Temporary Hold

Harden-Davis, Amanda Elizabeth – age 44
Arrested: Oct. 28
Released: Oct. 29
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Conseen, Carrie Louise – age 26
Arrested: Oct. 29
Released: Oct. 30

Charges: Probation Violation

Hudson, Shawn Fredric – age 48
Arrested: Oct. 29
Released: Oct. 30
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Sneed, Brandon Howard – age 45
Arrested: Oct. 29
Released: Oct. 30
Charges: Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Bradley, Albert James – age 36
Arrested: Oct. 30
Released: Oct. 31
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule II, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Driver, Calvin Douglas – age 27
Arrested: Oct. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 3)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Smith, Angel Nicole – age 36
Arrested: Oct. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 3)
Charges: Violation of Exclusion Order

Smith, Charles Thomas – age 57
Arrested: Oct. 30
Released: Oct. 30
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (two counts)

Welch Jr., James McKinley – age 43
Arrested: Oct. 30
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 3)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Assault on a Female, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

George, Kelcie Cheyne – age 35
Arrested: Oct. 31
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 3)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Owle, Leigh Ann – age 48
Arrested: Oct. 31
Released: Oct. 31
Charges: Drug Trafficking, Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Taylor, Brandon Craig – age 40
Arrested: Oct. 31
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 3)
Charges: Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order, Providing or Possession of Contraband

Cucumber, James Everette – age 30
Arrested: Nov. 1
Released: Nov. 1
Charges: Simple Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Wilnoty, Joseph Cory – age 39
Arrested: Nov. 1
Released: Nov. 1
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Armachain Jr., Deweese – age 57
Arrested: Nov. 2
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 3)
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Calhoun Sr., James Phillip – age 56
Arrested: Nov. 2
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 3)
Charges: Violation of a Court Order, Weapons Offense

Hornbuckle, Jamie Ray – age 49
Arrested: Nov. 2
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 3)
Charges: Violation of a Court Order; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Sampson, Jessa Emma – age 27
Arrested: Nov. 2
Released: Nov. 2
Charges: DWI Level 1

Sampson, Ryne – age 39
Arrested: Nov. 2
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 3)
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree; Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray; Harassment

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Building from Legacy: Cherokee Wrestling begins again

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi Cnole Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves and Cherokee Lady Braves) wrestling kicked off the 2025-26 season with the Maroon and Gold intrasquad scrimmage on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 6 in the Charles George Memorial Arena. This year, the squad has a new coaching staff, and a drove of new wrestlers, including head coach Todd Odom who is implementing the historic legacy of Cherokee wrestling to ignite excitement for a new season.

"The great part about being at Cherokee is the fact that they do have such a rich history. If you go all the way back to Bruce Carney, he was the guy that's credited with building this program. Cherokee High School was the first Smoky Mountain Conference school to have wrestling," Odom shared.

"Coach Carney left to go to Carolina and actually be an assistant coach at UNC Chapel Hill. When I was growing up, Cherokee was the benchmark. So, the situation that I think we're in now is that these are either the kids or grandkids of when Cherokee had its heyday in the 80s and early 90s. I'm not working from scratch. I'm just trying to build on what was already laid 30, 40 years ago. That's amazing," he said.

"I'm also blessed to have Roger Neadeau and Adam Jaimez with me as coaches. Between us, we've got over 75 years' worth of coaching experience, so that's immeasurable. We all coach together and we all have the same goals. Our goals are for our kids to be great people, whether it be great husbands, great wives, good moms, good dads, people that give back to the community. That's our goal. If they win a bunch of matches along the way, good for us, but that's our goal. We're going to take some lumps along the way, but at the end, if they'll trust the process, they'll get a better kid at the



Todd Odom, Cherokee High School head wrestling coach, gives instructions during the Maroon and Gold intrasquad scrimmage on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 6 in the Charles George Memorial Arena. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photo)

end of this."

Odom said second to coaching student athletes into great community members, is coaching winners. "I didn't take this job, Adam didn't take this job, Roger didn't take this job for us to be second. Our goal is to win. Our goal is to be on top. Our goal is to produce state champs after we produce great kids. That's the most important thing that I want the community to know, is that we're not going to accept bad behavior. We're not going to accept bad decisions. I'm not asking them to be angels, but at the same time, I want to make sure that they understand that there's a right way and the

wrong way to promote and put yourself out in public eye," he said.

"We want to represent Cherokee High School and the Braves and Lady Braves with the utmost respect so that when we walk into a gym and we put our foot on the line, people not only respect us, but fear us."

The Cherokee Braves and Lady Braves will open their season with the Koga Doyanida Tournament dedicated to the late Braves Wrestling State Champions Noland Crowe and Anthony Toineeta on Nov. 11 in the Charles George Memorial Arena beginning at 9 a.m.

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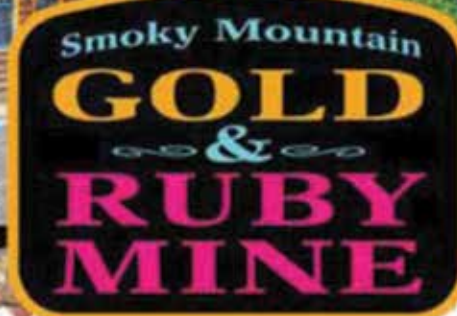
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On the runway

The 7th Annual Kananesgi Fashion Show was held at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on the evening of Saturday, Nov. 8.

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather Asst. Editor



Dvdaya Swimmer models an outfit by Peshawn Bread.



Danica Hill models an outfit by Randi Nelson.



Cree Yellowbird models an outfit by Wadulisi Designs (Keredith Owens)



Jensen Peone models an outfit by Deb West.



Aubrey Little models an outfit by Little Thunderbird Designs
(Malia Crowe-Skulski).

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Michael Farriday Lambert Sr.
Michael Farriday Lambert Sr., 90, of the Yellowhill Community, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Carl Glen and Laura Josephine Swayney Lambert. In

addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his two brothers, Patrick Monahan Lambert, Carl Glen Lambert Jr., and granddaughter, Amanda Marie Farmer.

He retired with 22 years of service as an Electronic Technician with the Navy. His last rank was Chief Petty Officer. He was a member of Cherokee Baptist Church, and an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Above all he loved gardening. He was a loving father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Maxine Walker Lambert; daughter, Beverly Sue Famer (James); five sons, Michael F. Lambert Jr. (Michelle), Carl Scott Lambert (Sherry), Roger Eric Lambert (Lynn), Patrick Walker Lambert, and John Wesley Lam-

bert; grandchildren, Whitney Lambert, Weston Lambert, and Bryson Lambert, Keyonah Lambert (Tagan Crowe), and Shana Blythe (Driver); two great granddaughters, Elohi Crowe, and Tsola Crowe; one sister, Peggy Ann Lambert Pilkington; one nephew, Ernst Lambert (Sandy), and niece, Laura Owl (James).

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 8 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Lambert Branch Cemetery.

Brina "Bri-Bri" L. Blauvelt
LUDOWICI, Ga. - Brina "Bri-Bri" L. Blauvelt, 24, passed away Thursday, Oct. 30, 2025, in Savannah, Ga. Born in Robbinsville, N.C., she had lived in McIntosh County for the past 20 years. She graduated from McIntosh County Academy, Class of 2019, and was a

communications officer for Wiregrass 911 in Darien for the past three years.

Bri-Bri was a wonderful mother and a loving daughter, granddaughter, sister, and friend. She had attended Crescent Baptist Church and was preceded in death by her mother, Brandi Powers. Survivors are her daughter, Bri'Ellyn Matos of Ludowici; father, Roger Blauvelt Jr. of Darien; sisters, Jessica Blauvelt of Robbinsville, N.C., Jasmine Lennon of S.C., and Kendall Clark of Darien; brothers, Bradley Powers of Darien, and Raven Powers of Cherokee, N.C.; paternal grandparents, Wilma Monroe (Audley) of Darien and Roger Blauvelt Sr. (Regina) of Brunswick; maternal great-grandmother, Mollie Lossiah of Cherokee, N.C.; two nephews and several aunts and uncles.

Visitation was held on Friday, Nov. 7 Howard Funeral Home in Ludowici, Ga.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, Nov. 8 at Ebenezer Cemetery in Eulonia, with Pastor Danny Stilwell officiating.

Family and friends may sign the online register at www.howardfuneralga.com.

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Kristina Hyatt, director of Native Health for the Center for Native Health; Consie Girty, superintendent of Cherokee Central Schools; Chi Shipman, Qualla Boundary Public Library manager; and Michele Galloway, HOPE Center and Pre-K director for CCS are shown at the 2025 National Center for Families Learning Conference in Charlotte, N.C., on Monday, Nov. 3. (Cherokee Central Schools photo)

Cherokee Central Schools and community partners present “Community Book Gardens” at National Conference

Submitted by Cherokee Central Schools

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) and community partners presented “Community Book Gardens: Growing Language and Literacy in Cherokee Nation” at the 2025 National Center for Families Learning Conference in Charlotte, N.C., on Monday, Nov. 3.

Panelists included Kristina Hyatt, director of Native Health for the Center for Native Health; Consie Girty, superintendent of Cherokee Central Schools; Chi Shipman, Qualla Boundary Public Library manager; and Michele Galloway, HOPE Center and Pre-K director for CCS. Partners from Unite for Literacy and the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL) also joined the discussion.

The presentation highlighted how the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is blending heritage and innovation to advance literacy, preserve the Cherokee language, and strengthen family connections.

CCS officials noted that attendees shared that the session was inspiring, heartfelt, and energizing, sparking ideas they plan to implement in their own communities.

“We’re proud to share how Cherokee Central Schools and our partners are honoring our language, culture, and families while encouraging innovation in learning,” said Superintendent Girty.

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EBCI ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) School Board election

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

Following is the list of candidates:

Renee Long Cole
Thomas Wolfe "Doolie"
Karen French-Browning
Kenny Davis
Lisa Frady
Carla Neadeau
Lori Taylor

EBCI Referendum Information

This referendum is to measure public opinion regarding the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians) Charter and Governing Document. The referendum is being held pursuant to Res. No. 23 (2025). Below is the question that will be on the ballot.

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

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

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

The Referendum Day is Thurs-

day, March 12, 2026 with polls open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Voter Registration

Registration is now open for the Referendum and will close on March 6, 2026 at 4 p.m. Enrollment Card or Government issued ID is required. You may update your voter registration or make community changes during this time. Please call BOE Office (828) 359-6361 or 359-6362 with any questions.

Request Absentee Application/ Ballot

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

- EBCI Board of Elections

Emergency Food Assistance for EBCI SNAP recipients

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has directed the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) to pause all November SNAP (Food and Nutrition Services) benefits due to the ongoing federal government shutdown. In response, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) leadership has passed Resolution No. 35 (2025) to support Tribal members impacted by this disruption. The resolution includes encouraging Tribal members to utilize the Tribal Food Distribution Program, expanding the Family Support Emergency Pantry, and providing direct financial assistance, if necessary, to SNAP

participants adversely affected by the pause.

If you or a member of your household is an enrolled EBCI member adversely affected by the SNAP delay and lives in Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee, Haywood, or Macon, or Buncombe county, you may be eligible to receive emergency food assistance. To discuss accessing Emergency Food Assistance for EBCI SNAP recipients, please contact one of the following numbers:

- PHHS Administration: 828-359-6180
- Tribal Foods Distribution Program: 828-359-9751
- EBCI WIC: 828-359-6237 or 828-359-6232
- Family Support Services: 828-359-6092

Frequently asked questions about SNAP and the federal shutdown:

Why are November benefits paused?

The federal government is currently shut down. On Oct. 10, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) directed state agencies to delay issuance of November FNS benefits until further notice.

Are October benefits still on my card?

Yes. Any FNS benefits currently on your EBT card remain available to use. Benefits do not expire due to the federal shutdown. Check the balance with ebtEDGE app, online at ebtEDGE.com or call 1-888-622-7328.

Should I still submit my renewal paperwork?

Yes. It is critical that you submit all renewal paperwork by your deadline. If you miss your renewal deadline, your benefits will end, and you will have to reapply. Continue to submit all required documents on time.

I have a recertification interview scheduled. Should I still do it?

Yes. Please complete all

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scheduled interviews and submit all requested paperwork. County DSS staff are continuing to process cases so that benefits can be issued without delay once federal authorization is received.

For more information, NC-DHHS will continue sharing the latest updates about the federal shutdown's impact on NCDHHS programs on its website. EBCI members may contact their local benefits office:

• Qualla Boundary: (828)-497-4317

• Swain: (828)-488-6921

• Jackson: (828)-586-5546

• Graham: (828)-479-7911

• Cherokee: (828)-837-7455

• Haywood: (828)-452-6620

• Macon: (828)-349-2124

• Buncombe: (828)-250-5500

Additional Food resources:

• Visit the PHHS Food Resource Guide: <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/food-resource-guide/>

• MANNA FoodBank & Community Markets: <https://mannafood->

bank.org/where-to-get-help/
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The mission of EBCI Public Health & Human Services is "HONORING our Cherokee community by PROVIDING excellent care, PROMOTING health, and SERVING in a culturally respectful way." Visit our website at <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov>, and follow EBCI PHHS on Facebook (EBCI Public Health & Human Services Division), Instagram (@ebciphhs), and X (@ebciphhs).

- EBCI Public Health and Human Services

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

Dear Yogi Crowe Scholarship Committee Members,

I am deeply honored to once again receive the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship for the Fall 2025 semester. Each award from this fund is more than financial

assistance, it is a reminder of the shared vision we hold for advancing education and leadership within the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. I am sincerely grateful to the Committee for its continued dedication to supporting the academic and professional growth of our tribal members.

This past summer, I successfully completed my first internship course required for my Superintendent's license, an experience that allowed me to apply leadership practices directly within school settings while gaining deeper insight into district-level systems and improvement processes. During the Fall 2025 semester, I will continue my doctoral work at Western Carolina University and make further progress on my disquisition, which focuses on strengthening teacher efficacy in suicide prevention and mental health awareness. This research is grounded in the belief that well-supported educators are key to the success and wellness of our students, especially from an Indigenous lens.

The Yogi Crowe Scholarship allows me to focus deeply on both my leadership preparation and scholarly writing. It strengthens my confidence as a Native scholar and motivates me to share this work broadly across professional circles, from regional to national levels, where Indigenous perspectives are both needed and valued. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Committee for believing in my work and continuing to invest in the future of Cherokee education.

Sgi,

Consuela B. Girty
Big Cove Community

A sincere note of thanks

The Hattie Panther family would like to express a special thank you to Vicki and Albert Sluder for the beautiful songs and to Brother Harley Maney Jr. for a wonderful message.

We appreciate everyone who brought food or sent food to help feed the family. Thanks to Chief Hicks, Vice Chief Ensley and staff for the awesome meal you sent.

Special thanks to Tsali Care (Memory Unit) staff and Crisp Funeral Home. Alos thanks to Rocks Spring Singers who came to sing for her at Tsali Care. The singing was beautiful, and we enjoyed the sweet fellowship.

We also want to extend our appreciation to the Tribal Construction workers for fixing the road to the cemetery and to all the grave diggers.

Thanks to everyone who was a part of her life. Hattie was a loving, caring, mom grandmother, aunt or friend to all who knew her. She will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,

Beverly, Ernie, Sammy, Pam, and Grandchildren

Thank you to sponsors of Monster Photo Contest

On behalf of the Cherokee One Feather, thank you to our Monster Photo Contest Sponsors: Andy Shaw Ford, Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation, Bearmeat's Indian Den, Medicine Man Craft Shop, and Kituwah, LLC. Thank you to everyone who entered their photos in that contest which included categories of Toddler, Youth, Group, Adult, and Pets. This was our twelfth year holding this contest, and we are looking forward to next year's entries.

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COMMENTARY

What would be fair?

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

Let me start by saying how much I appreciate the testimony of Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks at the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hearing concerning Senator Tillis' bill S.107. You won't see me doing that much. My personal ethics are that I keep my personal opinions out of the public area when it comes to our politicians, because I feel a moral obligation to be objective in my coverage of our leadership.

That being said, I do think that Ugviyuhi Hicks represented us in a dignified, calm, and calculated manner. It is not easy to keep your cool when passions are high and so much is on the line. And Senate committee hearings are probably one of the most intimidating government-to-government forums in the world. So, I say well done to the Chief and his team in the representation of our tribe.

I have seen many comments on his testimony that amount to armchair quarterbacking and backseat driving. I believe that there was a strategic and coordinated presentation by our Ugviyuhi and Shawnee Chief Ben Barnes. Ugviyuhi Hicks presented the case from the perspective of the financial impact on all federally recognized tribes, resulting from a potentially haphazard approach by the federal government regarding federal recognition.

Now, our tribe has been criticized by even one of our "blood brothers", Senator Markwayne

Mullin (R-Okla.), for even suggesting potential financial impacts, when the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has never once said that the Lumbee should be denied recognition based on monetary consideration. But it would be foolish, childish even, to ignore the impact on all federally recognized tribes if the recognition continues to be misused and politicized by allowing the federal legislature, made up almost entirely of those not of indigenous descent, and not using cultural and historical criteria to be the determinants of federal recognition. Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) scolded our Ugviyuhi for bringing this up, while Senator Schatz's official webpage celebrated his ability to secure funds for Native Hawaiians to the tune of "hundreds of millions of dollars" for his Native Hawaiian community as a former chairperson of the Indian Affairs Committee.

In the mission statement of the Office of Federal Acknowledgment, it states the following: "By applying anthropological, genealogical, and historical research methods, OFA reviews, verifies, and evaluates groups' petitions for Federal acknowledgment as Indian Tribes. OFA makes recommendations for proposed findings and final determinations to the AS-IA, consults with petitioners and third parties, provides copies of 25 CFR Part 83 and its guidelines, prepares technical assistance review letters, maintains petitions and administrative correspondence files, and conducts special research projects for the Department. OFA also performs other administrative duties that include maintaining its web page and responding to appeals, litigation, and Freedom of Information Act requests."

If certain members of the committee were looking for ways to inflame and perpetuate Native hate, they could not have done a better job. For leaders of one nation to address another nation in the manner that Senator Mullin and Senator Schatz addressed Ugviyuhi Hicks and Chief Barnes was disrespectful to both men and to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and to the Shawnee Nation.

According to Finbold.com, Senator Mullin's net worth is between \$23,738,148 and \$100,151,999, based on a 2023 financial disclosure report. Senator Schatz's reported worth is between \$345,026 and \$6,450,998 (the ambiguity is due to lax reporting requirements and the volatile realty market; in Senator Schatz's case, most of his reported worth is in real estate). It is easy to see how millionaires might forget how to address guest dignitaries in a formal forum. When we see this kind of nastiness and lack of courtesy between the administration and legislators in hearings, it makes us sad. When we see it from United States legislators to tribal heads of state, it is disgusting, and it should be grounds for dismissal from the committee.

Senator Schatz did everything but wave a scepter when he addressed our Ugviyuhi. He said, "You cannot say we are not permitted to recognize a tribe. That is a constitutional obligation and authority of the Congress, specifically the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. So, if you want to make the argument that you need to build a historical record and you trust this agency within an agency more than you trust us, that's fine. But this is still our authority. And we clearly intend to exercise it."

I got it. Again, when you're rich and entitled, it is easy to forget that you are a public servant, one charged with truth-telling and courtesy. After a couple of minutes ranting basically that "you're not the boss of me", Senator Schatz was corrected by one of his fellow committee members.

Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) said, "I am sorry, but I am not hearing anybody saying that we don't have that authority. I think it is very clear that people recognize that there is a dual track here. And the question is... the Lumbee have chosen one path, and they are asking us members of Congress to support that path. And there is another side that is saying that there is an evidence-based path. That is what's before us. I did not hear from anybody, nor have I heard that somehow, they are preventing us as members of Congress from doing our jobs. Speaking for me, as a member, I do recognize that."

After Senator Schatz then recanted, sort of, by saying he didn't think he heard it during the hearing, but he had heard it somewhere, sometime.

As Chief Barnes shared with the committee, "The Shawnee Tribe and other tribal nations exist today because our ancestors endured forced removal, warfare, termination policies, and the boarding school system. We entered into treaties with the United States as a consequence of these policies and actions. Federal acknowledgment of a group cannot create a tribe. Federal recognition does not make a tribe. It acknowledges a tribal sovereign that pre-existed the creation of the United States."

Ugviyuhi Hicks said, "If this Committee and the Congress

It has been said over and over, by my colleagues and by many of you who are part of the One Feather readership family, that this is a difference in ideology, not hatred of people. This is a painful process because there are many personal friendships that exist today between Lumbee people and the Cherokee tribe. Some choose a mentality of hatred on both sides of the argument. The newsfeed is often riddled with name-calling and threats. Others take a clinical approach, looking at it as a sterile

Four senators were involved in the discussion: Chairperson Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Vice Chairperson Brian Schatz, Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, and Sen. Markwayne Mullin. Seven did not participate. Those senators not speaking were John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), Tina Smith (D-Minn.), Mike Rounds

Senator Cortez Masto: “I understand the two ways to do this. One is to get the votes in Congress, and there is no guarantee you will get that, but there is also an evidence-based approach. I am not in a position to look out into the audience, unlike some of my colleagues, and say who is a member and who isn’t. Just like I don’t think I should be looking out in my community and saying just because you have brown skin, you’re undocumented. So there has to be an evidence-based approach. And that is why it was created in Congress. But if it is not working, I would want to know. Because that is not fair. But we need to hear that conversation. So let me ask, talk to me about this evidence-based approach and why

Ugviyuh Hicks: "Without question."

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“Where the women go,
the culture goes.”
— *Phylicia Rashad*

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To Senator Mullin

By BROOKLYN BROWN
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

During the Legislative Hearing on the Lumbee Fairness Act on the afternoon of Wednesday, Nov. 5, United States Senator Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.), a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, made some remarks that are damaging to the Cherokee people – Cherokee Nation, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians - and the rest of Indian Country.

Sen. Mullin opened questioning by discussing his experience as

a white passing Native person and then demanded that Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks turn around and look at the Lumbee people in the crowd and “tell [him] they are not Native,” practicing gross phenotypical racism which he himself testified to be a victim of in his experiences as a Native congressman.

In the final minutes of the hearing, U.S. Senator Catherine Marie Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) rebutted Sen. Mullin’s earlier remark, “I’m not in a position to look in the audience, and like some of my colleagues, to say whose a member and who isn’t, just like I’m not in a position that I should think I should be looking out in my communities and saying just because you have brown skin, you’re undocumented.”

Sen. Cortez Masto masterfully

demonstrated the dangers of Sen. Mullin’s line of questioning, which is racial profiling that is harmful to the sovereignty of tribal nations in determining citizenship, and the battle against racist stereotypes that have plagued Indian Country since colonization. That type of phenotyping, as the senator explained, is part of what has caused fear in minority communities in recent deportation issues.

Sen. Mullin also asked Ugvwiyuhi Hicks to confirm that there was a “split” between the Cherokee Nation and the EBCI, referring to the Indian Removal. He said he was descended from those who walked, and the EBCI are descended from those who “stayed behind,” and in the same breath stated that he believes the EBCI should be considered descendants of the Cherokee Nation, rather than a separate sovereign nation. Sen. Mullin’s categorization of Cherokee “history,” which seemed much more like a targeted dig at the EBCI, was simply ahistorical and asinine.

The “split” Sen. Mullin refers to is one of the darkest eras of American history, in which the Cherokee people were forcibly separated. Families were torn apart. We did not “split,” like a boy band

in the ‘90’s. We were ripped from each other’s arms. And we did not “stay behind,” like choosing to stay home rather than going on vacation. We hid, we starved, we fought, we were executed, we sold our homes for nothing, we lost everything, including our families to mass graves in the West, and we had to rebuild from the ground up. Given Sen. Mullin’s history as a Cherokee person, I am deeply saddened that he would characterize the darkest part of our history in this way.

The Cherokee Nation, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, we are all Aniyvwiyah. Anikituwah. And we each have significant histories that make us the strong sister nations we are today. Just like The Three Sisters that have sustained us since time immemorial. To discredit any part of those histories is a dagger to the heart of our people.

To Senator Mullin, I had a Cherokee Nation elder explain to me that uneg is not a color, but a character. I am here to tell to you that your biggest fears are true. You’re uneg. And not because of the color of your skin, but because of the content of your character.

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COMMENTARY

When one of ours betrays us - An apology to the Eastern Band

By TROY LITTLEDEER

for Kituwah Press

(Special thanks to Suzette Brewer)

STILWELL, Okla. — Senator Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.) has co-sponsored a bill to grant recognition to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina - a state-recognized group whose ancestry and identity have long been a source of deep controversy among neighboring Native nations.

As Cherokee people, bound to you by blood, language, clans and history, we owe you an apology.

We are sorry for the desecration inflicted by one of our own who has lit the match to undermine the sovereignty our ancestors fought to protect.

We are sorry that as you stand on your sovereign right to defend the integrity of the federal recognition process, you are being undermined by a U.S. Senator who, by his own citizenship, should know better.

It is a profound embarrassment that one of “ours” – a citizen of the Cherokee Nation - is the one co-sponsoring the Lumbee Fairness Act.

We apologize to all of Indian Country for the fact that the only Cherokee citizen in the U.S. Senate is also one of the most dangerously out-of-touch people in Washington on the subjects of tribal sovereignty, federal law, and our own history. We are sorry you have been forced to endure his incompetence and denounce his words and actions in regards to

the negative impact they have had on American Indians and Alaska Natives.

For anyone who has not been paying attention, Sen. Mullin has a staggering record of legislative attacks on tribal sovereignty and policies that prioritize political and financial gain over Indigenous rights.

In 2018, for example, Sen. Mullin stood on C-SPAN’s Washington Journal and, in a discussion about the Trail of Tears, referred to it as a “volunteer walk.” He appeared to minimize the forced removal and ethnic cleansing of 60,000 of our own ancestors as a choice. This is not an allegation; it is on tape in his own words.

The Lumbee have historically made - and later abandoned - claims of descent or connection to numerous tribal nations, depending on the political context.

In the late 19th century, they identified as “Croatan Indians,” asserting ties to the Hatteras and the so-called Lost Colony of Roanoke. By the early 1900s, they rebranded as “Cherokee Indians of Robeson County,” then later as “Siouan” or “Cheraw Indians.” During the 1930s and 1940s, their petitions invoked links to the Catawba, Waccamaw, Pamlico, and Tuscarora, among others.

The modern name “Lumbee,” adopted in 1953 after the Lumber River, was meant to unify these diverse claims, but many neighboring Native nations - including the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Catawba, and Tuscarora - continue to dispute the group’s asserted, but unverified, ancestry.

Meanwhile, Sen. Mullin’s office was simultaneously, according to the United Keetoowah Band, a federally recognized Indian nation with ancient lineage, language, clans and culture that has existed for thousands of years, drafting “legislative language” that would “terminate the UKB” by stripping its land rights.

He is playing God with recognition in one state while playing Andrew Jackson with a Keetoowah Cherokee land base in his own.

As a Congressman in 2013, Sen. Mullin voted against the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. This was the landmark version that finally restored tribal jurisdiction over non-Natives who commit violence on our lands. He voted against the tool tribes needed to protect our women.

Today, Sen. Markwayne Mullin has built his brand by railing against “DEI” as a “waste of money.” Yet he now champions

a bill that, at its core, is the very embodiment of political favoritism - an act that would legitimize a group with a century-long record of shapeshifting ancestry claims while gutting the sovereignty of the United Keetoowah Band and desecrating the hard-won principles and legal standards for federal recognition.

You can’t call the Trail of Tears a “volunteer walk” and then claim to be a moral authority on tribal history.

You can’t vote against protecting our women and then pretend you are a defender of tribal rights.

You can’t try to “terminate” one tribe’s land base and then, with a straight face, co-sponsor a “fairness” act for another.

To the Eastern Band, we stand with you - in solidarity, in truth, and in grief. We see the deep wound this inflicts, the generations of erasure it echoes, and we are profoundly sorry for the harm and disrespect this betrayal represents.

It is the oldest, most treacherous story in our history: the knife that cuts deepest is the one wielded by those who trade the blood of their ancestors for proximity to power, forgetting the sacred fire that made them who they are.



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THE GOOD STUFF

Micah Swimmer shares culture and hope

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – I have known Micah Swimmer for years, and one thing that has always impressed me about him is his hope surrounding Cherokee culture and language. Whenever I see him at events, he is always sharing and educating.

Micah, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Aniwodihhi (Painttown), has worked previously at New Kituwah Academy as the adult language and education coordinator, and he presently works for the EBCI Human Resources Division as the Cherokee language and education coordinator. He also serves as the Aniwodihhi (Painttown) Rep. for the Cherokee School Board.

In 2017, Micah, a Cherokee second language learner, received a master's in Indigenous studies degree from the University of Kansas (KU) College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. At that time, he was quoted in the KU Facebook page, "Working in some capacity with my language has been a lifelong dream of mine."

In 2008, he received a bachelor of arts degree in American Indian studies from Haskell Indian Nations University.

Several years ago, I interviewed Micah for an article on the language, and he stressed the importance of language learning and listening to fluent speakers. "Once it's gone, it's gone. You're going to have recordings, you're going



Micah Swimmer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Aniwodihhi (Painttown), is shown singing for the Aniyvwiya Dancers, a youth group he oversees, at the Kituwah Celebration on June 9, 2025. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather photo)

to have words written down on paper, but you're not going to have the flow of the language anymore. It's like smoke. You see it for just that second and then it's gone forever. That's how it is. That's how the language is. When they're sitting there speaking Cherokee, if there's not a recorder there, there needs to be because they might bring up an old word that no one has used in a long time. And, it's there for a second and then it's gone."

At that time, he also said, "If everyone will learn just a word a

day and begin working on phrases, then there is hope."

Micah was one of the people selected to represent the EBCI on the 2019 Remember the Removal Ride which is a bicycle ride from New Echota, Ga. to Tahlequah, Okla. retracing the northern route of the Trail of Tears – a journey which gave him the opportunity to learn more about tribal history.

According to the University of Tennessee, Micah "led the university's first-ever course that centered Cherokee language instruction within a broader discussion of

contemporary Cherokee culture".

He currently oversees the Aniyvwiya Dancers which is a Cherokee youth group who perform traditional Cherokee dances at various events – a role that gives him the opportunity to pass knowledge about culture, language, and culture to the next generation.

All of these things culminate in a man who is passionate about sharing his culture and passionate about keeping it going in his homelands.

Report from Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper



Aniwodihi (Painttown)
Rep. Michael Stamper
(Photo contributed)

Hello everyone,

My name is Michael Stamper, and I have the honor of serving as the Council Representative for the Painttown Community. If you're unfamiliar with me, I began my role in January 2023, filling the remaining months of the term vacated by the late and great Miss Tommye Saunooke. Since then, I've had the great privilege of being re-elected twice to continue serving the Painttown Community.

I was a big fan of Miss Tommye. When we reflect on the careers of our Tribal Representatives and their accomplishments, her name always stands out—especially for one of her most memorable phrases: “We’re Tribal Council; we are the keepers of the purse.” While that saying will always be associated with her, one of the many things she will also be remembered for is her community report, which she mailed to her constituents.

That brings me to the reason

for this article. Over the past few years, I've visited many homes and spoken with numerous community members, and a common request has been: “Can you send out a community report like Tommye used to?” I'll admit that I tried to replicate her approach during my first term, but the reality is - there will never be another representative like Miss Tommye.

So, rather than trying to recreate what she did so well, I decided to take a different route by using the resources available today to create something similar, but with a broader reach. The Cherokee One Feather is an incredible communication tool for the EBCI, reaching far more readers than any mailing list I could assemble. I don't believe in “reinventing the wheel,” so I reached out to the editor of the One Feather to explore how we could collaborate - creating an outlet that both serves our community and helps answer some of the questions the publication often has of our Tribal Government officials.

This brings me to this article - my first, and hopefully the beginning of a long and meaningful series. In this introductory piece, I want to share my goals for this effort and my commitment to improving transparency between your Tribal Government and all enrolled members. Of course, transparency can only be achieved through cooperation—both from those providing the information and those receiving it.

I want you to feel the respect and dedication I'm putting into these articles. This effort takes time and care because I believe every enrolled member deserves a better understanding of what your Tribal Government is doing each month. This venture is for enrolled members, and solely for enrolled

members. In keeping with current Tribal Government policy, specific financial figures will not be included.

I humbly ask that when I share information, it is received and discussed respectfully. I'm more than happy to answer questions related to finances, as long as that information is treated with the care it deserves. Unfortunately, while the One Feather is a great platform, it's also publicly accessible - meaning that groups not part of any federally recognized tribe can read, copy, and use our information in ways that could undermine the established federal recognition process for legitimate Native tribes. For that reason, I must sometimes withhold details that could be used against our people. I hope you understand and respect that decision.

With that said, this column will be shaped by what the enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) truly want to know. This is your report, and the content will reflect your interests and priorities.

Here's the format you can expect for future articles:

- **Community Events**
 - o Upcoming events
 - o Recaps of recent events
- **Project Updates**
 - o Current projects and projected deadlines
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 - o Potential future projects
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- **Work Sessions**
 - o Upcoming sessions
 - o Summaries of recently held sessions and outcomes
- **Monthly Question from Readers**

o Each month, I'll answer one or more popular questions submitted by readers.

o This is your opportunity to ask about matters that may have gone unanswered. Please remember that questions must be asked respectfully, and financial details cannot be disclosed.

While travel and representation at various meetings are important aspects of our roles, I believe that travel updates should be shared directly by each community's representative, as they vary based on the individual. I also will not disclose meeting strategies or political discussions that could create unnecessary conflicts. As your representative, I'm committed to working with all parties in the best interest of the EBCI as a whole.

In closing, I want to say how truly excited I am to connect with more enrolled members through this new venture. While I represent the Painttown community, I also believe my responsibility extends to the entire EBCI, and this platform will help ensure that everyone stays informed.

Thank you all for your continued support - I hope you enjoy this new way of staying connected.

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Easy Peasy

Part 2 of 2

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

Scripture References: Proverbs 14:12, Romans 1:28, Hebrews 5:14, 1Kings 3:9

Yes, I agree we are to love the sinner and hate the sin, but if the package is one and the same, I must go back to old-school thought. The antichristian point of view is to make an example of Jesus and quote His commandment to 'love one another.' As Christians, we cannot deny that Jesus said to love one another is the second greatest commandment. But do I need to bring out all the places written in red where Jesus condemns those He didn't win over? Yes, Jesus did not win or convert everyone He met to His

Good News. Some tried to kill Him on the spot; others just turned and walked away. Remember, this is the same Christ who whipped and threw a righteous fit over the money changers in the temple. He is the same Jesus who cursed towns and Pharisees for their wicked thoughts, actions, and disbelief. Fashion yourself with that idea of 'Love Your Neighbor.'

It is all about context. Some will never come to Christ and have been given over to their evil thoughts. Many were asked, and few were chosen. Yes, God wants all to come to His table – the wedding feast, but some who reject the invitation might not get asked again.

Romans 1:28 "And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;"

Satan is a liar, and if you think he isn't any good at it, you'd be dead wrong. Eternally, dead

wrong. He doesn't have to tell us that something is good when it is clearly not and profoundly against God's word. He tells us it doesn't matter or that there are many ways to get to heaven, or if you travel far enough away from home, you can do what you want; it's not really sinning. As Christians, we all need to take a long, hard look at the plumb line and see what's straight and what is crooked. That's the test; God's word is the plum line.

Maybe you're a cherry picker. You know, one of those folks who relate to portions of the Bible that suit their lifestyle and disregard the rest. How easy is it to distinguish right and wrong now? Examine yourselves, and I'll examine myself. We have moved too far, and our index line on the scale towards death is dropping faster than the Dow Jones after the Trade Towers were knocked down. Hebrews 5:14 "But solid food is for full-grown men, even those who by

reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil." 1Kings 3:9 "Give thy servant therefore an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this thy great people?"

There is no compromise when considering my Christian beliefs and God's Word. To think contrary to this world sets us apart and puts us in the crosshairs as a target for persecution. So be it. I am blessed. God, and Father, Lord Above All, it is so easy to do wrong when we lose sight of You and Your Word. Forgive us when we forget that we are not number one and that our wisdom is extremely lacking compared to Yours. Lord, remind us You are in control, and Your way is the only right way to live. Keep us strong and bold to stand for our convictions, that You give us through Your Word and Spirit. Amen.



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*The Lord is good, a stronghold
in the day of trouble;*

*and He knows
those who trust
in Him.*

NAHUM 1:7

Amber Waves

JUDGES, NOW THAT WE'VE AGREED ON A NAME AND CREATED OUR MAGE, THERE'S ONE LAST THING.



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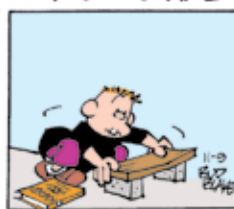


NICE, OUR FIRST BAND BREAK UP. THAT'S SO METAL!



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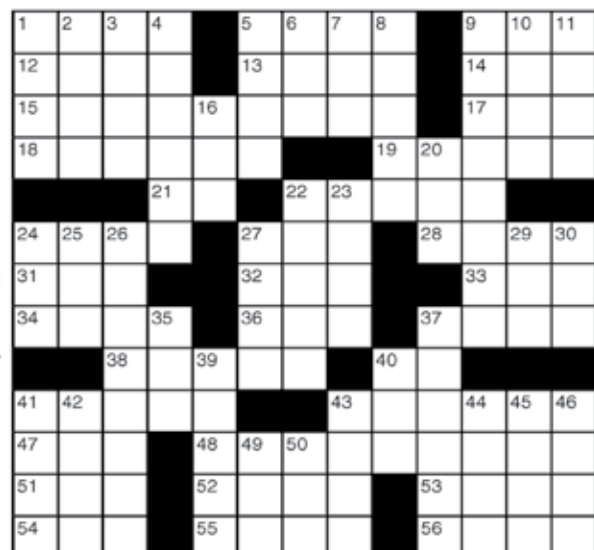
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- SCIENCE: What is the study of clouds called?
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- ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym GPS stand for?
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- HISTORY: When was Earth Day first celebrated?
- ANATOMY: What is a common name for the condition known as piloerection?
- MOVIES: Which city was the setting for the movie "The Sting"?
- MATH: How many yards are in a mile?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby ferret called?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which celebrity chef stars on the cooking show "Hell's Kitchen"?

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1. Nephology; 2. Scotland; 4. 13 feet high; 3. Global Positioning System; 4. Duff; 5. 1970; 6. Goosebumps; 7. Chicago; 8. 1,760; 9. A kit; 10. Gordon Ramsay



Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi in Cherokee, N.C. Good fun, great prizes, great benefit.
• Nov. 15 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for travel expenses for family of Sharri Panther

EBCI Community Events

Books on the Boundary: "The Buffalo Hunter Hunter" by Stephen Graham Jones (Blackfeet Nation). Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C.
Books on the Boundary: A Museum of the Cherokee People Reading Circle gathers to discuss "The Buffalo Hunter Hunter" by master of horror Stephen Graham Jones (Blackfeet Nation).

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

Native American Heritage Month Celebration. Nov. 17 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Snowbird Community Library 60 Snowbird School Road Robbinsville, NC 2877. Fun night of reading, crafts, and food all centered around Kevin Noble Mallard's book, Fry bread: A Native American Story. Hinigoliya participants can earn extra points attending.

Infant/ Early Childhood Mental Health Symposium. Nov. 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harrah's Cherokee Casino 777 Casino Dr., Cherokee, NC. 28719. Follow link to register. [https://](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/yP4Lk-jLAHB)

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MANNA Foodbank. Nov. 20 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Wolf-town Gym 27 Long Branch Rd. Cherokee, N.C. Free grocery staples, produce and other perishables. For more information contact Megan Stamper (828) 359-6934.

Turkey Strut 5K. Nov. 22 at Kituwah. Registration starts at 11 a.m. Race begins at 12 p.m. Proceeds from this event will be donated to Sunrise Community for Recovery and Wellness. \$15 early sign-up. Price increases to \$20 after Nov. 2. To register online, visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/BrysonCity/Cherokee5KTurkeyStrut>. Info: Yolanda Saunooke (828) 359-6784 or yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

Big Y Turkey Bingo. Nov. 22 starting 5:30 p.m. at 2641 Wrights Creek Rd., Cherokee, N.C.

Gadugi Fest. Nov. 25 starting at 5:30 p.m. at Yellowhill Activity Center 1416 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC. 28719 Presented by the EBCI Community and RezHope.

Big Y Thanksgiving Diner. Nov. 27 starting at 12 p.m. at Big Y Gym 2641 Wrights Creek Rd, Cherokee. NC. 28719. Bring a side dish or dessert. All are welcome, come join us.

Christmas Bazaar. Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Pam Taylor Painttown Gym 10 Old Gap Rd, Cherokee, NC. 28719. Indian dinners starting at 11am \$15. Sponsored by NAIWA, for tables contact Lucille Wolfe (828) 736-5285

Tsalagi Magical Christmas Parade. Dec. 13 at 5 p.m., Downtown Cherokee, Cherokee, NC. 28719. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center (828) 359-6491 or email chriswatt@ebci-nsn.gov

Cherokee Cultural/Historical Events

Corn Husk Doll Workshop with Laura Walkingstick (EBCI). Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio in Cherokee, N.C. Make your own corn husk doll with step-by-step instructions. All materials and doll stand included in \$50 registration fee. Open to enrolled members of federally recognized tribes. Register here: bit.ly/4hFh9vf

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

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

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Submit your pet to us at:
Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com

Include the following:
Name, breed, age, human's name(s), community/town



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

Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Didanvda-disdi (Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day) event. Nov. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Kalvgviditsa Tsalagi Aniwonisgi Tsunatsohisdihi (Cherokee Speakers Place) in Cherokee, N.C. This ceremony will honor the lives of the first language Cherokee speakers who passed in 2025. There will be remarks, flag presentation, and a Memorial bell ringing. Refreshments will be served after the event. Info: Kayla Pheasant (828) 359-6404, kaylphea@ebci-nsn.gov, or Scarlett guy at scarguy@ebci-nsn.gov.

Cherokee History & Stories with Kathi Littlejohn (EBCI). Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. at the Museum of

the Cherokee People TJ Holland Education Room in Cherokee, N.C. Storyteller and historian Kathi Littlejohn (EBCI) offers an accessible lecture on Cherokee history. Topics vary monthly.

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel like you have all the answers right now. But it might be wise to listen to other ideas before you decide to close the lid on other possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines give and expect loyalty, so it might not be easy to reconcile with someone you feel let you down. Why not ask a neutral party to set up a clear-the-air meeting?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Anticipating the holidays with family and friends fuels your must-do Gemini energies. But try to pace yourself so that you'll be up for whatever comes along later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) More background information might come through regarding a decision you expect to make. Be sure to check the source carefully before you move.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The strong, nurturing nature of the Lion comes through this week as you reach out to family and friends in need of your warm and loving support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship that has almost totally unraveled could be close to being restored with more effort on your part to be more patient and less judgmental.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of fair play is strong this week, which can cause a problem with a longtime relationship. But in the end, you'll know what decision to make.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might not know all the facts behind an unwelcome development, so keep your Scorpion temper in check and resist lashing out at anyone.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to reinforce relationships with family, friends and colleagues that might have been overlooked in recent years.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family situations continue to thrive. Business associations also improve. Some holiday plans might have to be shifted a bit. Be flexible.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Avoid any influence of negative energy in this week's aspect by not allowing small problems to grow into large ones. Work them out immediately.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need advice on how to deal with a challenge to their moral values. And who better than you to give the honest answer? Good luck!

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of honor and determination that is palpable and inspires others to follow your lead.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Don't believe every rumor

The numbers are small — only 100 or so veterans come down with it every year — but this cancer is especially deadly: male breast cancer. Beginning in 2024 it was added as a presumptive on the VA's list of illnesses that were automatically covered, courtesy of the PACT Act, due to toxin exposure.

And now it's been yanked off that list, per a couple of internet websites and street rumors that are flying fast and furious.

Word is that any veteran with a diagnosis of male breast cancer is going to have to scramble and fight to get the VA to accept that it was caused by exposure to toxins and provide treatment.

Except ... is it really true, that it's been deleted from the list?

Apparently not.

People were asleep at the switch when male breast cancer was classified as a "reproductive" cancer when it was first added to the PACT list of presumptives. That kind of error left the door open to deleting it from the list of presumptives — just when it's needed most. Historically, only 1% of breast cancers have been in male patients, but in recent years that number has doubled.

So no, it's not true. Male breast cancer is still on the list of presumptives. Only the category of the illness has changed, moving it away from considering it a "reproductive organ," which it is not.

And yes, I have a special interest in this topic. Several years ago a close relative died of male breast cancer. He'd been a Marine, a forward radio operator, in Vietnam where he was sprayed too many times with Agent Orange. When he came back he was stationed at Camp Lejeune with its contaminated water. A double whammy if there ever was one.

If you need to apply for VA health coverage, go online to www.va.gov and click on "Health Care." Look for VA Form 10-10EZ. If you need help getting started, call the health benefits hotline at 877-222-8387.

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Is my cat going blind?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My 12-year-old cat, "Gaston," may be losing his vision. He used to jump on high objects easily; now he avoids jumping up or down. He loved chasing his laser light; now he just huddles down and seems to ignore it. At night, he meows loudly until I let him into my bedroom, where he insists on curling up with me. I have an appointment with the veterinarian for next week, but can his vision loss be reversed? — Jeanne in Evanston, Illinois

DEAR JEANNE: I'm very glad that you're taking Gaston to see the vet. With suspected vision loss, it's very important to get your cat tested to determine how severe it is and the underlying cause.

Blindness in cats can be gradual or sudden, and there are many conditions that can cause it. Age, infection and common eye conditions like glaucoma, cataracts or retinal detachment are all in play here.

Can Gaston's vision loss be reversed? That really depends on what the vet finds. I can say that the sooner a problem is diagnosed, the better the chances of treatment to reverse or at least halt vision loss.

Cats whose blindness is progressive or irreversible can adapt. Those who develop it gradually tend to adapt better, while those whose vision loss is sudden may experience more anxiety and be less prone to adapt.

You can support your vision-impaired cat by keeping them indoors (if they must go out, create a fenced-in area of your yard for them). Avoid moving furniture too often. And don't coddle your cat by carrying them around. Let them explore and adapt — their resilience will surprise you.

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

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Snowbird School Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C., every fourth Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All ages are welcome.

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

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

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

Lands Committee. Nov. 13 at 9 a.m.

Parks & Rec. Committee. Nov. 13 at 1 p.m.

Roads Commission. Nov. 17 at 9 a.m.

Timber Committee. Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Planning Board. Nov. 17 at 1 p.m.

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

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

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 17 (TERO Certification). Nov. 19 at 11 a.m.

Qualla Housing Committee. Nov. 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Confirmation Hearing for Tagan Crowe to the Qualla Enterprises, LLC Board of Directors. Nov. 24 at 9 a.m.

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 39 (Establishment of a Fire and Rescue Commission). Nov. 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Pow Wow Listings
5th Annual Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow. Nov. 15 at Greenwood Laboratory School at MSU in Springfield, Mo. MC: Shannon Leroy. Host Drum: Drowning Creek. Info: American Indian Center of Springfield (417) 880-1570, info@aicspringfield.org

Carolina Good Medicine Pow Wow. Nov. 21-23 at Camp Ho Non Wah in Wadmalaw Island, S.C. MC: Chris Bryant. Head Southern Singer: Homer Dearmin. Info: James Barton (843) 557-7038, [\[medicine.org\]\(http://medicine.org\)](mailto:chairmain@carolinagood-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

Carolina University Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397.

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

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

Western N.C. and Beyond Events Duke/ Indigipopx. Nov. 14-16 at the Penn Pavilion, Nasher Museum of Art and Duke University Libraries, Durham, N.C. Guests: Roy Boney, Arigon Starr, Tiio Horn, Dale Deforest, Weyodi Oldbear and more.

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.

Holiday Handcrafters Fair. Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center 123 Cromwell Dr, Townsend, TN, 37882. Local artisans, handmade treasures, and the sounds and scents of an old-fashioned Smoky Mountain Christmas. Contact Terence Norman (423)355-8575.

Poetry reading with Kathryn Kirkpatrick and Annie Woodford. Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore 3 E Jackson St., Sylva, NC. 28779. They will read from their latest poetry collections, Creature and Peasant. Informa-

tion call (828) 586-9499.

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.

2026 Softball Tryouts. Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. at the Fairview Baseball Fields, 264 Fairview Rd., Sylva, N.C. Info: Sam Wolfe (828) 736-7380 or Stehpanie Ashe 508-6292

Jackson County Republican

Party monthly meeting. Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. at party headquarters at 40 W. Sylva Shopping Area in Sylva, N.C. The person who brings the most first-time, new visitors (minimum of two) will receive a free hat or a raffle ticket.

Day After Thanksgiving Hike.

Nov. 28 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. at Red Clay State Historic Park 1140 Red Clay Park Rd SW., Cleveland, TN. 37311. FREE, meet at the Visitor Center. Skip the stores and get outdoors! Join us for a tour of the historic Red Clay Council Grounds this Black Friday. Learn about the

history and culture of the Cherokee at Red Clay in the 1830s while viewing our replica structures, the Eternal Flame Memorial, and the Blue Hole Spring. Call (423) 478-0339 to register for the event.

Asheville Anime Fest.

Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Haywood park Hotel One Battery Park Ace., Asheville, NC. 2880. Asheville Anime-Fest is an anime collectors' mecca convention located in the beautiful City of Asheville, North Carolina. Striving to be North Carolina's best and truest anime convention featuring fandoms of multiple genres. As a long-time collector of anime, manga and pop culture items the promoter brings North Carolina an event that will satisfy all anime fandom! Information: www.ashevilleanimefest.com

Christmas at Red Clay.

Dec. 14 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Red Clay State Historic Park 1140 Red Clay Park Rd SW., Cleveland, TN. 37311. There will be 4 tours to sign up for. Come enjoy a lantern-lit tour of the historic Red Clay Council Grounds, led by a living history guide from the 19th century. Learn about the Cherokees' activities during the harsh winter months and the missionaries' impacts on Cherokee life. Call (423) 889-3249 to register.

Cherokee Community Clubs

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

Widagalinidisgv (Big Y) Com-

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

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Com-

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

Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee

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

Aniwodihi (Painttown) Com-

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

Tutiya (Snowbird) Commu-

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

Tow String Community

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

Wayohi (Wolftown) Com-

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

MISSING PERSON

David Kyle Storbakken

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 6'0" Weight: 120 lbs Age: 42
Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Male

Last contact: May 11, 2025

Last Known Location: St. Paul, Minnesota

Circumstances of Disappearance: David Storbakken was last seen on May 11, 2025, around 3:00 am near Rice St & Hwy 36, in Roseville, Minnesota. He was wearing a gray sweatshirt and white pants. David is known to travel between Duluth, Bemidji, St. Paul and Minneapolis, MN. David's family is very concerned about his disappearance. It's not like David to not reach out to his sister or others. David is missing 8 fingers that were amputated in March 2025 due to severe frost bite. He has a faded eagle tattoo on his hand (unknown which hand).

If you have seen or have information concerning David Storbakken, contact Officer Mark McGinn, Saint Paul Police Department (651) 291-1111.

Source: Namus.gov



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Dwayne "Tuff" Jackson (828) 788-4088, dwayne4251@gmail.com

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

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

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

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Night Service 6 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Pastor Tim Barker

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

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

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness 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.



Hardy mums

Unlike "florist mums" that are grown only for fall flowering and treated as annuals, "hardy mums" are cold-hardy garden perennials. These plants grow best in rich soil with a slightly acidic to neutral soil pH (6.2 to 7.0). Good drainage is needed to avoid root rot. Hardy mums are photoperiodic, meaning they bloom in response to shorter days and longer nights, so don't plant them near street lights; artificial lighting wreaks havoc with their flowering.

- Brenda Weaver

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

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

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

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Nathan (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Though Paul was born in Tarus of Cilicia, where was he brought up? *Jerusalem, Shiloh, Jericho, Damascus*
3. What 8-year-old boy served as king of Jerusalem for 100 days? *Shamgar, Jehoiachin, Adino, Sisera*
4. From John 5, who stirred up the water at the pool of Bethesda? *Priest, Angel, Wind, Jesus*
5. Who was Jacob's firstborn as found in Genesis 35? *Reuben, Ehud, Joshua, Elah*
6. From Judges 1, who fed 70 kings at his table? *Benaiah, Nebuchadnezzar, Adoni-bezek, Mephibosheth*

ANSWERS: (1) Neither, (2) Jerusalem, (3) Jehoiachin, (4) Angel, (5) Reuben, (6) Adoni-bezek
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 Nov. 24, 1947, the House of Representatives voted 346 to 17 to approve citations of contempt against 10 Hollywood writers, directors and producers who'd refused to cooperate at hearings dealing with communism in the movie industry held by the House Un-American Activities Committee. The men were sentenced to one year in jail.

• On Nov. 25, 2000, after passing a resolution earlier in the year, the United Nations General Assembly recognized the first International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The resolution marked the anniversary of the death of three sisters — Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa Mirabal — who were murdered in the Dominican Republic in 1960.

• On Nov. 26, 1968, Air Force 1st Lt. James P. Fleming and four other Bell UH-1F helicopter pilots received an urgent message from an Army Special Forces team pinned down by enemy fire. While the first rescue effort failed, Fleming, accompanied by a second pilot, managed to land and pick up the team before discovering upon return to his base that he was nearly out of fuel. He was eventually awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions.

• On Nov. 27, 2015, Pope Francis released a progressive-rock album titled "Pope Francis: Wake Up!" featuring excerpts of the pontiff sermonizing on subjects including peace, the environment and family, and hymns rearranged with guitar and synthesizer.

• On Nov. 28, 1929, a month after the stock market crash, Ernie Nevers, of the Chicago Cardinals, scored a record 40 points in a single game, playing against the Chicago Bears.

• On Nov. 29, 2004, Japanese movie monster Godzilla, a mutant born of nuclear radiation fallout, got a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame — quite a present on his 50th birthday.

• On Nov. 30, 1965, attorney Ralph Nader published "Unsafe at Any Speed: The Designed-in Dangers of the American Automobile." An immediate best-seller, it also launched the passage of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, seatbelt laws in 49 states and other road-safety initiatives.

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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

day 6 p.m. Pastor Justin Hunt (828) 736-1155

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

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

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

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

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

see **EVENTS** next page

Tsalagi MINUTE

Spirit Defenders of Nikwasi

Long ago a powerful unknown tribe invaded Cherokee country, killing people and destroying settlements. When they reached Nikwasi, on the Little Tennessee River, the warriors gathered the women and children in the townhouse and went out to fight. After a long hard fight, they had to retreat.

Suddenly a stranger stood among them, and shouted to the chief to call off his men, that he would drive back the enemy. From his dress and language, the Cherokees thought he was from one of their Overhill Towns. Suddenly they saw a great company of warriors coming out from the side of the mound, and knew they were the Nunehi, the Immortals. The Nunehi poured out of the mound, armed and painted ready to fight, but as soon as they were outside the town they became invisible. They killed all the invaders except a few who were left alive so they could return home and tell the story.

The Nunehi went back inside the mound, but we know they are still there. In the Civil War, the Union Army was going to attack the town of Franklin, present-day location of Nikwasi. But they saw so many Confederate soldiers guarding the town that they passed by. In fact, there were very few men and no soldiers in Franklin. People say the Nunehi protected Nikwasi once again.

Source: Museum of the Cherokee People



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EVENTS: *from page 39*

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 Wolfe-town 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

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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

Event listings are **FREE** of charge. Send your flyers/info to Dawn at dawnarne@ebci-nsn.gov or to Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com

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NOV. 10 - NOV. 16, 2025



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

BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, NOV. 10	TUESDAY, NOV. 11	WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12	THURSDAY, NOV. 13	FRIDAY, NOV. 14	SATURDAY, NOV. 15	SUNDAY, NOV. 16
AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
3:34 AM-5:34 AM 4:02 PM-6:02	4:29 AM-6:29 AM 4:54 PM-6:54 PM	5:18 AM-7:18 AM 5:40 PM-7:40 PM	6:02 AM-8:02 AM 6:23 PM-8:23 PM	6:44 AM-8:44 AM 7:04 PM-9:04 PM-	7:24 AM-9:24 AM 7:44 PM-9:44 PM-	8:04 AM-10:04 AM 8:24 PM-10:24 PM

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court
In the Matter of M.N.P.
Petitioner: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services Department of Human Services

TO: UNKNOWN PARENTS OF THE MINOR CHILD

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

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

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

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

First published this the 29th day of October, 2025.

Jamie Arnold ,
Family Safety Program Attorney
P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
(828)359-1009
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court
In the Matter of M.L.P.

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

TO: UNKNOWN PARENTS OF THE MINOR CHILD

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, M.L.P., born December 17, 2024, is an abused and neglected child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on December 20, 2024.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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



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Raven Fork.

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

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

Raven Fork.

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

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

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

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

Request for Proposals General Notice

Qualla Housing Services
(QHS) of the Cherokee Indian

Housing Division is requesting proposals from all interested qualified contractors for materials and labor to perform the following: REMOVAL/ RE-INSTALLATION OF STEEL FRAME BASKETBALL COURT ROOF AND NEW CONCRETE SLAB

QHS reserves the right to reject all submissions. QHS reserves the right to not award any contract to the lowest bidder. The work to be performed under this RFP is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Bid packages can be picked up at the warehouse or e-mailed to interested parties. Deliver sealed proposals to the QHS warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is December 1st, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. Please contact Michael Lambert at mlambert@ebci-nsn.gov or by phone at 828-359-6841. **11/26**

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The home team must provide the referee with 36 footballs for each National Football League game.
- Only three countries in the world are entirely surrounded by one other country.
- Research has shown that individual breathing patterns, including the timing, volume and rhythm of chest movements, can be used to identify people with up to 97% accuracy.
- The world's rarest hair and eye color combo is red and blue, respectively.
- Scientists trained rats to drive cars (custom-made from plastic cereal containers and small wires), and while the rodents' original motivation was Froot Loops, they surprisingly appeared to love going for joy rides as well.
- People spend roughly 10% of their waking hours with their eyes closed.
- Hydrothermal vents created by fissures on the sea floor in areas of significant tectonic plate activity can pump out fluids at temperatures hot enough to melt lead.
- The human brain runs on less power than a 60-watt light bulb.
- Bagels were once given to women as gifts after childbirth. Some pregnant women even wore bagels on necklaces as protection, or ensured that bagels would be present in the room where they would deliver.
- There is cellphone service at the summit of Mount Everest.

• Pixar technical director Galyn Susman, while on maternity leave, was notified that 90% of the movie "Toy Story 2" had accidentally been deleted, and the studio's on-site backup had failed. Fortunately, she had copies of the film on her laptop, which was wrapped in blankets and carefully carried back to the studio.

• In Iceland, there are 13 mischievous "Yule Lads" rather than one Santa, who leave either gifts or rotten potatoes in children's shoes.

Thought for the Day: "When you're happy you enjoy the music, but when you're sad you understand the lyrics."
— Frank Ocean

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Dental Assistant II
Dental Hygienist
Dentist - CIHA and Satellite - \$10,000 Hiring
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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.

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Cherokee Boys Club
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6-12 Pathseekers School Counselor
Special Education Teacher Assistant
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2. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Sergeant - Corrections - EBCI Law Enforcement (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
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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
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15. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant – Kituwah Academy – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
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