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Noble warriors

Veteran's Day event held in Cherokee

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces were honored during a Veteran's Day ceremony at the headquarters of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 in Cherokee, N.C.

"On Veterans Day, we're honoring our living veterans, but we still remember and speak the names of those who have passed on - especially those who were killed in action, the last full measure," said Warren Dupree, Post 143 commander.

"There are no noble wars. There are only noble warriors. And, today we will honor you, the veteran...Ladies and gentlemen,

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Lloyd Arneach Sr., seated, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Elawodi (Yellowhill), was honored during the Veteran's Day celebration hosted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 at post headquarters in Cherokee, N.C. on Tuesday, Nov. 11. He was presented with an official Commission as a Kentucky Colonel, the state's highest honor and one bestowed on great Americans, as well as a shadow box of medals and ribbons from his time in the U.S. Air Force. Shown, left to right, are Post 143 Commander Warren Dupree; Lloyd Arneach Jr., son; Lloyd Arneach Sr.; Dawn Arneach, daughter; and Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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Image of the Week

This white-tailed deer was spotted having breakfast in Aniwodihhi (Painttown) in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 16. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather photo)



Quote of the Week

“Thank you for all your dedication, your commitment, to all the veterans that served our country. Without them, we wouldn’t be in this place where we’re free on this great land. Thank you to all our warriors before this that really weren’t veterans, but they were warriors for us that fought to keep our homeland.”

- Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Gahvsgi (Chairman) Jim Owle, right, a U.S. Navy veteran, speaking at a Veteran’s Day event at the Steve Youngdeer American Legion 143 post headquarters in Cherokee, N.C. on Tuesday, Nov. 11

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as you look at these veterans that are with us here this morning, look at them as warriors. Look at them as true warriors and heroes of this great nation, of our people, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

Commander Dupree spoke about the history of Veteran’s Day in the United States.

U.S. Congress passed a concurrent resolution in 1926 marking Armistice Day (Nov. 11) to recognize those who served in World War I. Congress passed an Act on May 13, 1938 making Armistice Day a legal federal holiday. Then, in 1954, Congress approved Public Law 380 on June 1 of that year, which amended the 1938 Act changing it from Armistice Day to Veteran’s Day. On Oct. 8, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first Veteran’s Day Proclamation.

Commander Dupree commented, “We remember all Americans who served on active duty in the Armed Forces. And, it’s the sacrifices made at the behest of the country that are important. For some Americans, remembering veterans is a daily act. But, as a Nation, it is essential that we preserve the integrity of Nov. 11 as that one extra special day for the American people as a whole to pause in silence or demonstrate public recognition. Remembering - that one word, remembering - gives true meaning to service and sacrifice. Millions of American lives were forever altered because they donned a uniform to protect the freedoms and rights that we all take for granted. We owe an eternal debt of gratitude to them and acknowledge Veterans Day as that time that this debt comes due.”



Warren Dupree, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 commander, addresses the crowd during Tuesday’s event.

Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Nov. 5 on S.107 (Lumbee Fairness Act). He noted during Tuesday’s event, “I want to thank all the veterans for your service, your commitment, your dedication, and truly letting us have the freedoms that we enjoy today. This past week was a really tough week for a lot of people. It was emotional. It was a hard fight, and the fight continues to protect who we are as Cherokee people. To make sure that the pathway for these young guys continues to be bright. As

leaders, it’s our responsibility to make sure that we fight as hard as we can for what is right. That’s the only way for us.

If you just step back and you think about all the history here and the warriors that came before and left us what we have - let’s go further back to the early 1800s... last week was hard. It was emotional. It was stressful. It was very difficult. But, can you imagine the burden of making sure that our people maintained our lands and to make sure that we maintained our integrity, maintained everything about our culture. The

warriors that it took to keep us here. Last week was a drop in the bucket to the pressure that they put on their shoulders, the burden they put on their shoulders. But, it makes me proud today to know that we continue to fight.”

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Gahvsgi (Chairman) Jim Owle is a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He told the crowd, “Being a veteran myself, you never really understand or realize what it is until you get there. Getting there to boot camp, getting there to your ship...getting to my ship was an experience for me, an old boy from Cherokee,

N.C., that didn't know much about the Navy. But getting there and seeing that was amazing and just an experience for me that I'll never forget."

He added, "Thank you for all your dedication, your commitment, to all the veterans that served our country. Without them, we wouldn't be in this place where we're free on this great land. Thank you to all our warriors before this that really weren't veterans, but they were warriors for us that fought to keep our homeland."

Several people were honored during Tuesday's event.

Gerard Ball Jr., an EBCI tribal member and the Tribe's veteran services officer, received the Legionnaire of the Year Award. While not able to be present, Lew Harding, an EBCI tribal elder and former Post 143 commander, was awarded the Outstanding Service Award as well as a 'Grateful Nation' Pendleton and eagle feather (he will be given both at a later date). Amy Clark, a member of the Choctaw Nation, was honored with an eagle feather.

Lloyd Arneach Sr., an EBCI tribal elder, was presented with an official Commission as a Kentucky Colonel, the state's highest honor and one bestowed on great Americans, as well as a shadow box of medals and ribbons from his time in the U.S. Air Force which included serving in the Vietnam War. During that presentation, Commander Dupree read the Kentucky Colonel's Toast, "I give you



Ugviyuhi Hicks presents the Legionnaire of the Year Award to Gerard Ball Jr., an EBCI tribal member who serves as the Tribe's veteran services officer.

a person dedicated to honor, and authenticity, holding firm to the ideas of humility and service to others. They stand as a leader in their community and enjoy the hospitality that is a Kentucky tradition. Gracious in spirit, generous in action, kind in all that they do, and proud of the traditions of Kentucky."

At the end of the event, the names of the following EBCI veterans who passed away this past year were called out as a bell was run in their memory: Solomon David "Sonny Boy" Owl - US Navy, Fred Bruner Lunsford - US Army, Reuben Edward Taylor - US Army, Allen "Leonard" Tolley - US Army, Samuel Clinton Arneach -

US Navy, Ernest D. Panther - US Air Force, Rex Allen Swayney - US Army, George Durbin - US Marine Corps, Johnny Harrison Hollo-way - US Army, Fredrick "Horace" Arch Jr. - US Navy, Nicholas Donald Briggs III - US Army, Sheridan Everett "Sonny" Smith - US Army, Michael Farriday Lambert Sr. - US Navy, and Sally Kent - US Navy.

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Cherokee Police Commission holds November meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Police Commission held their monthly meeting in the GINGER Lynn Welch building on the afternoon of Nov. 13. Chairperson Anita Lossiah called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Commissioner Kym Parker led roll call. Commissioners in attendance were Rick Queen (Wayohi, Wolfstown), Regina Rosario (Aniwodihi, Painttown), Treasurer Kym Parker (At-Large), Hillary Norville (Tutiya, Snowbird & Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.),

and Chairperson Anita Lossiah (Elawodi, Yellowhill).

Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove), Secretary Israel Rodriguez (At-Large), and Vice Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown) had an excused absence.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Parker seconded by Queen.

Guests in attendance were Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Assistant Chief of Police Josh Taylor, CIPD Attorney Cody White, and One Feather Reporter Brooklyn Brown.

Asst. Chief Taylor provided

the monthly CIPD report. Taylor shared that three CIPD S.W.A.T. leaders recently attended and successfully completed additional S.W.A.T. training in Ohio. Taylor also expressed his appreciation for the administrative employees and police commissioners who help CIPD operate.

White and Taylor urged the commissioners to relay to their community members that they should always call 911, rather than 4131, because 911 records and creates a report of the call. White said people are often hesitant to call 911 because they are not necessarily in an emergency but reporting

incidents. He reiterated that it is important to call 911 either way. Taylor added that if a crime is in progress, call 911, not your commissioner or council member.

White stated that the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor is fully staffed for the first time since 2019 with three prosecutors, and a full administrative staff. He also shared that the new evidence building, which the police commission advocated for, is coming along, and White is in the process of old evidence disposal.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. with a motion by Parker seconded by Queen.

Cucumber indicted for Murder in Indian Country

Submitted by
**U.S. Attorney's Office,
Western District of North Carolina**

ASHEVILLE, N.C. – On October 7, a grand jury in Asheville returned a criminal indictment charging Derrick Alan Cucumber, 45, of Cherokee, N.C., with first degree murder in Indian country and discharging a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence for killing Mario Sanchez Nino, announced Russ Ferguson,

U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

James C. Barnacle, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Charlotte Division, and Chief Carla Neadeau of the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) join U.S. Attorney Ferguson in making the announcement.

According to allegations in filed charging documents, on November 9, 2024, at approximately 6:30 p.m., Cucumber drove to a relative's residence in Indian Country within the Western District of North Carolina. It is alleged that, upon arriving at the residence, Cucumber, who is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, ap-

proached the victim and another man as they sat near a firepit on the property. Cucumber pointed a gun at the victim and said, "I told you I was going to kill you." Cucumber then allegedly shot Mario Sanchez Nino once in the face, killing him instantly. After shooting the victim, Cucumber left the scene. Court documents allege that Cherokee Indian Police Department officers responded to Cucumber's residence and arrested him after a standoff that lasted approximately two hours.

Cucumber is currently in federal custody. If convicted, Cucumber faces a statutory sentence of life in prison for the first degree murder offense, and a minimum sentence of 10 years in prison

for the firearm offense. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

The charges against the Cucumber are merely allegations, and he is presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

In making the announcement, U.S. Attorney Ferguson thanked the FBI and CIPD for their work on the investigation.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex M. Scott with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville is prosecuting the case.



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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.

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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

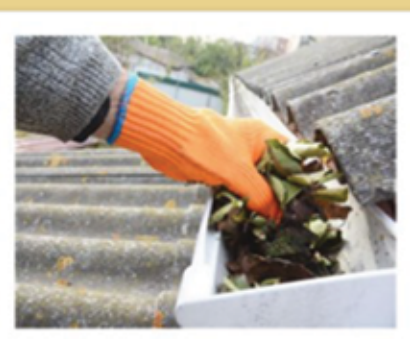
"Moisture is the enemy," Damp and wet areas are prime locations for mold growth, which damages the structural integrity of the home.

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."

"DON'T TRIM YOUR GUTTERS"



"CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS"



EBCI tribal legislative updates

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

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The One Feather will now provide weekly legislative updates on various pieces of legislation of the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). The focus will be on ordinances that change Cherokee Code, but sometimes resolutions of importance to the operation of the tribal government will also be included. The legislation is shown in the order in which they were introduced following the new ones for the week.

Ordinances we're currently watching

Ord. No. 2 (2025). This ordinance seeks to amend Cherokee Code Section 130 (Public Health) specifically regarding the Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center. The whereas section states, "To maintain consistency and continuity as a service provider, the Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center would benefit from established definitions and a clearly defined program structure." Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Anita Lossiah, EBCI Public Health and Human Services director of human services, was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Monday, Oct. 13.

Action: There has been no action on this ordinance as of press time.

Ord. No. 3 (2025). This is an ordinance approving amendments to Cherokee Code Chapter 16D adding the Tribal Bingo Enterprise (TBE). The whereas section states, "...the Tribal Council hereby adopts the following ordinance to amend the current UCC (Uniform Commercial Code) Ordinance codified at Chapter 16D to include the TBE in addition to the TCGE (Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise)..."

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by the Tribal Bingo Enterprise Board of Advisors, was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Monday, Oct. 13.

Action: There has been no action on this ordinance as of press time.

Ord. No. 4 (2025). This ordinance seeks to add the charge of taking indecent liberties with children to the Cherokee Code. The whereas section states, "Currently, the Cherokee Code does not prohibit the conduct commonly listed as 'indecent liberties with children'; and the prohibited conduct within this proposed ordinance covers a broad range of behaviors that should be prohibited under Cherokee Law."

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by the EBCI Office of the Attorney General, was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Monday, Oct. 13.

Action: There has been no action on this ordinance as of press time.

Ord. No. 5 (2025). This ordinance seeks to add the charges of manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter to Cherokee Code. The whereas section states, "Currently, the Cherokee Code relies on

common law definitions of voluntary and involuntary manslaughter and does not express the prohibition via statute; and codifying the common law crimes of voluntary and involuntary manslaughter is an exercise of sovereignty; and in doing so expresses Tribal Council's intent to protect the citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians by expanding criminal prohibitions to allow for more robust prosecutions."

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by the EBCI Office of the Attorney General, was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Monday, Oct. 13.

Action: There has been no action on this ordinance as of press time.

Ord. No. 6 (2025). This ordinance seeks to amend Chapter 7 (Judicial Code) of the Cherokee Code. The whereas section states that section "should be amended to clarify and add provisions controlling matters such as the structure and operation of the courts, the roles and powers of the judicial officers, and the procedures ensuring independent and impartial judicial officers".

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Cherokee Chief Justice Bradley Letts, was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Monday, Oct. 13.

Action: A work session is scheduled for this ordinance on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m.

Ord. No. 11 (2025). This ordinance seeks to amend Chapter 113G of the Cherokee Code regarding underground storage tanks. The whereas section states, "Regulation of USTs (underground storage tanks) is an important topic because they often serve as holding containers for gasoline and petroleum products, which can cause

environmental damage if leaked into the ground or into a water source; and updating regulation is also important because doing so is needed to maintain the Tribe's Memorandum of Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through which UST owners and operators have access to North Carolina's Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund."

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Michael LaVoie on behalf of the EBCI Natural Resources Dept., was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Monday, Oct. 13.

Action: A work session was held on this ordinance on Monday, Nov. 10.

Ord. No. 12 (2025). This ordinance seeks to amend Chapter 113 of the Cherokee Code regarding searches by game wardens. The whereas section states that amendments are needed "to clarify that Game Wardens may conduct lawful searches in furtherance of their responsibilities to enforce game laws; and other amendments are also needed in Chapter 113 to reflect changes in the operation and terminology used by the Natural Resources Department and Natural Resources Enforcement". Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Michael LaVoie on behalf of the EBCI Natural Resources Dept., was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Monday, Oct. 13.

Action: A work session was held on this ordinance on Monday, Nov. 10.

Ord. No. 13 (2025). This ordinance seeks to amend Chapter 113 of the Cherokee Code and establish a deer hunting season

within the lands of the EBCI. The whereas section states, “Currently, the Tribe allows for the hunting of various animals, but not deer; and it is not possible to establish a deer season which balances increased hunting opportunities for enrolled members and the responsible management of the deer population.”

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Michael LaVoie on behalf of the EBCI Natural Resources Dept., was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Monday, Oct. 13.

Action: A work session was held on this ordinance on Monday, Nov. 10.

Ord. No. 14 (2025). This ordinance seeks to amend Chapter 113 of the Cherokee Code to update the fishing laws of the EBCI. The whereas section states, “...amendments are also needed in Chapter 113 to reflect changes in the operation and terminology used by the Natural Resources Department; and in order to clarify the Cherokee Code to reflect these changes in how the Tribe regulates its natural resources, specifically fish and recreational fishing...”

Among others, several proposed changes include: Amending Section 113-5(b)(5) to read, “Using non-native bait determined by the Department to be invasive shall be unlawful.” Also, there is a proposed change to fishing hours changing it from one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset to thirty minute before sunrise and thirty minutes after sunset.

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Michael LaVoie on behalf of the EBCI Natural Resources Dept., was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Monday, Oct. 13.

Action: A work session was held

on this ordinance on Monday, Nov. 10.

Ord. No. 17 (2025). This ordinance seeks to “amend Cherokee Code Sections 92-10 and 117-45.3 to allow program managers and directors who meet the definition of tribal official to be TERO certified and to be able to contract with the Tribe to provide certain services directly benefiting tribal members”.

The whereas section states, “There is no dispute about the intent and efficacy of the prohibition when it is applied to elected officials and higher-level appointed officials; and the prohibition, however, can impose a hardship on other employees who have become tribal employees after forming an outside business as a sole proprietor or a closely-held business that provided services to tribal members and their families. Tribal law should be amended to remove the prohibition for tribal employees below the level of Division Secretary who may want to contract with the Tribe to provide desired services to tribal families on the Qualla Boundary.”

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Tyler Blankenship, was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Oct. 16.

Action: A work session is scheduled for this ordinance on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m.

Ord. No. 18 (2025). This ordinance seeks to amend Chapter 117 of the Cherokee Code to establish a Committee on Aging and Disability. The whereas section states, “It is in the best interest of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to modernize and update official terminology to reflect respectful and inclusive language by replacing the term ‘handicapped’ with ‘disabled’

and ‘elderly’ with ‘aging’; and the programs and tribal members will benefit by establishing the Committee on Aging and Disability within the Cherokee Code to ensure consistency, transparency, and accountability in programs that serve the aging and disabled populations of the EBCI.”

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by EBCI Secretary of Community, Education, and Recreation Services Sky Sampson, was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Oct. 16.

Action: There has been no action on this ordinance as of press time.

Ord. No. 39 (2025). This ordinance would create a Cherokee Fire and Rescue Commission in a new Chapter (not yet numbered)

in the Cherokee Code. The whereas section states, “The culture of fire and rescue departments are a unique environment that need guidance and direction from those who are knowledgeable of fire and rescue operations, as well as having experience in the field of fire and rescue; and the establishment of a Fire and Rescue Commission will provide the community with a resource that allows the people the opportunity to voice their questions, concerns, and opinions.”

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by John Reed, was deemed read and tabled during Dinilawigi on Nov. 3.

Action: A work session is scheduled for this ordinance on Monday, Nov. 24 at 9:30 a.m.

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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

H.R. 5910 (To authorize leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for federally recognized Indian Tribes). As stated in the title, this House bill would amend 69 Stat. 539, Chapter 615, 25 U.S.C. 514(a) to autho-

rizes such leases.

Introduced: Rep. Harriet M. Hageman (R-Wyo.) on Nov. 4

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Nov. 4. There are no scheduled hearings in this Committee on this bill as of press time.

Bills we're currently watching

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

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

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

S.107 (Lumbee Fairness Act).

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

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

Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. A hearing was held in the

Committee on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 2:30 p.m.

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

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

Action: This bill was tacked on to H.R. 3838 (National Defense Authorization Act FY26) with House Amendment 98 and was passed on Sept. 10 with the main bill on a roll call vote of 231-196. The Senate version of the National Defense Authorization Act FY26 (S.2296) was approved on Oct. 9 by a vote of 77-20. Sen. Thom Tillis sub-



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mitted amendment 3273 to add the text of this bill to S. 2296. No action was taken on this amendment, and it was not included in the final vote taken.

S.761 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act). This Senate bill would establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies. According to Congress.gov, “Among other duties, the Commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools.”
Introduced: Feb. 26 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. It was “ordered to be reported without amendment favorably” by the Committee on March 5. It was reported without amendment by Sen. Murkowski (R-Alaska), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs chairperson, on July 31. That same day, it was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Calendar No. 139).

H.R. 2412 (Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act). This House bill would establish an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Advisory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State.
Introduced: March 27 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai‘i)
Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the House Committee on Natural Resources.

There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 2929. (Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe recognition bill). This House bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group.
Introduced: April 17 by Rep. Donald G. Davis (D-N.C.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

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

S.2022 (Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act of 2025). This Senate bill, according to the legislation, would “amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat Indian Tribal governments in the same manner as state governments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes”.
Introduced: June 11 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Mas-to (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

S.2160 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). This Senate seeks the same as H.R. 3255 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians

Restoration Act of 2025.
Introduced: June 25 by Sen. Gary C. Peters (D-Mich.)
Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4276 (To amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act). According to congress.gov, this bill amends the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act “to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.
Introduced: July 2 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai‘i)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources as well as the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 2. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

S.2211 (Special Diabetes Program Reauthorization Act of 2025). This Senate bill seeks to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. For both programs, it seeks funding in the amount of \$160,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.
Introduced: July 8 by Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-Maine)
Action: This will was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on July 8. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4463 (To amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South

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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 activities on Indian lands of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Indian lands of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This House resolution states in part, “Substance use disorder and drug overdose affect all socioeconomic groups, racial and ethnic groups, geographical regions, and ages; and Black and American Indian or Alaskan Native popula-

tions 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.

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.

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>

**CIPD Arrest Report for
Nov. 3-9, 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.

Childers, Kathleen Olivia – age 37
Arrested: Nov. 3
Released: Nov. 3
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Maney, Jenny Rae – age 44
Arrested: Nov. 3
Released: Nov. 6
Charges: Domestic and Dating

Violence

Reed, Danielle – age 38
Arrested: Nov. 3
Released: Nov. 6
Charges: Larceny

Blanton, Tylina Rae – age 24
Arrested: Nov. 6
Released: Nov. 6
Charges: Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order

Edwards, Sawyer Arie – age 32
Arrested: Nov. 6
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 10)
Charges: Violation of Exclusion Order

Carter, Dawn – age 53
Arrested: Nov. 7
Released: Nov. 7
Charges: Temporary Hold

Day, Justus Kyle – age 27
Arrested: Nov. 7
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 10)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Reeves, Corey – age 23
Arrested: Nov. 7
Released: Nov. 7
Charges: Temporary Hold

Wildcat, Edison – age 60
Arrested: Nov. 7
Released: Nov. 8
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Davis, Kathrina Marie – age 47
Arrested: Nov. 8
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 10)
Charges: Driving While License Revoked, Providing or Possessing

Contraband

Davis, Victoria Illene – age 19
Arrested: Nov. 8
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 10)
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Horseman, Kathleen Marie – age 71
Arrested: Nov. 8
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 10)
Charges: Compulsory School Attendance, Probation Violation

Locust Jr., Luke Kerry – age 38
Arrested: Nov. 8
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 10)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Lozano, Martha Femika – age 42
Arrested: Nov. 9
Released: Not released as of report date (Nov. 10)
Charges: Assault with a Deadly Weapon

McCorry, Sarah Kathleen – age 36
Arrested: Nov. 9
Released: Nov. 9
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree



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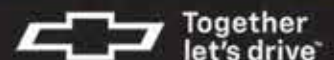
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BIA conducts prescribed fires for long-term benefits

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On Wednesday, Nov. 5, the Eastern Cherokee Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) ignited a prescribed fire in the Lickstone Ridge area. The next burn will be in the Dobson Ridge area.

Dave Collins, Eastern Cherokee Agency fire management officer, says the prescribed burns, conducted by fire practitioners, are a short-term inconvenience with long term benefits, “The long-term benefits for the ecosystem are going to create more biodiversity and more carrying capacity for wildlife, and that ties into tribal food sovereignty.”

Logan Blankenship, Tsalagi Fuels Module, said he is already seeing benefits from the Lickstone fire. “There were grouse up in our burn just the morning after. A big thing for me is wanting to serve the tribe and the basket makers and artisans. That’s our biggest goal is serving the tribe. We take pride in that.”

Gabe McMillan, Tsalagi Fuels Module, has also witnessed benefits of the prescribed burns over the years. “The first one that we actually did here was in 2017 and I was on it. I did most of the lighting on it. Going back years later and looking at it, you can definitely see the effects that it had on the landscape,” he said.

Collins says the prescribed fires are part of a cultural burning initiative led by EBCI Natural Resources, “The EBCI Natural Resources department really is leading the charge on working to



The prescribed fire on Lickstone Ridge (Photo by Evan-Marie Petit, fire prevention specialist)

define what culturally informed prescribed fire looks like or traditional ecological knowledge that’s informed through a long process. There’s a lot of people that have a lot of info to bring to the table. My hope is that we continue on this amazing path we’re on right now where natural resources and the Bureau of Indian Affairs are working together and we’re building a really strong relationship,” he said.

“Everything that I do around planning prescribed fire is informed by them and we’re trying to listen, and because there’s many community members that work here, it’s also informed by them because these guys are the technical experts.”

Collins explained some of the science behind the benefits of the burns. “When you burn the ridges like we did, you’re opening up the forest floor, you’re unlocking the minerals and nutrients that are in that duff layer, making it more available to the plants. There’s a

lot of dormant seeds that are carried under that duff layer and that wakes them up,” he said.

“You can see the increased plant biodiversity after a burn. Also, there’s a process called mesophication, which is the fire suppressing plant species that come in. Here, that’s the red maple, the poplar, the rhododendron, the mountain laurel, those are some of the big ones. They’ve been marching up the mountain due to the traditional practice of regular fire being removed. These species are making their way further and further up the mountain and competing with the young oak and hickory trees, which are the mass producers that feed the wildlife. Also, white oak is used for baskets, hickory for ball sticks, and many other uses as good hardwood. That’s what we’re trying to do is we’re trying to knock that stuff back down off the ridges and make room for the fire tolerant species that serve a better ecosystem

function.”

Collins added that the prescribed fires are also preventative measures for wildfires, “The other part of why we’re burning is to reduce the hazardous fuels and help us to manage a large wildfire. If we got into an extended drought and we had a really windy day and there was a big fire romping across the boundary, those areas that we burn become holding features that make it a lot easier for us to catch those unplanned fires and try to mitigate those.”

For additional information, contact Evan-Marie Petit, fire prevention specialist at (707) 684-6544 or evan.petit@bia.gov.

“The Eastern Cherokee Agency encourages and welcomes feedback from the community. The work we do is to serve EBCI first and foremost, and we plan to create more spaces for community dialogue and collective learning going forward.”

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“In Light and Shadow”: New book highlights Indigenous photography

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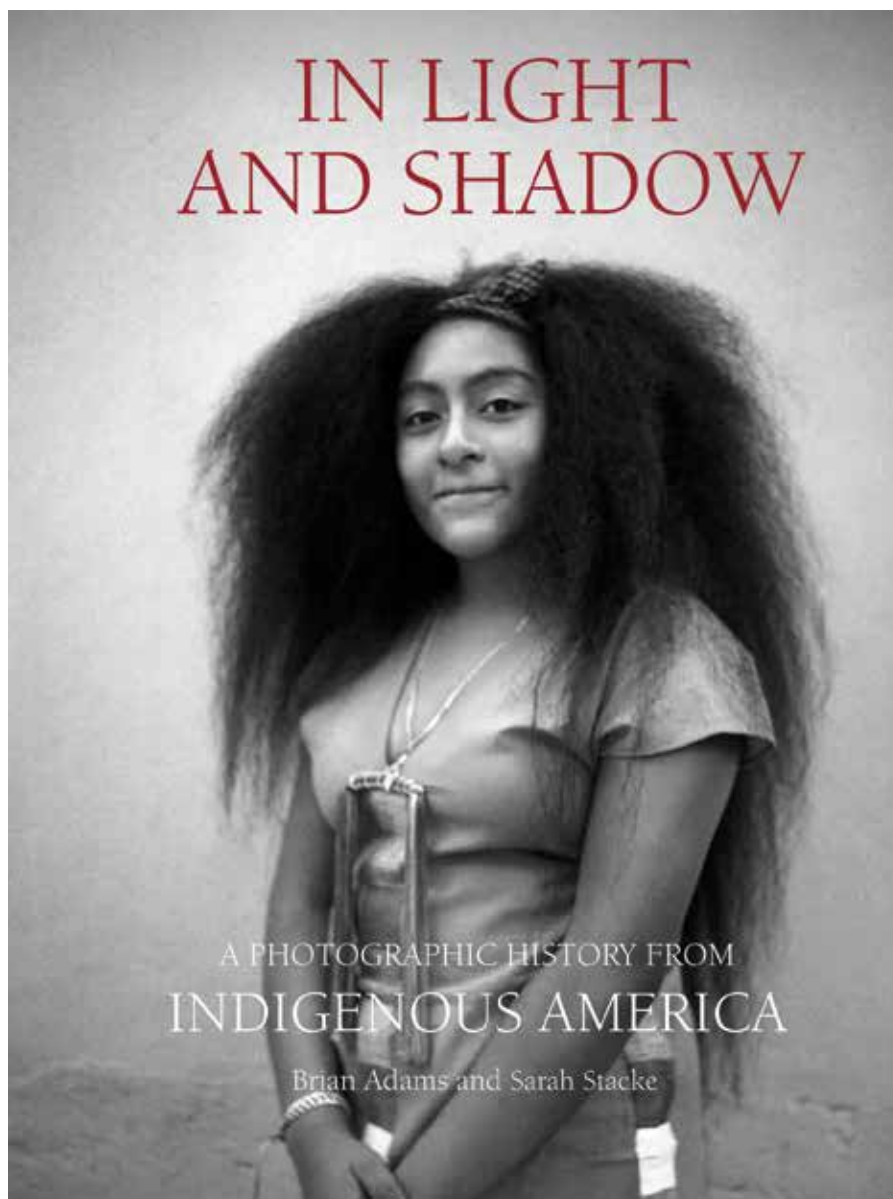
Three years in the making, a new book highlights the history of Indigenous photography. Co-authored by Brian Adams and Sarah Stacke, “In Light and Shadow: A Photographic History from Indigenous America” takes the reader on a journey through the ever-evolving landscape of photography by Native Americans.

“Indigenous people have been making photographs for their own purposes since the beginning of the medium,” said Stacke, a New York-based photographer who was a founder of the 400 Years Project and has done extensive work in Indian Country including on the Qualla Boundary of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). On the title, she remarked, “What we like about it is that it references the ways that this history has been both celebrated within communities, but has also very much existed within the shadows.”

Adams, an Alaska-based Inupiaq photographer, commented, “It is shedding light on photographers that have been in the shadows for so long. We are actually getting to celebrate these photographers that have been under celebrated for so long.”

The book is a mixture of historical and contemporary photographs.

Stacke said, “I think particularly with the historical photographers, what we ran into so much was, not exclusively, of course, but just many photographers who



practiced photography for the love of photography. Whether it was to document their families for future generations, or whether it was to record their communities purely for themselves and store the photographs in dime store albums underneath their beds and on bookshelves in their bedrooms for decades, just for the love of doing something that brings one joy.”

The two worked simultaneous-

ly on parts of the book and divided the work load on others with Stacke tackling finding the historical photographers and Adams working with the contemporary ones.

Adams said, “I had already been working on a database with my colleagues for years on contemporary Indigenous photographers and trying to shed light on those photographers. So, that’s

where my strong suit was - coming in, knowing these photographers, having a database already ready to go, and also working with Sarah on finding other photographers that represented other areas of the Americas that we didn’t have even in our database. That was really fun. I got to see a lot of new work and a lot of new photographers through this project, too.”

He added, “The book is very level in documentary photography and artistic photography, which is really cool. It’s fun to even look at the historical photos made in the late 1800s and then see Kali Spitzer’s work, which she’s also shooting with wet plate stuff. It brings it all together where she’s doing documentary work, but it’s also very artistic and bringing the two worlds together. That’s one of my favorite parts about the book as far as the new and the old.” One contemporary photographer that is included is the late Shan Goshorn, an EBCI tribal member, who was a master basket weaver and multimedia artist.

An excerpt from the chapter on Goshorn reads, “In the mid-1980s she joined the Native Indian/Inuit Photographers’ Association (NII-PA), and for her, this community signaled a shift in representation. She said, ‘No longer content to just pose in front of a lens, Indians were now picking up cameras... and we were taking our own pictures of ourselves’.”

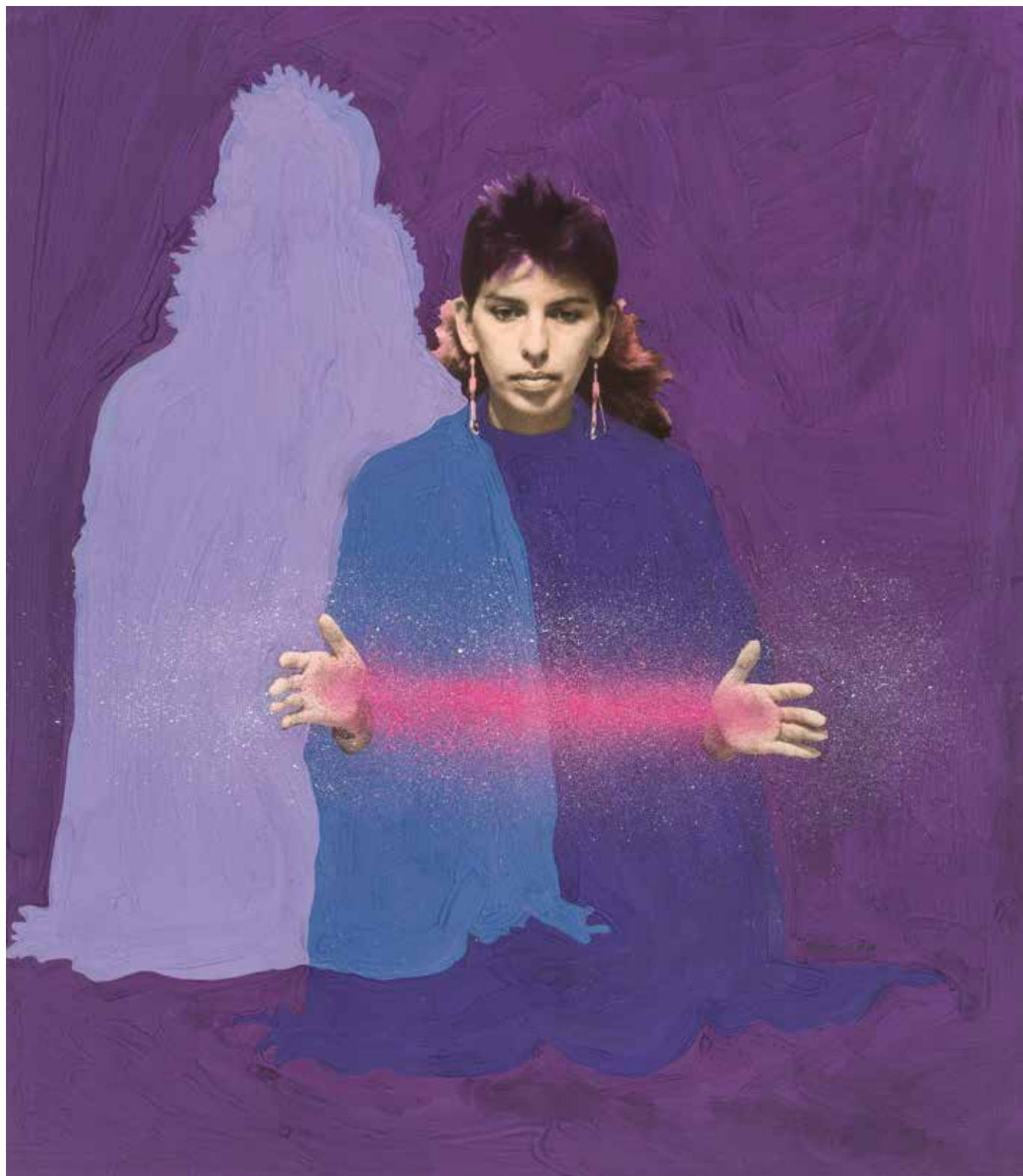
The idea of representation is very important to Adams. “Here in Alaska, there’s only a small handful of us that are photogra-

phers that are also Indigenous. But, that's what I love about this book, is that nothing like this existed when I was a kid. To have this resource now where a little Indigenous kid, a little Native kid in Alaska, can pick up a book and see their representation in a book, that's huge to me. I didn't know any other Indigenous photographers growing up. So, it is a real community feeling...this is definitely a smaller, tight-knit community and we're all rooting for each other because there's not a lot of us."

He said the book and Indigenous photography in general is all about community and is something he enjoyed seeing while researching for the book. "Just seeing that our communities are still thriving. There's the surface level of Indigenous people that you see and people see out and about, but underneath, what's not on the surface level, there are still traditional ceremonies and practices still happening today that are still thriving. And, it's all over the Americas. I get a good glimpse at it here in Alaska. That's why I love advocating for local journalists to work in Alaska because you get to get deeper into your communities."

Stacke said the reason behind photography in Native communities is also addressed in the book. "I also think that there can be a common narrative that the only reason that Indigenous people make photos is to produce a counter-narrative to settler colonial narratives and that's just not the way that it has been. They generate photographic records that enrich Indigenous lives and societies and collective well-being. It's not just to create a counter-narrative to settler colonial histories."

When asked what overall mes-



Included in the book is "Coming Into Power", a self-portrait by Shan Goshorn, 1986. National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution. 26/9976

sage he hopes the book conveys, Adams responded, "I'm just so excited a resource like this exists now. It's really important and I hope it inspires a whole other generation of Indigenous photographers."

The book can be purchased in person at Barnes and Noble and online at <https://www.barnesandnoble.com> as well as in person at Books A Million and online at <https://www.booksamillion.com>.

Other ways to purchase the book online include: <https://birchbarkbooks.com/products/in-light-and-shadow>

EBCI Public Health Vending Machine Initiative locations



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

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Jackson G. Beck

Jackson G. Beck, 92, of Easley, S.C., and Towstring, N.C., went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Arnold Beck and Gady Mathews Beck. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Lottie Raby Beck; one sister, Evangeline Chap-pell; and three children, Ted Beck, Terry Beck, and Jackie Beck.

He was a proud veteran who served his country with honor, a fisherman who found peace out on the water, and a man whose heart was full of love, strength, and wisdom. He had this quiet way of showing he cared through his stories, his laughter, and the way he always made you feel like you mattered.

He was loved by so many, and it's no surprise why. He lived his life with kindness and humility, always putting others first. Those who knew him were truly blessed. He is survived by his daughters, Trish Beck, Teresa Beck; grandchildren, J.T. Lance, and Sam Beck and wife April; great grandchildren, Ashlyn Beck, and Brentlee Beck, Malachi Morgan,

and Maverick Morgan; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at Towstring Cemetery. Brothers Eddie Stillwell, Chad Roach, and Raymond Mathews officiated.



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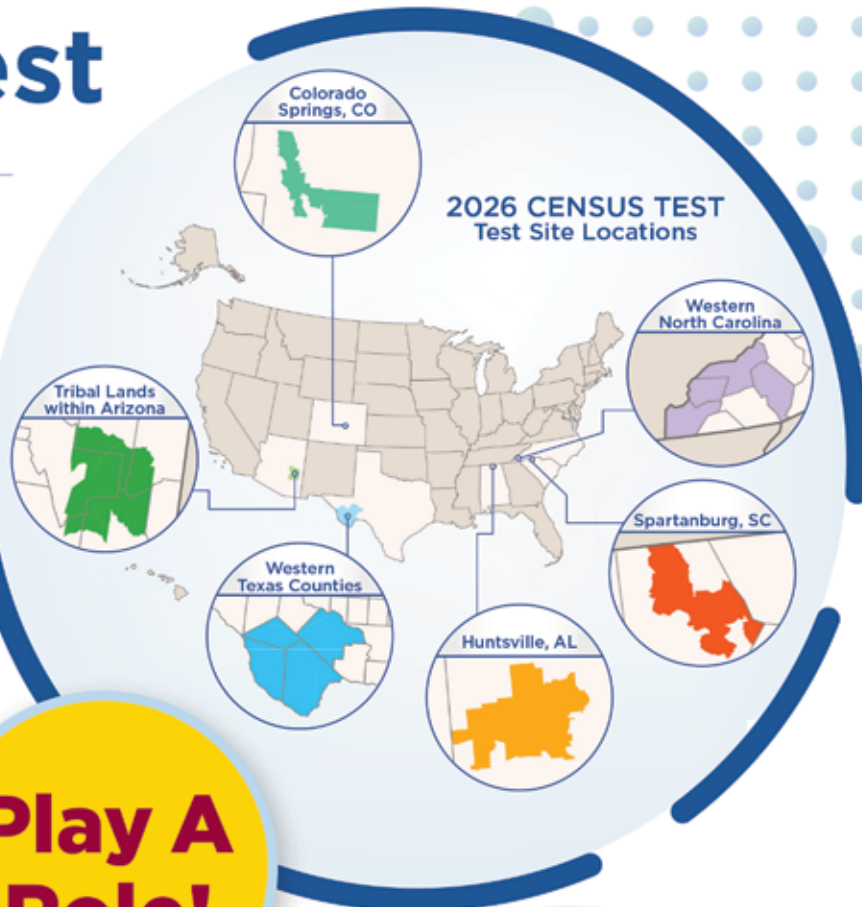
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EBCI ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Thursday, 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

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you One Feather staff
Dear Cherokee One Feather Editors and Staff,

I am writing in gratitude for the journalism of the Cherokee One Feather. My children and I reside in the Pacific Northwest, but our hearts are also rooted in Qualla Boundary as enrolled members of the Henry Owl family. For those of us who care very much about the EBCI community yet are separated by many miles, you provide an essential way for us to stay connected. The One Feather is rich with feature articles, commentaries, opinion pieces, and lovely descriptions and photos of community events.

We see the young folks of Qualla Boundary enjoying the many enrichments available to them in education, health care, social activities, and sports. We are inspired by the programs com-

mitted to Tsalagi language preservation, tribal sovereignty, cultural traditions and values, such as respect for the land. The One Feather allows us to celebrate the achievements of our tribe. Moreover, we are reminded of our personal responsibilities as members to stay involved and informed.

I enjoy reading the "Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens." I ponder why week after week certain bills routinely have no scheduled hearings, like S.2211 to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1, and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. My concern is personal about issues. I strongly disagree with the attempt by any tribal group to gain federal recognition through political contrivance. Evading the rule of law requiring specific evidence-based qualifications is a deceptive and dangerous precedent.

Readers become more responsible advocates when equipped with feature articles, such as "Tribal Sovereignty: When exceptions jeopardize the rule" and "Dinilawigi election is a deadly serious matter;" or "Every Child matters." I'd like to spotlight uplifting columns such as THE GOOD STUFF, and detailed reportage on the charter amendment progress, and memorable quotes like Louise Goins saying "In our culture we believe that all things are connected. Therefore, we try to use all the skills and knowledge we have, to help our community."

I'm thrilled to see the contributions to the One Feather by Brooklyn Brown. Congratulations for her award from the Indigenous Journalists Association. Brown's family-centered approach to coverage of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People brought

readers into a vivid awareness of the tragedy and pain of these cases of violence. Thank you to staff members, Dawn Arneach, Indica Climbingbear, and anyone else who contributes their time and effort to the newspaper.

Happy Thanksgiving!

All Best,

Gladys Cardiff
Seattle, Wash.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The Great Pyramid of Giza was the tallest structure in the world for more than 3,800 years.
- More than 400,000 illnesses are caused by spoiled Christmas leftovers.
- Royal Air Force uniforms in World War II included a pants button that served as a compass.
- Those lovely aromas of candy and popcorn breezing down the sidewalks of Disney's Magic Kingdom's Main Street, U.S.A. are brought to you courtesy of scent machines called "Smellitizers" that release fragrances throughout the parks.
- Spider silk is stronger than steel.
- Gambia's citizens elect their political leaders using marbles rather than paper ballots in the voting booths, a method that was adopted in 1965 due to the country's low literacy rate.
- Humphrey Bogart never actually said "Play it again, Sam" in the film "Casablanca."
- High-heeled shoes exert more pressure on the ground than a skyscraper, which is why they're even banned at certain historical sites such as the Acropolis in Athens, to prevent damage to the ancient stone.
- The phrase "Don't mess with Texas" was coined to discourage road littering.
- The first zippers were for shoes, when inventor Whitcomb Judson was granted a patent for a rudimentary form that he called the "clasp-locker," an alternative to lengthy shoelaces.
- Ernest Hemingway's brother established his own micronation.
- Jackie Robinson was the first student athlete to letter in four sports at UCLA. Curiously, baseball was his worst sport in college.
- Olo, a color described as a "blue-green of unprecedented saturation," has only been viewed by five people in a laboratory, as it's beyond the range of normal human visibility.
- Washington State designated Sasquatch as its official state monster.
- There are an estimated 3 million shipwrecks in the ocean.

Thought for the Day: "A sign of intelligence is an awareness of one's own ignorance." — Niccolo Machiavelli

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COMMENTARY

I don't know why we go to extremes

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiyi (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

"Call me a joker, call me a fool. Right at the moment, I'm totally cool. Clear as a crystal, sharp as a knife. I feel like I'm in the prime of my life. Sometimes it feels like I'm going too fast. I don't know how long this feeling will last. Too high or too low, there ain't no in-betweens. And if I stand or I fall, it's all or nothing at all. I don't know why I go to extremes."

Billy Joel wrote those words in 1989. He had a tumultuous life, and he was writing at a time when he was acknowledging something in his own character, a tendency to rush in and stake everything on his beliefs. Much of his belief was based on his feelings rather than fact or reality. You see that philosophy on display throughout history, "I don't know why, except that I want it my way."

You see the same mentality exhibited in the iconic quote from Rear Admiral David Farragut, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!" He uttered his famous command after the USS Tecumseh, part of a Union invasion fleet, was blown up by a Confederate mine (back then called a torpedo). The Tecumseh was the biggest and most advanced ship in his fleet, and the sinking of her and the loss of the 114-man crew had put fear into the rest of his command. Farragut could be said to have gone against logic by issuing the command to go full speed ahead

despite the dangers clearly in front of them. Fortunately for Farragut, his fleet successfully captured Mobile Bay in August 1864. If you care to read the story, the full history resides at the U.S. Naval Institute website.

Another federal commander didn't fare as well when he used the same mentality and seriously underestimated Lakota Sioux and Cheyenne warriors at a place known as Greasy Grass (also known as the Little Bighorn) in what is now Montana. Lt. Colonel George Armstrong Custer had, until his confrontation with Chief Sitting Bull and Chief Crazy Horse at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, been a decorated war hero and was considered an expert strategist. But he was also known for charging headlong into anything he attempted. This time, he did so at the cost of his entire company of 200 men, which included Custer's two brothers, his brother-in-law, and a nephew. (history.com)

If you go to the United States Federal Register website, www.federalregister.gov, and you look up "Indian Entities Recognized by and Eligible To Receive Services From the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs," you will find a listing of the 574 Tribal entities that the U.S. government deems federally recognized, or acknowledged. So, logically (and legally), if you don't see an entity's name on that list, they are not a tribe in the eyes of the federal government. The list is part of the national archives of the U.S. government. It's not something made by tribes or entities.

The federal government has struggled in its roles of negotiation and reparation for the damage done in previous generations through war and failed assimilation strategies. And the things

done to tribes were extreme, from smallpox-laced blankets to forced (not voluntary) death marches to torture to remove language, culture, and history to "integrate" Indians into "mainstream" society. Native spirituality and culture were considered heathen and therefore in need of exorcism. Even though before contact, tribes had some of the most advanced indigenous communities anywhere on the planet, the Europeans deemed us unintelligent savages for not conforming to their way of life.

Here is a fact that I see in the whole mess of federal government origin regarding the recognition or acknowledgement of indigenous tribes. It wasn't until 1978 that the federal government established the Office of Federal Recognition (later to be renamed the Office of Federal Acknowledgement). So, I guess you could say that the tribes previously recognized by Congress had "grandfathered" recognition because the assessment process did not exist before 1978. The federal government (that would include the Congress), as I see it, put the OFA in place to maintain fairness in the selection of tribes, using a standard to determine the validity of claims to be indigenous tribes in the United States. It would seem to me that once the government legislated and executed that process, the options of Congressional or Judicial recognition would be used for appellate purposes. In other words, a presumed tribe would go through the OFA process, and if it failed to get recognition, would then appeal to Congress and/or the Court.

There is an old saying that returning good for good is easy. Good is always good. The real

challenge is returning good for bad. When we are treated with disrespect or harm, the right and most beneficial way is to take the high road. Somehow, though, it just feels so much better in the moment to return bad for bad. I have participated in a few public debates in my time, and I will tell you a secret about successful arguments. It is simply difficult to win an argument when the factual evidence is on a particular side. It won't matter how passionate or dramatic one gets; if the side that has the facts in their favor successfully articulates those facts, it is only a matter of time before the other side concedes or is determined to be in the wrong. No beating heads against a wall will change facts. And that side usually knows when they are defeated, because they will become primal in their responses and attacks, calling names and making threats. This can happen at any time during a debate. Sometimes it is after one side realizes that the other has the facts on their side, deep into a debate. Sometimes, realization occurs before the debate even starts. But when the opponent who has depended on false information, emotion, or drama to make their case realizes that it is a lost cause, they will either fall silent or go into a tirade.

Those who love Indian tribes should be passionate about protecting the integrity of their culture and history. Our race and our culture should never be allowed to be made a source of political gamesmanship, particularly for or by the federal government or individual senators looking for political or monetary gain. Federally acknowledged tribes should not be political pawns, even if the leadership of the United States and

the legislators of North Carolina think that is okay. It is disrespectful, disingenuous, and disgusting to the Native peoples of America. Acknowledgement should not be politically arbitrary.

The federal government, if they are intent on acknowledging tribes, should let the experts speak for themselves. The Congress should appoint a commission, a tribunal if you will, made up of the leaders of federally recognized tribes. Let petitioning groups seek certification through that tribunal before they are considered for recognition. Who is better to identify a brother than the family

they seek to be a part of? Barring that process, the Office of Federal Acknowledgement determination is the next best, least politicized approach.

If the United States government leaves federal recognition in the hands of politically, financially motivated people like a certain senator from Oklahoma, the dissolution of federal recognition is indeed close at hand. Like blood quantum determination, it will be the ultimate tool for assimilation. And one must ask oneself, is recognition worth jeopardizing the 574 existing tribes (roughly 1.9 million tribal members)?

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8:45 AM-10:45 AM 9:06 PM-11:06 PM	9:28 AM-11:28 AM 9:50 PM-11:50 PM	10:13 AM-12:13 PM 10:37 PM-12:37 AM	7:14 AM-8:14 AM 4:52 PM-5:52 PM	11:51 AM-1:51 PM	12:17 AM-2:17 AM 12:43 PM-2:43 PM	1:09 AM-3:09 AM 1:35 PM-3:35 PM

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November report from Aniwoḍiḥi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper

Hello everyone,

This is my Council Report for the month of November. My goal is to submit this report to The One Feather during the week following each Council session. Please note that travel or holidays may occasionally delay submission, and I appreciate your patience when that happens.

As mentioned in my introductory piece, these reports will follow this format:

Community Events

Nov. 11 – Veteran’s Day

A ceremony was held at the Steve Youngdeer Post, where the Legion honored four veterans with accolades.

Nov. 20 – Special Election for Big Cove School Board

A special election will be held to fill the vacant Big Cove school board seat. Voting will take place from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Nov. 25 – Cherokee Speakers Memorial Day

This event will take place at the Cherokee Speakers Place, beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Project Updates

Recently Completed Projects (All of the following projects began the planning phase in 2024 and reached completion in 2025.)

- Whitewater Landing
- Misting Stations (Downtown)
- Soco Falls
- Mingo Falls
- Rough Branch Playground
- Post Office Expansion
- Kituwah Hangar

Projects Currently Underway or Nearing Completion

Nvdiyeli Trail

The project is nearing completion. Concrete stairs are still needed, and new signage is in progress.

Ceremonial Grounds

The project is currently out for bid. Once the bidding process is complete, the contract will move to the Business Committee for approval. Until a contract is finalized, no completion date is available.

Multipurpose Facility (Old High School Site)

Currently in the design and development phase; a completion date has not yet been determined.

New Restroom Facilities for the Historical Area (Indian Village and Fire Mountain Trails)

Designs have been approved,

and the RFP process is about to begin. The goal is to complete this project before the new season opens.

A common question from the community has been:

“How are we doing these projects? I thought the Tribe was broke.”

To clarify, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds have been used to complete many of these capital projects. Going forward, new projects will be funded by tribal dollars. The Tribe is not broke. Every project goes through a rigorous vetting process, and the design and development phases are critical for estimating costs and ensuring that we meet community needs responsibly.

Ordinances

(All ordinances listed below may



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be revisited in the December Tribal Council session after meeting the 25-day waiting period.)

- Amendments to CC Section 130A-113.28–130A-113.29, Article IV – Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center
- Amendments to the UCC Ordinance, Chapter 16D of the Cherokee Code, to include the Tribal Bingo Enterprise
- Creation of the crime of taking indecent liberties with children
- Inclusion of voluntary and involuntary manslaughter as crimes under the Cherokee Code
- Amendments to the Judicial Code, Chapter 7 of the Cherokee Code
- Compliance with NC State requirements for Underground Storage Tanks
- Creation of a Deer Hunting Season
- Update of terminology from “Natural Resource Officer” to “Game Warden”
- Updates to fishing laws
- Amendments to CC Sections 92-10 and 117-45.3 to allow qualified program managers and directors to be TERO Certified and to contract with the Tribe to provide services directly benefiting Tribal Members
- Establishment of a Committee on Aging and Disability
- Establishment of a Cherokee Fire and Rescue Commission

Work Sessions

Upcoming Work Sessions
Nov. 19

- 9 a.m. – Tabled Res. 10 (2025): Noquisi Initiative
Request to establish a line item in the overall budget for operations.
- 10 a.m. – Tabled Ord. 6 (2025): Judicial Code
Updates presented by the Chief Justice.
- 11 a.m. – Tabled Ord. 17 (2025): TERO Certification Amendments
Discussion on proposed changes to TERO certification eligibility.

Nov. 24

- 9:30 a.m. – Tabled Ord. 39 (2025): Establishing a Fire and Rescue Commission
Proposal to create a commission to oversee Fire and Rescue operations and serve as a liaison for the community.

Recently Held Work Sessions

Nov. 10

- 9 a.m. – Tabled Ord. 11 (2025): Underground Storage Tanks
Compliance with new state and federal requirements.
- 10 a.m. – Tabled Ord. 13 (2025): Deer Hunting Season
Establishes a defined deer hunting season on Tribal Trust Lands.
- 11 a.m. – Tabled Ord. 12 & 14 (2025): Unlawful Searches by Game Wardens & Fishing Laws
 - o Ord. 12: Updates terminology, replacing “Natural Resource Officer” with “Game Warden.”
 - o Ord. 14: Revises language for licenses, permits, prohibitions, and penalties.

Monthly Question from Readers

This month’s topic addresses an issue of major importance to all federally recognized tribes. On Nov. 5 at 2:30 p.m., a subcommittee hearing was held for the Lumbee Fairness Act. Principal Chief Michell Hicks and Chief Ben Barnes of the Shawnee Tribe spoke in opposition to this legislation. While I aim to keep these reports as free from political commentary as possible, this issue warrants factual discussion.

First, I want to thank Principal Chief Michell Hicks for representing our position with clarity, dignity, and professionalism.

A common question has been: “When will they make a decision on the Lumbee Fairness Act?” This is a complex matter. The legislation, which seeks to grant federal recognition to the Lumbee, has been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. A hearing was held on Nov. 5 to gather information, not to advance the bill. For the bill to move forward, a majority of the eleven committee members would need to vote in favor. If approved, it could then proceed to the Senate floor — though controversial bills rarely succeed as standalone legislation. Often, such language is instead attached to a “must-pass” bill.

Currently, the House has passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) with language recognizing the Lumbee. The Senate’s version does not include this language. The bill is

now in a conference committee, which works to reconcile differences between the two versions. Both chambers must pass identical legislation before it goes to the President for approval — a process that is lengthy and unpredictable.

Your tribal government remains vigilant and informed throughout this process. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has fought this battle for many years and continues to have strong allies. While emotions ran high during the hearing, the lack of factual evidence presented by the Lumbee group speaks volumes.

We have consistently maintained that all groups seeking federal recognition should follow the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) process. It is not unreasonable to require proof of Native ancestry and adherence to established procedures. The EBCI has even supported efforts to create an expedited review process to make the OFA system more efficient. Our position remains firm: every group must follow the same fair and transparent process.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report. I look forward to sharing more updates with you next month. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

I Miss Church

Part 1 of 3

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

Scripture references: Leviticus 19:30, Romans 3:18, Proverbs 1:7, Heb 12:28, Matthew 22:36-38, 1 Peter 3:15, Isaiah 40:8, Romans 1:21, Revelation 19:5, Ecclesiastes 7:10, Revelation 4:11

Heb 10:24-25 “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” NIV

Here’s a joke that doesn’t seem funny anymore. You might hear an occasional testimony about the speaker’s severe drug problem in his youth. The story goes that while they were very young, their mama drug them to church on Sunday and Wednesday, and every other day the church doors were open. An old joke, really, but there was much truth in it for many of us boomers. The church today is very optional, and it seems for some that it’s the last resort because it is too easy to find an excuse. Church service doesn’t command respect or reverence once maintained in society. In my opinion, we need to reculture our community of Christians to think otherwise (Heb 10:24-25). Many facets exist in this loss of desire to attend church and observe reverence for our Lord and the designated sanctuary. We are the church; I get it. Where we worship our Lord as a congregation is more than just a building or address. Some readers here will not like this commentary, but everyone needs to hear it. If the shoe fits...

test yourself.

Have we lost our awe, honor, and respect for God? Is the church auditorium still considered the sanctuary? Do we follow the first commandment from God? I believe this is the downfall of our churches and extends to our society because we no longer put God first with respect and honor. A church sanctuary is a place of prayer and worship. Protecting the atmosphere that brings the Spirit of God into the midst of a congregation is paramount to moving people into God’s presence.

I miss the old church I grew up in. I often reminisce about the olden days when most of this country went to church. Sunday school, Sunday morning services, singing the Doxology of praise, spirit-filled worship, partaking of the elements in the Lord’s Supper, and Sunday night services. I miss Wednesday night prayer meetings, religious holiday programs, youth-night participation, revivals, and special music and speaker events.

Full-page announcement bulletins and especially traditional gospel music from the hymnals. I miss full choirs and frequent special music from soloists, duets, trios, and men’s barbershop quartets; those were great times. If you still have all that, you are blessed. If not, maybe you reminisce as I do. Cherish those things and fight to keep them.

What happened to people’s participation? Did we get too busy with the world and its programs? Or did we just get lazy? Chipped away bit by bit, we see Christianity being left behind in the lives of our members, schools, and society in general. The result is dwindling churches with too few people who sustain them with more than a checkbook. Satan seems to be winning, and time is on his side. We know the truth. Satan is a loser, and God controls time.

I miss preachers who were jealous to keep their pulpits. I miss the days when people went to church because their church fam-

ily was there. There were no excuses to dismiss a night or Sunday because of a holiday. I swallowed hard when I read a phone-delivered text message from the church, canceling service. I remember that a deacon would conduct service when the pastor was out due to illness or another event.

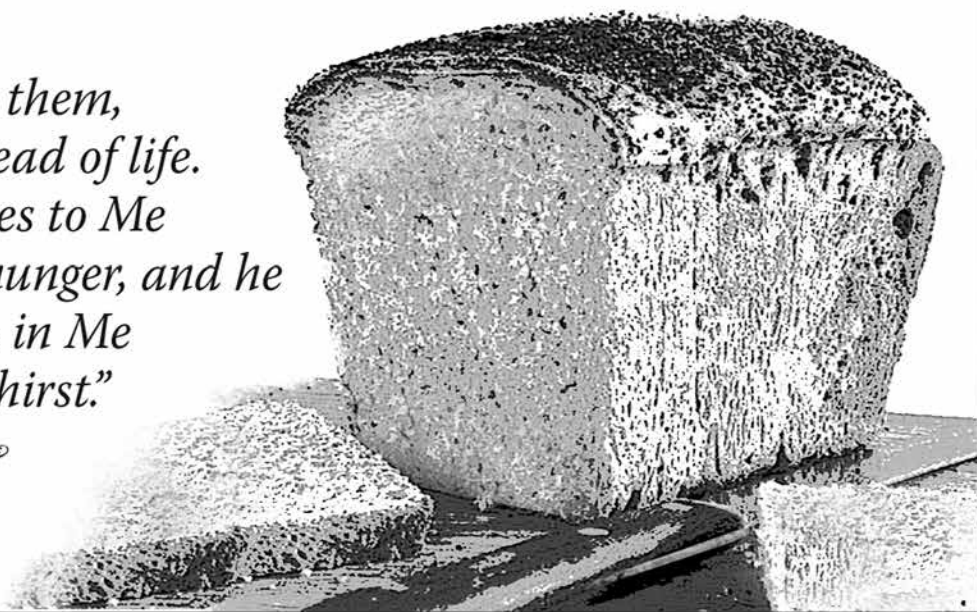
During a service filled with one announcement after another, we might hear there will be no service on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving, so everyone can spend time with their family. I think, “The church is their family!” Do you have church on Christmas Day, regardless of what day it falls? Or Christmas Eve? We used to. That is when we did our youth programs, and that is when we did our choir cantatas. That is when we greeted and gifted friends and family, and gave little kids gift bags of food, oranges, apples, and even a tiny toy. I miss those memorable times and the blessings from the fellowship of believers.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Jesus said to them,
“I am the bread of life.
He who comes to Me
shall never hunger, and he
who believes in Me
shall never thirst.”*

JOHN 6:35 



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Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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



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HAPPENINGS

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

Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. Good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

- Nov. 22 at 3 p.m., sponsored by Jabba and Jack Smoker

- Dec. 6 at 3 p.m., for Jesse Welch Jr. and family

- Dec. 13 at 3 p.m., fundraiser for Rez Heat travel league basketball team

EBCI Community Events

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://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/yP4Lk-jLAHB>

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.

Free Spaghetti Dinner. Nov. 24 starting at 5 p.m. at the Painttown Community Building 59 Magnolia Ln, Whittier., NC 28789. If you or someone you know could use a warm meal, come enjoy home-made spaghetti, fellowship and community. All are welcome.

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 2 and 3 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Center at 1212 Birdtown Rd., Cherokee, NC. 28719. Dec. 2 will have Indian dinners, Dec. 3 will have Indian tacos. Meet Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus both days. Presented by Brothers In The Wind. To reserve a table call Lisa (828) 788-1708.

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

Ollie Bird Descendants Family Dinner. Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. at Rock Springs Baptist Church Upper Room, 129 Old Gap Rd, Cherokee, NC. 28719. RSVP (828) 788-5563

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

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

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

Aniwonisgi Tsunatsohisdihi (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 PET OF THE WEEK

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Moose, a 5-year-old Chihuahua, lives with her humans Melissa Carter and Timothy Tate. Melissa and Timothy are managers of the Shell Convenience in Cherokee, and Moose is a store mascot and hangs out at the store during day hours.



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Cherokee Winter Social. Jan. 31, 2026 at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Rec. Complex 1212 Birdtown Rd., Cherokee, NC. 28719. MC: Catcuce Tiger. Everyone welcome! Traditional Dress and Ribbon Shirts/ Skirts encouraged. All Cherokee Singers welcome, bring your rattles & drums. Food provided by Nikki's Frybread.

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

Cherokee storytelling and

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

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to let your intrepid Aries temperament take charge. Your strong leadership skills will help settle still-unresolved situations. Support comes from a surprising source.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your problem-solving talents shine as you move to cool down heated emotions. You also inspire trust in all parties when you act with careful consideration of their feelings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A long-delayed commitment begins to look better to you. But there's still a crucial fact or two that you need to know about it. Meanwhile, a health problem needs to be taken care of.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't waste time trying to learn why someone you relied on is wavering in their support of your stand on a workplace issue. Move on with the help of more steadfast allies.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Relationships enter a brighter period, both at home and in the workplace. Prospects also look good for single Leos and Leonas, who can expect a welcome visit from Cupid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Those mixed signals that were complicating your life are giving way now to clear, definitive guidelines. This makes it easier for you to weigh your options and make decisions.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Ask your partner for an explanation of what seems to be a sign of strain in your relationship. The sooner you understand the problem, the sooner you can both act to resolve it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new challenge in the workplace holds an exciting promise for the future. But be aware of the fact that you haven't been told about all the demands you might have to meet.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your financial picture brightens as you get into sorting out realistic goals from those that are not reachable at this time. "Caution" remains your fiscal watchword.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're deep into your new project, which is just fine. But don't neglect your family and friends. Spending time with people you care for is always a wise investment.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Past feelings are suddenly reawakened. This could make you emotionally vulnerable. Be careful about decisions that you might be asked to make at this time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come to a place where you'll be facing important decisions that can affect your future. Rely on your strong moral compass to guide you toward making the right choices.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're gifted with both natural wisdom and wit — a good combination for success as a writer, a teacher and, most importantly, a parent.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Helping other veterans over the holidays

The holidays are here, and for many veterans they won't be very merry. It's one struggle after the other, and the holidays just bring additional burdens.

There are presents to buy for the kids, there is the weekly dilemma of how to maneuver the rising costs of groceries, etc. We want to step in, but sometimes the needs seem endless and we don't know if or how we can help.

But, we can. Even a small effort on our part can go a long way to helping fellow veterans make the holidays a little less of a struggle.

If you're a member of a veterans group, like the American Legion or Disabled American Veterans, you're in a perfect position to give some real assistance to other veterans.

Here are some ideas to get you started, either as part of a group or individually:

Call Voluntary Services at the closest VA medical center and ask what you can do. You might be asked to run the parking lot shuttle and bring veterans from their car to the door. You might be asked to do one-on-one visits with patients who don't have friends or relatives to stop by. You might be asked to read to patients with vision problems. If your group is big enough (as well as having a good budget), you might want to host a holiday party for a whole ward, with food, drinks and presents for each patient. Hint: You can seek donations from the community to defray the cost of purchases.

Take a local veteran and family under your wing and ask what they need, whether it's meals, presents for the kids, a warm pair of boots or some home repairs.

Work a shift at a homeless shelter that serves a large population of veterans. You might be cooking, serving meals at the tables or helping veterans find warm winter gear among the donated coats and gloves.

Whatever you do, your help will have an impact.

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What's the best age to spay or neuter a dog?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: When should I get my purebred puppy spayed? "Macy" is a rambunctious, 6-month-old Bernese, and I'm getting conflicting information from friends and my vet. My friends say that she should go through one or two heat cycles before I get her fixed. The vet wants it done right away. Who's right? — Carol H., via email

DEAR CAROL: Oh, wow. This is quite a topic of conversation in my pet circles, as I'm sure it is with your fellow pet owners. I don't think anyone is going to be super happy with my answer, because I'm not going to give you a definitive age at which puppies should be spayed or neutered. Instead, I'm going to punt this to the American Kennel Club (AKC), which has a great article on why recommended ages differ: www.akc.org/expert-advice/vets-corner/neutering-spaying-right-age-dog.

With that said, I commend you on making the decision to spay your puppy. Among owners of purebred dogs, deciding if and when to "fix" them is sometimes a tough choice. However, if an owner does not intend to breed their dog (responsibly, of course), spaying or neutering can curb some undesired behaviors and prevent some health problems.

If you decide to spay Macy after her first or second heat, wait until the heat cycle has completed before undergoing the procedure. This will reduce the possibility of excessive bleeding. Also, keep her under your control during her heat cycle — indoors unless you're walking her. When you take her for walks, stay next to her and keep her on a strong leash. It will amaze you how many dogs become intensely interested in Macy as you pass by. Keep your distance from all of them during this period.

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

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Bring your own craft; all artforms are welcome. Coffee will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own snacks.

EBCI Community Regular Mtgs.

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

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Mtgs.

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

Work session on Tabled 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.

Work Session on Tabled Res. No. 27 (Requirement for Executive and Dinilawigi to provide reports). Dec. 16 at 9 a.m.

Work Session on Tabled Res. No. 28 (Weighted Vote). Dec. 16 at 10 a.m.

Work Session on Tabled Res. No. 30 (Transparency in Tribal Government, Legistar). Dec. 16 at 11 a.m.

Work Session on Beloved Women. Dec. 16 at 1 p.m.

Pow Wow Listings

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, chairmain@carolinagood-medicine.org

Support Groups

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

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

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

Life@WesternCarolina meets each Wednesday morning during the academic school year the Life@ group meets on the campus

of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. For those over the age of 50 and looking for ways to engage with the community. To learn more or register visit life.wcu.edu or contact Western Carolina University Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness 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

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MISSING

James Dallas Cross

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'8" Weight: 150 lbs

Male Age: 16

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: July 24, 2025

Last Known Location: Wasilla, Alaska

Circumstances of Disappearance:

James was last seen at his residence in Wasilla, AK running towards Swan Lake. No other details are available. James was last seen wearing glasses, blue jeans, white hoodie, and white shoes.

If you have seen or have information about James Dallas Cross contact Malia Miller, Missing Persons Clearinghouse Manager, Alaska State Troopers (907) 269-5511.

Source: Namus.gov



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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship

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

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

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

Cherokee United Methodist Church. Hwy 19 – Soco

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

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

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From which book's 10:35 does Jesus say the scripture cannot be broken? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
3. In order to see Jesus, Zacchaeus climbed what type of tree? *Fig, Carob, Sycamore, Cedar*
4. From Matthew 17, what did Peter find with a coin in its mouth? *Ram, Fish, Viper, Raven*
5. In Mark 3:17, who were called "The Sons of Thunder"? *James/John, Thomas/Judas, Peter/Andrew, Philip/Matthew*
6. From Luke 8, Jesus caused swine to rush into what body of water? *River Jordan, Dead Sea, Nile, Sea of Galilee*

ANSWERS: (1) New, (2) John, (3) Sycamore, (4) Fish, (5) James/John, (6) Sea of Galilee
"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Moments in time

• On Dec. 1, 1992, police in Lilly, Pennsylvania, were summoned to a video store after a concerned passerby reported seeing a gunman inside, only to come face-to-face with a promotional cardboard cutout of a gun-toting Denzel Washington from the thriller "Ricochet." The no-doubt amused cops chose to use the experience as a training day.

• On Dec. 2, 2023, KISS completed their final "End of the Road" tour at New York City's Madison Square Garden with a performance featuring the band's digital avatars. After the actual musicians left the stage, their virtual versions launched into a performance of "God Gave Rock and Roll to You."

• On Dec. 3, 1847, escaped slave-turned-abolitionist Frederick Douglass, assisted by philanthropist Gerrit Smith, published his first anti-slavery newspaper, The North Star. The title referred to the bright star Polaris that helped guide fleeing slaves to the North, and freedom. The paper later merged with Smith's under the new name Frederick Douglass' Paper.

• On Dec. 4, 1942, a group of Polish Christians in Warsaw, led by Zofia Kossak and Wanda Filipowicz, put their own lives at risk by setting up the Council for the Assistance of the Jews. As their fates were not clear, it is also uncertain whether their mission was ultimately successful.

• On Dec. 5, 1873, Bridget Landrean was found dead in the Boston suburb of Dorchester, the first victim of Warren Avenue Baptist Church sexton Thomas Piper, aka the Boston Belfry Murderer. His second victim, Mary Sullivan, was killed the following year, and his third and fourth victims in 1875 and 1876. Piper was finally arrested and confessed to all four crimes, and was hanged in 1876.

• On Dec. 6, 1921, the Irish Free State (later renamed Eire and now known as the Republic of Ireland), comprising four-fifths of Ireland, was declared, ending a five-year struggle for independence from Britain.

• On Dec. 7, 1909, the U.S. Patent Office granted chemist Leo Baekeland a patent for "a method of making insoluble products of phenol and formaldehyde," the first synthetic plastic. Dubbed Bakelite after its inventor, it would be marketed as "the material of 1,000 uses."

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The Garden Bug

Theophrastus (c. 372–c.287 BC) was a Greek philosopher who is regarded as **the founder of botany.**

In his two ancient works, *Enquiry into Plants* and *On the Causes of Plants*, he covered the descriptions, classifications, distribution, propagation, germination, and cultivation of more than 500 species and varieties of plants. - Brenda Weaver

Source: www.cartage.org

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

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Conference Center. Full season starts Aug. 4. Sunday School 10 a.m. and Morning Worship 11 a.m. Year-round services – church online live streamed from the 24/7 church channel, Embassy TV <https://>

embassytv.net Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Will Chambliss, Thursday Night Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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

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

service is live-streamed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tsalagi MINUTE

People who became bears

Long ago there was a Cherokee clan called the AniTsoguihi. One of the boys of this clan loved to spend all day in the woods. He began going every day, leaving at daybreak and staying until after dark. Finally, he wouldn't even eat in his mother's house. Long brown hair began to grow all over his body. "I'm beginning to be different," he said. "I can't live here any longer. If you come with me, there will be plenty to eat, and you never have to work for it. But if you want to come, you must first fast seven days."

His father and mother talked about it, then talked to the heads of the clan. They had a council, and after everything had been said, they decided to go. So they fasted for seven days, and on the seventh day they left their town with the boy leading the way. People in other towns heard about this and sent their headmen to persuade them to come back. They were going into the woods, and their bodies were already beginning to be covered with hair like animals because for seven days they had not taken human food and their nature was changing.

They would not come back, but said, "We are going where there is always plenty to eat. From now on we will be called Yona. When you are hungry come into the woods and call us and we will give you our own flesh to eat so you can live. Don't be afraid to kill us, because we will live always."

They taught the messengers the songs to call them. The bear hunters have them still. When they finished teaching the songs, the AniTsoguihi turned away and the headmen turned back to their settlements. When the headmen turned back, they saw a group of bears going into the woods where the AniTsoguihi had been.



Source: Museum of the Cherokee People

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Creek Baptist Church” for the latest updates.

Rock Springs Baptist Church.

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

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church.

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

Shoal Creek Baptist Church.

184 Shoal Creek Church Loop Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday

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

Spruce Grove Baptist Church.

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

Straight Fork Baptist Church.

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

Waterfalls Baptist Church.

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

Whittier United Methodist Church.

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

Wilmot Baptist Church.

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

Wrights Creek Baptist Church.

Wrights Creek Rd.

Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Visitors welcome.

Yellowhill Baptist Church.

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



1. How many touchdown passes did the New England Patriots' Tom Brady throw in the second quarter of a 59-0 rout of the Tennessee Titans in 2009?
2. Name the Spanish soccer player for Barcelona who won the Women's Ballon d'Or in consecutive years from 2021 to 2022.
3. The 2025 sports biography film "The Smashing Machine" stars Dwayne Johnson as what mixed martial arts champion?
4. Where and when was the first World Series game to be played in a domed stadium?
5. What Southern California racetrack hosted the Breeders' Cup horse races in 2017, 2021 and 2024-2025?
6. What set of 72 trading cards was produced in 1979 and included cards of female athletes such as tennis player Rosie Casals, racecar driver Janet Guthrie, gymnast Cathy Rigby and Olympic skier Barbara Cochran?
7. Willie Thrower, recognized as the NFL's first Black quarterback in the modern era, played for what team in 1953?

Answers

1. Five, an NFL record for one quarter.
2. Alexia Putellas.
3. Mark Kerr.
4. At the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1987.
5. Del Mar Thoroughbred Club.
6. Supersisters.
7. The Chicago Bears.

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12/17

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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:
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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**

BIDS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF
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RALEIGH, N.C.

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be December 16, 2025, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2.
(C205090) WILSON;
(C205038) WAKE;

(C205018) ROCKINGHAM;
(C205071) ROCKINGHAM;
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(C205010) WILKES;
(C205120) MADISON

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

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

Plans, proposal forms, and specifications may be obtained at the Raleigh Office of the Department of Transportation, Telephone # 919-707-6925. Department of Transportation, Mr. Patrick Norman, PE., Chief Engineer. **11/19**

Notice to Qualified Professionals Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

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 Program office.

Contact Shyreece Williams,
 shywill1@nc-chokeee.com with
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 359-6638. **11/26**



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club
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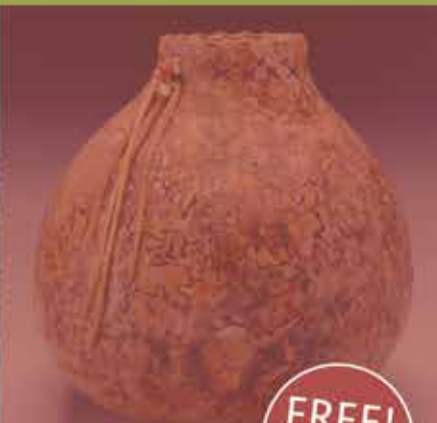
Construction & Facilities
 2 Skilled Carpenters—\$31,800–\$39,750 per year with Benefits
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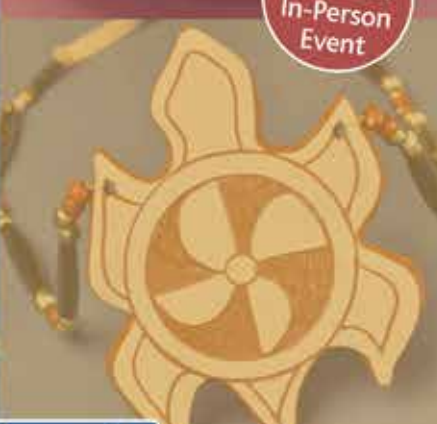
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Training and Development Coordinator

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Bonus
EVS Supervisor – 2nd Shift
HVAC/Maintenance Mechanic - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Cook – CIHA Dietary

FINANCE

Accountant I
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HUMAN RESOURCES

Employee Relations Specialist

TRIBAL OPTION

Tribal Option Medical Social Worker

MEDICAL

Physician (Primary Care, Pediatrics)
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Hospitalist
Psychiatrist
Credentialing Coordinator
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NURSING

Clinical Care Manager - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager – Pediatrics - \$10,000
Hiring Bonus
Clinical Care Manager Float - \$10,000 Hiring
Bonus
CNA/Medical Clerk
Medical Social Worker – Primary Care
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OPERATIONS

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Clinical Pharmacist – Overnight
Dental Assistant II
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Dentist - CIHA and Satellite - \$10,000 Hiring
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Bonus
Licensed Practical Nurse - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
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Director of the Cherokee Center

The directorship is a critical position responsible for bridging activities between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and WCU. The Director has primary responsibility for implementation of the Cherokee Center's Strategic Plan, which was developed jointly with community members from both the EBCI and WCU. The Director will also focus on recurring themes of recruitment, retention, and mentorship of EBCI members enrolled or desiring to enroll at WCU. The Director will work closely with other departments on campus including but not limited to Cherokee Studies, Health Sciences, Research Administration Admissions, Student Affairs and Educational Outreach.

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9-12 Special Education Teacher
6-12 Pathseekers School Counselor
Special Education Teacher Assistant
K-5 Special Education STARS Teacher
K-5 School Counselor
K-5 Cherokee Language Instructor
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2. Meter Reader/Utility Worker – Water & Sewer – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18)
3. Maintenance Technician – SB/CC HELP – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L9 \$17.27 \$21.59)
4. Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
5. Member Services Representative – Cherokee Fitness Complex – CERS (L7 \$ 16.61- \$20.77)
6. Office Administrator – TERO (L10 \$18.74- \$23.43)

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

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Aurora Borealis

The aurora borealis (northern lights) was visible in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 11. This photo was taken in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) near midnight. (Photo by Erica Pheasant Hull)

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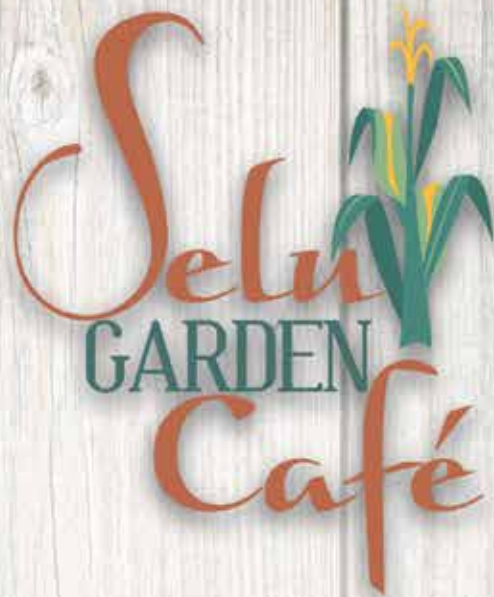
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Fall inspired mimosas and build your own Bloody Mary bar

And assorted sweets to top it all off!

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