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# Elk discussion

Ordinance  
proposing an elk  
hunting season  
discussed in EBCI  
Timber Committee

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
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**C**HEROKEE, N.C. – An ordinance, submitted during the March session of Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) and seeking to establish an elk hunting season on lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), was discussed during the Monday, March 16 session of EBCI Timber Committee. Ord. No. 135 was discussed in Timber Committee

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This elk was spotted eating a snack in Elawodi (Yellowhill) in Cherokee, N.C. on the sunny afternoon of Friday, Feb. 13. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



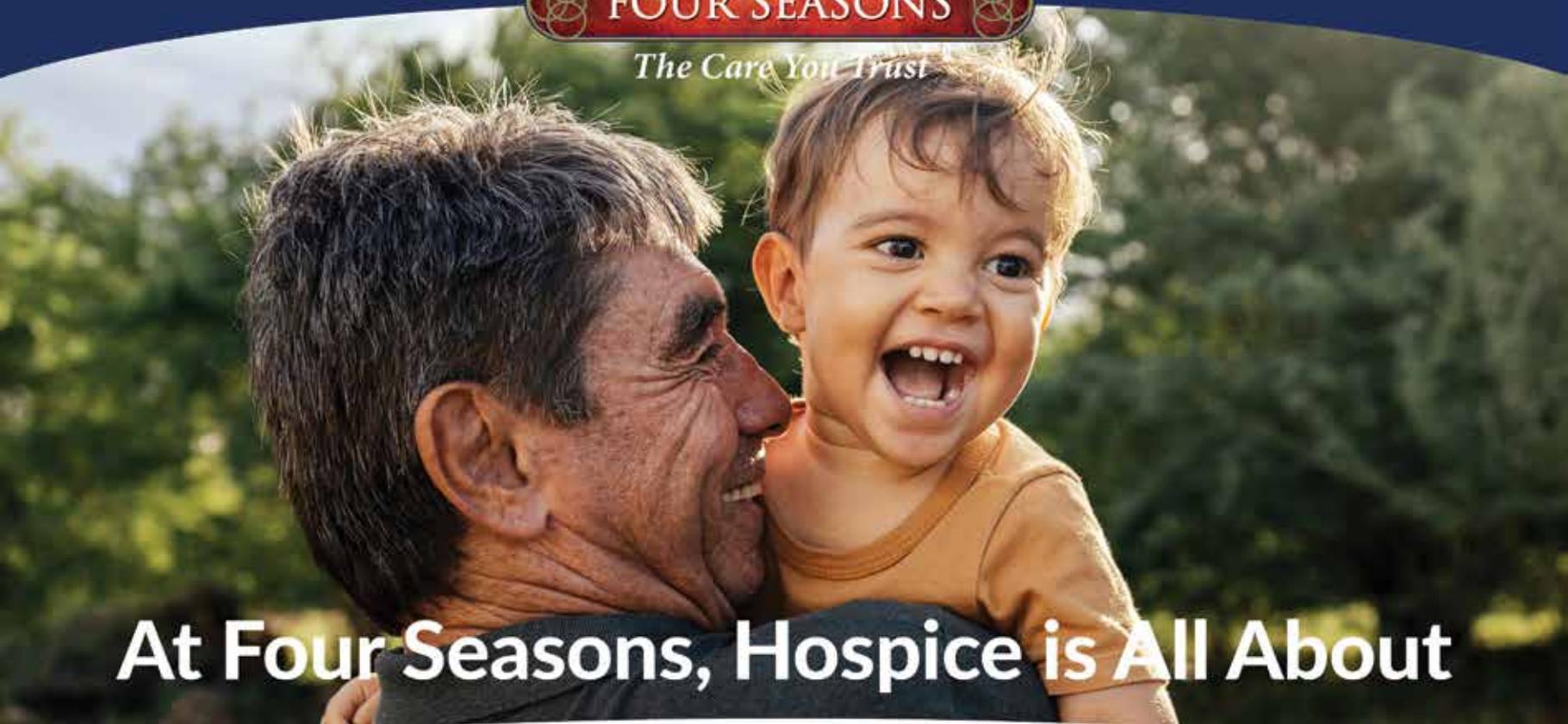
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### Image of the Week:

Placards along the Oconaluftee River Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park just outside of Cherokee, N.C. include the names of various plants in the Cherokee language as well as English. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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because that body, along with the EBCI Natural Resources Dept., submitted the legislation.

The whereas section of the legislation states, "Currently, the Tribe allows for the hunting of various animals, but not elk; and it is now possible to establish a limited elk season which balances increased hunting opportunities for enrolled members and the responsible management of the elk population on tribal lands."

This ordinance seeks several changes to Cherokee Code Chapter 113 including removing the word "elk" from Sec. 113-5(a)(6) which currently states, "It shall be unlawful to hunt, trap, kill, or take any bird of prey or elk."

It also seeks to add subsection (g) in Section 113-8 (Big Game) as follows:

- (g) The season for hunting elk shall be Oct. 1 through Nov. 1.
- (1) Hunting elk shall be by permit only as issued by the Natural Resources Department.
- (2) The bag limit for elk is one per permit.

(3) A hunting license is not a substitute for an elk hunting permit.

(4) The Natural Resources Department shall adopt rules, including but not limited to the manner of taking, harvest reporting systems, and permit fees and allocation methods to regulate elk hunting.

Mike Lavoie, EBCI Natural Resources Dept. director, spoke during the Timber Committee meeting.

"First of all, how many permits would be issued? This is really important point for us to consider. The population, as you all know, is small, and we do have some concerns regarding population met-

rics and genetic inbreeding concerns. So, making a decision about the number of elk taking needs some very serious consideration... The public has expressed an interest in the hunt through the survey work we have done. But, they've insisted that that hunt be sustainable and be guided by science."

Lavoie said a big question involves who would be allowed to hunt. Is it going to be EBCI enrolled members only? Or, is there interest in non-enrolled hunts? Spouses, youth - those are other considerations."

"How it's licensed will be a big determination of how much money is generated. Is the goal of this hunt to generate a lot of revenue for the Tribe? That would be determined by how it's conducted - whether it's an auction conducted live or possibly online, or is it a lottery system where people have a certain limit as to how many applications they can put in? So, there are some questions around cost and entry limits around a lottery if it's determined that's the best approach."

He added, "The big question we have is location. As you are aware, the elk are frequently within areas of Cherokee that really don't support a suitable hunt, whether it's downtown or around busy areas. So, that's of concern to think about. Do we just think about the tribal reserve; or, possessory holder lands outside of that area? And then, are there considerations around cultural properties. I know we have a lot of animals at Kituwah, but that's obviously a very sensitive area, so that's a decision folks have to make - if that's a suitable area to hunt."

Taline Ugwiyu (Vice Chief)

Alan B. Ensley commented, "I think it ought to be enrolled members of the Tribe, have an auction for the enrolled members. I think it ought to be a bull elk. I think firearm - I'm not against any of the other ones, but I think these animals, as big as they are, it ought to be a firearm in a shootable place."

He went on to say, "We know we're a tourist town and we try to get along with all the local communities, but the nuisance...it's the nuisance that's brought us to where we are at today. So, we're trying to appease our own community members. So, whatever feedback we get from that is what we'll have to live with, I guess, as far as I'm concerned."

I think this would be a good start for the elk season. So, we just need to make sure it's in place before next fall."

Wayohi (Wolfstown) Rep. Bo Crowe noted, "A lot of the concerns that I hear is from people that are growing gardens - a lot of them down at Kituwah fields. I know Dave gardens at Kituwah and Mother Town has a project down there. I know they said that they'd get everything raised up then they will come through and it'll about get destroyed from the elk. And, they've even got the fence around it. So, it's just been a nuisance on a lot of the ones that have a garden."

In its weekly "One Feather Question of the Week" feature,

the Cherokee One Feather asked for its readers' opinions on the proposed ordinance. Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shennelle Feather referenced the question and commented, "There were a lot of community members who didn't want it and were also asking for a referendum, that this should go to a referendum vote."

She further noted, "I think it also would be great to have a town hall and to talk to community clubs to be able to get feedback on this."

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Lavita Hill said, "I think a lot of the Facebook feedback was that these animals are kind of like our pets now, just that they're tame, and is it cruel to go out and kill them at this point?"

Information from the National Park Service states, "Once abundant across the southern Appalachian Mountains and the eastern United States, elk faced a dramatic decline due to over-hunting and habitat loss. The last elk in North Carolina is believed to have been killed by the late 1700s and the last elk in Tennessee is reported to have been killed in the mid-1800s."

Elk were reintroduced to the area in 2001 when 25 were relocated to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park from the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area in Kentucky.





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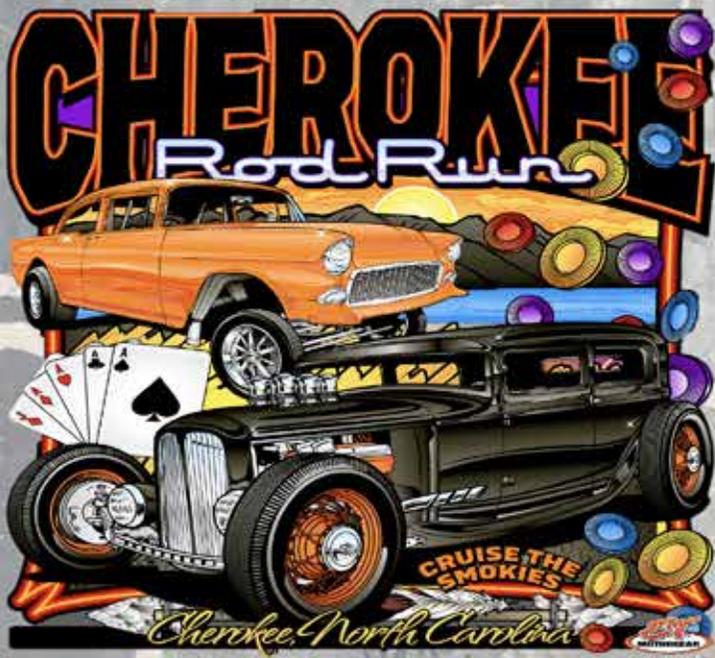
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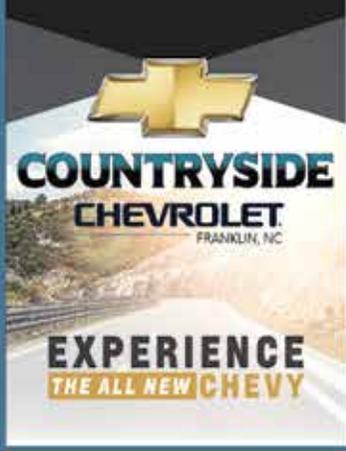
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# March Planning Board recap

By BROOKLYN BROWN  
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Planning Board met on the afternoon of March 16 in the Tribal Council House. Dallas Bennett, constituent services rep. for the Office of the Vice Chief led roll call. Members present included Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Tsiqwohi (Birdtown) rep. Boyd Owle, Aniwodihi (Painttown) rep. Shannon Swimmer, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) rep. Lavita Hill, Elawodi

(Yellowhill) rep. Shanelle Feather, Secretary of Commerce Sean Ross, Secretary of Treasury Brandi Claxton, Secretary of Operations Anthony Sequoyah, Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks, Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) Alan B. Ensley, Anna Ferguson, Pat Oocumma, Annie Owens, Jake Crowe, and Natalie Bradley. Wayohi (Wolfstown) rep. Mike Parker and Tutiya nole Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee Co.) rep. Adam Wachacha had an excused absence.

Luke Swimmer, vice president of marketing for Kituwah, LLC. presented updates for the Authentic Brands Group (ABG) externship with a deadline to apply of March 31, as well as the Cherokee Cinemas bathrooms construction, which is underway and opening

May 1, and Clarion Pointe which is also open and operating.

Jeremy Watkins, manager of Tribal Construction, provided updates on various projects, adding that all manholes have been ordered for the Acquoni Road project, water and sewer material and equipment is mobilizing for the Johnson Arch project, and the intake project is complete for the KOA ponds.

T.W. Saunooke, interim director for construction management at Qualla Housing, said the Whitetree Court plans are 85-90 percent complete and entering the bid phase.

Rebecca Bowe, manager of EBCI project management, shared several project updates:

**Fire Substation 3 in Kolanvyi**—All of the exterior is near completion, and interior repairs are ongoing. The project is expected to be completed in April.

**Evidence Building**—The roof is complete, and water and sewer connections are starting.

**Cultural Grounds Site**— They are working with Cherokee Water and Sewer to locate water and sewer lines.

**Whitewater Landing Phase 2**—The concrete paths are near completion.

**Nvdiyeli Trail**—They are finalizing the signage package and working with the Cherokee Speakers Council. They are also working with cultural partners for historical and cultural signage information. Pathway lighting is also in the works.

**John Crowe Complex**—The sewer project has resumed. Tribal Construction has made a tempo-

rary access road. Logging is near completion. Grading is ongoing. They are working with EBCI Facilities on immediate repairs like field lights that are out.

**Oconaluftee Indian Village Bathrooms**— Bids opened about a week ago. Water and sewer replacements and improvements will start at end of the Village season, which is November.

**Old High school Site**—The design development for the fair components of the site are at 60 percent completion, with 100 percent completion drawings expected by the end of month. They are working with the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) to do additional surveying.

**Junaluska Memorial Site**—The design is at 60 percent completion and is expected to be complete and start bid phase in late spring, early summer.

**Family Enrichment Center at Old Davita Dialysis Center**— The design is 60 percent complete. The center is scheduled to open this time next year.

**Cherokee Fitness Center Pool Fill-In**—They had to take a step back because the fire marshal building codes changed due to use of space changing and effecting occupancy numbers. The project is set to resume at the end of spring, early summer.

**Veterans' Cemetery**—Through an approved Dinilawigi resolution in December, they applied for and received a grant for the project. The schematic design has been submitted. They expect to have a bid and be under contract by Sept. 30.



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# Police Commission February and March meeting recap

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**  
One Feather Reporter

**C**HEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Police Commission met for their monthly meeting on Feb. 24 and March 17 in the Ginger Lynn Welch Building.

During the February meeting, the following members were present: Chairperson Anita Lossiah (Elawodi, Yellowhill), Rick Queen (Wayohi, Wolfstown), Treasurer Kym Parker (At-Large), Hillary Norville (Tutiya, Snowbird & Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.), Vice Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown), Regina Rosario (Aniwodihi, Painttown) and Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove). Guests included Cody White, Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) attorney; CIPD Chief of Police Carla Neadeau, and Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) agent Norman Reed Jr.

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Chief Neadeau presented the monthly CIPD report for February. Reed presented the monthly ALE report. Reed shared that there is a Crisis Intervention Training scheduled for March 23.

The commission shared that following community concerns over alleged ongoing nuisance and criminal activity from a specific resident, the Attorney General's office clarified that two public nuisance convictions are required

before property forfeiture can be pursued through Tribal Council. During the March meeting, the following members were present: Rick Queen (Wayohi, Wolfstown), Treasurer Kym Parker (At-Large), Secretary Israel Rodriguez (At-Large), Vice Chairperson Gene Tunney Crowe (Tsisqwohi, Birdtown), Regina Rosario (Aniwodihi, Painttown) and Joseph Buddy Johnson (Kolanvyi, Big Cove). Vice Chairperson Crowe conducted the meeting in Chairperson Lossiah's absence. Guests included Brooklyn Brown, Cherokee One Feather reporter; Cody White, CIPD attorney; and CIPD Chief of Police Carla Neadeau.

Chief Neadeau provided the monthly CIPD report for March. Chief Neadeau shared that CIPD has an Indian Dinner fundraiser coming up March 19 at 11am. Contact information is (828)359-6600.

Queen shared that Wayohi community members are concerned about littering in the backwoods. Chief Neadeau said she would talk to her officers about increasing monitoring.

Chief Neadeau also shared that the Investigations team is scheduling a "Coffee with a Cop" community meet and greet, date TBD. The report was approved with a motion by Johnson seconded by Rosario.

Rodriguez shared that Chief Justice Bradley Letts would be attending the police commission meetings in April and May to provide an update on court expansion plans.

Johnson shared that he would be contacting the Roads Commission to discuss road safety con-

cerns in Kolanvyi, his community. The meeting adjourned with a motion by Parker seconded by Rosario.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Name the Italian racecar manufacturer that became the sole chassis supplier for the IndyCar Series starting in 2007.
2. What team won the NCAA women's bowling championship six times from 2004 to 2021?
3. What Vancouver stadium was home to the BC Lions of the CFL from 1954 to 1982, hosted seven Grey Cup games from 1955 to 1974 and was demolished in 1993?
4. Name the Dallas Cowboys cornerback who set an NFL single-season record with his fifth interception returned for a touchdown in 2023.
5. He played college basketball for the Duke Blue Devils and was drafted by the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2002. He has fraternal twin sons who also play basketball at Duke. Who are they?
6. John Landy, the second person to run a mile in under four minutes (following Roger Bannister), served as a state governor in what country from 2001 to 2006?
7. How many times did Wayne Gretzky achieve the NHL's rare "50 goals in 50 games" feat - scoring 50 goals in his team's first 50 games of the season?

## Answers

1. Dallara.
2. The University of Nebraska Cornhuskers.
3. Empire Stadium.
4. DaRon Bland.
5. Carlos Boozer and sons Cameron and Cayden.
6. Australia.
7. Three, in three straight seasons from 1981 to 1985.

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

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

Here is a list of some of those reasons.

### PREVENT EROSION & MOLD



#### 1. Roof Damage

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

#### 2. Wood Fascia Damage

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

#### 3. Damage to Walls, Windows, Doors and Patios

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

#### 4. Damage to Foundations and Landscaping

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

#### 5. Slip and fall

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

#### 6. Prevent Mold

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

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



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# Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

## New this week

**S. 3994 (A bill to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to authorize Tribal meat inspection under that Act by tribal personnel).** The full text of this bill was not available by press time.

Introduced: Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.) on March 4, 2026

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 4, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

## Bills we're currently watching

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

Introduced: Jan. 7, 2025 by Rep. Charles J. "Chuck" Fleischmann (R-Tenn.)

Action: This bill was passed in the House by a voice vote on Feb. 4, 2025. 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.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, 2025 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, 2025. It was reported without amendment by Sen. Murkowski (R-Alaska), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs chairperson, on July 31, 2025. 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, 2025 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 on March 27, 2025. 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, 2025 by Rep. Donald G. Davis (D-N.C.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 17, 2025. 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, 2025 by Rep. Hillar J. Scholten (D-Mich.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 7, 2025. 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, 2025 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, 2025, and a hearing was held in that subcommittee on June 10, 2025.

## **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, 2025 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on Jun 11, 2025. 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, 2025 by Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.) and Rep. Frank Lucas (R-Okla.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture on June 12, 2025. 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, 2025 by Sen. Gary C. Peters (D-Mich.)

Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 25, 2025. 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, 2025 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, 2025. This bill was referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, and a hearing was held in that Subcommittee on Nov. 19, 2025.

### **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, 2025 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, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

Introduced: July 16, 2025 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, 2025, and a hearing was held on this legislation in the subcommittee on Sept. 9, 2025. A Committee mark-up session was held on Feb. 11, 2026, and it was ordered to be reported by unanimous consent.

### **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, 2025 by Rep. Timothy M. Kennedy (D-New York)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 22, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

Introduced: July 23, 2025 by Rep. Eugene Simon Vindman (D-Va.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 23, 2025. 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, 2025 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, 2025. 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, 2025 by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.)

Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 24, 2025. 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, 2025 by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 31, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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**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, 2025 by Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 31, 2025. 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, “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: Aug. 29, 2025 by Rep. Lori Trahan (D-Mass.)

Action: This resolution was re-

ferred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Aug. 29, 2025. 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, 2025 by Rep. Jennifer A. Kiggans (R-Va.)

Action: The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 4, 2025. 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, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 10, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**H.R. 5327 (To extend federal recognition to the Nottoway Tribe of Virginia).**

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

Introduced: Rep. Jennifer L. Mc-

Clellen (D-Va.) on Sept. 11, 2025  
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 11, 2025. 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, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship on Sept. 17, 2025.

**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, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Sept. 18, 2025.

**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, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Oct. 10, 2025. 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, 2025

Action: This resolution was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Oct. 14, 2025. 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, 2025

Action: This resolution was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Oct. 14, 2025. 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, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Oct. 23, 2025. 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, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Oct. 24, 2025. 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, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on Oct. 28, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**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 authorize such leases.

Introduced: Rep. Harriet M. Hageman (R-Wyo.) on Nov. 4, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Nov. 4, 2025.

A Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session was held on Dec. 17, 2025, and the bill was reported and placed on the Union Calendar by the Committee on Jan. 14, 2026. This bill was passed by the House on a voice vote on March 3, 2026. It was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 4, 2026.

**S. 3236 (A bill to amend the**

**Food and Nutrition Act of 2008).** This is a “bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to ensure Tribal consultation and representation under the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.

Introduced: Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) on Nov. 20, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry on Nov. 20, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**H.R. 6285 (Native Arts and Culture Promotion Act).**

This House bill would amend the American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Culture and Art Development Act Section 1521 to add the following subsection (c), “(2) For any grants made with respect to Native Hawaiian art and culture, the members of the governing board which is required to be established under paragraph (1) shall (A) include Native Hawaiians and individuals widely recognized in the field of Native Hawaiian art and culture.”

Introduced: Rep. Jill N. Tokuda (D-Hawai’i) on Nov. 21, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce on Nov. 21, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**H.R. 6206 (Protect Culturally Sensitive Information Act).**

According to the bill, the purposes are, “(1) to protect the confidentiality of culturally sensitive information provided by Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Entities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations to the federal government;

(2) to create a safe, respectful space for consultation between the federal government and Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Entities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations that encourages a free-flowing exchange of information and ideas; (3) to build trust, strengthen relationships, and expand opportunities for costewardship between the federal government and Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Entities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations by ensuring that culturally sensitive information provided to the federal government will be protected to the maximum extent possible; (4) to advance repatriation of cultural items, including human remains, under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA); and (5) to strengthen support for the policy of the United States of protecting and preserving traditional, cultural, and ceremonial rites and practices in accordance with Public Law 95-341 (commonly known as the American Indian Religious Freedom Act).

Introduced: Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-N.M.) on Nov. 20, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Nov. 20, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**S. 3767 (A bill to establish Assistant Secretary for Indian Health).**

This Senate bill would “amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for

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Indian Health”.

Introduced: Feb. 3, 2026 by Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Feb. 3, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**H.R. 7325 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act of 2026).**

This House bill would establish a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies “to formally investigate, document, and report on the histories of Indian Boarding Schools, Indian Boarding School Policies, and the systematic and long-term effects of those schools and policies on Native American people”. If passed, an initial Commission Report would be required within four years and annual reports would be required from that point on.

Introduced: Feb. 3, 2026 by Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.)

Action: This House bill was referred to the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Committee on Education and Workforce on Feb. 3, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**H.R. 7396 (Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity**

**Act).** This House bill would establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration which “shall be responsible for establishing a working relationship with Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations by targeting programs of the Administration relating to entrepreneurial development, contracting, and capital access...”

Introduced: Feb. 5, 2026 by Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Small Business on Feb. 5, 2026, and a mark-up session was held on Feb. 11, 2026 where it was reported favorably (24-0 vote).

**H.R. 7490 (Tribal Warrant Fairness Act).**

This House will “allow the U.S. Marshals Service to assist in certain Tribal criminal matters.”

Introduced: Feb. 11, 2026 by Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 11, 2026. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**H.R. 7627 (To amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in certain provisions relating to priority resource concerns).**

The full text has not been made public as of this printing.

Introduced: Feb. 20, 2026 by Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.)

Action: This bill was referred to

the House Committee on Agriculture on Feb. 20, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**S. 3945 (A bill to ensure that federal laws that enable federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to access firearms apply equally to tribal law enforcement agencies).**

The full text of this bill is not yet available as of press time.

Introduced: Feb. 26, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on Feb. 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**S. 3946 (A bill to allow members of federally recognized tribes to use their tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer).**

The full text of this bill is not yet available as of press time.

Introduced: Feb. 26, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**H.R. 7698 (A bill to allow members of federally recognized tribes to use their tribal**

**government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer).** The full text of this bill is not yet available as of press time.

Introduced: Feb. 25, 2026 by Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 25, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

**H.R. 7699 (Tribal Police Department Parity Act).**

This House aims “to ensure that federal laws that enable federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to access firearms apply to tribal law enforcement agencies”.

Introduced: Feb. 25, 2026 by Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 25, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-N.C.): <https://www.tillis.senate.gov/email-me>

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## Here Are Just a Few Reasons to Consider Drafting a Will

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1. **A Will Protects Your Wishes** – It ensures that your belongings, property, and treasured family items go exactly where you want them to go. Without a Will, others will make that decision. A Will is a way to keep control over your own legacy and ensure your wishes are honored.
2. **Reduces Family Stress** – Losing a loved one is extremely difficult. When you have a Will, it removes confusion and helps to prevent disagreements among family members. A Will provides clarity, so your children and grandchildren are not left trying to guess what you wanted.
3. **Protects Your Personal Possessions** – A Will ensures that items are kept within the family, if that is your wish, and that the items are passed to the individual you desire.
4. **Can Help Prevent Land Disputes** – A Will can help prevent conflicts over land by assigning property beforehand.
5. **Choosing Guardians for Children or Dependents** – If you are raising your grandchild/grandchildren, or caring for someone with disabilities, a Will allows you to choose who continues that care. This protects the child/children or dependent.

When someone passes away, a Will can help everything move smoothly and respectfully. It is an act of love for your family to have a Will and accompanying documentation prepared.

It is never too early or too late to draft your Will. You may change your Will at any time if necessary. You do not have to get it perfect the first time. A simple Will can be made now and adjusted later.

If you have questions or need assistance in drafting a simple will, please contact Legal Assistance at (828) 359-7400.

**CIPD Arrest Report for  
March 9-15, 2026**

*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.*

Ben Jr., Larindo Helly  
Arrested: March 10  
Released: March 10  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

McCoy, Douglas Pearson – age 35  
Arrested: March 10  
Released: March 10  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ramos, Arnaldo Enrique Santonastaso – age 30  
Arrested: March 10  
Released: March 13  
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Eggen, Caleb Jage – age 23  
Arrested: March 11  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Drug Trafficking; Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell or Deliver of a Controlled Substance; Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (two counts)

Sherill, Amanda Nicole – age 37  
Arrested: March 11  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Violations of Exclusion

Resolutions and Orders, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Bradley, Albert James – age 37  
Arrested: March 12  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Cisneros, Angela Lista – age 38  
Arrested: March 12  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Drug Trafficking, Providing or Possessing Contraband

French, Walter Samuel – age 45  
Arrested: March 12  
Released: March 13  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Johnson, Anthony Dean – age 47  
Arrested: March 12  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Parton, Reagan Elizabeth – age 33  
Arrested: March 12  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, of a Controlled Substance

Taylor, Stephanie Nichole – age 35  
Arrested: March 12  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Drug Paraphernalia

Bird, Eddie – age 35  
Arrested: March 13  
Released: Not released as of report

date (March 16)  
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Calhoun, Jennifer Ann – age 61  
Arrested: March 13  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Rachael Nicole – age 33  
Arrested: March 13  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Abuse of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult – Edler and Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Watty, Irene Polly – age 31  
Arrested: March 13  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Probation Violation

Winoty, Timothy Michael – age 54  
Arrested: March 13  
Released: March 13  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Flippo, Robert – age 29  
Arrested: March 14  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Long, Rayelita Dawn – age 33  
Arrested: March 14  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Wolfe, Daliyah Lanae – age 28

Arrested: March 14  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Brady, Corie Lynn - age 37  
Arrested: March 15  
Released: March 15  
Charges: Compulsory School Attendance (two counts)

Curtis, Danina Ugasda Dream – age 26  
Arrested: March 15  
Released: March 15  
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Francisco, Alvarado Guzman – age 57  
Arrested: March 15  
Released: March 15  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Long Jr., Henry Allen – age 35  
Arrested: March 15  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Grand Larceny, Probation Violation, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Toineeta, Taryn – age 38  
Arrested: March 15  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Watty, Todd M. – age 33  
Arrested: March 15  
Released: Not released as of report date (March 16)  
Charges: Hold Until Sober



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## Cherokee High School 3rd quarter Honor Roll

Submitted by Cherokee High School

### 8th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Laylauna Allison, Uliahna Beheler, Amelia Holiday, Odie Owle, Lily Robertson, Carter Stephens

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Keilani Arch, Drayzin Beheler, Makai Hernandez, Emma Milholen, Aryahnie Pheasant, Gabriel Read

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### 9th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Nazari Bell, Blaze Crowe, Derreus Diaz, Jacqueline Fourkiller-Raby, Maya Lossiah, Jeron Martens, Kennedy Moore, Ava Murphy Walkingstick, Janessa Owl, Greyson Panther, Janiyah Rattler, Kalia Reed, Nyra Reed, Taytem Saunooke

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Jaymsey Armachain, Kellin Blankenship, Braelyn Bradley Murphy, Samuel Browning, Cher Crowe-Garcia, Georjje Girty, Dominique Gonzalez, Savannah Horn-

buckle, Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Andyn Pheasant, Cambry Stamper, Hailey Winchester, Devyn Wittman

**Beta Honor Roll:** Jaylee Arch, Gabriel Arneach, Mathias Arneach, Tyson Calhoun, Xihanna Christian, Dagan Conway, Colton Crowe, Laila Crowe-Taylor, David Davis, Greyson Ledford, Hynasha Ledford, Colin Lossie, Christopher Martinez, Nina Montelongo, McKyan Panther, Blake Sequoyah, Avrix Teesateskie, Joslynn Thompson, Julius Walkingstick, Marissa Wilson, Alexander Antone

### 10th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Zoe De Los Reyes, Dagoberto Guerrero, Morgan Hernandez, Lilly Lossiah, Kylana Sampson, James Smith Jr., Armani Watty

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Kiarra Caley, Mason Crowe, Khloe Cucumber, Jean Layno, Haley Locust, Jeremiah Locust, Rayden Locust, Jae McMillan, John Morgan, Thomas Tramper, William Welch

**Beta Honor Roll:** Ander Antone, Kyam Arch, Brody Armitage, Lillian Bradley, Marek Brown, Mack Burgess, Keysa-Ann Collins, Kahya Cucumber, Noah Dossett, Gabrielle George, John Calvin Gloyne, Lydon Gloyne, Nanette Hull, Jay-Jay Ledford, Camaron Oocumma, Jayla Pheasant, Preston Roach, Jovane Saunooke, Kimo Sokol, Kylea Swayney, Marcelita Swayney, Christopher Toineeta, Jess Walkingstick, Cainyan Welch, Ezekiel Welch, Carlisle Williams

### 11th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Sage Bark, Elias Blankenship, Emilee Brady, Jarvis Brady, Courtney Hitt, Chloe Locust, Johnny Long, Christian Luna-Martinez, Emily H Maney, Dawson Panther, Aaliyah Rogers, Joselyn Stamper, Kaden Stephens, Ava Teesatuskie-Walkingstick, Kingston Welch

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Nayaa Addo, Dillon Beam, Brandon Blankenship, Livia Crowe,

Kaden Cucumber, Jezakiah Driver, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Kiowa George, Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Reginald Hyatt, Drallen Ledford, Chaz Martens, Daksh Patel, Auron Taylor, Annie Tramper, Madigan Welch, Dalton Yates

**Beta Honor Roll:** Jade Arneach, Samuel Arneach, Martin Arteaga, Jameson Bradley, Trennan Calhoun, Carmen Cline, Israel Cotton, Nicholas Ensley, Jonattan Escobar-Mancilla, Ilana George, Aubree Grimes, Kayla Guillen, Braden Howlingcrane, Kyitan Johnson, Ayan-na Lambert, Ajalah Locust, Deanna Long, Lyric Owl Kanott, Denver Porterfield, Russell Reed, Rodrigo Santiago, Philip Saunooke, Utsela Saunooke, Kylene Sneed, Luke Stamper, Addison Stewart, Timpson Wildcat

### 12th grade

**Principal's Honor Roll:** Marleigh Aguilera, Francesca Armachain, Logan Biddix, Owen Bird, Maya Brabham, Brihana Burgos Delgado, Traelin Carey, Zayden Crowe, Payton Driver, Brett Elders, William Ellwood Jr., Emiliano Garcia, Javan Garcia, Oscar Guillien-Swayney, Samuel Hernandez, Marlee Hicks, Isaiah Ledford, Trinity Martinez, Evan Nations, Mato Nierenhausen, Lexcy Ortiz, Dailin Panther, Jadence Saunooke, Yvonne Saunooke, Gabriella Smith, Keith Smith, Jayden Tramper, Pippa Welch

**Alpha Honor Roll:** Talan Crowe, Fred George Jr., Riley Lambert, Josilyn Ledford, Leland Locust, Hailey Owle, Jaime Panther, Korbin Sampson, Timber Sampson Rattler, Nia Sequoyah, Elijah Sherrill, Cecily Swimmer, Keeifer Taylor, Madison Teesateskie, Sara Toineeta

**Beta Honor Roll:** Tayvin Bark-Cruz, Dante Bigwitch, Hayden Bowling, Audrina Cooper, Christian Malloy, Chaske' Raines, Jonathan Saylor, Gavin Teesatuskie, Izabella Terrell, Johnathon Thompson, Samantha Toineeta, Dayton Wilnoty, Haylie Woodard

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**EBCI COMMUNITY  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Cherokee Supreme Court  
sessions for 2026:**

- April 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
- July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
- Sept. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
- Oct. 9

- Cherokee Tribal Court

**Foundation accepting  
nominations for  
Lula Owl Gloyne Award**

The nominations for the annual Lula Owl Gloyne – Person of Excellence Award are officially open. Following the standard of excellence first set by Beloved Woman Lula Owl Gloyne, who worked as the first registered nurse of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), this annual award serves to honor a deserving individual whose actions and contributions have improved the healthcare of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The inaugural Lula Owl Gloyne Award was presented in memoriam to Lula’s daughter, the late Mary Wachacha in June 2022.

Since 2022, other recipients have included Dr. Victoria Harlan and Susan Crowe. The 2025 award was presented to Mistee Cutshaw just before she passed away from pancreatic and liver cancer.

“The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation is honored to help carry forward Lula Owl Gloyne’s legacy through the annual award that bears her name,” said Foundation Chairman Sheyaheshe LittleDave. “Her example set a standard of service and commitment that continues to guide our work today. By recognizing those who follow in her footsteps, we both honor her impact and ensure her legacy lives on as we continue advancing health care for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians.”

Nominees are expected to reflect the following core values:

- Contributions to Healthcare: Nominee has made significant contributions to the advancement of healthcare on behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Selflessness: Nominee acts in the best interests of others and promotes their health & wellness.
- Accomplished: Nominee has

risen above and beyond the call of duty to achieve results. This includes educational and professional achievements and serving as role model and mentor to others.

- Resilient: Nominee is an advocate on behalf of others to ensure the prosperity of the next seven generations of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
- Visionary: Nominee demonstrated forward thinking and a vision for the future of healthcare for the EBCI – regardless of barriers.

Nomination forms are available on the Foundation’s website at [cihfoundation.org](http://cihfoundation.org) or by emailing Foundation Director Brittney Lofthouse at [Brittney.lofthouse@cherokeehospital.org](mailto:Brittney.lofthouse@cherokeehospital.org). Nomination must be submitted to the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation by March 31. The CIH Foundation Board will review all nominations and will announce this year’s recipient on May 1. The 2026 recipient of the Lula Owl Gloyne – Person of Excellence Award will also be recognized at the 15th Annual Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Gala scheduled for June 27 at the Harrah’s Cherokee Casino

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- Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority

**Photographers wanted**

Submission by April 1. Cherokee Historical Association is seeking proposals from qualified photographers to take marketing photos during the 2026 season. Photos to be taken at the Oconaluftee Indian Village and Unto These Hills. Photographers should be local to the area. Additional considerations will be given to Indigenous candidates. Proposal should include: fee for 20 photos (including editing), any additional service fees, timeline to receive final photos, portfolio or sample of work. Cherokee Historical Association will select the proposal offering the best overall value, considering quality, experience and cost. Submit proposals to [Chelsey@CherokeeAdventure.com](mailto:Chelsey@CherokeeAdventure.com) by April 1. You may also email with questions if needed.

- Cherokee Historical Association



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**Meet Pam!**

Medical Social Worker for  
Tribal In-Home Care Services

Bachelor's of Social Work  
(Western Carolina University)



"I enjoy supporting and advocating for patients and their families... in navigating the healthcare system, addressing emotional, social, and financial challenges related to medical conditions and helping to find the appropriate resources."

Pam is a longtime advocate of the social work profession. She joined Tribal In-Home Care Services in 2019 and has been serving WNC since 1996.

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# One Feather Poem of the Week

## TRADITIONAL SPEAKERS

*By Kimlyn Sneed Lambert*

*Tears fall down my face,  
One more lost,  
All the history, all the stories,  
They have taken them to another place.*

*One by one they fall,  
No one but them hears the call,  
Their spirit and their light, we will mourn,  
But without them we are torn.*

*We are left to carry on,  
Without their knowledge or their brawn,  
Time goes on we cannot stop,  
We ensure the language never drops.*

*Young ones stand ready,  
Speaking Cherokee by choice,  
No one to tell them no,  
Taking their turn, diligent and steady.*

*Keeping our heritage alive,  
Using nothing but our voice,  
Our language writes our pages,  
And with that we will thrive.*

*Hundreds of years may come and go,  
But Cherokee speakers will remain,  
We will not be erased,  
History has told us so.*

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**SOCIAL WORK  
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<b>PROPERTY SURVEY, TRANSFER &amp; RIGHT OF WAYS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveying requests for approved buildable sites will be done by the Tribal Surveying dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Property transfers will be done by the owner to the home buyer at Tribal Realty. <input type="checkbox"/> The home buyer must own the property for financing purposes. <input type="checkbox"/> All road and utility right of ways or utility easements must be in place before any site work begins.
<b>PRE-APPROVAL PRE-QUALIFICATION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed, unless applicant is wishing to purchase a home. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender. <input type="checkbox"/> Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed. <input type="checkbox"/> Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included. <input type="checkbox"/> Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.
<b>HOME BUYING SEARCH &amp; QUOTE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved. <input type="checkbox"/> Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home. <input type="checkbox"/> After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneously, HBS Coordinator will submit same plans to the lending institution, as well as financial documents to keep loan active. Financial documents are updated with lender every 30 days.
<b>DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) &amp; LOAN PROCESS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will process documents to request Down Payment Assistance for 20% of sales contract amount, up to \$50,000.00, and will request \$5,000.00 in Rate Buy Down (RBD) gift funds simultaneously. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will review for completeness of application. <input type="checkbox"/> Completed applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.
<b>CIDH &amp; REALTY – On Trust Lands</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> After receiving signed loan approvals, the Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send DPA firm commitment to Tribal Realty to initiate Ownership Statement (OS), Lease and Assignment. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD. <input type="checkbox"/> Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution. <input type="checkbox"/> Lending Institution will contact client to “lock in” their interest rate, taking into consideration the gift funds to purchase discount points.
<b>DPA funds – Off Trust Lands</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> After loan approvals are received, Coordinator will send letter notifying lender the borrower has been approved for DPA and RBD funds and request closing attorney information. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will complete the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust and to be signed at closing and recorded at Register of Deeds in the county of purchase. <input type="checkbox"/> Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.
<b>LOAN CLOSE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed. <input type="checkbox"/> Home construction may start after loan close. <input type="checkbox"/> Client will begin working with Lender’s Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.
<b>SITE PREP SCHEDULING</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> If 1 acre or more will be disturbed during site prep construction, a SWPP (Storm Water Protection Plan) must be completed by our contractor before any work can begin.
<b>SERVICES PROVIDED BY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW HOMES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> For qualified EBCI enrolled members residing on trust land, Infrastructure provides: <input type="checkbox"/> Site Prep, Footers, Block Foundation, Block Underpinning, Vinyl Underpinning, Gutter System and Final Grade to prevent erosion.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## Area Catholic Holy Week Services schedule

Submitted by Mary Herr

Holy Week is what Catholics call the time between Palm Sunday (the Sunday before Easter) and Easter. This week has special services that recall the days of Jesus before and after his crucifixion and resurrection. On Palm Sunday, Catholics all over the world relive the scriptures and receive palm branches as a reminder of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11). During this mass, the gospel of Matthew 26:14-27:66, commonly called the Passion, is read in narrative form. Masses for the weekend of Palm Sunday, are Saturday, March 28 at 4:30 p.m. (English) and 6 p.m. (Spanish) at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Cherokee, N.C. and Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m. (English) and 11 a.m. (English) at St. Joseph Catholic

Church in Bryson City, N.C.

On April 2, Holy Thursday services will be at 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. This mass commemorates the Last Supper and the establishment of the Eucharist or Holy Communion. Scripture readings include Exodus 12:1-8, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and John 13:1-15. After the mass, there will be adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and a time for meditation on Christ's agony in the garden.

On Good Friday April 3, Stations of the Cross will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 12 noon (English) and at 3 p.m. (Spanish). At 5 p.m. at St. Joseph, there will be a Eucharistic Service (Passion Narrative and Veneration of the Holy Cross) with readings from Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 and a gospel reading of the crucifixion and death of Jesus from John 18:1 - 19:42.

On Holy Saturday, April 4, there will be morning prayers at St. Joseph at 10 a.m. The Easter

Vigil mass will be at 8:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. This special service begins with a blessing of new fire outside which symbolizes that Jesus is the light of the world. The Paschal (or Easter) Candle is lit from the new fire. Each person receives an individual candle that will be lit from the Paschal Candle. This is a reminder that as people baptized into Jesus Christ, we are the light of Christ, that Jesus is our Savior, and that we are called to imitate Jesus in our lives.

After the people process into the church with their candles, the candles are lit and the Easter Proclamation is announced. Numerous scripture verses are read starting with Genesis and ending with Romans 6:3-11 and Matthew 28:1-10. At this mass, people who have been studying the teachings of the Catholic Church become official members of the church by receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Those who have been baptized previously by other

denominations make a Profession of Faith as the Catholic Church recognizes their baptism by other Christian faiths.

The Easter Sunday mass on April 5 that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead will be at 8:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe (Bilingual) and at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Church. The scriptures read at this mass are Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 and John 20:1-9.

Father Victor Ameh and the members of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Joseph Catholic Churches invite local residents and visitors to attend any of the Holy Week and Easter services. Our Lady of Guadalupe is located just off Hwy. 441 North at 82 Lambert Branch Road in Cherokee. St. Joseph Church is located at 316 Main Street in Bryson City.

For more information, check the website: [www.stjosephbryson.org](http://www.stjosephbryson.org) or call Mary Herr at 828-497-9498.

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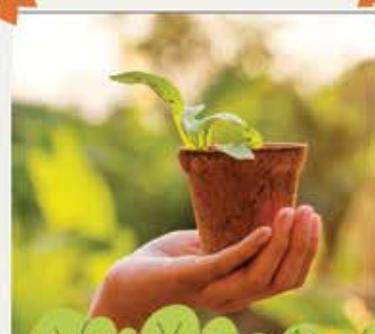
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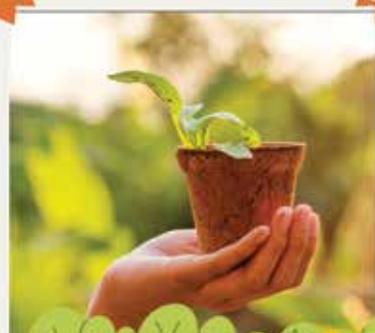
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**OBITUARIES** ობიტუარ

**Rick Bradley**

On Thursday March 12, 2026, we lost a legend in his own right. Rick Bradley passed away in Trinity Alabama where he has resided for the last 15+ years.

Born Feb 10, 1953 to the late Alvin and Melba Bradley of Buncombe County, Rick was their third child but, in all honesty, he was his mamas' baby. Rick had been preceded in death by his brother, Junior; and his sisters, Wanda Osteen, and Kathy Drake. He will be forever grieved by his two brothers, Jerry (Patsy) and Charles (Patty) Bradley.

Rick served in the United States Army and was an Army Ranger. He could Mcgyver just about anything. He had two sons,

Marshall (Jolena) and Richard as well as three beautiful daughters, Brittany McLean (Ryan), Jennifer Winkenwerder (John), and Emily Bradley.

Rick was proud of his kids and enjoyed bragging on them often. He desired more time with them in his later years as well as his grandchildren, David, Amber, Nikki, Indica, Jacoby, Gracia, Steven, Winston, Wesley, Pearl, Lucienne, and Tripp as well as great grandkids, Jaidyn, Jax, Ryder, and Adela. Rick had close relationships with many of his nieces and nephews, lifelong friends in North Carolina and special friends in Alabama especially JR and Carrie Nevils and their daughter KK. His presence will be missed.

Rick's final wishes were to be laid to rest in Cherokee, N.C. - a

place close to his heart. Services were held Wednesday, March 18 at Birdtown.

**Marlene Teresa Mills**

Marlene Teresa Mills, 67, of the Wolftown Community, passed away after an extended illness on Wednesday morning, March 18, 2026, at the Cherokee Indian Hospital in Cherokee, N.C.

Marlene was a lifelong resident of Cherokee, N.C., and the daughter of the late Geraldine Nancy Bradley and Lee Robert Mills. She attended the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was passionate about genealogy, tracing her family history back five generations. Marlene will be remembered for her kindness to everyone she met, her endless love for her family, and her unwavering

faith in her religion. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her brother, Lee Robert Mills Jr., and niece Destiny Long.

Marlene is survived by her siblings, Loretta Mills, Timothy Mills (Lisa), Allen Mills (Larry), Darlene Hayden (Sterling), and Glenda Davis (James). She is also survived by her Aunt Louise Otter; and nieces and nephews Jonathan Franks (Fauzia), Allison Franks (Elizabeth), Chelsey Ayen (Joe), Jathan Davis, Paige Davis, Joshlyn Davis, Christopher Davis, Nancy Walk, Michael Walk (Tonya), Destiny Mills, and Dalaina Mills. She also leaves behind seven great-nieces and nephews, and five great-great-nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 24, in the chapel at Long House Funeral Home,

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**MARCH 23-MARCH 29, 2026**

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<b>Tuckasegee River</b>	N/A	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Black Caddis, Parachute Adams, Pheasant Tail, Mop, Girdle Bug, Eggs, Streamers
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	N/A	Based on water temperatures	Brown Trout	BWOs, Black and Brown Stoneflies, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Elk Hair Caddis
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	N/A	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Black and Brown Stoneflies, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Thunderhead, Elk Hair Caddis, BWOs

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with Brother Danny Larch officiating. Burial followed at Bradley Cemetery in Cherokee, N.C. Pallbearers were family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Deborah Ann Owl Littlejohn

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write; for these words are true and faithful.*

*Revelation 21:4,5*

Deborah Ann Owl Littlejohn, 72, of the Wolfstown Community, gained her Heavenly Wings, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love,

and kindness Thursday, March 19, 2026. A lifelong resident of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Alfred and Mildred Owl and wife of the late Hank Littlejohn.

Deborah was a proud member of NAIWA and cherished the friendships and fellowship she found within her community. She was also a member of the Cherokee Church of God. A true survivor, Deborah endured more than most could imagine, yet she faced life with strength, grace, and a gentle spirit. Her unwavering faith guided her, and she was always willing to help anyone in need, offering comfort, encouragement, and a warm welcome to all.

Deborah met the love of her life, Hank, in high school, beginning a lifelong love story and marriage that stood as an example

of true devotion. She found joy in life's simple blessings. Deborah loved God, Elvis, Mickey Mouse, crocheting, diamond art, cross-stitching, cooking, and most of all, spending time with her family.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Messiah Sean Brown; brother, Glenn Owl, brother, Alfred William (Bill) Owl, sister, Brenda Veronica Owl; sons, Jeremiah (Jerry) Littlejohn, Jr., Joshua (Josh) Littlejohn; mother and father-in-law, Alice Littlejohn and Jess Littlejohn.

She is survived by the light of her life, Caius Littlejohn; children, Mark Littlejohn (Artith), Duck Lossiah (Sis), Charity Littlejohn, Tasheena Parker (William), Tiffany Ledford (Jayle'), Eli and Seth (Onna); grandchildren, Jared, Forrest, Tsalidi, Aisha, Tysha, Silas, Ice, Ietan, Josiah, Tehya, Kaitlyn, Kaileana, Felix, Colton, Maya, Michael, Jeremiah, Ryder, Kylie, Alexis, Myah, Isabella, and Zaelyn; and several great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 24 at the Cherokee Church of God. Pastors Aaron Bridges and Harley Maney will officiate with burial will be in the Toineeta Family Cemetery.

Deborah will be taken to the church at 6 p.m. Monday March 23 by Crisp Funeral Home to await the hour of service.

Pallbearers will be grandsons and Derrick Ledford. Honorary pallbearers will be Brandon Burgess, Timmy Ray Smith, Bo Crowe, and Steve Bird.

The family extends special thanks to Mick Crowe, Jesse Smith, and Phyllis Lambert for their love and support. Though her earthly journey has ended, Deborah's faith, kindness, and loving spirit will live on in all who knew her.

# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The Beast from "Beauty and the Beast" is a combination of several different animals, with a lion's mane, buffalo's head and beard, gorilla's brow, tusks of a wild boar, bear's body, legs and tail of a wolf ... and eyes of a human.

- Sweden is so efficient at waste disposal that only 1% of its garbage goes to landfills.

- Viking burials included board games.

- When making badminton shuttles, the most prized feathers are said to come from a goose's left wing.

- The 1967 Outer Space Treaty prohibits any nation from trying to own the moon.

- A young man from Arizona saved a woman's life by using CPR he'd learned from watching an episode of "The Office."

- The German version of the term "average Joe" is Otto Normalverbraucher, or "Otto normal consumer."

- In parts of Europe, folks believe that if you light a cigarette from a candle, a sailor will die.

- Spiders recycle webs by eating them.

- The term mortician was invented as part of a public relations campaign by the funeral industry, which considered it more customer friendly than undertaker.

- Beethoven was notably particular about his coffee, ensuring that his morning brew was made with precisely 60 beans per cup.

- A study has shown that dunking an Oreo in milk for three seconds renders the optimal balance between soggy and structural integrity.

- Sloths may be the only animals that don't fart.

- "Family Feud" host Richard Dawson met his second wife, Gretchen Johnson, when she was a contestant on the show — and yes, he kissed her.

- Polar ice cap temperatures can plunge to a bone-chilling -189.67 degrees Fahrenheit.

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**Thought for the Day:** "If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich." — John F. Kennedy

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## COMMENTARY

# This is why we can't have nice things

By ROBERT JUMPER

Tutiyi (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

Does expressing yourself need to mean imposing yourself on others? What does it say about a person or people who must vandalize and mutilate people or property to achieve acceptance or acclaim with a group?

I mean, if it were done to gain recognition from the community for artistic or demolition ability, that would be one thing.

It wouldn't be right, but it would make more sense than just doing it to impress friends. People who vandalize property with graffiti and destruction rarely "sign" their work, so if the goal is to get acclaim for their abilities, that acclaim only comes from accomplices.

And, just in case the vandalism is being done by our EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) enrolled members, we need to look at why one of our own might choose to destroy our nice things. We might think that it was just a childish impulse brought on by frustration or a rant because life just isn't going the way someone wanted it to, but maybe it is that and something much deeper.

What if the reason our people destroy our property is that they think we have deep pockets, and it's just fun to deface and destroy things? What if it is that some of us have become so spoiled and entitled that they believe that they



As shown in this photo taken Thursday, March 18, Whitewater Landing, located off of Whitewater Dr. in Cherokee, N.C., is currently closed due to vandalism to the new concrete walkway. (ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather photo)

can destroy property that was built for the common good?

I can remember as a boy living in homes that didn't have indoor plumbing. I, indeed, have used an outhouse before. In fact, I have used a "three-hole" outhouse, but never with anyone in that same outhouse. I was even once chastised by my uncle for leaving the door to the house open after walking in. He said, "What's the matter with you? Were you raised in a barn?"

As I work in the Ginger Lynn Welch Building, I need to visit the restroom a time or two each day. Now I don't mean to be gross or insensitive, but there is no polite way to say this. Every day, almost to the day, there will be messes in the restrooms: toilets left unflushed, used paper strewn around the room, people coming in and leaving the remains of a quick "bird" bath they have taken in a public restroom. Remnants

of previous users litter the toilet seats, urinals, and wash basins to some extent every day of the work week. And while the building's excellent staff of housekeepers work diligently to maintain cleanliness, they have a hard time maintaining cleanliness and sanitation when it would be an around-the-clock job just to flush toilets for those who apparently have not the inclination or potty training to take care of it themselves. As I watched that restroom behavior, I remembered what my uncle said to me about being raised in a barn.

We didn't have much materially when we were growing up. In addition to hygiene concerns, we were also concerned with trying to make sure things we had would last us as long as it could. So, we took care of our things: our clothes, our school supplies, our rooms, our homes. We were grateful to get and have what we had.

Our people have been very

blessed. With some estimates of our annual income topping \$150 million (CompWorth), the 16,000-plus enrolled membership has benefits unequalled in the municipalities that surround the Qualla Boundary. We have every program imaginable to the benefit of our children, our elders, and everyone in between. Per capita and Gen-Well payouts at or near 5-digit figures are paid out to each tribal member annually. Food and wellness services are provided. Higher education is provided. Programs to assist in home ownership are provided. And our tribe is continually building and providing nice things for us.

During the week of March 6, two separate news stories kind of flew under the radar, partially because, as a tribe, we were focused on watching our Cherokee high school athletes make their mark at the state level. Certainly, worthy of our attention, these young people are a source of Cherokee pride. Which makes some of the news feel a bit awkward and out of place. Someone decided it would be a good idea to vandalize the Whitewater Landing recreation area by marking up the uncured concrete. I have reached out to the relevant Secretaries to try to determine if it is known who might have done this, why they might have done this, and what repercussions might come from this, but information is not available as I write this piece. I won't speculate about whether it was a local or a tourist. I don't know. What I do know, based on the Planning Board session where it was discussed, is that repairs to the park will be \$15,000 plus (probably a lot higher than that), and the park had to be completely shut down while the

repairs are made. My understanding is that there will be an event there on March 28 and that while the repairs might be finished, those areas that were vandalized will likely be roped off because the concrete will not have had time to cure (finish hardening).

That same week, the EBCI Water and Sewer Department issued an advisory (as required by law) that a significant untreated water leak had let 5,000 gallons or more of wastewater enter the Oconaluftee River. Again, I reached out to the relevant Secretary concerning this incident to ask how it happened and whether it was tribal property or individual tribal member property that produced the leak. But, as of this writing, no information has been forwarded. All we know is that a large wastewater release has occurred in our

river. No other notification or public direction was shared regarding the release or what folks could do or should do to mitigate it downstream.

Why make a big deal out of it? Some might even say, "Hey, 15-grand is chump-change to the tribe. Just let it go," or "Hey, it's a big river. It can handle a little wastewater." But people who have that mentality are spoiled. They have lost their moral compass. Because principle also follows those actions in addition to the material damage inflicted. It is why we think it is okay to blow through town, where the speed limit is clearly marked 20 mph, at speeds double that or more. It is why we see picnic tables at our Oconaluftee Island Park covered in trash-used drink cups, plates, and uneaten food- when there is

a trash can 15 feet from the picnic table. It is why we must have designated river clean-up days to rid our beautiful streams and river of waste left by local and tourists alike. Shells of once-used buildings, old hotels, restaurants, shops, and homes sit on the roadsides like monuments to poverty, leading to our casino, business and historic districts. From graffiti to kicking over gravestones, we show our childishness and wastefulness on a daily basis.

And, increasingly, the next generations look at all that behavior and what it produces, and say to themselves, "Well, they don't care, why should I?"

Side note: We had our first baby announcement published in the One Feather in several months, maybe years, recently. Just so you know, One Feather will happily

publish your birth announcement free of charge. It doesn't matter to us where you are or who you are. Just send them to us. What a joy it was for me to see that! Newspapers used to receive tons of birth announcements from local hospitals (not ours, because we don't deliver babies in our hospital). Privacy regulations prevent hospitals from sharing those anymore so it is up to the family to make the announcement. To me, it was a ray of sunshine in a many-times-dark world. So...Happy Birthday, Sawyer! Thank you, your Mom, and your Dad, for sharing a ray of hope and joy with us at your birth! You, Sawyer, and your generation are why we should clean up our act now, so that you may have nice things to pass on to your sons and daughters.

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**MARCH 28**

# Brenda Toineeta Pipestem receives prestigious legal award

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

Justice Brenda Toineeta Pipestem, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, received a very prestigious legal award recently.

Justice Pipestem received the Huntington Her Hero Lifetime Achievement Award at the New York Bar Association (NYBA) International Conference on Women held earlier this month. Information from the NYBA states, “Justice Pipestem has committed her legal career to strengthening American Indian tribal nationhood through appellate judicial service... Justice Pipestem has dedicated her life to nurturing her family and empowering tribal communities through law, policy, and education.”

Justice Pipestem told the One Feather, “The recognition bestowed by the New York Bar Association International Conference on Women encompasses my work for our Tribe and Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians as a Supreme Court Justice. During my 25-year tenure on our Court, I also advocated and educated about Eastern Band Cherokee courts and sovereignty, with a specific focus on the health, safety, and mentorship of Cherokee women and children, and the protection and advancement of Tribal sovereignty.”

She added, “I accepted the Huntington Her Hero Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of my mother, my grandmother Mattie Youngdeer Toineeta, and all our Cherokee matriarchs past and present whose love, resilience,



Justice Brenda Toineeta Pipestem received the Huntington Her Hero Lifetime Achievement Award at the New York Bar Association (NYBA) International Conference on Women held earlier this month. (Photo contributed)

and wisdom have enabled our community and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to not only survive, but to thrive.”

In 2000, Justice Pipestem was appointed as an associate justice of the Cherokee Supreme Court by the late Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Leon Jones. She was confirmed by the EBCI Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) at the time and served in that position for 25 years – until March 2025. Justice Pipestem has served as an associate justice on the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Supreme Court since 2008.

According to information from NYBA, she also served on the Lower Sioux Indian Community Appellate court from 2007-08 and as an associate justice pro tempore for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians Supreme Court from 2008-11.

In 2018, Columbia Law School did an alumni profile on Justice

Pipestem who graduated from there with a juris doctor degree in 1999. In that profile, she was asked what she thought the most pressing issues were in Native American law.

She replied, “Two important issues facing Tribal Nations are (1) to have inherent tribal criminal jurisdiction over all persons, Indian and non-Indian, recognized so that tribes can fully enforce tribal and federal criminal laws within their jurisdictional boundaries; and (2) the preservation of the Indian Child Welfare Act, a 40-year-old statute designed to protect Native children, that a federal district court in Texas recently ruled is unconstitutional. In the interim, reauthorization and expansion of the Violence Against Women Act that acknowledges Tribal criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians who commit domestic and dating violence crimes on tribal lands is

of utmost importance for tribes to continue providing protection to tribal citizens. Without full jurisdiction over their lands, Tribal Nations are unable to protect their citizens and property from the criminal acts of non-Indians.”

Justice Pipestem was named a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and received the Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossman LLC Fellowship while a student at Columbia Law.

She represents Region Six on the Native American Indian Court Judges Association Board of Directors as well as being a member of the World Assembly of Indigenous Judges and on the board of trustees for the American Indian College Fund.

Justice Pipestem is a major voice on Indigenous law, not only within Indian Country, but worldwide.



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# FOMO (Fear of Missing Out)

## Part 1 of 2

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

Scripture references: Romans  
4:1-16

Truly, there is a fear among this generation called FOMO. Rightfully so. FOMO comes in the sinful form of those who delay accepting and living for Christ because they want to have fun and live the experience of a sinful life promoted by our media and the current morals of this country. They need to realize that they are missing out on the blessings from all the good things of God and His most precious gift of life, eternity with Him.

The battle is real, and it goes to the depths of fighting the evil principalities of this world for the souls of our youth and others. Using the Word of God to guide us, our responsibility is to walk with the Spirit and lead these souls to the grace of Jesus. The standard approaches using a carrot or stick, or even fear tactics, might work to scare or cajole people to Christ. But there is a better way.

While teaching Sunday School to a small class of middle school-aged boys and girls, I noticed a certain lack of interest in a pair of brothers about a year apart. They happened to be the sons of one of the church's deacons. I asked them point-blank why they weren't interested in the week's lesson. They told me boldly that they studied

the lesson and the scripture, but didn't think it was meant for them. The lesson resource was asking them to live for Christ. They didn't want to commit to being 'good' because if they did, they wouldn't be able to have the fun they saw others having, drinking, dating, carousing, and generally being disobedient to their parents and the Christian lifestyle being pushed on them. They both said they would become good Christians after high school and college when it was time for them to settle down. They were both 'saved' and baptized at a very young age. The boys were convinced their delay tactics were right for them. They had each other and most of their peers to lean on for their thought processes. Their folks and this Sunday School teacher were not making a dent in their decisions. I don't feel I did a very good job convincing them otherwise.

The real issue is that there are many lost souls out there with the same philosophy. They are not just youth but all ages.

Have you ever seen any of the Scared Straight documentaries on TV? Some programs still exist that use hardcore prisoners to scare troubled youth. The local sheriffs take the boys and girls into real prisons to see and talk with murderers and rapists about the harsh realities of life in prison and what they can expect if they stay on their path of crime and misbehavior. The documentary-type programs say it works on a percentage of those who go through the day-long verbal and mental abuse from actual prisoners inside. The self-proclaimed tough ones learn there are consequences of disobedience to the law. Someone is waiting for them who is always tougher, and fear is real. The truth about these programs is that they

don't always work. (Scheff 2016) Fear of the outcome lasts for only so long. Does the prospect of hell scare people to Jesus? Yes, for a few who have been there. Jesus talked of hell more than He spoke of heaven. How about the other fear tactic standard, "You aren't promised tomorrow; you could get killed on the way home." Does anything ALWAYS work?

Lord, God, and Father, we praise Your name. Remind us each day that You are the perfecter of unity. Even the Hosts of the Trinity are a constant reminder of unity in One. Jesus, You have asked everyone to come to You, to me united in one Spirit and one family, in one faith. Show us how to gather into one church without division or separation. Bring us together as Your church, a family of Christians living for You.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



I plead with Euodia  
and I plead with Syntyche  
to be of the same mind  
in the Lord. Yes,  
and I ask you, my true  
companion, help these women  
since they have contended at my  
side in the cause of the gospel...

Philippians 4: 2,3

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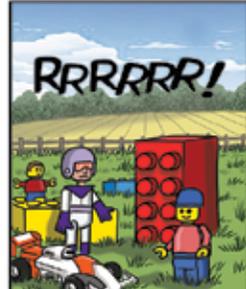
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# Amber Waves

HERE IT COMES! SLOWLY THE GREEN MONSTER APPROACHES, EATING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH.



THE VILLAGERS UNSUSPECTING THAT THEY'RE IN THE PATH OF ITS COMPLETE DESTRUCTION!



by Dave T. Phipps

# TIGER



by BUD BLAKE

# The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

# Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

# DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# HOCUS-FOCUS



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Meter is moved. 2. Tag on dress in window is missing. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Foot is thinner. 5. Awning is not as wide. 6. Awnings are not as wide.

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Sticks (out)
- 5 Govt. loan agcy.
- 8 Answer an invite
- 12 Canyon comeback
- 13 Chest muscle
- 14 Andy's boy
- 15 Israeli airline
- 16 Dumpster explorer
- 17 Spoken
- 18 Costa Rica neighbor
- 20 "Good as new," for one
- 22 Crow's greeting
- 23 French diarist
- 24 Pedestal
- 27 Nevada gambling city
- 32 Recipe abbr.
- 33 "Sixth sense"
- 34 U.K. recording label
- 35 Document destroyer
- 38 Love god
- 39 Numerical prefix
- 40 Discoverer's call
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- 45 More serene
- 49 La Scala melody

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- 52 "Othello" villain
- 53 Taxpayer IDs
- 54 Fish eggs
- 55 Streetcar
- 56 Wise one
- 57 Summer hrs. in D.C.
- 58 Robust
- 5 Really spread out
- 6 Actress Arthur
- 7 Performs
- 8 Rent sharer
- 9 Spaniel type
- 10 Test tube
- 11 Soccer leg-end
- 19 Bell or Barker
- 21 Bill of sale (Abbr.)
- 24 "Dynamite" band
- 25 Blond shade
- 26 Tidying (up) sch.
- 28 Enzyme suffix
- 29 Toothed wheel
- 30 "I love," to Ovid
- 31 Bro's sib
- 36 Sheathe
- 37 God, to Galileo
- 38 Crude stone artifact
- 41 "That's a laugh!"
- 42 Lip
- 43 — Major
- 44 Exceptional
- 46 Kate of "The Martian"
- 47 Alike (Fr.)
- 48 Apple variety
- 51 Scepter

## DOWN

- 1 Army transport
- 2 Golden State sch.
- 3 Compared to
- 4 Comfort

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which Canadian province lies to the north of Washington state?
2. MOVIES: In the "Star Wars" movies, which character wields a purple lightsaber?
3. GAMES: In Monopoly, how much money do players get when they pass "Go"?
4. FOOD & DRINK: Which fast-food chain's 1970s jingle began, "Hold the pickles, hold the lettuce, special orders don't upset us"?
5. TELEVISION: What holiday did George's dad invent in the sitcom "Seinfeld"?
6. ANATOMY: How many skin cells does the average human being shed in a minute?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have won the Nobel Peace Prize?
8. ASTRONOMY: How many moons does Mars have?
9. LITERATURE: What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl in the novel series?
10. SCIENCE: What is the boiling point of water in Celsius?

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# Weekly SUDOKU


Solution time: 25 mins.

# King Crossword

Answers

Trivia Test Answers  
1. British Columbia; 2. Mace Windu; 3. \$200; 4. Burger King; 5. Festivals; 6. 30,000 to 40,000; 7. Four; Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama; 8. Two; Phobos and Deimos; 9. Hedwig; 10. 100 degrees C

## Benefits/Fundraisers

**Cherokee Children's Home BINGO Fundraiser.** April 11, doors open at 5 p.m. games start at 5:30 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Center, 1212 Birdtown Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Concessions available. All proceeds go to the Cherokee Children's Home. Info: Sharon Dills (828) 507-7720

## EBCI Community Events

**FREE Lunch and Learn.** March 25 from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. at Cherokee Choices, 806 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Talk about the new food pyramid as well as how to know if some of the nutrition "trends" out there are really going to make you healthier. Info: April (828) 359-6201 or email: aprinni@ebci-nsn.gov.

**Screening of "A Sacred Thread".** March 25 from 5 :30 p.m. – 8 p.m at the Bardo Arts Center 241 Centennial Dr., Cullowhee, N.C. 28723. This is a free event, but registration via Eventbrite is required. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please email events@pbsnc.org with questions. This PBS NC documentary follows the Snowbird Cherokee of western North Carolina as they fight to preserve their language, customs and ancestral traditions before they disappear. Through intimate storytelling about the Snowbird Cherokee's art, culture and deep connections to their sacred land, the film offers a powerful portrait of a resilient community safeguarding its heritage. Arrive at 5 p.m. to tour a special Cherokee Language and Culture Exhibition or visit the WCU Fine Art Museum. Info: (828) 227-2505

**Easter Vendor Extravaganza.** March 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pam Taylor Painttown Gym, 10 Old Gap Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Come shop with your local artisans and vendors. There will be food onsite. Info: Angie Garcia (828) 778-4585

**Connect in Community.** March 27 from 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.at Casa Kawi 1655 Acquoni Rd Ste. 9, Cherokee, NC. 28719. Everyone is welcome, Coffee, tea & Churros provided. Hosted by EBCI Council Women, Lavita "Muffin" Hill, Venita Wolfe, Shennelle Feather and Shannon Swimmer.

**Community Easter Event.** April 1 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Old Acquoni Expo Center 1441 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Meet the Easter Bunny, Easter Egg hunt, games and prizes.

**Egg-cellent 5K fun run and egg hunt.** April 4 starting at 9a.m. at Cherokee High School, 86 Elk Crossing Ln., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Support the Junior Class at Cherokee High School and help fund this year's prom. Along the 3.1-mile course, runners will find color-coded eggs hidden throughout each mile. Participants may collect one egg per color — so keep your eyes open and choose wisely! Eggs may contain candy, small prizes, or a few "egg-stra" special surprises. Whether you're racing for time or just out for a fun jog with friends, this event is designed to be family-friendly, festive, and just the right amount of competitive. Come ready to run, have fun, and make an egg-cellent difference for our Juniors. Info: runsignup.com/race/nc/Cherokee/eggcellent-

5kfunrun.

**Super Hero Walk/ Ride.** April 4 from 10:15 a.m. – 2 p.m. meet at the Museum of the Cherokee People parking lot 589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC. 28719. Everyone is invited to join PHHS family Safety and community partners for an afternoon dedicated to raising awareness and providing education about child abuse. Walk, Bike or ride! Motorcycles, side by sides and cars are welcome to join. Activities to follow at Unity Field. Info: Amy Nations (828) 359-1520

**Spring Garden Fair.** April 24 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center 1416 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Featuring seeds, plants, yard art, educa-

tion, and a re-purpose it contest for youth ages 5-17. Garden kits will be given away from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (must show enrollment card). NAIWA will be serving sausage biscuits and Indian dinners. Info: Lucille (828) 736-5285, Mariah (828) 788-3071 or email Carmaleta at carmaleta@msn.com

**Spring Rod Run.** April 24- 25 Old Cherokee High School Site, 1501 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC. 28719. Thousands in Cash Giveaways, Early Bird Show and Shine Thursday after Lunch, Tool Box and Cooler Scooter Raffles, 50/50, Cruise Thru the Great Smokies National Park, Participant Meal, Valve Cover Racing, Model Car Contest, Vendors, Swap Meet, Food Vendors, Home Built Trophies, and

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Brandon and  
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### Annual Kituwah Celebration.

June 6 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Kituwah Mound, 3831 Ela Rd., Bryson City, N.C. 28713. Social dances, entertainment, stickball demonstrations, food, community gathering. Call (828) 359-6406 to be a vendor, artisan, farmer, crafter or demonstrator.

### EBCI Community Regular Meetings

### 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.

### Cherokee Cultural/Historic Events

### Cherokee Singers Gatherings.

March 25 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You are self-reliant and rarely ask anyone for help. But this time, you might want someone you trust to be there for you while you deal with a difficult matter. Cheer up! Things will improve soon.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your patience begins to pay off. Look for the first sign that your goals are in plain sight. Then take time out from all your hard work for some fun with someone special.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) There could be some lingering effects from a recent setback. But it's all for the best (as you're now beginning to appreciate). Use the lessons that you've learned to start over.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) What seemed to be a difficult goal to reach is now — or soon will be — all yours. Congratulations! Meanwhile, an unexpected travel opportunity holds an intriguing new prospect.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A chilly reception to your presentation shouldn't cause you to abandon your ideas. Instead, tweak up the weaker parts and then, once again, show them what you have.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Hiding your feelings might make you feel safer against rejection. But this could be the time when you'll need to speak up or risk losing out on an important event in your life.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October

22) Some co-workers might try to talk you out of accepting a promotion, but you need to follow your own instincts. And if you believe you're right for the job, then take the chance.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Some changes are in order as you come to realize that you need to sort out several areas in your life. Your remarkable insight helps you make the right decisions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It's time to act on your own behalf and separate yourself from people whose selfish needs threaten your personal and/or professional survival.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Resist the tendency to close yourself off from unpleasant situations. Instead, open up to how things are so that you can help change them to what they could be.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) An unspoken problem could be driving a deep wedge between you and a special person. Some honest talking 'twixt the two of you can start the healing process.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might feel like you've been going around in ever-widening circles when trying to deal with recent workplace problems. Cheer up! A successful end is finally in sight.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love to talk, and people love to hear what you have to say. If you were a teacher, you'd never have to worry about keeping your students' attention.

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# VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

## Protecting your benefits

On a recent National Slam the Scam Day for 2026, the VA stepped up, along with other federal agencies, with an array of information to keep veterans safe from scams and fraud. Thieves don't just work one day per year, however. We need to stay vigilant all year long to protect our benefits and personal information from getting to the scammers.

Why do they want us? Because we have income and benefits.

How do they approach us? Phone calls, emails, text messages, social media, phishing, impersonation, fake charities — you name it, the crooks have thought of it as a way to get to us.

If you're approached, whether on the phone or in email, the more urgent the problem, the more likely it's a scam. A scammer might pretend to be from the VA and try to claim there's something wrong with your benefits — and that you need to hand over your personal information so they can "fix" the problem. They might want your bank account access info or password, your Social Security number, your date of birth. The answer is no.

Don't do a direct deposit into another person's account — even if it's a relative! If you need a fiduciary situation (where someone helps you with finances), have that person go through the accreditation process and be authorized to assist you. You're protected that way.

If you're told you need to hand over a fee to get claims assistance from the VA or to apply for increased benefits, it's fraud.

Invest in a shredder and use it to cut up not only VA documents with personal information on them, but any documents that can go astray, even when you put out the trash.

If someone calls and claims to be from the VA and asks you to pay for something with a gift card or bitcoin, feel free to laugh as you hang up the phone. It's an impostor. Report it to the VA at 800-827-1000.

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## What to do if your pet is poisoned

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My Labrador mix, "Saucy," likes to roam over the fields around our home during the day. Yesterday, he arrived on our back step looking terrible. He was panting rapidly and drooling. He was irritable and didn't want to be touched. I called the vet and was told to wrap him in a blanket and bring him straight in. Saucy vomited a few times on the way to the vet and became very lethargic.

The vet thinks he got into a local farmer's fertilizer or herbicide, and Saucy is now at their hospital receiving fluids and supportive care. He's pulled through the night and hopefully will recover. In the meantime, I'm fencing off part of our yard to keep him near the house in the future. — James N. in upstate New York

**DEAR JAMES:** I'm glad you were able to get Saucy to the vet so quickly, and hope he recovers fully. Noticing the symptoms of poisoning in pets is so important to getting them help and appropriate care as fast as possible. Some poisons can cause progressive damage to the organs, so getting the veterinarian involved immediately is crucial.

Food, cleaning supplies, certain plants and many medications can make pets very ill if ingested. Pets can get into things without us knowing, despite our best efforts. That's why it's important to pay attention if you notice any unusual symptoms in your dog or cat.

Some symptoms are easy to spot, like excessive drooling, vomiting or diarrhea, trembling or lethargy. Others are more subtle, like a loss of appetite or a change in the color of their gums. If you notice any of these symptoms, or your pet seems off somehow, contact the veterinarian.

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

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at the Big Y Gym, 2641 Wrights Creek Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Gatherings will be led by various men in the community in an effort to pass on the social songs and dances. All ages are invited. Each gathering will focus on different social dances - for Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians enrolled members and non-enrolled spouses/parents. Children must be accompanied by a parent/ guardian. Info: Cherokee Winter Social on Facebook and Instagram.

### **5K Walk/ Run for Cherokee Language Revitalization.**

March 28 registration starts at 8 a.m. 5K will start at 11 a.m. at Kituwah Mothertown, 3831 Ela rd., Bryson City, N.C. 28713. Along with the 5K, there will also be songs, social dances and storytelling. Info: Madison Hye Long (828) 736-4335, madisonhye1@gmail.com

### **Cherokee Voices in the Beinecke.**

March 28 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library on the campus of Yale University in New Haven, Conn. Join Cherokee scholars in a cross-temporal discussion of Cherokee history through the Beinecke's archival materials. Curated by Avery Maples, Constance Owl, Noah Ramage, and Patricia Dawson. Info: YGSNA. sites.yale.edu

### **Statehood Day.**

May 31 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum at 576 HWY 360 Vonore, Tenn. 37885. Celebration of Tennessee Statehood Day. On June 1, 1796, Congress approved the admission of Tennessee as the sixteenth state of the Union. The 1809 Blacksmith shop will be open

with demonstrations going on throughout the afternoon. Come out and share the afternoon with living history in the 1800's Dog-trot Log cabin. Learn about Cherokees in the Civil War. The acorn printing press will be doing demonstrations throughout the day. All Statehood Day activities are free, and people can also enjoy free admission to the museum. Info: (423) 884-6246

### **Sequoyah Remembrance Day.**

Aug. 3 from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum at 576 HWY 360 Vonore, Tenn. 37885. Come by and learn about the amazing history of Sequoyah at the museum dedicated to the life and story of Sequoyah, creator of the Cherokee written language. Info: (423) 884-6246

### **35th Annual Cherokee Festival.**

Sept. 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum at 576 HWY 360 Vonore, Tenn. 37885. Cherokee Arts and crafts demonstrations, Cherokee storytelling, flute playing, Cherokee dances, name written in Cherokee, genealogy help, craft vendors and food vendors. Info: (423) 884-6246

### **Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Meetings**

*(All meetings will be held in the Cherokee Council House in Cherokee, N.C. unless otherwise noted.)*

**Lands Committee.** March 26 at 9 a.m.

**Work Session on Tabled Res. No. 30 (Enhance transparency in tribal government).** March 31 at 9 a.m.

**Work Session on Tabled Res. No. 27 (Transparency in tribal**

**government).** March 31 at 10 a.m.

### **Pow Wow Listings**

#### **60th Annual FIHA Pow Wow.**

March 27-29 at St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in Fort Pierce, Fla. MC: Kaya Littleturtle. Host Northern Drum: War Paint. Host Southern Drum: Battle Horse. Info: Richard Gallant (772) 519-7888, fihapowwow@gmail.com

#### **52nd Annual Dance for Mother Earth Pow Wow.**

March 28-29 at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor, Mich. Emcees: Shannon Martin, Bud Day. Host Drum: Ho-Chunk Station. Info: Pow Wow Committee at danceformotherearth@gmail.com

#### **INAC 3rd Annual Pow Wow.**

March 28 in Indianola, Okla. MC: Martin Flores. Head Singer: Cy Ahtone. Info: (580) 246-3333

#### **University of Maryland Pow Wow.**

March 28 at the University of Maryland Ritchie Coliseum in College Park, Md. Info: UMD Pow Wow Committee at powwow@umd.edu

#### **35th Annual Woodlands & High Plains Pow Wow.**

March 28 at the MSUM (Minnesota State University - Moorhead) Nemzek Fieldhouse in Moorhead, Minn. MC: Mickey Hodges. Host Drum: Manoomin Singers. Info: (218) 477-2652, diversity@mnstate.edu

#### **Spirit of Nations Pow Wow.**

March 28 at Jefferson County High School at 115 W. Dumplin Valley Rd. in Dandridge, Tenn. Info: www.indiancreekproductions.com

#### **Yellowhorse Pow Wow Cel-**

**ebration.** April 4-5 at Founders Hall at 4950 Swinyar Dr. in Collegedale, Tenn. Info: Tamera Hicks (423) 240-7270 or NAServices.org@gmail.com

#### **35th Annual Cherokee County Mother's Day Pow Wow & Indian Festival.**

May 9-10 at Boling Park in Canton, Ga. MC: Ray Silva. Host Drum: Red Boys. Info: (770) 735-6275, rollingthunder34@ymail.com, or visit www.rthunder.com

### **Support Groups**

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

#### **Celebrate Recovery**

meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Baptist Church at 812 Tsalagi Road, in Cherokee, N.C. This is a Christ-centered recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, hang-ups, and habits of any kind. All are welcome. Info: Chris McMullan (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.** 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](http://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](http://www.NA.org)

#### Western N.C. and Beyond Events

**Palm Sunday Service.** March 29 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church 18 Jackson St., Sylva, N.C. 28779. Join us as they begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday, remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The service includes the blessing of palms, scripture, prayer, and Holy Eucharist as we walk together toward Christ's passion. Info: (828) 586-8358

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meet-**

**ing.** April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Paul Webb and Kaley Kelly will present "Ironfoot Clarke: Unraveling the Tangled Life of Bryson City's Mystery Man". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is free and open to the public.

**Maundy Thursday.** April 2 at 6 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church 18 Jackson St., Sylva, N.C. 28779. On Maundy Thursday, they remember the night Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Last Supper, washed the disciples' feet, and gave the commandment that we love one another. This solemn and beautiful service includes the opportunity for footwashing as a sign of their commitment to love and service, Holy Eucharist, and the Stripping of the Altar - a powerful tradition that prepares the church for the sorrow of Good Friday. All are welcome. Info: (828) 586-8358

**Good Friday Community Service.** April 3 at 12 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church 18 Jackson St., Sylva, N.C. 28779. On Good Friday, they gather at noon to remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and reflect on the depth of God's love for the world. This community service brings several local churches together. It includes Holy Eucharist and is followed by the Stations of the Cross: a solemn procession through downtown which commemorates the events of Christ's final hours and helps to connect Jesus' suffering to the suffering present in the world today. All are invited. Info: (828) 586-8358

4 at 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church 18 Jackson St., Sylva, N.C. 28779. The Great Vigil of Easter is the first celebration of Easter and is one of the most beautiful and ancient services in the Christian tradition. They begin in darkness with the lighting of a fire outside. The fire is used to light a large Paschal candle, celebrating the victory of love and life over hatred and death. Through scripture, prayer, and song we remember God's saving work throughout history, renew our baptismal covenant, and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. This powerful and joyful service moves from darkness into light as we proclaim together: Alleluia! Christ is risen! All are welcome to this special night of celebration. Desserts will follow. Info: (828) 586-8358

**Easter Sunday.** April 5 at 11 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church 18 Jackson St., Sylva, N.C. 28779. Join for a joyful Easter Sunday celebration as they gather to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the power of God's resurrecting love in our world. The service will include Holy Eucharist, special music, prayer, and the celebration of new life. They'll also attempt to sing Handel's Halleluja Chorus. Following the service, children are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt on the church grounds. All are welcome. Info: (828) 586-8358

**Appalachian True Heritage Festival.** April 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Downtown Historic Waynesville, N.C. 28786. A day of activities celebrating Appalachian heritage, including a vendor market for handmade art and heritage craft demonstrations. Info: [www.visitwaynesvillenc.com](http://www.visitwaynesvillenc.com)

## Missing Ribbon Skirt



Skirt was loaned, to an older woman at Kituwah Ceremonial Grounds, about 3 months ago, to make a pattern from, for her granddaughter.

The skirt has not been returned yet. It is my favorite ribbon skirt and would like to be able to get it back.

Please contact Candice (918) 322-1214

**The Great Vigil of Easter.** April

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**5th Annual Fiber Fair.** April 24 and 25 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. both days. At the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center 123 Cromwell Dr., Townsend, TN. 37882. A celebration of time-honored craftsmanship where wool is spun, skills are shared, and fiber art lovers can browse to their heart's content. Over two days, more than 20 vendors will fill the Heritage Center's historic grounds. Throughout the weekend, experienced fiber artists will demonstrate traditional techniques and lead hands-on workshops rooted in Appalachian tradition. Local spinners and weavers will also be onsite, showcasing the enduring skills that shaped many aspects of mountain life. Info: (865) 448-0044 online at: [gsmheritagecenter.org](http://gsmheritagecenter.org)

**150th Anniversary Celebration.** April 26 at 4:30 p.m. at the Shelton House 49 Shelton St., Waynesville, N.C. 28786. Enjoy an evening craft, music, food and history. Guest Speaker Ron Rash. Info: [www.shelton-house.org/](http://www.shelton-house.org/) events.

**Stampede in the Smokies.** May 1 and 2 gates open at 6 p.m. action begins at 8 p.m. at the Great Smoky Mountains Event Park 113 Hyatt Creek Rd., Bryson City, NC. 28713 To enter text (864) 784 – 4110 by April 28. Info: [rodeoroadshow.rodeoticket.com/stampede-in-the-smokies/](http://rodeoroadshow.rodeoticket.com/stampede-in-the-smokies/) rodeo-information.

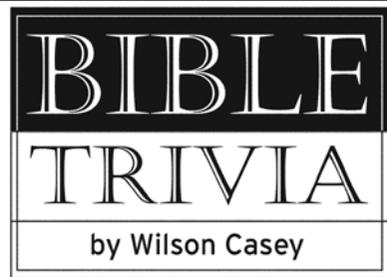
**Kids Take over the Museum.** May 4 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. At the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center 123 Cromwell Dr., Townsend, TN. 37882. There is no shortage of activities for your young crafter or artist, get their hands and minds busy on basket weaving, blacksmithing, and pottery making. Over 25 demonstrations, on-site vendors and special events are lined up for this huge day at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. Visitors play loads of games that were popular choices for kids on the mountain homestead. Plus, representatives from the Museum of the Cherokee will be on hand to share their cultural heritage. Info: (865) 448-0044 online at: [gsmheritagecenter.org](http://gsmheritagecenter.org)

**First Annual Spring Men's Retreat.** May 9 – 10 at Camp Living Waters 1510 W Dep Creek Rd., Bryson City, NC. 28713. All men, all churches, all invited. Speaker Jonathan Frady. FREE, signs up are now open. INFO: Foreman Bradley (423) 579-2807 or Eddie Morrow (828) 507-2271.

**Living History.** May 30 and 31 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. both days at Sam Houston School House, 3650 Old Sam Houston School Rd., Maryville, Tenn. 37804. Vendors, food truck, kettle corn, re-enactors and so much more! Info: (865) 983-1550.

**Cherokee Community Clubs**

**Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Community** meets the first Tuesday of



1. Is the book of Rehoboam (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 4, what righteous man started the practice of herding sheep? *Adam, Cain, Abel, Job*
3. How many times is the word "Bible" mentioned in the biblical scripture? *Zero, 3, 49, Over 1,000*
4. According to Jesus, what was Satan from the beginning? *Deceiver, Evil, Thief, Murderer*
5. In biblical times, which was a large unit of money or weight? *Levy, Talent, Shekel, Sepulcher*
6. Of these, who wasn't a son of Noah? *Shem, Ham, Levi, Japheth*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Abel, 3) Zero, 4) Murderer, 5) Talent, 6) Levi

More than 1,200 brand-new trivia questions in Wilson Casey's latest book "Quest for Bible Knowledge" available in bookstores and online.



**Moments in time**

- On April 6, 1930, James Dewar needed a good way to occupy the Continental Baking Company's shortcake-baking machinery while strawberries were out of season. Fortunately for generations of snackers to come, he tried shooting a cream filling into one of the shortcakes, and the iconic Twinkie (the name was inspired by a billboard ad for Twinkle Toe Shoes) was born.

- On April 7, 1940, Tuskegee Institute founder Booker T. Washington became the first African American to be honored with a postage stamp bearing his likeness. It would be almost another 40 years before an African American woman — human rights activist Harriet Tubman — would receive the same recognition.

- On April 8, 1993, astronaut Ellen Ochoa became the first Hispanic woman in space when the shuttle Discovery lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center. Later she also served as Director of the Johnson Space Center, the first Hispanic director and the second woman to hold that position, from 2013 to 2018.

- On April 9, 1945, Berlin University lecturer, Lutheran pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer was hanged at Flossenburg concentration camp in Germany, just days prior to its liberation by American soldiers. His final words were, "This is the end — for me, the beginning of life."

- On April 10, 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) was founded in New York City by philanthropist and diplomat Henry Bergh. By the time of his death in 1888, 37 of the 38 states in the Union had passed animal anti-cruelty laws.

- On April 11, 2004, Phil Mickelson won the Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club, his first major championship in nearly 12 years as a professional golfer.

- On April 12, 1954, Bill Haley and His Comets recorded "(We're Gonna) Rock Around The Clock," which they'd been performing live for months, during the final 40 minutes of a three-hour recording session in New York City that had actually been set up for a song called "Thirteen Women (and Only One Man in Town)." After the tune was chosen to play over the opening credits of the film "Blackboard Jungle," it became a pop sensation, selling a million copies in one month in 1955.

**The Garden Bug**

**Early spring tasks**

Start your spring clean-up with the largest tasks first, such as clearing off the roof, cleaning gutters and clearing away any tree branch problems. Spruce up the front door, porchlights, kickplates and other entryway items, and inspect your windows for maintenance needs. Gently remove matted leaves to uncover emerging spring bulbs, but wait until *after* several 50-degree-Fahrenheit spring days to clean up all leaf litter. Some beneficial insects spend the winter in such dead material and need a few warmer days to get moving. —Brenda Weaver

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each month at the new community building at 6 p.m. Info: 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 For building rental contact Bunsey Crowe.

**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

**Toledvyi (Tow String) Community** meets the second Tuesday of each month at the communi-

ty building at 7 p.m. Info: Chair Jacob Long (828)736-9128, jacoblong19982@gmail.com

**Wayohi (Wolfstown) 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, For building rental contact Lynn Catt (828)736-6150.

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

#### Cherokee Houses of Worship

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

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

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

**Bethabara Baptist Church.** 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Service 11

a.m and 7 p.m. Wednesday Service 7 p.m. Youth Meeting Wednesday 7 p.m. Pastor Max Cochran (828) 341-5801, Church number (828) 497-7770

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

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

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

**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.

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## MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF



### DESTINY MILLS HR Generalist

**Education:** Associate in Arts – College Transfer from Southwestern Community College, Bachelor of Arts in Management and Society from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Currently pursuing Master of Science in Management and Human Resources from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.  
**Community/Hometown:** Wolfstown

"I love working at CIHA because I know I am giving back to a place that has cared for me throughout my life. I have experienced CIHA not only as an employee, but also as a patient, which makes my connection to the organization deeply personal. Starting my career here right out of undergrad meant stepping into an environment that values growth and development. CIHA truly invests in its people and creates opportunities to learn and grow within the organization. I truly value CIHA, my coworkers, and our people – it's meaningful to be part of something that continues to grow and serve our community"-  
Destiny Mills

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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. 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. Sun-

day 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 Holi-

day Campground. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Interim Co-Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

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

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

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

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

**Newsong Church.** 3548 Wolfetown Rd. Sunday morning service 11 a.m., Sunday night service 6:30

## 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](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov)



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 Ser-  
vice 9:45am.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Cath-  
olic Mission.** 82 Lambert Branch  
Road. Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m.  
in English and 6 p.m. in Spanish.  
Pastor Fr. Victor Ameh, MSP. For  
more information, go to [www.stjosephbryson.org](http://www.stjosephbryson.org).

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

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

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

**Sequoyah Sovereign Grace**

**Church.** 3755 Big Cove Road.  
Sunday Service 11 a.m. Sunday Bi-  
ble 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 Conti-  
nental Breakfast 9:30 a.m., Sunday  
School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship  
Service 11 a.m., Wednesday evening  
Fellowship Meal 6 p.m., Wednes-  
day 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: [spruce-  
grovebc.1920@gmail.com](mailto: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 meet-  
ings 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., Whitti-  
er, N.C. 28789. Sunday worship  
service 10 a.m. Rev. Beverly Park-  
er-Reece

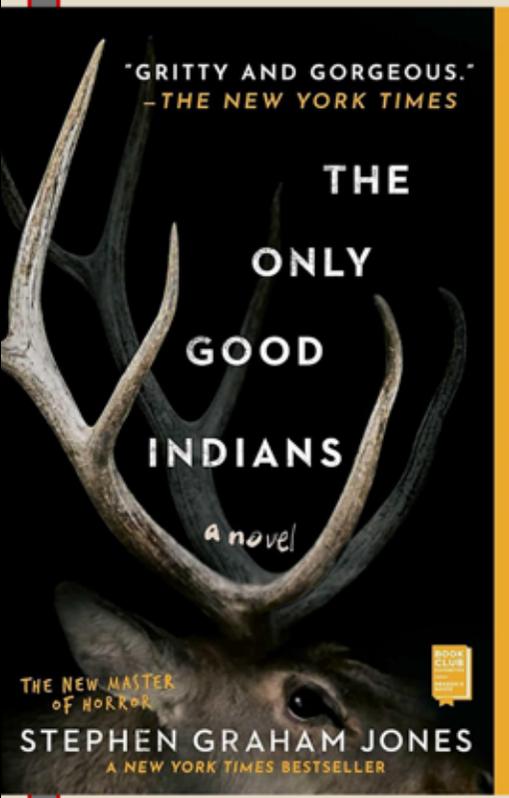
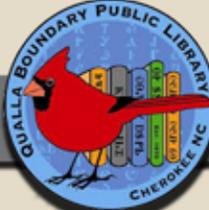
**Wilmot Baptist Church.** Thom-  
as Valley Road. Sunday school:  
10 a.m., Worship: 11a.m., Sunday  
night worship: 6 p.m., Wednesday  
prayer service: 7 p.m., every other  
Monday night (Youth night) sing-  
ing, bible study and crafts: 6 p.m.

**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. Pastor  
David Birch

**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 Fore-  
man Bradley 506-0123 or 736-4872

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**“The Only Good Indians”**  
Author Stephen Graham Jones

“The Only Good Indians”, by Blackfeet author, Stephan Graham Jones, is a novel centered on four members of the Blackfeet Nation, half of which have left their reservation. Ten years prior, the group pursued a herd of elk in the elder’s section of the reservation. After the accidental killing of a pregnant elk and its fetus, they are hunted by the elk’s vengeful spirit. After they are successfully killed, the elk’s vendetta is redirected towards Denorah, the daughter of one of the four men, who must confront a past she was uninvolved in. The novel explores themes of culture, violence, and womanhood.

The core of the novel, comes from a time in which Jones could not transport the frozen elk meat he had left over from previous hunts, leaving him no option but to go door-to-door giving the elk meat away. Jones stated that he felt so poorly not knowing exactly what happened to the elk, thus not fulfilling his promise to use the whole elk after the hunt.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Wanting to buy Wasdi (Ramps).** 70 gallons needed. Must be 18 years old, enrolled member with enrollment card, have social security number, white ramps no more than 2 inches of green, green ramps must have no more than 4 inches of green, no cutting the green, paying \$80 per packed gallon of white ramps, \$70 per packed gallon of green ramps, all ramps must be clean, no frozen ramps, no roots. CONTACT: Lisa Frady (828) 788-1708. **3/25**

**DoneHauling**  
One-time cleanouts, regular trash pickups, and large-item hauling for Qualla Boundary residents—honest, affordable, and conve-

nient. Tribally owned & operated. Call or text for a free quote: 828-341- 0099. **3/25**

**Land wanted to buy by Enrolled Member.**  
1 to 5 acres with a buildable spot. I expect to pay a lot more than \$500 an acre. My family is from Big Cove but anywhere on the boundary is fantastic. I'm not holding out for an acre from the tribe. I don't think that's ever going to happen, so I hope someone can help. Please contact me on 352-809-9131 and leave a message if I don't answer!! I would be a good neighbor. **3/25**

**Indoor Yard Sale.** April 18 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center, 1416 Acquoni Rd.,

Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Info: Virginia (828) 788-8659 or Dakota (828) 7336-8092. **4/15**

## EMPLOYMENT

**Now Hiring**  
Cherokee/Great Smokies KOA is hiring for Summer 2026. Several job openings beginning March 1, 2026 including: Housekeeping, Guest Services Representative, Guest Guide, and Recreation Staff. Please apply in person at Cherokee/Great Smokies KOA at 912 KOA Campground Rd., Cherokee, NC. 28719. **3/25**

**VOC Hiring**  
VOC is currently seeking dependable Seasonal Workers for 20–40 hours per week, with hours

varying based on workload and weather. Applicants must have a valid driver's license and experience safely hooking up and pulling a trailer for equipment transport. Ideal applicants must be reliable, able to work independently, and comfortable performing outdoor and manual labor tasks. Experience operating basic equipment is preferred. Applications can be picked up at VOC, located behind the Great Smoky Cannabis Company. **4/1**

**Volunteers Needed: Museum Education Advisory Committee**  
The Museum Education Advisory Committee (MEAC) will serve as key community advisors in supporting our mission to pre-



## Employment Opportunities

Now Hiring for Our Spa!

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee

Hair Stylist  
Nail Tech  
Lead Massage Therapist  
Spa Attendants

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



## Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at  
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or  
[www.ccs-nc.org/apps/pages/human\\_resources](http://www.ccs-nc.org/apps/pages/human_resources) for more information.

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

- 9-12 Cherokee Language Instructor
- 9-12 Special Education Teacher - Self-Contained Class
- 9-12 Special Education Teacher- Severe and Profound
- 6-12 Part-Time Vocal Instructor
- 6-8 Math Teacher
- Elementary Teacher(s)
- Elementary School Nurse (RN or LPN)
- Elementary Nurse Assistant (CNA)
- K-5 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- K-5 Teacher Assistant
- K-5 School Counselor
- K-5 Cherokee Language Instructor
- K-5 Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant (GRANT FUNDED)

serve and perpetuate the history, culture and stories of the Cherokee People. This volunteer role contributes to the development and evaluation of culturally accurate, engaging, and First Voice educational programs and resources. We will offer volunteer credit hours to go towards program requirements for undergraduates, resumes or general experience for educators, and professional development opportunities. You must be eighteen years of age to apply. Learn more and apply at [motcp.org/2026/03/9volunteers-needed](http://motcp.org/2026/03/9volunteers-needed).  
4/1

**LEGAL NOTICES**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 26-018

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:  
DONALD LEE SWIMMER**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.  
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION  
Leslie Swimmer  
P.O Box 2096  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
4/1

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 26-007  
**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:  
MARY ANN JACOBS**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudicary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudicary(s) listed below.  
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION  
Adele Jacobs Madden  
379 Castlewood Lane  
Sylva, NC 28779  
4/8

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 26-011

**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:  
LEONARD E. LOSSIAH**

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

FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION  
John Edward Saloli Lossiah  
P.O Box 12  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
4/22

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 26-020  
**Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:  
JAMES BARNES**

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

Jordan Price  
P.O Box 2383  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
4/15

**BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:  
PROCUREMENT OF DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES**  
The Graham County Board



**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.

- Agelink**  
2 Agelink Teachers—\$31,800--\$39,750 per year with benefits
- Snowbird**  
1 Snowbird Teacher—\$31,800--\$39,750 per year with benefits
- Construction & Facilities**  
1 Skilled Carpenter—\$31,800--\$39,750 per year with benefits  
1 Carpenter Helper - \$18,020-\$23,850 per year with benefits
- Children's Home**  
2 Residential Counselor—Full Time—\$17.00 per hour with benefits  
2 Residential Counselor—Part Time—\$17.00 per hour w/out benefits
- Service Department**  
1 Master Technician--\$31,800--\$39,750 per year with Benefits  
2 Technician—\$21,200--\$29,150 per year with Benefits  
3 Seasonal Mowers
- Bus & Truck Department**  
Seasonal Bus Drivers  
Truck Drivers

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Open Positions

- Security Lead

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828.589.8285

All Applicants Must be 21 or older. Tribal Hiring Preference will apply





# Job Opportunities



Closing Sunday, March 29, 2026

1. Adult Language Educator – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
2. Air Quality Specialist – Environmental & Natural Resources – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
3. Realty Leasing Specialist – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
4. Survey Technician – Tribal Surveying – Office of the Attorney General (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
5. Administrative Assistant – Qualla Housing – Housing (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour)
6. Director – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L19 \$104,541 - \$130,686)
7. Grants Analyst – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)
8. Manager – Juvenile Services – Public Health & Human Services (L15 \$61,776 - \$77,230)
9. Crew Leader/Operator/Well Technician – Tribal Construction – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Supervisor (WTP Maintenance Technician) – Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
11. Manager – CDOT – Operations (L16 \$68,827 - \$86,050) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
12. Housekeeper I – Housekeeping – Operations (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
13. Fire Chief – Cherokee Fire Department – Operations (L17 \$76,877 - \$102,502) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

## Open Until Filled

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. Sergeant (Patrol) - CIPD - EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
7. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
8. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
9. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)

EBCI Human Resources Mon- Fri 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Call us (828) 359-6388  
[www.ebc.com/jobs](http://www.ebc.com/jobs)



Kituwah LLC has the following jobs available:

**Resident Technician** – 2nd/3rd Shift – Salary Depends on Experience

The Residence Technician works directly with the Maintenance Supervisor in order to maintain the overall property Kituwah LLC oversees, primarily including Workforce Housing (Chestnut Tree), Clarion Pointe, and Cherokee Cinemas. Duties will include maintaining the overall condition and appearance of the external and internal areas, including support functions of the operations, such as entry to rooms, basic janitorial, and issues that arise after hours. The Maintenance Assistant will promote professionalism and excellent customer service and respond in a timely manner to all work orders.

Anyone interested should submit resumes, request the job description, and application from Kristin Smith at [kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com](mailto:kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com) or at the Kituwah G3 Office (Across the Street from Waffle House) between the hours of 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.



Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities:

**Theater Assistant Manager** – Full Time – \$16.00 - \$21.00

The primary responsibility of the Assistant Theater Manager is to assist the Theater Manager in overseeing the daily operations of the theater. The Assistant Manager is responsible for establishing and maintaining guest services. The Assistant Manager supervises employees at the location. The position is responsible for the various tasks involved in the overall operation of the theater, including maximizing sales/profitability with staff and by controlling expenses, shortages, and all aspects of merchandising and inventory control.

Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, KG3 Building across the road from Waffle House, if you have any questions, please contact Kristin Smith at 828-929 4257 or by email [kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com](mailto:kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com). **Open until filled.**



**CHEROKEE INDIAN  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**



# OPEN POSITIONS

## New Positions

Patient Access Specialist  
Life Enrichment Assistant – Part Time with Benefits  
Mental Health Therapist – Child @ Dora Reed -  
\$10,000 Hiring Bonus

## Behavioral Health

Mental Health Therapist - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus  
(Cherokee Central Schools, Child and Family – Snowbird,  
Family Safety, Family Intensive Treatment, Medication Assisted  
Treatment)  
Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Kanvwotiyi  
Targeted Case Manager – Child and Family, MAT  
MAT Manager - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus  
Residential Technician - Female - Part Time without Benefits  
Assistant Director of IDD

## Complementary Medicine

Acupuncturist  
Massage Therapist

## Dental

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

## Eye Clinic

Optometrist  
Optometric Assistant

## Medical

Physician - Primary Care  
Physician - Pediatrics  
Psychiatrist  
Hospitalist

## Nursing

License Practical Nurse – Primary Care  
Registered Nurse ED – Day Shift or Night Shift - \$10,000  
Hiring Bonus  
Registered Nurse ED – PTI – Night Shift  
RN Inpatient – Nights - PTI  
Specialty Services Registered Nurse - \$10,000 Hiring  
Bonus  
Medical Social Worker

## Nutrition

Clinical Dietician

## Pharmacy

Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner

## Summer Internships

Contracting  
Human Resource  
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Physical Therapy  
Primary Care  
Public Relations  
Radiology  
Supply

## Tsali Care Center

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

## Tribal Option

Tribal Option Medical Social Worker  
Tribal Option Care Manager - Float  
Tribal Option Specialty Team Care Manager – IDD

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Kituwah Technologies LLC has the following jobs available:

### Low Voltage Technician I

A Low Voltage Cable Technician installs and tests low-power systems like security, fire alarms, data networks (Cat5/6, Fiber), and AV/home theaters, cable pulling, termination, troubleshooting, documentation, and ensuring code compliance, often working in residential, commercial, or data center settings. Follow safety protocols (OSHA) while working with specialized low-voltage (<50V) wiring

- 2+ years of experience in cable repair and installation (preferred, not required)
- High School Diploma

### Low Voltage Cable Technician II

A Low Voltage Cable Technician installs, tests, and maintains low-power systems like security, fire alarms, data networks (Cat5/6, Fiber), and AV/home theaters, reading blueprints, cable pulling, termination, troubleshooting, documentation, and ensuring code compliance, often working in residential, commercial, or data center settings. Configure devices, provide customer training, and follow safety protocols (OSHA) while working with specialized low-voltage (<50V) wiring

- 2+ years commercial and/or industrial low voltage experience
- BICSI, NICET, ESA & OSHA Certifications are a PLUS but not required

### Low Voltage Cable Technician III

A Low Voltage Cable Technician installs, tests, and maintains low-power systems like security, fire alarms, data networks (Cat5/6, Fiber), and AV/home theaters, reading blueprints, cable pulling, termination, troubleshooting, documentation, and ensuring code compliance, often working in residential, commercial, or data center settings. Configure devices, provide customer training, and follow safety protocols (OSHA) while working with specialized low-voltage (<50V) wiring

- 5+ years commercial and/or industrial low voltage experience
- 2+ years supervisory experience
- BICSI, NICET, ESA & OSHA Certifications are a PLUS but not required

Anyone interested should submit resumes, request the job description, and application to Kristin Smith at [kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com](mailto:kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com) or at the Kituwah G3 Office (Across the Street from Waffle House) between the hours of 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday-Friday.

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# New enrollees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (March 1, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026)

Submitted by EBCI Tribal Enrollment Office

*This is a list of new enrollees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who were officially enrolled between March 1, 2025 to Feb. 28, 2026, who, unless otherwise prohibited by law, are eligible to receive a Qualla Enterprises per capita distribution for the period of March 1, 2025 to Feb. 28, 2026. This list is being published according to Ordinance No. 112 (2026).*

Lakelyn Rae Abbott  
 Ellieana Alice-Mae Aguillon  
 Sofia Mayeli Muzzammil Muhammad Al Zubair  
 Ilomie Rena Allison  
 Kennedy Jamar Allison  
 Sally Lynell Amachain  
 Vicente Sakonige Arch  
 Jesse Lee Armachain  
 Kaison Drevan Armachain  
 Lainey Mae Autrey  
 Amelia Jean Barlow  
 Osmero Dwain Bartelli  
 Ensley Rae Bateman  
 Atreus Kanoa Bell  
 Lennox Bernhisel  
 Lexis Adadolisdi Bernhisel  
 Adah Marie Berryman  
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**Birth Announcement**  
Sawyer William Taylor was born on March 15 weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz. His mother is Riana Rich, and his father is Elijah Taylor. (Photo courtesy of family)



## Wayohi hosts Twining Class

Wayohi (Wolftown) hosted a twining class, taught by Matthew Tooni, at the Wayohi Community Building in Cherokee, N.C. recently. Participants are shown in the photos: Lynn Littlejohn Catt (top), Nancy Pheasant, and Sheena Bark (below). The participants and instructor are all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. (Photos contributed by Matthew Tooni)



## Judo champions

Parker Kirkland, Khloe Sequoyah, and Aniyah Reed, all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, traveled to Wichita, Kan. for the Judo Youth Nationals on March 13-15. Kirkland won first place in Male Intermediate (13U) under 66 KG. Sequoyah won second place in Female Juvenile (15U) over 70 KG, and Reed won first place in Female Novice Intermediate (13U) under 52 KG. They attend Judo at Smoky Mountain Judo at the Donald "Kool-Aid" Queen Gym (Wolftown Gym) in Cherokee, N.C. Kirkland and Sequoyah also attend Judo at Waynesville Kodokan. (Photo courtesy of Erin Kirkland)





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