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For the children

Ribbon cutting held for newly refurbished and renamed Agelink Center

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – A vision was brought to life with the opening of the newly refurbished and renamed Cherokee Boys Club (CBC) Children Development John H. Gloyne Agelink Center in Cherokee, N.C. on Friday, April 17. The mission of the Center, serving the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), is “A caring Center for families where

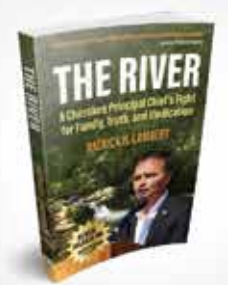
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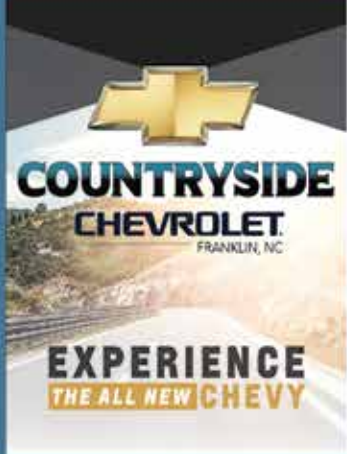


Along with tribal leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and students from the Center, Leslie McEntire and Anthony Swearingin cut the ribbon to officially open the Cherokee Boys Club Child Development John H. Gloyne Agelink Center in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Friday, April 17. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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Quote of the Week



“This achievement is a testament to what we can accomplish when we work together with vision, determination, and respect for our heritage.”

Leslie McEntire, Cherokee Boys Club Childcare manager, speaking at the opening of the newly refurbished and renamed Cherokee Boys Club Children Development John H. Gloyne Agelink Center on Friday, April 17

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children learn, play, and grow.”

Leslie McEntire, CBC Child-care manager, commented, “To bring our vision for the John H. Gloyne Agelink facility to life, we collaborated, again, with LS3P, our architect, whose diligence and expertise were instrumental in designing a facility that meets both our needs and aspirations. We thank you. Their thoughtful approach enabled us to prepare a bid for this transformative project with confidence. Owle Construction skillfully brought these plans to realization, turning our shared dreams into a reality.

Today, as we stand together in this beautiful, remodeled center, we celebrate not just the completion of the building, but the renewal of our commitment to quality, excellence, compassion, and cultural pride. This achievement is a testament to what we can accomplish when we work together with vision, determination, and respect for our heritage.”

Anthony Swearingin, CBC Childcare fiscal grants manager, commented, “To accomplish this project, it was kind of a three-phase part. In order to operate our program, we receive funding from the Administration of Children and Families Office of Child Care out of something called the Child Care Development Fund...that is the one who pays for teachers, we buy supplies, we pay for electricity,



Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks speaks at Friday's event.

we pay for training.

We made a deliberate effort toward increasing services' quality - how good are they? We had funding support for program success making visible changes to the overall program including, but not limited to, we increased salaries, but we also increased training. We also increased or raised expectations for teachers and we improved our facilities.”

He added, “This renovation or remodeling is just a part of the effort. While this is quite significant, called an accomplishment for the overall program, the final expense for this remodel was not the majority of our funding. The majority

of our funding went to training people, raising expectations. So, while this is noticeable and wonderful, the money for this was not the bigger part of the funding.

We were a program of about 25 employees, and now we have a plan of 50 positions and a hope to have three teachers in every classroom so teachers will not become overwhelmed.”

Greg Owle, CBC general manager, said, “This is for the children. It's our vision and over in Proverbs it states that where there is no vision the people perish. So, I think the good Lord has allowed us to do this.

It is so important that we raise

the quality of child care. It is so important that we have a new facility, that we have better teachers, that we have the things that are going to make a difference in our kids' lives.”

Owle went on to say, “We do want our children to feel loved, provided for, cared for.”

EBCI Ugviyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks commented, “This place has been here a long time and there are a lot of us that have been educated through this facility. So, we just appreciate the stronghold with the community, working alongside Dora Reed trying to coordinate all these kids and make sure everybody has a place. It's exciting to see our tribe move ahead. And, of course, the Boys Club has been here for a long time and many, many partnerships have been brought to fruition over time. It's just great to see the continued growth, especially things that benefit our children.”

EBCI Dinilawigi Taline Gahvsgi (Tribal Council Vice Chairman) David Wolfe said, “I am a grandparent of a couple grandkids that have attended here. It's always nice to be able to come in and see smiling faces waiting for the kids and the kids ready to come in and go to school and learn.”

At the end of Friday's event, young members of the EBCI performed the Cherokee Friendship Dance and Beaver Dance. Jordan Oocumma sang the songs for both dances.

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Ferguson to be first EBCI tribal member to serve in N.C. House of Representatives

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – Anna Ferguson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), has been selected by the Republican Party to serve the remainder of the late Rep. Mike Clampitt's (District 119) seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

She told the One Feather, "The decision to appoint me to finish the current term came after a very challenging voting process. When it was finally confirmed, it didn't feel real. Only after a good night's sleep could I begin processing what this would mean and prepare to jump in immediately."

When asked what her focus will be, she noted, "My main objective when I enter chambers next week is to leave with a budget in place. I will do what I can to help move this process forward quickly and correctly!"

In a statement posted on Facebook, EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks congratulated Ferguson on being the first EBCI tribal member to serve in the N.C. House of Representatives.

He wrote, "We are proud to



Anna Ferguson (Photo contributed)

see her step forward to represent western North Carolina, as we remember Representative Clampitt's service and dedication to the people of this region. We wish her the very best in the months ahead."

In a February interview with the One Feather prior to the Republican Primary, she noted, "My big overall message is I'm hoping, if I'm elected, to go down there

and to be able to make enough noise to say, 'hey, we're here. I know we're geographically about as far as we can get from Raleigh, but because of that we are often overlooked and that needs to not be happening. So many resources are being sent east or central, you need to start distributing to the west'. We're rural, but that makes us no less important to the state.

For the Tribe, specifically, we need someone in there that has our voice. There are other people in there that do not have our voice and who actively are working against our voice. So, we've got to just get our foot in there so somebody's in there saying, 'hey, we're first in line when legalized marijuana comes because it will come to the state. When it comes, we need to be the ones that are first in line. We've established ourselves in that industry. Recognize us. We're your first federally recognized tribe here'."

Ferguson serves on the EBCI Planning Board, the EBCI Governing Board of Audit and Ethics, the advisory board of the Eastern Band of Cherokees Community Foundation and has served in many other capacities over the years.

She finished second in the March primary behind Rep. Mike Clampitt who passed away on March 18, just weeks after the primary election.

Ferguson will face Mark Burrows, Democrat, in the Nov. 3 general election for the District 119 seat.



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These services are for people who live on their own or with someone they trust, like a parent or friend. We might help someone plan their day, go grocery shopping, or learn how to manage their schedule. We also support people in joining community events, like going to the park or attending a class. We're there when extra help makes life easier.

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We match people with caring families who open their homes and hearts. A person might move into a host home where they eat dinner with the family, celebrate birthdays, and build close friendships. Host families help with daily routines, community activities, and building confidence. It feels like being part of a family.

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We help people find jobs that match their strengths and interests. For example, someone who loves animals might work at a pet store. Someone who enjoys organizing might help stock shelves or prepare materials at a local business. We also support people as they learn their new job and grow in their role.

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For updates on the Enrichment Center Project, visit: cherokeehospital.org/idd-enrichment-center-project-progress

Cherokee Police Commission holds April Meeting; report reveals that several businesses sold alcohol to a minor in undercover operation

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Police Commission held their monthly meeting in the Ginger Lynn Welch building on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 14. Chairperson Anita Lossiah called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. Commissioner Israel Rodriguez led roll call. Commissioners in attendance were Rick Queen (Wayohi, Wolfstown), Regina Rosario (Aniwodihi, Painttown), Treasurer Kym Parker (At-Large), Hillary Norville (Tutiya, Snowbird & Tsalagi Gadugi, Cherokee Co.), Chairperson Anita Lossiah

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

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

Chief Neadeau provided the monthly CIPD report. She shared that Graham Co. Sheriff's Office signed a Mutual Aid Agreement with CIPD under the leadership of newly appointed Sheriff Russell

Moody. Asst. Chief Taylor shared that CIPD is conducting improvements for the probation division, including sending a probation officer to an Indigenous-ran probation training in Green Bay, Wisc.

Chief Neadeau shared that she attended the Widagalinidisgnole Wayohi (Big Y and Wolfstown) community meeting by request of Wayohi Rep. Bo Crowe and Commissioner Queen to address issues concerning surveillance cameras and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Chief Neadeau said CIPD has not violated HIPAA, and the cameras have been a successful addition to their law enforcement, including helping find three suspects in murder cases.

Tribal Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) Agent Norman Reed shared the monthly ALE report. Reed and Asst. Chief Taylor shared that CIPD and ALE have a successful working relationship. Recently, an undercover operation was conducted where an underage officer went to the businesses of 8 permittees and was served at 7 out of the 8 businesses. Charges are being brought.

The CIPD and ALE reports were accepted unanimously.

White provided a report on behalf of the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor (OTP). Commissioner Rodriguez said he reached out to the OTP and would reach out again to request consistent month-

ly reports.

White noted that in the last 12 months, there have been 119 domestic violence cases and 61 child abuse cases. White said these numbers are extremely high. Commissioner Rosario asked what the causes were of these elevated cases, and Asst. Chief Taylor said alcoholism, addiction, and generational trauma were root causes.

Asst. Chief Taylor said abuse has been normalized through generations, and often people think abuse must be physical. He said abuse can be verbal, emotional and financial manipulation and control. Asst. Chief Taylor and White shared that abuse often escalates from verbal, to physical, to threats with weapons like firearms, to strangulation, which is a top indicator of lethality.

Asst. Chief Taylor shared that the CIPD has an emotional support dog, Gus, who is undergoing training to sit with and support children who give testimony in cases.

Chief Neadeau shared that next year, a program is starting for officers to make calls to alert schools when a child needs to be "treated with care" due to an incident like arrests, trial, etc.

The commission entered closed session at 1:16 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12.

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"IT'S TIME FOR GUTTER MAINTENANCE"

6 REASONS TO STAY ON TOP OF YOUR GUTTER MAINTENANCE

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

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

Here is a list of some of those reasons.

PREVENT EROSION & MOLD



1. Roof Damage

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

2. Wood Fascia Damage

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

3. Damage to Walls, Windows, Doors and Patios

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

4. Damage to Foundations and Landscaping

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

5. Slip and fall

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

6. Prevent Mold

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

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



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INFRASTRUCTURE	<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.
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DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS	<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.
CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands	<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.
DPA funds – Off Trust Lands	<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.
LOAN CLOSE	<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.
SITE PREP SCHEDULING	<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.
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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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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. 4276 (A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996). The full text of this bill was not available by press time. Introduced: Sen. Lisa Murkowski

(R-Alaska) on March 26, 2026 Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 8092 (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 2026). This House bill seeks “to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996”. Introduced: Rep. Troy Downing (R-Mont.) on March 26, 2026 Action: This will was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services on March 26, 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

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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 gov-

ernments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes”. Introduced: June 11, 2025 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Mas-to (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance 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

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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. It was reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 2, 2026 and was placed on the Union Calendar that same day.

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 House Committee on the Judiciary as well as the House 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 Reg-

ulatory 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.

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 referred 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. McClellan (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 appropriate “\$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.

Senate 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.

House of Representatives 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

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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 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). It was placed on the Union Calendar on Feb. 17, 2026.

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 (Tribal Conservation Priorities Inclusion Act). This House bill aims “to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in certain provisions relating to priority resource concerns”.

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 (Tribal Police Department Parity Act). This Senate bill 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. 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 (Tribal Firearm Access Act). This Senate bill seeks “to allow members of federally recognized Tribes to use their tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer”.

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 (Tribal Firearm Access Act). This House bill seeks “to allow members of federally recognized tribes to use their tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer”.

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.

S. 3994 (PRIME Meat Processing in Indian Country Act). This Senate bill aims “to amend the Federal Meat Inspection Act to authorize tribal meat inspection under that Act by tribal personnel”. In the title, PRIME means “Promoting Regulatory Independence, Mastery, and Expansion”.

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.

S. 4179 (AI/AN Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act). This Senate bill seeks “to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require that equitable distribution of assistance include equitable distribution to Indian Tribes and tribal organizations”.

Introduced: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) on March 24, 2026

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on March 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 8048 (AI/AN Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act). This House bill seeks “to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require that equitable distribution of assistance include equitable distribution to Indian Tribes and tribal organizations”. Introduced: Rep. Adelita S. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) on March 24, 2026

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce on March 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

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One Feather Editorial Board holds April meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The monthly Editorial Board meeting of the Cherokee One Feather was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairperson Brooklyn Brown.

Roll call was also led by Brown. Members present included Brown, Vice Chairperson Dawn Arneach, Subscription Clerk Indica Climb-bear, Editor Robert Jumper, and Assistant Editor Scott McKie Brings Plenty. No guests were in attendance.

The EBCI Executive Committee and Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) are supposed to appoint a member to the Editorial Board but have not done so.

There were four items on the agenda:

The first item, submitted by Brings Plenty, asked if the One Feather should continue to publish arrest reports, since they are similar to complaints from the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics that have not yet been investigated and we do not publish those until a conclusion is made.

Brings Plenty removed the first item for vote but stated for the record that he holds the opinion that arrest reports should be treated the same as uninvestigated ethics complaints, as the arrested individuals are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Jumper said that he finds a difference in that there is some investigation by law enforcement taking place prior to arrests that is not present for an ethics complaint. He said anyone can submit a complaint to Ethics, but law enforcement must have probable cause for an arrest.

The second item, submitted by Brings Plenty, asked if the Editorial Board should livestream meetings, either via the One Feather Facebook and/or YouTube, or via the Dinilawigi chambers. The board decided to first publish meeting minutes to see if the community is interested in meeting content, and then if interest is garnered, to discuss livestreaming.

The third item, submitted by Brings Plenty, is a suggested or-

dinance change to Cherokee Code Ch. 75-57(e) regarding hiring of One Feather editors. The Editorial Board voted unanimously with a motion by Brings Plenty seconded by Jumper to draft an ordinance that would make the Editorial Board part of the hiring process for the editor.

The fourth item was a language project update given by Brown. The One Feather is currently working on a Cherokee language project with the Kituwah Preservation Education Program (KPEP) to create consistent weekly language videos. The project is being divided into seasons, with each season holding 13 weeks of content. Brown has currently written scripts for two seasons that have been reviewed and approved by Cherokee fluent speaker EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson. The next step is for KPEP to assign a speaker and second language learner to be featured in the video, and then for the One Feather to schedule a day and time for filming.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Editorial Board meetings occur every third Thursday of every month in the Ginger Lynn Welch Large Conference Room (Poke Salad Room) and are open to the public. The next meeting will be held May 21.



The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is currently accepting applications for the 2026 - 2027 program year.

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is a culturally based leadership program for EBCI college undergraduates.

EBCI members that are attending trade school, college, or a university this Fall 2026-Spring 2027 may apply.

Fellowships of up to \$4000 are awarded annually to assist with completing leadership and cultural goals.

To apply, please visit www.rkli.org/jones-bowman/ or visit the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at 171 Boys Club Loop, Cherokee.

Applications are due by April 17, 2026 at 4:30pm.



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MISSING

Shanice Ku'ulei Ogata-Staudinger

Asian, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, American Indian

Height: 5'2" Weight: 150-180 lbs Female Age: 31 Hair: Brown Eyes: Hazel

Date of last contact: July 9, 2023 Last Known Location: Pāhoa, Hawaii

Circumstances of Disappearance: On the morning of July 9, 2023, Ogata-Staudinger was reportedly picking opihi (shellfish) with a relative in the area of Kahakai Boulevard and Papio Street in Pāhoa, at a spot commonly known as "Hau Bush." Ogata-Staudinger became separated from her relative and failed to return to their prearranged meeting spot later that day. She has not been seen or heard from by her family since. Emergency personnel conducted an extensive area search, including police with a scent discriminating canine, the Hawai'i Fire Department's helicopter, and the United States Coast Guard; however, Ogata-Staudinger was not located. Police have continued to follow up on tips and have interviewed many known associates, friends, and family of Ogata-Staudinger. She has a dollar sign symbol tattoo on her left cheek, rose tattoo on the left side of her neck, "Young" tattoo on right outer forearm, "Husalah" tattoo on her left outer forearm, tribal tattoo on her right breast, and a portrait tattoo on her left breast. She was last seen wearing a black tube-top shirt and blue jean pants.

If you have seen or have information about Shanice Ogata-Staudinger contact Hawaii Police Department and Coroner (808) 935-3311 or submit a tip at www.namus.gov. Source: NAMUS.gov



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**CIPD Arrest Report for
April 5-12, 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.

Catolster, Teresa Anne – age 47
Arrested: April 5
Released: April 5
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Hornbuckle, Jamie Ray – age 50
Arrested: April 7
Released: April 9
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Standingbear, Luther – age 22
Arrested: April 7
Released: April 10
Charges: Reckless Endangerment

Taylor, Stephanie Nichole – age 35
Arrested: April 7
Released: Not released as of report date (April 13)

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts); Providing or Possessing Contraband (two counts); Tampering with Evidence; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officer; Drug Trafficking; Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer; Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a

Controlled Substance – Methamphetamine

Beaupre, Brittany Marie – age 36
Arrested: April 8
Released: April 9
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Garcia, Jamie Luiz – age 25
Arrested: April 8
Released: April 9
Charges: Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer (three counts); Possession of a Controlled Substance

Lambert, Birda Francine – age 39
Arrested: April 8
Released: Not released as of report date (April 13)
Charges: Probation Violation

Rickman, John Preston – age 38
Arrested: April 8
Released: Not released as of report date (April 13)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Jalen Robert – age 32
Arrested: April 8
Released: Not released as of report date (April 13)
Charges: Probation Violation

Bigmeat, Matthew Daniel – age 51
Arrested: April 9
Released: Not released as of report date (April 13)
Charges: Contempt of Court

Crowe, Tina Lynn -age 47
Arrested: April 9
Released: April 9
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (I-V)

Fuller, Chrstina Jean – age 41
Arrested: April 9
Released: April 9
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, Obstructing Officers

Lee, Christina Marie – age 24
Arrested: April 9
Released: April 9
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Littlejohn, Emery Lee – age 40
Arrested: April 9
Released: Not released as of report date (April 13)
Charges: Probation Violation

Muck, Floyd A. – age 47
Arrested: April 9
Released: April 9
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Engel, Jesse John – age 44
Arrested: April 10
Released: April 10
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Parton, Reagan, Elizabeth – age 33
Arrested: April 10
Released: Not released as of report date (April 13)

Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Sell or Deliver a Controlled Substance; Drug Trafficking; Probation Violation

Plummer, Wendy Lynn – age 56
Arrested: April 10
Released: April 10
Charges: Simple Assault and Bat-

tery, Simple Affray; Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V

Volkmer, Holly Kateria – age 46
Arrested: April 10
Released: Not released as of report date (April 13)

Charges: Probation Violation (two counts), Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V

Barnes, Kenneth – age 37
Arrested: April 11
Released: April 11
Charges: Hold Until Sober

George, Michael Anthony – age 32
Arrested: April 11
Released: Not released as of report date (April 13)
Charges: Public Intoxication, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V, Probation Violation

Spugeon, Christina Leann – age 38
Arrested: April 11
Released: April 11
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Vaughn, Richard Chance – age 37
Arrested: April 11
Released: April 11
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Queen Jr., Hugh Nolan – age 35
Arrested: April 12
Released: Not released as of report date (April 13)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance, Probation Violation

Do you see strays or pet abuse?
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Domestic Violence Program invites community to join “Denim Day”

Submitted by EBCI Public Health and Human Services

CHEROKEE, N.C. - EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program invites the community to join in “Denim Day”, an annual day of recognition for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Participate by wearing your finest denim in support of victims on Wednesday, April 29. Post and tag “EBCI Domestic Violence – Sexual Assault Program” on Facebook. Denim Day, held on the last Wednesday of April each year, is about raising awareness about sexual assault and violence and recognition of justice and support for survivors. On April’s Tribal Council session held Thursday, April 2, *ᎠᏍᏍᏚ* Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) unanimously passed Res. No. 62 (2026) of which proclaimed the last Wednesday in April as “Denim Day” to promote awareness and education on the impacts of sexual harassment, abuse, assault, and

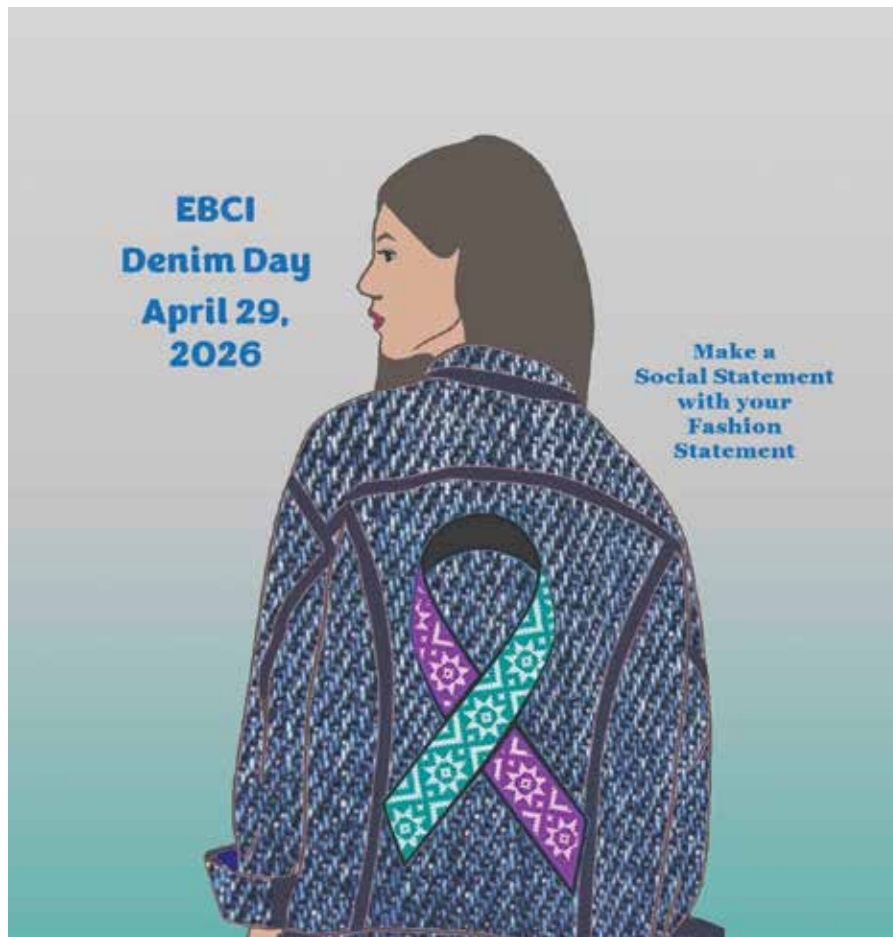


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rape in our communities.

Facts about Sexual Assault:

- Every 68 seconds, someone in America is sexually assaulted.
- Approximately 1 out of 4 women are raped during their lifetime.
- Youth under 18 account for about 44 percent of all reported.

- At least 25 percent of women experience sexual harassment in the workplace.
- 75 percent of harassment victims experience retaliation when they reported.
- Indigenous victims suffer disproportionately higher rates of sexual violence than any other group.

According to the CDC, “More than two in five non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native and non-Hispanic multiracial women were raped in their lifetime.”

Get involved:

- Wear jeans or denim on April 29 to help communicate the message there is no excuse and never an invitation to harass, abuse, assault, and/or rape.
- Encourage your friends and family to participate!

Resources:

- EBCI 24 Hour Hotline (828)-359-6830
 - StrongHearts Native Helpline (844)-7NATIVE / (844)-762-8483
- The EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program is a program within the EBCI Public Health & Human Services Division (EBCI PHHS). The mission of EBCI PHHS is “HONORING our Cherokee community by PROVIDING excellent care, PROMOTING health, and SERVING in a culturally respectful way.” Visit our website at <https://phhs.ebcinsn.gov>, and follow EBCI PHHS on Facebook (EBCI Public Health & Human Services Division), Instagram (@ebciphhs), and X (@ebciphhs).

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Meeting schedule subject to change with short notice.

Sylva to host 28th Annual Greening Up the Mountains Festival

Submitted by the Main Street Sylva Association

SYLVA, N.C. This year's Greening Up the Mountains Festival, scheduled for Saturday, April 25, celebrates its 28th anniversary. Main and Mill Streets in downtown Sylva will be blocked off and police officers will direct traffic around town. The festival hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is organized by the Town of Sylva and the Main Street Sylva Association.

The festival will host over 170 vendors and attendees from throughout western North Caro-

lina. Vendors will be located on Main Street and on both sides of the Bridge Park music stage. Public restrooms are located on Mill Street beside Ward Plumbing, Heating and Air and newly renovated restrooms will be available at Poteet Park. Portable toilets will be located at both ends of Main Street. The Birthstone Center located on Main Street will be offering a family rest area for folks with younger children. Inside restrooms and a private space for nursing moms will be offered. Updated signage will help direct attendees while at the festival.

Information tents will be located on Main Street and at Bridge Park. WRGC, The River, will be broadcasting live from Bridge Park throughout the day. WWCU, Western Carolina's student radio

station, will also be broadcasting throughout the day from the parking lot beside the Lazy Hiker. Water stations, installed by the Tuckasegee Water and Sewer Authority, will once again be available for all attendees and dogs on Main Street and at Bridge Park. Attendees are encouraged to bring water bottles as there will be no single use plastics/bottles of water at the festival. All dogs brought to the festival must be on a leash.

In addition to the 170 plus vendors at the festival most of the businesses in downtown Sylva will be open. Most restaurants will offer online ordering and carry out services.

The day will begin with a 5K Race kicking off at 9 a.m. Registration is available online at www.greeningupthemountains.com. The awards ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. The 5k starts and ends at 86 Mark Watson Park in Sylva, N.C. All proceeds benefit the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department.

Live music will be performed throughout the day by local musicians at the Bridge Park music stage. See the music schedule for Bridge Park listed below:

- 10 a.m. - Junior Appalachian Musicians
- 11:30 a.m. - Bird in Hand
- 1 p.m. - Fuzzy Peppers
- 2:30 p.m. - PMA

Blacksmithing and glass blowing demonstrations by vendors from the Jackson County Green Energy Park will take place in the

Southern Bliss/Lazy Hiker parking lot across from First Baptist Church. Children's activities will also be scattered along Main Street and at Fusion's Spa.

Parking places in town are limited but the Jackson County Transit will offer shuttle service from the Jackson County Justice Center parking lot between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for parking but a ride with the shuttle service is \$1 per person and the ride back is free. This is perhaps the best option for folks with mobility issues since the shuttle will provide drop-off on Main Street by Fusions Spa.

Other parking is available at Mark Watson and the Jackson County Library, plus other limited spots along the detour. Paid parking is available at Pinnacle Relief on Grindstaff Cove Road, First United Methodist Church, and at St. Mary's Catholic Church as fundraising events for their organizations. All proceeds will be used for church mission projects. Limited handicapped parking will be available in the lot behind the Sylva Police Department and beside Ward Plumbing, Heating & Air.

The Greening Up the Mountains committee would like to thank all the sponsors and community partners who make this festival a reality each year.

For more information, visit www.greeningupthemountains.com or contact Bernadette Peters at mainstreet@townofsylva.org or (828) 586-2719.

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Presentation on Dragging Canoe

Joe Guy, right, Sheriff of McMinn County, Tenn., did a presentation on Dragging Canoe, Last of the Great Warriors, on the evening of Thursday, April 16 at the Gem Theater in Etowah, Tenn. He spoke about the origin of Dragging Canoe's name, his fight with people at Watauga, and forming the Cherokee that became known as the Chickamaugas. Guy also spoke about how Dragging Canoe's ideas differed from his father's, Attakullakulla. He is shown with Charlie Rhodharmer, an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and director of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum. (DAWN ARNEACH/One Feather photo)

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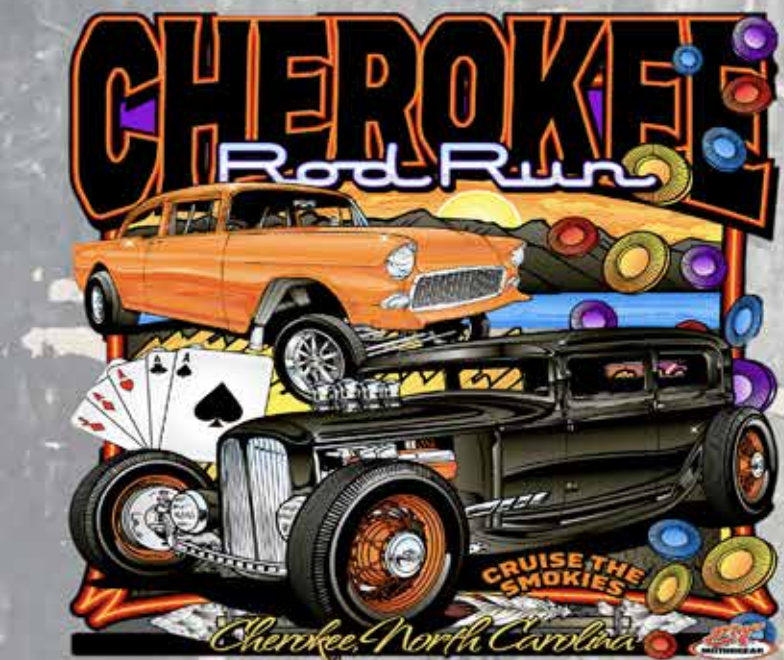
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David Obidiah Swimmer

David Obidiah Swimmer, 51, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at UNC Medical Center in Chapel Hill, N.C.

David was born on Dec. 27, 1974 to David Swimmer and Mary Sherrill. He was a graduate of Cherokee High School, class of 1995, where he played football as a Cherokee Brave. He was a fan of all football, especially Texas A&M. He worked in food service at Brio Tuscan Grill in Cherokee.

David was predeceased by his father, David Swimmer; his grandparents, Issac and Dorothy Swimmer; and his aunts, Kina Swimmer and Barbara George.

In addition to his mother, Da-

vid is survived by his companion, Violet Arch; stepdaughter, Tasha C. Torres (Andress); stepson, Clayton Arch (Heather); brothers, Joshua Swimmer (Ravonda) and Jacob Wolfe; sisters, Henrietta Welch (Scott) and Ashley Swimmer; grandchildren, Michael Rodriguez, Araceli Arch, and Zacchaeus Arch. His grandchildren meant the world to him, bringing him immense happiness. and his faithful fur baby, Roscoe. Several uncles and aunts also survive.

Pallbearers were the 1995 Cherokee Braves Football team

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 17 at Waterfalls Baptist Church, with Rev. Scott Chekelelee officiating. Burial was in the Family Cemetery.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Charlotte (Woochie) Crowe George

Charlotte (Woochie) Crowe George, 82, of the Big Y Community, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, April 14, 2026. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Albert Crow and Regina Elizabeth Welch Crow.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her siblings, Gene, Gil, Merle, Mary, Marie, Desmond, and Darlene Lossiah; son, Jason "Crowbar" Crow; grandson, Dezmond Crow; and spouse, Billy Ray George.

She is survived by her sons, Danny Crowe of Norman, Okla./Cherokee, N.C., and Bunsey Crowe and wife Trudy of Cherokee, N.C.; grandchildren, Brooke Lossiah, Fabian and Gabe Crowe, Brandon Welch, AJ, Eli, and Aaron Crowe, Aiden Allison, Gage and Trista Welch, Brandi and Brianina Lambert; great grandchildren, Kaia, Kale, Natale, Savian, Weston, Cooper, Nox, Nijah, Macie, Kamilla

and Lakia, Lennox; and several nieces and nephews.

Woochie worked for many years as a CNA at Cherokee Indian Hospital and later worked as a cook for the Cherokee Central Schools and retired from the Cherokee Boys Club. She also worked as a beautician all of her life. She was a member of Old Antioch Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 18 at Old Antioch Baptist Church. Rev. Marty Kilby and Bear Lambert officiated with burial at Crowe Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons.

Tammy Lee Reed

Tammy Lee Reed, 54, of Sevierville, Tenn., passed away Sunday, April 12, 2026, at her residence after a period of declining health.

Tammy was born on Dec. 8, 1971, in Cherokee, N.C., to Charles Reed and Cindy Reed (Tramper). She will be remembered for her big, beautiful smile and her outgoing personality.

Tammy was predeceased by her father, Charles Reed, and her brothers, Gary Reed and Charles Reed.

Tammy is survived by her beloved husband, Joshua L. Bradley; her mother, Cindy Reed; sons, Michael, Hunter, Jake, and Jeffrey; daughters, Frances, Tamara, Emma, and Kayd; brothers, Danny, Jimmy, and Johnny; sister, Lisa; grandchildren, Thomas, Lauren, Nyra, Leighton, Zoey, Kainen, (Frances) John; and her very special girl, Skylah (Tamara).

A funeral service was held Tuesday, April 21 at Big Witch Baptist Church, with Rev Ben Reed officiating. Burial followed at the Reed Family Cemetery.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Composer Domenico Scarlatti wrote a piano piece, "Cat's Fugue," based on notes his cat walked across.

- Butcher Chris McCabe's life was saved in a rather unusual fashion when he accidentally shut himself into a walk-in freezer in 2017. The door release button was iced over and McCabe was alone, so he seized a 3.3-pound black pudding and bashed the button until he was able to safely exit.

- Pupaphobia is the irrational and persistent fear of puppets, dummies and marionettes.

- Prior to the creation of antibiotics, some syphilis patients were deliberately infected with malaria, resulting in such high fevers that the syphilis bacteria was often killed off. Once that disease was under control, doctors would then treat the malaria with quinine.

- Michael Phelps's total of 28 Olympic medals places him ahead of more than 160 nations in the all-time gold medal rankings.

- To celebrate the end of France's war with Russia, Napoleon organized a massive rabbit hunt. Things backfired when the thousands of animals acquired for the occasion swarmed toward him and his guests upon release from their cages, until even the legendary general was forced to beat a retreat to his carriage.

- A three-dollar bill issued by the Cook Islands features a topless Polynesian woman riding a shark.

- Due to his fear of flying, actor Sean Bean would hike for two hours to the set of "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" in full costume while the rest of the cast took a helicopter.

- Cuscuta (witch's hair) is a parasitic plant that lacks chlorophyll and feeds off other plants, using smell to identify the best hosts.

Thought for the Day: "Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter." — Francis Chan

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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

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

**National Park Service
requests public input on
proposed Oconaluftee River
Trail improvements**

GATLINBURG, Tenn.—The National Park Service is seeking public input on proposed improvements to the Oconaluftee River Trail in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Through this project, the park

would improve connectivity with the gateway community of Cherokee, increase accessibility, repair riverbank erosion and enhance safety and the visitor experience. The NPS will accept comments through April 22.

The Oconaluftee River Trail is a 1.6-mile-long pedestrian and bike trail that connects the park's Oconaluftee Visitor Center and Mountain Farm Museum to downtown Cherokee. More than 100,000 people use the trail each year.

Proposed trail improvements include:

- Improving accessibility and trail surface durability
- Restoring approximately 275 feet of eroded bank along the Oconaluftee River
- Replacing or repairing four existing footbridges
- Building an accessible riverside

viewing area along the Oconaluftee River

- Creating a new connection between the park and Cherokee by building a trail from the Oconaluftee River Trail to Saunooke Bridge Road

Public input will inform planning, designing, and compliance to account for factors such as natural resources and cultural resources. Work on some or all the proposed improvements could begin in late 2026 or 2027. The park anticipates a series of partial and full trail closures to accomplish the work, which is estimated to take 12 months to complete.

How to comment:

The preferred manner for providing comments is via an online form through the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website. From the project website (<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/ORT>), navigate the menu on the left-hand side of the page to "Open for Comment," then open the "Oconaluftee River Trail" folder. Background materials are at the site, and the green "Comment Now" button links to the online form.

Comments can also be submitted in writing and postmarked by April 22 to:

Great Smoky Mountains National Park
ATTN: Oconaluftee River Trail Project
107 Park Headquarters Rd, Gatlinburg, TN 37738

- National Park Service release

Cades Cove Vehicle-Free Days begin May 6

GATLINBURG, Tenn. - Great Smoky Mountains National Park will offer Cades Cove Vehicle-Free Days every Wednesday from May 6 to Sept. 30. These designated days give pedestrians and cyclists an opportunity to experience the 11-

mile Cades Cove Loop Road without motor vehicles.

Reminders for Vehicle-Free Day:

- Vehicle-Free Days are popular and parking is limited. Please park only in designated spots to protect pedestrians, cyclists and roadside ecosystems. Remember to purchase a parking tag online, at the Great Smoky Mountains Welcome Center in Townsend or at fee kiosks at the Townsend Wye or Cades Cove before parking.

- Avoid the morning rush by arriving in the afternoon. If there is no parking available in the morning, you will need to leave and return later. The park may ticket or tow illegally parked vehicles.

- Only bikes (including Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes) are allowed. No scooters, skateboards or other non-motorized vehicles are permitted. Wear a helmet if you are biking, and follow the posted 20 mile per hour speed limit.

- Come prepared. The Cades Cove Loop Road has lots of hills and little tree cover. Pack plenty of snacks, water and a first aid kit. There is no cell service, so plan accordingly. Cyclists should bring a toolkit that includes spare inner tubes, pumps, tire levers and a multi-tool. Weather can also be unpredictable, so pack a rain jacket and dress appropriately for the temperature.

Vehicle-free Wednesdays were first implemented in 2020, although there have been vehicle free opportunities—such as vehicle-free mornings—for pedestrians and cyclists in Cades Cove for over 40 years. Since expanding the vehicle-free period to a full day, runners, walkers and cyclists have enjoyed experiencing Cades Cove Loop at a more relaxed pace.

Learn more about vehicle-free days.

- National Park Service release



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COMMENTARY

Where arrogance and ignorance meet - the Crosswalks on the Boundary

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

It is only by God's infinite grace that more people are not injured or killed crossing streets in Cherokee, particularly at the eight crosswalks that exist in the downtown area and the ones scattered throughout Acquoni Road and Tsali Blvd.

When I was a young man, many moons ago, and attending Western Carolina University (Class of '83), one of the things I found out early on was that pedestrians had the right-of-way anywhere on the campus. It didn't matter why or where a person might be in the middle of a roadway; anything

with wheels on it had to stop until that person was safe on the curb before the car, bus, moped, bicycle, or unicycle could proceed. It was a campus-wide mandate. Posted on signs throughout WCU and written boldly in your orientation materials. It was such a norm that students rarely even looked up as they left the curb and entered the roadway on foot because they had no fear that any vehicle would risk the wrath of the college should they scare the dickens out of someone walking in the roadway. As a vehicle operator, you just did not interfere with students hoofing it to do classes and daily business on campus.

North Carolina State Statute

20-173 says, "Where traffic-controlled signals are not in place or in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping, if need be, to yield to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at or near an intersection. Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle. The driver of a vehicle emerging from or entering an alley, building entrance, private road, or drive-

way shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian, or person riding a bicycle, approaching on any sidewalk or walkway extending across such alley, building entrance, road, or driveway (www.ncleg.net)."

In North Carolina, failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk may cost between \$100 to \$500 fine, court costs, and four points on your license. Points on your license may significantly increase your insurance rates, and with repeat infractions, may lead to your license being suspended. Depending on the circumstances, a driver could face a 60-day jail sentence and a \$1000 fine (Vasquez Law Firm).

A couple of weeks ago, I was



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walking out of the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex to walk up to take pictures of the Cultural Grounds progress. There is a crosswalk directly in front of the GLW building. Before the Water and Sewer project (which I believe is now in its second or third year), the parking lot at GLW was completely paved, with a sidewalk that ran the length of the road parallel to the building. The existing crosswalk had recently been augmented with caution signage, complete with pedestrian-operated warning lights. When the Water/Sewer lines necessitated tearing out the sidewalk and parking lot, it also uprooted the caution signage. As of this writing, the sign, sidewalk, and pavement have not been replaced.

The speed limit on this stretch of road is 25 miles per hour.

As I took my first step into the crosswalk, I saw a SUV barreling up, heading in the direction of Saunooke Village. It was going considerably above the speed limit. I pulled my foot back just as the SUV blew through the crosswalk. It was only my cat-like reflexes that kept me from being a victim of a careless speeder on Acquoni Road. All jokes aside, the driver of this vehicle demonstrated little care for anything but getting to where they wanted to go. I don't

know if it was a man or a woman, and it doesn't matter. What matters is that this type of arrogance and ignorance is not isolated and far from uncommon. I did notice this vehicle had out-of-state tags. Why would anyone blow through a crosswalk? One possibility is arrogance. For the same reason that many people don't adhere to the speed limit. They either think that they have superhuman abilities or that laws were made for less smart people. In their ignorance, they say, "Why am I made to go at a snail's pace, 20 mph, through the downtown when, with my driving skills, I can safely drive 50 mph with no problem. Besides, I have important things to attend to. Those people in the crosswalk can wait. I'll just navigate around them. They are in my way."

On my way back from the Cultural Grounds, I used the crosswalk in front of the Cherokee Welcome Center. This crosswalk is clearly marked with caution signs on each side of the road, alerting drivers to possible pedestrian traffic. This time, I got halfway across the crosswalk (in the middle of the road) when a car blew through the crosswalk, inches from me. They were going considerably above the posted 25 mph limit on that stretch of Tsali Blvd. This time,

the car's tag was one of the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) vanity license plates issued by the state of North Carolina. Those are only issued to enrolled members of the tribe.

Look, I understand the impossible task of physically policing this behavior. Our officers should not spend all their time monitoring crosswalks for pedestrian protection, although I will tell you that I have seen some of our Cherokee Indian Police Officers try to curb the enthusiasm of speeders in the downtown area and have even seen a couple of cars pulled over for not yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks. For that, I say thank you to our CIPD. But it puts them in a no-win situation. While they have one car pulled over, ten will exhibit the same behavior and drive past them while they issue one ticket. The CIPD just doesn't have the personnel to catch all the arrogant and ignorant driving behavior.

Pedestrian fatalities in the U.S. have reached historic highs, with over 7,000 pedestrians killed annually, roughly one every 72 minutes, and more than 140,000 injured in 2022. These deaths increased by 80 percent between 2009 and 2023 (National Highway Safety Administration).

Pedestrian deaths are rising much faster than overall traffic fatalities. SUV and pickup truck involvement in pedestrian crashes has surged, with light trucks accounting for 54 percent of pedestrian fatalities where the vehicle type was known in 2023. One in four (25 percent) pedestrian deaths result from a hit-and-run crash. Males account for 70 percent of pedestrians killed in traffic crashes. (Governors Highway Safety Association)

The GHSA also says that around 65 percent of pedestrian deaths occur in locations lacking sidewalks and that a pedestrian's chance of death reaches 50 percent at an impact speed of 42 mph (about the speed many drivers travel up and down Acquoni Road and Tsali Blvd.

If you are in Cherokee day-to-day, you see it happening. The near misses. The disregard of stop signs and speed limits. Pedestrians have already lost their lives on the roadways of the Qualla Boundary. Urge our tribal chiefs and the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) to take a serious look at preventative measures to curb the dangerous environment that our business and cultural districts have become. Invite your leaders to do their own, first-hand study by putting on street clothes and attempting to use the crosswalks in the downtown, Acquoni Road, and Tsali Blvd. areas.

Many towns have resorted to using cameras and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to not only identify violators but also issue tickets and hold these people accountable for their behavior. It's possible that citizen watch groups could be created to report violators to the CIPD.

Most of all, do not be one of the arrogant, ignorant individuals who think they are better than other drivers and better than the person in the crosswalk. Decide that showing off for your buddies or getting somewhere two minutes earlier isn't worth a fine, jail time, or worse, taking someone's life. Imagine the ones that you love standing in the middle of the road. How would you drive then? Yeah. Drive that way.



Are you interested in supporting EBCI's homebound elders?

The Senior Center is launching a new volunteer-based program this spring!

Seeking volunteers to deliver meals on Tribal employee holidays and provide social connection.

Please join us at the Deb West Senior Center, 145 Tsali Manor St., Cherokee, NC. 28719 from 4:30 - 6pm. on Monday, April 27, for a FREE Cherokee dinner and a short presentation.

QUESTIONS Call (828) 400-4281.

THE GOOD STUFF

Check out the Cherokee Spring Rod Run

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The late, great Elvis Presley once said, “Life is too short to drive boring cars.” The King was a true car lover and amassed an incredible collection of over 200 vehicles.

If you identify with that passion, it’s time to cruise down to see some great vintage cars as the Cruise the Smokies Cherokee Spring Rod Run is almost here! This year’s event, hosted annually by the Cherokee Rodders, is scheduled for April 24-25 at the old Cherokee High School site in Cherokee, N.C., and it is free to the public.

As of lunchtime at last year’s event, there were 459 cars registered for the event. So, if you like hot rods, this will be the place to be.

The mission statement of the Cherokee Rodders sums up their welcoming attitude. “At Cherokee Rodders, we strive to provide a unique and unforgettable experience for all registered Car Show participants. Our mission is to bring together like-minded individuals to enjoy two days of viewing fantastically restored classic automobiles, renewing old friendships and the possibility of winning fabulous monetary prizes and trophies. In addition, we



Calloway Ledford, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, poses beside his 1969 Camaro at the 2025 Cruise the Smokies Cherokee Spring Rod Run held at the old Cherokee High School site in Cherokee, N.C. on April 26, 2025. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

want our spectators to enjoy the experience of seeing such fabulous automobiles.”

Charles Bryson, Cherokee Rodders chairperson, told the One Feather at last year’s event, “What we try to do is we try to give back to the community as much as possible...we want to give back to the people that come to the show. So, as you register, as you come in and buy tickets for anything, everything we do we give back.”

He added, “At the end of the day, if we make a dollar, we’re going to give that dollar away. That’s kind of our motto.”

If you have a 1985 or older ve-

hicle, you can pre-register for the show at this link:

<https://cherokeeodders.com/pre-register/>

Following is a schedule of events:

• **Thursday, April 23 (not open to the public)**

- Vendor setup from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Onsite registration of vehicles 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Early Bird Show 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Participants can vote for an Early Bird Show winner.
- Evening Cruise at 5 p.m.

• **Friday, April 24 (free public admission day)**

- Gates open and registration starts at 8:30 a.m.
 - Cash giveaways 4 p.m.
 - Poker Run, raffles and 50/50 drawings throughout the day
 - **Saturday, April 25 (free public admission day)**
 - Gates open and registration starts at 8:30 a.m.
 - Cash giveaways and announcement of winners 4 p.m.
 - Poker Walk, raffles and 50/50 drawings throughout the day
- For more information, visit <https://cherokeeodders.com>

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“Who are your People” - Everyone knows me. So, why am I still lonely?



By BROOKE BARRETT, LMCHC

Question:

I grew up here. People know me or my family. Everyone is friendly, but no one is actually inviting me to things. I feel lonely, which makes no sense because I'm

not new here. What do I do? How do you make friends as an adult, it feels pathetic even asking this?

Answer:

YEP....the small-town fame without the small-town friends. The kind of life where you can't go to the grocery store without someone saying, "I've known you since you were little!" but somehow no one knows you well enough to text and say "want to grab some lunch today?"

I have been working as a therapist in our community for almost 8 years and the truth is, over half my clients at some point felt the exact same way. There is nothing pathetic about wanting to make

more connections as an adult. In fact about 1 in 2 adults report feeling lonely today and research shows lacking social connection can impact your health as much as smoking. Connection isn't a luxury, it's a necessity for your wellbeing.

Here's the disconnect:

Being known is not the same as being connected.

Small towns are great at remembering your name, your family, and your childhood nickname you'd prefer we all forget.

They're not as great at asking: "Who are you now?"

So people assume:
You already have your people
You're still close with old friends
You're "covered" socially

Meanwhile, you're like:
"I actually have no one to call, but thank you for asking about my grandpa's dog that was sick last week"

What To Do

1. Stop waiting to be "rediscovered.": People aren't going to suddenly realize you need a different connection. You'll have to go first sometimes. Yes, it's annoying but required.

2. Build outside your old identity: If you keep trying to connect through people who knew you growing up, you'll stay stuck as that version of you. Find people who only know this version.

3. Look for people who are also in-between: They're there. The ones lingering, not fully in a group, also wondering how to break in. That's your crowd.

4. And here's the honest and often painful truth: If you're the

most comfortable, most known, most "put together" person in all your circles...you might be in the wrong circles. Or at least, ones that aren't stretching you.

Real connection and real growth usually happens when you're around people who: challenge you expand you and don't already have you figured out from 2007 when you were in your emo phase (or is that just me)

Final thought:

Small towns will always know where you came from. But, that doesn't mean you have to be that same person

You're allowed to build a new community for yourself even if it starts with one slightly awkward, "Hey... we should actually hang out sometime when are you free."...and then you actually mean it.

Have a mental health or relationship question? Submit anonymously to Ask a Therapist at asktherapistbrooke@gmail.com. Your question might help others too.

***This column is for educational purposes only and is not a substitute for professional mental health advice, diagnosis, or treatment. If you are in crisis, please reach out to a licensed mental health provider or dial 911*

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• April 25 at 3 p.m., Deb West Senior Center Fundraiser for EBCI Senior Trip. Good food will also be available at this shoot.

EBCI Community Events

Spring Garden Fair. April 24 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center 1416 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC. 28719. Featuring seeds, plants, yard art, education, 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 More! Pre-Register before April 10 and be entered for a huge cash prize. Info: Cherokeeodders.com

Veterans Stand Down. May 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Peaches Squirrel Sports & Recreation Complex at 1212 Birdtown Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. Available resour-

es: Medicaid enrollment, health screenings, mental health services, housing/shelter assistance, peer support, veterans benefits assistance, gear distribution, haircuts, training opportunities, crisis and recovery services, and lunch is provided. Info: Gerard Ball (828) 359-6184, samuball@ebci-nsn.gov

Visitors Celebration Day. May 16 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Welcome Center 498 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Traditional dancing, music, arts and crafts, storytelling, stickball demonstrations, food trucks and more. Info: (828) 359-6490

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

Sculpt Your Own Water Beetle with Karen Sixkiller (Cherokee Nation). April 23 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People Art Studio 589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Learn a little more about the Grandmother Spider bringing fire and Water Beetle creating earth stories while

we celebrate spiders and insects by learning how to sculpt your own. All supplies provided. Space is limited. Registration is open to all ages 8 and up. Register via weblink.donorperfect.com/beetle-workshop. Info: <https://motcp.org/events>

Artist Talk with Karen Sixkiller (Cherokee Nation). April 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Museum of the Cherokee People, Ken Blankenship Education Wing, TJ Holland Education Room at 589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Karen Sixkiller (Cherokee Nation) explores the aspects of magical realism and symbolism that combine her larger-than-life water beetle with the faceted geometric "mud" he perches on. Follow the technical

journey of Karen Sixkiller's simple clay maquette through the process of becoming a large bronze piece of public art. Free and open to the public. Info: <https://motcp.org/events>

Cherokee Language Workshop with Ogadudala. Every Monday and Wednesday in May from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Ken Blankenship Education Wing, TJ Holland Education Room at 589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719, except May 4 (Art Studio). Dreyton Long, Madison Hye Long, Elvia Walkingstick, Jack Cooper, and Meshay Long lead a free language workshop at the Museum.

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Cherokee History & Stories with Kathi Littlejohn. May 4 at 5 p.m. in the Ken Blankenship Education Wing, TJ Holland Ed-

ucation Room at 589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. EBCI Storyteller and historian Kathi Littlejohn leads this monthly informal lecture series. Free and open to the public. Info: <https://motcp.org/events>

Big Cove to Boarding Schools: Educational Journeys of the Nick-Swayney-Bird Family. May 7 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Ken Blankenship Education Wing, TJ Holland Education Room at 589 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. David Armenti will share genealogical research

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Impatience is still somewhat of a problem. But a sign of progress should soothe the anxious Aries heart. Meanwhile, invest some of the waiting time in preparing for a change ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines tend to excel at solving problems, not creating them. But you risk doing just this if you're slow to respond to a timely situation. If necessary, seek advice from someone you trust.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The Gemini Twin might need to do more than a routine check of both a job-linked and home-based situation. Dig deeper for more data on both fronts to avoid unwanted surprises later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children who are facing an important workplace decision are being encouraged to use their perceptiveness to see through any attempt to win them over with a supercharge of fawning and flattery.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Good news catapults Leos and Leonas into reconsidering a deferred decision. But time has moved on, and it's a good idea to recheck your plans and make adjustments where necessary.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week favors relationships, both personal and professional. Take the time to look for and immediately repair any vulnerable areas that were caused by unresolved misunderstand-

ings.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A friend's problems bring out your protective instincts. Be careful to keep a balance between meeting the obligations of friendship without being overwhelmed by them.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to take an extreme position on an issue is strong, but moderation is favored both in personal and professional dealings. Move toward finding areas of agreement.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Getting another boss or teacher? Try to see the person behind the image. It will help you adjust more easily to the changes that new authority figures inevitably bring.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Much as you might dislike the idea, keep an open mind about using the assistance of a third party to help resolve problems that threaten to unravel an important agreement.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Music helps restore the Aquarian's spiritual energies this week. Take someone you care about to a concert of your musical choice. Also, expect news about a workplace matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A challenge that seems easy enough at first could take an unexpected turn that might test your resolve. Decide if you should stay with it or if it's better to move in another direction.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can be strong when standing up for justice, both for yourself and for others. In the right setting, this skill can be revolutionary.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Supporting the Honor Flights

Honor Flights for 2026 are in full swing now, with veterans from around the country making the trip already this year.

Honor Flights (www.honorflight.org) are free trips to Washington, D.C., for veterans to visit all the memorials (Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Korean War Memorial, World War II Memorial and others) and be honored at special ceremonies.

Part of the success of each flight is due to the volunteers who step up. Whether it's pushing a wheelchair, managing logistics, aiding with visits to memorials and meals, helping with buses and elevators, maneuvering through airports — they are crucial to the success of each trip. Click on the "Find a Hub" link on the website and navigate to your state. You'll find your local groups there with all of the contact information.

Honor Flight trips are free for the veterans, and a lot goes on behind the scenes. Sponsorship, for example, is what pays for the trips and hotel stays. Check the list of corporate sponsors on the website.

Want to donate as an individual to a worthwhile Honor Flight program? Read about the TLC flights, trips meant for seriously ill veterans who have one year left to live. Sponsorship covers a three-day trip to all the memorials for the veteran and a caregiver. Think about that.

You can donate in others way besides a cash donation. If you have a Southwest Airline account, you can donate your rewards points. If you're sailing on a Norwegian Cruise Line trip, a portion of each stateroom is donated to Honor Flight.

Since the beginning, there have been 339,000 veterans who have been able to make the Honor Flights. And, at this point, there are in excess of 37,000 veterans who are on a wait list.

To learn more about the Honor Flights, see the website, contact them at 937-521-2400 or email them at info@honorflight.org.

Charity Navigator gives Honor Flight a 4 out of 4-star rating.

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What happens when my dog gets Lyme?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I want to take my 2-year-old dog, "Halley," on hikes this summer, but I'm terrified that she will get Lyme disease. What will happen to her? — Jim T., Hyde Park, New York

DEAR JIM: I commend you for being concerned about the risk of contracting Lyme disease. However, I don't want you to change your hiking plans with Halley. As with any jaunt outside, preparation and awareness are the key to keeping your dog healthy.

Lyme disease is transmitted through tick bites, with the deer tick as the biggest culprit. The tick latches onto the skin and can transmit the bacteria that cause Lyme in 12 to 24 hours.

A Lyme-infected dog may show symptoms immediately, or months after the bite. Lameness that goes away and returns is a key symptom that Lyme is affecting their joints. Dogs may also run a high fever, be lethargic, lose weight due to appetite loss or vomit, especially if Lyme is affecting their kidneys.

Prevention is important. Here is what to do:

— Treat your dog with a topical or chewable flea and tick preventative on schedule.

— Keep your dog on a sturdy leash at all times when hiking.

— Avoid walking through tall grasses or past low-drooping trees. If that's unavoidable, run your hand along your dog's coat as soon as you're clear of the area to brush away any crawling ticks. (Yes, it's icky. Just do it.)

— After the hike, thoroughly check your dog's coat and skin for ticks. Remove any latched-on ticks with a tick removal tool and monitor for symptoms.

— If your dog begins showing symptoms, get testing and treatment immediately.

Lyme is treatable with antibiotics. An annual vaccine is also available through your veterinarian. And a vaccine for humans is currently in development. So don't change your plans — just be prepared.

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

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about 11 ancestors from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian community, who attended either Hampton Institute's "Indian School" (Virginia) or Carlisle Indian Industrial School (Pennsylvania). Free and open to the public. Info: <https://motcp.org/events>

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

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.

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. April 23 at 9 a.m.

Pow Wow Listings

Gathering of Nations Pow Wow. April 23-25 in the Tingley Coliseum in Albuquerque, N.M. Emcees: Vince Beyl, Ruben Little Head, Juquin Hamilton-Youngbird, Jackson Tahuka, James Edwards. Invited Drums: Leading Arrow, HoChunk Station, Cozad, Young Spirit, Rio Grande, War Scout. Info: www.gatheringofnations.com

Mni Wakan Oyate Wetu Wacipi. May 2-3 at the Quentin Burdick Sports Arena in Devils Lake, N.D. Info: Kenneth Graywater (701) 381-2009, akicita@spiritlakevw.com

Columbia University 14th Annual Pow Wow. May 2 at Heckscher Playground Lawns, Central Park in New York, New York. MC: Victor Vegas. Info: Jebriel Wharton-Ali at

jrw2235@columbia.edu

Virginia Tech 9th Annual Spring Pow Wow. May 2 in Blacksburg, Va. Info: Mackenzie Locklear at mlocklear@vt.edu

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 McMillan (828) 788-5410

Cherokee Cancer Support Group, potluck dinner with a speaker the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Betty's Place, 40 Goose Creek Rd, Cherokee, N.C. Anyone is welcome to attend the potluck. The group provides educational and emotional support to clients and families of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians members with cancer. The group can provide financial assistance for fuel, lodging, and transportation and also can assist with mastectomy items, nutritional supplements, wigs, and related products. The group can volunteer to take a client to their

appointment if it is requested in a timely manner. Betty's Place is open Monday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info: (828) 497-0788

Life@WesternCarolina. each Wednesday morning during the academic school year the Life@ group meets on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. For those over the age of 50 and looking for ways to engage with the community. To learn more or register visit life.wcu.edu or contact Western Carolina University Educational Outreach (828) 227-7397

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

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

Western N.C. and Beyond Events

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

Greening up the Mountains.

April 25 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. in downtown Sylva, N.C. 28779. Greening Up the Mountains Festival, now in its 28th year, is a heritage arts festival that celebrates the arrival of Spring and Earth Day through both traditional and contemporary forms of Appalachian art, music, food, and beverage which honor our community and local artisans. The festival is sponsored by both the Town of Sylva and the Main Street Sylva Association. The Greening up the Mountains Festival enjoys crowds

of upwards of 12,000 attendees and has 150 vendor booth spaces. In addition to a variety of arts, crafts, and food vendors, attendees can enjoy a 5k run, beverage arts featuring local craft breweries, and live music throughout the day. Info: Greeningupthemountains.com

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/events.

Forest Bathing Guided Walk.

April 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Mingus Mill Parking Lot in Cherokee, N.C. Join certified guide

Debby Singleton for a therapeutic stroll to experience the restorative benefits of the forest. This is a Smokies Life Branch Out event. Cost: For Park Keepers, \$45; to join and attend, \$85 (Park Keeper basic membership \$40+ event registration \$45). Info: <https://SmokiesLife.org/branch-out-events>, or email: membership@smokieslife.org

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/rodeo-information

Peddler's Post at Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site. May 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site at 2620 South Roan St. in Johnson City, Tenn. Local artisans and merchant booths and local, historic-based demonstrators. Free admission. Info: (423) 926-3631 or info@tipton-haynes.org

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

Hummingbird Research

Webinar. May 7 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Discover which plants best benefit hummingbirds and how small changes to a backyard can increase their population. Online webinar. This is a Smokies Life Branch Out event. Cost: For Park Keepers, \$45; to join and attend, \$85 (Park Keeper basic membership \$40+ event registration \$45). Info: <https://SmokiesLife.org/branch-out-events>, or email: membership@smokieslife.org

Tsalagi NATURE

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Have you ever seen rivercane flowers? Like other grasses, rivercane usually spreads through underground roots and rhizomes. However, rivercane can also flower. This is a sporadic event, and scientists are still trying to pinpoint what makes them flower. Right now, you can catch it along the Oconaluftee River Trail. Look for the patch just before the open-air museum. Be sure to check it out, this is a flower that you might not get the chance to see for a while!

see **EVENTS** next page

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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.

High Elevation Birds & Blooms. May 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Thomas Divide Trailhead in Bryson City, N.C. Starting at an elevation of 4,650 feet, stroll through a northern hardwoods forest and observe the birds and blooms that call the high peaks home. This is a Smokies Life Branch Out event. Cost: For Park Keepers, \$45; to join and attend, \$85 (Park Keeper basic membership \$40+ event registration \$45). Info: <https://SmokiesLife.org/branch-out-events>, or email: membership@smokieslife.org

Rev It Up for the Vets. May 16 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Country-side Chevrolet 71 Cat Creek Rd., Franklin, N.C. 28734. Cruise-In and Benefit for Local Veterans.

Music, food, and family fun. Trophies for Top 3 vehicles. Info: (828) 524-0734

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

Intro to Night Sky Photography Webinar. June 2 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Learn the fundamentals of astrophotography, including gear essentials, composition and camera settings, and ways to help reduce light pollution in your area. This is a Smokies Life Branch Out event. Cost: For Park Keepers, \$45; to join and attend, \$85 (Park Keeper basic membership \$40+ event registration \$45). Info: <https://SmokiesLife.org/branch-out-events>, or email: membership@smokieslife.org

Great Tellico History Day. June 20 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Charles Hall Museum & Heritage Center, 229 Cherohala Skyway, Tellico Plains, Tenn. 37385.

Cherokee Culture, Early History, Traditional Skills, and Music., Free admission and parking. Handmade crafts for sale by Cherokee and Early Settler Demonstrators. Food trucks onsite Info: charleshallmuseum@hotmail.com

Smoky Mountain Summer Fest 2026. July 25 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Sevierville Fairgrounds, 754 Old Knoxville Hwy. Sevierville, Tenn. 37862. Classic car shows, food trucks, live music, vendors. Free public admission. Info: (865) 388-0099

Cherokee Community Clubs

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the new community building at 6 p.m. Info: Chair

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ruth (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In 2 Kings 13, what prophet ordered a king to shoot arrows out of a window? *Paul, Job, Elisha, David*
3. How many books of the Bible are only three letters long when spelled? *0, 1, 2, 3*
4. What prophet saw "the tents of Cushan in affliction"? *Japheth, Noah, Hezekiah, Habakkuk*
5. Who said, "Lord, increase our faith"? *Jonah, Apostles, Moses, Israelites*
6. From Joel 2:6, what shall all faces gather? *Sunlight, Blackness, Fear, Warmth*

ANSWERS: (1) Old (2) Elisha, (3) One, (4) Habakkuk (5) Apostles, (6) Blackness
Find expanded trivia online with Wilson Casey at www.patreon.com/triviaguy. FREE TRIAL!

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Moments in time

• On May 4, 1929, Edda van Heemstra Hepburn-Ruston, the daughter of an English banker and a Dutch baroness who for decades has been better known to her many film fans as the actress Audrey Hepburn, was born near Brussels, Belgium.

• On May 5, 1809, Mary Kies became the first American woman to receive a patent, for her straw-and-silk weaving technique to create hats. The patent was signed by President James Madison.

• On May 6, 1994, former Arkansas state clerk Paula Jones filed suit against President Bill Clinton in the federal court in Little Rock, Arkansas, asking for \$700,000 in damages. The case was just one of four major scandals that combined to threaten Clinton's second term.


• On May 7, 1984, seven chemical companies, including Dow and Monsanto, agreed to pay \$180 million to thousands of Vietnam veterans who'd been exposed to the chemical herbicide Agent Orange during the war. Lawyers for both sides announced the surprise out-of-court settlement on the day jury selection was set to begin.

• On May 8, 2010, "Golden Girl" Betty White became the oldest host of TV's "Saturday Night Live." She landed the job in part due to the hundreds of thousands of her fans signing on to a Facebook campaign rallying for the honor.

• On May 9, 1970, President Richard Nixon made an impromptu visit to a group of anti-war protesters at the Lincoln Memorial — an event that his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, dubbed "the weirdest day so far" of Nixon's presidency, going on to record in a diary entry, "I am concerned about his condition. ... He has had very little sleep for a long time and his judgment, temper and mood suffer badly as a result."

• On May 10, 2002, former FBI agent Robert Hanssen, who intermittently sold state secrets to Russia over the course of two decades, received a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole for espionage. Hanssen apologized for his acts, describing himself as "shamed" by them and saying that he had "opened the door for calumny" against his innocent family.

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The Garden Bug

Prepping your soil for the demands of the growing season ahead is key to the success of your garden this year. You want to add in what might be lacking in your soil as your plants begin their growth. If the soil crumbles when you work it around in your hands, then it is ready to till; if it's sticky, it may be too wet. Use a soil-testing kit to see what nutrients should be added to your soil, then work the needed amounts into the soil before planting. - Brenda Weaver

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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 Tues-

day of each month at the community 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

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.

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

MEET YOUR CIHA STAFF



MAREENA HERNANDEZ

Laundry Aide at Tsalagi Care Center

Education: GED
Years at CIHA: 8 Months
Community/Hometown: Wolfstown/Soco

"I started at Tsalagi Care as a housekeeper. I now work in Laundry. I always had a personal desire to work with my elders. I was raised by my grandparents and realized later on how much our elders truly have done for our community. I'm so thankful to work in our community, but most of all to work with our elders. Our elders should never be forgotten. We are here because of them. Let's give back to our elders." Remember the Elders Always" "Nigohilv dehan(v)tesdi anigayvli"- ᏈᏈᏈᏈ ᏈᏈᏈᏈ ᏈᏈᏈᏈ ᏈᏈᏈᏈ ᏈᏈᏈᏈ
- Mareena Hernandez

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19. Sunday Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m. Sunday
Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednes-
day Bible Study 6 p.m.

Cherokee Church of God. 21
Church of God Drive. Sunday
School 10:30 a.m. Sunday Wor-
ship Service 11 a.m. Wednesday
Night Service 6:30 p.m. Everyone
is cordially invited for any of the
services and meals. Pastor Rev.
Owen Isaacs (828) 242-0754

**Cherokee Church of the Naza-
rene.** 72 Old School Loop off Big
Cove Road. Sunday Morning Ser-
vice 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast
served Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday
Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th
4-8 p.m. Pastors Lester and Lisa
Hardesty 497-2819

**Cherokee Pentecostal Holi-
ness 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 Method-
ist 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., Wednes-
day 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., Wednes-
day 6 p.m. Pastor Justin Hunt
(828) 736-1155

**Embassy Christian Center
Church of God in Christ.** 87
Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located
on the campus of Church of God
Gateway Campground and Con-
ference 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](https://embassytv.net) Tuesday Night
Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr.
Will Chambliss, Thursday Night
Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss
(828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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

Grace Bible Church. 344
Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday
worship 11 a.m., Wednesday ser-
vices 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brent Stew-
art. 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 Ser-

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vice 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Mission. 82 Lambert Branch Road. Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m. in English and 6 p.m. in Spanish. Pastor Fr. Victor Ameh, MSP. For

more information, go to www.stjosephbryson.org.

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

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

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

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

Shoal Creek Baptist Church. 184 Shoal Creek Church Loop Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., Wednesday evening Fellowship Meal 6 p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer Service 6:30 p.m., Choir Practice 7 p.m. Dr. Mickey Duvall, Pastor

Spruce Grove Baptist Church. 780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday evening service 7 p.m., third Saturday singing 7 p.m.

Pastor Ernie Cable. Email: sprucegrovebc.1920@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

Wright's 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 Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or 736-4872



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EMPLOYMENT

Request for Resumes

The Cherokee Court is now taking resumes for a part-time Magistrate. This position will substitute for the full-time magistrates at the Cherokee Court while the magistrate is on leave status. Familiarity with the Cherokee community and with a court system (state, federal, or tribal) is preferred. Ability to work with the public and handle conflicts is required. This position will have full authority to make all magistrate related decisions, including issuing warrants and subpoenas, and other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice. Position will require both in-office and on-call performance of duties.

Interested individuals should submit the following:
 Name and Contact Information
 Relevant Work Experience
 Copies of Certificates

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before April 30, 2026, will receive priority over later submissions. Please email or mail to: Amber Shuler, Court Administrator
 ambeshul@ebci-nsn.gov
 PO Box 1629, Cherokee, NC 28719

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **4/29**

LEGAL NOTICES

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

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 22-100

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

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Sandy Hill

5395 Big Cove Rd

Cherokee, NC 28719

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Boys Club
 P.O. Box 507,
 Cherokee, NC, 28719
 828-497-9101

Snowbird Child Development

4 Snowbird Teacher—\$31,800--\$39,750 per year with benefits

Children's Home

3 Residential Counselor—Part Time—\$17.00 per hour w/out benefits

Service Department

1 Technician—\$21,200--\$29,150 per year with Benefits
 1 Detail Technician—\$19,080--\$25,440 per year w/Benefits

Bus & Truck Department

Seasonal Bus Drivers
 Truck Drivers

SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITIONS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-026
Notice to Creditors and

Debtors of:

BAMBI LYNN SNEED

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

James Sneed
P.O Box 773
Cherokee, NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-027

Notice to Creditors and

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MICHAEL LAMBERT

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

mediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

Scott Lambert
88 Koga Cove
Cherokee, NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-029

Notice to Creditors and

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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(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 fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

Theresa Tahquette
2552 Birdtown Rd #71
Whittier, NC 28789

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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 fudiciary(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 fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

Adele Jacobs Madden
379 Castlewood Lane
Sylva, NC 28779

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14, 2026 by the Cherokee Boys Club ("Owner) at the Agelink Child Care Modular Building located at 31 Childrens Home Loop in Cherokee, NC 28719 and immediately thereafter opened and read aloud for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment entering into the construction for the following two (2) projects:

Building Addition and Renovations to the Existing Snowbird Child Development Center 1220 Old Tallulah Rd Robbinsville, NC 28771

AND

Building Addition and Renovations to the Existing Agelink School Age Building 81 Childrens Home Loop Cherokee, NC 28719
Prebid Meeting (It is strongly suggested that interested bidders attend).

Date: April 24, 2026 @ 11:00 A.M. (local time)

Location: 81 Childrens Home Loop, Cherokee, NC 28719.

(Both projects will be discussed at the Agelink School Age site only)

Bidders may submit a bid for one project or both. Separate bid forms, pricing, and sealed envelopes are REQUIRED for each project. ALL proposals shall be enclosed in a mailer and be clearly marked on the mailer:

"BID FOR CHEROKEE BOYS CLUB, INC.-SNOWBIRD DAY-CARE ADDITION AND RENOVATION. DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 1:00 P.M. THURSDAY MAY 14TH, 2026."

AND/OR

"BID FOR CHEROKEE BOYS CLUB, INC.-AGELINK SCHOOL AGE ADDITION AND RENOVATION. DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 1:00 P.M. THURSDAY MAY 14TH, 2026."

Bidders who mail their proposals SHALL address them to Anthony Swearengin, Cherokee Boys Club - at 31 Childrens Home Loop, Cherokee, N.C. 28719.

Tribal Business Preference Law for Indian preference in contracting and subcontracting through the Tribal Employment Rights Office (T.E.R.O) will be followed.

Complete plans and specifications for these projects can be obtained from the Architect, LS3P Associates, LTD.,by contacting Jamie Haselhurst by phone or email: jamiehaselhurst@ls3p.com, 828-575-1804. Plans and specifications will be available beginning April 16th, 2026.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities. 4/22

PUBLIC NOTICE – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Mural Design and Installation –
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The Tribal Alcoholic Beverage

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Control Commission (TABCC) is seeking sealed proposals from qualified artists or vendors for the design and installation of a mural at the Tribal ABC Store located at 111 Cherokee Crossing, Cherokee, NC.

The selected artist/vendor will be responsible for providing an original mural design, all materials, and completing the installation.

Sealed bids must be submitted to:

TABCC 93 Cherokee Boys Club Loop Cherokee, NC 28719
Deadline: April 28, 2026, by 3:30 PM
For additional information, please contact: Sissy Toineeta stoineeta@ebci-tribalabc.org
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PUBLIC NOTICE – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Treated Fencing Installation – Tribal ABC Store
The Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) is seeking sealed proposals from qualified contractors for the installation of treated fencing to enclose a storage container at the Tribal ABC Store located at 111 Cherokee Crossing, Cherokee, NC.

The selected contractor will be responsible for providing all materials, labor, and installation necessary to complete the project.

Sealed bids must be submitted to:

TABCC 93 Cherokee Boys Club Loop Cherokee, NC 28719
Deadline: April 28, 2026, by 3:30 PM
TABCC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.
For additional information, please contact: Sissy Toineeta stoineeta@ebci-tribalabc.org
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PUBLIC NOTICE – REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Electrical Installation for Signage – Tribal ABC Store

The Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) is seeking sealed proposals from qualified contractors for electrical installation services to support signage at the Tribal ABC Store located at 111 Cherokee Crossing, Cherokee, NC.

The selected contractor will be responsible for ensuring adequate electrical capacity, proper wiring, and installation to support illuminated signage, including compliance with all applicable codes and safety standards.

Sealed bids must be submitted to:

TABCC 93 Cherokee Boys Club Loop Cherokee, NC 28719
Deadline: April 28, 2026, by 3:30 PM

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For additional information, please contact: Sissy Toineeta stoineeta@ebci-tribalabc.org
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Bid Request

State of North Carolina
Department of Transportation
Raleigh, N.C.

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be May 19, 2026, at 2:00 pm. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2.

(C205153) HERTFORD;
(C205106) HYDE, BEAUFORT;
(C205199) BRUNSWICK;
(C205187) CUMBERLAND;
(C205197) RANDOLPH;
(C205160) FORSYTH;
(C205138) MECKLENBURG, IREDELL;
(C204733) YADKIN;
(C204773) GASTON;
(C205200) RUTHERFORD;
(C205198) BURKE;
(C205159) GRAHAM

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

required.

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

Plans, proposal forms, and specifications may be obtained at the Raleigh Office of the Department of Transportation, Telephone # 919-707-6925.

Department of Transportation, Mr. Patrick Norman, PE., Chief Engineer

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Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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





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HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

OPEN POSITIONS



New Positions

Summer Internship - Finance
Clinical Care Manager – Float
Telemetry Nursing Assistant
Registered Nurse – Float – Weekend Days – Hiring Bonus \$10,000
Food Service Worker
Housekeeper – Tsali Care Center

Behavioral Health

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

Complementary Medicine

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

Finance

Accountant I – LTC Financial Support – Tsali Care Center
Billing Analyst II

Medical

Psychiatrist
Hospitalist
Physician and IM Rural Track Director

Nursing

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

Nutrition

Clinical Dietician

Pharmacy

Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner

Summer Internships

Summer Internship Program – Closes May 1
Contracting
Human Resource
Information Technology
Maintenance
Nutrition
Occupational Therapy
Performance improvement
Physical Therapy
Primary Care
Radiology
Supply

Summer Intern – High School Students – Closes April 23

Tsali Care Center

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Certified Nursing Assistant – Night Shift – Tsali Care Center - \$5000 Hiring Bonus
Licensed Practical Nurse - \$5,000 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse – \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Cook Aide – Tsali Care Center

Tribal Option

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

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Lynn Scarbrough
(FNP):(828)497-3551

Kristina Teglassy
(CRNP): (828)497-3551

Kayla Parris (PA-C):
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Satellite Clinics

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Mary Postell-Jones
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William Kelley
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Closing Sunday, April 26, 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. Teacher Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary EHS – Public Health & Human Services (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
4. Teacher – Qualla Boundary HS – Public Health & Human Services (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
5. Realty Leasing Compliance Officer – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L12 \$46,301 - \$57,886)
6. Senior Grants Analyst/Writer – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L15 \$61,776 - \$77,230)
7. Office Administrator – Language & Culture Program – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
8. Truck Driver/Crew Leader (Multiple) – Solid Waste – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
9. Certified Biological Wastewater Treatment Operator – Wastewater Treatment – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
10. Office Administrator – Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
11. Grounds Maintenance – Public Works – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
12. Fire Training Officer – Fire Department – Operations (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
13. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE

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2. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
6. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (Starting rate of \$20.00/hour)
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Tsalagi Uniktena wins Catamount Spring Hoopfest Championship

The Tsalagi Uniktena AAU basketball team, made up of second- and third-grade boys, took home the championship title at the Catamount Spring Hoopfest on Saturday, April 18. The team secured the win after a hard-fought championship game during the weekend tournament, held on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. The team is shown, left to right, front row - Easton Toineeta, Jericho Queen, Jeremiah Brown, Braison McMillan, Nolan Rodriguez; middle row - Dax Littlejohn, Liam Yates, Kale Smith; and back row - Coach CJ Yates, Coach Seth Littlejohn, and Coach Jason McMillan. (Photo contributed)



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Softball home run

Ele Smith, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Wayohi (Wolfstown) and eighth grade catcher for the Choctaw Central (Miss.) High School softball team, hit her seventh home run of the season on Tuesday, April 14. Smith is now ranked second for home runs in the 4A division and 12th overall in the state of Mississippi. (Photo courtesy of Jessica Anderson)

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- * awards or other accomplishments (both civilian and military)
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Team gets tour of WCU basketball
 The men's coach from Western Carolina University gave the 4th-grade Tsalagiyi Uniktena basketball team a tour of their locker room and film room recently while talking to them about men who have played there in the past and were drafted to the NBA. The team played in the Catamount Spring Hoopfest last weekend, where they had a record of 3-1, falling short in the championship game. The players are shown, left to right, front row - Campbell Bark, Cree Williams, Aydin Welch, Alfred Brady, Lawson Davis; back row - Caiden Tortalita, Javin Kell, Aaron Beach, Gugi Tiger, and Jarron Johnson. Not pictured is Joe Long. The team is coached by Dustin Davis and Richard Williams. (Photo contributed)

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APRIL 20-APRIL 26, 2026



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Tuckasegee River	N/A	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Parachute Adams, Parachute Hares Ear, Chubby Chernobyl, Elk Hair Caddis, Pheasant Tail Nymph, Hares Ear Soft Hackle, Eggs, Mops, Girdle Bugs
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Based on water temperatures	Brown Trout	Parachute Adams, Parachute Hares Ear, Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymph, Pheasant Tail Nymph, Hares Ear Nymph
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	N/A	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow, Brown & Brook Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Thunderhead, Stimulator, Foam Caddis, Soft Hackles, Caddis Larva, Prince Nymph

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