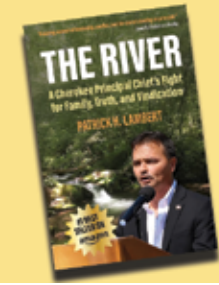


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Grand opening held as Tribal ABC Store moves location

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On the morning of Monday, May 11, a grand opening and ribbon cutting was held for the new location of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Store located on Cherokee Crossing Rd. The store, which opened in 2022, was located at Tsali Blvd.

William Brown, chairman of the Tribal ABC Commission (TABCC), remarked, "I think this is going to be a good move for the TABCC here. I'm glad we have TGC here today, and Jim Owle, chairman of the [Tribal] Council. Our people have worked hard this weekend trying to get this place ready to go."

Wahneta "Sissy" Toineeta, director of the TABCC, said that the Tribal ABC Store is the only

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ABC STORE: From front page

ABC store in North Carolina with a drive-through. “We’ve set our standard of all persons in the vehicle being 21 with a valid ID,

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Toineeta said the new location will be more conducive to sales. She shared that the TABCC still has a lease with the old building

until December, and they will continue to move product over from the old store to the new store until then. She said plans for the old building after December will be up to the tribe.

Toineeta also shared that the tubes from the bank that previously operated in the new building will not be used for the drive-through.

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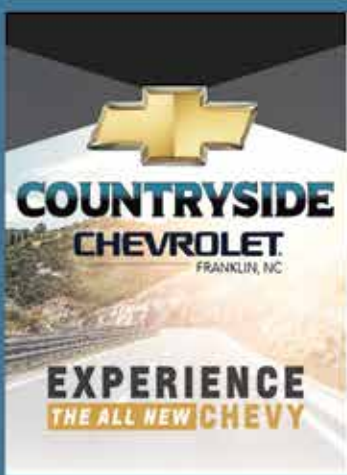
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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

New this week

H.R. 8658. (To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to modify the notification requirement for emergency contract health services for certain beneficiaries). The full text of this bill was not avail-

able by press time.
Introduced: May 4, 2026 by Rep. Mike Kennedy (R-Utah)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 4. 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 Re-acquisition Act). This 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.

Senate Bill 761 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act). This 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 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 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 bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a state-recognized group in Michigan.
Introduced: May 7, 2025 by Rep. Hillar J. Scholten (D-Mich.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 7, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 3444. (Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act of 2025). This bill would "direct Federal land management agencies of the Department of the Interior to



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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.

Senate Bill 2022 (Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act of 2025). This bill would “amend the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat Indian Tribal governments in the same manner as state governments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes”.

Introduced: June 11, 2025 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on Jun 11, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 3956 (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Act of 2025). This bill would amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 “to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into self-determination contracts and self-governance agreements

with Indian entities to administer the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.

Introduced: June 12, 2025 by Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.) and Rep. Frank Lucas (R-Okla.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture on June 12, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 2160 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). This

bill 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.

Senate Bill 2211 (Special Diabetes Program Reauthorization Act of 2025). This bill seeks to reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program for Type 1 Diabetes and the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. For both programs, it seeks funding in the amount of \$160,000,000 for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

Introduced: July 8, 2025 by Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-Maine)

Action: This will was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on July 8, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4463 (To amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993). The text of the legislation states, “Subsection (d) of section 7 of the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-116), is amended by striking ‘; however, in no event may an individual be enrolled as a tribal member unless the individual is a lineal descendant of a person on the final base membership roll and has continued to maintain political relations with the Tribe.’”

Introduced: July 16, 2025 by Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs on Sept. 4, 2025, and a hearing was held on this legislation in the subcommittee on Sept. 9, 2025. A Committee mark-up session was held on Feb. 11, 2026, and it was ordered to be reported by unanimous consent. It was reported by

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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).

This bill 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 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).

This 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.

Senate Bill 2452 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act).

This 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.

Senate Bill 2564 (Tribal Gaming Regulatory Compliance Act).

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

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

Introduced: July 31, 2025 by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 31, 2025. There

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

Senate Bill 2577 (McCarren-Walter Technical Corrections Act).

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

Introduced: Rep. Jennifer L. Mc-

Clellen (D-Va.) on Sept. 11, 2025
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 11, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 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 fund-

ing for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians). This bill would amend Title III of the Public Health Service Act to extend the funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. It would approve “\$160,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 to remain available until expended”.
Introduced: Rep. Paul Ruiz (D-Calif.) on Sept. 18, 2025

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

H.R. 5739 (Italian Heroes and Heritage Act). This bill would “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 Resolution 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 Resolution 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.

Senate Bill 3041 (Tribal War-rant Fairness Act). This bill would “allow the U.S. Marshals Service to assist in certain tribal criminal matters”.

Introduced: Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) on Oct. 23, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Oct. 23, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 5820 (Mono Lake Kootzaduka’a Tribe Recognition Act).

This 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

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Infrastructure Grants Expansion Act). This 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.

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PROPERTY SURVEY, TRANSFER & RIGHT OF WAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveying requests for approved buildable sites will be done by the Tribal Surveying dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Property transfers will be done by the owner to the home buyer at Tribal Realty. <input type="checkbox"/> The home buyer must own the property for financing purposes. <input type="checkbox"/> All road and utility right of ways or utility easements must be in place before any site work begins.
PRE-APPROVAL PRE-QUALIFICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed, unless applicant is wishing to purchase a home. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender. <input type="checkbox"/> Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter
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.
HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE	<input type="checkbox"/> Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved. <input type="checkbox"/> Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home. <input type="checkbox"/> After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneously, HBS Coordinator will submit same plans to the lending institution, as well as financial documents to keep loan active. Financial documents are updated with lender every 30 days.
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.
SERVICES PROVIDED BY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR NEW HOMES	<input type="checkbox"/> For qualified EBCI enrolled members residing on trust land, Infrastructure provides: <input type="checkbox"/> Site Prep, Footers, Block Foundation, Block Underpinning, Vinyl Underpinning, Gutter System and Final Grade to prevent erosion.

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
May 3-10, 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.

Garcia, Ofelia Citlali – age 19
Arrested: May 4
Released: May 4
Charges: Breaking and Entering, Larceny

Nierenhausen, Mato Ulanigi – age 19
Arrested: May 4

Released: May 4
Charges: Assault by Strangulation

Youngdeer, Kayandra Elaine – age 21
Arrested: May 5
Released: May 7
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (two counts), Pre-Trial Release Violation

Martens, Dorian Sequoyah – age 25
Arrested: May 6
Released: May 9
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Montelongo Jr., David – age 46
Arrested: May 6
Released: Not released as of report date (May 11)
Charges: Public Intoxication; Disorderly Conduct; Resisting,

Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Probation Violation

Munoz, Marcos – age 55
Arrested: May 6
Released: May 7
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Probation Violation

Panther, Mark Adam – age 33
Arrested: May 6
Released: May 7
Charges: Public Intoxication, Criminal Mischief to Property

Fourkiller-Raby, Malakai – age 21
Arrested: May 7
Released: May 7
Charges: Breaking and Entering

Standingdeer, Sadie Ann – age 37
Arrested: May 7
Released: May 7

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Crow, Timothy Ryan – age 35
Arrested: May 8
Released: May 8
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Garcia, Jamie Luiz – age 25
Arrested: May 8
Released: Not released as of report date (May 11)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Miller, Christopher Ernest – age 34
Arrested: May 8
Released: May 8
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

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age 44
Arrested: May 8
Released: May 8
Charges: Communicating Threats,
Reckless Endangerment

Johnson, Michael James – age 37
Arrested: May 9
Released: Not released as of report
date (May 11)
Charges: Violations of Exclusion
Resolutions and Orders, Probation
Violation

Littlejohn, Nathaniel Jamison –
age 20
Arrested: May 9
Released: May 9
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Parton, Anna Elizabeth – age 45
Arrested: May 9
Released: Not released as of report
date (May 11)
Charges: Possession of a Con-
trolled Substance, Probation
Violation

Toineeta, James – age 67
Arrested: May 9
Released: May 9
Charges: Unauthorized Use of a
Motor Vehicle

Tomas, Kelby Weldon – age 24
Arrested: May 9
Released: Not released as of report
date (May 11)
Charges: Child Abuse in the
Second Degree (four counts);
Domestic Violence and Dating
Violence; Assault with a Deadly
Weapon; Resisting, Delaying, or
Obstructing Officers; Violations of
Exclusion Resolutions and Orders;
Probation Violation

Caley Jr., William Grant – age 44
Arrested: May 10

Released: Not released as of report
date (May 11)
Charges: Possession Schedule I
Controlled Substance, Probation
Revocation (two counts)

Jury finds Rhodes, Phillips guilty in unconnected criminal cases

**Submitted by Office of District
Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch**
43rd Prosecutorial District

Fewer than 10 minutes and six
minutes, respectively — that’s how
long a Cherokee County Superior
Court Jury required for delibera-
tions to return guilty verdicts last
week in two unconnected criminal
cases, District Attorney Ashley
Hornsby Welch said.

In the first case jury members
heard, Christopher Scott Rhodes,
43, of Andrews, was convicted of
attempted murder, attempted kid-
napping, assault by strangulation
and possess firearm by convicted
felon.

He admitted habitual felon
status — a sentence enhancer —
plus pleaded guilty in a separate
incident to discharging a weapon
into an occupied dwelling and
possession of firearm by convicted
felon.

On Oct. 23, 2022, Murphy
Police Officer Justin Dockery
responded to reports that Rhodes
had beaten, strangled and shot his
ex-girlfriend in the parking lot of a
fast-food restaurant.

Rhodes fled and Dockery gave
chase. The suspect drove from
Murphy to Andrews, stopping on
a dead-end road. Rhodes ran into
the woods where he was arrested
at gunpoint. A firearm was found
on the edge of the woods.

In the separate incident, on
Aug. 3, 2023, Rhodes fired shots
into a house with two people
inside on Lower Vengeance Creek
Road in Marble.

Cherokee County Sheriff’s
Office deputies, detectives and
narcotics agents responded; they
apprehended Rhodes in a vehicle,
and seized two firearms.

Superior Court Judge Tommy
Davis sentenced Rhodes to serve
a minimum of 35 years up to 45
years in state prison.
Assistant district attorneys Jim
Moore and John Hindsman Jr.
prosecuted the case.

In the second case, jury mem-
bers found Justin Phillips, 38, of
Murphy, guilty of two counts of
trafficking methamphetamine and
possess with intent to manufac-
ture, sell or deliver a schedule II
controlled substance.

On March 9, 2024, Cherokee
County Sgt. Hunter Wood stopped
a vehicle for improper tag and
crossing left of center. Deputy
Robby Rivers and his K-9, Arlo, re-
sponded to the scene. Arlo alerted
to the driver’s side door. A search
revealed a trafficking amount of
methamphetamine (49.9 grams)
hidden inside an inoperable nail
gun, along with 88 plastic bag-
gies. Additionally, deputies seized
\$2,355 in cash.

Judge Davis sentenced Phillips
to serve a minimum of 140 months
up to 186 months in state prison,
plus ordered that he pay a man-
datory \$100,000 fine. The N.C.
Department of Revenue received
the forfeited \$2,355 found in the
vehicle.

Assistant District Attorney
Hindsman prosecuted the case.

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- John Wycliffe’s first translation of the Bible from Latin Vulgate into English so angered the Catholic Church (because it bypassed priests) that it had his corpse exhumed and burned.

- A year on Neptune lasts approxi-
mately 165 Earth years.

- For six months, filmmakers Jenny
Rustemeyer and Grant Baldwin sur-
vived on food salvaged from dump-
sters, finding so much that friends were
invited to help them consume it, and
recorded their experience in “Just Eat
It: A Food Waste Story.”

- The Hopi consider the Grand Can-
yon to be the gateway to the afterlife.

- Polar bear mamas gain around 400
pounds during pregnancy. If the moth-
er doesn’t double her weight, her body
will simply reabsorb the fetus.

- Research has suggested that when
a twin engages in criminal activity, it
increases the likelihood that the other
twin will do the same.

- The orbicularis oris muscle allows
lips to pucker for a kiss.

- Words in tonal languages such as
Mandarin and Hmong can have up to
eight meanings, depending on their
tone and pitch.

- Zeng Jinlian, of China, holds the
world record for tallest woman in his-
tory, measuring an astounding 8 feet
1 3/4 inches tall — more than a foot
taller than basketball star Shaquille
O’Neal.

- Globally, male babies are 25% more
likely to die in infancy than girls.

- In December 1955, artist Salvador
Dali borrowed a friend’s Rolls Royce,
filled it to the roof with cauliflower, and
drove it to the Sorbonne in Paris, where
he delivered a lecture titled “Phenom-
enological Aspects of the Paranoiac
Critical Method.”

- The Leaning Tower of Pisa was
already sinking on one side when the
second floor was added.

Thought for the Day: “Work eight
hours and sleep eight hours, and make
sure that they are not the same eight
hours.” — *T. Boone Pickens*

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Former Ugvwiyuhi Lambert shares his story in “The River”

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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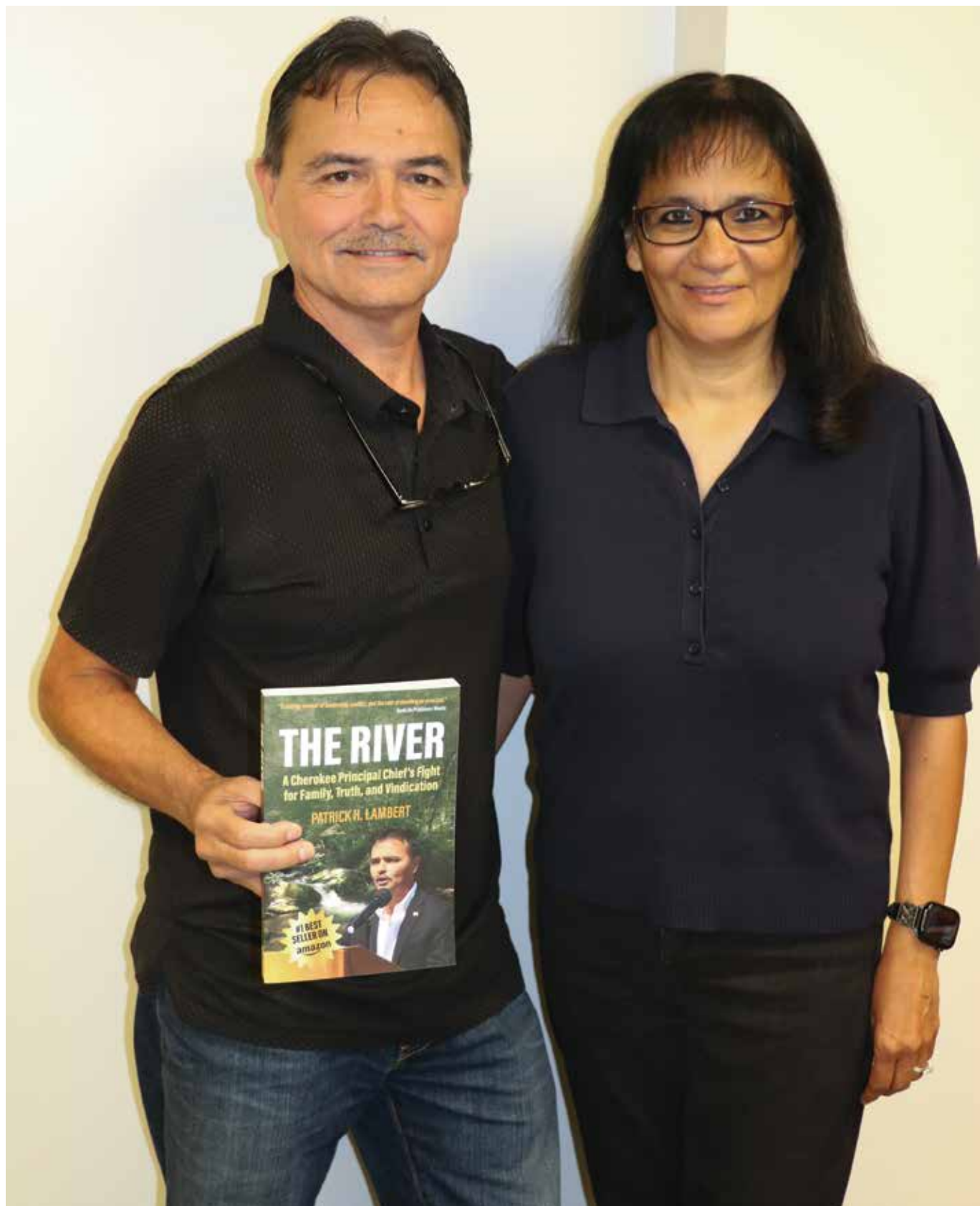
CHEROKEE, N.C. – Patrick H. Lambert, former Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), has poured his heart and soul into a new book. “The River: A Cherokee Principal Chief’s Fight for Family, Truth, and Vindication” chronicles his life which has included many historical moments for the EBCI.

“I think it’s always been something that I thought would be important,” said Ugvwiyuhi Lambert. “Some of the things that I was fortunate enough to be able to work with and work through with the Tribe were some historical matters, I feel like. During our lifetime, we’ve seen a lot of changes and I was, oftentimes, on the front line of a lot of those changes and helping the Tribe and steering the ship as best I could from whatever position I was in at the time. I’ve always wanted to do that. It was just a matter of finding the time and the energy and the real drive to do it.”

When asked what he hoped people would take away from his book, he noted, “I think the most important thing in my mind is you don’t give up. That’s why I titled it the way we did, calling it ‘The River’ because it keeps flowing. And, no matter what life throws at you, always just keep your bearings, keep pushing, keep moving.”

Just like the book’s title, Ugvwiyuhi Lambert kept moving forward – just like a river.

“You can overcome any obstacle because I start out the book kind of talking about being



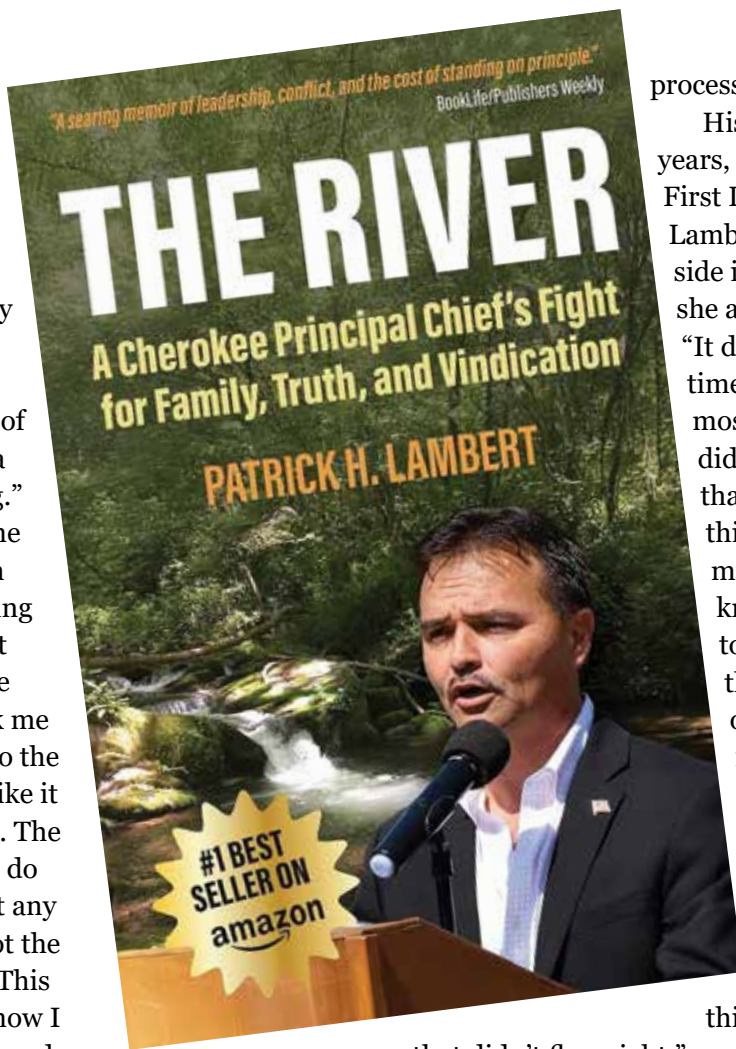
Former EBCI Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Patrick Lambert and Former EBCI First Lady Cyndi Lambert are shown with his new book, “The River: A Cherokee Principal Chief’s Fight for Family, Truth, and Vindication” which chronicles his life which has included many historical moments for the EBCI. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

knocked down
right out of the gate.

And, it wasn't just
my fault, although
I take responsibility
for dropping out of
high school. It was my
choice to ultimately
do that. To a lot of
people that's the end of
it...I just always had a
drive to keep pushing."

He said writing the
book, which he began
last fall, was a cleansing
experience. "The first
half a dozen cuts were
pretty raw. So, it took me
a few drafts to get it to the
point to where I felt like it
was fair to everybody. The
last thing I wanted to do
was to be mean about any
of it because that's not the
purpose of my book. This
is about our life and how I
came to be who I am, and
what my outlook on the Tribe
and life really
is, and the events that we lived through, and
the events, not just for that, but how my life
has helped shape a lot that has happened to the
Tribe.

We all have a story. We all have a story to
tell if we could just get it out. It's not an easy



process. It's tough."

His wife of 40
years, former EBCI
First Lady Cyndi
Lambert, was by his
side in this process as
she always has been.
"It did take a lot of
time, and I helped
mostly because we
didn't tell anybody
that he was doing
this. It was just
me and him that
knew. So, I had
to be the one
that had to kind
of proofread. I
read this story
like four times
because things
kept changing.
He had to keep
taking things
out, adding

things, fixing areas

that didn't flow right."

She also spoke of the resilience that comes
through in the book. "I think the bottom line
message is that you can get knocked down -
everybody does at some point. It's getting up
is what's the main thing. It's how important
that is...as long as you get back up, that's the
message. Because you can. You can get back

up. You can find a way to get moving forward
because that's not the end. Just because you get
knocked down, that's not the end.

I think that's what this book's main mes-
sage is - family, support, and rising up when
everything you think is falling apart around
you, you can still survive and push forward."

Once released, the book became a #1 best
seller on Amazon.

Cyndi said the book has been received
very positively. "The common comment that
we hear is it's easy to read because you al-
most start to really live it with him from start
to finish. It is easy to read. It's not confusing,
doesn't get in the weeds like some books can
be. It's not boring. I think it's very enlightening
because it's about everything, even things that
he's written about, some things I didn't even
know. Some things his mom didn't even know."

Ugwyiyuhi Lambert added, "I think the one
thing that I would want people to get from this
is, to sum it up, the truth."

In the book's foreword, he writes, "This
is my story. These are my memories. And, I
stand behind every word."

The book is available for purchase online at
Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and at www.patrick-lambert.com. Copies can be found at the Qual-
la Boundary Public Library in Cherokee, N.C.;
the Marianna Black Public Library in Bryson
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Strawberry Festival

The Annual Strawberry Festival, hosted by the NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association) Cherokee Chapter, was held at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Friday, May 15.

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



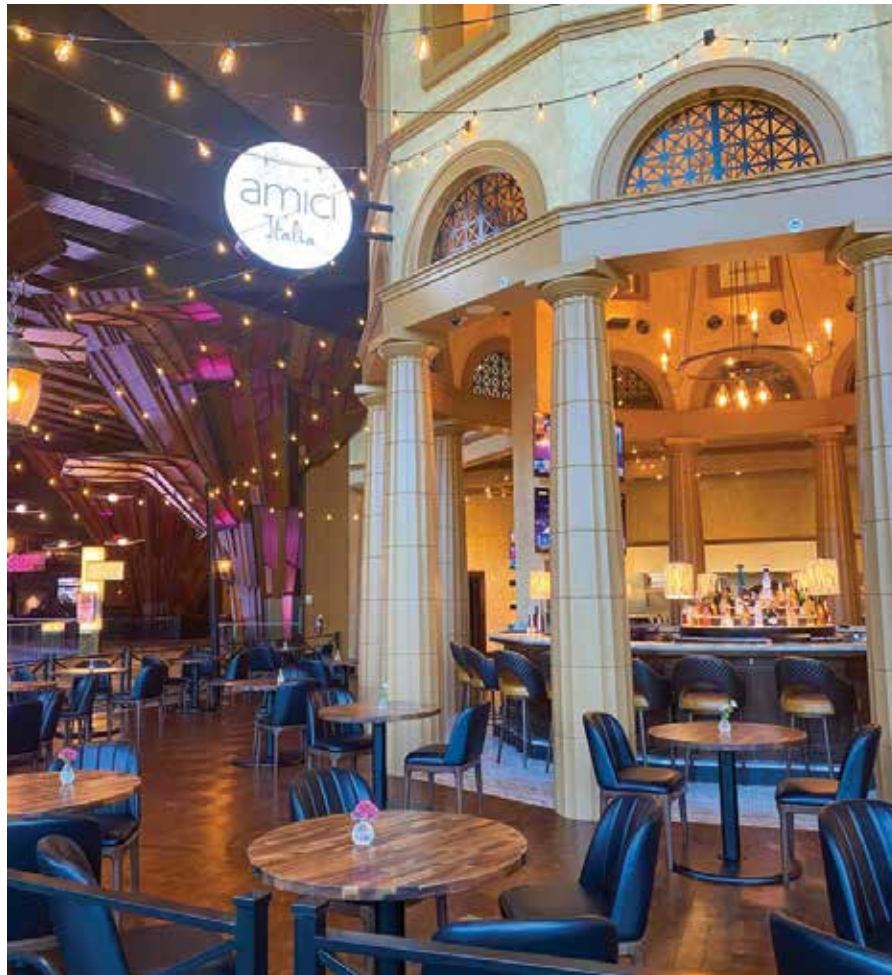


Amici Italia brings authentic dining experience to Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort

Submitted by
Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort

CHEROKEE, N.C. — Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort has announced the grand opening of Amici Italia, a vibrant new authentic Italian experience that delivers a true taste of Italy in the heart of Western North Carolina. Blending timeless recipes, fresh ingredients, and a warm, inviting atmosphere, Amici Italia offers guests an elevated yet approachable Italian culinary experience.

Located within Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Amici Italia features a menu inspired by traditional Italian cuisine, highlighting handcrafted pasta, wood-fired specialties, savory seafood, and classic desserts. Each dish is thoughtfully prepared to capture the rich flavors and heritage of Italy while offering a modern flair.



“Amici’ means friendship,” said Brian Marsh, senior vice president and general manager of Harrah’s Cherokee Casino. “Amici’ means that everything we do here is about developing relation-

ships with our customers, our employees and our community. And to ultimately have the best Italian Restaurant in North Carolina.”

The restaurant’s interior design evokes the charm of a

contemporary Italian trattoria, with warm tones, a combination of natural and ambient lighting, and an energetic yet comfortable atmosphere ideal for both intimate dinners and group gatherings. Guests can also enjoy an extensive wine list featuring carefully selected Italian and international varietals, along with handcrafted cocktails designed to complement the menu.

Amici Italia is open for lunch and dinner daily from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m., offering visitors an idealic setting for lunch, dinner before a concert in the Event Center, or while exploring the resort’s other amenities.

Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort continues to expand its dining portfolio, ensuring visitors have access to a wide range of options that cater to every taste—from casual fare to upscale cuisine. For more information about Amici Italia or to make reservations, please visit HarrahsCherokee.com or call (828) 497-7777.

Visit HarrahsCherokee.com for complete menu and reservation links.



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Smith attends Youth Advocacy Day

Jasmine Smith, second from left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, attended a Youth Advocacy Day recently with the N.C. Child Youth Advocacy Council (YAC) that she sits on. A part of the day included lobbying for a Mental Health Peer-to-Peer Youth Program Policy drafted by the YAC to go statewide in all schools across North Carolina. Smith met with several state representatives and a senator who supported the policy. She met with the following state legislators to garner their support including House Rules Chairman Rep. John Bell, Rep. Monika Johnson-Hostler, Sen. Natalie Murdock, Rep. Jordan Lopez, Rep. Wyatt Gable, Rep. Dante Pittman, Rep. Anna Ferguson, and Rep. Allen Buansi. Shown, left to right, are Kelvin Stallings, N.C. Child Director of Community Engagement; Jasmine Smith; Rep. Monika Johnson-Hostler; Romeo Monk YAC Member; Daniela Mojica-Uriostegui, YAC Member; and Kaylin Huddle, YAC Member. (Photo contributed)

“Unto These Hills” Outdoor Drama returns for 76th Anniversary Season

Submitted by
Cherokee Historical Association

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The beloved outdoor drama, “Unto These Hills”, is set to captivate audiences once again as it opens its 76th Anniversary Season on Saturday, May 30. For three-quarters of a century, this powerful production has brought the rich and complex history of the Cherokee to life under the stars at Mountainside Theatre.

The 2026 cast, crew, and creative team features 47 enrolled members, representing five different federally recognized tribes, including the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. These talented Native artists, each bringing their own unique skills and perspectives, will collectively breathe life into pivotal events in Cherokee history.

Patrons will enjoy recent upgrades to Mountainside Theatre, including LED pathway lighting throughout the amphitheatre, new digital microphones for actors, new LED stage lighting fixtures, and a newly rebuilt roof over the main concession stand area. These upgrades were generously funded by Cherokee Preservation Foundation and will enhance the guest experience.

“Unto These Hills” recounts the tragic and triumphant story of the Cherokee people from first contact with Europeans through the removal west on the infamous Trail of Tears and the eventual building of the Qualla Boundary. The drama offers a moving and

educational experience for all ages, providing a vital opportunity to learn about a crucial chapter in American history from the perspective of those who lived it. The stunning outdoor setting, combined with dramatic storytelling, intricate costuming, special effects, and evocative music, creates an unforgettable theatrical experience. “Unto These Hills” aims to promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of Cherokee culture and encourage dialogue that extends beyond the theatre.

Performances will be held Monday through Saturday, from May 30 through Aug. 22 at Mountainside Theatre, located in the heart of Cherokee, N.C. More information can be found on Cherokee Historical Association’s website, <https://CherokeeHistorical.org>.

CHA invites the local community to preview Unto These Hills before the drama opens to the public. All members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, local community members, and local merchants are invited to attend Community Preview Nights on May 28 and May 29. Gates open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m.

Cherokee Historical Association awarded \$520,000 Grant from Cherokee Preservation Foundation

Submitted by
Cherokee Historical Association

CHEROKEE, N.C. – The Cherokee Historical Association (CHA) has announced it has been awarded \$520,000 in grant funding from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. This investment will

support vital enhancements and CHA’s historic venues - Mountainside Theatre and Oconaluftee Indian Village.

The new grant builds upon momentum generated by a 2025 award from the Foundation. Recent accomplishments under the previous funding cycle include the completion of a strategic master plan with PGAV destinations, the hiring of two full-time staff members dedicated to new year-round programming, significant infrastructure and facilities improvements across CHA’s campus, and the installation of new theatrical lighting and sound equipment at Mountainside Theatre.

In the coming year, Cherokee Historical Association will prioritize facility enhancements at Oconaluftee Indian Village as it prepares for its landmark 75th anniversary season in 2027.

These projects are designed to improve the visitor experience and elevate the aesthetics of the living history museum. Funding will also facilitate the installation of additional new equipment at Mountainside Theatre.

Community members are encouraged to follow the progress of these expansions. Updates will be available via social media and the official website at <https://CherokeeHistorical.org>.



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Bryson Eric Lambert

Bryson Eric Lambert, age 27, of Smyrna, Ga., passed away Friday, May 8, 2026. Bryson was a graduate of Campbell High School. A service was held in the chapel of Carmichael Funeral Home in Smyrna on Friday, May 15. Interment was held on Saturday, May 16 at Lambert Family Cemetery in Cherokee, N.C.

Mr. Lambert is survived by father, Roger Lambert; mother, Lynn Lambert; sister, Whitney Lambert; brother, Weston Lambert; paternal grandmother, Maxine Walker Lambert; maternal grandmother, Martha Isley Pearson; and all his aunts, uncles and cousins.

Carmichael Funeral Home in Smyrna was in charge of arrangements. www.carmichaelcares.com

See the list of persons banished by the EBCCI:
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**Cherokee Supreme Court
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- July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
- Sept. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
- Oct. 9

- Cherokee Tribal Court

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**N.C. Wildlife Resources
Commission to open 30 trout
streams on June 6**

RALEIGH, N.C. – The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) will open 30 trout streams and two lakes classified as Delayed Harvest to trout harvest on June 6. They will remain open through Sept. 30.

On the first Saturday in June, anglers may begin harvesting trout

from Delayed Harvest waters. From 6 a.m. until noon, fishing in those waters is limited to youth only. The age that qualifies as a youth is now under 16 years old. It changed from the previous age of under 18 during the 2025-2026 regulations cycle.

“The youth-only fishing period was established by the agency to promote trout fishing among young anglers and to provide additional opportunities for young anglers to catch and keep fish,” said Mountain Fisheries Supervisor Kin Hodges.

At noon on June 6, waters open to all anglers. Between June 6 and September 30, anglers can keep up to seven trout per day – with no gear or bait restrictions and no minimum size limits.

Delayed Harvest trout waters

are posted with diamond-shaped, black-and-white signs. A list of Delayed Harvest trout waters, regulation information and trout maps can be found at ncwildlife.gov/trout.

• N.C. Wildlife Resources
Commission release

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

**National Park Service
reminds visitors to be Bear
Aware**

WASHINGTON — The National Park Service is reminding visitors to take extra precautions in bear country following recent bear incidents in several national parks. Spring and early summer are periods of increased bear activity in many parks. Bears may be moving through habitat, searching for food or protecting cubs. Visitors can reduce the chance of a dangerous encounter by staying alert, hiking in groups, making noise in low-visibility areas, storing food and trash properly and never approaching bears.

“National parks are wild places, and wildlife safety is visitor safety,” said Jessica Bowron, Comptroller, Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Director. “Simple actions, like giving bears space, securing food and knowing what to do before you enter bear country, can protect visitors and bears.”

Visitors should check current park alerts before their trip and follow park-specific bear safety guidance. Bear species, terrain, food storage rules and bear spray recommendations vary across the National Park Service.

Core safety reminders include:

- Never approach a bear.
- Stay alert and avoid headphones on trails.

- Hike in groups when possible.
- Make noise near streams, dense vegetation and blind corners.
- Store food, trash and scented items properly.
- Carry bear spray where recommended and allowed.
- Never run from a bear.

If you encounter a bear, stay calm, speak in a steady voice, back away slowly and do not make sudden movements. Visitors should report bear encounters to park staff as soon as it is safe to do so.

For park-specific bear safety information, visit the park’s website before arrival.

- National Park Service release

PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearing pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A

**Confirmation hearings for appointment of
Ray Long to the TABCC, Barbara Parker for
re-appointment to the Cherokee Indian
Hospital Governing Board (attorney), and
Pamela Brady for appointment to the Cherokee
Indian Hospital Governing Board (dentist)**

Tuesday, June 2 at 9 a.m.

Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.

These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A.

Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date.

**The final date for public comment will be
Tuesday, May 26.**



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. Two soccer players combined to win 10 Ballon d’Or awards between 2008 and 2017. Who are they?
2. Between Hockey Hall of Fame brothers Phil and Tony Esposito, who has more Stanley Cup championships as a player?
3. Psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers won the top prize on TV game show “The \$64,000 Question” in 1955 by displaying her vast knowledge of what sport?
4. Who compiled a 13-15 regular season record as head coach of the NFL’s New York Giants from 2016 to 2017?
5. Former University of Oregon Ducks women’s basketball star Sabina Ionescu holds the NCAA Division I record for career triple-doubles with how many?
6. A Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2018 wide receiver shares a name with a horse racing handicapper/analyst. What’s their name?
7. At the 1963 Phoenix Open, which golfer inspired the 1964 “10-second rule” change in the Rules of Golf after he waited seven minutes for a ball on the edge of the hole to drop?

Answers

1. Argentina’s Lionel Messi and Portugal’s Cristiano Ronaldo.
2. Phil, with two (1970, 1972). Tony has one (1969).
3. Boxing.
4. Ben McAdoo.
5. 26.
6. Randy Moss.
7. Don January.

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The WCU (Western Carolina University) Leadership Tour made a stop at the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center in Cherokee, N.C. to visit with the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Tribal Court on Wednesday, May 13. (Photo courtesy of EBCI Tribal Court)

WCU Leadership Tour visit EBCI Tribal Court

Submitted by EBCI Tribal Court

The WCU (Western Carolina University) Leadership Tour made a stop at the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center in Cherokee, N.C. to visit with the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Tribal Court on Wednesday, May 13. The WCU Leadership Tour is an annual, week-long bus tour designed for faculty and

staff serving in leadership roles. Throughout the tour, participants travel to various locations across the region to gain a deeper understanding of the communities WCU serves.

Each day is structured around specific themes, providing insights into areas such as regional history and cultural significance, economic and business development, education, government, health and wellness, and the university's many partnerships within the region.

The overarching goal of the Leadership Tour is to broaden



EBCI Supreme Court Chief Justice Brad Letts speaks to the WCU students.

participants' knowledge of the region while fostering stronger connections between WCU and its surrounding communities, ultimately enhancing collaboration and engagement.

Participants gained a clear understanding of the distinctions between tribal and state court processes, enhancing their awareness of the unique legal frameworks within the region. The experience also highlighted opportunities for collaboration between the courts and the university, particularly through student engagement initiatives such as internships,

job placements, and experiential learning. Additionally, several participants established valuable professional connections that are expected to support and advance student success as they transition into the workforce. Court officials noted, "The EBCI Tribal Court looks forward to participating in this experience again, as it provides a valuable opportunity for continued growth and support."



CMS students voice support for Historic Lands Reacquisition Act

Special to the One Feather

Students in David Pringle's 8th grade social study class at Cherokee Middle School are letting their voices be heard in regards to Cherokee getting back an important piece of land.

Students recently completed a diorama project that shows the importance of the land in Monroe County, Tenn. as a part of Sequoyah's birthplace where his museum is located near Tellico Lake in Tennessee. Emma Milholen said the purpose of the dioramas was to allow people to see what Sequoyah's birthplace might have looked like in the region at the time of his birth. They used paper and cardboard to put the projects together. Piper Owle said that a diorama shows what something might have looked like in history.

Gabriel Read said the purpose of the project was to bring people's attention to H.R. 226 (Easter Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act) and help get the bill passed. The bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on Jan. 1, 2025, and the bill was then passed out of the House on Feb. 4, 2025 and has been in the Senate since.

Jacob Jackson said that students were given images to model their dioramas after as they created them. He made his after images of the Tucksasegee village where it is believed that Sequoyah was born. Read said the project



Emma Milholen and Keilani Arch, two students in David Pringle's 8th grade social studies class at Cherokee Middle School, are shown with their project. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Middle School)

was more difficult than it looked and Jackson said it was important to accurately recreate what the villages would have looked like at that time to help get the point across about the land belonging to the Cherokee tribe.

Jackson stressed that even though the Sequoyah's Museum is on the land and it is also the birthplace of the famous founder of the syllabary for the Cherokee, the tribe still does not own the land. Odie Owle and Keylani Arch stated that the land is needed because of Sequoyah's historical significance

to the tribe in his founding of the Cherokee Language. Owle also stated that the Cherokee used to own the land but it was taken from them and now they need it back.

Keylan Jumper and Owle stated that students wrote to Sen. Ted Budd (R-N.C.) and former North Carolina Governor and current Senate candidate Roy Cooper to persuade them about the importance of the Cherokee getting their land back.

The following is a letter one of the students wrote

Dear Honorable Roy Cooper,

Good evening, I am writing about my concern about passing H.R. 226. For tribes, lands are very sacred for the tribes. For many years our request has been to get the land back in Tennessee. Our request has been ignored many times. We have hope that you will help us to get back the land that we lost. The law is passed every year by the House, but year after year the Senators ignore it.

The lands of H.R. 226 are very important to the Cherokee. At one time the land of Echota was the capital for Cherokee. Not having this land hurts us because of how sacred the land is. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians own the Sequoyah birth place but we cannot expand the place because the land is not ours at one time that was our land. It's sad we don't have this land because this is where the history of Sequoyah is. It is where he was born, where we grew up, and just his life in general.

We hope that you will help us reclaim this land of HR226. As kids, we are trying to keep our traditions alive and our language alive for generations to come. If we can expand and reclaim our land, we can have stronger connections to the land and have more for our grandkids and so on to see.

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

April Ross

April Ross serves as Director of Care Management for the EBCI Tribal Option at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority and is widely recognized as an exceptional leader, mentor, and advocate for both her team and the Cherokee community. Through her compassion, vision, and commitment to patient-centered care, April has helped shape and strengthen Tribal Option into a nationally respected care management program that continues to improve outcomes for members across the region.

April consistently demonstrates integrity through honesty, accountability, transparency, and genuine care for others. Staff across the organization describe her as a leader who not only leads with expertise, but with heart. She fosters a supportive environment where employees feel valued, respected, and empowered to succeed. Team members frequently describe her as approachable, trustworthy, and deeply invested in both their personal and professional growth. Whether mentoring employees, guiding staff through difficult situations, or advocating for improvements that benefit both employees and patients, April leads with compassion and professionalism that inspires those around her.

Over the course of her career at Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, April has earned the trust and admiration of colleagues by consistently going above and beyond in service to her community. Having advanced from a frontline position into leadership, she brings a unique understanding of the challenges staff face and uses that experience to advocate for meaningful solutions. Her leadership philosophy emphasizes grace, teamwork, accountability, and continuous quality improvement, while always keeping the needs of Tribal Option members and the Cherokee community at the center of decision-making.

April's responsiveness and dedication to staff support are evident in the way she remains consistently available to her team, often working through lunch, after hours, and across multiple communication platforms to ensure employees have the guidance and support they need. Despite leading a rapidly growing department, she continues to make time for each team member individually, creating a culture where staff feel heard, supported, and empowered. Her attentiveness to recurring staff concerns has also led to the development of improved workflows, FAQs, and standardized processes that strengthen communication and operational consistency throughout the department.

Her contributions to organizational success have been extensive and transformative. As Director of Care Management, April oversees numerous complex operational initiatives including policy revisions aligned with state contracts, development of standard operating procedures, implementation of comprehensive training programs, coordination with external stakeholders, and oversight of care management services required under the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Medicaid program. She has also played a critical role in shaping the Guiding Care Platform to improve state reporting accuracy, identify social determinants of health, and better support care managers in meeting the needs of Tribal Option members.

April's leadership extends far beyond her department. She has represented Tribal Option, CIHA, and the Cherokee community in presentations, conferences, and collaborative meetings with regional partners, community agencies, and state leaders. Her strong relationships within the community allow members to trust her as a reliable source of guidance and support during some of their most difficult moments. Community members consistently recognize her willingness to listen, connect families with needed resources, and advocate tirelessly for the wellbeing of the Cherokee people.

A highly respected collaborator, April works closely with departments across the organization to strengthen service delivery and operational effectiveness. Her partnership with Human Resources has improved hiring practices, job descriptions, and performance management processes, while her collaboration with Analenisgi has supported the implementation of specialized care management services for vulnerable populations, including individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and child welfare needs. Her ability to unite teams around shared goals has strengthened communication, built trust, and advanced organizational success across CIHA.

Through innovation, strategic thinking, and deep understanding of her community, April continues to identify creative solutions that improve patient care and operational outcomes. From analyzing healthcare data to better align care managers with member needs, to identifying reporting risks and improving care management systems, she consistently demonstrates initiative, resourcefulness, and forward-thinking leadership. Her vision, humility, and dedication have made a lasting impact on the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority and the Cherokee community, making her exceptionally deserving of recognition as Employee of the Year.



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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY HAYES AWARD WINNER

Donica Conseen

As Behavioral Health Operations Manager, Donica has consistently worked to strengthen systems of care across outpatient, inpatient, residential, and community-based behavioral health services. Her leadership extends far beyond daily operations, focusing on long-term improvement, measurable outcomes, and ensuring services remain responsive to the needs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians community.

An enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Donica has used both her professional expertise and trusted community relationships to help lead impactful mental health and suicide prevention initiatives. Most notably, she spearheaded the Darkness into Hope events in 2024 and 2025, bringing together CIHA departments, community organizations, emergency services, and volunteers to promote awareness, safety, and access to resources. The 2025 event drew nearly 400 community members and distributed hundreds of firearm safety locks, medication lockboxes, and suicide prevention materials.

Within Behavioral Health, Donica has led numerous quality improvement efforts focused on access to care, productivity standards, workflow improvements, and data-driven decision making. Her leadership helped establish more consistent operational practices, improve documentation and reporting processes, and strengthen accountability across services. She has also played a key role in advancing CIHA's strategic priorities surrounding child mental health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities services, helping develop structured pathways for assessment, referral, and coordinated care.

Donica's leadership has further been reflected through three successful Joint Commission surveys for Behavioral Health and the Opioid Treatment Program, demonstrating her commitment to compliance, quality, and continuous improvement. During periods of staffing and leadership challenges, she has repeatedly stepped forward to provide operational support and ensure continuity of care for both staff and patients.

Donica's impact is measurable not only through operational improvements and quality outcomes, but also through the trust she has built among staff, leadership, and the community. Her work has strengthened access to care, improved system accountability, enhanced patient safety initiatives, and advanced culturally responsive behavioral health services across CIHA.

Through strategic leadership, collaborative engagement, data-driven decision making, and unwavering dedication to the health and well-being of the community, Donica embodies the spirit and purpose of the Hayes Award.



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from Whitefield Oklahoma

Graduated Magna Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental
Health and Safety Management



Congratulations
Jerry!



Cherokee Tribal EMS named EMS Service of the Year

The Cherokee Tribal EMS, of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was named EMS Service of the Year by the Southwestern Community College (SCC) Paramedic Program recently. Top photo – Shown, left to right, are Zach Stutts, EMS Chief at Cherokee Tribal EMS; Eric Hester, program director at SCC EMS Program; and Robert Grover, clinical coordinator at SCC EMS Program. Photo at left - Members of the Cherokee Tribal EMS team are shown, left to right, including Eric Mayhew, Kyndle McMahan, Josh Rae, Jennifer Randall, Zach Stutts, Alicia Lambert, Makayela Pendergrass, Kim Anthony, Tracy Dulaney, and Chris McCoy. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Tribal EMS)

COMMENTARY

What are our cultural norms regarding elk hunting?

By Robert Jumper with
Dr. Barbara Duncan (contributor)

By and large, we claim to be a community that values history and culture. The Cherokee people who live on the Qualla Boundary have roots that go deep in history, some say tens of thousands of years. We have lands that we say memorialize our history, like Kituwah, that tell of the birth of the nation. We just completed a many-year-long quest to regain the

Noquisiyi Mound in Franklin, a mystical and culturally significant landmark of the Cherokee people. Along those lines, many Cherokee people have been involved in reclaiming the names of places that were “modified” at or after contact with the outside world. Cherokee names had real-world significance, Kuwohi (formerly Clingman’s Dome) being the most recent example.

So, I have been watching the debate over the prospect of tribal elk hunting evolving. And as I have observed and listened, it was curious to me how much our discussions sounded like the outside world and not that of culturally sensitive people. Surely, one of the intentions of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, a major player in the reintroduction of elk to this

region, was to build an elk population large enough to hunt, and I am not an anti-hunting advocate at all. It is just that I have questions that so far have received vague responses from our leadership.

So, not being an expert on the traditional hunting practices of the Cherokee, I reached out to Dr. Barbara Duncan for answers. She brought forth things that I never thought of, and I am sure many haven’t bothered to even consider. Barbara retired from 23 years of service in 2019 at the Museum of the Cherokee People as its education director. Her doctorate is in folklore and folklife from the University of Pennsylvania, and she has written and co-written several books about Cherokee culture and history. She is still

lending her time and efforts to the preservation of Cherokee culture and history today. In short, she is a reliable source and I value her insights. She shared her thoughts on the relationship between the elk and the Cherokee people.

Barbara wrote, “Regarding hunting elk for food, profit, or sport”:

-- Food- Elk were an important food source for Cherokee ancestors from 15,000 years ago until about 1800 AD, when they became very scarce due to over-hunting and loss of habitat. (A recent study analyzed blood on Paleo points from NC and SC and found traces of blood from mammoths/mammoths/mastodons, horses, buffalo, elk, white-tailed deer, bear, and dogs/wolves, about 13,000 to 15,000 years before the

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--Food - I would assume that elk were hunted with the same ceremonies and respect as the other animals. We know that prayers were said and gifts were offered in exchange for the animal's life for food. This whole process was carried out with seriousness and respect. Giving in return for getting something--reciprocity--is a fundamental value of indigenous cultures going back to the days of hunter-gatherers. These traditions are probably thousands of years old. (See information from Swimmer, Inoli, and others from the 1800s, in Myths, Legends, and Sacred Formulas of the Cherokees, ed. James Mooney, 1900.)

--Profit - Things changed in the 1700s, when elk hides became part of the southeastern fur trade. Deer skins were the greatest volume of trade, but the skins of elk, beaver, and buffalo were also traded. Elk hides are heavier than buckskins and very desirable as leather. In the 1800s and 1900s, Cherokees used groundhog hides for heavier leather--on the soles of moccasins, for example. (Artifacts from Qualla collected by M.R.

Harrington in 1908 in the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia.)

-- Also, just FYI, elk meat was NOT on the menu of a Thanksgiving Feast at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian in 1949. Bear, deer, speckled trout, bison, raccoon, and wild turkey WERE on the menu. This makes me wonder if, by then, people had forgotten about eating elk, or if it was just too hard to get.

--Sport - I have no knowledge of Cherokees ever hunting anything just for sport. That would go against traditional values and customs, according to what Cherokee people have told me, and what scholars and observers have written.

Regarding how people kept elk out of their gardens:

-- Cherokee women did not tolerate destructive intruders in their gardens. My educated guess is that if an elk got into the garden, they would have killed and eaten the elk, and then the elk in general would have learned to avoid the gardens. (I can say from personal experience that a couple of deer can destroy a vegetable garden overnight.)

-- For example, in the 1700s, the trader at Cowee, Galahan, a Scot, raised herds of Cherokee horses from which some were sold in Charleston every spring. The Cherokee women had directed him

to keep his horses at a distance from the town and gardens, and William Bartram describes visiting Galahan at his "horse stamp," an enclosed area outside of town, in 1775. (Bartram's Travels 1793:354.)

-- Deer, elk, and other animals would also have been a problem. The Cherokees kept semi-domesticated herds of deer and flocks of wild turkeys near their towns. They were not penned up and not inside the town, but were encouraged (by feeding) to stay a short distance from the town, where a hunter could easily kill one for food if needed. In other words, they were encouraged to go to a particular spot because they would find food there. Again, my educated guess is that if they wandered into the gardens, they would be shot.

-- In the Cherokee gardens, especially those at a little distance from town, platforms were built and occupied by old women who kept watch for crows and other animals that would eat the crops. They also watched for enemies and were sometimes killed by enemies approaching to ambush the town. These are my thoughts and the evidence I have. Hope this is helpful."

As we reached out to the readership for comments on whether the elk should be hunted, the overwhelming response was a decisive

"no". Granted, those responses were a mix of community members and off-Boundary readers. And there are some legitimate justifications for killing elk, for example, to stop the destruction of crops and property when other deterrents fail. That form of killing is a separate issue from the recreational, commercial desire to kill elk.

I know that hunting advocates would prefer to term it "hunt" elk instead of "kill" elk, but that is a hard argument to make on the Boundary, where the elk will literally saunter up to vehicles and people. And "hunting" an animal that is roughly the size of a van, that is more likely to give you a lick than gore you, in the confines of the Boundary's mountains, where there are very few open ranges to make a shot that would give an elk a sporting chance, just seems a little gross and certainly counter to the culture that we claim as Cherokee people.

As our leaders ponder the possibility of instituting elk hunting on the Boundary. - proposed Ord. No. 135 (2026) sits in a tabled state but could be heard and voted on as early as June - urge your representatives to consider the cultural norms of the Cherokee people in their decisions. As Dr. Duncan so expertly pointed out, our people killed out of practical necessity, not for sport.

EBCI Constitution Committee

MEETS 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 5:30 PM

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE

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ACROSS FROM THE DRAMA INN

The meetings are open to all tribal community members. Meetings are livestreamed by the EBCI Communications Department.

Meeting schedule subject to change with short notice.

Run away!

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

Scripture references:
Proverbs 3:7, 1 Corinthians 10:14, 1 Timothy 6:10-11, Gen 39:12, 2 Timothy 2:22, 1 Corinthians 6:18, Proverbs 4:14

I've written a lot about being courageous. Being bold and standing up is an important life skill as a Christian. I've meant every word and have given plenty of scripture to back it up.

As men, we've been raised to be courageous and never run away, but today is different. This goes for women, too. Flee from satan, run from sin, run to Christ.

Christians sometimes get conceited and think they are above certain types of sin. Maybe they have overcome the same sin in the past and have dismissed it as defeated. But, like an alcoholic, sin is addictive, and we must take each day and battle our illness for sin. We can ask for help because Jesus has conquered sin and the result, but we still fight daily with the consequences of falling off the wagon. Satan knows where the gutter is and speeds us up to stumble and fall. When we think we're beyond sinning, we should recognize that as pride, and there we go

again. We must always be on guard and know when to run.

How many famous Christians have you been shocked to learn fell into infamous sin? I'm sure we can remember a name or two of solid Christians who fell into sexual sin, love of money, and types of idolatry or the pride of fame. It can happen to the best and most blessed of us. So keep your head on a swivel, and never underestimate how much satan wants to see you slip and fall. Pray for Holy protection.

The Bible sometimes tells us to run from evil. Other times, it tells us

to fight evil through the strength of God so that we can stand against temptation. We are always supposed to stand for God and His righteousness. It can get confusing. It is evident in God's Word that when you find yourself trapped or consumed with sinful living, and the Spirit shows you should be uncomfortable with your surroundings, it's time to run and get out.

"Be not wise in thine own eyes; Fear Jehovah, and depart from evil" Proverbs 3:7

The three sins common to man that seem to be ones identified to run from

are idolatry, love of money, and sexual sin. When you think about it, those are natural within men and women. Another one that you can't run from is pride; I think that's because you'd have to run from yourself.

What takes your time? What amuses you more than spending more time with God? Is the game on TV more important than going to Church on Sunday night? Is reading those tweets and checking your likes more important on social media than following God in His word? How about all those other distractions that draw you away from God? Check

yourself to see if they haven't become your idols or self-aggrandizement to your ego and pride.

"Wherefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry." 1 Corinthians 10:14
Lord God and Father, we ask for Your mercy upon us in our weaknesses to sin against You. Do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil. Help us to find our feet and direct them straight and away from all sin that offends You. Show us where we need to repent and forgive us when we fail You. Amen.



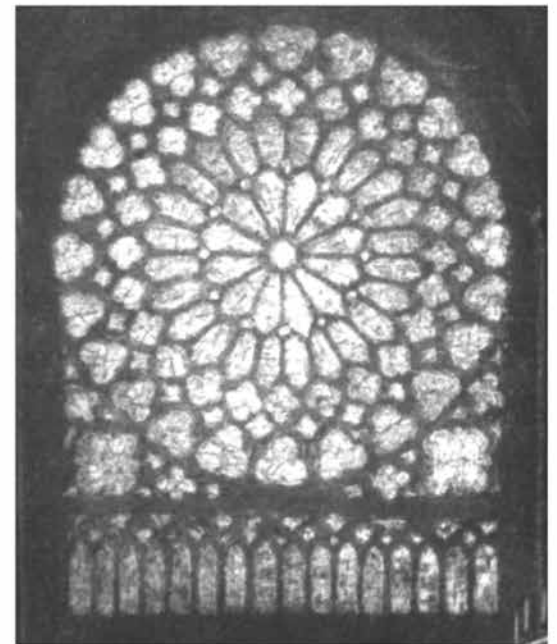
THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

"I am the rose of Sharon,
and the lily of the valleys."

"Like a lily among thorns,
so is my love among the daughters."

"Like an apple tree among
the trees of the woods,
so is my beloved
among the sons."

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1-3



Detail of "Rosette in Notre Dame"
by T.F. Simon (1877-1942)

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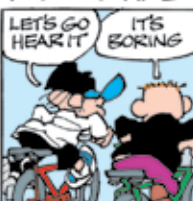
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YOU CAN ALWAYS TELL WHEN SPRING IS HERE, THE ANIMALS STARTING ACTING WEIRD.

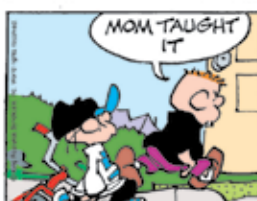


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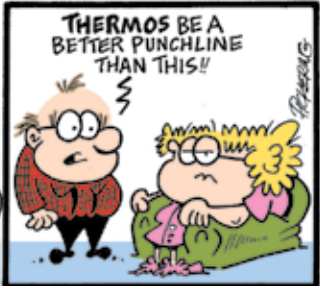
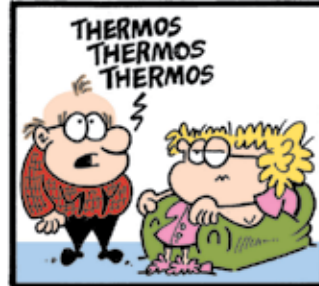


by BUD BLAKE



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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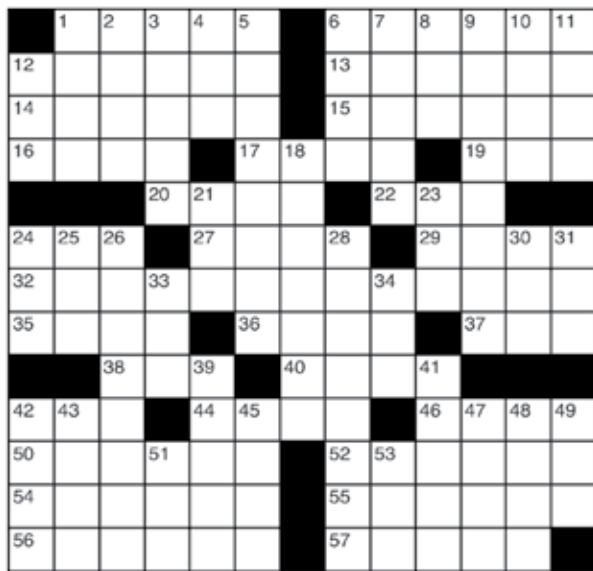
BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tie is different. 2. Hat is smaller. 3. Handle is added to purse. 4. Window is not as wide. 5. Man has more hair. 6. Arm is longer.

King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Detox center
 - Gives up
 - Swiss metropolis
 - Unexpected
 - Ingratiate
 - Stahl of "60 Minutes"
 - Disposition
 - "La — Bonita"
 - Casual shirt
 - Third son
 - Capote nickname
 - Canine greeting
 - Furnace fuel
 - Branches
 - President of South Africa, 1994-1999
 - Pronto
 - Monumental
 - Half dozen
 - Fannie —
 - Former Laker Lamar
 - Sashimi fish
 - Neatnik's nightmare
 - Jazzy James
 - Legislative group
 - Camelot king
 - Aerie newborn
 - Organize an art show



- Pueblo structures
 - Recognizes
 - Birds of prey
 - Duel tool
 - Ocular woe
 - Tiara jewel
 - Rug cleaner
 - "friendly"
 - "Awesome, dude!"
 - Navarro of "The View"
 - Scale members
 - Pink wading bird
 - Relaxed
 - Roman 1051
 - Coltrane's instrument
 - Aromatherapy spot
 - Sgt., e.g.
 - Lauder of cosmetics
 - Paris subway
 - Cruising
 - Lettuce unit
 - Reply to "Shall we?"
 - Spring meltdown
 - Mild rebukes
 - "How — you?"
 - Cleric's tunic
 - Scamper
- DOWN**
- Nevada city
 - Within (Pref.)
 - Obeys
 - "Selma" director DuVernay
 - Male singing voice
 - Humpty's perch
 - Skip — (flutter)
 - Tax-collecting org.
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Weekly SUDOKU

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- FOOD & DRINK:** When fish eggs are served as food, what are they called?
- LITERATURE:** Which Dr. Seuss book about trying new foods has a character called Sam-I-Am?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the most populated country in Africa?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state's nickname is The Pine Tree State?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What kind of animal produces mohair?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** How many tines does a standard dinner fork have?
- FOOD & DRINK:** In what year was Kool-Aid introduced?
- TELEVISION:** Which animated TV show features a baby named Stewie?
- MOVIES:** What is the name of the character played by John Travolta in "Saturday Night Fever"?
- SCIENCE:** What is a googol?

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia Test Answers

- Roe; 2. "Green Eggs and Ham"; 3. Nigertia; 4. Maine; 5. Angora goats; 6. Four; 7. 1927; 8. "Family Guy"; 9. Tony Manero; 10. The digit "1" followed by 100 zeroes

Benefits/Fundraisers

Bingo Fundraiser. June 13 concession opens at 5 p.m. games start at 5:30 p.m. at the Pamela Dawn Taylor Gym, 10 Old Gap Rd, Cherokee, N.C., 28719. All proceeds go to the fifth grade AAU boys basketball team. Info: Bree at (828) 788-3308

EBCI Community Events

Small Business Startup. May 21 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Sequoyah Fund 8110 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. How to start a small business, write a business plan, define and find your customers, market your business and so much more. Info: Russ Seagle, (828) 359-5001 or russseagle@sequoyahfund.org

40th Anniversary of Fading Voices. May 23 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Little Snowbird 1897 Little Snowbird Rd., Robbinsville, N.C. 28771. Mound Building at 11 a.m. (bring a cup or turtle shell full of dirt from home). Celebrate Snowbird Cherokee heritage, language and community. There will be Cherokee food, music, dance, crafts and games. Admission is free.

Barter Market. May 23 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Towstring Community Building 105 Towstring Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Community event to exchange goods or services directly instead of using money. Great way to reduce waste, support neighbors and strengthen community connections. Info: Faith Long-Presley (828) 788-2036 or faithlong3252@gmail.com

Blood Drive. June 2 from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at Cherokee High School 200 Ravensford Dr., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Students must be 16 years old to donate. 16 and 17 year olds must have a signed consent form. Bring Donor card or photo ID, walk -ins are welcome. To make an appointment or for more information call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code “Cherokee”.

Kananesgi Art Market. June 20 from 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort 777 Casino Dr., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Info: www.kananesgi.com

Animal Clinic. June 26 and 27 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center, 1416 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Spays, neuters, vaccines, horse west Nile vaccine. No appointments, first come first served. For residents of the Qualla Boundary. Info: (828) 497-6091.

NAIWA Blueberry Festival. Aug. 15 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center in Cherokee, N.C. Featuring blueberry pancakes. Vendor space available at \$10 per table. To reserve a table, call Hope Pheasant (828) 736-5453

EBCI Community Regular Meetings

NAIWA (North American Indian Women’s Association, Inc.) Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Eligibility for membership: any American Indian or Alaska Native or Canadian First Nations woman,

18 years of age or older, who is officially identified as a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe/Nation. The meetings contain information on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

Cherokee Cultural/Historic Events

Cherokee 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.

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

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Originally from Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), **Athena Long**, a 2-year-old American Bully, lives in Fort Bragg, N.C. with her family. Dad is Wesley Paul Long; mom is Serena Long; and siblings are McKinley, Aloura, Sophia, Wesley Jr., and James.



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Annual Kituwah Celebration.

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

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

see **EVENTS** next page



Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An unexpected development could change the Arian's perspective on a potential investment. Keep an open mind. Ignore the double talk and act only on the facts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A surge of support helps you keep your long-standing commitment to colleagues who rely on you for guidance. Ignore any attempts to get you to ease up on your efforts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family continues to be a dominant factor, but career matters also take on new importance. You might even be able to combine elements of the two in some surprising, productive way!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A realistic view of a workplace or personal situation helps you deal with it more constructively once you know where the truth lies. Meanwhile, reserve the weekend for someone special.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As much as you Leos or Leonas might be intrigued by the "sunny" prospects being touted for a potential investment, be careful that you don't allow the glare to blind you to its essential details.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend's problem brings out the Virgo's nurturing nature in full force. However, don't go it alone. Allow others to pitch in and help share the responsibilities you've assumed.

LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) A business decision might need to be put off until a colleague's personal matter is resolved. Use this time to work on another business matter that you've been anxious to get to.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Relationships (personal or professional) might appear to be stalled because of details that keep cropping up and need tending to. Be patient. A path begins to clear by mid-week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A promotion could cause resentment among envious colleagues. But others recognize how hard you worked to earn it and will be there to support you if you need them.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A delicate personal matter needs both your wisdom and your warmth. Expect some setbacks, but stay with it. The outcome will more than justify your efforts.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resist the temptation to cut corners just because time is short. It's best to move ahead step by step so you don't overlook anything that might later create time-wasting complications.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Use the good will that you recently earned with a well-received project to pitch your ideas for a new project. Expect some tough competition, though, from an unlikely source.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of family extends beyond your personal life to include others, to whom you generously extend your care and affection.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Reducing veteran suicide rates

The VA has gone a long way toward addressing the epidemic of veteran suicide. Just recently they reported that they've now set a record for the number of veteran suicide prevention screenings and evaluations completed.

In one recent month alone, of all veterans who'd received VA care over the past year, 88% had an annual suicide risk screening.

Of those veterans who were at risk for suicide, 96% had a comprehensive evaluation and a support plan put in place within 24 hours.

It hasn't always been this way. Statistics were grim in the past: 60% of veteran suicides weren't getting VA care.

In 2024 the VA's Office of Inspector General issued a report showing that there had been a systemic failure to follow up with veterans at risk for suicide. After a national review of the VA's suicide risk screening and evaluation training, as well as adherence to the program and oversight, they concluded that staff training for suicide prevention screening was severely lacking.

For one thing, not all staff were trained in using the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (aka Risk ID). Not only does the scale identify people at risk, but also the severity level and how to interpret it. The big problem, it seems, was that while the training was available, it was optional. Additionally, there was no system to follow up to ensure staff had taken the training.

The VA OIG made several recommendations, and apparently those are working.

One positive step the VA has taken is to connect with veterans who haven't been enrolled in VA health care. Now, in 2026, they've enrolled over 125,000 veterans — who will get the risk evaluations.

If you're in trouble (or know a veteran who is), reach out to the Veterans Crisis Line. People are there 24/7. Just dial 988 and Press 1. Or text 838255. Or chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net. You don't need to be receiving VA health care or benefits to get help.

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Think your dog doesn't need a leash? Think again!

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: On long hikes in the woods behind my house, I let my dog run off leash. Yesterday, a neighbor ran up yelling that I need to put "Skip" on a leash, because it's dangerous for my dog in bear country. I told him where to shove it. What do you think? — Carl in Asheville, North Carolina

DEAR CARL: This is a sensitive topic for some pet owners, but keeping your pet on leash can keep them safe — as well as local wildlife, other hikers and their pets.

If your dog is well-trained, instantly returns when calls and stays within visual range while you're hiking, that might be a different matter. However, I have rarely met an owner in the U.S. who trains their dog so well.

Your neighbor is right: You're in black bear country, and while most bears prefer to leave when a big yappy dog bounds into their view, some may get aggressive. What's even more likely is that your dog will run into another dog out in the woods, or another person. Loose dogs make many people nervous, and an interaction that you consider to be innocent or harmless could cause a lot of grief. Say their dog lunges at your dog, and their owner falls or gets between them. You could be looking at a lawsuit, even if there are no leash requirements in those particular woods.

Make life easier for yourself and Skip and keep him on a leash. Reinforce his basic obedience training as well, just in case he escapes your grasp.

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

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EVENTS: From page 37

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

Health Board. May 20 at 8:30 a.m.

HIP Committee. May 20 at 1 p.m.

Qualla Housing Committee. May 21 at 8:30 a.m.

Parks & Recreation Committee. May 21 at 1 p.m.

Pow Wow Listings

16th Annual For the People

Pow Wow. May 23-24 at the Northeast Event Center Activity Hall in Columbia, Mo. MC: William Branson. Host Southern Drum: Drowning Creek. Info: Greg Olson (573) 814-9135, ftpowwow@gmail.com

VIAN NASA Club Pow Wow.

May 23 at the VIAN School Gym in Vian, Oka. MC: Creighton Moore. Head Singer: Sydney Toppah Jr. Info: Peggy Girty-Flute (918) 705-1478 or Buck Locust (918) 268-9996

2nd Annual Lebanon Pow

Wow. May 30 at Lebanon High School in Lebanon, Ore. MC: Carlos Calica. Host Drum: Bad Soul. Honor Drum: Turquoise Pride. Invited Drums: Four Directions, North Hill. Info: Laurie Regalado at naep.lebanonparents@gmail.com

Dix Park Intertribal Pow

Wow. May 30 at Dix Park in Raleigh, N.C. Emcees: Sandon Jacobs, JD Moore. Invited Drums:

Hunting Spirit, Pine Lodge, Southern Eagle. Info: www.dixpark.org/powwow

Support Groups

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

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

Cherokee Cancer Support

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

Life@WesternCarolina. 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

Cold Mountain Music Festival.

May 29 and 30 gates open at 10 a.m. at Lake Logan 25 Wormy Chesnut Ln., Canton, N.C. 28716. Cold Mountain Music Festival features top-notch musical talent, amazing local food and drink vendors, family-friendly activities, and more - all in one of the most pristine settings imaginable! The centerpiece of our nearly 300-acre campus is mile-long Lake Logan surrounded by the Shining Rock Wilderness and Pisgah National Forest. Info: coldmountainmusic.org

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

Community Picnic hosted by Harris Regional and Swain Community Hospitals.

June 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Bridge Park at 76 Railroad Ave. in Sylva, N.C. Designed as a fun, family-friendly event, the picnic will feature free food, live music from Summer Brooke, community connection, and opportunities to meet local healthcare providers from Harris Regional and Swain Community Hospitals. Guests of all ages are encouraged to attend and enjoy an afternoon focused on fellowship, wellness, and strengthening community relationships. This event is free and open to the public. Info: Lilly Ferguson (828) 508-0109 or Lillian.ferguson@lifepointhealth.net

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

2026 Trade Fair. Aug. 21 – 22 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum, 522 W Madison Ave., Athens., Tenn. 37303. Crafts, music, history, food, textiles, quilting and more. Info: (423) 745-0329

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 Butch Hill (828) 506-8936. For building rental contact any of the

Officers.

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

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

Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County) Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building; potluck at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

Info: Chair Joe Palmer (828) 361-9219, joepalmer1013@yahoo.com

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

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

Toledvyi (Tow String) Community meets the second Tuesday of each month at the community building at 7 p.m. Info:

Chair Jacob Long (828) 736-9128, jacoblong19982@gmail.com

Wayohi (Wolftown) Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the community building; potluck at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Dwayne “Tuff” Jackson (828) 788-4088, dwayne4251@gmail.com, For building rental contact Lynn Catt (828) 736-6150.

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

Cherokee Houses of Worship

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

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

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

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday

Tsalagi NATURE

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The Natural Resources Horticulture Department officially began development last week on its new greenhouse site. Located off Thomas Valley Road, the site will enable the Horticulture Department to support tribal food sovereignty, conservation, and environmental restoration projects. The site was secured through a collaborative partnership with the EBCI Cooperative Extension office, and completion is planned for October.



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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 Mission-

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

Buffalo Baptist Church. 2686 Snowbird Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11 a.m., Sunday Evening 5 p.m., Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m. Info: (828) 507-2271

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

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

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

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 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 Nazarene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8 p.m. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Timothy (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Ruth 1, who called herself Marah, a name meaning "bitter"? *Priscilla, Miriam, Naomi, Deborah*
3. What did Malachi say the people of Judah were stealing from God? *Servants, Unrighteous miracles, Holy Grail, Owed tithes*
4. Which was a city of Ephraim and home of the Ark of the Covenant? *Ai, Sardis, Gaza, Shiloh*
5. What Old Testament word means "anointed"? *Bishop, Messiah, Jehovah, Salvation*
6. Ahasuerus was also known as ... *Noadiah, Agrippa, Joash, Xerxes*

ANSWERS: (1) New, (2) Naomi, (3) Owed tithes, (4) Shiloh, (5) Messiah, (6) Xerxes
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Moments in time

• On **June 1, 1926**, Norma Jeane Mortenson, who would later become famous as the voluptuous, platinum-blond actress and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe, was born in Los Angeles, California.

• On **June 2, 1985**, Leonard Lake was arrested near San Francisco, California, ending one of the rare examples of serial killers working together. Lake and his partner, Charles Ng, committed a number of brutal crimes against young women in the 1980s. Lake committed suicide by ingesting a cyanide capsule while in custody, but Ng has remained on death row at San Quentin State Prison since 1999.

• On **June 3, 1754**, Lieutenant Colonel George Washington began construction of the makeshift Fort Necessity, designed to defend his forces from French soldiers angered by the killing of Ensign Joseph Coulon de Jumonville by Washington's Native American ally while he was in Washington's custody. A month later, the French, led by Jumonville's half-brother, succeeded in getting Washington's surrender and signed confession (in French, which he didn't read) to the murder.


• On **June 4, 1972**, Angela Davis, an activist and former UCLA philosophy professor, was acquitted on charges of conspiracy, murder and kidnapping. She had been accused of supplying weapons to Jonathan Jackson, who had stormed a courtroom in an effort to take hostages he hoped to exchange for his brother, a radical incarcerated at San Quentin. Jackson died in the subsequent police shootout.

• On **June 5, 2004**, Ronald Reagan died, a decade after his announcement that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Nicknamed the "Great Communicator" and one of America's most popular presidents, he had lived out his final years on his beloved ranch with his wife, Nancy, and was laid to rest at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California.

• On **June 6, 1933**, eager viewers parked at the very first drive-in movie theater, the Camden Drive-In, in Pennsauken, New Jersey, to watch the English comedy "Wives Beware," starring Adolphe Menjou.

• On **June 7, 1692**, a massive earthquake destroyed the town of Port Royal in Jamaica, killing thousands. After-shocks discouraged the possibility of rebuilding, and the city of Kingston was constructed instead.

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If you choose to propagate wild violet plants, divide an established "clump" in spring or fall by gently separating the rooted stems from each other within the group, then replant them separately. Also, their seeds can be collected and sown in the fall, if you desire spring blooms. Other than watering following planting, and occasional watering throughout the growing season, wild violets require very little care. Their foliage is occasionally affected by spider mites in dry weather.

Wild violets

— Brenda Weaver

Source: gardeningknowhow.com

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

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

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

Saturday Prayer Service 6 p.m. (828) 556-0115

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

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Conference Center. Full season starts

Aug. 4. Sunday School 10 a.m. and Morning Worship 11 a.m. Year-round services – church online live streamed from the 24/7 church channel, Embassy TV <https://embassytv.net> Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Will Chambliss, Thursday Night Women’s Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Newsong Church. 3548 Wolfstown 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

Meet your Care Management Staff

CARRI JUMP, BSHS, QIDP

Specialty Team Care Manager
IDD/TBI/LTSS Team

MEET CARRI

Carri is an IDD/TBI Care Manager who helps people and families get the care and support they need. She has worked with children and families for over 30 years and loves making a positive difference in people's lives.

Carri is from Murphy, North Carolina. She loves the mountains and feels thankful to call this area home, where she is raising her four daughters.

Throughout her career, Carri has worked in many roles that support children and families, including teaching, helping parents, and working with individuals who need extra care. She has also worked at Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority since 2019, helping people receive the services they need to live healthier lives.

Carri believes that helping others is her purpose, and she works every day to support her community.

She has a degree in Human Services and many special certifications that help her provide the best care possible.

Fun fact: Travels all over NC, GA & Tenn. singing with the gospel group, Grace 2 Faith.



CONTACT

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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

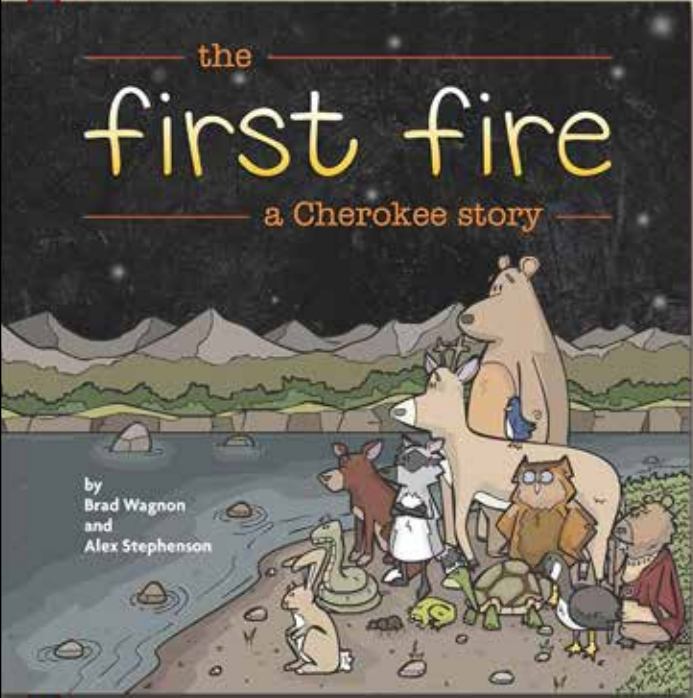

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thomas Valley Road. Sunday school: 10 a.m., Worship: 11a.m., Sunday night worship: 6 p.m., Wednesday prayer service: 7 p.m., every other Monday night (Youth night) singing, bible study and crafts: 6 p.m.

Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6 p.m. Visitors welcome. Pastor David Birch

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

Qualla
BOOK OF THE WEEK

Brought to you through a partnership with the Qualla Boundary Public Library



“The First Fire: A Cherokee Story”
Authors Brag Wagon and Alex Stephenson

“The First Fire: A Cherokee Story” takes place when animals could do the things that people do. The Creator gave them the world to live on, but they were without heat and light at night. Great Thunder saw this, so he sent lightning down to strike a tree. The tree burned but it was on an island. Many animals tried to bring the fire back, but they were all unsuccessful. Then one small Water Spider volunteered. The animals asked her, “You could get there safely, but how will you bring the fire back without getting burned?”

Read this with your children to emphasize community, determination, and the importance of not underestimating anyone.



Brandi Cooper
Chief Data Manager

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BA, UNC Chapel Hill;
MA, Western Carolina
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Years at PHHS: 1.5

Community/Town:
Aniwodihi (Painttown)

“Be yourself; everyone else
is already taken.”
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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



CLASSIFIEDS

Lefty's Lawn Service. Mowing and weed eating services. (828) 735-3586. 7/29

For Sale: China cabinet \$250. Dining room table with 6 chairs \$50. Call Joy (828) 497-1138. 5/27

For Sale: Dining Room set, 8 chairs plus credenza, Brand New. Green Egg cooker/smoker. Washer/Dryer. Call for pricing and to see all. (828) 226-0994 or 736-5250. 5/27

EMPLOYMENT

Now Hiring

Do you have a passion for supporting students and families and building community? Community School Coordinator positions available in Cherokee Central, Swain County, and Jackson County Schools. Visit www.community-schoolsnc.org to learn more. 5/20

Museum of the Cherokee People: Now Hiring

Museum of the Cherokee People is now hiring for a Senior Manager/Director of Finance. This is a career ladder position. Applicants may choose the position for which they would like to apply, and categorization will be made the by interview panel depending on their qualifications and experience. Senior Manager Hiring Range: \$50,000 – \$62,000.

Total Salary Range: \$50,000 – \$70,000. Director Hiring Range: \$65,000 - \$78,000. Total Salary Range \$40,000 – \$90,000. Apply by June 3 at motcp.org/about/employment-opportunities. 5/27

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

DONALD ALLEN BRADY

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

Theresa Tahquette
2552 Birdtown Rd #71
Whittier, NC 28789

5/20

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-024

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

REBECCA LAMBERT

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

Stella Lambert Watkins
P.O Box 1685
Cherokee, NC 28719
5/20

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-040

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

MARTHA ANN

WALKINGSTICK SAMPSON

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

Alyssa Streets
P.o Box 849
Cherokee, NC 28719

5/27

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-038

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

TOMMIE SUE LOSSIAH

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Mollie Grant
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-021

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
GARY FRENCH

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

Yvonne Bushyhead
206 Wild Rose Trace
Cherokee, NC 28719

5/27

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-041

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:
DEBORAH ANN LITTLEJOHN

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

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

Tasheena Parker
625 Sheep Rock Cove Rd
Whittier, NC. 287889

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

The Cherokee Court
Small Claims
File No SC 24-391
Cherokee Indian Housing Division
vs Avery Davis

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-titled action. The nature of the relief being sought is residential eviction and money owed. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later the June 29, 2026, session of Small Claims Court, 9:00AM at the Anthony Lossiah Justice Center, U.S. Hwy 441, Cherokee, N.C, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the sought of relief. You may contact Cherokee Indian Housing Division at 828-359-6321 or at P.O. Box 1749, Cherokee, N.C. 28719. **6/3**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
CHEROKEE TRIBAL COURT
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
FILE NO: CV 26-0031
AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

TAKE NOTICE THAT: William Richard Boyd, Jr., Substitute Trustee, has begun proceedings to FORECLOSE under the Deed of Trust described below, and under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in such Deed of Trust, and an Order entered by the Judge of the Cherokee Tribal Court, will sell the below described leasehold interest at public auction as follows:

The instrument pursuant to which such sale will be held is that certain Deed of Trust executed by Alexander Hornbuckle, Jr., original mortgagor, for the benefit of Cherokee Indian Housing Division, successor to Qualla

Housing Authority (“Noteholder”) and recorded in Book 71, at Page 8 in Miscellaneous Documents of the Cherokee Agency. The record lessee of such property, as reflected on the records of the Cherokee Agency not more than ten (10) days prior to posting this Notice of Sale, if not the original mortgagors, is: N/A

The leasehold interest will be sold by the Substitute Trustee at 10:00 a.m. on the 28th day of May, 2026 at the Cherokee Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs door located at 257 Tsali Boulevard, Cherokee, NC 28719.

The leasehold interest to be sold is generally described as 72 Teesateskie Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719 and is more particularly described as follows (the “Property”):

BIRDTOWN COMMUNITY PARCEL NO.795-N (REMAINDER OF PARCEL NO. 795-I) – BEGINNING on an Iron Rod set, in Birdtown Community, at the corner of BT Parcel Nos. 795-F and 846-C. Thence, running with the line of BT Parcel No. 795-F the following three calls, N 60° 16’00” E 155.72’ to an Iron Rod set; N 51° 22’00” E 53.18’ to an Iron Rod set; N 40° 29’00” E 66.53’ to an Iron Rod set on the southerly Right-of-Way for Fisher Branch Road (BIA RD NO. 472), Thence, with said Right-of-Way; S 55° 53’57” E 36.55’ to an Iron Rod set on the westerly side of a 20’ access road Right-of-Way. Thence with said Right-of-Way the following courses and distances:

S 13° 32’40” E 45.65’ to a PK Nail set; S 36°02’00” W 153.72’ to an Iron Rod set; S 30° 40’00” W 75.50’ to an Iron Rod found at the Northeast corner of BT Parcel No. 795-K. Thence with the line of BT Parcel No. 795-K, S 59° 09’28” W 109.60’ to an Iron Rod set on

the easterly line of BT Parcel No. 846-C. Thence with the line of BT Parcel NO. 846-C; N 05° 30’00” E 67.64’ to a point; N 21° 10’00” W 87.88’ to The Point of BEGINNING.

Containing 0.768 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

TOGETHER WITH A 20’ ACCESS ROAD R/W – BEGINNING at a point on the centerline of 20’ Access Road Right-of-Way, in Birdtown Community, which lies N 59° 07’30” E 57.97’ from a ¾’ Iron Rod marking the Wester corner of BT Parcel NO. 795-K; Thence, with said centerline, the following courses and distances:

S 33° 15’19” E 6.72’ to a point; S 52° 08’56” E 9.80’ to a point;

S 75° 30’02” E 10.54’ to a point; N 47° 35’16” E 18.58’ to a point;

N 35° 30’47” E 10.71’ to a point; N 33° 57’42” E 38.31’ to a point;

N 31° 06’54” E 44.78’ to a point; N 33° 50’03” E 37.77’ to a point;

N 36° 32’29” E 85.16’ to a point; N 35° 17’17” E 39.10’ to a point;

N 04° 20’05” E 12.98’ to a point; N 13° 42’38” W 29.27’ to a point;

N 11° 47’32” W 30.79’ to a point; N 10° 13’43” W 13.98’ to a point on the centerline of Fisher Branch Road, BIA Rd. No. 472 and end of Right-of-Way.

Containing 0.159 Acre, more or less.

Birdtown Community Parcel No. 795-N is adjacent to Fisher Branch Road, BIA Rd. No. 472.

Any leasehold interest de-

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scribed in the Deed of Trust which is not being offered for sale is described as follows: Subject to any and all Release Deeds of Record in the Cherokee Agency and Swain County, North Carolina Registry.

Any buildings located on the above-described property are also included in the sale.

The property will be sold by the Substitute Trustee to the highest bidder for CASH. The highest bidder will be required to deposit IN CASH with the Substitute Trustee at the date and time of the sale the greater of five percent (5.0%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$750.00).

The Property is being sold "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Substitute Trustee, Noteholder, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, or authorized agents or representatives of either Substitute Trustee or Noteholder make any warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment, or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the Property and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way related to such conditions are expressly disclaimed. The Noteholder has reserved the right to withdraw the sale up to and until the deed is delivered by the Substitute Trustee.

The property will be sold subject to levy, special assessments, and all unpaid taxes, if any.

The property will be sold subject to limitations regarding possession and transfer under federal and Tribal law.

An order for possession of the Property may be issued pursuant to Cherokee Code Section 45-24 in

favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Superior Court Clerk of the Cherokee Tribal Court.

Additional Notice Where the Property is Residential with Less Than 15 Rental Units, including single-family residential real property: Any person who occupies the Property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the Notice of Sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.8, the sale of the Property may be made by whole or by tract in the discretion of the Substitute Trustee. Further, the Substitute Trustee may offer for sale any and all personal property as permitted by the Deed of Trust in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes Sections 25-9-604, 25-9-610, and 25-9-611, in whole, as individual items, or together with the Property as the Substitute Trustee determines is appropriate in the Substitute Trustee's sole discretion. This notice is intended to comply with the requirements of North Carolina General Statutes Sections 25-9-607 and 25-9-613 providing for the disposition of personal property in connection with a foreclosure of real property

and Cherokee Code Section 25-9. Mortgagor is entitled to and may request an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust.

Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the remaining balance of the successful bid amount in cash or certified funds at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to such bidder, or attempts to deliver to such bidder, a deed for the Property. Should such successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the successful bid at that time, that bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided by Cherokee Code Section 45-25.

The Property is being sold subject to all prior and superior: (i) deeds of trust, (ii) liens, (iii) unpaid taxes, (iv) restrictions, (v) easements, (vi) assessments, (vii) leases, and (viii) other matters, if any, which, as a matter of law, survive the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust, provided that the inclusion of this clause in this Notice of Substitute Trustee's Sale of Real Estate shall not be deemed to validate or otherwise effect to any such matter or other right which, as a matter of law, does not survive the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Any person who occupies the Property pursuant to a bona fide lease or tenancy may have additional rights pursuant to the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act. THIS the 21st day of April, 2026. William Richard Boyd, Jr., Substitute Trustee, 474 Mountain Cove Road, Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
CHEROKEE TRIBAL COURT
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

FILE NO: CV 26-0032
AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

TAKE NOTICE THAT: William Richard Boyd, Jr., Substitute Trustee, has begun proceedings to FORECLOSE under the Deed of Trust described below, and under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in such Deed of Trust, and an Order entered by the Judge of the Cherokee Tribal Court, will sell the below described leasehold interest at public auction as follows:

The instrument pursuant to which such sale will be held is that certain Deed of Trust executed by William Thomas Thompson, original mortgagor, for the benefit of Cherokee Indian Housing Division, successor to Qualla Housing Authority ("Noteholder") and recorded in Book LIV, at Page 48 in Miscellaneous Documents of the Cherokee Agency. The record lessee of such property, as reflected on the records of the Cherokee Agency not more than ten (10) days prior to posting this Notice of Sale, if not the original mortgagors, is: N/A

The leasehold interest will be sold by the Substitute Trustee at 10:00 a.m. on the 28th day of May, 2026 at the Cherokee Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs door located at 257 Tsali Boulevard, Cherokee, NC 28719.

The leasehold interest to be sold is generally described as 60 Junaluska Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719 and is more particularly described as follows (the "Property"):

BIRDTOWN COMMUNITY PARCEL NO.767-D (REMAINDER Of PARCEL No. 767) – BEGINNING on an Iron Pipe set in Birdtown Community, on the SE property Boundary of Parcel No. 188 and is a corner to Parcel No. 355. Thence leaving Parcel No.

355 and running with Parcel No. 188, N 60° 58'E 96.57' to an Iron Pipe. Thence running N 29° 02' W 150.00' to Marker No. 2813 a corner to Parcel No. 299. Thence leaving Parcel No. 188 and running with Parcel No. 299, N 89° 59' E 58.96' to a point. Thence running N 88° 24' E 83.76' to a point a corner to Parcel No. 599. Thence leaving Parcel No. 299 and running with Parcel No. 599, S 02° 41' E 220.22' to an Iron Pipe a corner to Parcel No. 355. Thence leaving Parcel No. 599 and running with Parcel NO. 355, N 76° 26' W 168.89' to The Point of BEGINNING

Containing 0.535 Acres, more or less.

TOGETHER WITH A 15' ACCESS RD. R/W – BEGINNING on a point set in the center of an Access Road in Birdtown Community, which is one call as follows from the SE corner of Parcel No. 767-D, N 02° 15' 56" W 57.03'; Thence running with the centerline of the Access Road the following courses and distances:

Thence N 77° 49'27" E 8.71' to a point; Thence N 57° 20'06" E 10.83' to a point;

Thence N 46° 24'02" E 20.81' to a point; Thence N 41° 17'20" E 20.78' to a point;

Thence N 01° 43'02" E 43.88' to a point; Thence N 02° 04'43" E 36.31' to a point;

Thence N 00° 18'57" E 23.62' to a point; Thence N 08° 28'51" E 17.48' to a point;

Thence N 22° 53'24" E 34.65' to a point in the center of Rita Thompson Road (Junaluska) (BIA Road No. 632), and end of Access Road.

Containing 0.074 Acres, more or less.

Any leasehold interest described in the Deed of Trust which is not being offered for sale is described as follows: Subject to any and all Release Deeds of Record in the Cherokee Agency and Swain County, North Carolina Registry.

Any buildings located on the above-described property are also included in the sale.

The property will be sold by the Substitute Trustee to the highest bidder for CASH. The highest bidder will be required to deposit IN CASH with the Substitute Trustee at the date and time of the sale the greater of five percent (5.0%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$750.00).

The Property is being sold "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Substitute Trustee, Noteholder, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, or authorized agents or representatives of either Substitute Trustee or Noteholder make any warranty relating to title, possession, quiet enjoyment, or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the Property and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way related to such conditions are expressly disclaimed. The Noteholder has reserved the right to withdraw the sale up to and until the deed is delivered by the Substitute Trustee.

The property will be sold subject to levy, special assessments, and all unpaid taxes, if any.

The property will be sold subject to limitations regarding possession and transfer under federal and Tribal law.

An order for possession of the

Property may be issued pursuant to Cherokee Code Section 45-24 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the Superior Court Clerk of the Cherokee Tribal Court.

Additional Notice Where the Property is Residential with Less Than 15 Rental Units, including single-family residential real property: Any person who occupies the Property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the Notice of Sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.8, the sale of the Property may be made by whole or by tract in the discretion of the Substitute Trustee. Further, the Substitute Trustee may offer for sale any and all personal property as permitted by the Deed of Trust in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes Sections 25-9-604, 25-9-610, and 25-9-611, in whole, as individual items, or together with the Property as the Substitute Trustee determines is appropriate in the Substitute Trustee's sole discretion. This notice is intended to comply with the requirements of North Carolina General Statutes Sections 25-9-607 and 25-9-613 providing for the disposition of

personal property in connection with a foreclosure of real property and Cherokee Code Section 25-9. Mortgagor is entitled to and may request an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust.

Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the remaining balance of the successful bid amount in cash or certified funds at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to such bidder, or attempts to deliver to such bidder, a deed for the Property. Should such successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the successful bid at that time, that bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided by Cherokee Code Section 45-25.

The Property is being sold subject to all prior and superior: (i) deeds of trust, (ii) liens, (iii) unpaid taxes, (iv) restrictions, (v) easements, (vi) assessments, (vii) leases, and (viii) other matters, if any, which, as a matter of law, survive the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust, provided that the inclusion of this clause in this Notice of Substitute Trustee's Sale of Real Estate shall not be deemed to validate or otherwise effect to any such matter or other right which, as a matter of law, does not survive the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Any person who occupies the Property pursuant to a bona fide lease or tenancy may have additional rights pursuant to the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act. THIS the 21st day of April, 2026. William Richard Boyd, Jr., Substitute Trustee, 474 Mountain Cove Road, Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

**CHEROKEE TRIBAL COURT
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA**

FILE NO: CV 26-0030

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

TAKE NOTICE THAT: Wil-

liam Richard Boyd, Jr., Substitute

Trustee, has begun proceedings to

FORECLOSE under the Deed of

Trust described below, and under

and by virtue of the power of sale

contained in such Deed of Trust,

and an Order entered by the Judge

of the Cherokee Tribal Court, will

sell the below described lease-

hold interest at public auction as

follows:

The instrument pursuant to

which such sale will be held is that

certain Deed of Trust executed by

Duana Jill Owl Wiggins and Rich-

ard Allen Wiggins, original mort-

gagor, for the benefit of Cherokee

Indian Housing Division, succes-

or to Qualla Housing Authority

("Noteholder") and recorded in

Book LXII, at Page 43 in Miscella-

neous Documents of the Cherokee

Agency. The record lessee of such

property, as reflected on the re-

records of the Cherokee Agency not

more than ten (10) days prior to

posting this Notice of Sale, if not

the original mortgagors, is: N/A

The leasehold interest will be

sold by the Substitute Trustee at

10:00 a.m. on the 28th day of May,

2026 at the Cherokee Agency, Bu-

reau of Indian Affairs door located

at 257 Tsali Boulevard, Cherokee,

NC 28719.

The leasehold interest to be

sold is generally described as 429

Blue Owl Road, Cherokee, NC

28719 and is more particularly de-

scribed as follows (the "Property"):

BIRDTOWN COMMUNITY

PARCEL NO. 69-C (PART OF

PARCEL NO. 69-B) – BEGIN-
NING on a point set in Birdtown
Community, on the SE corner of
Parcel No. 69-E. Thence running
the following courses and distanc-

es:
N. 84° 32' 30" E 63.46' to a ¾"
Rebar; S 05° 27' 30" E 170.00'
to a ¾" Rebar; S 84° 32' 30" W
259.51' to a ¾" Rebar; N 07° 41'
50" W 92.75' to a point, a corner to
Parcel No. 69-D. Thence running
with the line of Parcel No. 69-D,
N 76° 46' 56" E 206.48' to a point.
Thence 11° 08' 00" W 49.69' to
The Point of BEGINNING.

Containing 0.604 Acre, more
or less.

TOGETHER WITH A 15' AC-
CESS ROAD R/W – BEGINNING
on a point in the center of a 15.00'
Access Road, in Birdtown Com-
munity that stands S 07° 41' 00" E
92.75', S 11° 56' 59" E 8.62' from a
following courses and distances:

S 48° 33' 17" W 31.94' to a point; S
69° 52' 00" W 31.01' to a point;

S 82° 35' 34" W 42.53' to a point; S
81° 47' 50" W 23.63' to a point;

N 37° 17' 45" W 58.19' to a point;
N 48° 08' 38" W 23.31' to a point;

N 65° 06' 36" W 16.30' to a point;
S 87° 10' 46" W 30.65' to a point;

S 62° 32' 26" W 107.83' to a point;
S 69° 55' 59" W 91.10' to a point;

S 57° 08' 28" W 36.72' to a point; S
54° 38' 07" W 50.13' to a point;

S 84° 23' 53" W 22.39' to a point;
S 54° 32' 53" W 15.48' to a point;

N 15° 58' 53" W 22.35' to a point;
N 07° 16' 30" W 80.83' to a point;

N 18° 16' 03" E 32.72' to a point; N

32° 56' 36" E 83.29' to a point;

N 32° 50' 45" E 53.08' to a point; N
42° 39' 00" E 36.86' to a point;

N 48° 52' 02" E 101.17' to a point;
N 56° 50' 29" E 44.31' to a point;

N 67° 52' 58" E 24.95' to a point; N
74° 27' 37" E 51.20' to a point;

N 81° 39' 07" E 58.70' to a point; N
88° 13' 25" E 113.79' to a point;

N 84° 24' 55" E 35.32' to a point; N
73° 44' 31" E 60.86' to a point;

S 83° 06' 50" E 31.87' to a point; S
75° 29' 07" E 53.83' to a point;

S 89° 59' 36" E 105.17' to a point; S
82° 58' 51" E 60.07' to a point;

S 76° 49' 04" E 63.02' to a point; S
89° 54' 18" E 44.99' to a point;

N 72° 38' 52" E 32.13' to a point; N
42° 37' 12" E 29.18' to a point;

N 24° 33' 51" E 99.78' to a point; N
54° 48' 00" E 126.67' to a point;

N 32° 41' 00" E 106.85' to a point;
N 55° 39' 00" E 227.56' to a point;
THENCE, N 82° 35' 34" E 66.30' to
a point in the center of Mt. Noble
Road (BIA Road No. 477), and end
of Right-of-Way.

Containing 0.836 Acres, more
or less.

Any leasehold interest de-
scribed in the Deed of Trust which
is not being offered for sale is de-
scribed as follows: Subject to any
and all Release Deeds of Record in
the Cherokee Agency and Swain
County, North Carolina Registry.

Any buildings located on the
above-described property are also
included in the sale.

The property will be sold by

the Substitute Trustee to the high-
est bidder for CASH. The highest
bidder will be required to depos-
it IN CASH with the Substitute
Trustee at the date and time of
the sale the greater of five percent
(5.0%) of the amount of the bid or
Seven Hundred Fifty and no/100
Dollars (\$750.00).

The Property is being sold
"AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the
Substitute Trustee, Noteholder,
nor the officers, directors, attor-
neys, employees, or authorized
agents or representatives of either
Substitute Trustee or Noteholder
make any warranty relating to
title, possession, quiet enjoyment,
or any physical, environmental,
health or safety conditions existing
in, on, at or relating to the Prop-
erty and any and all responsibilities
or liabilities arising out of or in
any way related to such conditions
are expressly disclaimed. The
Noteholder has reserved the right
to withdraw the sale up to and
until the deed is delivered by the
Substitute Trustee.

The property will be sold sub-
ject to levy, special assessments,
and all unpaid taxes, if any.

The property will be sold sub-
ject to limitations regarding pos-
session and transfer under federal
and Tribal law.

An order for possession of the
Property may be issued pursuant
to Cherokee Code Section 45-24 in
favor of the purchaser and against
the party or parties in possession
by the Superior Court Clerk of the
Cherokee Tribal Court.

Additional Notice Where the
Property is Residential with Less
Than 15 Rental Units, including
single-family residential real prop-
erty: Any person who occupies
the Property pursuant to a rental
agreement entered into or re-
newed on or after October 1, 2007,

may, after receiving the Notice of Sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.8, the sale of the Property may be made by whole or by tract in the discretion of the Substitute Trustee. Further, the Substitute Trustee may offer for sale any and all personal property as permitted by the Deed of Trust in accordance with North Carolina General Statutes Sections 25-9-604, 25-9-610, and 25-9-611, in whole, as individual items, or together with the Property as the Substitute Trustee determines is appropriate in the Substitute Trustee's sole discretion. This notice is intended to comply with the requirements of North Carolina General Statutes Sections 25-9-607 and 25-9-613 providing for the disposition of personal property in connection with a foreclosure of real property and Cherokee Code Section 25-9. Mortgagor is entitled to and may request an accounting of the unpaid indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust.

Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the remaining balance of the successful bid amount in cash or certified funds at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to such bidder, or attempts to deliver to such bidder, a

deed for the Property. Should such successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the successful bid at that time, that bidder shall remain liable on the bid as provided by Cherokee Code Section 45-25.

The Property is being sold subject to all prior and superior: (i) deeds of trust, (ii) liens, (iii) unpaid taxes, (iv) restrictions, (v) easements, (vi) assessments, (vii) leases, and (viii) other matters, if any, which, as a matter of law, survive the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust, provided that the inclusion of this clause in this Notice of Substitute Trustee's Sale of Real Estate shall not be deemed to validate or otherwise effect to any such matter or other right which, as a matter of law, does not survive the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Any person who occupies the Property pursuant to a bona fide lease or tenancy may have additional rights pursuant to the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act. THIS the 21st day of April, 2026. William Richard Boyd, Jr., Substitute Trustee, 474 Mountain Cove Road, Waynesville, North Carolina 28786

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Request for Proposals Project Overview

We are seeking proposals from qualified vendors to supply and install a comprehensive security camera system for our two rental properties. The purpose of this RFP is to enhance security, monitor activities, and ensure the safety of our tenants and properties.

Scope of Work

1. Locations:

- o Property A: Garden Place Ln, Cherokee NC 28719
- o Property B: Lambert Wilson Way, Whittier NC 28789

2. System Requirements:

- o High-definition IP cameras with night vision capabilities
- o Centralized video management system (VMS)
- o Motion detection and alerts
- o Remote access via mobile app or web portal
- o Storage solution (cloud-based or on-premises)
- o Integration with existing access control systems (if applicable)

3. Site Survey and Assessment:

- o Conduct an on-site survey to determine optimal camera placement.

4. Installation and Configuration:

- o Install cameras at strategic locations (entrances, common areas, parking lots, etc.).
- o Configure VMS settings, user access, and recording schedules.
- o Test the system for functionality and reliability.

5. Maintenance and Support:

- o Provide ongoing maintenance, including camera cleaning and software updates.
- o Offer technical support for troubleshooting and resolving issues.

6. Training:

- o Train property management staff on system operation, monitoring, and incident response.

Proposal Submission

Interested vendors should submit their proposals by 5-21-2026.

Please include the following:

- *Detailed system specification
- *Proposed equipment list
- *Installation timeline
- *Maintenance and support plan
- *Cost breakdown (including installation, equipment and ongoing fees)

Contact Information

For inquiries and submission of proposals, please contact: Jacob George, Project Manager, jacogeor@ebci-nsn.gov or (828) 788-0055

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BID

Please be advised that Qualla Enterprises LLC, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting TERO General Contractors for the project, "Pioneer Mowing". This work will consist of general site mowing and maintenance of the pioneer property.

A mandatory Pre-bid will be held May 29th at 8 am. Pre-bid meeting will be located at 91 Binger Loop Rd Cherokee NC 28719 in the small conference room. Be advised that all attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

For more information, contact Charles Bryson at 828-788-5494.

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Request for Proposal

Kituwah LLC is seeking a Request for Qualification and Request for Proposal (RFQ/RFP) from qualified contractors to re-construct parking lot for the Kituwah Office Project.

Qualification for Contractor:

1. Must have 5 years' experience with construction of parking lot construction.
2. Must have GC license in said field of scope of parking lot construction.
3. Must have COI with worker's compensation.
4. Must have flexible schedule to perform some of the work before or after Business hauls at the Kituwah office project.

Contractors can get a copy of the scope of work (SOW) at the mandatory meeting which will be held on May 15, 2026 on site at 10:00 AM. Site is located at 1156 seven clan's lane. The SOW will be handed out will onsite and the

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proposals shall be delivered by 3:00pm on May 22, 2026 to Kituwah LLC office at 559 casino trail in sealed envelope or be emailed to Bunsey.crowe@kituwahllc.com. Any proposal received after the scheduled time or incomplete will be rejected. The person to contact for questions concerning the SOW for project should be directed to Bunsey Crowe/ Project Manager Via email at Bunsey.crowe@kituwahllc.com or at (828-508-8050) **5/20**

Cherokee Indian Fair Elder's Day RFQ

EBCI Destination Marketing is seeking out qualified caterers to provide the meal at the 114th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair. Those interested in submitting qualifications should contact the following members of the EBCI Destination Marketing Department: Lisa Frady (Lisafrad@ebci-nsn.gov), Brandy Sequoyah (BranSequ@ebci-nsn.gov) or RJ Arneach (RJArneach@ebci-nsn.gov). **5/20**

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee Department of Transportation 680 Acquoni Road Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

Phone: (828) 359-6122 Roadway striping at various locations on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Jackson, Swain, Graham and Cherokee Counties, NC. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: Roadway Striping. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be May 26, 2026, at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Uriah Maney, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/ (828)-736-1888 (cell) or Trace Lambert, CDOT Transportation Planner at (828)-359-6532. **5/20**

BID NOTICE

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 June 16, 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. (C205160) FORSYTH; (C205182) CARTERET; (C204742) PAMLICO; (C205213) NEW HANOVER; (C205212) PENDER; (C204970) BRUNSWICK; (C205186) ROCKINGHAM; (C205157) RANDOLPH; (C205211) BUNCOMBE

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 **5/20**

Request for Proposals

EBCI Tribal Hatchery is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for metal fabricators to build screens and walk boards. Contractor is required to possess: Knowledge of metal work fabrication Skills and equipment to complete in timely manner Request full RFP by contacting: David Rowland, Hatchery Supervisor at davirowl@ebci-nsn.gov or 1-(828)-359-6096

Proposals due by 4:00pm June 15th with "EBCI-HATCHERY-RW-05-2026" in subject line **5/27**

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For ads or subscriptions:

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359-6489, dawnarne@ebci-nsn.gov

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OPEN POSITIONS

NEW POSITIONS

Nurse Resident Intern
EVS Technician – Day Shift

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

DENTAL

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

EYE CLINIC

Optometrist
Optometric Assistant

FINANCE

Billing Analyst II

FOOD & NUTRITION

Cook – Temporary
Cashier & Food Service Worker
Cook - CIHA

MEDICAL

Psychiatrist
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
Clinical Care Manager – Float \$10,000
Hiring Bonus
Case Management Support – Primary Care
CMA/LPN – Primary Care
Tribal Option Care Management Extender

NUTRITION

Clinical Dietician

PHARMACY

Pharmacy Technician III
Clinical Pharmacist - PTI
Physical Therapy
Physical Therapist I - Temporary

Radiology

Radiology Technologist I

Third Party Resources

Resource Manager

TSALI CARE

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
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TRIBAL OPTION

Tribal Option Medical Social Worker

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CONTRACT FILE CLERK

About

The Higher Education Program seeks a part-time contractor to assist with organizing, reviewing, and processing alumni files as part of a broader records modernization and digitization effort. This position is funded through a grant, and contracted services will conclude upon the expiration of that funding.

Work will occur at the Higher Education office suites and in designated storage areas where archived files are housed. Contractor must be available to work between 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

- Paid position at \$20 per hour.
- This is a part-time position; hours may vary based on project needs and file volume.

Goal & Responsibilities

The goal is to work with designated Higher Education staff to review and process current and archived alumni records, create summary sheets for data entry, and ensure proper disposal of outdated or unnecessary documents.

- Maintain confidentiality of student records during disposal.
- Evaluate existing alumni files, including older archived records.
- Organize files in accordance with Higher Education protocols.
- Extract required information from files to create summary sheets for data entry.
- Scan and upload select documents designated for digital retention.
- Label and store scanned files in accordance with established procedures.
- Identify and shred outdated, duplicate, or unnecessary documents under direction of Higher Education staff.
- Report discrepancies, missing files, or unusual issues when identified.

Requirements & Skills

- Must be EBCI.
- Possess basic computer skills and ability to navigate office equipment.
- Be able to operate a document scanner.
- Be able to follow detailed written and verbal instructions.
- Maintain confidentiality and accuracy while handling student records.
- Be organized and consistent in task completion.

Apply by May 22nd



For more information contact Brittany Beck at britbeck@ebci-nsn.gov or 828-359-6650

CHEROKEE BOYS CLUB VACANCIES

Snowbird Child Development

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

Children's Home

2 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

Contact: For more information, please contact Charlene Wolfe at 828-359-5516.

Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507 Cherokee, NC. 28719



Job Opportunities



Closing Sunday, May 24, 2026

1. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
2. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
3. Housekeeper I – Housekeeping – Operations (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
4. Maintenance Technician – Housing Program – Housing (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
5. Groundskeeper – Cherokee Life Recreation – CERS (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
6. Ethics Specialist – Internal Audit & Ethics (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)
7. Administrative and Data Coordinator – Internal Audit & Ethics (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
8. Family Safety Attorney I – Civil Law – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$76,877 - \$102,502)
9. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
10. Sergeant (Patrol) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
11. Sergeant (Detective) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$61,776 - \$77,230) SAFETY SENSITIVE
12. Teacher (Head Start) – Qualla Boundary EHS/HS – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
13. Air Quality Specialist- Office of Environmental & Natural Resources- Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. 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. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)

EBCI Human Resources Mon- Fri 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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- Provide one-on-one support at community job sites
- Assist individuals in learning and maintaining work tasks
- Encourage independence and self-advocacy
- Support communication and social interaction in the workplace
- Collaborate with employers and the VOC team
- Complete simple documentation and progress notes

REQUIREMENTS

- High School Diploma or equivalent (GED).
- Must be 18 years or older.
- Valid driver's license preferred.
- Must pass drug test.
- Background checks required.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Patience, flexibility, and a positive attitude
- Experience working with individuals with disabilities preferred, but not required

To apply in person, visit VOC at 70 Bingo Loop Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719 Questions? Call 828-497-9827

To apply online, visit our webpage at <http://www.cherokeevoc.org/>

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Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at <https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or www.ces-nc.org/apps/pages/human_resources for more information.

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

- Varsity Football Assistant Coach (Closing May 15, 2026)
- Facilities and Security Administrative Assistant (Closing May 15)
- IT Network Administrator
- K-6 Elementary Teacher(s)
- K-6 Elementary School Nurse (RN or LPN)
- K-6 Cherokee Language Instructor
- K-6 Teacher Assistant
- K-6 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- K-6 Special Education Teacher (Self-Contained Classroom)
- K-5 School Counselor
- K-6 Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant (Grant Funded)
- 7-8 Math Teacher
- 7-12 Performing Arts Teacher
- 9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- Special Education Employment Educator
- Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach
- CMS Girls Basketball Head Coach
- CMS Boys Basketball Head Coach
- Custodian (Full-Time, Evening Shift)
- Social-Emotional Learning Consultant (SAMHSA Funded Position)
- Data, Testing, and Accountability Intern (UNPAID)

CONTRACT DATA ENTRY CLERK

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Work will occur at the Higher Education office suites and in designated storage areas where archived files are housed. Contractor must be available to work between 7:45 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

- Paid position at \$25 per hour.
- Contract term will not exceed 10 months.
- This is a part-time position; hours may vary based on project needs and file volume.

Goal & Responsibilities

The goal is to collaborate with designated Higher Education staff to enter alumni information into the student portal and related digital systems to support program reporting, workforce development initiatives, and improved alumni tracking.

- Enter alumni information into the student information portal and related tracking systems.
- Verify data accuracy and completeness prior to submission.
- Maintain organized documentation of completed records.
- Retrieve, review, and process hardcopy files from storage.
- Prepare documents for shredding, archiving, or scanning as needed.
- Report challenges, discrepancies, or missing data when identified.

Requirements & Skills

- Must be EBCL.
- Demonstrate ability to operate a computer and basic office software.
- Be organized and detail-oriented.
- Be able to lift and move standard file-size boxes (physical files are stored in boxes).
- Be capable of working in both office and storage environments.
- Possess strong data accuracy and reliability.

Apply by May 22nd

For more information contact Brittany Beck at britbeck@ebcl-nsn.gov or 828-359-6650



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Swimmer wins state titles in Oklahoma
Ogana Swimmer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, competed in the 3A OSSAA State Track meet in Catoosa, Okla. with his team, Sequoyah High School (Tahlequah, Okla.). He won the state title in the 1600M run with a time of 4:20.28 which was both a school and state meet record that had stood for 26 years. He was also part of the 4x800M relay team (Swimmer, Evan NoFire, Matthew Vann, and Chuja Flute) that won the state title with

a time of 8:05:30 – breaking another school record. Lastly, Swimmer finished second in the 3200M run with a time of 9:38.00. (Photo contributed)



Mud Run fun

Dawna Paul, Karleigh Reeves, Savannah Burgess, and Sis Cabe - all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians – participated in the Mud Run obstacle course in Charlotte, N.C. on Saturday, May 9. The event is a fundraiser for breast cancer research, and its focus is on empowering women. The team's name was Tsalagi Tsuwa (Cherokee Mud Puppy). (Photo contributed)



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Modeling in Greenville
Lindley Wyatt, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, modeled in the "Greenville: A Night of Fashion" at the Greenville City Club in Greenville, S.C. recently. She modeled an Antoni Melani paisley pantsuit. Lindley is the daughter of Dr. Reva Ballew and David Wyatt and the granddaughter of Carla Sneed Ballew. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Reva Ballew)



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Mother's Day 5K
Mindy Larch, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, placed second place overall in the female division with a time of 25:14 in the Mother's Day 5K held at Kituwah on Saturday, May 9. The event was hosted by Cherokee Choices. (Photo contributed)



Wedding
Cayleigh and Thomas Owl got married on May 2 in Cherokee, N.C. (Photo contributed)



Mountain Laurel
This Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*) is in bloom as shown in this photo on the lovely spring morning of Friday, May 15 in Aniwodih (Painttown) in Cherokee, N.C. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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The One Feather wants to hear your good news and/or accomplishments. Send us your "good stuff" such as:
* birth, engagement, and wedding announcements
* awards or other accomplishments (both civilian and military)
* and other areas of life such as finishing restoring an old car, building a new deck, etc.

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Mink
This American Mink was spotted in Raven Fork in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. on Friday, May 15. (Photo by Alecia Ralston)



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