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“Always remember Gadugi”

CHS Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
 One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Commencement Ceremony for the Cherokee High School (CHS) Class of 2026 was held on the morning of Saturday, May 23 in the Charles George Memorial Arena for 92 graduates. Dawnenna Sue West gave the invocation in Cherokee language and sang the morning song.

CHS Principal Craig Barker gave opening remarks, stating in part, “You are bold. You are resilient. Always remember Gadugi. It’s not just a slogan; it’s what we live here in Cherokee High School



Cecily Dvdaya Swimmer delivers the keynote address at the CHS Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony on the morning of Saturday, May 23 in the Charles George Memorial Arena in Cherokee, N.C. (BROOKLYN BROWN/One Feather photos)

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10:10 AM	THE HONORABLE FORMER PRINCIPAL CHIEF JOYCE DUGAN
10:15 AM	THE HONORABLE PRINCIPAL CHIEF MICHELL HICKS
10:20 AM	RECOGNITION OF DIGNATARIES
10:30 AM	STICKBALL/COMPETITION GAMES BEGIN
12:00 PM	LUNCH/AGALISIGA MACKAY MUSIC
1:00 PM	EASTERN CHEROKEE NATIONAL TREASURE RECOGNITION
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2:00 PM	CLOSING





Image of the Week

The 2026 Cherokee High School graduating class celebrates their commencement on the morning of Saturday, May 23 in the Charles George Memorial Arena in Cherokee, N.C. (ANN TOINEETA/One Feather photo)

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Tayvin Bark delivers a reflection on graduation at the CHS Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony.

COMMENCEMENT: From front page

and in this community...Always remember who you represent. Be proud of your culture. Show the world what it means to be Cherokee and a graduate of Cherokee High School. Give back to your community.”

CHS Class President Leilah Lossie gave the presidential address, “Siyo family, friends, and staff. We stand here today to celebrate the Class of 2026, a moment that we have all worked for. Let us remember the lessons we learned and the friendships forged, the memories that have taken root here and the journey that hasn’t always been easy. The late-night makeup work, the challenging tests, and the moments when we questioned if we could graduate. But through it all, we preserved and pushed ourselves to reach our full potential. As we push ourselves, let us look forward, let us embrace our futures with open minds. The world awaits our contributions, our innovations, and our unique perspectives. Let us be loud, be kind, and always strive to make a positive impact.”

Tayvin Bark gave a reflection on graduation, stating in part,

“In the past year or two, I went through something that changed me completely. I connected to my culture through stomp and other various cultural activities. It showed me that there is only peace in this world...Reflecting on our cultures more, I’d like to compare our class of students here at CCS with the core value most of y’all know—This is Gadugi. Each and every single one of us here are family. You have a responsibility to look after your people and that’s the most sacred part about us. It’s not an object that you can take away from us, but it’s valuable in its own way without physically being here.”

Cecily Dvdaya Swimmer gave the graduation keynote address, stating in part. “Today we celebrate years of hard work, sacrifices, long nights, early mornings, growth, and becoming who we are over the last 13 or 14 years. I will mark a few words that we all know: resilience, hard work, and maturity. When people look at us, they usually see achievements and graduates. They see all the good that comes with the caps and gowns, scholarships, awards, championships, and smiles. But what people don’t always see are



Leilah Lossie delivers her presidential address at the CHS Class of 2026 Commencement Ceremony.

the struggles behind those accomplishments. They don’t see the tears that were cried behind closed doors or in silence. They don’t see the pressure placed on ourselves just to make others proud. The truth is the struggle is real, but it did help shape each of us. Every person sitting here today has fought battles nobody else fully understands. Some struggled academically, some struggled emotionally, some carry responsibilities at home while trying to succeed at school. Some battled injuries, setbacks, criticism, heartbreaks, and at times, I’m sure, loneliness. Resilience is not being okay when you’re not but continuing to show up even when you’re not okay. It is learning how to stand back up after life knocks you down. It’s purely just showing up and getting that day done sometimes...It’s never a setback, but a comeback. Every loss is a lesson and at the end of the day, the day ends. You do not have to be perfect to be worthy. You do not have to win every battle to succeed, and you do not have to compare your journey to anyone else’s. Your story matters, your growth matters, your resilience matters. Congratulations Class of 2026. The best

chapters of our lives are still ahead of us and I’m so proud of each and every one of you.”

Loretta Bolden presented the North American Indian Women’s Association (NAIWA) awards to Cecily Dvdaya Swimmer and Marlee Hicks.

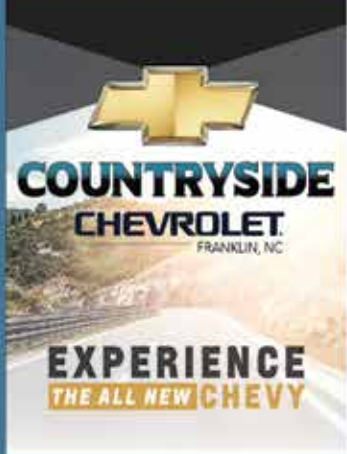
WCU Cherokee Center Director Shalana Yates presented the Dr. Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Award along with Jake Stephens, the grandson of the late Beloved Man of the Cherokee Dr. Jerry Wolfe, to Francesca Armachain and Tayvin Bark.

Sam Lambert, from the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, presented the American Legion Award to Maya Brabham.

On behalf of the CHS Student Council, Ava Walkingstick presented the Cynthia Saunooke Mental Health Scholarship to Leilah Lossie.

Barker recognized the top five students with the highest grade point average in no particular order: Samantha Nikki Toineeta, Tayvin Bark, Cecily Dvdaya Swimmer, Marlee Hicks, and Isaiah Ledford.

The ceremony concluded with a Benediction in the Cherokee language from Dawnenna Sue West.



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Memorial Day

Warren Dupree, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 commander, discusses the meaning of Memorial Day during a ceremony at Post 143 Headquarters in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Monday, May 25. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Memorial Day honoring

The late PFC Adam West Driver, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was honored on Monday, May 25, at the Soldiers Memorial and Military Museum in St. Louis, Mo. PFC Driver, assigned to U.S. Marine Corps E Company, 2nd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, was killed in action during the Battle of Iwo Jima (World War II) on March 4, 1945. He was originally buried in a temporary grave on Iwo Jima, and his remains were returned to the Qualla Boundary three years later. PFC Driver is buried at the Yellowhill Cemetery in Cherokee, N.C. (Public Domain photo)



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TRIBAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY INITIATIVES

EBCI Red Meat Processing Facility: Financial Opportunities & Savings

Big Picture information on how the EBCI Red Meat Processing Facility will be self-sustaining, create Tribal Economic Opportunities, and save households Money!

Revenue Streams:

We are creating an EBCI Specific Tribal Meat Brand featuring jerky, ground meat, sausage, and premium cuts. These products will be created from meat purchased from local farmers and raised by Tribal Extension. Additionally, processing fees and pay-to-raise fees will be collected from clients needing to process domestic and wild animals.

Preserving Food Traditions & Building Food Sovereignty is the biggest Benefit of all for Tribal Members; a priceless investment in our future!



Pay to Raise Fees

Allows tribal members without land the ability to buy an animal that the facility or extension raises and processes.



Processing Fees

Collected from ranchers, hunters, households and food businesses who need animals processed.



Value Added Processing

For anyone looking to turn their meat into jerky, sausage, bacon, burgers and more! Farm-Raised Animals will have a USDA Label so the meat can be sold.



Sales Channels of Tribally Branded Meat

We will get our product to the people through *Direct-to-Consumer Sales* (Tribal Grocery Store is in the works!) *Wholesale* to Institutions (CCS, CIH, Casino & more!)

Potential Bonus Revenue Opportunities!



We are also exploring **Byproduct Sales** of hides for leather, bones for broth or bone meal, organs for pet or fish food, skulls for artisans, and more! This aligns with the Cherokee Tradition of using the whole animal and revitalizing traditional leather working processes.



How does this Facility help Households save Money?

- We will be implementing an optional **Gadugi Fee** to offset the customer's processing costs. Customers can donate cuts of their processed meat to the Tribe to cover some or all of the costs of processing an animal. This way, everyone who wants to be more food sovereign in their food choices can participate regardless of cost barriers. Plus, the Tribe can build a surplus of meat to donate to our community now or in case of a future emergency.
- This facility will be run as a **non-profit model**, meaning we only need to cover our costs, then we will reinvest profits into expansion, local buying programs and more! This keeps our meat affordable to those wishing to purchase fresh, local meat from our up-and-coming retail location, keeping more money in your pocket.
- We plan to sell our meat to ourselves! Tribal entities will be able to purchase our Tribal Brand of Local Meat to feed to community members accessing their services at **competitive, low prices**. So someday when someone you love is at the hospital or your kids are heading to school, local, healthy, fresh meat will be on the menu!
- Local food keeps money in our economy where **we are more resilient during inflation and less dependent on outside suppliers**. This will help all of us save money and achieve some of our Food Sovereignty Goals.

How do Tribal & Local Farmers Benefit Financially from this Facility?



- Local processing saves Farmers **Time and Money**; currently farmers are driving 4+ hours and sometimes have to wait a year to get on a processing schedule! We can offer **reliable, consistent processing** that farmers can depend on.
- A variety of high quality, USDA Certified Value Added Products allows Farmers to **diversify the items their business sells**, creating new market opportunities.
- A Cohesive Tribal Brand allows Small Farmers the opportunity to sell their food to larger institutional buyers they otherwise couldn't. This means **access to larger markets, more consistent customers, and increased product demand**.



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CCS School Board holds May meeting

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The School Board of Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) met on Monday, May 4 in the Central Office Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jennifer Thompson at 4:45 p.m. Vice Chairperson Melanie Lambert led roll call. Members and staff present included Jennifer Thompson, chairperson and Elawodi (Yellowhill) rep.; Tara Reed-Cooper, secretary and Widagalinidisgv (Big Y) rep.; Melanie Lambert, vice chairperson and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) rep.; Roberta Toineeta, Wayohi (Wolftown) rep.; Kenny Davis, Kolanvyi (Big Cove) rep.; Micah Swimmer, Aniwodihi (Painttown) rep.;

Dr. Beverly Payne, assistant superintendent; Consuela Girty, superintendent; Diane Driver, executive administrative assistant; and Michael Stamper, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) rep.

The opening prayer was led by Swimmer.

In good news, Girty shared that five Cherokee High School students will be participating in the Kituwah, LLC. Authentic Brands Group (ABG) externship: Kimo Sokol, Thomas Levi Tramper, John Gloyne, Denver Porterfield, and Kailyana Hornbuckle Standingwater.

Girty said there were also two successful field trips recently; the CTE class visited the Atlanta Braves facility. The Life Camp students traveled to Denver, Colo.

Girty and Stamper said they received positive comments about the Cherokee High School students who attended Anna Ferguson's swearing-in in Raleigh for the NC House.

Davis shared that the recent Literacy Night at CCS was successful. He heard a lot of positive feedback, interacted with teachers and staff, and shared that parents were given a lot of information.

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert. There were several resolutions passed for STEAM Camp, Life Camp, and summer school volunteers.

Res. 26-144 passed, which reads, "Cherokee Central School contract services be approved to provide services for school year 2026-27 with Peer Group Connection. Grant funding is available for the purchase. The combined contracts exceeds \$25,000.00."

Res. 26-145 passed, which reads, "Cherokee Central School be approved to enter into a contract with the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) to provide professional development services for the 2026-2027 school year. Funding for this contract will be supported through available grant funds. The total cost of the contract will exceed \$25,000."

Res. 26-182 passed, which reads in part, "REDACTED is approved as the CES Substitute Teacher for this school year..."

The CCS proposed budget for the 2026-27 school year was approved with a motion by

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Reed-Cooper seconded by Lambert.

Organizational structure and employee updates were approved with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Davis.

The summer intern job description was approved with a motion by Lambert seconded by Reed-Cooper.

The board entered closed session at 5:15 p.m. with a motion by Lambert seconded by Reed-Cooper. The board exited closed session at 8:33 p.m. with a motion by Reed-Cooper seconded by Swimmer.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 4:45 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Roads Commission meeting held; Police Commissioner Joseph “Buddy” Johnson raises concerns

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Roads Commission meeting was held on the morning of Monday, May 18. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Dinilawigi Taline Gahvsgi (Tribal Council Vice Chairman) David Wolfe.

Trace Lambert, transportation planner for the Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT), provided several updates:

- CDOT had members travel to Connecticut to review the Federal Highway Transportation Funding Formula.
- An engineering firm sent over design contracts for road projects that Dinilawigi passed.

- The Tsali Enola Bridge is complete and waiting on a final walkthrough and visit from the Federal Highway representative.
- Signage on Blue Wing Road has been put up.
- CDOT is working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to review their inventory.
- CDOT was awarded the Tribal Safety Action Plan.
- They are working on getting requests for proposals (RFP) for striping.
- They received a camera from Federal Highway to go over their roads, which has been completed and will be sent back.
- They are grading the backroads and patching roads in various parts of the communities.
- They are working with contractors to get damaged guardrails in parts of the communities fixed.
- Insulation and pipe on Macedonia Road is set and 75 to 80 percent complete.
- They are working on fixing shoulders and pull-offs in Kolanvyi (Big cove) and on Wrights Creek.
- They have been working on tree removal and cleaning up after recent storms.
- They will be taking on one intern.
- The Cherokee Boys Club started their contract for this year for mowing.
- Long arming is being done by request.
- The office number is (828) 359-6530.

Taline Gahvsgi Wolfe asked about culverts clogged with leaves on Ammons Sequoyah Road. Tyler Blankenship, director of Infrastructure, said the Boys Club was given the go-ahead to clean up the culverts.

Taline Gahvsgi Wolfe also mentioned damaged, dangerous trees that may fall on Ammons Sequoyah. Lambert said they will take a look.

Elawodi Rep. Shennelle Feather raised concerns over Lambert Branch Road. Tutiya nole Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird and Cherokee Co.) Rep. Adam Wachacha mentioned Old Santeetlah Road in west Buffalo and Will Scott Road in Murphy.

Taline Gahvsgi Wolfe mentioned a pothole at the entrance to the Ginger Lynn Welch Building that needs fixed.

Joseph “Buddy” Johnson, a member of the EBCI from Kolanvyi who sits on the Cherokee Police Commission, raised concerns over Stoney Curve, Piney Grove, and the Wize Guyz parking lot. Johnson said Kym Parker, who owns the store on Stoney Curve, is amiable to signage or whatever is needed to slow people down. Johnson said drivers speed around Stoney and Piney Grove, and signage, speed bumps, or another solution is needed.

“We’re looking for guidance and some direction on how to proceed,” Johnson said. “You come around the curve and here comes a local guy 90 miles an hour. We need something to slow people down.”

Johnson also said the parking in front of Wize Guyz often has customers parking with trailer hitches or tailgates and campers out in the road, and something needs to be done to regulate parking.

The Roads Commission asked Johnson to return at next month’s meeting so they could give him an update on his requests.

EBCI member Jacob Ivey raised concerns over Frye Mountain Road. He said the road is in desperate need of upkeep, and that tourists renting side-by-sides often litter.



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May Editorial Board meeting held

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The monthly Editorial Board meeting of the Cherokee One Feather was held on the morning of May 21 in the Ginger Lynn Welch Poke Salad Room. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Editorial Board Chairperson Brooklyn Brown.

Members and guests present included Chairperson Brooklyn Brown, Vice Chairperson Dawn Arneach, Editor Robert Jumper, Subscription Clerk Indica Climb-

ingbear, Assistant Editor Scott McKie Brings Plenty, and One Feather Intern Ann Toineeta.

Arneach presented a budget report. There was nothing outstanding, but Brown and Brings Plenty did discuss the travel budget and accounting for any travel between now and the next fiscal year. As of now, there is no travel planned until FY2027, which has already been approved for the next budget.

Jumper shared that proposed Ord. No. 187 (2026) will be discussed during the June 4 Dinilawigi session. This ordinance seeks to amend Cherokee Code Sec. 75-53 regarding the hiring of the editor of the Tsalagi Soquo Ugidahli (Cherokee One Feather) tribal newspaper.

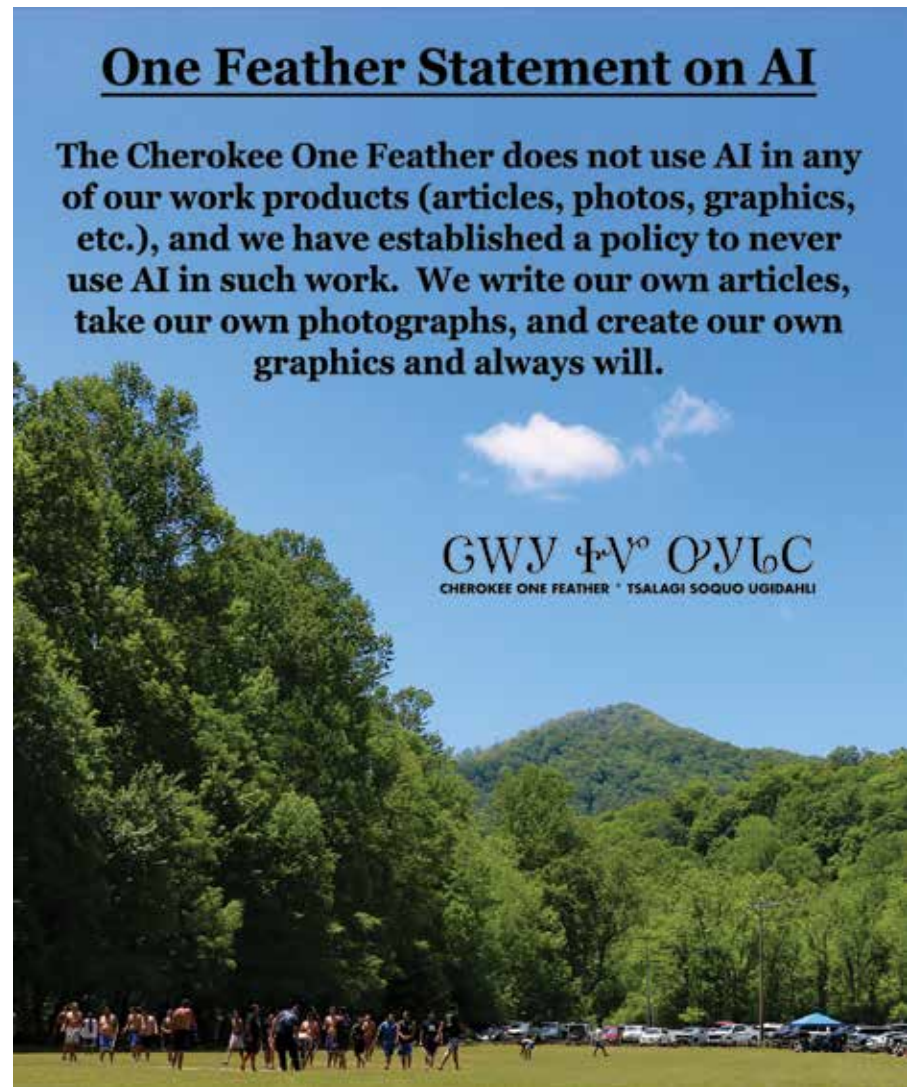
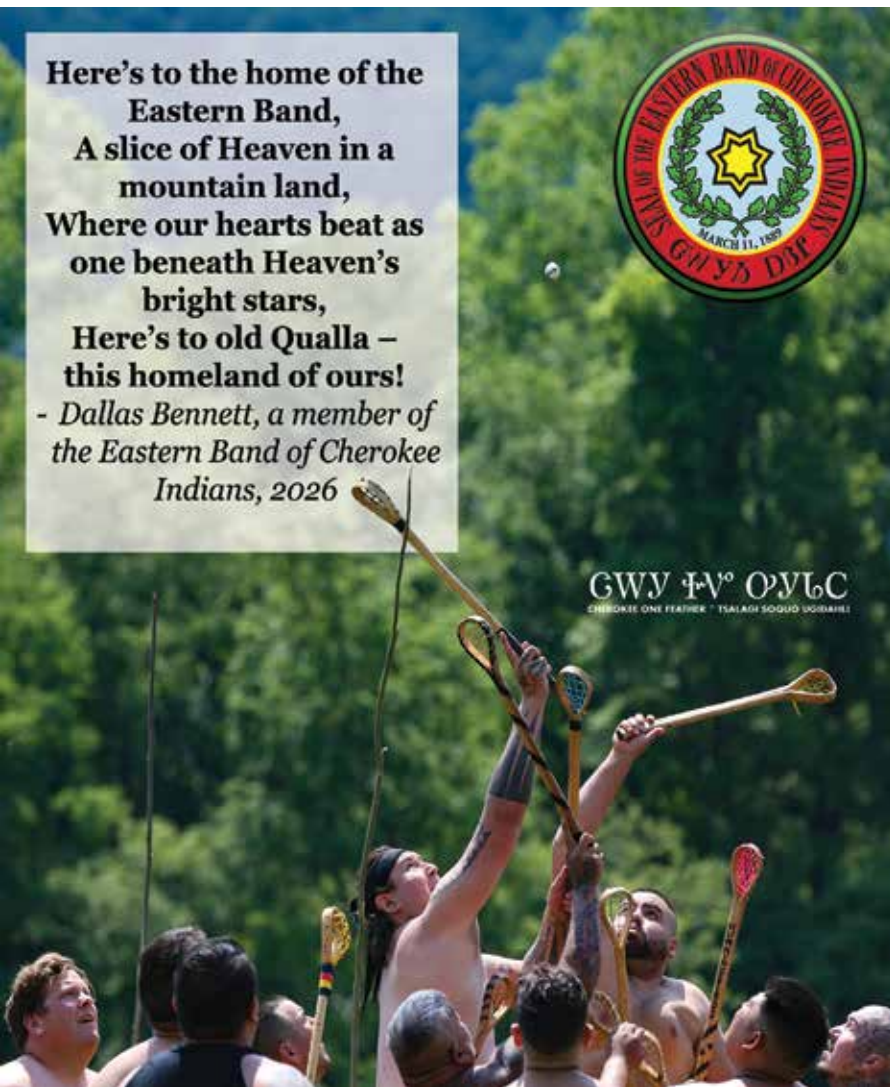
The whereas section states, “The Cherokee Code provides for decisions of termination of the Tsalagi Soquo Ugidahli editor to be determined by agreement of the Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief), Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief), and two-thirds of the sitting Editorial Board; and there is no provision in the Cherokee Code for the Editorial Board to be a part of the selection of the Tsalagi Soquo Ugidahli editor; and this creates a real or perceived political influence on the Tsalagi Soquo Ugidahli due to the lack of Editorial Board representation in the editor hiring process.”

This ordinance seeks to add the following sentence to Sec. 75-75(e)(Editor and staff), “The Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and a two-thirds majority of the Edito-

rial Board are required to select or hire the Cherokee One Feather Editor.”

Jumper also shared that he is working with EBCI Communications on drafting instructions for readers to download the One Feather website to their phones.

Jumper suggested that the Editorial Board draft a policy in line with the One Feather commitment to not using artificial intelligence (AI) for One Feather products such as articles, photos, and graphics. The Board unanimously approved drafting the AI non-use policy. Brings Plenty will draft the policy to be read at the next Editorial Board meeting, June 18 at 10a.m. in the Ginger Lynn Welch Poke Salad Room.





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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

New this week

There are no new bills this week.

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 east-

ern 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 ac-

knowledge 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 acknowledgment to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a state-recognized group in Michigan.

Introduced: May 7, 2025 by Rep. Hillar J. Scholten (D-Mich.) Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 7, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 3444. (Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act of 2025). This bill would "direct Federal land management agencies of the Department of the Interior to establish Tribal Co-Management Plans and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for the performance of certain activities of the Forest Service, and for other purposes".

Introduced: May 15, 2025 by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.) Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture. It was referred to the House Subcom-

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committee 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 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”.

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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 com-

munities, 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-Okl.) 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. McClellan (D-Va.) on Sept. 11, 2025

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

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

H.R. 5739 (Italian Heroes and Heritage Act). This 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 Warrant 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. This was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders on May 19, 2026. 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 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

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Introduced: Rep. Frederica S. Wilson (D-Fla.) on Oct. 28, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

Senate Bill 3236 (A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008). This is a “bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to ensure Tribal consultation and representation under

the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.

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

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

H.R. 6285 (Native Arts and Culture Promotion Act). This bill would amend the American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Culture and Art Development Act Section 1521 to add the following subsection (c), “(2) For any grants made with respect to Native Hawaiian art and culture, the members of the governing board which is required to be established under paragraph (1) shall (A) include Native Hawaiians and individuals widely recognized in the field of Native Hawaiian art and culture.”

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

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

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

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

(2) to create a safe, respectful space for consultation between the federal government and Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Entities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations

that encourages a free-flowing exchange of information and ideas”.

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

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

Senate Bill 3767 (A bill to establish Assistant Secretary for Indian Health). This bill would “amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health”.

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

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

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

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

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

Action: This House bill was re-

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

H.R. 7396 (Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity Act). This bill would establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration which “shall be responsible for establishing a working relationship with Indian Tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations by targeting programs of the Administration relating to entrepreneurial development, contracting, and capital access...”

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

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Small Business on Feb. 5, 2026, and a mark-up session was held on Feb. 11, 2026 where it was reported favorably (24-0 vote). It was placed on the Union Calendar on Feb. 17, 2026.

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

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

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

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

H.R. 7627 (Tribal Conservation Priorities Inclusion Act).

This bill aims “to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to include Indian Tribes in certain provisions relating to priority resource

concerns”.

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

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

Senate Bill 3945 (Tribal Police Department Parity Act). This bill aims “to ensure that federal laws that enable federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to access firearms apply to Tribal law enforcement agencies”.

Introduced: Feb. 26, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on Feb. 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 3946 (Tribal Firearm Access Act). This bill seeks “to allow members of federally recognized Tribes to use their tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer”.

Introduced: Feb. 26, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 7698 (Tribal Firearm Access Act). This bill seeks “to allow members of federally recognized tribes to use their tribal government identification documents in obtaining a firearm from a federally licensed firearms dealer”.
Introduced: Feb. 25, 2026 by Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.)

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

H.R. 7699 (Tribal Police Department Parity Act). This bill aims “to ensure that federal laws that enable federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to access firearms apply to tribal law enforcement agencies”.

Introduced: Feb. 25, 2026 by Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 25, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

Introduced: Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.) on March 4, 2026
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 4, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

tions”.

Introduced: Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) on March 24, 2026
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on March 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 8048 (AI/AN Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act). This bill seeks “to amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to require that equitable distribution of assistance include equitable distribution to Indian Tribes and tribal organizations”.

Introduced: Rep. Adelita S. Grijalva (D-Ariz.) on March 24, 2026
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce on March 24, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 4276 (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Modernization Act of 2026). This bill would simply “reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996”. It is an identical bill to H.R. 8092.

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

H.R. 8092 (Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Modernization Act of 2026). This bill seeks “to reauthorize the Native

American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996”.
Introduced: Rep. Troy Downing (R-Mont.) on March 26, 2026
Action: This will was referred to the House Committee on Financial Services on March 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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 available by press time.

Introduced: May 4, 2026 by Re. Mike Kennedy (R-Utah)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on May 4, 2026. It was referred to the Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Activities on May 12, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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CIPD Arrest Report for May 11-17, 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.

Myers, Thomas Kelly – age 55
Arrested: May 11
Released: Not released as of report date (May 18)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor; Assault on a Female; Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public; Aggravated Reckless Endangerment; Driving While License Revoked; Domestic Violence and Dating Violence; Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Nations, Kristy Ann – age 53
Arrested: May 11
Released: May 14
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Welch Sr., Benny Lee – age 62
Arrested: May 11
Released: May 18
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation, Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Tramper, Jason – age 45
Arrested: May 12
Released: May 15
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

McCoy, John Herbert – age 72

Arrested: May 13
Released: May 14
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Reed, Mackenzie – age 21
Arrested: May 13
Released: May 16
Charges: Purchase or Possession of Firearm by Person Subject to Domestic Violence Order

Rosario, Elijah Victor – age 27
Arrested: May 13
Released: May 14
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Smith, Ashlee Blaine – age 31
Arrested: May 13
Released: May 14
Charges: Probation Violation for Possession of Firearm

Smith, Mary Delena – age 40
Arrested: May 13
Released: May 14
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Tafoya, Phylcia Kaye – age 40
Arrested: May 13
Released: May 16
Charges: Exploitation of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult Elder, Neglect of an Elder or Vulnerable Adult Elder

Hill, Jonathan Scott – age 33
Arrested: May 14
Released: May 14
Charges: Public Intoxication; Resisting Public Officer; Assault on Law Enforcement, Probation, or Parole Officer

McGree, William – age 49
Arrested: May 14
Released: May 14
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Panther, James Marlon – age 44

Arrested: May 14
Released: May 14
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Queen Jr., Hugh Nolan – age 35
Arrested: May 14
Released: Not released as of report date (May 18)
Charges: Driving While License Revoked

Watty, Stephan Eugene – age 38
Arrested: May 14
Released: May 18
Charges: First Degree Trespass, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Probation Violation

Woodward, Zachary David – age 37
Arrested: May 14
Released: May 14
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Lambert, Trevan Holden – age 20
Arrested: May 15
Released: Not released as of report date (May 18)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Laney, William Floyd – age 64
Arrested: May 16
Released: May 18
Charges: Providing or Possessing Contraband; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Possession of a Controlled Substance; Probation Revocation (four counts)

Sutton Jr., John Theodore – age 29
Arrested: May 17
Released: Not released as of report date (May 18)
Charges: Communicating Threats (two counts), Probation Violation (three counts)

Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- In 1960, the average life expectancy of a person with Down syndrome was 10 years. By 2007, the average had risen to 47 years.

- The world's oldest emergency phone number is the U.K.'s 999 number, introduced on June 30, 1937.

- Snakes evolved from a four-legged reptilian ancestor, probably a small, burrowing, land-bound lizard, approximately 100 million years ago. Some, such as pythons and boas, still have traces of back legs.

- Jupiter contracts by about 2 centimeters per year as it radiates internal heat into space.

- The Zimbabwean dollar bank note holds the record for the greatest number of zeros shown (100,000,000,000,000).

- During the Middle Ages, people tried a number of ways to cure the black plague, including avoiding bad thoughts, eating and drinking in moderation, and not abusing the poor.

- The five-second rule is, sadly, a myth, since bacteria can live after four weeks on carpet.

- In 1946, two partners in a leading pest control company were tried by a British military court, convicted and hanged on genocide charges, the argument being that they must have realized the amount of Zyklon B they provided to concentration camps far exceeded that needed for delousing.

- The Greek dramatist Menander once wrote that, "No chaste woman ought to make her hair yellow." Guess he preferred brunettes.

- If the U.S. Army were a city, it would be the 10th largest in the country, having more people than popular cities such as San Francisco; Jacksonville, Florida; and Austin, Texas.

- Warm Dr Pepper was once a popular Christmas drink and even thought to aid colds and other ailments.

- The Statue of Liberty is made of more than 300 layers of copper.

Thought for the Day: "There are three constants in life ... change, choice and principles." — *Stephen Covey*

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DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will process documents to request Down Payment Assistance for 20% of sales contract amount, up to \$50,000.00, and will request \$5,000.00 in Rate Buy Down (RBD) gift funds simultaneously. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will review for completeness of application. <input type="checkbox"/> Completed applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.
CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands	<input type="checkbox"/> After receiving signed loan approvals, the Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send DPA firm commitment to Tribal Realty to initiate Ownership Statement (OS), Lease and Assignment. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD. <input type="checkbox"/> Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution. <input type="checkbox"/> Lending Institution will contact client to “lock in” their interest rate, taking into consideration the gift funds to purchase discount points.
DPA funds – Off Trust Lands	<input type="checkbox"/> After loan approvals are received, Coordinator will send letter notifying lender the borrower has been approved for DPA and RBD funds and request closing attorney information. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will complete the Promissory Note and Deed of Trust and to be signed at closing and recorded at Register of Deeds in the county of purchase. <input type="checkbox"/> Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.
LOAN CLOSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed. <input type="checkbox"/> Home construction may start after loan close. <input type="checkbox"/> Client will begin working with Lender’s Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.
SITE PREP SCHEDULING	<input type="checkbox"/> Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> If 1 acre or more will be disturbed during site prep construction, a SWPP (Storm Water Protection Plan) must be completed by our contractor before any work can begin.
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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Sharing Culture

The 40th Annual Fading Voices Demonstration Day in Tutiyi (Snowbird) was held on the very rainy morning of Saturday, May 23. This event features the lifeways of the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who live in Tutiyi.

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





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Rodeo Time!

These photos are from the first night of the Seven Clans Rodeo held at the old Cherokee Elementary School site in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Saturday, May 23.

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





Gov. Stein appoints Myra Cloer to CPF board of directors

By **BROOKLYN BROWN**
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Myra Cloer is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Kolanvyi (Big Cove). She was appointed to the Cherokee Preservation Foundation Board of Directors by North Carolina Governor Josh Stein in April. Cloer has a bachelor's degree in environmental sciences from East Tennessee State University (ETSU) and owns and operates family businesses including Cherokee Enterprises and River Valley Campground in Cherokee, N.C.

Myra's husband, Mike, is from Tsalsdo-

ni (Bryson City), and her daughter, Kristina, attended the University of Tennessee (UT) and is the director of operations and exhibits at the UT Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Myra's sister, Kym Parker, currently sits on the Cherokee Police Commission.

Cloer also served on the board for the Museum of the Cherokee People and currently serves on the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum board. Cloer's grandmother, Lizzie Smith, was a Cherokee potter and fluent speaker.

Cloer said she is excited to serve on the Cherokee Preservation Foundation board, as she and her family value Cherokee cultural preservation. "I like to see our culture preserved. If we can keep promoting monies that go to that, that will be tremendous. That's just key in keeping our identities to know where we came from. I think this board is very important and I hope I can add to that in some way."



Myra Cloer, left, is shown with her husband, Mike. (Photo contributed)

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18th Annual Cherokee Day of Caring reflects the spirit of Gadugi

Submitted by
Cherokee Preservation Foundation

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Preservation Foundation, with the support of Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, and the Offices of the Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) and Taline Ugvwiyu (Vice Chief) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) came together collaboratively for the 18th annual Day of Caring on Thursday, May 14. This daylong event reflects the spirit of Ga-Du-Gi, a traditional way of helping the community practiced by the Cherokee people for centuries.

Some 200 volunteers, EBCI members and others in the community, came together to assist 10 families and individuals nominated by their respective community clubs. Volunteers helped paint, repair, clean up landscapes and plant flowers.

That evening, nine "Quiet Heroes" and one "Good Neighbor" who have served their communities unselfishly were honored at a special dinner at the Wolftown Gym.

"Our community is awesome. This day is what Ga-Du-Gi is all about, helping fellow neighbors," said Deb Owle, Cherokee Preservation Foundation program operations manager.

Cherokee Preservation Foundation officials noted, "Special thanks go out to Lowe's in Sylva, McNeely's Cherokee Home Center, the Cherokee Fire Department Station 2, Native Clans Design, K& B Meats, Granny's Kitchen, Lulu's, Greybeard Metalsmithing, EBCI Tribal Facilities, The Cherokee Boys Club and Qualla Housing for providing assistance to ensure the success of the day."

The 2026 Cherokee Day of Caring Committee, who plans this event, includes the following individuals: Deb Owle, Jenea Taylor, John Nelson, Dewayne "Duck" Lossiah, Gary Driv-



Volunteers are shown working in Toledvyi (Towstring) in Cherokee, N.C. during the 18th Day of Caring event on Thursday, May 14. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Preservation Foundation)

er, Candy Bradley, Dewayne Littlejon, Dave Pheasant, Rick Lossiah, Dinah Grant, Michael Lambert, Michael Wilnoty, TW Saunooke, Jordan Turner, and Tristan Kirkland.

Day of Caring Projects included:
Wayohi (Wolftown) – Bootie Littlejohn
Widagalinidisgv (Big Y) – Will Tushka
Aniwodihi (Painttown) – Kim Wildcatt
Elawodi (Yellowhill) – Wilbur Paul
Kolanvyi (Big Cove) – Margaret French
Toledvyi (Towstring) – Glenna Cunningham
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) – Rose McCoy
Tso Iyagayvli Tali Sgohits(v) Sgwa Itsutsiloda (3200 Acre Tract) – Velma Hemphill
Tutiya (Snowbird) – Kenny Garrett
Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee County) – Martha Brown

Overflow Project: Food Pantry – Painttown Community Building

The Quiet Heroes & Good Neighbor Awards went to:

Quiet Heroes:

Wayohi - Jeff Catt
Widagalinidisgv - Charla Crowe
Aniwodihi - Wanda McCoy
Elawodi - Dawn Arneach
Kolanvyi - Davey Bradley
Toledvyi - Gladis Cochran
Tsisqwohi - Cyndi Lambert
Tutiya - Tayen and Tylie Bridges
Tsalagi Gadugi - Connie Peels
Good Neighbor - David Crowe

Do you see strays or pet abuse?
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“Good Medicine” follows Tribal member’s Transcontinental Run and more

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – A year after completing a Transcontinental Run from San Diego, Calif. to Wilmington, N.C., a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is looking forward to telling his story through an upcoming documentary. “Good Medicine”, set to be released in August, follows Kallup McCoy II, an EBCI tribal member from Tsisqwohi (Birdtown), on his two-month run to raise money for RezHOPE Recovery & Consulting Services’ Gadugi House and to raise awareness for recovery from

drug addiction and mental health challenges.

On the documentary being produced by RVRs, he noted, “We’re going to bring a lot of characters and the human element into it, and the running is going to kind of be the backdrop.”

McCoy added, “One of the things that I noticed a lot of these running documentaries, it’s a lot about the miles...and we’re trying to bring in a lot of different characters because there are so many people that helped make this possible...we want to get their perspective, what they’re feeling, what they’re seeing, what it meant to be a part of it. Then also tie it

back to the Gadugi House because that was the whole reason I was running.”

He hopes to send a message to viewers of hope and resilience. “I see a lot of athletes that graduate and they never play or compete or do anything again. I’m about to be 40 and I’m still getting opportunities and now starting to get financially supported in something I’m so passionate about with running and I want people to see - from our community, especially - that just because you graduate college or high school, doesn’t mean your story is over and your competitive career is over. There are so many ways that you can get your name

out there, tell your story, have opportunities you can create for yourself. So, I want people to look at me and be like, ‘well if Kallup can do that then I want to chase down this dream as well.’”

McCoy recently signed a contract with Kane Footwear – an active recovery shoe geared for athletes. “It’s getting pretty well-known and mainstream. The New England Patriots are wearing them now. I recently signed with them a little over two months ago. I get product plus they pay me financially now. It’s a big opportunity. I’ve been at this about nine years now, and I’m finally starting to see some payoff with sponsorships

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Height: 5’1” Weight: 91 lbs

Female Age: 86

Hair: gray or partially gray Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: March 20, 2024

Last Known Location: Tuba City, Arizona

Circumstances of Disappearance: Last seen

by relatives at McDonald’s in Tuba City, AZ

with her son (caretaker). Sylvia has

medical conditions that require medications and her whereabouts are unknown. The son she was last seen with claims Sylvia is staying with her older children in different states. Those claims have been investigated and confirmed Sylvia is not with her older children.

If you have seen or have information about Sylvia Whipple, contact Navajo Nation Police Department-Tuba City District (928) 283-3111.

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and getting that type of support.”

He further stated, “Whenever they see the whole sponsorship stuff, the whole documentary stuff, I want people to be inspired by that. And, I want people to chase down their own dreams and tell their own story.”

The documentary will go on a film festival tour once released, and McCoy is excited to get to speak to some of the audiences at the screenings. “We hear it all the time ‘representation matters’ and I’m the only Indigenous athlete that’s part of the whole Kane team. I make sure that I talk about where I come from. I make sure to talk about how resilient we are as a people. And also, other Indigenous athletes and people, when they see my story, I really want them to be inspired to make sure they step up and represent who we are.”

Education will be a main component of the documentary and the screenings, and McCoy said he’s excited that Gil Jackson, an EBCI tribal elder and Cherokee first language speaker, is involved in the project. “He’s going to be doing a voice-over and he’s talking about what water means to us. It shows me going to water at the beginning of the journey. So, there’s a lot of pieces of who we are as Cherokee being tied into the documentary. And I’ll be able to talk about that a little bit more when I go to these different screenings and get in front of crowds.

It’s opportunities like that where I’m excited about sharing



Kallup McCoy II puts on his shoes in preparation for a 50+ mile run on Day 56 of his Transcontinental Run (San Diego, Calif. to Wilmington, N.C.) on May 16, 2025. He is shown at the Cherokee Post Office in Cherokee, N.C. where his day’s run began. McCoy had already gone through five pairs of running shoes at this point. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

who we are and my culture.”

This fall, McCoy is taking on a new challenge. “I realized that we all have a certain amount of time before Father Time catches up to us and mine is getting closer and closer as far as being really competitive. So, I’ve got a 200-

mile race in October. It’s called the Mammoth 200 and it’s my first ever 200-mile race. It’s 32,000 feet of gain and descent within the race. If I can get a top-10 finish, I think that would make a good case for me to get an even bigger sponsorship with another shoe

company...and, I could continue to chase down this dream of being a professional ultra-runner at that point.”

He said his support system is great and thanks his wife, Kate-lynn Ledford-McCoy, an EBCI tribal member who is an accomplished distance racer in her own right. “I would not be where I am without her support. She is just as impressive in the things that she does and how passionate she is - running the non-profit, and she’s getting ready to try to Boston (Marathon)-qualify, which is insane for her because she had that bad car wreck in 2016 and broke her back and her hip. And now here she is getting ready to Boston-qualify. So, just seeing how she continues to show up for the guys at the house, for our family, for me, and then also still pushing herself. She still creates time to do that. The whole run across America would not have been possible without her or my mom. They were hustling and fundraising and just trying to make it happen.”

He also thanks the community for its support. “None of this story would be possible, none of this would be possible - this documentary. People showed up to bingos. People showed up to get dinners. It’s really important, and I just want people to know, in the community, that I appreciate that.”

Once the documentary is released, the One Feather will report more regarding screening schedules.

Peregrine falcons soar

Reintroduction results in remarkable comeback in the Smokies



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Sherry Daniels Pheasant

Sherry Daniels Pheasant, 64, of the Big Cove Community of Cherokee, N.C., passed away Sunday, May 17, 2026, after a long battle

with cancer.

Born June 13, 1961, in Huntington, W.V., she was the daughter of the late Donna Jean Harless Daniels and Leo Edward Daniels Sr. Sherry was a graduate of Central Gwinnett High School and worked as both a cosmetologist and photographer.

She was a devoted Christian known for her strength, faith, and deep love for her family. Sherry enjoyed cooking, baking, arts and crafts, music, and staying connected with others through her high school alumni community. She also had a special love for animals, especially her dogs—Grizzly, Gracie, Miska, Koda, and Chance.

Survivors include her husband, George Allen Pheasant; children, Matthew Ryan (Elizabeth) McKibben, Cara McKibben (Jeremy) Swancey, Erica (Juan) Martinez Venegas, and Tashina Kalonaheskie; grandchildren, Matthew Reid (Anais) McKibben, Katelynn Swancey, Aleiyah Hull, Alaina Hull, Andyn Kalonaheskie, and Alijah Hull; great-grandchildren, Aria McKibben and Lexi Perez; brothers, Rick (Patti) Daniels and Leo (Donna) Daniels; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Marsha Jean Daniels; and her son-in-law, James (Chase) Kalonaheskie.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 13 at 11 a.m. at Hog Mountain Baptist Church in Dacula, Ga., with a reception to follow. Interment will be at 3 p.m. at Eternal Hills Cemetery in Snellville, Ga.

Dustin Thomas Smith

Dustin Thomas Smith, age 21, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, May 14, 2026.

Dustin was born on Dec. 8, 2004, in Sylva, N.C., to his parents, the late T.J. and Dusty Lyn Jones Smith. He was an amazing father and partner. He was an amazing son, brother, uncle, grandson, nephew, and friend. Dustin loved being outside. He enjoyed skateboarding, fishing, shooting basketball, riding his bikes, snowboarding, and watching UFC fights on Saturday nights. Other hobbies included working on his cars and riding through the parkway. Dustin enjoyed admiring sunrises and sunsets. He loved to cook and to eat out. His favorite food was steak. He loved planning and taking trips with his family and friends. He enjoyed going out and living life. The beach was his favorite place to visit. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He had a beautiful smile and a funny personality, and he could make everyone laugh. He was such a loving, thoughtful, and caring person. Most of all, he loved being a Daddy to his daughter, Azaylee. He was loved by so many.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers, Jacob Colby Smith and Joshua Daniel Smith; his Papaw, Billy Joe Swayney; his aunt, Jerrilyn Smith; and Grandfather, Jerry Smith.

Dustin is survived by the loves of his life, his daughter, Azaylee Jay Smith, and his love, Christina Marie Lee; his brothers, Dylan Mangold, 'Bubba' James Swayney

Jr., Wray Henderson, Dave Henderson, Gavin Swayney, and Timothy Smith; his sisters, Breanna Mangold, Nikkia Swayney, and Bella Jones; his grandmothers, Mamaw Corky Swayney, Mona Smith, and Kay Jones; his best friends/brothers, Tyee Lossiah, Zachary Okelley, Eric Acosta, and Bitiste Pepion; his nephews, Jaycob Jones and Ashton Cucumber Jr.; his nieces, Jariyah Lynn Smith and Usdi Smith; his cousins, Gary Reed, Austin Reed, Olivia Swayney, Emily Swayney, Stephanie Smith, Brittany Hornbuckle, Lucy Smith, Grace Smith, Paigelyn, and Bradley Conner; and his uncles, Jamie Swayney, (Gil) Gilbert Smith, and Bill Henderson. He is also survived by his father and mother-in-law, Chris and Salina Lee; his brothers-in-law, Matthew Lee, Anthony Lee, Kyle Lee, and Kevin Swimmer; his sister-in-law, Samantha Lee; and also the numerous individuals whose personalities he touched, who are not mentioned but are still in our hearts and thoughts.

Dustin was loved by so many! He will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.

A funeral service was held on Friday, May 22 at Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee, N.C., with Rev. Ben Reed officiating. Burial followed at Bethel Cemetery in Cherokee, N.C.

Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Services, Cherokee, N.C., was in charge of arrangements

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"IT'S TIME FOR GUTTER MAINTENANCE"

6 REASONS TO STAY ON TOP OF YOUR GUTTER MAINTENANCE

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

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

Here is a list of some of those reasons.

PREVENT EROSION & MOLD



1. Roof Damage

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

2. Wood Fascia Damage

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

3. Damage to Walls, Windows, Doors and Patios

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

4. Damage to Foundations and Landscaping

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

5. Slip and fall

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

6. Prevent Mold

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

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



"DON'T TRIM YOUR GUTTERS"



"CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS"



Cherokees in the Revolutionary War - May 1776

By BARBARA R. DUNCAN

Cherokee people today serve in the United States military, pay taxes, vote, and have American citizenship as well as tribal membership. But during the American Revolution, Cherokees had differing opinions about whether to support Great Britain, their long-time trading partner and ally, or to support the rebellious colonies, whose settlers often trespassed and illegally claimed Cherokee land. Two factions, led by a father and son, had opposing views.

Attakullakulla, Adagalvgalv, was a diplomat who had met with King George II, as well as a war leader. Small in stature, slim, cheerful, and a well-spoken orator, he was known to whites as "The Little Carpenter" because of his ability to build treaties and make deals. Despite his oath of loyalty to Great Britain, he wanted peace with the American colonists. So did his niece, Nanyehi, Nancy Ward. But Attakullakulla's son, Dragging Canoe, Tsiyu Gansini, disagreed. He was a fierce war leader from Mialoquo, tall, broad, muscular, and scarred by the smallpox he survived as a child.

Their disagreement began at the Treaty of Sycamore Shoals, in April 1775 (present -day Elizabethton, Tennessee). Attakullakulla and Oconostota Ogan-asdoda, the Great War Leader of Chota were in favor of selling 27,050 square miles, more than seventeen million acres, about one third of the Cherokee lands at the time, to Richard Henderson-a white land speculator, for a wagon load

of trade goods and ten thousand pounds. Dragging Canoe spoke eloquently against the deal.

"He began by telling of the ancient flourishing state of his people, mentioned the encroachments of the white men, from time to time, upon various nations of Indians who left their homes and the tombs of their ancestors to satisfy the insatiable desire of the white man for more land. Whole nations had melted away in their presence like balls of snow before the sun, leaving scarcely a name, except as imperfectly recorded by their destroyers."

"Where now are our grandfathers, the Delawares?" Dragging Canoe asked, then went on.

We had hoped that the white men would not be willing to travel beyond the mountains, so far from the ocean, on which their commerce was carried on, and their connections maintained with the nations of Europe. But now that hope has gone hope had vanished; they have passed the mountains, and settled upon the Cherokee lands. They wish to have that usurpation sanctioned by treaty. When that is gained, the same encroaching spirit will lead them upon other lands of the Cherokees. New cessions will be asked. Finally the whole country which the Cherokees and their fathers have so long occupied will be demanded, and the remnant of the Ani-Yvwiya, The Real People, once so great and formidable, will be compelled to seek refuge in some distant wilderness. There they will be permitted to stay only a short while until they again behold the advancing banners of the same greedy host. Not being able to point out any further retreat for the miserable Cherokees, the extinction of the whole race will be proclaimed. Should

we not therefore run all risks and incur all consequences, rather than submit?

Dragging Canoe, warriors, and others walked out of the meeting. The Cherokees did not achieve consensus, which was necessary to make the treaty binding.

Adagalvgalv, Oganasdoda, and Sawanugi-Kolanv, all signed the treaty "on behalf of the nation." The Cherokees had chosen as their interpreter, Joseph Vann, son of a white trader and Cherokee woman. As the leaders were about to sign, Vann made sure they understood the terms written in English. "Take care what you are about...It is what you will to sign, but clear me of it, and do not blame me afterward."

The treaty was signed, but Dragging Canoe and many Cherokees believed it illegal. So did King George III, and the Governors of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. George Washington found it suspicious. Henderson and his party immediately left Sycamore Shoals and went to the woods. Daniel Boone and "axe men" were waiting there, and they immediately began enlarging Cherokee trails to accommodate wagons on the way to the Cumberland Gap.

In the Cherokee Overhills, whites had settled illegally on Cherokee land. This treaty legalized their claims. By the spring of 1776, about 100 white men and their families had already settled along the Holston, Nolichucky, and Watauga Rivers. Cherokees had rented them the land in 1772, but then the white men sold it to other settlers, who believed they had a legitimate claim. In addition, Henderson, wanted to sell land from the treaty. He began advertising cheap land to settlers

who would travel beyond the Cumberland Gap (now Kentucky and central Tennessee), even though the Royal Proclamation of 1763 said that no white settlement would be allowed beyond the Blue Ridge.

Because of this Proclamation, and the stability of British trade, many Cherokees and other tribes allied with the British during the American Revolution. Cherokee warriors fought alongside British troops at the siege of Charleston and at the Battle of Augusta. Cherokee war parties also harrassed settlers living illegally in the back country, west of the Appalachians; and they protected their towns when American forces invaded the Cherokee homeland in the summer and fall of 1776.

In the Overhills, Dragging Canoe gathered more than a thousand warriors: Cherokee, Shawnee, Creek, and others, along with white men loyal to Great Britain. By the spring of 1776 they had moved to Chickamauga Creek, Ooltewah Creek, and the Tennessee River (near present-day Chattanooga) and were harrassing back-country settlers. Cherokees in the Lower and Middle Towns also defended their homes, and all acted together to defend the Cherokee homeland and sovereignty, fighting until 1794.

The Cherokees valued their freedom. Every person and every town made decisions for themselves and respected others. They fought for their freedom in the Revolution, although this put them on the opposite side of the American colonists, who believed they were fighting for their own freedom from Great Britain.

James Adair, an Irish trader,

see **REVOLUTIONARY** next page

REVOLUTIONARY: From page 30 lived with the Cherokees, and in 1775 published this about their “intense love of liberty.” ...Every warrior holds his honor, and his love of country, in so high esteem, that he prefers it to life, and will suffer the most exquisite tortures rather than renounce it... The equality among the Indians, and the just rewards they always confer on merit, are the great and leading [motives]—the only motives that warm their hearts with a strong and permanent love

to their country. Governed by the plain and honest law of nature, their whole constitution breathes nothing but liberty.

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EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

EBCI Transfer Station mulch sale

The EBCI Transfer Station will deliver a truck load of mulch to private citizens on the Qualla Boundary for the set price of \$75/load. This began on Tuesday, May 26 and will end on Friday, June 5. To schedule a delivery, call (828) 359-6735 or email rmaney@ebci-nsn.gov.

- EBCI Transfer Station

Cherokee Supreme Court sessions for 2026:

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

- Cherokee Tribal Court

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you

The Cherokee High School Class of 2030 would like to sincerely thank John Reed from the Cherokee Burned Children’s Fund for generously providing pizza and drinks for our students during water day.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to Crowe’s Sno to Go for providing snow cones for the students and to Cherokee Fire and Rescue for always making water day possible for our students.

Your continued community support is greatly appreciated.

Tsalagi Uwoduhi
(Beautiful Cherokee)

The One Feather is launching a new feature called Tsalagi Uwoduhi (Beautiful Cherokee) to showcase the natural beauty of the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Submit clear, high resolution photos of plants, wildlife, or landscapes to us at Cherokeonefeather1966@gmail.com.

Photos must have been taken on EBCI tribal lands on the Qualla Boundary, Tutiya (Snowbird), or Tsalagi Gadugi (Cherokee Co.).

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COMMENTARY

The Sound of Silence - Information Requests

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

Tutiya (Snowbird) and Clyde, N.C.

We've been trying to follow up and report to you on two significant items of interest to the community. It is our duty to you as laid out in our tribal law. We always salt our coverage with our ethics commitment, which we agree to when we sign on to work for the paper (Society of Professional Journalists' Code of Ethics). We do our best to minimize

any harm that might result from the release of information in an article, while ensuring that factual documentation of tribal history is as truthful and without bias as possible.

Two incidents occurred on the Qualla Boundary in Cherokee on or around March 6. Those are facts documented by our tribal government.

One was the concrete mangling at the Whitewater Landing. Partially cured concrete was damaged to the tune of a five-figure amount, and the park was closed to the community for a month, then remained closed as they continued upgrades to the park, extending the closure for several more weeks.

And that is the extent of the facts as we know them based on

what has been reported by government officials. We have reached out multiple times to the leadership for updates on the investigation into the damage, but the response continues to be that the investigation is ongoing, and if it is in that state, there will be no information forthcoming.

In the absence of full disclosure, some community members will take the little pieces of fact they may glean and formulate conclusions of their own. They speculate on who the vandal is. They speculate on what type of surveillance is used and whether it failed. They speculate about how much the repairs cost. And they speculate as to why more information isn't available.

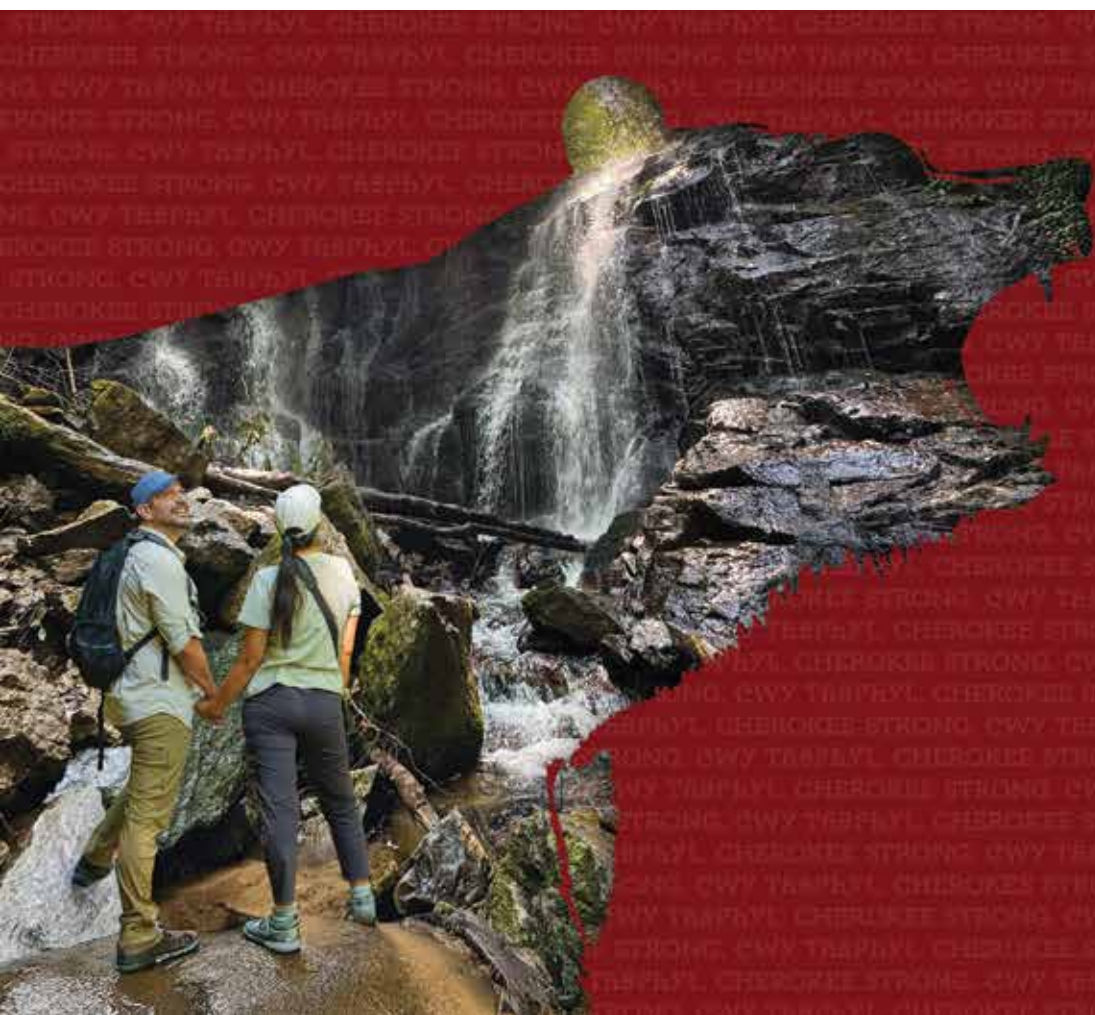
The other incident was a sewage spill near a residence on

Big Cove Road. From the March 11 edition of the Cherokee One Feather:

“Untreated Wastewater Discharge reported in Oconaluftee River Basin

Submitted by Cherokee Water & Sewer Program

CHEROKEE, NC – In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143-215.1C, the Cherokee Water & Sewer Department is reporting an untreated wastewater discharge that occurred on March 5. The incident involved an estimated 5,000 gallons of untreated wastewater, resulting from a discharge at 319 Big Cove Rd. The wastewater entered the Oconaluftee River, located in the Oconaluftee River Basin. The Division of Water Resources was notified of the event on March 5 and is cur-



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rently reviewing the matter.

For more information regarding this incident, please contact the Cherokee Water & Sewer Programs at (828) 359-6106.”

And after multiple inquiries for further information, that was the last public information received for the sewage spill. No information on environmental impact. No information on mitigation. No assurances (or warnings) for the public using the Oconaluftee River.

And so, the community is left to speculate. On whose property did the spill originate? Is it the tribe's spill or a tribal member's spill? How much did it cost to mitigate? Are the river and the people who use it safe? Is it really 5,000 gallons of sewage, or is it more? Have there been other sewage spills?

While I understand the necessity of withholding proprietary information like who might have defaced the concrete at Whitewater Landing (no clear report has been offered, so it has not been confirmed to be vandalism, accident, or act of God) or who owns the sewage spill, I don't understand the silence. Like it or not, every enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a stakeholder in every use or misuse of property and capital that the tribe owns or has dominion over.

It would be unthinkable in almost any other government or municipality for the citizens in their communities to be told that they cannot know what is going on with their communal property and assets. Or, worse yet, for the governing authorities to fall silent when the citizenry makes inquiries about any issues involving their stake. Barring information that would be proprietary is one thing;

holding public information is another. In fact, laws in other municipalities, some right next door to the Boundary, are such that governments consider it a matter of course to issue press releases, hold press conferences, and address the community whenever there is a question of use of funds, incidents involving communal assets, and concerns of public safety.

In my opinion, this bottleneck of information is a symptom of a much larger challenge for our people. We have been governed for decades now without a true examination and adjustment of the Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) weighted vote. This has been in front of us for several years as a people. Accuracy of the weighted vote via an every-decade census of the people is one of the few rights discussed in the tribe's charter and governing document. The assessment is to ensure that every member of the tribe in or attached to every community is equally and fairly represented. So, because we have not had that assessment in the timeframe outlined by the Charter, we violate our law, a law specifically designed to provide equality and fairness in the selection and election of the most powerful seats of government in the tribe.

That should be alarming to us, as, say, a sewage spill. And apparently, it is. Other than the paper making inquiries about this spill, the community and the government remain quiet. So too, other than some general discussion and a resolution or two, the issue of a tribal census and realignment of the weighted vote is still dust in the wind.

While there are 20 elected officials (2 executives, 12 legislators, and 6 Board of Education

members), who are elected by the individual communities in which they reside, once elected, they are charged with representing, governing, and reporting to all enrolled members, regardless of individual communities. And yet, the One Feather receives regular reports for the community from only 2 of the 20. If you are doing the math, that is 10 percent of the tribal elected officials. And yes, they may have their own social media or go to community club meetings with reporting, but that is like distributing information with a teaspoon when a fire hose is available. Keep in mind that elected officials do not answer to the One Feather. We are just the conduit for their information, and we have offered that conduit to all.

You may have noted that there was no published report for the scheduled meeting of the Constitutional Convention on May 14. According to one of the members present, only 3 of 15 came in at the appointed 5:30 p.m. start time. Three delegates showed up, anticipating a meeting. The staff charged with attending to document the meeting where there and thought there would be a meeting. The community had been publicly notified that there would be a meeting. According to those in attendance, they cancelled the meeting, 15 minutes

after it was supposed to be called to order. There is no explanation on Sgadugi.org (the committee's official page), no explanation on their social media presence, EBCI Constitution. I even tried to find information on the cancellation on the social media page "EBCI Constitution Discussion Space". No post or comment has been made there since November 2023.

If there is no appetite in our community for change, then many of us are wasting breath and resources on something our community has no interest in. Going up to the podium and stomping your foot once a month may feel good, but it is accomplishing nothing if we do not use the tools available to us to make a difference. By all means, speak your mind, but don't let it end there. Someone who is elected and paid should have no issue providing performance information to the entire community on a weekly or monthly basis. If you are on a committee, be it paid or volunteer, step up and move the ball forward for the cause of bettering your community, or resign your seat. Change and enhancement begin with true transparency and adherence to the civil "right" outlined in the Charter and the civil privileges outlined in the Cherokee Code. Silence sometimes speaks to us more than words.

EBCI Tribal ABC Commission

(828) 788-4261

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

Jesus and the Apostles relate parables throughout the New Testament about money, riches, and the love of anything above God. Paul had his issues with money and described them to Timothy as a warning of the power money can have in influencing our lives. It is a form of idolatry with the shine of silver and gold.

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some, reaching after, have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” 1 Timothy 6:10-11

Again, the Bible depicts many stories about sexual sin. That specific sin draws in many other sins, making it even more dangerous. Residing alongside sexual immorality are pride, idolatry, lying, murder, and different slippery slopes of all kinds of evil beyond the act of fornication. The love of sex pulls in all the sins in Leviticus of what are despicable uses of the body. It destroys our body as the temple created for the Spirit within us. The following stories and verses tell us specifically to run, as Joseph did when Potiphar’s wife wanted him to stay and play. Read all about it in Genesis 39.

“And she caught him by his

garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.” Genesis 39:12

Paul tells Timothy to flee those youthful urges. Do you think Paul knew that hormones rage in youth, as most middle and high school teachers know? Our Youth Ministers must address the enormous potential human condition to guide our youths away from temptation.

“But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” 2 Timothy 2:22

Paul takes the sinful acts of sex outside of marriage a step beyond

the act itself. He tells us it is a sin against our own bodies. Engaging in sexual immorality with another joins our physical temple containing the Holy Spirit with sin. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, the body is the Lord’s, and we are members of Christ.

“Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.” 1 Corinthians 6:18

Draw closer to God and flee from sinful habits or things that distract you from what God wants to show and bless you. Run away. Put away. Uninstall. In Matthew 8:9, the concept of plucking out your eye before you end up in hell

emphasizes the seriousness of this issue. Satan is out there to drag you into whatever keeps you from serving, worshipping, praying, or drawing nearer to God. Run away.

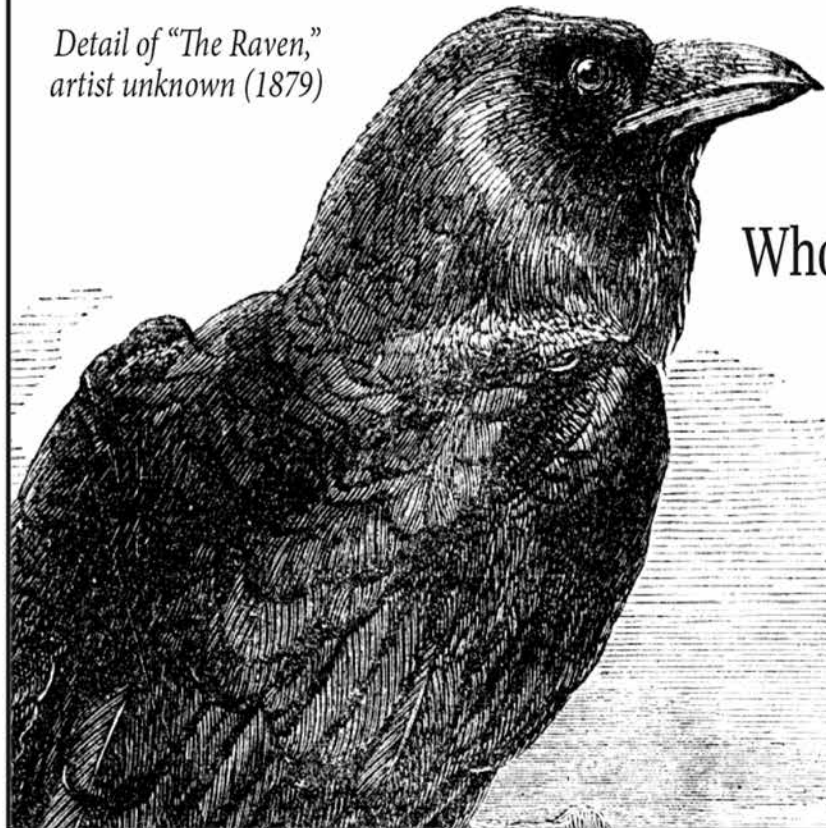
“Enter not into the path of the wicked and walk not in the way of evil men.” Proverbs 4:14.

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

Detail of “The Raven,”
artist unknown (1879)



Who provides food for the
raven, when its young
ones cry to God,
and wander about
for lack of food?

 JOB 38:41

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No meetings to list for this week.

Pow Wow Listings

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Pow Wow.

July 3-5 at the old Cherokee High School site in Cherokee, N.C. Emcees: Rob Daugherty, Jace Whitehouse. Invited Northern Drums: Battle River, Rattlesnake Mountain, Medicine Tail, Tha Tribe. Invited Southern Drums: Wild Band of Comanches, Cozad, Pawnee Yellow Horse, Red Arrow. Info: Daniel Tramper (828) 399-0835, dtramper@gmail.com

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An apparent act of injustice might turn out to be either an error in judgment or just plain stupidity. So, calm down, cool off, and let the explanations roll out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's upsetting when someone you trusted has failed you. But with new opportunities ahead, you'll soon be too busy to feel even a wee bit sorry for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A sense of uncertainty could be a good reason to change your position on an important matter. Someone close might try to talk you out of it, but it's your decision to make.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Being too zealous in pursuing your goal could create some resistance. Try to be more mindful of what you ask people to do, and they'll be more likely to do it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things change as you go from being ignored to being lionized once again. This is a good time to reintroduce some previously rejected ideas to a more receptive audience.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone new in your life creates both anticipation as well as anxiety. Avoid the potential for misunderstandings by watching what you say and how you say it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Watch your budget so that you don't overspend now and have less to invest when the time is right later on. Also, arrange to share your weekend with someone special.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to involve yourself in a friend's or family member's personal problems is laudable. But get the facts before you make a firm commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done — and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've reached an important point in the ongoing pursuit of your goals. You now might want to consider letting someone you trust join you on your journey.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You've been going through a spate of uncertainty involving people you care for. But it might be time to take a stand on a position that you feel sure you can defend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Treading water keeps you busy, but it won't get you where you need to go. It's time to stop making excuses and start moving ahead toward your goals.

BORN THIS WEEK: You see life as both creative and pragmatic. You'd be a fine artist — and also a successful one.

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VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

When the perps get what they deserve

It's rare that we're able to look under the hood of the court cases when thieves that steal from the VA are caught and sentenced. But here we have a case, thanks to online documents, that allows us to do just that.

The crime: A man put together a scheme that involved billing the VA and Medicare through eight different companies for medical items the patients didn't need. They used overseas call centers to prey on disabled veterans and the elderly, paid kickbacks, laundered money, falsified documents and bilked the government (and taxpayers) out of a cool \$197 million. He was caught, arrested, went to trial and could have received the max sentence of 35 years in prison.

The 29-page presentencing document (the defense attorney's last stab at eliciting a short sentence from the judge) is an interesting piece of legalese and heartstring pulling.

Twenty-nine pages of why his client should not be given the max 35 years — many pages of complicated math to calculate prison sentences ("calculated offense levels"), sentence lengths assigned to certain behaviors by other courts and the labeling of eight levels of criminal activity as "a single course of conduct."

The perp was at the head of a group that bilked the government out of \$197 million. That's not a single course of conduct.

I was also not swayed by the many pages describing the perp's small town upbringing, the perp rushing to his mother's side when she needed surgery, having two children and a widowed mother, raising his niece when her family couldn't ...

No, I'm not impressed. All those things could be said of millions of people.

Most of us manage to go our whole lives without soliciting, defrauding, conspiring, forging, bribing, etc. And most of us manage to go our whole lives without attempting to swindle the government out of \$197 million.

I was heartened that, for once, the courts did not apply a hand-slap punishment, which seems so prevalent nowadays. The perp received a sentence of 16 years 4 months, forfeiting \$17 million and paying back \$111 million.

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One tiny chip, one big lifeline for lost pets

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I take my two pups, "Roscoe" and "Pekoe," to a free clinic to save money on their annual shots. When I took them this time, the vet told me that I should microchip them in case they ever escape. I think it's a money grab. What do you think? — Margie M., Oviedo, Florida

DEAR MARGIE: A microchip is worth considering, even if it seems unlikely that your pets will escape the house or yard. We can't always predict what will happen in life. For example, what if you get into a car accident and your dogs escape through the open door? What if a neighbor leaves the back gate open?

Microchipping can greatly increase the chance that your dogs will be reunited with you should they escape. An American Veterinary Medical Association study found that lost microchipped dogs were identified and returned 52.2% of the time, and microchipped cats 38.5% of the time, compared to 21.9% and 1.8%, respectively.

It's also a safe, nearly painless procedure; the chip is inserted just under the skin, either on the left side of the neck or between the shoulder blades. Afterward, you must register the chip with a reputable database — instructions are usually included with the post-procedure pamphlets that the vet will give you. You can learn more here: www.pumpkin.care/post/microchipping-dogs-cats.

Keep a collar on each of your dogs, with an ID tag and their vaccination tag on the D-ring, even if you decide not to microchip them. This provides fast identification without having to run a microchip scanner over the pet — something that is normally available only at shelters and vet offices.

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

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Support Groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Western N.C. and Beyond Events

Cold Mountain Music Festi-

val, 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

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Katie Hatton will present "The Edenton Tea Party". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This is

free and open to the public.

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, mu-

John Wilbur Smith 88th Birthday Party

Saturday, June 20th Noon-3pm
At the Big Y Community center
2641 Wrights Creek Rd., Cherokee, NC. 28719

Please RSVP by June 19th 2026

For more information please call
Kiri Lambert (828) 788-5591
Mike Robinson (972)-903-5268

Friends and family of John Wilbur Smith welcome.

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) Com-

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

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

Aniwodihi (Painttown) 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.

Tutiyi (Snowbird) Commu-

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

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 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

Tsalagi NATURE

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While poison ivy is often enemy number 1 to humans when we go outdoors, many animals can't get enough of it! One animal is the white-tailed deer, who see poison ivy as a spring and summer delicacy. White-tailed deer aren't affected by urushiol (the oil that causes a rash when touching poison ivy), so they can eat as many leaves as they like. They often prefer the younger leaves of poison ivy, so once the leaves mature, the deer will move on to other snacks. When poison ivy produces berries in the fall, they become a valuable food source for many bird species.

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Evening prayer meeting 7 p.m.,
Monthly business meeting is first
Wednesday 7 p.m.

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

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

Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. 960 Old Bryson City Road in the 3200 Acre Tract. (828) 538-0301

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

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.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Simeon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In which book's 13:12 does Jesus predict children rebelling against their parents to be a sign of end times? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
3. As found in 1 Chronicles 29, how many years did David reign over Israel? *Five, Thirteen, Twenty-two, Forty*
4. From 2 Samuel 4, what 5-year-old boy was dropped by his nurse and lamed for life? *Moses, Mephibosheth, Peter, Andronicus*
5. What prophet was the son of Elkanah and Hannah? *Samuel, Huldah, Daniel, Nathan*
6. How many times in the Bible do the words "Christian" or "Christians" appear? *3, 13, 30, 300*

ANSWERS: (1) Neither, (2) Mark, (3) Forty, (4) Mephibosheth, (5) Samuel, (6) Three

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

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Moments in time

• On June 8, 793, in the first recorded Viking attack in Europe, Norse invaders launched a raid of looting and murder on England's Lindisfarne monastery, with contemporary accounts describing "dreadful forewarnings" that included "fiery dragons flying in the sky."

• On June 9, 1893, the interior of Ford's Theatre, where Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, collapsed, killing 22 people. An investigation revealed that a pier had given way during excavation in the basement for an electric-light plant.

• On June 10, 1881, "War and Peace" author Leo Tolstoy, conflicted by his wealthy landlord responsibilities and a desire to give up his property and wander the land as an ascetic, disguised himself as a peasant and began a pilgrimage to a monastery. He had started giving away his possessions and announced that the public owned his works, but his wife, understandably concerned for their children's financial stability, gained control of the copyrights for all his work published prior to 1880.


• On June 11, 1919, 3-year-old racehorse Sir Barton won the Belmont Stakes, Preakness Stakes and Kentucky Derby in a single season, making him the first horse to earn what would become known as the American Triple Crown — a particularly impressive feat since he had never achieved a career win until that year's Kentucky Derby.

• On June 12, 1974, Little League Baseball Inc. announced its intention to "defer to the changing social climate" by permitting girls to play ball. The decision came after the organization lost a series of lawsuits in New Jersey and was faced with increasing legal challenges in other states as well.

• On June 13, 1962, Stanley Kubrick's film adaptation of Vladimir Nabokov's famously controversial novel "Lolita" premiered in New York. Even its advertising posters posed a query that was no doubt on a lot of people's minds: "How did they ever make a movie of 'Lolita'?" The answer was "with extensive changes" — to Kubrick's admitted chagrin.

• On June 14, 2017, James Hodgkinson walked onto a baseball field at Eugene Simpson Park in Alexandria, Virginia, and opened fire on politicians, wounding House GOP Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana and four others, after asking a passing congressman whether Republicans or Democrats were practicing.

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The Garden Bug

Unless you live in a tropical climate, nutmeg trees do best in containers. As the plant grows, move it gradually into containers with two more inches of width and depth than the previous pot. Eventually, transplant nutmeg trees into five-gallon pots. Once the roots fully occupy that space, move the tree into its final location, either a larger container (like a ten-gallon pot) or the ground. Nutmeg grows best in full sun to partial shade, with four to six hours of direct sunlight per day. Water when the top soil feels dry.

— Brenda Weaver

Source: www.epicgardening.com/nutmeg-tree

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

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

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Mission. 82 Lambert Branch Road. Saturday Mass at 4:30 p.m.

Meet your Care Management Staff

JOSHUA MURRAY, B.S., QP
Specialty Team Care Manager
IDD/TBI/LTSS Team

MEET JOSHUA

Josh is a Specialty Team Care Manager who helps people with IDD and TBI get the care and support they need. He has been working in this field for 7 years and enjoys helping others live better lives.

Before coming to Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, Josh worked as a Social Worker in Swain and Graham Counties and as a Care Manager with Vaya Health.

He earned degrees in Psychology and Criminal Justice from Western Carolina University.



CONTACT
JOSHUA.MURRAY@CHEROKEEHOSPITAL.ORG
828.497.9163 EXT 6767



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Fun fact: Josh enjoys going to the Georgia and North Carolina Renaissance fairs every year.

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This Scarlet Tanager is shown after getting a refreshing drink from Raven Fork in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. on Sunday, May 17. (Photo by Alecia Ralston)



This snapping turtle was spotted in a pasture off of Macedonia Rd. in Cherokee, N.C. on Tuesday, May 19. (Photo by Trina Owle)



Anita Lossiah,
*Director of
Human Services*

Education:

JD, University of Denver,
Sturm College of Law, 2003
BA, University of
Mississippi, 1991

Years at PHHS: 2.5

Community/Town:
Elawodi (Yellowhill)

**“It’s not how much we give
but how much love we put into
giving.” – Mother Teresa**

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), Pamela Brady for appointment to the Cherokee Indian Hospital Governing Board (dentist), Savannah H. Baylon to the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Governing Board - Health Services Administration

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.



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

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

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

Debtors of: GARY FRENCH

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
Yvonne Bushyhead
206 Wild Rose Trace
Cherokee, NC 28719
5/27

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: TOMMIE SUE LOSSIAH

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Mollie Grant
P.o Box 613
Cherokee, NC 28719
5/27

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

Notice to Creditors and

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
6/3

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**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

In the Court of General Justice Superior Court Division File No. 25CV000441-870 Person to be served: Daniel Roy Christopher Loos

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action filed in Transylvania County Superior Court. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Plaintiff was injured in a motor vehicle collision on August 12, 2022 in Haywood County wherein he received bodily injury as a result of the negligence of the Daniel Roy Christopher Loos, Sr.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within 40 days after May 22, 2026, exclusive of such date, which date so stated shall be the date of the first publication of notice, and upon your

failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This, the 27th day of May, 2026. Whitfield-Cargile Law, PLLC Davis A. Whitfield-Cargile State Bar Number 46833 23 S. Broad St. Brevard, NC 28712 828-884-4529 davis@whitfieldcargilelaw.com Attorney for John Harris **6/17**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 26-045 **Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:**

LLOYD ARNEACH , SR. 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 Lloyd Arneach, Jr. 406 Old River Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719 **6/17**

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

see **TRADING POST** next page



Snowbird Child Development

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

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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

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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 3/4' Iron Rod marking the West 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 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 Pro-

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

5/27

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

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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

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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 Duana Jill Owl Wiggins and Richard Allen Wiggins, original mortgagor, for the benefit of Cherokee Indian Housing Division, successor to Qualla Housing Authority ("Noteholder") and recorded in Book LXII, at Page 43 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 429 Blue Owl Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 and is more particularly described as follows (the "Property"):

**BIRDTOWN COMMUNITY
PARCEL NO. 69-C (PART OF
PARCEL NO. 69-B) – BEGINNING** on a point set in Birdtown Community, on the SE corner of Parcel No. 69-E. Thence running the following courses and distances:
N. 84° 32' 30" E 63.46' to a 3/4" Rebar; S 05° 27' 30" E 170.00' to a 3/4" Rebar; S 84° 32' 30" W 259.51' to a 3/4" 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' ACCESS ROAD R/W – BEGINNING on a point in the center of a 15.00' Access Road, in Birdtown Community 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;

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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.

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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.

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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

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DESIGN-BUILD REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF

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TRANSPORTATION
RALEIGH, NC

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is requesting interested Design-Build Teams submit qualifications for an Express Design-Build Solicitation. This solicitation is for the replacement of Bridge No. 800239 on SR 1325 (Nanneytown Rd) over Cathey's Creek in Rutherford County.

Interested parties should send a request, by e-mail only, to rfq_package_request@ncdot.gov for a formal package detailing the requirements for submitting a Statement of Qualifications. The following contact information must be included in the e-mail request: company name, physical address, city, state, zip code,

contact person, phone number and current e-mail address. The Statements of Qualifications must be submitted, by e-mail only, to db_soq_submittal@ncdot.gov by 3:00 p.m. on June 16, 2026.

All available Project information is on the NCDOT Alternative Delivery link of the website at connect.ncdot.gov/ under "Bidding & Letting". Project information, including each project's anticipated scope, is continually being added, so it is advisable to monitor this website for the most up to date information.

Technical questions related to the RFQ package, or other project related questions, should be sent via e-mail to altdelivery@ncdot.gov. For tracking purposes, questions will only be answered through e-mail requests. When making requests by e-mail, it is ad-

visable to request a return receipt for your records.

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF
NORTH
CAROLINA**

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY

In the Court of General Justice

Superior Court Division

File No. 25CV000441-870

Person to be served: Daniel Roy

Christopher Loos

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action filed in Transylvania County Superior Court. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Plaintiff was injured in a motor vehicle collision on August 12, 2022 in Haywood County wherein he

received bodily injury as a result of the negligence of the Daniel Roy Christopher Loos, Sr.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within 40 days after May 22, 2026, exclusive of such date, which date so stated shall be the date of the first publication of notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This, the 27th day of May, 2026. Whitfield-Cargile Law, PLLC Davis A. Whitfield-Cargile State Bar Number 46833 23 S. Broad St. Brevard, NC 28712 828-884-4529 davis@whitfieldcargilelaw.com Attorney for John Harris 6/17



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New Positions This Week

Phlebotomist – Temporary
Radiology Technologist – Part Time with Benefits
RN Wound Care – Tsali Care Center
Billing Analyst I
Medical Technologist/Medical Laboratory Technician
Residential Technician – Men’s Home – Night Shift
Mental Health Therapist – Kanvwotiyi - \$10,000
Hiring Bonus
Behavioral Health Consultant I

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

DENTAL

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

EYE CLINIC

Optometrist
Optometric Assistant

FOOD & NUTRITION

Cook – Temporary
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
Nurse Resident Intern

NUTRITION

Clinical Dietician

Radiology

Radiology Technologist I

TSALI CARE

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$5,000 Hiring
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Certified Nursing Assistant – Night Shift –
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- 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
- 7-8 Cherokee Language Instructor (May bypass degree requirement with fluency certification)
- 7-8 Cherokee Language Assistant (May bypass degree requirement with fluency certification)
- 7-12 Performing Arts Teacher
- 9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant
- 9-12 Math II Teacher
- Special Education Employment Educator
- Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach
- CMS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
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- Custodian (Full-Time, Evening Shift)

EVERY APPOINTMENT MATTERS

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Closing Sunday, May 31, 2026

1. Supervisor (WTP Maintenance Technician) – Water Treatment – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
2. Equipment Operator – CDOT – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
3. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
4. Fire Training Officer – Fire Department – Operations (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
5. Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
6. IT Coordinator – Information Technology (L13 \$50,669 - \$63,357)
7. Drywall Hanger (Finisher/Carpenter) – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
8. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
9. Detective Sergeant – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L16 \$68,827 - \$86,050) SAFETY SENSITIVE
10. Special Ops Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
11. Realty Attorney – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L17 \$77,106 - \$96,387)
12. Realty Leasing Specialist – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
13. Land Records Specialist – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
14. Teacher Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary EHS/HS – CERS (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
15. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary EHS/HS – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
16. Maintenance Technician – Qualla Boundary EHS – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
17. Advocate – Domestic Violence – Public Health & Human Services (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)

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1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 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)
7. Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)

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Tribal member passes bar exam

Alexander Hamilton Long, left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and currently residing in West Virginia, has successfully passed the bar examination and was sworn in before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals on May 13. Through the Uniform Bar Examination, he is eligible to practice law in 39 states, including North Carolina. His achievement reflects dedication, perseverance, and pride in his heritage. Family and friends celebrate this important milestone and wish him continued success in his legal career. He is shown with his father, Frederick E. Long. (Photo contributed)



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Cheerleading champion

Landri Yates, age 6, resides in Wayohi (Wolftown) and is going into the first grade at Cherokee Elementary School. She has been participating in Competition Cheer for a few years and during that time has won many accolades including being a three-time National Cheerleading Champion and a one-time MVP National Cheerleading Champion which means out of all the teams competing she was chosen to be best in skill by the judges for her age group. Her family states, "We are super proud of her and glad that she has found something she loves and excels in." (Photo contributed)

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Softball honors

Elle Wahnetah, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Elawodi (Yellowhill) and a senior at Smoky Mountain High School, has achieved consecutive All-Conference honors in softball for the Mountain 8 Conference. (Photo contributed)



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Casino promotion
Isiah Davis, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Wayohi (Wolftown), has been promoted to casino manager at Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino and Hotel in Murphy, N.C. He started his position earlier this month making him the youngest casino manager the property has had. (Photo contributed)



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Outstanding Student Award
Joshua Crowe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, received the Outstanding Student Award for First Grade, at Smokey Mountain Elementary School. His family noted, "Mom, Dad, Grandma(s), Uncle Sheriff, and all your siblings are so proud of you. We love you so much." (Photo courtesy of family)



Izadi wins WSOP Main Event at Harrah's Cherokee
Hamid Izadi, of Marietta, Ga., won the Main Event at the World Series of Poker tour stop at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, N.C. The full event ran from May 7-18, and the Main Event had a total of 1,489 entrants. Izadi won \$332,405 and a WSOP ring. Other winners at the event include: Christopher Mason, of Marietta, Ga., Event #2 Mini Main (\$117,038); Bradley Butcher, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, Event #7 Monster Stack (\$118,868); and Darrell Blodgett, of Skowhegan, Maine, Event #17 High Roller (\$76,734). (Photo courtesy of Poker.org)



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SMES Awards
Sebastian Crowe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, received awards in Science and Cherokee Culture at the awards day at Smokey Mountain Elementary School on Thursday, May 21. His family notes, "Dad, Mom, Nana, Honey (Grandma) and all of your family are so proud of you. We love you so much!" (Photo courtesy of family)

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