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“Kituwah is our home”

30th Annual Kituwah Celebration held

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

KITUWAH – Thirty years ago, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) purchased Kituwah – the Mother Town of the Cherokee – marking the return of the sacred site to the Tribe. The 30th Annual Kituwah Celebration, held in recognition of that important event in EBCI history, was held at the site on Saturday, June 6.

Former Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Dr. Joyce Dugan was in office in 1996 and helped lead the effort for the purchase. She spoke at Saturday’s event saying, “Over the years, I have received many blessings. But, to be alive to cele-

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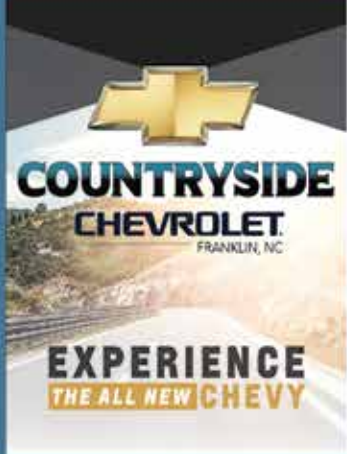


Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians raise their sticks following an exhibition anetso (stickball) game at the 30th Annual Kituwah Celebration held at Kituwah – the Mother Town of the Cherokee – on Saturday, June 6. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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Image of the Week

The 2025-26 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Royalty was on hand for the 30th Annual Kituwah Celebration held at Kituwah – the Mother Town of the Cherokee – on Saturday, June 4. Shown, left to right, are Little Miss Cherokee Alessandra Ramirez, Junior Miss Cherokee Keilani Arch, Teen Miss Cherokee Ava Walkingstick, and Miss Cherokee Marcela Garcia. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



**“Kituwah is our home. It is our heart.
And, may we never forget that it is not just
a place. It is our home.”**

Former Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Dr. Joyce Dugan speaking at the 30th Annual Kituwah Celebration at Kituwah - the Mother Town of the Cherokee - on Saturday, June 4

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KITUWAH: From front page

brate Kituwah's 30-year celebration today I think is my greatest blessing."

She added, "What is a home? Think about home versus house. A home is not just a house where people live. It's a place where love binds a family together. It's a place where no matter the tragedy or the sadness that occurs, the people in that home overcome and become stronger. It's a place where family traditions are taught, learned, and celebrated. It's a place that is welcoming to others, feeds them when they are hungry, and gives them comfort. It's a place where gadugi is not just a word but a way of life. Kituwah is our home. It is our heart. And, may we never forget that it is not just a place. It is our home."

Driver Blythe, EBCI public policy analyst, represented the Office of Ugvwiyuhi Michell Hicks at the event. "There is a responsibility that I feel that we, as Cherokee people, have in regard to our land. There's one thing that my dad always told me is that there's no price that you can put on land. And, I think that's all true for the term that you served, Chief Dugan. You accomplished this great feat of getting these near 300 acres back. I thank you, from the bottom of my heart."

He went on to say, "Kituwah is more than just a place. It's more than just a historical marker. It is what makes us Cherokee, and it's who we are, the Anikituwah people."

I hope for the next 30 years and the next seven generations we keep reclaiming our homes."

A special honoring took place



Myrtle Driver Johnson, right, Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), presents a piece of pottery to Marie Junaluska during a ceremony honoring her during Saturday's event. Junaluska, an EBCI tribal elder from Wayohi (Wolftown), was given the designation of U ga do hv sv which Beloved Woman Johnson states is a traditional way of honoring someone of the highest cultural knowledge and integrity.

on Saturday.

The Cherokee Speakers Council passed a resolution on Thursday, June 4 giving Marie Junaluska, an EBCI tribal elder from Wayohi (Wolftown), the designation of U ga do hv sv which EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle

Driver Johnson states is a traditional way of honoring someone of the highest cultural knowledge and integrity.

Renissa McLaughlin, EBCI director of Youth and Adult Education, read the resolution to the crowd. "She (Marie) is an

outstanding translator and educator and has worked with special collections at Western Carolina University translating articles from the Cherokee Phoenix published 1828-1834 from the Cherokee syllabary into English.

For more than 13 years, Marie

has been a dedicated member of the Cherokee Language Consortium, which she describes as a powerful force in uniting the United Keetoowah Band, Western Band, and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, bridging historical divides and restoring family connections through the shared language.”

The resolution details Junaluska’s work and accomplishments over the years including: serving as Indian Clerk and Interpreter for Dinilawigi from 1981-96; serving on Dinilawigi for seven terms (first elected in 1997); recipient of the Frell Owl Award; helped establish both the KPEP (Kituwah Education and Preservation Program) and the CLMAP (Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program); having translations featured in “Living Stories of the Cherokee”; wrote the “Lord’s Prayer” in Cherokee syllabary, which is on display in Jerusalem; and having served as a cultural consultant to numerous museums and educational institutes including the Museum of the Cherokee People and the Smithsonian.

McLaughlin concluded by saying, “She is one of the key pro-



Former Ugviwyuhi (Principal Chief) Dr. Joyce Dugan speaks of the importance of Kituwah to Cherokee people.

motors of the message, ‘we are still here’. It’s a statement of fact, softly defiant, completely true.”

Beloved Woman Johnson commented, “We made the selection to honor Marie in the traditional way of selecting special people.”

Junaluska said, “First of all, I thank God for this special time for the EBCI and the Western Band witnessing this event. The second thing, I thank my parents, my

grandparents, and everyone who speaks Cherokee language and those of you who are responsible for planning and deciding who to choose.”

She added, “I am deeply humbled and incredibly thankful for my soul. I’m accepting this phenomenal status...in a very careful way. There’s no words to really, truly express my gratitude, so I will just say thank you, sgi, nole

wado.”

Saturday’s event also featured speeches about the importance of the site, anetso (stickball) games, marbles game, blowgun shooting, Cherokee songs and dances, vendors, food, and a concert by Agalisiga Mackey – a Cherokee Nation citizen from Oklahoma.

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Kituwah Celebration

Here are some more photos from the 30th Annual Kituwah Celebration which was held at Kituwah on the sunny morning and afternoon of Saturday, June 6.

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





EBCI legislative updates (June 4)

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

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

New Ordinances

Ord. No. 210 (2026). This ordinance seeks to create Cherokee Code Chapter 41 “defining the different types of ownership of a possessory holding”.

The whereas section states, “The Tribe has long practiced and adopted the different types of joint ownership in a possessory holding such as tenancy by the entirety between enrolled spouses and tenancy in common between two or more owners of a possessory holding, and this practice has never been codified in the Cherokee Code.”

It continues, “It would be helpful for the public and for tribal government agencies to amend the Cherokee Code to provide guidance and definition for the different types of joint ownership in a possessory holding.”

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by the EBCI Lands Committee, was deemed read and

tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026. Action: Per Cherokee Code Sec. 117-38(a), all ordinances must set for 25 calendar days prior to being acted upon.

Ord. No. 211 (2026). This ordinance seeks to create Cherokee Code Chapter 47 “establishing Tribal Realty Services in the Cherokee Code”.

The whereas section states, “Tribal Realty Services is the place for official recording of documents and other instruments affecting or describing ownership of interests in tribal land, including, but not limited to, possessory holding transfers, residential and commercial leases, deed of trusts, and plats; and additionally, Tribal Realty Services drafts legal documents for the wider public such as transfer documents, estate resolutions, leases that comply with 25 C.F.R. Part 162, and plats.”

It continues, “Tribal Realty Services include Realty Services, Geographic Information Systems, and Surveying; however, Tribal Realty Services has not been recognized or authorized in the Cherokee Code.”

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Director of Tribal Realty Services Cruz Galaviz, was deemed read and tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Action: Per Cherokee Code Sec. 117-38(a), all ordinances must set for 25 calendar days prior to being acted upon.

Ord. No. 212 (2026). This ordinance seeks to amend Cherokee Code Chapter 19 making it “unlawful for any owner to create a public nuisance with their animals”.

The whereas section states,

“There have been multiple issues with the process that is established to have a written order to begin the process for establishing a public nuisance case against the owner of said animal(s); and, there are two tribal programs that must cooperate efficiently in order to successfully follow through in these processes to maintain the safety of the communities that they monitor and safeguard. This can cause confusion and frustration when the two programs are not contacted in the appropriate manner during times of distress from an animal.”

It continues, “The public relies on (Cherokee) Animal Control and the Cherokee Indian Police Department to work in the best interest of the communities to create a healthy and safe homeland.”

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Aniwodihi (Paint-town) Rep. Michael Stamper, was deemed read and tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Action: Per Cherokee Code Sec. 117-38(a), all ordinances must set for 25 calendar days prior to being acted upon.

Legislation passed recently

Ord. No. 11 (2025). This ordinance amends Chapter 113G of the Cherokee Code regarding underground storage tanks.

The whereas section states, “Regulation of USTs (underground storage tanks) is an important topic because they often serve as holding containers for gasoline and petroleum products, which can cause environmental damage if leaked into the ground or into a water source; and updating regulation is also important because doing so is needed to maintain the

Tribe’s Memorandum of Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through which UST owners and operators have access to North Carolina’s Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund.”

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Michael LaVoie on behalf of the EBCI Natural Resources Dept., was deemed read and tabled during Annual Dinilawigi on Monday, Oct. 13, 2025.

Recent Action: This ordinance was passed unanimously during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Ord. No. 136 (2026). This ordinance will “establish the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians’ digital sovereignty”.

The whereas section states, “Digital sovereignty encompasses:

- Tribal governance over network infrastructure (broadband, internet service providers, communications)

- Control and stewardship of tribal data (collection, storage, sharing, privacy)

- Self-determined digital policy frameworks that reflect Indigenous values and community needs

- Using digital infrastructure to support education, healthcare, public safety, economic development, and community services under tribal control.”

The whereas goes on to state, “Digital infrastructure and access remain uneven across Indian Country. Developing an Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians digital sovereignty law offers a roadmap to build and govern our infrastructure – tailored to our needs, not imposed from outside. Empowering tribal control of data and

tech supports broader sovereignty: economic development, public safety, community health, education, climate resilience, natural resources protection, and cultural preservation.”

There were no changes to the Cherokee Code referenced in this ordinance.

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Mike Parker, was deemed read and tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Recent Action: This ordinance was passed unanimously during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Ord. No. 185 (2026). This ordinance amends and expands “drug trafficking to include synthetic opioids and opium”.

The whereas section states, “Changes in the chemical compounds and nature of certain controlled substances have necessitated a change in the language of the Cherokee Code; and specifically, the term ‘opiate’ is defined as ‘any substance...similar to morphine’; and fentanyl is a synthetic compound which falls into the separate defined category of ‘opioids.’”

The ordinance specifically amends Cherokee Code Sec. 14-95.9(a)(v) adding the terms “Opioids” and “Opium” to the list of controlled substances regarding the crime of drug trafficking.

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by the EBCI Office of the Attorney General, was deemed read and tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Recent Action: This ordinance was passed unanimously during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Ord. No. 187 (2026). This ordinance amends 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.”

An amendment was approved prior to passage which adds the following sentence to Sec. 75-75(e) (Editor and staff), “A majority of the Executive Committee and Editorial Board are required to select or hire the Cherokee One Feather Editor.”

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by the Tsalagi Soquo Ugidahli Editorial Board, was deemed read and tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Recent Action: This ordinance was passed 11-1 during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026 with Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Venita Wolfe being the dissenting vote.

Ord. No. 188 (2026). This ordinance creates a new chapter of the Cherokee Code regarding Unmanned Aircraft Systems (aka drones).

The whereas section states,

“The Cherokee Code does not currently have a chapter or section permitting or regulating the use of unmanned aircraft, commonly known as drones; and the use of unmanned aircraft can serve a beneficial purpose to tribal agencies and the general public; and this benefit, however, must be balanced with restrictions and protections for the general public.”

This ordinance creates Chapter 21 of the Cherokee Code named Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by CIPD Chief of Police Carla Neadeau, was deemed read and tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, May 7, 2026. Recent Action: This ordinance was passed unanimously during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Legislation we’re currently watching

Ord. No. 135 (2026). This ordinance seeks to establish a hunting season for elk on the lands of the EBCI.

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

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

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

(g) The season for hunting elk shall be Oct. 1 through Nov. 1. (1) Hunting elk shall be by permit only as issued by the Natural Resources Department. (2) The bag limit for elk is one per permit. (3) A hunting license is not a substitute for an elk hunting permit. (4) The Natural Resources Department shall adopt rules, including but not limited to the manner of taking, harvest reporting systems, and permit fees and allocation methods to regulate elk hunting. Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by the EBCI Natural Resources Dept. and the Timber Committee, was deemed read and tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, March 5, 2026. Recent Action: This ordinance was tabled again during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Ord. No. 159 (2026). This ordinance seeks “to amend Cherokee Code Chapter 47D and Chapter 47B to update the Tribe’s laws on the assignment of possessory holdings by Tribal Council”.

The whereas section of this legislation states, “The Tribe first adopted laws describing the process by which Tribal Council assigns a possessory holding to an enrolled member of the Tribe in 1976 and codified the process in the Cherokee Code in 1988 titled ‘Assignment of Home Sites’ in Chapter 47; and the section regarding the assignment of possessory holdings is currently in Section 47D-4, and since its initial adoption, the Tribe has seen significant change in its laws, procedures, and government structure.”

It continues, “Section 47D-4

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does not address the appropriate standards by which to identify property suitable for assignment to an enrolled member of the Tribe, the process by which their applications for land to Tribal Council should be addressed, how much the tribal member should pay for the possessory holding, nor the appropriate tribal agency that should maintain the applications for land or notify both the enrolled member and Tribal Council if the property should revert to the Tribe.”

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by EBCI Lands Committee, was deemed read and tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, April 2, 2026.

Recent Action: This ordinance was

tabled again during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Ord. No. 184 (2026). This ordinance seeks to amend Cherokee Code Section 19-15 (Caging of Animals) and Section 19-16 (Black bears).

The whereas section of this legislation states, “Caring for and living with and among our native bears has a long and storied tradition; and the bears were the first to meet in council in their townhouse under Kuwohi, the mulberry place; and the bears are transformed Cherokee of the old clan of the Ani-Tsagui, and their chief is White Bear, who lives at Kuwohi near the enchanted lake of Atagahi, to which the wounded bears would go to be cured of their

hurts.”

It continues, “Caging these highly intelligent animals, who are so important to our tribal people through history, in sad concrete pens, is a relic of the past and needs to be remedied; and the practice of caging these bears has been a blight on our tribe, making this action necessary today.”

This ordinance seeks to add subsection (c) to Sec. 19-15 to read, “Any person or business within the territorial jurisdiction of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who shall cage or hold in captivity any bear for the purpose of exhibiting the bear to the public shall be guilty of a crime punishable by imprisonment of up to one year or a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both.”

This ordinance also seeks to remove all of Sec. 19-16 and replace with the following language, “Henceforth, no bear shall be caged or held in captivity for the purpose of exhibiting the bear to the public by any person or business within the territorial jurisdiction of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Violation of this section is a crime punishable pursuant to Section 19-15(c). Any such bear previously held in captivity under this prior Section 19-16(1) through (7) shall be safely and humanely transferred to an animal sanctuary off the territorial lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The Cherokee Animal Control Department shall work with any previous bear owners to supervise and coordinate

such safe and humane transfer, which shall occur within 30 days of the ratification of this Ordinance by the Principal Chief.”
Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Mary Crowe, an elder of the EBCI from Elawodi (Yellowhill), was deemed read and tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Recent Action: This ordinance was tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Ord. No. 186 (2026). This ordinance seeks “to clarify and correct the Cherokee Code to reflect the intent of Tribal Council concerning the use of UTVs on approved roads”.

The whereas section states, “Cherokee Code (Sec.) 20-308 provides that ‘UTVs operated on UTV-allowed roads shall be operated in accord with applicable law and rules of the road as would apply to passenger motor vehicles on such roads’; and this provision can be interpreted to mean that all the rules of passenger motor vehicles traveling on the road, to include registration requirements, apply to UTVs while on the roads as well.”

Introduced: This ordinance, submitted by Cherokee Indian Police Dept. Chief of Police Carla Neadeau, was deemed read and tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Recent Action: This ordinance was tabled during the Dinilawigi session on Thursday, June 4, 2026.



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Construction ongoing at Cherokee Cultural Grounds

Dirt was being moved on the morning of Wednesday, June 3 as construction is ongoing at the Cherokee Cultural Grounds in Cherokee, N.C. The project is being built on the site of the old Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds and will include a terraced lawn amphitheater, a retractable stage, eight pavilions, picnic areas, food truck access, walking paths, and a large greenspace area. At the groundbreaking on Jan. 12, 2026, Becky Bowe, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Project Management manager, said the project is scheduled to be completed by summer 2027. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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114th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair – Vendor Information

The Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds will begin accepting applications for food trucks & stand-alone for the 114th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair starting Thursday, June 08, 2026, at 8:00 AM.

Applications must be submitted to Lisa Frady or Brandy Sequoyah in Office #122 of the Ginger Lynn Welch Building. Spaces will be assigned first come, first pay to enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) until Friday, June 19, 2026, at 4:30 PM, or until all spaces are filled.

If any spaces are still available after that date, non-enrolled members may apply starting Monday, June 22, 2026, until all remaining spots are filled.

Requirements:

- Food vendors must be at least 18 years old.
- EBCI enrolled members applying for a space must be present and working at their booth or truck most of the time.
- Applications must include full payment and a menu (for food vendors). Incomplete applications will not be accepted—no exceptions.
- Applications and payments must be submitted directly to Lisa Frady (lisafrad@ebci-nsn.gov) or Brandy Sequoyah (bransequ@ebci-nsn.gov).
- Paper applications can be picked up and turned in at the Ginger Lynn Welch Building, Office #122.

Vendor Space Fees:

- Food Truck Space (25' x 25'): \$350
- Stand-Alone Vendor Space (25' x 25'): \$350

Notice:

- No Food Vendor will be allowed to set up and sell at the Cherokee Welcome Center, the Art Market or any other Food Truck location managed by EBCI Destination Marketing for October 6, 2026, through October 10, 2026.

Contact Information:

- Lisa Frady: (828) 788-1708 or (828) 359-6471
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Dinilawigi tables resolution authorizing impeachment referendum election

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C. - On the morning of Thursday, June 4, Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) tabled Res. No. 221 (2026) that would authorize a referendum election to answer the following question: Should Section 17 of the Charter and Governing Document be amended to clarify that a person who has been impeached and removed from office is ineligible for office in the future?

Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper, Elawodi (Yellowhill) and Taline Gahvsgi (Vice Chairman) David Wolfe, Wayohi nole Widagalinidisgv (Wolftown/Big Y) Rep. Mike Parker, and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. Boyd Owle voted to oppose the move to table.

The resolution was submitted by Rep. Stamper, Wayohi nole Widagalinidisgv (Wolftown/Big Y) Bo Crowe, and Rep. Parker.

Rep. Stamper said, "This resolution was brought to me to champion, and anytime I have the opportunity to give a vote out to the people I'm going to do just that. This is language that has been submitted before I believe by a couple of community members, but because they do not hold the position of Tribal Council, they were not able to submit it in good faith."

Stamper requested an amendment to change line 24 on page 2 of the resolution to read, "...shall be held in accordance with the general election on Sept. 2, 2027." Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Attorney General Michael

McConnell requested an amendment to change the last sentence of the resolution to include, "...when ratified by the Principal Chief." Rep. Stamper moved to pass as amended. Rep. Parker seconded the motion.

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Lavita Hill stated, "For me personally, voting is 100 percent our people's right. They can vote for whomever they choose to vote for, and I trust that our 16,000 members will go and vote for whom they should vote for, and I vote to kill this." Rep. Crowe made a move to table. Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer seconded the motion.

Rep. Crowe said, "After the community club meeting the other night that we had in Wolftown, people agreed with this going to the floor, but they were just wanting a move to table for the time being."

Rep. Swimmer added, "The comments that I've received from community members has to do with applying this same restriction if someone is removed from office to apply also if they've been removed from a board. The suggestion was to change the language on line 16 on page 1 to say 'impeached and/or removed,' but the issue with that would be then someone who was impeached and then cleared of any of the allegations would also be disqualified from running, so I don't think that's an easy enough fix. I agree with Bo that we need to table it and work through some of these concerns that are coming from the community about whether or not this

would also apply to people who have been removed for cause from boards..."

Rep. Stamper responded, "...The fact that trumps everything here is that this is an elected official that everybody has the opportunity to vote for, and while we appoint people to hold these board positions, that's more of a nomination that we vet through this body, so it doesn't hold the same weight from what I've been expressed to give my opinion on. I don't think that language needs to be in with this. I believe an election where the people get to vote on the individuals that represent them holds a higher weight here and that needs to be amended in the charter because of that."

Tutiya nole Tsalagi Gadugi (Snowbird/Cherokee Co.) Rep. Adam Wachacha said, "In reading this, I think I agree with the approach that because its changing the charter and its referencing elected officials, an ordinance would need to be brought for what Shannon is referencing about boards, because this is referencing elected officials and the charter, and that would be about boards and committees, so I don't think that needs to be tied in with this. I think a change through the code would probably be a more appropriate place for that."

Rep. Swimmer responded, "I thought through that as well, but what I came back to is that the reason that we're bringing this forward is because it's affecting those eligible to run for office, and that's something that the [Cherokee] Supreme Court said

the Election Board can't determine on their own. They can't set those requirements; those changes have to be made in the charter. So, if someone who's been removed from a board also is ineligible to run for elected office that would affect the charter because it's dealing with who's eligible to run for elected office..."

The results of a referendum vote could bar former Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Patrick Lambert, who was impeached and removed from office in 2017, from running for an elected EBCI office. Lambert ran for the Tsisqwohi council seat in 2025 after the Cherokee Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Cherokee Board of Elections to disqualify Lambert from candidacy due to his previous impeachment and removal from office. Rep. Owle and Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep. and Gahvsgi (Chairman) Jim Owle ultimately won the election.

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Ordinance passes to include Editorial Board in hiring process for One Feather editor

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) voted to pass Ord. No. 187 (2026) to include the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board in the hiring process of the One Feather editor, who is also the manager of the Cherokee One Feather. The ordinance passed with a motion by Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Michael Stamper

seconded by Wayohi (Wolftown) Rep. Mike Parker. Kolanyvi (Big Cove) Venita Wolfe was the single dissenting vote.

Robert Jumper, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) from Tutiya (Snowbird) is the current editor of the One Feather. “I do want to say that we always talk about preparing for the next seven generations, not just what’s happening now and being reactive to change...this is not for any current situation. It’s simply to strengthen the law to give free speech.”

The Editorial Board includes the One Feather staff, one seat appointed by Dinilawigi that is currently vacant, and one seat appointed by the Office of the Principal Chief that is also vacant.

Tsisqwohi (Birdtown) Rep.

and Dinilawigi Gahvsgi (Tribal Council Chairman) Jim Owle said he did not know Dinilawigi had a seat on the Editorial Board. Jumper responded that the board seats have been in Cherokee Code for years.

Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks stated, “Our staff meets with [One Feather] staff weekly, so we have chosen not to put a [Editorial Board] member since we meet with them weekly, but I do have a suggestion as it relates to the hiring of the editor. My preference would be that the Editorial Board have full authority to make a recommendation to the executive committee, and the executive committee would be in concurrence with whatever that recommendation is, so the interview process would happen at the Editorial Board level.”

Rep. Stamper said, “This language just speaks to the selection. So, what you’re speaking of Chief is the process for the interview. That can still happen as a process from the Editorial Board, they can put that in place...I think the language as is accomplishes everything that we need to do.”

EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell made a suggestion to add language that establishes the EBCI Human Resources process, including advertising the position and interviewing qualified candidates. Jumper said the Human Resources process is the process that is currently used and

will continue to be used.

Rep. Venita Wolfe said, “I think we should table this, go back and fix what you all are identifying, and then bring it back. I don’t think we should go ahead and just keep making amendments and amendments right now. I believe that this is growing further than what you submitted, but also reading [Chapter 75] it does say that you follow the personnel policies of the Eastern Band...”

Jumper added, “As far as what Mike [McConnell]’s suggesting, I don’t see it as a big problem... We’d certainly be ready for a work session, if necessary, but I think this is a minor change.”

Ugwiyuhi Hicks said, “I’m like Robert, I think this is not a major change. Following the personnel policy obviously would require advertising, would require submitting applications, reviewing applications, but I think this just clarifies who does that work, which would be the Editorial Board in my suggestion.”

The ordinance passed with two amendments made including changing “Principal Chief and Vice Chief” to “Executive Committee,” as suggested by Paxton Myers, chief of staff for the Office of the Principal Chief, and changing the vote of the Editorial Board from “two-thirds” to “majority,” as suggested by Dinilawigi Taline Gahvsgi (Tribal Council Vice Chairman) David Wolfe.

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Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) tables ordinance on bear caging

By ANN TOINEETA
One Feather Intern

CHEROKEE, N.C. - Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) discussed Ord. No. 184 (26), which seeks to amend Cherokee Code Section 19-15 and Section 19-16 on caging Black bears at the Dinilawigi meeting on Thursday, June 4.

The ordinance, which was submitted by Mary Crowe, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians (EBCI) from Elawodi (Yellowhill), seeks to prohibit the caging and holding captive of Black bears on Tribal Lands.

The proposed addition of subsection (c) to Section 19-15 reads, "Any person or business within the territorial jurisdiction of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who shall cage or hold in captivity any bear for the purpose of exhibiting the bear to the public shall be guilty of a crime punishable by imprisonment of up to one year or a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both."

When the item was brought up, Crowe spoke on how the current legislation that allows the caging of Black bears is a result of

forced assimilation.

"We were forced to think and act and have the same attitudes as unega (white people)," she said. "When we translate this stuff, we talk about these laws that you're doing right now, they're unega laws compared to our traditional Cherokee laws."

She explained that the conditions these animals are kept in will affect how people view us and used Santa's Land as an example.

"We've known Santa's Land's been up there forever and a day," she said. "But how long does it stay open? When was the last time you went to Santa's Land? And what did you feel and see there? Nothing's done to make it look any

better. Nothing's done to really promote it or anything like that, right?"

Crowe also commented on the importance of bears to the Cherokee people and said we must remember that this land is their natural habitat.

"When we look at those things, you know, it's just being number one, not just consciously aware, but number two, holding on to who we are truly as Aniyvwiya (The Principal People)," she said. Dinilawigi decided to table the ordinance and schedule a work session, which Crowe was open to.

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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

New this week

H.R. 8954 (Tribal Regulatory Reform Implementation Act of 2026). This bill would “amend the Indian Tribal Regulatory Reform and Business Development Act of 2000 to transfer certain administrative responsibilities to

the Secretary of the Interior”.
Introduced: May 21, 2026 by Rep. Jeff Hurd (R-Colo.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 21, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Bills we’re currently watching

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

Memorial sites.
Introduced: Jan. 7, 2025 by Rep. Charles J. “Chuck” Fleischmann (R-Tenn.)
Action: This bill was passed in the House by a voice vote on Feb. 4, 2025. It was received in the Senate the next day and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 761 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act). This bill would establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies. According to Congress.gov, “Among other duties, the Commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools.”
Introduced: Feb. 26, 2025 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. It was “ordered to be reported without amendment favorably” by the Committee on March 5, 2025. It was reported without amendment by Sen. Murkowski (R-Alaska), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs chairperson, on July 31, 2025. That same day, it was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Calendar No. 139).

H.R. 2412 (Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act). This bill would establish an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Ad-

visory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State.
Introduced: March 27, 2025 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai’i)
Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the House Committee on Natural Resources on March 27, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in either Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 2929. (Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe recognition bill). This bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group.
Introduced: April 17, 2025 by Rep. Donald G. Davis (D-N.C.)
Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 17, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

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

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the Department of the Interior to establish Tribal Co-Management Plans and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for the performance of certain activities of the Forest Service, and for other purposes”.

Introduced: May 15, 2025 by Rep. Jared Huffman (D-Calif.)

Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Federal Lands on June 3, 2025, and a hearing was held in that subcommittee on June 10, 2025.

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 Ca-

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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”. Introduced: July 22, 2025 by Rep. Timothy M. Kennedy (D-New York) Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on the

Judiciary on July 22, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4750 (To extend federal recognition to the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia). This bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group. Introduced: July 23, 2025 by Rep. Eugene Simon Vindman (D-Va.) Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 23, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4712 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act). This bill would “amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes”. Introduced: July 23, 2025 by Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.) Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary as well as the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 23, 2025. There are no hearings scheduled for this bill in either committee as of press time.

Senate Bill 2452 (Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Act). This bill would “amend the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, and for other purposes”. This bill is identical to H.R. 4712. Introduced: July 24, 2025 by Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 24, 2025. There

is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 2564 (Tribal Gaming Regulatory Compliance Act). The opening text of the bill states it is “to ensure all federally recognized Tribes that are eligible for gaming in the United States are regulated under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act”.

It specifically seeks to amend Public Law 100-89 (Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act). Section 3 of the bill states, “This Act shall be construed to ensure the full applicability of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701) to gaming activities on Indian lands of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Indian lands of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe.” Introduced: July 31, 2025 by Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on July 31, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 2577 (McCarren-Walter Technical Corrections Act). This bill would “amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the right of members of a federally recognized Indian Tribe in the United States and First Nations individuals in Canada to cross the borders of the United States”. This bill is identical to H.R. 4596. Introduced: July 31, 2025 by Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.) Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 31, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press

time.

House Resolution 666 (Supporting the goals of Overdose Awareness Day and strengthening efforts to combat the opioid crisis in the United States). This House resolution states in part, “The House of Representatives (1) recognizes Overdose Awareness Day (reporter’s note – it is usually Aug. 31, but a specific date is not listed in the resolution) in the United States; (2) commits to advancing the passing bipartisan policies that reduce the stigma surrounding substance use disorders and overdoses; and is dedicated to collaborating with states, localities, businesses, nongovernmental organizations, health care providers, patients, and families to support a comprehensive system that promotes prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery from opioid use disorder.” Introduced: Aug. 29, 2025 by Rep. Lori Trahan (D-Mass.) Action: This resolution was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on Aug. 29, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this resolution as of press time.

H.R. 5144 {Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Southampton County, Virginia Federal Recognition Act}. This bill would grant federal acknowledgement to the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group. Introduced: Sept. 4, 2025 by Rep. Jennifer A. Kiggans (R-Va.) Action: The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 4, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press

time.

H.R. 5257 (To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust). The full title of the bill states “To reaffirm the trust status of land taken into trust by the United States pursuant to the Act of June 18, 1934, for the benefit of an Indian Tribe that was federally recognized on the date that the land was taken into trust”.

Introduced: Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) on Sept. 10, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 10, 2025.

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

H.R. 5327 (To extend federal recognition to the Nottoway Tribe of Virginia). This bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia, a state-recognized group.

Introduced: Rep. Jennifer L. 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 War-rant Fairness Act). This bill would “allow the U.S. Marshals Service to assist in certain tribal criminal matters”.

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

Action: This bill was referred to

the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Oct. 23, 2025. 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 grants, in cooperation with the Director of the Indian Health Service...for (A) projects and activities eligible for assistance under 603(c) of such Act; and (B) training, technical assistance, and educational programs related to the operation and management of treatment works eligible for assistance...”

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

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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 referred to the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Committee on Education and Workforce on Feb. 3, 2026.

There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of

press time.

H.R. 7396 (Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity

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

H.R. 8048 (AI/AN Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act). This 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. (Indian Health Service Emergency Claims Parity Act). The full text of this bill was not available by press time. Introduced: May 4, 2026 by Rep. Mike Kennedy (R-Utah) Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources 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. A hearing was held in the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 21, 2026.

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EBCI Judicial Branch hosts successful Cherokee Courts CLE Symposium

Submitted by EBCI Judicial Branch

CHEROKEE, N.C. — On Friday, May 29, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Judicial Branch hosted the Cherokee Courts Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Symposium at the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. The event drew attorneys from across the region, highlighting the Judicial Branch's ongoing commitment to education, collaboration, and excellence within the legal community. The Court system currently has approximately 400 practicing bar members.

Cherokee Chief Justice Bradley Letts welcomed participants and opened the program, which ran from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Attendees participated in a series of engaging and informative sessions focused on digital evidence and appellate practice—topics of increasing importance in today's legal landscape. The symposium also aimed to increase awareness of opportunities to join the Tribal Bar, expanding the pool of legal representation available to EBCI tribal members.

The symposium agenda included:

- "Introduction to Digital Evidence" – Professor Jeff Welty
- "Digital Forensics at the State Crime Lab" – Mr. Patrick Niemann
- "Digital Forensics in Civil Cases" – Mr. Clark Walton, Esq.
- Panel Discussion with Digital

Forensics Experts, moderated by Chief Justice Bradley Letts, featuring Professor Welty, Mr. Niemann, and Mr. Walton

- "Introduction and Authentication of Digital Evidence" – Professor Jeff Welty
- "Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Discussion" – Ms. Nwamaka Anowi, Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- Panel Discussion with Appellate Judges, Justices, and Practitioners: Practice Suggestions, Ideals, and Pointers, moderated by Retired Judge Robert C. Irvin, with panelists Chief Judge Albert Diaz, Chief Justice Bradley Letts, and Professor Welty

EBCI Judicial Branch officials noted, "Participants expressed strong appreciation for the depth and quality of the presentations, as well as the opportunity to engage with leading experts and members of the judiciary. The Cherokee Tribal Courts is proud to have hosted this successful event and are pleased to announce that plans are already underway to offer the CLE Symposium again in May of next year."

For more information about future events, please contact the EBCI Judicial Branch (828) 359-1060.

Cherokee Preservation Foundation awards Blue Ridge National Heritage Area Planning Grant for Heritage Microsite

Submitted by Blue Ridge National Heritage Area
ASHEVILLE, N.C. - The Cherokee Preservation Foundation has awarded the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area (BRNHA) with a \$30,000 12-month planning grant. Funding will initiate

the development of a dedicated microsite on BlueRidgeHeritage.com to support and celebrate the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) cultural heritage throughout western North Carolina and to highlight EBCI artisans.

The planning grant centers on a collaborative dialogue among BRNHA, the EBCI community, and regional tourism and cultural partners. This project marks an intentional shift in how Cherokee heritage is presented on BRNHA's site. Currently, the website segments heritage into five distinct categories: craft, music, natural resources, agriculture, and Cherokee heritage. Through this grant, the BRNHA will work under the guidance of the EBCI community to better present the Cherokee's holistic view of heritage.

"We are grateful to the Cherokee Preservation Foundation for supporting this essential planning period," said Angie Chandler, executive director of the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area. "Our goal is to listen first. By receiving guidance directly from the EBCI community, we can ensure this digital space authentically reflects what is most important to them, while providing artists and tradition bearers with the recognition and digital coverage they deserve."

Over the next year, the BRNHA will facilitate community listening sessions and partner meetings in the seven westernmost counties within the Cherokee Preservation Foundation's footprint. This includes Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties. Conversations will help define the site's scope, content, and design, ensuring the final product is a respectful reflection of past and present Cherokee traditions in western North Car-

olina. A final report will include guidance on how regional tourism and cultural partners can more proactively collaborate with EBCI cultural partners.



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. On Jan. 1, 2006, which New England Patriots player made the first successful drop kick in the NFL since 1941 when he scored an extra point in the final game of his career?
2. What NBA team defeated the Soviet Union national basketball team 127-100 in the final of the 1987 McDonald's Open tournament?
3. In September 1964, which National League team was in first place by 5 1/2 games, but went on a losing skid (including 10 straight losses) and ended up tied for second?
4. What award, first presented by the National Association of Sports Officials in 1988, honors an individual or organization that has made significant contributions to the betterment of officiating?
5. What two players shared the United States Lawn Tennis Association's men's singles No. 1 ranking in 1973?
6. What Major League Baseball pitcher was also a medical student who twice (in 1976 and 1978) went into the stands to give aid to a fan suffering from a heart attack?
7. Name the two in-state college football rivals who played to a 0-0 tie in a rainy, turnover-plagued game in November 1983 known as the "Toilet Bowl."

Answers

1. Doug Flutie.
2. The Milwaukee Bucks.
3. The Philadelphia Phillies ("Phold of '64").
4. The Gold Whistle Award.
5. Stan Smith and Jimmy Connors.
6. Doc Medich.
7. The University of Oregon Ducks and Oregon State University Beavers.

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**Cherokee Tribal Court
Disposition Summary
for May 1-31**

Submitted by Cherokee Tribal Court

Note: The following cases were disposed of in Cherokee Tribal Court during the time period of May 1-31. The date of each offense is in parentheses.

Arch, Willie W.

- Disorderly Conduct (April 4, 2026). Guilty. 30 days, suspended, 3 months unsupervised probation.

Armachain, Alexa R.

- Speeding (Oct. 27, 2025). VD.

Arneach, Cheyenne R.

- Escape from Imprisonment and Custody (April 25, 2026). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Banks, Tonya

- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (Aug. 25, 2025). Guilty.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Aug. 25, 2025). Guilty. 6 months, credit for 1 day served, suspended. 6 months unsupervised probation.

Beck, Terri

- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 7, 2022). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Compulsory School Attendance (Aug. 7, 2022). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

Bish, Chloe A.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Jan. 14, 2026). Guilty. 30 days, suspended, 6 months supervised probation.

Blanton, Tyлина R.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Nov. 6, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Bone, Zahay M.

- Failure to Secure Passenger Under 16 (Feb. 24, 2026). Guilty/Responsible. Pay court costs and citation charge.

Bottchenbaugh, Harold

- Expired/No Inspection (May 7, 2026). VD.

Bradley, Kyren J.

- Disorderly Conduct (Feb. 1, 2026). Guilty.
- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (April 22, 2026). Guilty.
- Criminal Mischief to Property (April 22, 2026). Guilty. 90 days, suspended, 8 months supervised probation.

Buchanan, Omer A.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (March 20, 2026). Guilty. 30 days, suspended, 8 months supervised probation.

Crowe, Galanvdi W.

- Unlawful to Drive While License Revoked, after Notification, or While Disqualified (Oct. 27, 2022). VD, other.

Cruz, Yona A.

- Second Degree Trespass (Feb. 26, 2026). Guilty. 60 days, suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation.

Driver, Bobby D.

- Assault on a Female (Sept. 28, 2025). Guilty. 6 months, suspended, 6 months supervised probation.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (March 26, 2026). Guilty. 6 months, credit for 4 days

served, 6 months supervised probation.

- Assault by Strangulation (Sept. 28, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Simple Assault; Assault and Battery; Simple Affray (March 26, 2026). Dismissed per plea.

Eggen Caleb J.

- Probation Revocation (June 3, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
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- Probation Revocation (May 16, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (June 3, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (May 16, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
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- Probation Revocation (May 16, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Probation Revocation (June 3, 2025). Dismissed per plea.

Erazo Santos, Darlin Oquely

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Dec. 6, 2025). Dismissed at request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Esquivel, Deliah G.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Feb. 15, 2026). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Foster, Casey T.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (March 21, 2025). Dismissed per plea.
- Public Intoxication (Feb. 21, 2026). Dismissed per plea.

Garcia, Jaime L.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (May 29, 2026). Dismissed with leave - dismissed to obtain additional information.
- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (May 29, 2026). Dismissed with leave - dismissed to obtain additional information.

Greenarch, Thomas I

- Drive Left of Center (Nov. 6, 2025). VD.

Groenewold, Alice V.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (March 8, 2026). VD - other.

Hendricks, Katelyn E.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 26, 2026). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Hughes, Melvin E.

- Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (May 26, 2026). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Jenkins, Randall

- Weapons Offense (April 22, 2026). Guilty.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (April 22, 2026). Guilty.
- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (April 18, 2026). Guilty. 16 days, credit for 16 days served.

Johnson, Michael J.

- Probation Revocation (May 9, 2026). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).
- Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders (May 9, 2026). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).
- Probation Revocation (May 9, 2026). Dismissed due to insufficiency of the charging document(s).

Johnson, Brandi N.

- Probation Revocation (May 19, 2026). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Probation Revocation (May 19, 2026). Dismissed in the interest of justice.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (May 19, 2026). Dismissed at the request of complainant and/or complainant's failure/refusal to appear and/or testify.

Kanott, Dustin M.

- Public Intoxication (Aug. 17, 2025). Guilty. 6 months, credit for 54 days served, suspended. 12 months unsupervised probation.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 19, 2025). Guilty. 12 months, suspended. 12 months unsupervised probation.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Aug. 17, 2025). Guilty. 6 months, credit for 54 days served, suspended. 12 months unsupervised probation.

- Indecent Exposure (Aug. 19, 2025). Guilty. 12 months, suspended. 12 months unsupervised probation.

- Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public (Aug. 19, 2025). Guilty. 12 months, suspended. 12 months unsupervised probation. Sentences run consecutively.

Ledford, Austin T.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (April 19, 2023). Guilty. Pay court costs.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (May 29, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (May 25, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

Littlejohn, Mckinley D.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Or-

der of the Court (Feb. 26, 2024).

Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness.

- Assault by Strangulation (Feb. 26, 2024). Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness.

- Assault on a Female (Feb. 26, 2024). Dismissed due to unavailability of officer/necessary witness.

McCoy, Christopher A.

- Child Abuse in the First Degree (Dec. 12, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

McCoy, Douglas P.

- Public Intoxication (Feb. 26, 2026). Guilty. 1 day, credit for 1 day served.

McGaha, Ezra K.

- Window Tinting Violation (April 13, 2026). Guilty/Responsible. Pay court costs and citation charge.

Mitchell, Lloyd J.

- No Operators License (Nov. 7, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (Oct. 24, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. (Oct. 24, 2025). Dismissed upon compliance/proof/successful completion of deferred sentence.

Myers, Thomas K.

- Failure to Report Address Change to DMV (May 11, 2026). Guilty.

Orr, Sarah A.

- Violation of Registration Provisions (Oct. 18, 2023). Guilty.

- Operation of a Motor Vehicle without Financial Responsibility a Misdemeanor (Oct. 18, 2023).

Dismissed per plea.

- Unlawful to Drive while License Revoked, after Notification, or while Disqualified (Oct. 18, 2023). Dismissed per plea.

Pheasant, William H.

- Reckless Driving (March 9, 2023). VD.

Rattler, Cornelia I.

- Providing or Possessing Contraband (Oct. 13, 2025). Guilty.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Aug. 21, 2025). Guilty.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Aug. 21, 2025). Guilty.

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (June 19, 2025). Guilty. 18 months, credit for 129 days served. Transfer to Wellness Court.

Sherrill, Edward D.

- DWLR (March 13, 2025). Guilty/Responsible.

- Expired Registration Card/Tag (June 24, 2025). VD.

- License Plate Frame/Cover Violation (June 24, 2025). Guilty/responsible. Pay fines and court costs.

- DWLR (Oct. 12, 2025). VD.

- Speeding (Oct. 12, 2025). VD

- License Plate Frame/Cover Violation (May 11, 2025). VD.

Smith, Gregory L.

- Public Intoxication (Aug. 31, 2024). Dismissed per plea.

Squirrel, Gabrielle A.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Feb. 5, 2026). Dismissed - codefendant accepted responsibility.

- Filing a False Emergency Report (Feb. 5, 2026). Dismissed - codefendant accepted responsibility.

Squirrel, Gavin B.

- Public Intoxication (Feb. 8, 2026). Guilty. 10 days, suspended. 3 months unsupervised.

Toineeta, Lisa R.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (April 4, 2026). Dismissed per plea.

- Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing) (April 4, 2026). Guilty. 30 days, credit for 5 days served, suspended. 8 months supervised probation.

Tomas, Kelby W.

- Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers (Feb. 5, 2026). Guilty.

- Domestic Violence and Dating Violence (Feb. 5, 2025). Guilty. 6 months, credit for 3 days served, suspended. 6 months supervised probation.

- Breaking and Entering (Feb. 5, 2026). Dismissed per plea.

Voss, Kyle A.

- Larceny (March 4, 2018). PJC

- Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (Jan. 14, 2022). Dismissed per plea.

- Loitering for Unlawful Drug-Related Activity (Jan. 14, 2022). Dismissed per plea. From prior plea in 2022.

Wall, David J.

- Child Abuse in the Second Degree (May 20, 2026). Dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction.

Wesley, Erica A.

- Failure to Report Address Change to DMV (Jan. 9, 2026). Guilty.

Wiggins, Ian A.

- Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court (Sept. 10, 2025). Guilty. 6 months, suspended. 12 months unsupervised probation.

**CIPD Arrest Report for
May 25-31, 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.

Wolfe, Tyler Dreton – age 21
Arrested: May 25
Released: May 25
Charges: Assault on Female

Hendricks, Katelyn – age 22
Arrested: May 26
Released: May 26
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Hughes, Melvin Eugene – age 30
Arrested: May 26
Released: May 26
Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Montelongo Jr., David – age 47
Arrested: May 26
Released: Not released as of report date (June 1)
Charges: Probation Violation

Voss, Kyle August Paul – age 40

Arrested: May 26
Released: Not released as of report date (June 1)
Charges: Probation Violation

Walker, Alex Scott – age 28
Arrested: May 26
Released: May 26
Charges: Reckless Endangerment, Noise Offenses

White, Christopher – age 38
Arrested: May 27
Released: May 28
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Jones, Clay Silas – age 33
Arrested: May 28
Released: Not released as of report date (June 1)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence, Probation Revocation (two counts)

Lane, Jacqueline Evonne – age 54
Arrested: May 28
Released: May 28
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Smoker, April – age 43
Arrested: May 28
Released: May 28
Charges: False Pretenses

Watty-Ramirez, Zacceus Ashton – age 22
Arrested: May 28
Released: May 28

Charges: Hold Until Sober

Ben Jr., Larindo Helly – age 19
Arrested: May 29
Released: May 29
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bird, Stephen Isaiah – age 26
Arrested: May 29
Released: May 30
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Garcia, Jamie Luiz – age 25
Arrested: May 29
Released: Not released as of report date (June 1)
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Johnson, Brandi Nichol – age 39
Arrested: May 29
Released: Not released as of report date (June 1)
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Morgan, Tyler Joseph – age 27
Arrested: May 29
Released: Not released as of report date (June 1)
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V

Rich, Cody James – age 32
Arrested: May 29
Released: May 29
Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor

Smith, Ronald Floyd – age 59
Arrested: May 29
Released: Not released as of report date (June 1)
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers

Wolfe, Dalayah Lanae – age 28
Arrested: May 29
Released: Not released as of report date (June 1)
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Pre-Trial Release Violation

Brady, Cammy Jo – age 39
Arrested: May 30
Released: Not released as of report date (June 1)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Lespier, April Lee – age 44
Arrested: May 31
Released: Not released as of report date (June 1)
Charges: Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Lawful Arrest, Providing or Possessing Contraband

Wolfe Jr., James Robert – age 52
Arrested: May 31
Released: Not released as of report date (June 1)
Charges: Disorderly Conduct



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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"



Swimmer named One Feather Student of the Year

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Brooklyn Brown, Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board chairperson, presented the 2026 Cherokee One Feather Student of the Year Award to Dvdaya Swimmer during the Reports to Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) session on the morning of Wednesday, June 3, at the Cherokee Council House in Cherokee, N.C. Swimmer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a recent graduate of Cherokee High School, will attend the University of Hawai'i this fall.

Brown stated during her presentation, “Dvdaya is a leader in her community and in her school. Previously holding the titles of Little, Junior, and Teen Miss Cherokee, she has displayed a commitment to Cherokee language and cultural preservation, setting an example for Cherokee youth. She is a National Honor Society student finishing Top 5 in her graduating class, earning numerous academic achievements and merit awards throughout her years in Cherokee Central Schools, and delivering the keynote address at her graduation.”

During her high school career, Swimmer won six NCHSAA state titles in various sports including:

- Basketball, member of Tsalagi Anata Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Lady Braves) team who won in 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26
- Cross Country in 2022
- Outdoor Track, 800M in 2023
- Indoor Track, 3200M in 2026

She added, “She is one of the most decorated athletes in the history of not only Cherokee High School but the NCHSAA, earning Conference, Regional, and State Titles and accolades in Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, and Track and Field. She will be attending the University of Hawai'i in the Fall, where she will continue her running career. She is consistently featured in the One Feather for her many accomplishments and contributions to her tribe, and we expect to write many more articles about Miss Dvdaya Swimmer, our Student of the Year.”

In her graduation keynote address, Swimmer stated, “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.”

Following the presentation Swimmer said, “I am very grateful and thankful for this. This is very cool, and I appreciate all of y’all. Sgi.”

Dinilawigi Taline Gahvsgi (Tribal Council Vice Chairman) David Wolfe said, “This community is going to miss her. I’d like to thank her for all of her hard work in athletics and academics. We’re proud of her, and she’s going a long, long way from home. Congratulations, and we’ll miss you.”

Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer commented, “For all of Dvdaya’s athletic



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accomplishments, which are truly amazing, she’s an even better kid. She’s a really fine young lady, and I’m not just saying that because she is my niece but because she really does care about her communi-

ty. She’s involved in the culture... she’s a good sister. She’s just an exemplary person, and I’m just really proud of her.”



Thinking About Building A Home?

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BUILDING HOMES TOGETHER

SITE INSPECTION APPLICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Inspection application process begins at Tribal Realty by the property owner. <input type="checkbox"/> The property will be inspected by five tribal departments and will be determined if site is buildable or not buildable.
PROPERTY SURVEY, TRANSFER & RIGHT OF WAYS	<input type="checkbox"/> Surveying requests for approved buildable sites will be done by the Tribal Surveying dept. <input type="checkbox"/> Property transfers will be done by the owner to the home buyer at Tribal Realty. <input type="checkbox"/> The home buyer must own the property for financing purposes. <input type="checkbox"/> All road and utility right of ways or utility easements must be in place before any site work begins.
PRE-APPROVAL PRE-QUALIFICATION	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed, unless applicant is wishing to purchase a home. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender. <input type="checkbox"/> Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter
INFRASTRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed. <input type="checkbox"/> Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included. <input type="checkbox"/> Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.
HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE	<input type="checkbox"/> Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved. <input type="checkbox"/> Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home. <input type="checkbox"/> After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure. <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneously, HBS Coordinator will submit same plans to the lending institution, as well as financial documents to keep loan active. Financial documents are updated with lender every 30 days.
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE (DPA) & LOAN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> Homebuyer Services Coordinator will process documents to request Down Payment Assistance for 20% of sales contract amount, up to \$50,000.00, and will request \$5,000.00 in Rate Buy Down (RBD) gift funds simultaneously. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will review for completeness of application. <input type="checkbox"/> Completed applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature. <input type="checkbox"/> The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.
CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands	<input type="checkbox"/> After receiving signed loan approvals, the Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send DPA firm commitment to Tribal Realty to initiate Ownership Statement (OS), Lease and Assignment. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD. <input type="checkbox"/> Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution. <input type="checkbox"/> Lending Institution will contact client to “lock in” their interest rate, taking into consideration the gift funds to purchase discount points.
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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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Culture in clay

Didanisisgi Gadagwatli (Mud Daubers) Pottery Exhibit opens

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Beauty and incredible artistry were on display as this year's Didanisisgi Gadagwatli (Mud Daubers) Pottery Exhibit opened at the Museum of the Cherokee People in Cherokee, N.C. on the evening of Friday, June 5. 19 pottery students – mostly members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) – showcased their work they produced during a multi-months class taught by Tara McCoy, an EBCI master potter.

This is the fifth year of the program.

Shana Bushyhead-Condill, Museum of the Cherokee People executive director, commented, "Tara recognized that there was a decline in pottery making in our community and she took it upon herself to solve that problem. She is a master ceramicist herself, so she took the time to make an actual class that teaches how to make pottery from start to finish. So, processing clay, being inspired by the collections that we're honored to hold at the Museum of the Cherokee People, learning different methodologies that we would have used as Cherokee people, all the way to the firing process."

She added, "The other thing I

love is that there are no rules. One of the questions that we get from visitors all the time is, 'why is this replica pottery on display?'" And, we always say, 'it's not replica pottery. This is Cherokee pottery. It may not look like what you expect to see, but anything that a Cherokee artist makes is Cherokee'."

Bushyhead-Condill praised McCoy and all of the students for the work noting, "A lot of times these artists have never touched clay before. This is just something that they are picking up for the very first time. When you look at the exhibition, you'll be amazed along with me. It's just incredibly powerful to see the blood memory that lies within us as Eastern Band Cherokee people."

McCoy recognized each student with a certificate. She told the crowd gathered, "I'm glad that we're all here today to support artists and to uplift not only art but pottery in general."

I'm excited every year before every class. I'm excited for what the students make. It's all the students. I just give them some techniques and some tools and they just run with it. A lot of times they come up to me and say, 'I haven't ever done pottery. I have never taken a class' so I always just like talking to people about blood memory - memories of our ancestors coming through our DNA. I think our people are so creative. You don't have to give them much instruction, you just give them a pencil, a paintbrush, or some clay and they just take off with it."

At the exhibit, each student



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The pieces shown in the photo are: (1) "The Unbroken Way" by Kevin Jackson (EBCI), (2) "Caress of Utlvta" by Kimberly Reed (EBCI), (3) "Water Spider Effigy Dish" by Isabella Myers-Tasevoli (Cherokee Nation), and (4) "The Wicked Hair-stylist" by Trista Welch (EBCI).

provided a statement regarding the class.

Samantha Bradley (EBCI)

“Getting to learn from Tara and all the other mentors, I just absorbed it all. To me, it’s listening to our elders, in that moment listening to people who know more about our culture than me and just taking it all in.”

Karla “Phyll” Reed (EBCI)

“It was fun. We would gather - and work on our pots and just enjoy being with each other, and helping each other, and giving each other encouragement and ideas.”

John Dugan (EBCI)

“She brought us down into the mud hole and we dug the clay out, then we brought it back and we processed it. That was one thing I was missing.”

Kimberly Reed (EBCI)

“Sometimes the clay has a mind of its own and you have to be willing for that clay to go different directions than your original plan - and then I have had a few pieces that broke - and then you realize that there are things that are in your control and things that are not and I think the whole process of pottery it just reminds me of all the different stages of life.”

Selena Herrera (EBCI)

“At one point it got emotional. Just taking a pause at the table in the art room, seeing everybody in the room - we are descendants

- touching base with what our ancestors have always done.”

Danica Hill (EBCI)

“Just hearing compliments from people who do good work like that just makes you feel so much better. So, that was really nice working with the older generations of people who do pottery.”

Freida Saylor (EBCI)

“What I know about myself is that I like to take something that is really non-existent or rough and make something beautiful and to me I feel like pottery - you know I need a lot of grace - and it gives me that and it also allows me to create something beautiful and not have any preconceived notions about what I need it to be - and if I mess up, it forgives me and just lets me go in another direction.”

Laura Smith (EBCI)

“Pottery is not for the weak because it’s process, after process, after process, and you’ll get into the third one and it may just crack and be nothing after hours, and hours, and hours or work but then Tara would say, ‘but you learn from that’.”

Jenean Hornbuckle (EBCI)

“That feeling of belonging - human instinct is to want to belong - and because we are a tribe, and because you belong to a tribe, you kind of understand thinking for more than just me. I’m thinking more collectively - and I don’t think it should just be tribal, I

think it should be all of humanity.”

Kevin Jackson (EBCI)

“I believe that even though your family may not be potters, it is in all of us. Because we are Kituwah.”

Kevin Tafoya (EBCI, Santa Clara Pueblo)

“I try to draw attention to stories or histories that we have. I want somebody else to take mine and make it better. Showcase our culture, make it all inspiring, and show something that grabs everyone’s interest.”

Akeisha Littlejohn (EBCI)

“The clay processing part was fun. I liked getting out there in the mud - clay - and bringing that out.”

Trista Welch (EBCI)

“I think just from the very first class till now, I’ve noticed my growth. And I feel like if I keep practicing it, I’ll get better and better.”

Jacob Long (EBCI)

“How long have we as a people been sitting around visiting - listening to our elders - teaching us - making pottery. That thought of deep time and connection, it gets to me if I think about it too much.”

Ryleigh Long (EBCI)

“That’s one of the things that’s so powerful about being a Cherokee person - having family in a place for thousands of years - where you know this is where your family comes from. It’s such a powerful

thing. I think that’s one of the things that especially motivates you as a person and crafter.”

Isabella Myers-Tasevoli (Cherokee Nation)

“For me to have my original pottery experiences, that I was like I can’t do this, this is so disconnected - I can’t do this at home - I can’t replicate this without this institution. For Tara to go out and be like, ‘alright, there’s the clay, dig it up’ - this is something I can connect to - this is something I can build.”

Davy Arch (EBCI)

“We really need to focus on getting the information out to everyone that will listen - I think that the more people that do that, the more chance we’ll have of the young people picking up bits and pieces that they can turn into the knowledge that will eventually turn into the tribal wisdom that makes us Cherokee.”

Katrina Neff (EBCI)

“It helps me build mindfulness through my craft - I need to remember that I myself am pliable and forgiving like clay.”

Marcus Bradley (EBCI)

“Seeing what could be done with pottery kind of opens your eyes to different ways to do things. So, I thought that was really cool to see so many people’s ways of making pottery.”

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Cherokees in the Revolutionary War—June 1776

By BARBARA R. DUNCAN

By June of 1776 Cherokees, backcountry settlers, and colonial governments were all moving closer to war. In Philadelphia on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress authorized the creation of a Continental Army, under the command of George Washington. Not only the official government, but colonists in the backcountry west of the Appalachians prepared to fight. In the Cherokee Overhills, a delegation of “northern Indians” visited Chota, requesting an alliance for war against the “Long Knives,” their

name for Virginians and by extension, all Americans.

The illegal settlers in Cherokee country, the “Wataugans” included about 100 families living on or near the Watauga River. They had been warned repeatedly by the colonial authorities and by the Cherokees and to leave or be removed, but they stayed. Henry Stuart, Indian agent, wrote to them guaranteeing that the British Army would protect them, and would even pay for their livestock if they declared loyalty to Great Britain and left Cherokee land.

The Wataugans ignored his offer and forged a letter with Henry Stuart’s signature. In this letter they falsely said that all the Cherokees, the British militia, and groups of Creeks, Choctaws, and Chickasaws were about to

attack the frontiers of Virginia and North Carolina. No such force was assembled, but their letter reached representatives of Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Thomas Jefferson believed them, and included this information in the Declaration of Independence as evidence of King George III’s misdeeds, referring to the “merciless Indian savages.” In reality, Henry Stuart advised the Cherokees not to harm women, children, or any British subjects, and not to cross the boundary line—the crest of the Appalachians.

In the Cherokee Overhills, a delegation of northern Indians—14 chiefs from the Mohawks, Delawares, Ottowas, Nantucas, and Shawnees—came to ask for the Cherokees’ help.

The Mohawk emissary spoke shortly after they arrived. He explained that their journey took much longer than usual because they had to take a 300-mile detour. Their hunting grounds, once full of deer and buffalo, were now occupied by white men with weapons and forts. And they found traces of large groups of whites with horses and cattle on the road “from Holston to Kaintuckee.” This was on Cherokee land, on the trail that was opened to wagon traffic by Boone and his axemen the year before, immediately following the Treaty of Sycamore Shoals. Warriors of Chota painted the flagpole and poles in the townhouse red and black for war, and people began assembling.

Henry Stuart, Indian agent for the British, had arrived earlier and was greeted with an Eagle Tail Dance. Alexander Cameron was present; he was the Indian agent living in the Lower Towns, married to a Cherokee woman and the adopted brother of Dragging

Canoe. White traders were also present, many of whom had Cherokee wives and children. Cherokees were present “from different parts of the nation,” which would have included Lower, Middle, and Valley Towns as well as the Overhills. Some from every town were painted black for war.

When the large council began, the Mohawk emissary, speaking for the Six Nations, brought out a white and purple wampum belt. I suppose there is not a man present who cannot read my talk. The white beads are my people, who were at peace. The black beads are the Long Knives, who came into our towns without provocation, and killed our people, and the son of our greatly Beloved Man, Sir William Johnson. The strings of black and white wampum are our people who were killed.

What is the case of my people one day may be the case of any other nation another day. My people the Mohawks are fighting the Long Knives. They have sent me to secure the friendship of all Nations of Indians, for the interests of all red men are one. The red men must forget their quarrels amongst themselves, and turn their eyes and thoughts one way. I now offer you this belt, and if my brothers the Cherokees agree with what I have said, let them take it.

The belt was given to Dragging Canoe, and he accepted it.

Then the Ottawa representative spoke, bringing out a white belt with purple designs. He expressed a desire for friendship with all their red brothers. He said that while they were constantly at war with each other, their common enemies were taking advantage of them. They hoped that every

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EBCI TRIBAL HOUSING FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

The EBCI Housing Division has identified individuals with loans through Tribal and Qualla Housing who are seriously delinquent. Those borrowers have or will be receiving foreclosure notices.

Lending Services can **HELP!**

Financial Lending Services offers the Foreclosure Prevention Program for those receiving foreclosure notices from the Cherokee Indians Housing Division. We can refinance your home with a favorable rate and term to allow you to keep you and your family in your home. Let us help.

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EBCI COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

The late Richard Crowe, who graduated with his master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (1982), believed in supporting Native American college and graduate students. Crowe died too young at the age of 36. In his honor, the Richard Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship awards money to graduate and professional students, while they pursue their degrees. Thank you very much for supporting me. Your scholarship program also encourages recip-

ients like me to understand the story of Crowe's life and career. Though I did not know him, I know that he was a talented man, a veteran, a mechanic, and a public speaker.

Thank you to those who once knew Crowe and who founded the scholarship in his name. Thank you, Richard Yogi Crowe, for your inspiration and character. Let us carry your legacy forward.

- Nolan Arkansas,

Ph.D. Student in Art History at
Duke University

Thank you from the family of Sherman "Goliath" Taylor

The family of Sherman "Goliath" Taylor would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the overwhelming love, prayers, kindness, and support shown to our family during this difficult time. The outpouring of compassion from our community, friends, and family has brought us comfort beyond words.

We would especially like to thank Mary Ann Evans for helping with supplies and needs; Chief Hicks, Marsha Hicks, Sean Ross, Pam Straughn, Sarah Teesateskie, Sonya Wachacha, and Paxton Myers; Eddie and Susie Welch and family, for the food, groceries, drinks, plates, and sweets; Rita and Bob Driver for the chicken and fruit bowl; the Chief's Office for providing dinner; Amanda Thompson & Justin for the wood for the fire; Karen French; the Susie Chastain family and CCS Athletics for the beautiful flowers; the CCS School Board for the food and support; and Marsha George for the food and cookies.

We are also deeply grateful to Bear Taylor; Butch and Louise Goings; Bunt and Goose Junaluska; Erin and Stephen Shuler and family; Erik Taylor for keeping the fire; Kimsey and Monica Taylor; Taylor Johnson; Tabitha Larch; Kerry Jachim; Joyce Dugan for the cake; Barbara, Neil, and Nikki and

family; Peggy and Lee Jenks; and Qualla Enterprises, especially Lee, Marsha, Deante, Jonah, Kara, Jeremy, and Forrest, for the kindness, support, and compassion shown to our family.

A special thank you to the nurses and doctors of Memorial Mission Cardiac ICU, Critical Care, and Pulmonary teams for the compassionate care provided to Goliath and our family.

Every visit, meal, prayer, phone call, hug, and act of kindness meant more than we could ever fully express. We will forever be grateful for the love shown to our family as we honored and remembered a man who meant so much to so many.

Thank you all for loving Goliath so well.

- The family of Sherman
"Goliath" Taylor
Tsisqwohi (Birdtown)

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nation would quit their quarrels and join in common cause. He said the French in Canada would assist them. He presented the belt to Dragging Canoe, who accepted it. A young man from the Delaware Nation spoke much the same, and gave a belt of white wampum, which was received by the Raven. Finally the last speaker began: Cornstalk, leader of the Shawnee people. He brought a war belt of purple wampum nine feet long and six inches wide, covered in vermilion (red paint.)

In a few years, the Shawnees, from being a great nation, have been reduced to a handful...The lands where but lately we hunted

close to our nation are thickly inhabited and covered with forts and armed men...It is plain there is an intention to extirpate us.

But it is better to die like men than to diminish away by inches... Our cause is just and we hope the Great Being who governs everything will favor our cause.

Now is the time to begin. There is no time to be lost, and if we fight like men, we might hope to enlarge our bounds...We intend to carry our talks through every nation to the southward, and any nation that refuses to be our friend on this occasion will forever hereafter be considered our common enemy. We will fall on them all when affairs with the white people are settled.

This belt was given to and accepted by Dragging Canoe. For several minutes no one spoke or moved to show support, which was done by laying hold of the belt. Then a head man from Chilhowie took the belt and began singing the War Song. All the northern Indians and the young Cherokee men "from all parts of the nation" joined in the chorus. The Cherokees were going to war.

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OBITUARIES ǝɹɹɹ

Carolynn Lynda Smith

Carolynn Lynda Smith passed away in Asheville, N.C., on Saturday, May 9, 2026.

Carolynn was born on Aug. 22, 1944, in Washington, District of Columbia, to Richard Louis Stocks-dale and Mamie Blanch Anderson Stocks-dale.

In addition to being a devoted mother to her son, Todd Kent, Carolynn held many occupations throughout her life, including working as a bartender and as a real estate agent. She was known for her independent spirit and dedication to her family.

Carolynn was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Smith; her parents, Richard Louis Stocks-dale and Mamie Blanch An-

derson Stocks-dale; and her brothers, Mark, Tim, and Dulaney. She is survived by her son, Todd Kent, and her granddaughter, Sara Tramper.

In accordance with Carolynn's wishes, no formal services are planned at this time. Her family appreciates the thoughts and condolences of those who knew and cared for her.

Michael Lacaine Laws

Michael Lacaine Laws, 53, of the Lower Alarka Community, went home to be with the Lord Monday, June 1, 2026. A native of Swain County, he was the son of Sarah Reva Jenkins of Bryson City and the late James Harold Laws.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years Julie Robin Laws; one son, Mikel Laws and wife Patience

of Snowbird; one daughter Emily Laws Smith and husband Jacob of Bryson City; five grandchildren, Ayden Garland, Conley Laws, Israel Smith, Wyatt Smith, Ella Smith; one sister, Melinda Laws Kirkland and husband Dewayne.

He was a pillar in the Bryson City, N.C. community in the Great Smoky Mountains. He was the perfect example of what a man should be. He labored hard and provided for his family. His work ethic was unmatched, and he taught his children to have that same grit inside of them. He was the loving husband and father that many hope to be and that many hope to have. He was selfless and he loved his neighbor more than his own self. He was humble, free-hearted and a cheerful giver. A man as honest as they come, even when it

hurt. He was an avid houndsman and woodsman and fisherman that enjoyed Gods creation regardless of the outcome of the day. He loved bear huntin' with hounds more than anything. He also loved to camp, fly fish and also loved to crappie and walleye fish. He could read animals and people like none other. He was also a great singer/songwriter and musician. He loved to play and sing gospel music with his family, teaching them to play and harmonize together. His ear for music was phenomenal and his beautiful voice was pure and true. He could talk to anyone and bring peace, because who lived inside him. He loved to laugh and had so much joy in his heart that he had to share it with others. He loved his family and his friends tenderly. The most important thing was that

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he wanted everyone to go to heaven and he was not ashamed of his Lord and Savior. He put him first, like we all should. He was a God-fearin' Appalachian mountain man that left his mark on many lives. He will be missed by many.

A celebration of life was held 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 6 at Cold Springs Baptist Church. The celebration of life was followed by the previously scheduled benefit singing.

William David Walkingstick

William David Walkingstick, 77, an Eastern Band Cherokee, N.C. native, who resided in Louisville, Tenn., passed away on the evening of Friday, May 29, 2026. He was a 35-year retiree of ALCOA and a United Steel Workers of America Local 309 member. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, visiting Cherokee, and spending time with his family.

William is preceded in death by his parents, Esther Swayney Walkingstick and Edwin Walkingstick of Cherokee, N.C.; sisters, Teresa Rivera and Fay Walkingstick; and brother, Dwight Walkingstick.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Wanda Wilson Walkingstick; daughters, Tracy (Sam) Graves of Maryville and Jeanie Walkingstick (Mike Christopher) of Greenback; sons, Billy Walkingstick of Louisville and Danny (Jessica) Walkingstick of Greenback; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sisters, Linda Shepherd of Weaverville, N.C. and Lois (Ray) Mabe of Franklin, N.C.; brothers, Donnie Walkingstick of Duncan, Okla., Jerry Walkingstick of Atlanta, Ga., and Tony Walkingstick of Cherokee, N.C.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 8 at Miller Funeral

Home, Magnolia Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Miller officiating. Interment followed at Centenary Cemetery. Pall bearers were among family members.

Justin Patrick Adams

Justin Patrick Adams, age 45, passed away on Monday, June 1, 2026, surrounded by his family. He was born in Greenville, S.C., to Bryan Adams and the late Pamela Conseen Adams. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his grandmother, Nancy Conseen; grandfather, Cornelius Adams; uncle, Mark Adams; aunt, Caroline-Irene Smith; and cousin, Amanda George.

Justin was a one-of-a-kind individual. As a young man, there wasn't a tree he couldn't climb, a dirt bike or electronic he couldn't repair, or an animal he couldn't catch. He was also athletic and could somersault over or off of anything. As an adult, he was the

perfect example of a "jack-of-all-trades." However, he excelled in electrical work and carpentry. Justin was incredibly smart and creative and could do anything he put his mind to. When he wasn't working, he was usually making people laugh with his silly antics. If you ever met Justin, you could never forget him. He never met a stranger, and if you had a conversation with him once, he considered you a friend.

Justin is survived by his wife, Kristen; his children, Suzy Dayaye, Logan Adams, Domonick Adams, Angelina Adams, Ariya Adams, Asher Adams, Taylor Tweed, Lexi Tweed, Peyton Goforth, Lauren Limeberry, Bryson Limeberry, and Carter Limeberry; grandchildren, Kiko, Aviana, and Maverick; Grandmother Joan Adams; Father Bryan Adams; sisters, Nancy Stump (Marcus), Amber Lawrence (Jimmy), and Ruth Roberts (Devin); mother-in-law, Kelly

Reese; sisters-in-law, Samantha Haney (Kyle) and Rachel King (EJ); friends, Kristi McMahan and her children; many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and special friends who loved him and whom he loved.

We take comfort in knowing that Justin had a relationship with the Lord and wanted to be with Jesus. No matter what demons Justin faced, he always expressed the hope he found in living an eternity with Jesus Christ.

A memorial service to celebrate Justin's life and legacy will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at Macedonia Baptist Church, with Rev. Dan Conseen and Rev. Sam Adams officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Macedonia Baptist Church: Life Recovery to purchase Bibles for their jail ministry program.

Long House Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

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The Psychology of Pet Loss

By BROOKE BARRETT, LMCHC

There is a kind of grief that people often underestimate until they experience it themselves: losing a pet.

For many people, pets are not “just animals.” They are the family you actually get to choose! They greet us at the door, follow us from room to room, sit beside us during hard moments, and quietly become part of what feels like home. So when they are gone, the loss can feel shockingly overwhelming.

Psychologists sometimes call this “disenfranchised grief”...a grief that is real and painful, but not always fully understood by others. People may hear things like, “You can always get another dog,” but grief is not about replacement. It is about attachment, routine, comfort, and love.

Our nervous systems grow

attached to their presence. That is why people often still think they hear paws on the floor or instinctively look toward their favorite sleeping spot after they are gone. The body remembers the connection even before the mind fully adjusts to the loss.

Pet loss also brings guilt for many people:

“Did I do enough?”

“Did they know how loved they were?”

“Could I have done something differently?”

These thoughts are incredibly common in grief. When we love deeply, the mind searches for answers after loss.

But love is not measured by whether we could keep someone forever. Love is measured in the ordinary moments shared over time: the walks, the routines, the comfort, the companionship, and the feeling of never being alone.

If You Are Grieving the Loss of a Pet

Allow yourself to grieve fully without minimizing the loss.

Losing a pet can impact routines, emotional regulation, and the sense of comfort we experience at home. Talk about them, look through photos, create a small memorial, or continue rituals that help you feel connected to their memory. Most importantly, resist the urge to judge the depth of your grief. Love and attachment are real, regardless of species.

If Someone You Love Lost a Pet

Do not minimize the loss or rush someone to “move on.” Avoid phrases like, “You can always get another one.” Instead, acknowledge the bond they had with their pet. Simple statements like, “I know how much they meant to you,” or “I’m so sorry,” often matter more than trying to fix the pain. Grief is less about having the right words and more about helping someone feel seen in their loss.

This week, I want to dedicate this column to my friend as she grieves the loss of her dog, Samson. Anyone who has loved a pet understands this kind of heart-

break.

They may only be part of our lives for a chapter, but to them, we were their whole world.

And maybe that is the gift animals leave behind: the reminder that love does not have to be complicated to be life-changing. Sometimes the purest love we experience is simply being greeted at the door, chosen every day, and loved without conditions. Just for who we are.

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

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COMMENTARY

The answer to One Feather's question is standing right in front of us

By TROY LITTLEDEER
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When the federal government withdrew a 56-page opinion recognizing the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's treaty-based interests in the Cherokee Reservation — reportedly in a single sentence, without addressing more than 400 citations — it didn't erase the treaties. It removed the written acknowledgment of what those treaties mean. For UKB members waiting on land-into-trust decisions, gaming eligibility, and the economic future of their community, that distinction is the difference between a tribal government that can build something and one that spends another decade in federal court.

STILWELL, Okla. — Our brothers and sisters at the Cherokee One Feather asked a question worth sitting with: what could unify the Cherokee people?

Here's a start.

Leaders who actually want to be unified. People who speak up for the people their decisions affect before they consider lining their own pockets. Less hypocritical speechmaking about defending sovereignty and standing for Indian Country — and more people who stand up for Indian people. All Indian people. Not just the ones on their rolls. Not just the ones in their jurisdiction. All of them.

Before we go further, let's be clear about what M-37084 was.

And what it wasn't.

It wasn't a treaty. It wasn't an act of Congress. It wasn't a court ruling. It wasn't the source of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma's rights to the Oklahoma Cherokee Reservation.

The treaties existed before M-37084. The historical record existed before M-37084. The Keetoowah people existed before M-37084.

What the opinion did was something different.

For 56 pages and more than 400 citations, the Department of the Interior examined that record and concluded that UKB possesses treaty-based interests in the Cherokee Reservation and remains a successor in interest alongside the Cherokee Nation. Federal agencies make decisions based on legal interpretations. Land-into-trust decisions. Jurisdictional decisions. Gaming eligibility decisions. Administrative decisions that determine whether a tribe can build an economic future or spend another decade in federal court.

M-37084 didn't create UKB's rights. It recognized them.

And that recognition carried consequences.

So when Interior withdrew the opinion — according to UKB, in a single sentence, without addressing the 400-plus citations underlying the opinion it withdrew — the treaties didn't disappear. The historical record didn't disappear. UKB didn't disappear.

What disappeared was the federal government's written acknowledgment of what that record means.

The rights claim survives. The federal support for that claim does not.

That's what was taken away.

A hostile reader will say: it's just a memo. Nothing binding. No court has to follow it. And they're right that M-opinions don't bind federal courts. But federal agencies act on their own legal interpretations every single day. Interior's interpretation of who holds treaty-based interests in the Oklahoma Cherokee Reservation determines whose land-into-trust applications move forward, whose gaming eligibility gets recognized, whose jurisdiction gets acknowledged in administrative proceedings. The memo was the mechanism. Withdrawing it doesn't erase the rights. It removes the federal government's willingness to act on them. That's the fight.

Not over a memo. Over whether the federal government will acknowledge what the treaties and the history mean for Keetoowah Cherokee people living in northeastern Oklahoma right now. So let's talk about who that fight belongs to.

It belongs to UKB members who watched their tribal government fight for years to put land into trust — land that could generate revenue, support services, and build the economic base their community needs. That trust application now faces renewed uncertainty. The gaming conclusions associated with M-37084 are now in question as UKB prepares for judicial review.

It belongs to Keetoowah Cherokee families who have watched their leaders stand up in council chambers and federal offices and courtrooms, year after year, saying the same thing: we are here, we have always been here, the treaties say so.

It belongs to every tribal citizen in Indian Country who watches federal administrations pick up

and put down tribal rights depending on who's in the building that week. One administration issues a 56-page opinion supported by more than 400 citations. The next withdraws it in a single sentence. According to UKB, the withdrawal was the final public action of the departing Solicitor. The people paying the price never had a seat at either table.

It belongs to the broader Cherokee world — all of it, Eastern Band included — because when one Cherokee government's treaty claims lose federal recognition, the argument that tribal sovereignty is real, present, and enforceable takes a hit everywhere. Sovereignty isn't a Cherokee Nation word. It isn't a UKB word. It belongs to all of us or it belongs to none of us.

So back to One Feather's question. You want unity? Start there. Start with leaders who understand that standing for Indian Country means standing for Indian people — including the ones who don't vote in your elections, including the ones whose interests complicate your political relationships, including the ones a single Interior memorandum just knocked back to square one.

UKB said Friday it will pursue judicial review. They said the historical and legal record underlying their treaty-based rights was not created by an M-Opinion and will not be erased by its withdrawal. They're right.

The record doesn't change. The land doesn't move. The treaties still say what they say.

The people who are supposed to stand with them — every Cherokee leader with a platform and a microphone and an audience that trusts them — have a choice to make. Speeches or people. Pick one.

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Small Beginnings**Part 2 of 2**

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

Scripture reference: Matthew 13:31, Matthew 17:20, Mark 4:31, Luke 13:19, Luke 17:6, James 3:5, Mark 6:41, Matthew 5:16

Consider other Biblical references to small but powerful things. In the book of James, he writes about the bit in a horse's mouth that controls a large animal and the small rudder that steers a large ship, and in verse five, he writes, "So the tongue also is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how much wood is kindled by how small a fire!" James 3:5

What can God do with such small things as these? What can

God do with you when you consider yourself so small? Minor in ability, small in respect from others, small in resources or strength. The Holy Bible contains multiple stories where God takes the insignificant or small and does great things. Both Old Testament and New give us examples. David was just a young boy, and he defeated a giant through the power of God. Jesus fed thousands twice, taking the small remnants of what they had between those there and multiplying that into feasts. That story relates to what this writing is all about. The power of God cannot be underestimated. No one can put God in a box and say, "This is all He can do," or "He can't do that." In Mark 6:41, Jesus did this.

"And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake the loaves; and he gave to the

disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided him among them all."

Do you know how many people disbelieve this miracle and the other miracle like it in Mark, where Jesus feeds four thousand? God is still in the miracle business. People who doubt that fact need only to look around and see that God still saves, performs miracles, and is still on His throne. Think how often we see but rarely recognize the miracle of birth. The entire process is the making of life and a human. Think of how small that process began.

Our very beginnings in life and growth begin small and get bigger with time. How about you? Do you think you are too small or insignificant to make much difference? I can't speak for God, but His word says explicitly that you are wrong. He has given you gifts to use, and

He will appoint you to glorify Him by doing things He has planned for you. What you need to do is be available to Him and His calling. So, dwell on this word from God today in Matthew 5:16...

"Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Might I add...no matter how small you are.

Lord God and Father, though I am weak, You are strong. I praise and thank You for reminding me that You are always there to lean on when I feel small and insignificant. I know that You are great, and You lead and guide me. You are my strong tower and hold me in Your mighty right hand of power. Thank You as I remember that no one can stand against me when You are for me. What a mighty God You are. Amen.



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The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell.

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away!

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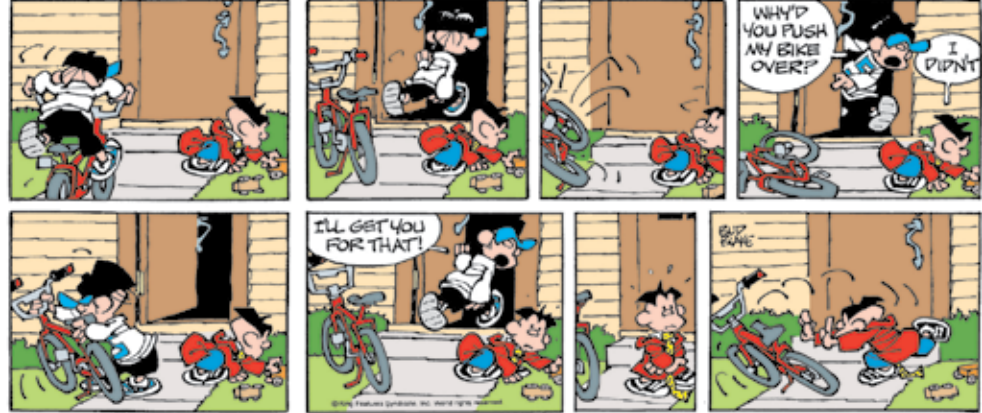
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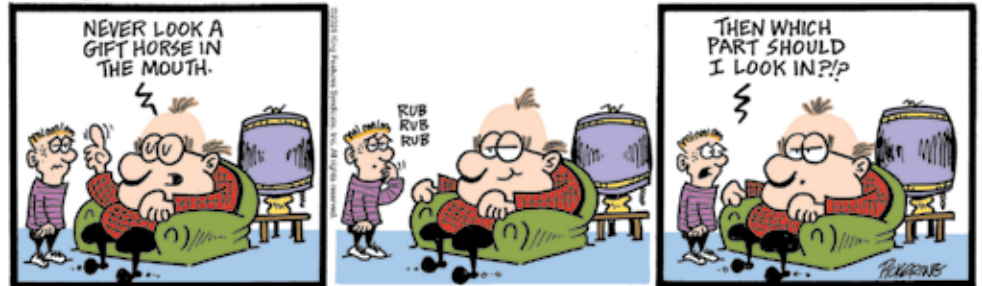
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Strap on golf bag is different. 2. Box is thicker. 3. Start railing is different. 4. Door opening is wider. 5. Pocket on golf bag is moved. 6. Mouth is open.

by Dave T. Phipps

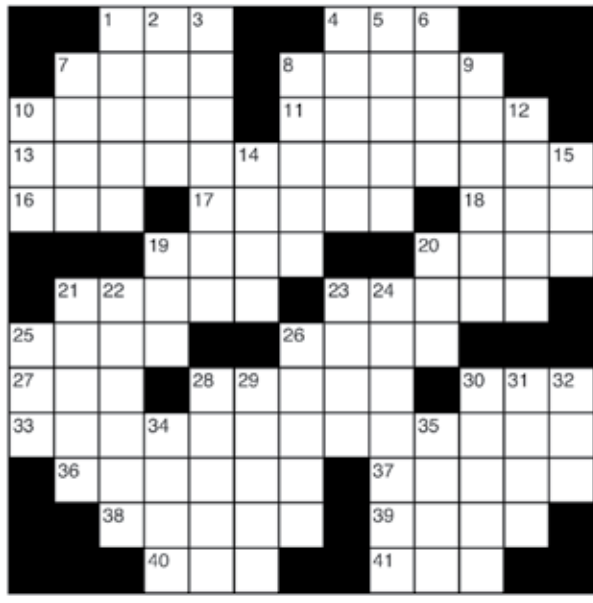
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 - 10 Wanderer
 - 11 Beethoven's Third
 - 13 Time management aids
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 - 18 Mosquito barrier
 - 19 "- chic!"
 - 20 Feel sorry for
 - 21 Mom's sister, informally
 - 23 "Time in a Bottle" singer
 - 25 Impudent
 - 26 Owl call
 - 27 Solid-rock insert
 - 28 Spine-tingling
 - 30 Lupino of film
 - 33 Commuters' buys
 - 36 Turned to mush
 - 37 Lounges
 - 38 Egypt's neighbor



- DOWN**
- 1 Bro
 - 2 Russian river
 - 3 Tattoos, e.g.
 - 4 Circle dances
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Answer

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Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Who is the long-time host of the reality show "Survivor"?
- MOVIES: What is the song playing when the lead characters dance the twist in "Pulp Fiction"?
- U.S. STATES: The first president, George Washington, was born in which colony that would later become a state?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which South American country controls Easter Island?
- MYTHOLOGY: To which mythological character is the Parthenon dedicated?
- LITERATURE: Which war is the background for Anthony Doerr's novel "All the Light We Cannot See"?
- MATH: What is the sum of the first five prime numbers?
- INVENTORS: Which inventor developed more than 300 products from peanuts?
- MUSIC: Who won Album of the Year at the 2026 Grammys?
- HISTORY: In what year did U.S. women earn the right to open credit cards in their own names?

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Trivia Test Answers: 1. Jeff Probst; 2. "You Never Can Tell," Chuck Berry; 3. Virginia; 4. Chile; 5. The Greek goddess Athena; 6. World War II; 7. 28 (2 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 11); 8. George Washington Carver; 9. Bad Bunny; 10. 1974

Benefits/Fundraisers

Car Wash. June 20 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the big parking lot behind Qualla Arts & Crafts, 645 Tsali Blvd. Cherokee, N.C. 28719. All proceeds benefit the Cherokee Children's Home.

EBCI Community Events

Father's Day Market. June 12 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Pamela Dawn Taylor Gym, 10 Old Gap Rd, Cherokee, N.C., 28719. Shop from local artisans, vendors and small biz owners for Father's Day. Info: Angie Garcia (828) 778-4585

15th Annual Elder Abuse Awareness Walk. June 15 at 5 p.m. at the Tsali Manor Pavilion at 145 Tsali Manor St. in Cherokee, N.C. This is presented by the EBCI Senior Center. Vendors are needed. Info: ulelharr@ebci-nsn.gov or (828) 359-6860

Atlanta Braves EBCI Night. June 20, game starts at 4:10 p.m. at Truist Park 755 Battery Ave SE., Atlanta, Ga. 30339. Braves vs. Brewers Ticket release June 8.

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

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

VA Disability Claims Clinic. July 7-8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Convention Center. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Winston-Salem VA Regional Office have partnered to bring the PACT ACT VA Disability Claims event to Cherokee. Tribal health service programs will be available at the event along with staff from the Winston-Salem VA Regional Office who will answer questions related to veteran and survivor benefits, assist with filing claims, and provide updates on existing claims. Info: <https://benefits.va.gov/winstonsalem/>

Tim Hill Memorial Fishing Tournament. July 11 and 12. Must purchase a valid fishing permit that covers both days of the tournament. Info: fishcherokee.com or on Facebook: Fish Cherokee.

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

EBCI Community Regular Meetings

NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association, Inc.) Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Eligibility for membership: any American Indian or Alaska Native or Canadian First Nations woman, 18 years of age or older, who is officially identified as a member of a

federally recognized Indian Tribe/Nation. The meetings contain information on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

Cherokee Cultural/Historic Events

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

35th Annual Cherokee Festival. Sept. 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Sequoyah Birthplace

Museum at 576 HWY 360 Vonore, Tenn. 37885. Cherokee Arts and crafts demonstrations, Cherokee storytelling, flute playing, Cherokee dances, name written in Cherokee, genealogy help, craft vendors and food vendors. Info: (423) 884-6246

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Meetings

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

HIP Committee. June 10 at 8:30 a.m.

Planning Board. June 15 at 1 p.m.

Health Board. June 17 at 8:30

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Shadow, age 5, lives with his mom, Shannon Shuler, in Siliqwo (Sylva). Shadow enjoys eating toast, car rides, and digging for moles and shrews at his Grandma's house.



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Roads Commission. June 22 at 9 a.m.

Timber Committee. June 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Qualla Housing Committee. June 25 at 8:30 a.m.

Lands Committee. June 25 at 1 p.m.

Reports to Council. June 30 at 9 a.m.

Pow Wow Listings

48th Annual Cansayapi Wacipi. June 12-14 at the Lower Sioux Indian Community in Morton, Minn. Emcees: Al Childs, Redwing Thomas. Host Drum: Standing Horse. Co-Host Drums: Yellow Medicine, Red Tree. Info: No contact information provided

250 Years of Surviving under Colonial Rule Pow Wow. June 13 at District Park in Providence, Rhode Island. MC: Darrell Waldron. Info: Sarina Conn (401) 781-1098, Sconn@rhodeislandindiancouncil.org

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Things that usually come easily and quickly for the Aries Lamb might need more of your time and attention during the next several days. Try to be patient as you work things out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A changing situation can create some complications. But if you apply your sensible Bovine mind to what seems to be a hopeless tangle of confusion, you'll soon sort things out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new look for your surroundings is fun. Expect to hear mostly positive comments on your efforts, as well as some well-intended suggestions that you might want to note.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Maybe you'd rather do anything else than what you're "stuck with" right now. But if you stop complaining, you might see how this could lead to something with real potential.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Even a proud Leo ultimately recovers from hurt feelings. However, a damaged relationship might never heal unless you're willing to spend more time and effort in trying to work things out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There are lots of changes on the horizon, so be prepared to make some adjustments in your usually fine-tuned life. One change might even impact a personal decision that you've been putting off.

LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) Being the dependable person you are could work in your favor for a project that requires both skill and accountability. But check this out carefully — there could be a hidden downside.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A temperamental outburst about a mishandled project causes some fallout. Be sure to couple an apology with an explanation. A new opportunity beckons by week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Changing horses midstream is usually unwise — but sometimes necessary. Examine your options carefully before making a decision. A trusted colleague offers good advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While much of your time is involved with business matters, more enjoyable opportunities open up by week's end. Enjoy yourself, but be careful that you don't overspend!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A "revelation" expands your perspective on what is really going on in the workplace. What you learn could make a difference in your career path. Continue to be alert for more news.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Not wanting to make waves might be the safest way to deal with a difficult situation. But no substantive changes can be made unless you share your assessments with others.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of talking to people that makes them want to listen. You could find a successful career in politics.

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by Freddy Groves

Only 24 notes

There are over 400 funerals each day at the National Cemeteries. Depending on the veteran and the location of the cemetery, the honors are likely to include two uniformed members of the military, folding and presentation of the flag, three rifle volleys, a horse-drawn caisson and the playing of Taps. At a very minimum, we expect this. We expect to hear Taps at a veteran funeral. It's part of how we say goodbye, hearing the National Song of Remembrance.

In some parts of the country, however, especially in rural cemeteries, there aren't enough buglers, and Taps is played via a CD recording or a special electronic gadget inserted into a bugle that plays a prerecorded Taps. Live buglers are, of course, preferred.

Can you help? Are you willing to be a bugler at veteran funerals in your area?

Before you decline, consider: If you took a semester of band, even in junior high, you're halfway there. If there is a bugle (or trumpet) in your attic, you're halfway there. Is there a high school or college with a music department near you? The department head will help you fine tune the playing of Taps. Best of all, there are only 24 notes in Taps.

Take a look at the organizations that provide buglers for veteran funerals:

— Bugles Across America (www.BuglesAcrossAmerica.org) has been providing this service for 26 years now. Read about Tom Day and why he started the group. According to the most recent Bugler's Post newsletter, last year the group's buglers provided 32,000 hours of their time. Members have provided Taps at 350,000 funerals since the group began in 2000. They have volunteer buglers in 49 states; only South Dakota is missing from the list.

— Taps For Veterans (www.TapsForVeterans.org) is headed up by former military musicians. See the website for more information and how to audition.

At this point, one-quarter of living veterans are over the age of 65; the number of veteran funerals is not going to decline anytime soon.

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Can I bring my dog to a Pride parade?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I adopted "Allie," an adorable black-and-gold mutt, last fall. She trained wonderfully and does well with other dogs at the dog park. I'd like to bring her along to Pride celebrations this month, but I'm getting mixed information about whether dogs are allowed at parades and parties. Should I bring her at all? — Gemma B. in White Plains, New York

DEAR GEMMA: What I'd recommend is to list which events you'd like to attend this month, and contact the organizers by email to find out their policy on bringing pets.

Most Pride parades allow owners to bring leashed pets on the sidelines as spectators, but not as parade participants. This could be due to insurance or permitting requirements.

On the other hand, many LGBTQ+ celebrants want to bring their pets to the festivities. So separate, pet-friendly events are now part of the celebrations, from big cities like Los Angeles to small towns like Springfield, Vermont.

Pets are such an integral part of our lives, and are especially important for the LGBTQ+ community. Their unconditional acceptance and love provide emotional connection and support for so many people. They can be a bridge to a greater community, helping their owners find social connection and develop new friendships.

I'm so glad you want to bring Allie along to celebrate. Because she is socialized and can handle a busy environment (thanks to regular trips to the dog park), she will probably do very well as a sideline spectator at parades or as a participant at a well-organized, dog-friendly event. Do plan to take breaks with her in a quiet spot, and bring plenty of cool water and snacks for her so she doesn't get dehydrated on a hot day.

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

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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

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

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 Fair-

grounds, 754 Old Knoxville Hwy. Sevierville, Tenn. 37862. Classic car shows, food trucks, live music, vendors. Free public admission. Info: (865) 388-0099

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

Cherokee Community Clubs

Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Community meets the first Tuesday of each month at the new community building at 6 p.m. Info: Chair Butch Hill (828) 506-8936. For building rental contact any of the Officers.

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

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

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

Aniwodihi (Painttown) Community meets the last Monday of each month at the old community

building across from the casino at 6 p.m. Info: For building rental, contact Janet Arch (828) 508-8071.

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Houses of Worship

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

Acquoni Baptist Church. 722 Acquoni Road. 497-7106. Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Morning

Worship 11 a.m. Sunday Evening
Worship 6 p.m. Sunday Choir
Practice 5 p.m. Wednesday Prayer
Meeting 6 p.m. Pastor Merritt
Youngdeer (828) 788-6614

Antioch Baptist Church.

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

Bethabara Baptist Church.

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

Big Cove Missionary Baptist

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

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness

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

Bigwitch Baptist Church.

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

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

Buffalo Baptist Church. 2686
Snowbird Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C.
Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday
Morning Worship 11 a.m., Sun-
day 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. Wednes-
day Bible Study 6 p.m.

Cherokee Church of God. 21

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

Cherokee Church of the Naza-

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

Cherokee Pentecostal Holi-

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

Cherokee United Method-

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

Cherokee Wesleyan Church.

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

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American Black Elderberry is a native shrub that can be found all throughout the Qualla Boundary. Right now, you can see their white clusters of flowers, which will later develop into fruit during the late summer and fall. The fruit is edible when cooked and is a common ingredient found in store-bought herbal remedies. Be on the lookout; you can often find them on the sides of roads, near creeks, and along banks.

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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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Song of Solomon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Matthew 5, what, besides salt of the earth, did Jesus compare Christians to? *Water, Bread, Light, Mountains*
3. Who became leader of the children of Israel after Moses’ death? *Isaac, Joshua, Aaron, Abraham*
4. What is the biblical word of “Didymus” translated as? *Sinner, Heathen, Teacher, Twin*
5. On what island did John write the book of Revelation? *Cyprus, Crete, Malta, Patmos*
6. What was the trade skill of Paul? *Shepherd, Carpenter, Tentmaker, Tax collector*

ANSWERS: (1) Old, (2) Light (of the world), (3) Joshua, (4) Twin, (5) Patmos, (6) Tentmaker
Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey’s subscribersite at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Moments in time

• On **June 22, 1611**, after a winter spent trapped by ice in what is now northeastern Canada’s Hudson Bay, the starving crew of the Discovery launched a mutiny against their captain, English navigator Henry Hudson, setting him, his teenage son, and seven of his supporters adrift in a small open boat. They were never seen again.

• On **June 23, 1956**, Gamal Abdel Nasser was elected the first president of the Republic of Egypt. Nasser had overthrown the country’s monarchy four years earlier, in a military coup, and was the sole candidate on the ballot. His new constitution, making Egypt a one-party socialist state with Islam as its official religion, was also almost unanimously approved by voters.

• On **June 24, 1374**, a “dancing plague” swept through Germany, causing medieval villagers to writhe and whirl uncontrollably and leaving many people in a state of exhausted collapse in the streets or dead from heart attacks and strokes. The cause is still unknown, though ergot poisoning, mass hysteria and religious devotion have all been suggested.

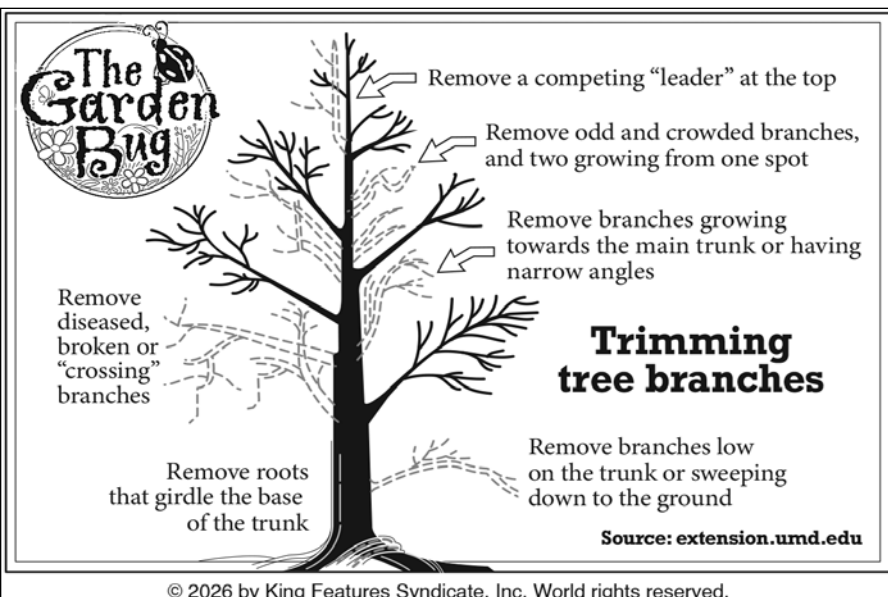
• On **June 25, 1910**, Congress passed the Mann Act, which was ostensibly intended to keep young women from being enticed into prostitution, but was more about a way to make various types of consensual sexual activity a crime.

• On **June 26, 1948**, American and British pilots began delivering food, water, clothing, medicine and fuel by airplane to Berlin after the city was isolated by a Soviet Union blockade. Some in President Harry Truman’s administration had called for a military response to the blockade, but Truman believed such an action could incite another world war.

• On **June 27, 1985**, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials decertified the iconic Route 66, which in its heyday stretched about 2,400 miles over a span of eight states from Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica, California, and voted to remove all its highway signs.

• On **June 28, 2007**, the bald eagle was removed from America’s List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife.

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6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Con- seen, 497-1611, mbccherokee@ outlook.com, Website: www.mace- doniabaptistcherokee.church

Newsong Church. 3548 Wolfe- town 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 Ser- vice 9:45am.

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

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

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

latest updates.

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

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

Shoal Creek Baptist Church. 184 Shoal Creek Church Loop Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. Sunday Continental Breakfast 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m., Wednes- day evening Fellowship Meal 6

p.m., Wednesday evening Prayer Service 6:30 p.m., Choir Practice 7 p.m. Dr. Mickey Duvall, Pastor

Spruce Grove Baptist Church. 780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m., Wednesday evening service 7 p.m., third Saturday singing 7 p.m. Pastor Ernie Cable

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

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

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

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

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

Meet your Care Management Staff

SHARON RAMON
Case Management Support
IDD/TBI/LTSS Team

MEET SHARON

Sharon is a Care Manager Support for Tribal Option who helps people get the care and support they need. She has worked in healthcare for many years and has experience in many different medical settings.

Sharon started her career as a CNA and later worked in long-term care helping with medications. She then went back to school and earned degrees in Medical Assisting, Medical Office Administration, and an Associate of Applied Science. She has also spent several years working with people in the IDD community, helping them live happier and more independent lives.

Sharon is a proud mother of two daughters who are both nurses, including one who works at CIHA. She enjoys spending time with her daughters, her grandchildren, and her energetic Boston Terrier.

Fun fact: Her Boston Terrier keeps her on her toes.



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welcome. Pastor David Birch

Yellowhill Baptist Church.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday
Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday
Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednes-
day Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor
Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or
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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Dark hair may turn red or blond in cases of severe protein deficiency.
- In the first half of the 20th century, cigarette makers touted the weight-loss aspects of their products, with one 1929 advertisement proclaiming, "Light a Lucky and you'll never miss a sweet that makes you fat."
- To escape predators, some sea cucumbers can eject their internal organs. Fortunately, they can also regrow them.
- The word Islam is often translated as "peace through submission to God."
- In 1980, Shakuntala Devi earned a Guinness World Record for fastest multiplier when she correctly multiplied two 13-digit numbers in 28 seconds.
- After a few people showed up to conventions nude in the 1970s and 1980s, cosplay organizers created the "No Costume is No Costume" rule, under which attendees must have complete coverage equivalent to a standard swimsuit over their private areas.
- Mozart's sister Maria Anna was a talented pianist in her own right, but after she reached marriageable age, she was not allowed to perform in public.
- In 2010, a NASA astronaut took a piece of Newton's apple tree aboard the space shuttle Atlantis to celebrate the 350th anniversary of The Royal Society, a scientific organization Newton once led.
- The universe has no known center.
- Hungary's post-WWII monthly inflation increased by 41,900,000,000,000% in July 1946. In other words, prices doubled every 13.5 hours.
- In 1759, Methodist founder John Wesley published a treatise advocating the use of electricity for medicinal purposes. He also regularly electrified participants at the Methodist church headquarters.
- Paul McCartney agreed to do a voice-over on "The Simpsons" if Lisa became a vegetarian for the rest of the series.

Thought for the Day: "I have seen what a laugh can do. It can transform almost unbearable tears into something bearable, even hopeful." — *Bob Hope*

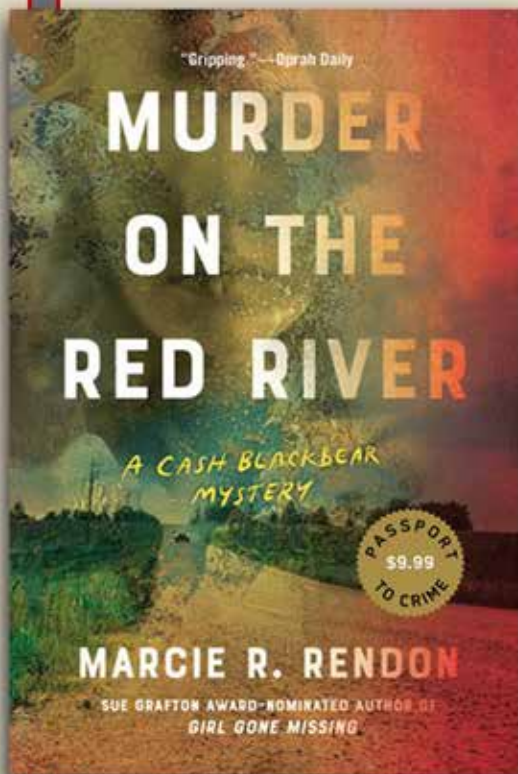
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BOOK OF THE WEEK



"Murder on the Red River" Author Marcie R. Rendon

This book introduces Cash Blackbear, a young Ojibwe woman whose visions and grit help to solve a brutal murder. 1970s, Red River Valley between North Dakota and Minnesota: Renee "Cash" Blackbear is 19 years old and tough as nails. She lives in Fargo, North Dakota, where she drives a truck for local farmers, drinks beer, plays pool, and helps solve criminal investigations through the power of her visions. She has one friend, Sheriff Wheaton, her guardian, who helped her out of the broken foster care system.

One Saturday morning, Sheriff Wheaton is called to investigate a pile of rags in a field and finds the body of an Indian man. When Cash dreams about the dead man's weathered house on the Red Lake Reservation, she knows that's the place to start looking for answers. Together, Cash and Wheaton work to solve a murder that stretches across cultures in a rural community traumatized by racism, genocide, and oppression.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 26-045

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Lloyd Arneach, Jr.
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Cherokee, NC 28719

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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 25-003

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Cherokee NC 28719

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Cherokee, North Carolina
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Cherokee, N.C. 28719
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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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Requests for Proposals
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680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
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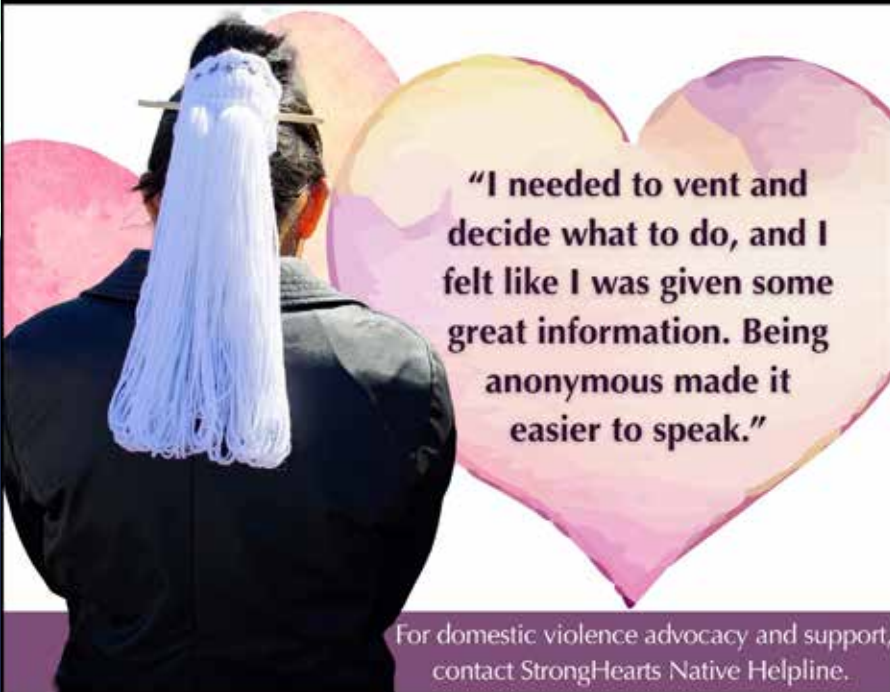
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French earns "Professor" level in Gracie Jiu Jitsu

Jerico French, left, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Kolanvyi (Big Cove) nole Wayohi (Wolfstown), earned his Professor stripes and the title of "Professor" from Gracie North Carolina under Professor Armando Basulto, shown right. In Gracie Jiu-Jitsu, the title "Professor" is the traditional term of respect used for a black belt instructor. Under original Gracie Jiu Jitsu standards, the title is earned when a practitioner passes a specific teaching experience and certification process after reaching a black belt. French is the only known EBCI tribal member to reach "Professor" level in Gracie Jiu Jitsu. (Photo by Christine Basulto)



Elk at Newfound Gap

These equa awi (elk) were spotted near Newfound Gap in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the evening of Tuesday, June 2. (Photo by Sadie Standingdeer)



Tribal members participate in bowling championship

Brandon Wolfe and Trent Wolfe, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, participated in the USBC (United States Bowling Congress) Open Championship in Reno, Nev. this week. They also participated in the Bowlers Journal Challenge and The Forty Frame Game. The USBC Open Championships is one of the world's largest and most prestigious participatory sporting events, attracting tens of thousands of amateur and professional bowlers annually. Established in 1901 by the USBC, the multi-month national tournament gives adult USBC members across the globe the opportunity to compete for a share of millions of dollars in prize money. (Photo courtesy of Martha Wolfe)

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