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“Unified Minds Bring Harmony”

EBCI hosts National NAIWA Conference

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

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Women from around Indian Country gathered at the recent 54th Annual NAIWA (North American Indian Women’s Association) Conference to share ideas and culture. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) hosted the event at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, N.C. from June 8-10. The theme of the conference was “Unified Minds Bring Harmony: Betterment of Home, Family Life, and Community”.

At the beginning of the session on June 8, participants recited the NAIWA Preamble which outlines

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The National NAIWA (North American Indian Women’s Association) Conference, hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), opened at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Monday, June 8. Former EBCI Ugwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Dr. Joyce Dugan, center, gave the keynote address to open the Conference. She is shown with Eileen Briggs (Cheyenne River Sioux), left, NAIWA national vice president; and Diane Booth (Cheyenne River Sioux), national president. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

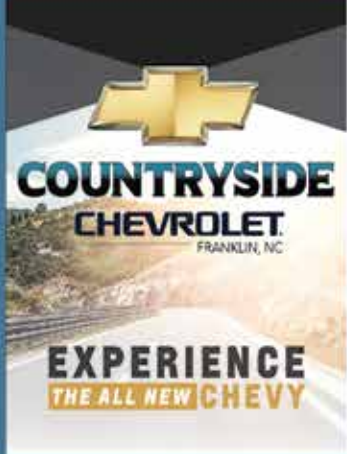
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Quote of the Week



"I carry all those women, all my ancestral women who have passed on, and all their knowledge that's embedded in my mitochondrial DNA that runs my whole body - all my cells...I think about that often and call on that and ask for that guidance."

Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shennelle Feather speaking on a panel entitled "The Role of Women as Government Leaders" at the NAIWA National Conference in Cherokee, N.C. on June 9

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NAIWA: From front page

the goal of the organization. “We, North American Indian Women, with quiet dignity and pride, inherent with our racial heritage, unite with determination to promote through unity of purpose the general well-being of Indian people.”

Diane Booth, a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe who serves as NAIWA national president, told the group at the start of the Conference on June 8, “As we gather on this beautiful morning for the 54th session of the North American Indian Women’s Association here in the homelands of the great Cherokee Nation, we come together in sisterhood to listen, learn, and be inspired by our distinguished speakers. We also gather to share our thoughts, experiences, and wisdom with one another, strengthening the bonds that unite us as Native women across our nations and communities.”

Driver Blythe, an EBCI tribal member who serves as the EBCI public policy analyst, was in attendance on June 8 representing the Office of Ugvwiyuhi (Principal Chief) Michell Hicks. “I was raised by a strong mom and by strong women in my family. And, even though I deserved a switching every now and then, I knew they were leading me in the right path.” Blythe added, “It is important to remember that through a matriarchal society, historically, and a matriarchal society that we should be, that women lead and that the NAIWA, North American Indian Women, are not just leading, they’re teaching.”

The keynote address for the conference was given on the



A panel entitled “The Role of Women as Government Leaders” was held at the National NAIWA (North American Indian Women’s Association) Conference, hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, June 9. The panel included Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Venita Wolfe, left; Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer, second from left; Kolanvyi Rep. Lavita Hill, third from right; and Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shennelle Feather, second from right. They are shown with EBCI Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith, third from left; and Lucille Wolfe, NAIWA Cherokee Chapter president, right.

morning of June 8 by former EBCI Ugvwiyuhi Dr. Joyce Dugan. “I think our generation has been taken care of by strong women...those mothers and grandmothers were strong women, and I hope all of us inherit those qualities.

I believe that the women are the backbone of our tribe. The children are the heart...it’s women that hold the home together. We have learned to multi-task. We cook, we clean, we iron, we wash, we work in the garden - on and on...yet, while doing all this, women have been able to work on

projects to better the community, just like you do.”

She said women are needed in leadership roles. “I was the first woman to be elected to the office of the Principal Chief. I say it’s time for women to step up. With all that tribes are facing, internally and externally, we need leaders who can multitask and I know women can do that.”

Two panel discussions were held on June 9 including:

- “The Role of Women as Government Leaders” – The panel included: Kolanvyi (Big Cove) Rep. Ven-

ita Wolfe, Aniwodihi (Painttown) Rep. Shannon Swimmer, Kolanvyi Rep. Lavita Hill, and Elawodi (Yellowhill) Rep. Shennelle Feather. It was moderated by Angelina Jumper, an EBCI tribal member who serves as the Junaluska Museum cultural resources supervisor.

- “The Journey to Rights of Nature for our Waterways” – Jasmine Smith, an EBCI tribal member and co-founder and chairperson of NAIWA Daughters, was joined by Isabella Zizi (Three Affiliated Tribes, Northern Cheyenne, Muskogee Creek), who is the Indige-

nous community organizer with Movement Rights. This panel was moderated by Kyndra Postoak, an EBCI tribal member and NAIWA Daughters member.

One question asked in the first panel was, "What does it mean to be a leader in a naturally matrilineal society?"

Rep. Feather responded, "Understanding what the roles of clan women, clan mothers, are and what you're supposed to do in a matrilineal society had made a big impact on my identity...all of those things have really helped me to navigate how I lead in a traditional way - thinking in a mindset that's decolonized. It's hard because we're in a colonial system. This government, this way, and how we are organized is not traditionally who we are and how we operated.

I carry all those women, all my ancestral women who have passed on, and all their knowledge that's embedded in my mitochondrial DNA that runs my whole body - all my cells...I think about that often and call on that and ask for that guidance."

Rep. Hill said, "Women should be at the table because women raise their families. Women look after one another. Women care just as much about your children as we do our own. So, women should be here and they had been here for centuries.

We are so looking forward to when our entire government is female. That's the goal...let's start preparing our next leaders right now in order to carry on our matrilineal society. It's beautiful. It's the best thing that could happen to this community and I think that we're ready for it."

Another question asked what life experiences best prepared the women for their current leader-



Jasmine Smith, seated left, speaks during a panel discussion entitled "The Journey to Rights of Nature for our Waterways" at the NAIWA National Conference held at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Tuesday, June 9. Smith, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and co-founder and chairperson of the NAIWA Daughters, was joined on the panel by Isabella Zizi (Three Affiliated Tribes, Northern Cheyenne, Muskogee Creek), seated right, Movement Rights Indigenous community organizer. The panel was moderated by Kyndra Postoak, standing, an EBCI tribal member and NAIWA Daughters member.

ship role.

Rep. Swimmer stated, "The life experience that best prepared me for this role would be motherhood. It's a role that a lot of times you have to make decisions that aren't very popular. You have to sometimes take that criticism and just keep moving and keep doing what's right. That's one of the things that I think is very important in a role like this where you're making decisions that aren't always going to be the most popular, but that would benefit the most people - always doing what's right. Teaching my kids that and then having them still looking to me for that makes it easier to make those hard decisions in this role."

It means everything to me to be a leader in a matrilineal society

and to be a leader for our tribe."

Rep. Wolfe commented, "Being raised by a strong mother and strong grandmothers and strong women in my family has really helped me in this role because it's not easy to be in a position where you have to decide on things that don't benefit you personally or your community but benefit everybody. Having strong role models, the women that were around me, the way I was raised has helped me be strong in myself.

It's amazing to be a woman in this position at this time, primarily because this past Council was all men...so, having all four new women come up and having two new women change over seats in our community - because Lavita and I are both from the same commu-

nity - that was amazing to me. To see that the strength of a woman was needed. The strength that we bring, the ideas that we bring, the differences in our backgrounds that we bring, was much-needed for this Council, for this time."

At the end of the panel, Jumper said, "Seeing Cherokee women serve in these roles gives me hope and reminds me of the possibilities that we have for future generations. Their service is a powerful example of leadership, dedication, and commitment to our people. Their service reflects not only a significant milestone in contemporary tribal leadership, but also enduring strength, resilience, and contributions of Cherokee women

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who have long played vital roles in guiding and sustaining our people.”

In the second panel, Smith spoke of the importance of water within tribal societies and life. “We all understand as Indigenous people that water is life. We are centered around that being.”

She added, “Understanding that this work is not for us, it is to honor those who have come before us for us to be able to stand here today and advocate. But, also doing it for the future generations. It is for that great-great-grandchild that I will never get to meet but knowing that I did everything in my power to make it a better world for them.”

Zizi commented, “I feel like the future of Rights of Nature is already here. For instance, me sitting next to Jasmine and Kyndra moderating...thinking about all of the younger people that are really engaged in this movement.”

Postoak spoke of the advocacy work being done by the NAIWA Daughters group. “It very much is for the future of our people. Our work, the work that you, even, are putting in today is for the future generations to come.”

In addition to the panel discussions, there were several other presentations during the conference including:

- “Rooted in Sovereignty, Building the Future: EBCI Food Sovereignty in Action”, presented by Desirae Abella, EBCI environmental and natural resources area specialist agent
- “Qualla Boundary MMIW: Turning Advocacy into Action”, presented by Maggie Jackson and Loretta Bolden
- “The Evolution of Federal Trib-



Chavella Esquivel McCoy, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a U.S. Navy veteran, posts the NAIWA flag during the opening ceremonies of the conference on June 8.

al Recognition and its Impact on NAIWA”, presented by Sarah Sneed

The conference also included tours of the Qualla Boundary including viewing a performance of

“Unto These Hills” outdoor drama.

EBCI Office of Internal Audit and Ethics concludes investigation of Qualla Enterprises, LLC. Board

By BROOKLYN BROWN
One Feather Reporter

CHEROKEE, N.C.—On June 3, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Office of Internal Audit and Ethics (OIAE) concluded their investigation of the Qualla Enterprises, LLC. Board of Managers in accordance with Res. 181 (2026), stating, “The committee determined there were three violations of the Code of Ethics by Tagan Crowe and assessed a fine of \$250.00. The committee did not find any violations by Morgan Owle-Crisp, Jacob Reed, or Albert Rose.”

Read the full investigation report by visiting this page: <https://theonefeather.com/reports-from-ebc-office-of-internal-audit-and-ethics/>

The allegation stated, “The Board of Managers for Qualla Enterprises, LLC may have violated Cherokee Code Sec. 117-45 Standards of Ethical Conduct if they mishandled confidential information, over-delegated decisions to Sovereign Solutions Carolina LLC [SSC], or committed other malfeasances.”

For the investigation process, the report stated that interviews were conducted between April 21

and May 12 with the following individuals from Qualla Enterprises, LLC.: Morgan Owle-Crisp, Board of Managers; Albert Rose, Board of Managers; Jacob Reed, Board of Managers; Cyrus Rattler, director of finance; Adam Fox, director of information technology; Richard Frias, attorney; Forrest Parker, general manager; Lee Griffin, director of human resources; and Carolyn West, former Board of Managers.

Additionally, the report said, “Relevant information, documents, emails, and correspondences were also reviewed.”

The report includes a chart that lists the board members and their email correspondence:

Reed sent 40 emails externally with attachments, 12 of which were “cleared,” meaning they were sent to EBCI tribal emails, SSC, or “business-related recipients.” 28 emails were not cleared. 15 were sent to Reed’s personal or work email. 13 were sent to a non-Qualla Enterprise email and/or third party.

Crowe sent 12 external emails with attachments. Zero were cleared. All 12 were sent to his personal or work email. Zero were sent to a non-Qualla Enterprise email and/or third party.

Morgan Owle-Crisp sent 10 external emails with attachments. 9 were cleared. 1 was not cleared. 0 were sent to her personal or work email. 1 was sent to a non-Qualla Enterprise email and/or third party.

Albert Rose sent zero emails externally with attachments.

Regarding the board meeting

agendas and minutes, the report states, “...The Board’s practice has been to delegate to the Board’s attorney the task of sending out meeting reminders with the agenda and minutes from the prior meeting. Of the reminders we reviewed, the Tribal Council liaison was not included, and it is not known if the liaison was notified by other means. The minutes do not reflect the attendance of the liaison unless the liaison gave a report...The QE Board did maintain agendas and minutes of Board meetings, but there are opportunities for improvement. We made the following observations: the minutes did not record votes, only that the Board approved items; the minutes did not record everyone in attendance and the Board relied on its attorney to maintain the agendas and minutes.”

OIAE said they “did not find sufficient evidence that the QE Board excessively and/or routinely deferred Board decision-making responsibilities to SSC.”

OIAE concluded that Crowe violated Cherokee Code Sections 117-45.3(d), 117-45.3(p), and 117-45.3(q), seemingly in reference to the timeline in the report noting that Crowe attended the Indigenous Cannabis Industry Association (ICIA) conference in Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin, and did not communicate to the board that he was attending. The report also states the Crowe was absent from his tribal job on sick leave while attending the conference, and that “employees are expected to use sick leave for legitimate reasons only.”



Catawba Nation becomes North Carolina's ninth state-recognized tribe

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
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The Catawba Nation, a federally recognized tribe based in Rock Hill, S.C., has become the ninth state-recognized tribe in the State of North Carolina. The approval came from the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on Friday, June 5. The Catawba Nation has been federally recognized since Nov. 20, 1993.

A press statement on Monday, June 8 from the North Carolina Department of Administration, which oversees the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, states, "Friday was a historic meeting of the Commission of Indian Affairs as the Catawba Nation's petition for state recognition was approved. The Catawba Nation becomes the ninth state-recognized tribe in North Carolina... The Department of Administration commends the Commission of Indian Affairs' commitment to American Indian communities and tribes across the state."

The Catawba Nation said in a statement on June 5, "A historic step forward for the Catawba Nation! The Catawba Nation's journey continues as we strengthen our presence and recognition in North Carolina, honoring our past while building our future."

According to the N.C. Department of Administration, the nine state-recognized tribes in the state include: Catawba Nation (federally recognized), Coharie Tribe, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (federally recognized), Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina (federally recognized), Meherrin Indian Tribe, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi

Nation, Sappony, and the Waccamaw-Sioux Tribe.

Information from the N.C. Department of Administration states of the Catawba Nation, "The Catawba Nation's service area includes North Carolina, and the tribe operates a gaming enterprise in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. The Catawba Nation maintains positive relationships with many tribes across the state and provides philanthropic support to projects in the Carolinas through the Catawba Nation Foundation. The Catawba Nation entered into a gaming compact with the State of North Carolina."

The Catawba Nation opened Two Kings Casino Resort which opened in Kings Mountain, N.C. in July 2021. This was deemed by the tribe as a temporary casino. They have partnered with Delaware North, a gaming and hospitality conglomerate, to open a \$1 billion permanent facility.

In a press release on June 18, Delaware North officials noted, "The casino complex includes the introductory casino on the first level, three levels of covered parking, a back-of-house level and top level with the main casino floor and restaurants. The introductory casino, set to open in spring 2026, will include 1,350 slot machines, 20 table games, a 40-seat restaurant, a bar, sports betting kiosks, and Lucky North Rewards desk."

Delaware North notes that the main casino complex will open sometime in 2027 and will include: 4,300 slot machines, 100 table games, 11 dining outlets, 11 bars, and a 2,700-space parking garage.

According to the gaming compact, the Catawba Nation issues

monthly payments to the State of North Carolina. "The amount of the monthly payment shall be calculated by multiplying the amount of the gross revenue from live table gaming earned from the Tribe's Gaming Facility during a given month times the following percentages...Six Percent (6%) for the period of Aug. 13, 2022 to Aug. 12, 2027; Seven Percent (7%) for the period of Aug. 13, 2027 to Aug. 12, 2032; and Eight Percent (8%) subsequent to Aug. 12, 2032."

As a stipulation outlined in the gaming compact, the Catawba Indian Nation Foundation was formed "whose purpose shall be to enhance the long-term success of the casino and the development of the Catawba Indian Nation lands; to protect, preserve, and enhance the ancestral lands of the Catawba Indian Nation (and particularly the Catawba River) in proximity to the Catawba Indian Nation Lands through the acquisition of conservation easements and other real property interests; to implement other conservation measures to enhance the Catawba River; to assist in economic development for public services, recreation, entertainment and community economic development and foster employment opportunities on or near Catawba Indian Nation lands; to educate local children and federally and state-recognized Indian tribe children in the classroom; to provide educational scholarships for members of the Catawba Indian Nation and other federally and state-recognized Indian tribes within North Carolina; to fund high school internships for members of the Catawba Indian Nation involved in the preservation of ancestral lands of the Catawba In-

dian Nation or the Catawba River; and to preserve, research, study, and restore the history, tradition, culture, language, arts, crafts and heritage of the Catawba Indian Nation through programs and activities based on the Catawba Indian Nation Lands."



by Ryan A. Berenz

1. A 1985 NHL game in which the Edmonton Oilers defeated the Chicago Blackhawks 12-9 has the record for total player points (goals plus assists) scored in a single game with how many?
2. Before it was renamed Connie Mack Stadium in 1953, the baseball and football arena in Philadelphia was known as what?
3. Kevin Mayer became the decathlon world record holder in 2018 competing for what country?
4. Name the New England Patriots linebacker who caught touchdown passes in Super Bowls XXXVIII and XXXIX.
5. What brand, established as a rubber tire manufacturer in Ireland in the 1890s, began making golf and tennis balls in the early 1900s?
6. Which Major League Baseball team fired manager Billy Martin after only one season despite winning 97 games in 1969?
7. Which Toronto Maple Leafs player had his No. 9 retired in 1934, the first time a professional athlete had a jersey retired in his honor?

Answers

1. 62.
2. Shibe Park.
3. France.
4. Mike Vrabel.
5. Dunlop.
6. The Minnesota Twins.
7. Ace Bailey.

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Federal legislative updates of interest to EBCI citizens

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

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

New this week

There are no new bills this week.

Bills we're currently watching

H.R. 226 (Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Re-acquisition Act). This bill would place 76 acres of land in east-

ern Tennessee into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Included in that land are the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, the Chota Memorial, and the Tanasi Memorial sites.

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

Action: This bill was passed in the House by a voice vote on Feb. 4, 2025. It was received in the Senate the next day and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Bill 761 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies

Act). This bill would establish the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies. According to Congress.gov, "Among other duties, the Commission must investigate the impacts and ongoing effects of the Indian Boarding School Policies – federal policies under which American Indian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian children were forcibly removed from their family homes and placed in boarding schools."

Introduced: Feb. 26, 2025 by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)
Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. It was "ordered to be reported without amendment favorably" by the Committee on March 5, 2025. It was reported without amendment by Sen. Murkowski (R-Alaska), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs chairperson, on July 31, 2025. That same day, it was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders (Calendar No. 139).

H.R. 2412 (Indigenous Diplomacy and Engagement Act). This bill would establish an Office for Indigenous Affairs and an Advisory Commission for Indigenous Peoples within the Department of State.

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

H.R. 2929. (Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe recognition bill). This bill would grant federal ac-

knowledge to the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe of North Carolina, a state-recognized group.

Introduced: April 17, 2025 by Rep. Donald G. Davis (D-N.C.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 17, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 3255. (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025). This bill would grant federal acknowledgment to the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians, a state-recognized group in Michigan.

Introduced: May 7, 2025 by Rep. Hillar J. Scholten (D-Mich.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on May 7, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 3444. (Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act of 2025).

This bill would "direct Federal land management agencies of the Department of the Interior to establish Tribal Co-Management Plans and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations for the performance of certain activities of the Forest Service, and for other purposes".

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

Action: This bill was referred to both the House Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Agriculture. It was referred to the House Subcom-

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committee on Federal Lands on June 3, 2025, and a hearing was held in that subcommittee on June 10, 2025.

Senate Bill 2022 (Tribal Tax and Investment Reform Act of 2025). This bill would “amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat Indian Tribal governments in the same manner as state governments for certain federal tax purposes, and for other purposes”. Introduced: June 11, 2025 by U.S. Senators Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

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

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

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

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

Senate Bill 2160 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians

Restoration Act of 2025). This bill seeks the same as H.R. 3255 (Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians Restoration Act of 2025. Introduced: June 25, 2025 by Sen. Gary C. Peters (D-Mich.)

Action: The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 25, 2025. There is not a scheduled hearing in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4276 (To amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act). According to congress.

gov, this bill amends the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act “to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations”.

Introduced: July 2, 2025 by Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawai’i)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources as well as the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on July 2, 2025. This bill was referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, and a hearing was held in that Subcommittee on Nov. 19, 2025.

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

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

Action: This will was referred to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on

July 8, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4463 (To amend the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993). The text of the legislation states, “Subsection (d) of section 7 of the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–116), is amended by striking ‘; however, in no event may an individual be enrolled as a tribal member unless the individual is a lineal descendant of a person on the final base membership roll and has continued to maintain political relations with the Tribe.’” Introduced: July 16, 2025 by Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.)

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 16. It was referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs on Sept. 4, 2025, and a hearing was held on this legislation in the subcommittee on Sept. 9, 2025. A Committee mark-up session was held on Feb. 11, 2026, and it was ordered to be reported by unanimous consent. It was reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 2, 2026 and was placed on the Union Calendar that same day. The bill was passed by a voice vote in the House on June 2, 2026. It was received in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 3, 2026.

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

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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, Vir-

ginia 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-Oklahoma) 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

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

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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.

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. It was further referred to the House Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs on June 3, 2026. A hearing was held on this bill in the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 9, 2026.

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
June 1-7, 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.

Murphy, Joseph Michael – age 51
Arrested: June 1
Released: June 1
Charges: Temporary Hold

Smoker, April Chantrelle – age 43
Arrested: June 1
Released: Not released as of report date (June 8)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bradley, Keanan Seth – age 30
Arrested: June 2
Released: June 5
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Buchanan, Kimberly Nicole – age 34
Arrested: June 2
Released: Not released as of report date (June 8)
Charges: Probation Violation

George, Michael Anthony – age 32
Arrested: June 2
Released: Not released as of report date (June 8)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Little, Shalina Lynn – age 24
Arrested: June 2
Released: June 7
Charges: Possession of a Con-

trolled Substance; Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ensley Jr., Paul – age 62
Arrested: June 3
Released: Not released as of report date (June 8)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Long Jr., Henry Allen – age 35
Arrested: June 3
Released: June 3
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Second Degree Trespassing

Teesatuskie Jr., Gary Mitchell – age 26
Arrested: June 3
Released: June 6
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule II

Hornbuckle, Jamie Ray – age 50
Arrested: June 4
Released: Not released as of report date (June 8)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Long Jr., Henry Allen – age 35
Arrested: June 4
Released: June 4
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Smith, James Cassidy – age 39
Arrested: June 4
Released: Not released as of report date (June 8)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Steelmon, Joshua – age 42
Arrested: June 4

Released: June 4
Charges: Flee to Elude

Biddix, Callie May – age 42
Arrested: June 5
Released: Not released as of report date (June 8)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Kiser, Whitney Ann – age 48
Arrested: June 5
Released: June 5
Charges: Temporary Hold

Phillips, Jacqueline Christine – age 37
Arrested: June 5
Released: June 5
Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Piercy, Danny – age 49
Arrested: June 5
Released: June 5
Charges: Temporary Hold

Taylor, James Algar Dean – age 36
Arrested: June 5
Released: Not released as of report date (June 8)
Charges: Public Intoxication, Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Probation

Violation

Berry, Michael Adam – age 41
Arrested: June 6
Released: Not released as of report date (June 8)
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Resisting Lawful Arrest

Corral, Humberto – age 34
Arrested: June 7
Released: June 7
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Guerrero, Nalisha Aline – age 36
Arrested: June 7
Released: Not released as of report date (June 8)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Torres, Alexander Bauza – age 29
Arrested: June 7
Released: June 7
Charges: Resisting Public Officer

Walkingstick, Kory Duane – age 27
Arrested: June 7
Released: June 7
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

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

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6 REASONS TO STAY ON TOP OF YOUR GUTTER MAINTENANCE

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

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

Here is a list of some of those reasons.

PREVENT EROSION & MOLD



1. Roof Damage

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

2. Wood Fascia Damage

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

3. Damage to Walls, Windows, Doors and Patios

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

4. Damage to Foundations and Landscaping

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

5. Slip and fall

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

6. Prevent Mold

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

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



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Dr. Ann Bullock named as 2026 Lula Owl Gloyne Person of Excellence Award Recipient

Submitted by Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation

CHEROKEE, N.C. - The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation has announced Dr. Ann Bullock as the recipient of the 2026 Lula Owl Gloyne Person of Excellence Award, which recognizes individuals whose lives and work embody exceptional service, leadership, innovation, resilience, and commitment to the well-being of others.

Dr. Bullock will be formally recognized during the 15th Annual Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Gala on Saturday, June 27 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.



Dr. Ann Bullock
(Photo contributed)

Named in honor of EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Be-

loved Woman Lula Owl Gloyne, a pioneering Cherokee nurse, educator, and public health advocate, the award recognizes individuals whose contributions have created meaningful and lasting improvements in the health and quality of life of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and surrounding communities. Recipients exemplify excellence through selfless service, significant professional accomplishments, resilience in overcoming challenges, and visionary leadership that benefits future generations.

Few individuals embody those qualities more completely than Dr. Ann Bullock.

For more than three decades, Dr. Bullock dedicated her career to improving the health of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians through compassionate patient care, innovative public health initiatives, and transformational leadership. A member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Dr. Bullock joined Cherokee Indian Hospital in 1990 as a family physician and served the Cherokee community for 31 years until her retirement in 2021.

Throughout her career, Dr. Bullock held numerous leadership positions, including Medical Director for the Eastern Band



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of Cherokee Indians Health and Medical Division, Chief Clinical Consultant for Family Medicine for the Indian Health Service, Clinical Consultant for the Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, Acting Director of the Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, and ultimately Director of the division.

While her roles evolved, her mission to improve the health of Native people through addressing the root causes of chronic disease remained constant.

At a time when diabetes had become one of the most significant health challenges facing the Cherokee community, Dr. Bullock helped lead a paradigm shift through the Tribe's Cherokee Choices program. Under her leadership, the nationally recognized initiative implemented a comprehensive, community-based approach to diabetes prevention and wellness that engaged individuals across all stages of life through school mentoring, workplace wellness, and faith-based health programs. The program became a model for Indigenous communities nationwide and demonstrated the power of prevention, education, and community engagement. Her impact extended far beyond the Qualla Boundary. As Director of the Indian Health Service Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, Dr. Bullock oversaw the congressionally mandated Special Diabetes Program for Indians, a \$150 million annual initiative that has significantly improved diabetes outcomes for Native communities across the country. She helped shape national healthcare policy, contributed to reports to Congress, and advanced strategies that continue to improve health outcomes for Indigenous popula-

tions.

Dr. Bullock's nomination highlighted not only her extraordinary accomplishments, but also the selfless spirit with which she achieved them. Even while serving in national leadership positions, she remained deeply committed to her patients in Cherokee, continuing to provide primary care and building lasting relationships with generations of families. Her patients frequently describe her as compassionate, attentive, and genuinely invested in their well-being. Her work also reflects the innovative vision recognized by the Lula Owl Gloyne Award. Long before discussions of trauma-informed care became widespread, Dr. Bullock recognized the connections between stress, historical trauma, and chronic disease. Through healing retreats, community education, and initiatives such as Journey to Forgiveness, she advocated for approaches that integrated cultural understanding, emotional wellness, and traditional values into healthcare. Her efforts helped advance a more holistic model of care that honors the interconnectedness of mind, body, and spirit.

Throughout her career, Dr. Bullock has remained focused on creating a healthier future for the next seven generations. Her work in prevention, education, chronic disease management, and health equity has improved quality of life for countless individuals while helping reduce the long-term impact of diabetes and related complications. She has also served as a mentor, educator, researcher, and advocate, influencing healthcare professionals and public health leaders across the nation.

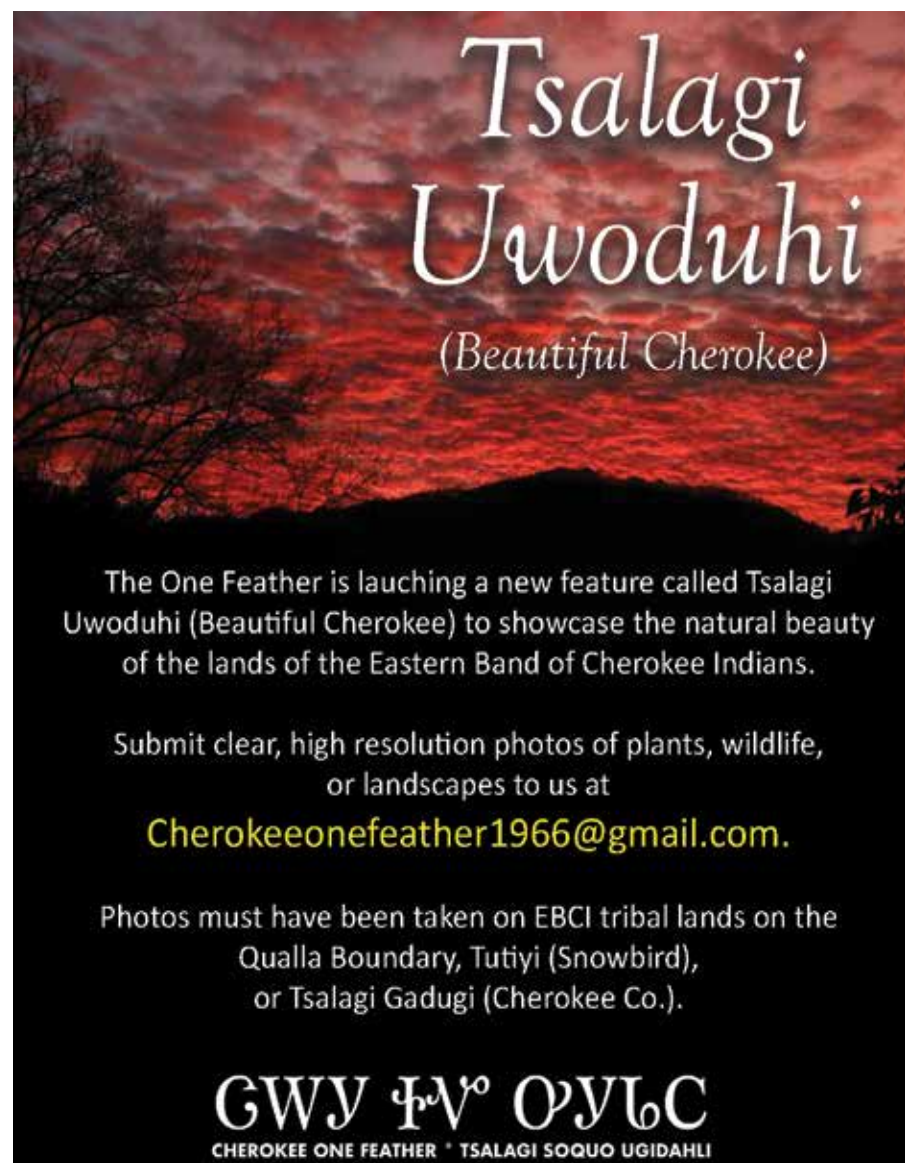
"Dr. Bullock has dedicated her career to serving others and im-

proving the health and well-being of our people," said Sheyahshe Litledave, chairwoman of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation. "Her leadership has strengthened healthcare for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians while influencing Native health initiatives across the country. She truly embodies the spirit of the Lula Owl Gloyne Person of Excellence Award, and we are honored to recognize her lasting impact."

Dr. Bullock's distinguished career has earned numerous honors, including the Indian Health Service Director's Award, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for

Distinguished Service, and recognition as a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Yet those who know her best often point not to the awards she has received, but to the lives she has changed through her dedication to healing, advocacy, and community service.

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation is proud to celebrate Dr. Ann Bullock's remarkable legacy at the 15th Annual Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation Gala and to recognize the lasting impact she has made on the health and well-being of the Cherokee people and Indigenous communities nationwide.



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Cherokee High School 4th quarter Honor Roll

8th grade

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Alpha Honor Roll: Laylauna Al-
lison, Kirsten Anderson, Brannon
Arch, Drayzin Beheler, Uliahna
Beheler, Michael Driver, Hunter
McMillan, Emma Milholen, Lucas
Myers, Piper Owl

Beta Honor Roll: Keilani Arch,
Makeena Armachain, Tybee Back,
Uriah Ben, Rihanna Calhoun,
Aurora Crowe, Xavion Davis,
Nahnie George, Kody Gloyne,
Kaiser Hernandez, Nicolas Hold-
er, Deagan Hornbuckle, Kenleigh
Hornbuckle, Shane Hornbuckle,
A-ge-yv Jenkins, Kealan Jumper,
James Ledford, Brayden Little-
john, Phillip Littlejohn, Jeshua
Lossiah, Abelia Mahan-Flores,
Emily Maney, Story Martens,
Curren McCoy, Azurea Miles,
Kaelyn Montelongo, Joey Panther,
Robert Rattler, Sean Schultz, Riley
Standingdeer, Rhae-Lynn Stilwell,
Adalynn Taylor, Kynleigh Tay-
lor, Serenity Teesateskie, Nickyle
Teesatuskie, Channing Toineeta,
Lillianna Toineeta, Skyler Welch,
Selina Yanez

9th grade

Principal's Honor Roll:
Nazari Bell, Blaze Crowe, Cher
Crowe-Garcia, Jacqueline Fourkill-

er-Raby, Kodesgi Jackson, Maya
Lossiah, Jeron Martens, Kennedy
Moore, Ava Murphy Walkingstick,
Janessa Owl, Janiyah Rattler,
Kaila Reed, Nyra Reed, Taytem
Saunooke, Hailey Winchester

Alpha Honor Roll: Jaymsey
Armachain, Kellin Blankenship,
Derreus Diaz, Georjia Girty,
Dominique Gonzalez, Savannah
Hornbuckle, Kyla Keel-Aguilera,
Greyson Panther, Jordan Panther,
Cambry Stamper, Elliott Wildcat

Beta Honor Roll: Angelica
A-kwi-na, Jaylee Arch, Gabriel
Arneach, Mathias Arneach, Sam-
uel Browning, Xihanna Christian,
Laila Crowe-Taylor, David Davis,
Greyson Ledford, Hynasha Led-
ford, Colin Lossie, Christopher
Martinez, Riley McCoy, McKyan
Panther, Kirk Reed, Blake Se-
quoyah, Avrix Teesateskie, Devyn
Wittman, Ko'dee Wolfe, Trigger
Young

10th grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Lillian
Bradley, Mason Crowe, Khloe
Cucumber, Zoe De Los Reyes, Ga-
brielle George, Nanette Hull, Jean
Layno, Lilly Lossiah, James Smith
Jr., Thomas Tramper, Armani
Watty, William J. Welch

Alpha Honor Roll: Kyam Arch,
Brody Armitage, Mack Burgess,
Kahya Cucumber, John C. Gloyne,
Lydon Gloyne, Dagoberto Guer-
rero, Morgan Hernandez, Ariel
Hoyle, Jae McMillan, Aydn Samp-
son, Taliyah Sequoyah, Kimo
Sokol, Alana Squirrel, Brendan
Wolfe

Beta Honor Roll: Alexander
Antone, Ander Antone, Marek
Brown, Keysa-Ann Collins, Kim-
berly Crowe, Eloise Frady, Eva
Hill, Haley Locust, Elvia McCoy,
John Morgan, Taleeah Murphy,
Cameron Oocumma, Nicolas Para-
mo, Jayla Pheasant, Kylana Samp-

son, Ivan Santos, Ashton Saylor,
Kiara Sneed, Kylea Swayney,
Marcelita Swayney, Briann Tee-
sateskie, Kaidyn Walkingstick,
Aliyah Watty, Cainyan Welch, Ev-
eie Welch, Ezekiel Welch, Laranzo
Wilnoty

11th grade

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Bark, Dillon Beam, Emilee Brady,
Jarvis Brady, Kayla Guillen, Court-
ney Hitt, Reginald Hyatt, Christian
Luna-Martinez, Emily Maney,
Aaliyah Rogers, Utsela Saunooke,
Joscelyn Stamper, Kingston
Welch, Dalton Yates

Alpha Honor Roll: Nayaa Addo,
Samuel Arneach, Martin Arteaga,
Brandon Blankenship, Elias Blan-
kenship, Livia Crowe, Kaden Cu-
cumber, Jezakiah Driver, Daisee
Fourkiller-Raby, Kyitan Johnson,
Drallen Ledford, Johnny Long,
Chaz Martens, Levi Oocumma,
Dawson Panther, Addison Stewart,
Ava Teesatuskie-Walkingstick

Beta Honor Roll: Carter Bird,
Trennan Calhoun, Chloe Cooper,
Israel Cotton, Kiowa George,
Alexis Grimes, Aubree Grimes,
Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwa-
ter, Braden Howlingcrane, Ayanna
Lambert, Chloe Locust, Daksh
Patel, Denver Porterfield, Russell
Reed, Eric Rudisill, Rodrigo San-
tiago, Kylen Sneed, Luke Stamper,
Kaden Stephens, Auron Taylor,
Madigan Welch

12th grade

Principal's Honor Roll:
Marleigh Aguilera, Francesca Ar-
machain, Logan Biddix, Maya Bra-
bham, Brihana Burgos Delgado,
Traelin Carey, Zayden Crowe, Pay-
ton Driver, Brett Elders, Emiliano
Garcia, Javan Garcia, Fred George
Jr., Marlee Hicks, Isaiah Ledford,
Josilyn Ledford, Leilah Loss-
ie, Michael Lozano-Rodriguez,

Evan Nations, Lexcy Ortiz, Dailin
Panther, Nia Sequoyah, Gabriella
Smith, Keith Smith, Cecily Swim-
mer, Jayden Tramper

Alpha Honor Roll: Krenston
Armachain, Owen Bird, Talan
Crowe, Da-Wo-Ni Dv-di-s-di,
Oscar Guillien-Swayney, Samuel
Hernandez, Conner Junaluska,
Ayden Lambert, Trinity Martinez,
Jocelyn Saunooke, Elijah Sherrill,
Matix Stamper, Keeifer Taylor,
Gavin Teesatuskie, Samantha
Toineeta, Sara Toineeta, Pippa
Welch, Dayton Wilnoty, Haylie
Woodard

Beta Honor Roll: Tayvin Bark-
Cruz, Kyrus Bell, Larindo Ben Jr.,
Dante Bigwitch, Hayden Bowling,
Audrina Cooper, Winter Crowe,
William Ellwood Jr., Elora Fuson,
Taylor Kazhe, Mato Nierenhau-
sen, Hailey Owle, Chaske' Raines,
Calvin Roan Eagle-Littlejohn,
Timber Sampson Rattler, Jadence
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Victor Dwayne Wildcatt

June 8, 1967 – June 6, 2026

Victor was 58 years of age when he made his journey to Heaven to be with the almighty God. He was born and raised in Cherokee, N.C. and resided in the Wolftown Community

He was preceded in death by Mianna Cucumber Luther, Emmaline Littlejohn Cucumber, Richard Luther, Daniel Luther, Abraham Wildcatt; as well his aunts and uncles.

Victor leaves behind his children who were Stephanie Wildcatt, Brandy Watty Pheasant, Jarrett Wildcatt, and Vincent Wildcatt; his uncle, Sammy Cucumber; grandchildren, Shyne, Teela, Daryl, Loki, Andi, Conway, Shadow, and

Delilah; siblings, Kim Wildcatt, Monica Wildcatt, and Samuel “Frell” Reed; nieces and nephews, Little Rich Bottchenbaugh, Skylar Bottchenbaugh, Shakyra Bottchenbaugh, Lauren Luther, Kalista Luther, Moke Tafoya, MJ Tafoya, Oliver Tafoya, Christopher Reed, Sara “Kai” Reed, Kirk Reed, Kalia Reed, etc.; and his special friends Tina Reyes, and Bubbles.

Victor also played for Wolftown Stickball Team.

Victor traveled the powwow trail and danced as Men’s Fancy and Northern Traditional.

He was also known to many as “Chief Wildcatt” who would setup in the town of Cherokee and perform powwow style dance shows for visitors and tourists.

Victor also practiced crafts like woodcarving and beadwork.

Victor also worked at the Cherokee Indian Hospital and for The Cherokees.

Victor also enjoyed being out in the woods and foraging for wild greens like sochan and ramps.

Victor was also a follower of Christ and kept Jesus close to his heart.

He will also be missed by his multiple ex-wives and many women from many nations.

Dedvdagohayu “Kvhe Ugvwi-yuhi”, Until we meet again, “Chief Wildcatt”.

Funeral Service will be held at Rock Springs Baptist Church on Friday, June 12. Visitation for family and friends will be at 1 p.m. The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. with the burial to follow afterwards. The service will be led by Pastor Greg Morgan.

Shauna Conseen-Teesatuskie
Shauna Conseen-Teesatuskie, 48, of the Yellow Hill Community, Cherokee, N.C., unexpectedly passed away at Cherokee Hospital on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

She was born on March 22, 1978 to the late Joseph Arch Conseen and Gwendolyn Jackson-Conseen. She enjoyed making crafts and making people laugh. Her greatest joy in life was her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Teesatuskie, and three children, Carrie Conseen (Antonio), Corey Conseen (Taylor), and Asteria Wildcat. She is also survived by one brother, Venyall Conseen; and one niece, Ruby Queen; two grandchildren, Dahvie and Isabella Conseen; and her partner,

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Ruben Santiago. She will be greatly missed by family, cousins, and friends.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, June 11 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home, with Rev. Ben Reed officiating.

Long House Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Bud Welch

Thomas Bud Welch, 82, of Cherokee, passed away Monday, June 8, 2026. A native of Swain County, he was the son of the late Cecil and Mae Welch and husband of the late Susan Irene Waidstutte Welch who he was married to for 39 years.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and loved his gospel music. He was preceded in death by his siblings, James John Welch, Glad-

ys Simonds, and Glenna Kirkland; and his granddaughter, Kimberly Renee Thompson.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda Thompson and husband Anthony; sisters, Joan Bishop and husband Dennis, Annette Estes and husband Gene, Donna Vanbrunt, brothers, Winfred Welch and wife Linda, Joe Welch, Donald Welch, Duane Welch and wife Donna; grandchildren, Krystal Dyer, Anthony Thompson, Adrian Thompson, Brenna Allen, Carl Allen Jr.; great grandchildren, Timmy, Breanna, Madilynn, Aryanna, Charlie, Ava, Kimberlynn, and Landynn; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

Nannie "Nan" Thompson Brown

Nannie "Nan" Thompson Brown, 86, of Graham County and the Snowbird Community, N.C., was reunited with her loving husband and welcomed into her heavenly home on Monday, June 8, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. A native of Jackson County, North Carolina, Nan was born on Sept. 12, 1939 at her home in Cherokee, N.C. and spent her life serving others with kindness, faith, and unwavering devotion.

Nan was a beloved mother, wife, grandmother, sister, and friend who dedicated her life to caring for those around her. A woman of deep faith, Nan loved God with all her heart and desired for her children and grandchildren to know that same love and faith. She leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and selflessness that will continue to guide future generations.

Nan retired from a long and fulfilling career in healthcare. A senior home health caregiver, she genuinely loved her work and the people she cared for. After retirement, her passion for serving others continued. As a fluent Cherokee speaker, she shared her knowledge and cultural heritage by teaching at the Snowbird Language

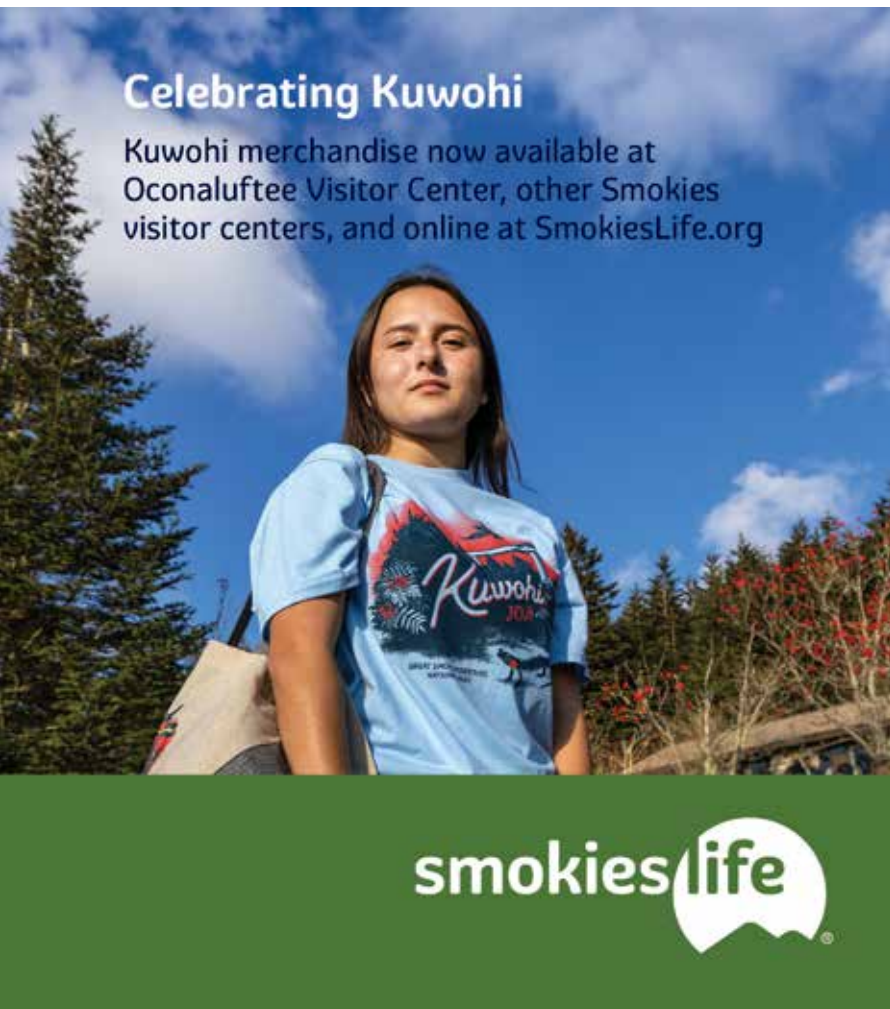
Program, helping preserve and pass on the Cherokee language to future generations.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jackson Thompson and Alice Wolfe Thompson; her husband, Mark Brown; her son, Clarence David Thompson; her grandson Andrew Aquilera; and all of her siblings.

Nan is survived by her daughter, Linda Kemp; her son, Will Tushka; her daughter, Mary Tushka; her grandchildren, Tamara, Sarah, and Victoria Thompson, Adrian "Bubba" Aquilera, Trajan, Krista, Alannah, Kevonna, Nevaeh, and Nashoba Tushka, and Edward Wood; along with many other cherished family members and friends.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 12 at Crisp Funeral Home in Bryson City, N.C., with burial following at New Hope Cemetery in Robbinsville, N.C.

Nan's family will remember her for her loving heart, her strong faith, her devotion to family, and her efforts for preserving the Cherokee language and culture. Her memory will live on in the lives she touched and in the generations she helped nurture, teach, and inspire.



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THE GOOD STUFF

Madison Hye Long inspires with photography and language

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Asst. Editor

CHEROKEE, N.C. – Madison Hye Long looks at things differently than most people. She has the eye of a photographer and sees the world through her lens. Nine years ago, I wrote these two sentences as the opening of an article I did on Long, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), as her photography was being featured in a show in the San Francisco gallery Galeria De La Raza, and they fit now more than ever.

When Long picks up her camera, it is as though she is picking up a paint brush – art comes through time after time and timeless art is created.

Her work was featured in a New York Times article in 2018 entitled “Native American Photographers Unite to Challenge Inaccurate Narratives”.

I interviewed her about the article, and she noted that she uses her life experiences in her work. “I take a lot of it with me. I know where I’m from, and I make sure I always add in some sort of it. Just the Rez in general is a personality, and I always put that in every bit of my work. But, I am a lot different than everybody here, that’s for sure, and I think that’s good. Differentiability is super-good. I always know who I am and just who I want to be.”

She has been featured in numerous art exhibits including a very public one at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in 2023 entitled “This Land Calls Us Home”. Long joined four other EBCI tribal members and members of other southeastern tribes for the exhibit.

While Long is still quite active with her photography, she has become very active as a Cherokee second-language learner and has graduated from the CLMAP (Cherokee Language Master Apprentice Program). Last fall, she attended the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education in New Zealand with over 20 other members of the EBCI.



Madison Hye Long, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Cherokee second language learner, addresses the crowd at the beginning of the 5K Walk/Run for Cherokee Language Revitalization on March 28 at Kituwah – an event she organized. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Long said she learned a lot at the conference but was most impressed with the model of land-based learning especially as it pertains to language. “I can relate to that because I grew up in the woods and I learned a lot of stuff that you can’t get in a classroom. I think that’s really important as a Cherokee individual. So, maybe creating language land-based camps... to where we’re stepping away from a classroom setting and then learning the language in our natural setting.

They don’t teach the language, they feed it. That just stuck out to me, so we’ve got to do that to our community. And, I think when we go for the aspect of feeding it instead of just teaching it, we do it with more love in our hearts.”

To encourage language learning, she organized the 5K Walk/Run for Cherokee Language Revitalization which was held at Kituwah – the

Mother Town of the Cherokee – in March. At that event, she noted, “I’ve been learning the language for about three years now – along with the other language warriors, I like to call them – within the adult language program. Right now, I’m working as an advanced linguist apprentice, and we’re trying to really crack down and break apart the Cherokee language and really starting to study Cherokee grammar.”

With passionate people like her working daily, the Cherokee language will continue to thrive more and more.

Going back to the 2018 article I wrote on Long regarding her involvement in the New York Times article, let’s revisit a quote. She told me, “I hope to make some sort of impact.”

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EBCI Red Meat Processing Facility: Common Community Concerns



We hear you. There are a lot of concerns and questions about how this facility might impact your life. Here are some answers to the most common questions we have been asked.

“Cherokee is getting a Red Meat Processing Facility? But what about ...”



The Smell?

Our facility will process no more than 10 animals per day, which means animals are only on-site for a short time – minimizing manure and odor. Byproducts like bones and organs are stored in sealed barrels inside a climate-controlled room, then picked up weekly by a licensed rendering company. And the strongest smell you’re likely to notice? Delicious smoked meats from our bacon making smoker – just like a bonfire!



The Location? Isn’t it near some homes?

We had lots of things to consider when picking a location; so many we made another infographic! In summary, all operations will be indoors, with no waste exposure, no feedlot, and no visual impact to nearby homes. Since this is EBCI Tribal Land in Jackson County we will manage it under tribal land-use codes and county regulations. The location will receive approval from both the EBCI Planning Board and Environmental Office, ensuring it’s suited for meat-processing operations without conflict to residential zones.



The Money? Will this be another Tribal Expense?

The facility is being built with a \$6.46 million USDA grant specifically awarded to support indigenous meat processing. To ensure long-term sustainability, the facility will generate income through Processing Fees, Retail Meat Sales, Value-added Products, and Byproduct Sales. These revenue streams will help cover operating costs and reduce future financial burden on the Tribe, all while feeding community members and supporting local food production!

- For more details, check out our “Financial Opportunities & Savings” infographic.



The Environmental Impacts? Will this facility pollute the River?

This facility is designed with strong safeguards for land, water, and air – including a USDA-approved waste collection system, NEPA compliance, and there will be no animal discharge into the river or sewer. All processing operations are indoors, with overnight animal holding pens limiting manure waste.

- For more details, check out our “Place & Planet” infographic.



Recruiting & Keeping Employees?

We’re building a workplace that values and invests in its people by offering competitive pay and part to full time, stable employment; Training and certification for meat cutting, food safety, and equipment use; Work-life balance with daytime shifts and no feedlot or overnight animal care; A safe, respectful environment aligned with Tribal values and food sovereignty. Our goal is to create career pathways, not just jobs – building skills that support the community for generations.

- We will probably start hiring in Fall 2026 - keep an eye out if you’d like to apply!



The Employees? Isn’t it Dangerous to work at a Meat Processing Facility?

The facility will follow all OSHA and USDA FSIS safety standards, including, Proper Protective Equipment, Cold Storage Safeguards, Sanitation and Hygiene Protocols. We’re also working with Friesla, whose “Safe, Robust, Human Processing” model prioritizes ergonomics, injury prevention, and respectful working conditions – creating a safer environment for every employee.



The Noise?

All processing happens indoors, and animals are only present for a few hours at a time, with no feedlot. The design follows Temple Grandin’s noise audit principles to reduce stress on animals and maintain a quiet environment. Calm handling, quiet equipment, and sound-dampening measures help protect both animals and nearby neighbors.



Animal Well-Being? Will this be Humane?

In alignment with Cherokee values, we’re committed to the respectful, humane treatment of all animals – especially those offering themselves to nourish our community. Unlike large-scale industrial operations, our small-scale processing allows for calmer environments and gentler handling. We will use captive bolt stunning, a USDA-approved method that renders animals instantly unconscious and without pain, minimizing suffering. Following Temple Grandin’s low-stress handling principles, our facility uses quiet equipment, minimal wait times, and respectful care in an animal’s final moments. Animals are only on site for a few hours, not days – reducing fear, stress, and exposure to unfamiliar surroundings.

Have more questions about our facility?



Come by the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office or Give us a Call! We’d love to talk with you.

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Scripture references: 1 Chronicles 16:34, James 1:17, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Timothy 4:4, Romans 8:28, Philippians 2:13, 1 Corinthians 2:14, Lamentations 3:25, Romans 6:23

This concept may never have occurred to you or those who hear this. It might even be a paradigm shift for some people to realize that God is good to them.

This is the Gospel that God is good and that He is the One who gives good gifts for His glory and purpose. To realize and internalize this truth makes one humble and grateful. These attributes are where people meet God, love Him more, and glorify Him with thankfulness. The Good News is His gift of His Son, Jesus, and eternal salvation is the greatest gift of all. People tend to view themselves and others who possess unique talents and gifts as attributes they were lucky to be born with or earned on their own. These are lies of satan and lead to hubris and pride. Unless people come to know where their gifts are from, they will be less inclined to thank their Maker for them. Gratitude is the attitude God wants in each of us.

Consider all the musicians, athletes, authors, and movie stars that could have done so much more with their lives if they gave thanks, knowing their gifts and physical attributes came from God. It staggers the mind when you realize how God giveth and taketh away. Have you ever received a gift and didn't know where it came from or why? Then later you find out who gave it the gift. Were you surprised? Did it mean more to you to know who gave you the gift? Did you feel more love or affection for the giver, knowing it came from them?

All, and I mean ALL, gifts and good things come from God. Even the ones others gave you, or you received, unaware of where they came from. Thank God for those gifts, but also thank Him and love Him more to know that God gave each excellent gift.

I am being repetitious purposely – because

God is good all the time, and all His gifts are good, too. Knowing and accepting that truth should make us even more thankful and more in love with the One who gives us everything. Be grateful, especially for the knowledge of knowing who our giver is. Where our salvation comes from and who our God is.

“O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; For his lovingkindness endureth forever.” 1 Chronicles 16:34

What if you didn't know Jesus? What if you have never acknowledged God? Maybe you are one of those folks with a God-given gift of talent, beauty, skill, ability, knack, or intelligence that socially lifts you above others without those gifts. People always told you that you were God's gift at something. All this time, you thought you were just lucky. You didn't thank anyone because there was no one to thank. You thought your parents had good genes. You might be right about that, but who gave you your parents? You make up all kinds of reasons for your ability that no one else has. You're simply better than the rest. Lucky you! You might be one of those who lean into themselves and say, “I'm self-made. I deserve all this

because I worked hard at it.”

You might have a point, but then again, who gave you the drive? The inspiration? The desire? Did your folks teach you? Did you have a good teacher or coach? Think about it. It all came from God. Every bit of it. Did you decide where you were born, what color you are, who your parents are, where you went to school, and who your examples were? Nope, none of that. God's sovereignty did all that.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning.” James 1:17

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10

Lord God, what a mighty God You are! I praise You, Lord, for every good thing in my life and the lives of those I love. You alone are good. Thank You for loving me, for Your Word, and for Your light in my life. Thank You for Your sovereign power that has guided and blessed me before I was born. I owe everything to You. Amen.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Then he took some
of the seed of the land
and planted it in
a fertile field; he placed
it by abundant waters
and set it like
a willow tree.

EZEKIEL 17:5



Detail of “Peasant with Hoe II” by Georges Seurat (1882)

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EVENT LISTINGS

Event listings are FREE of charge. Send your flyers/info to Dawn at dawnarne@ebci-nsn.gov or to Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com

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

MANNA Foodbank. June 18 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Wolftown Gym, 27 Long Branch Rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. Bring your own bags, this is Free and open to all community members. Grocery staples, produce and other perishable items. Info: (828) 359-6939

VOC Second Annual Golf Tournament. June 20 check-in at 12 p.m. starts at 1 p.m. at Sequoyah National Golf Club 79 Cahons Mt Rd., Whittier, N.C. 28789. Prizes for winning team, closest to pin, longest drive. Info: Sasha Jumper (828) 497-9827

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

Mother's Gathering. June 23 from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Pamela Dawn Taylor Gym, 10 Old Gap Rd, Cherokee, N.C., 28719. Dinner, support and knowledge sharing. Celebrating mothers, doulas and community wellness. Info: kristina_hyatt@centerfornativehealth.org

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 Chero-

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Health Board. June 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Roads Commission. June 22 at 9 a.m.

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

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 159 (update laws on assignments of possessory holdings). June 23 at 1 p.m.

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 186 (UTVs on approved roads). June 23 at 2 p.m.

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 135 (Elk hunting season). June 24 at 9 a.m.

Work Session on Tabled Ord. No. 184 (caging bears on tribal lands). June 24 at 10 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.

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22) This is a good week to balance your responsibilities to your work-a-day world with your obligations to the people who are in your private life. Expect news that could lead to a change in plans.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A changing attitude on the part of a once-determined adversary could cause changes down the line. Be prepared to take advantage of an unexpected new opportunity!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'd be a truly wise Sagittarius to be skeptical about an offer that doesn't answer all your questions. Even a colleague's testimonial doesn't replace facts that aren't there.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good idea to avoid spending money on unnecessary purchases this week in order to keep a reserve against a possible upcoming (but fortunately temporary) shortfall.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) More information is what you should demand regarding a workplace situation that recently came to light. Don't be surprised at who might turn up as one of your supporters.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still be in a "treading water" mode, but by midweek, a shift in your aspect favors taking a more active role in pushing for the changes that you feel are necessary. Good luck!

BORN THIS WEEK: You exude a warm, caring attitude that comforts everyone who comes into your life.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Fiduciary rules

Fiduciary fraud is one of the lowest scams that can be perpetrated against a disabled veteran. Not only is the thief taking taxpayer money, but he (or she) is stealing the money directly from the veteran.

There are so many examples of fiduciary fraud — and when caught, the thieves end up in prison.

There's the woman who stole from her own disabled veteran son for five years. Against the rules, she commingled his VA money with her own bank account and proceeded to spend it on trips, bills and even a vehicle. And of course she didn't file the required paperwork.

Then there was the thief who swindled a very elderly disabled veteran, spending the money on himself for vacations, jewelry and more.

If you agree to become a fiduciary for a veteran, be sure you understand the rules. Here are a few:

That money is for the sole use and benefit of the veteran — medical care, internet, taxes, travel, telephone, food, housing, clothing, monthly bills and anything else — and that money is to be kept in a separate account.

You'll be expected to file paperwork and reports, keeping track of where every dime has gone and noting any changes to the circumstances such as a new address, medical condition or income. Keep all receipts and bank statements.

You may not pull cash out of an ATM or cash checks just made out to "cash."

You may be awarded a small fee for fiduciary duties. You cannot take more than that amount, and fees are not paid if you are related to the veteran.

If you're a fiduciary or if you've been asked to be one, be certain you know what you're doing. The rules are quite specific. If you have questions, call 888-407-0144.

To learn all that's involved in being a fiduciary, check benefits.va.gov/FIDUCIARY/docs/fy-25-docs/va-fiduciary-guide-march-2025.pdf (or tinyurl.com/yrjskc8a), a 36-page VA file. Take a close look at the instructions for the accounting forms that you're required to fill out.

If you suspect fiduciary fraud, report it at 800-488-8244.

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Ten great reasons to adopt a shelter cat

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My partner wants to buy a purebred kitten over the internet. I think it's a terrible idea, and we would do just fine with a lovable cat from a local shelter. How can I change their mind? — Janine L., Sherwood, Oregon

DEAR JANINE: I'll do my best!

— You'll worry less about genetic conditions. Purebred cats are prone to inherited diseases.

— You'll avoid scams. Internet-only purchases of "purebred" cats are notoriously shady. Reputable breeders often require potential owners to visit in person ... so they can evaluate you.

— Shelter adoptions are affordable in comparison, averaging \$150 to \$300 for cat adoptions in the U.S. and Canada.

— They'll throw discounts and swag at you. Annual exams with a participating vet clinic? Counseling and advice? Free tote bags? All this and more could be waiting for you with a shelter cat.

— Their medical needs are already taken care of. Spaying/neutering, deworming, tests, vaccinations and microchipping are done before a cat is made available to adopt, saving you \$600 or more in retail vet fees.

— Health issues are more manageable. Crossbred cats have fewer genetic issues than purebred, and most "lifestyle" conditions like dental issues and skin conditions can be treated affordably.

— Shelters will help match a cat to you and your partner. They want adoptions to succeed, and a good match increases those odds.

— The breed your partner wants may be waiting at a shelter. All kinds of cats are accepted at local shelters, for many different reasons.

— You'll get a socialized cat. Shelters evaluate rescues before placing them for adoption.

— You'll love the heck out of a shelter cat. Whether you go home with a mixed-breed American shorthair or a yowling Siamese, your adopted cat will quickly become an inseparable part of your family.

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

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Pow Wow Listings

26th Annual San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians Intertribal Pow Wow. June 13-14 at the Old Mission San Luis Rey Grounds in Oceanside, Calif. Info: Charlotte@slrmissionindians.org

26th Annual Sitansisk Pow Wow. June 19-21 at St. Mary's Olde Reserve in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. Host Drums: The Muskrat Chanters, Little Bear, Battle Nation. Invited Drums: Iron River, SIPU Boys, Wabanaki Confederacy, Northern Voice. Info: Nicole Derrico (506) 259-1130

29th Annual Soaring Spirit Festival & Pow Wow. June 19-21 at Battlefield Park in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada. Host Drum: Spirit Vision. Info: Luke Johns (905) 519-6036, bond-inc2019@gmail.com

22nd Annual Father's Day Pow Wow by the Sea. June 20-21 at Imperial Beach Pier Plaza in Imperial Beach, Calif. MC: Randy Edmonds. Host Northern Drum: Dancing Cloud. Host Southern Drum: Red Warriors. Info: Jackson Jackson (619) 708-7858, grassdancer7@yahoo.com

28th Annual Mattaponi Indian Tribe & Reservation Pow Wow. June 20 in West Point, Va. MC: Keith Colston. Invited Drums: Red Clay, Lone Eagle. Info: No contact information was provided.

Redbird's Children of Many Colors Intertribal Pow Wow. June 20-21 at the Oxnard College Gymnasium Field in Oxnard, Calif. MC: Arlie Neskahi. Host Drums:

Wild Horse, Blue Star, Hale and Co. Info: Corina Roberts (626) 644-7558, redbirds_vision@hotmail.com

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 Mc-Millan (828) 788-5410

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

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

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

Cherokee Community Clubs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Houses of Worship

Abundant Life Apostolic Church. 171 Johnson Br. Road,

Bryson City. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Worship. 7 p.m. Pastor Kevin Linkinhoker 488-8937

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

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

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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see **EVENTS** next page

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Embassy Christian Center Church of God in Christ. 87 Vinewood Circle, Whittier, located on the campus of Church of God Gateway Campground and Conference Center. Full season starts Aug. 4. Sunday School 10 a.m. and Morning Worship 11 a.m. Year-round services – church online live

BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Darius (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In biblical times, how long did the journey of Ezra ordinarily take from Babylon to Jerusalem? *3 days, 4 months, 2 years, 5 years*
3. From Philippians 4, what does the Apostle Paul instruct us to do rather than worry? *Cry, Pray, Love, Talk*
4. What creature(s) did the prophet Joel have a vision of? *Locusts, Flies, Vipers, Leeches*
5. From John 18, who asked, "What is truth"? *Moses, Paul, Pilate, David*
6. In what catastrophe were all of Job's children killed? *Flood, Fire, Wind, Stamped*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Four months, 3) Pray, 4) Locusts, 5) Pilate, 6) Wind

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



Moments in time

• On **June 29, 1967**, Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards faced charges stemming from the raid of his Redlands estate five months earlier. No drugs were found but he was sentenced to a year in prison, spending just one night there, however, as he was granted bail the next day. His conviction was later overturned.

• On **June 30, 1908**, a fiery explosion flattened 800 square miles of forest in Siberia's Tunguska region, believed to have been caused by an asteroid or comet. It remains Earth's biggest recorded cosmic collision.

• On **July 1, 2003**, a female employee at a Colorado resort filed sexual misconduct charges against basketball star Kobe Bryant. Bryant was questioned by authorities, provided a DNA sample and eventually admitted to what he insisted was a consensual encounter. In early March 2005, he and the accuser settled her civil lawsuit for an undisclosed sum.

• On **July 2, 1977**, Hollywood composer Bill Conti, a relative unknown in Hollywood, scored a No. 1 pop hit with the single "Gonna Fly Now" (the theme from "Rocky"). The film went on to launch both his and Sylvester Stallone's careers.

• On **July 3, 1988**, during U.S. naval operations in the Persian Gulf, the U.S. Navy cruiser Vincennes shot down an Iranian passenger jet that it mistook for a hostile military aircraft, killing everyone aboard. The U.S. Navy report blamed crew error caused by psychological stress on men in combat for the first time, and in 1996 the U.S. agreed to pay \$62 million in damages to the families of those who died.

• On **July 4, 1965**, more than two dozen LGBTQ activists showed up in front of Philadelphia's Independence Hall for the first "Reminder" gay rights demonstration. While it drew little media coverage, it is now considered a precursor to the wider gay liberation movement.

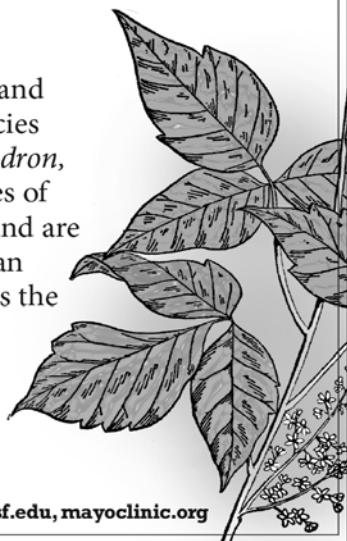
• On **July 5, 1937**, George A. Hormel & Company debuted a canned luncheon meat called Spam, which not only gained rapid popularity for its convenience and affordability, but eventually launched annual festivals such as the wittily named Spam Jam and Spammarama.



Urushiol oil

Poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac are all species within the genus *Toxicodendron*, which means "poison tree." These types of plants are native to the United States and are found in every state. They all contain an oily resin called **urushiol**, that protects the plant from fungal, bacterial and viral attacks. If urushiol touches your skin, it binds to proteins in your skin cells and can cause redness, itching, swelling and blisters. – Brenda Weaver

Sources: awaytogarden.com, etc.usf.edu, mayoclinic.org



streamed from the 24/7 church channel, Embassy TV <https://embassytv.net> Tuesday Night Bible Study 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Will Chambliss, Thursday Night Women's Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. with Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss (828) 835-2359 or embassymediagroup@gmail.com

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

Grace Bible Church. 344 Whittier School Rd., Whittier, N.C. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., Wednesday services 6:30 p.m. Pastor Brent Stewart. Search Grace Bible Church

NC on Facebook. Check the page as some Wednesdays there are no services. Also, Sunday worship service is live-streamed.

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

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

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

Living Waters Lutheran

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

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

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

Old Antioch Baptist Church. 2868 Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday

morning service 10 a.m., Sunday evening service 6 p.m. Wednesday evening service 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shoal Creek Baptist Church. 184 Shoal Creek Church Loop

See the list of persons banished by the EBCI:
theonefeather.com/ebc-banishment-list/

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

Spruce Grove Baptist Church. 780 Lands Creek Rd., Bryson City, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship service 11 a.m., Sunday evening service 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 meetings also. Interim Pastor – Harley Maney Jr.

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

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

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

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

Yellowhill Baptist Church. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 5 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7 p.m. Pastor Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or 736-4872

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

• Unlike some genocides in which victims could sometimes avoid persecution by converting to another religion, Nazi Germany generally defined Jews by ancestry rather than personal belief. Under the Nuremberg Laws, a person's classification depended largely on the religious affiliation of parents and grandparents, so conversion to Christianity usually did not exempt someone of Jewish ancestry from anti-Jewish persecution.

• Turtles can see well underwater, but on land they are nearsighted.

• In one of his occasional efforts to improve public relations, Chicago gangster Al Capone opened a soup kitchen during the Great Depression.

• During the pre-WWII drafts, an illiterate gentleman hoping to avoid military service asked his wife to write the draft board and explain how much he was needed at home. The plan backfired when his lady instead requested that her husband be taken because he was a "no-good" alcoholic who didn't help around the house.

• Beer is the third-most popular drink on Earth, after water and tea.

• An Ohio State University study found that women who reported stress in the previous 24 hours burned 104 fewer calories than nonstressed women after a high-fat meal.

• Geneticists believe that the same segment of DNA in the human genome is responsible for the development of both schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

• The first female golfer was Mary, Queen of Scots (1542–1567).

• In the U.S., graduating nurses take an oath called the Nightingale Pledge, named after Florence Nightingale and adapted from the Hippocratic Oath taken by doctors.

• After his first son's birth, Claude Monet attempted suicide by jumping into the Seine. He was poor, estranged from his father and disappointed in the French art scene. Fortunately, he survived and later helped found the Impressionist movement.

Thought for the Day: "When obstacles arise, you change your direction to reach your goal; you do not change your decision to get there." — Zig Ziglar

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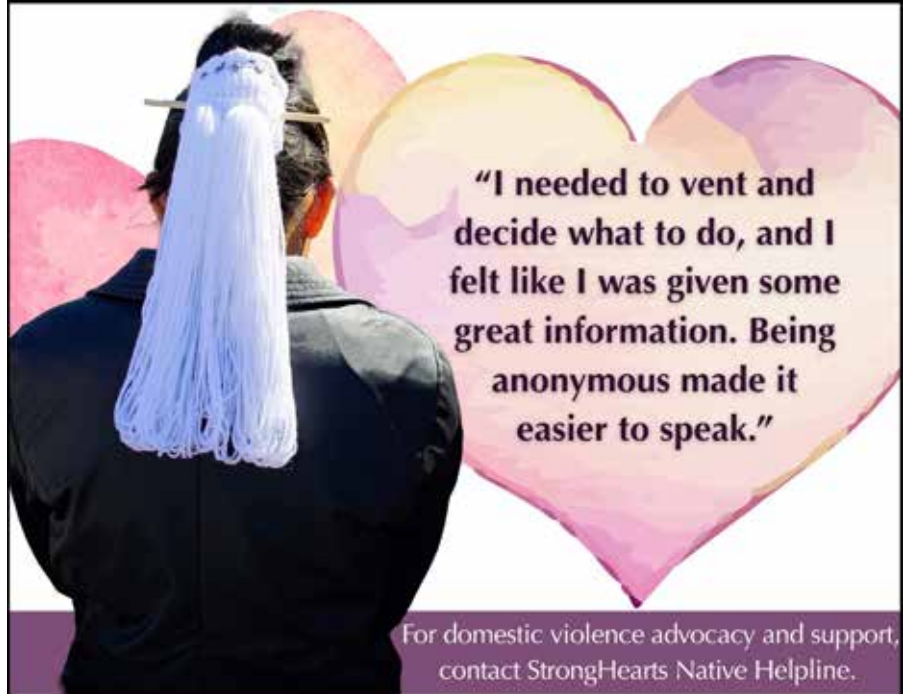
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LEGAL NOTICES

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
6/17

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

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

LLOYD ARNEACH, SR.

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

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

Lloyd Arneach, Jr.
406 Old River Rd.
Cherokee, NC 28719
6/17

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 25-003

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

FAYE LAURENE PHEASANT

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit

them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

Fiduciary 1
Jose Vanegas-Molina
PO Box 744
Cherokee, NC 28719

Fiduciary 2
Carla Neadeau
PO. Box 2345
Cherokee NC 28719

6/24

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 26-048

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

BERNADINE BRADLEY

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS



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Jarrett W. Bradley
P.O. Box 1527
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE, DISTRICT COURT
DIVISION
22JA000081-490 (PETITION
REGARDING NEGLECT AND
DEPENDENCY)

IN RE: Brayleigh Iris Jones
TO: Richard Calvin Jay Teesatuskie

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been

filed in the above-entitled action, filed originally on or about October 17th, 2022 in Swain County, North Carolina. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: the Jackson County Department of Social Services is seeking to adjudicate you as the biological father of Brayleigh Iris Jones, born October 14th, 2022 and have you participate in future permanency planning hearings regarding said juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days after the running of this first notice, by July 24th, 2026 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. You may contact the Jackson County Clerk of Court at (828) 631-6400, for more informa-

tion and to inquire about making application of a court-appointed attorney, if you so desire.
This, the 10th day of June, 2026.
/s/ Virginia Jordan
Virginia Jordan (Contract Attorney for Jackson County D.S.S.)
P.O. Box 28
Waynesville, NC 28786
6/31

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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

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

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

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

davis@whitfieldcargilelaw.com
Attorney for John Harris
6/17

Request for Proposal
Tribal Child Support Services is seeking a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified attorneys or law firms to provide legal representation for our agency in Tribal Child Support matters.

Request full RFP by contacting: Sandy Cloer, Director at 828-497-4317 or at sandcloe@ebci-nsn.com.

Proposals due by 4:00pm June 24, 2026. 6/17

Requests for Proposals
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6122

Roadway striping at various locations on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Jackson, Swain, Graham and Cherokee Counties, NC. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: Roadway Striping. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be June 26, 2026, at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you

see **TRADING POST** next page



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Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah Office across the road from the Waffle House, between the hours of 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday -Friday or email kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com.

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have any questions or comments, please contact Uriah Maney, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/ (828)-736-1888 (cell) or Trace Lambert, CDOT Transportation Planner at (828)-359-6532. **6/17**

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (Olivet Church Road Housing Development Project)

June 10, 2026

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
687 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-497-7000

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 13, 2026, the EBCI will submit a request to the HUD/North Carolina for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) funds under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 to undertake a project known as the Olivet Church Road Housing Development for the purpose of developing 19 residential lots. The estimated HUD funds amount to \$1,569,935.23 with a total estimated project cost of \$6,300,000. The Project is located on Olivet Church Road approximately 0.4 mile east of the intersection with US 441 in Jackson County, NC.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The EBCI has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmen-

tal Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the EBCI Cherokee Indian Housing Division, 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28794. All comments received by June 29, 2026, will be considered by the EBCI prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The EBCI certifies to HUD/North Carolina that T.W. Saunooke in his capacity as Interim Director of Construction Management for EBCI's Cherokee Indian Housing Division consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's North Carolina's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the EBCI to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD/North Carolina will accept objections to its release of fund and the EBCI's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Offi-

cer of the EBCI; (b) the EBCI has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/North Carolina; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD/North Carolina at 1500 Pincroft Road #401, Greensboro, NC 27407. Potential objectors should contact HUD/North Carolina to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

T.W. Saunooke
Interim Director of Construction Management
Cherokee Indian Housing Division

Note: The fifteen or eighteen-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15) to HUD/State. The

Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, "Time delays for exceptional circumstances," a 30-day comment period for controversial or unique projects or those similar to projects normally requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The fifteen-day objection period is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later. Following completion of the comment period recipients may FAX the form HUD-7015.15 to HUD/State together with a copy of the public notice and a cover letter stating whether comments were received and, if so, how the recipient responded to the comment. The Request for Release of Funds and Certification should not be submitted before the recipient has responded. If the request is sent by FAX, the original signed form should be mailed to HUD/State. The date of receipt by FAX will be counted as the submission date. However, HUD will not issue the 7015.16 "Authority to Use Grant Funds" until after the original signed form is received.

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**CHEROKEE INDIAN
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**



OPEN POSITIONS

NEW POSITIONS

EVS Technician - Dayshift
Telemetry Nursing Assistant – PTI
Targeted Case Manager – Adult Outpatient Services
RN Inpatient – Dayshift – PTI
C.N.A Medical Clerk FT
C.N.A Medical Clerk PTI

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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

DENTAL

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

EYE CLINIC

Optometrist

FINANCE

Billing Analyst I

LABORATORY

Medical Technologist/Medical Laboratory Techni-
cian

MEDICAL

Psychiatrist
Physician and IM Rural Track Director

NURSING

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

NUTRITION

Clinical Dietician

Radiology

Radiology Technologist I

TRIBAL OPTION

Tribal Option Medical Social Worker

TSALI CARE

Certified Nursing Assistant - \$5,000 Hiring
Bonus
Certified Nursing Assistant – Night Shift –
Tsali Care Center - \$5000 Hiring Bonus
Licensed Practical Nurse - \$5,000 Hiring
Bonus
Registered Nurse – \$10,000 Hiring Bonus
Cook Aide -Temp -Tsali Care Center
RN Wound Care – Tsali Care Center
Cook Aide – Evening shift – Tsali Care
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TONYA CROWE CHEGWIDDEN

An enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, graduated from Oklahoma University with a Doctorate Degree. Tonya resides in Oklahoma with her spouse Corie Chegwidden. She is the daughter of Charles K. Crowe of Cherokee, NC and Regina Harman of Oklahoma.

Her grandparents are the late Karen A. Crowe and great grandmother Sallie Crowe, Carol and Larry Harman of Oklahoma and Eddie and Mildred Booth of Princeton. The family would like to congratulate Tonya and wish her much success in her endeavors.

CHEROKEE BOYS CLUB VACANCIES

Administration

- 1 Grants Coordinator—\$47,700--\$53,000 per year with benefits

Snowbird Child Development

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

Children's Home

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

Service Department

- 1 Technician—\$21,200--\$29,150 per year with Benefits

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Seasonal Bus Drivers
Truck Drivers

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1. Fire Lieutenant – Fire Department – Operations (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
2. Education Floater – Graham County Indian Education – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
3. Housekeeper I – Snowbird & Cherokee County Housekeeping – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
4. Crew Leader/Operator/Well Technician – Tribal Construction – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
5. Truck Driver/WWT Maintenance – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
6. Civil Engineering Inspector – CDOT – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
7. Field Technician II – Water & Sewer – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
8. Community Response Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
9. Patrol Cadet (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (\$21.00) SAFETY SENSITIVE
10. Project Coordinator – Infrastructure – Housing (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
11. Teacher – Kituwah Academy – CERS (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
12. Senior Office Administrator – Health Delivery (Administration) – Public Health & Human Services (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour)
13. Land Records Specialist – Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)

Open Until Filled

1. Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Corrections Officer – Corrections – EBCI Law Enforcement (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. Sergeant (Patrol) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
5. Part-time Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
6. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Operations (L12 \$22.26 - \$27.83 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
7. Teacher (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Early Head Start – CERS (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
8. Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head Start – CERS (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
9. Registered Nurse – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour)
10. Mental Health Therapist – Child Advocacy – Public Health and Human Services (L14 \$55,806 - \$69,763)
11. Certified Biological Waste Water Treatment Operator – Waste Water – Operations (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
12. Driver – Transit – Operations (L8 \$16.94 - \$21.18 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
13. WWT Operator – Waste Water Treatment – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE

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THE GOOD STUFF



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Cruz completes Sustainability Leadership Practicum
 Maya Rose Cruz is a Stanford University graduate student pursuing a master's degree in sustainability science and practice. A proud member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Elawodi (Yellowhill), she successfully completed a 120-hour Sustainability Leadership Practicum with Harrah's Cherokee Casinos. As part of her

graduate program, Cruz applied systems thinking and leadership skills to address real-world sustainability challenges through hands-on collaboration. During her internship, she proposed and began developing a sustainability-focused initiative designed to align with operational goals while honoring the cultural and environmental values of the community. Her work reflects a strong commitment to responsible leadership, community engagement, and environmental stewardship. (Photo contributed)



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Martin promoted at Harrah's Cherokee
 Kara Martin has been promoted to Games Manager, bringing nine years of gaming and guest service experience at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. She holds both an associate and bachelor of science in criminal justice and is a proud member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Widagalinidisgv (Big Y). Martin is also a dedicated mother of four and

actively serves on the Savvy Board, Care Fund Board, Native Pathways, and the Events Committee. Her leadership, operational expertise, and strong commitment to her team and guests continue to make a lasting impact on the organization. (Photo contributed)

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Swimmer named Pat Best Female Athlete of the Year
 Dvdaya Swimmer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a recent graduate of Cherokee High School, has been named the Pat Best Female Athlete of the Year by NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association). Information from NCHSSAA states, "One of the state's premier multi-sport athletes, Swimmer ex-

celled in cross country, volleyball, basketball, and track and field. She helped Cherokee capture multiple state championships, scored 1,787 career basketball points, earned championship MVP honors, and achieved success at the highest levels of both indoor and outdoor track competition. She will continue her academic and athletic career at the University of Hawaii." (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Bill Taylor Scholarship recipient

Kensley Chambers, second from right, was selected as a recipient of the 2026 Bill Taylor Scholarship Endowment, which awarded more than \$7,000 to three deserving students this year. The Bill Taylor Scholarship Endowment is administered by the Eastern Band of the Cherokees Community Foundation, an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. The scholarship is awarded annually to enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, as well as their spouses, children, and other immediate family members, who are pursuing higher education at a two- or four-year college or university.

Shown, left to right, scholarship committee members, Zane Huskey and Garrett Lane; family members, Jonas Trejo and Titus Trejo; scholarship recipient, Kensley Chambers; family member, Oaklynn Trejo; and scholarship committee member, Lilyan Huskey. Not pictured are committee members, Maggie Jackson and Carmen Nations and the other two recipients, Elijah Davis and Kaylan Cochran. For more information about the scholarship program, visit nccommunityfoundation.org/Scholarships. (Photo courtesy of Eastern Band of Cherokees Community Foundation)



Swain Middle team wins Jet Jam tourney

The Swain County Middle School boys basketball team participated in the Jet Jam tournament in Asheville, N.C. on the weekend of June 5-7 and won the championship. Three players on the team are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians including: Braelyn Lambert, Nicolai Corpening, and Parker Phillips. The team is shown, left to right, including Braelyn Lambert, Austin Ball, Stiles Carter, Logan Dockery, Parker Phillips, Judah Glaspie, Zane Robinson, Nicolai Corpening, and Elijah Cochran. (Photo courtesy of Amy Teesateskie)



<< Shelton promoted at Harrah's Cherokee

Samantha Shelton, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Kolanvyi (Big Cove), has been promoted to EVS supervisor, bringing several years of guest service and Environmental Services experience at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. Since joining in 2020, she has served as a cleaning specialist, supporting daily operations, maintaining cleanliness standards, and contrib-

uting to team projects and service excellence. Shelton also brings prior hospitality experience from her role at Great Smokies Inn, where she developed a strong foundation in guest service and attention to detail. Harrah's Cherokee officials note, "Samantha's strong work ethic, dependability, and commitment to maintaining high standards continue to make a positive impact on the organization." (Photo courtesy of Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort)


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 **Myth: Hospice is Only for Cancer Patients**

 **The Truth:** While some Hospice patients do have cancer, Hospice Care is available to patients of any age who have have received news that they may only have a life expectancy of around 6 months

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