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Playing for something bigger

FOOTBALL

Braves new head coach working to build a program and consistency

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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CHEROKEE, N.C. – On a cooler-than-usual late spring morning, the sounds of football could be heard from Ray Kinsland Stadium. The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) were going through warm-ups and position drills – gearing up for the 2026 campaign under a new head coach, T.C. Guyer.

He said the decision to come here was easy. “I believe in what could be here,” he noted. “The

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The Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) football team is shown coming to the center of Ray Kinsland Stadium during a practice on the morning of Wednesday, June 17. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

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"They have taken the challenge by the horns. They're eager. They're ready to learn."

T.C. Guyer, Tsalagi Antisvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) head football coach, praising the work ethic of this year's team

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COACH: From front page

community support is unmatched, really versus anywhere else.”

Coach Guyer said he is all about working together to build a program. “We’re trying to build this thing into where we are mentioned with Swain and Murphy and Robbinsville every year, like I believe this school should be.

There hasn’t been a lot of consistency here, and that’s what we’re looking to establish with these coaches here and myself, just bringing consistency to these guys so they know from varsity down to the pups in youth league what they’re running, who their coaches are, and what they can expect when they keep climbing up in the levels.”

Coach Guyer, his staff, and the players are working diligently to build that consistency. “Our seniors are now in their fourth offensive and defensive scheme since they’ve been in high school. It’s hard to keep good quality teams when you’re changing schemes every year. The biggest challenge right now is we’re trying to install our systems, trying to install our beliefs, work a little bit of the bad habits out of them. Not to knock on previous guys, but with a lot of change comes a lot of bad habits that tend to develop. So, just trying to work that out of them.”

A graduate of Pisgah High School, Coach Guyer went on to play football at Mars Hill University where he graduated in 2015 with a degree in health and physical education.

His first coaching job was as head football coach and head baseball coach at Douglas Byrd Middle School in Fayetteville, N.C. in August 2015. He went on to



Coach Guyer gives instructions for a drill during Wednesday morning’s practice.

several schools over the next decade including: Avery County High School in Newland, N.C. where he was assistant head coach; Coffee County Central High School in Manchester, Tenn. where he was a secondary coach; Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe High School in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. where he was co-defensive coordinator; and David Emanuel Academy in Swainsboro, Ga. where he was head football coach.

He is very complimentary of the players and their work ethic. “They have taken the challenge by the horns. They’re eager. They’re ready to learn. We’re averaging about 60 kids a day, which is amazing for a school this size.”

Coach Guyer said there are many strengths to this squad. “We have a great group of offensive line and Coach Maney and Coach Bynum are doing a great job with those guys. Our receivers, our skill guys, are deep. We are very deep in that aspect. We’ve got some good senior leaders in guys like Dawson Panther and Kingston Welch, Noah Watty, Draylen Ledford, and Zaynon Taylor - guys like those who have been here and they want to see it be better than what it is. And, that young group is hungry. The JV group last year I think they lost one game. They know what winning tastes like and they like the taste of that, so they want to continue to experience that.”

He added, “Defensively, we’re going to base out of a 4-3...the biggest thing we’re going to try to do is keep it simple for our guys to fly around. I’m a firm believer that if it’s simple, guys don’t have to think, we can fly around and make plays. And, we have the guys that can do that. Offensively, we’re evolving into meshing kind of two systems together - a gun system and a run-heavy wing T type system. So, we’re going to utilize our strengths. We’re going to utilize our run game and our offensive line. Then, when teams start keying in on that, we’ve got the guys on the outside that we can take advantage of that also. So, a lot of give and take. A lot of

moving pieces around just to kind of get the look we want and really take advantage of what the defense gives us.”

Coach Guyer loves the community of Cherokee and the community’s passion. “It really means a lot to me. Growing up over the mountain in Canton, you get a community feel over there going to Pisgah High School. And, you know about Cherokee, but I tell everybody since I’ve been here, you don’t really know. You don’t really know how special of a place this is. At 35 years old, this is almost a pipe dream for me to be able to take this program that represents so much more than just a town and really take it and make it my own, in a sense, but still trying to honor everything that it represents.”

He understands that in Cherokee, football means much more than football. “I’ve really just been trying to learn and soak up as much as I can because I want to do right by this, the people here, the community here, and everything that this school represents. I tell



T.C. Guyer, the new head football coach for the Tsalagi Anitsvyasdi (Cherokee Braves) is shown at Ray Kinsland Stadium in Cherokee, N.C. on the morning of Wednesday, June 17.

these kids every day, they’re lucky. Every coach in America says, ‘you go out and play for something bigger than yourself’. These kids

actually have the ability to play for something bigger than themselves. That’s our goal with this team this year, and as long as I’m here, is to

make sure every Friday night, win or lose, we are honoring everything that this community stands for.”

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"IT'S TIME FOR GUTTER MAINTENANCE"

6 REASONS TO STAY ON TOP OF YOUR GUTTER MAINTENANCE

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

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

Here is a list of some of those reasons.

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1. Roof Damage

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

2. Wood Fascia Damage

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

3. Damage to Walls, Windows, Doors and Patios

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

4. Damage to Foundations and Landscaping

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

5. Slip and fall

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

6. Prevent Mold

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

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

"DON'T TRIM YOUR GUTTERS"



"CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS"





EBCI at NCAI

On the Morning of Monday, June 15, Cherokee Tribal Councilmembers Venita Wolfe (Kolanvyi), center, and Boyd Owle (Tsisquohi), right, visited with Chief Cyrus Ben, of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, for the opening ceremonies of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year Conference being held in Memphis, Tenn. Chief Ben provided the opening invocation to acknowledge the event being held in historical Choctaw domain.

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Leadership attended the NCAI Mid-Year Conference and were pushing a resolution from NCAI to support the TVA Lands in Trust Bill/Administrative Transfer to place land in Monroe County, Tenn. in the possession of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be held In Trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. This land is currently the location of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum as well as the towns of Tanassee, Toqua, and Chota.

EBCI Leadership is committed to securing the historical and culturally significant sites in our traditional Cherokee domain for future generations to come. (Photo from EBCI Tribal Council legislative public relations)



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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 Mas- to (D-Nev.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska)

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

H.R. 3956 (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reser- vations Act of 2025). This bill would amend the Food and Nutri- tion 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 Agri- culture 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 Na- tive American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act). According to congress.

gov, this bill amends the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act “to autho- rize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawai- ian 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 Com- merce on July 2, 2025. This bill was referred to the House Sub- committee on Indian and Insular Affairs, and a hearing was held in that Subcommittee on Nov. 19, 2025.

Senate Bill 2211 (Special Diabetes Program Reautho- rization 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 sched- uled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 4463 (To amend the Ca- tawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settle- ment Act of 1993). The text of the legislation states, “Subsection (d) of section 7 of the Catawba In- dian 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 individ- ual is a lineal descendant of a per- son 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 Natu- ral Resources on July 16. It was referred to the House Subcommit- tee 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 unani- mous 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 Sen- ate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 3, 2026.

H.R. 4596 (McCarren-Walter Technical Corrections Act).

This bill would “amend the Immi- gration 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-Okla.) on Sept. 10, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Sept. 10, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 5327 (To extend federal recognition to the Nottoway Tribe of Virginia).

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

Introduced: Rep. Jennifer L. McClellan (D-Va.) on Sept. 11, 2025

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

Senate Bill 2832 (Native American Entrepreneurial

and Opportunity Act of 2025).

This bill would establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration.

Introduced: Sen. John W. Hickenlooper (D-Colo.) on Sept. 17, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship on Sept. 17, 2025.

H.R. 5488 (To extend funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians).

This bill would amend Title III of the Public Health Service Act to extend the funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians. It would approve “\$160,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 to remain available until expended”.

Introduced: Rep. Paul Ruiz (D-Calif.) on Sept. 18, 2025

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

H.R. 5739 (Italian Heroes and Heritage Act).

This bill would “prohibit federal funds from being provided to any state or local government that celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day instead of Columbus Day”. Section 2(a) (1) of this bill states, “Christopher Columbus set sail 533 years ago in 1492 to bravely cross the Atlantic Ocean and discovered new land that would soon after become known as America.”

Section 2(b) states, “It is the sense of Congress that Oct. 13 should continue to be celebrated nationwide as Christopher Columbus Day, as it has been since 1892, to honor our Italian-American heritage and our forefather, Christopher Columbus, who helped to discover this great land.”

Introduced: Rep. Michael A. Rulli

(R-Ohio) on Oct. 10, 2025

Action: This bill was referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on Oct. 10, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

Senate Resolution 450. (A resolution expressing support for the designation of the second Monday in October 2025 as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” to celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples and their shared history and culture).

The resolution states, “Columbus Day does not currently provide an opportunity to reflect on the stories and perseverance of the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that are now part of the United States; and where, prior to western contact, Indigenous Peoples lived and flourished in the lands that are now part of the United States for thousands of years”.

Introduced: Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) on Oct. 14, 2025

Action: This resolution was referred to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Oct. 14, 2025. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

House Resolution 809 (A resolution expressing support for the designation of the second Monday in October 2025 as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” to celebrate and honor Indigenous Peoples and their shared history and culture).

This House resolution is identical to S. Res. 450 (above).

Introduced: Rep. Norma J. Torres (D-Calif) on Oct. 14, 2025

Action: This resolution was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on Oct. 14,

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

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

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

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Oct. 23, 2025. This was placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders on May 19, 2026. This bill was passed in the Senate by a voice vote on June 10, 2026. It was sent to the House for consideration on June 12, 2026.

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 con-

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sultation and representation under the food distribution program on Indian reservations”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) to create a safe, respectful space for consultation between the

federal government and Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Entities, and Native Hawaiian Organizations that encourages a free-flowing exchange of information and ideas”.

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

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

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

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

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

H.R. 7325 (Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act of 2026). This bill would establish a Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies “to formally investigate, document, and report on the histories of Indian Boarding Schools, Indian Boarding School Policies, and the systematic and long-term effects of those schools and policies on Native American people”.

If passed, an initial Commission Report would be required within four years and annual reports would be required from that point

on.

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

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

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

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

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

H.R. 7490 (Tribal Warrant Fairness Act). This bill will “allow the U.S. Marshals Service to assist in certain Tribal criminal matters.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Introduced: Feb. 26, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance on Feb. 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

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

Introduced: Feb. 26, 2026 by Sen. Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.)

Action: This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on Feb. 26, 2026. There are no scheduled hearings in that Committee for this bill as of press time.

H.R. 7698 (Tribal Firearm Access Act). This bill seeks “to allow members of federally recognized tribes to use their tribal government identification doc-

uments 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 bill 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.

Here is the contact information for your federal legislators:

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ALASKA

During a panel discussion at the National Congress of American Indians Mid Year Conference in Memphis, Tennessee, leaders from multiple Alaska Native organizations spoke on how the declining population of salmon in their river systems is negatively affecting Alaskan Native communities, both in terms of subsistence and culture.

• Native News Online

Former U.S. Rep. and U.S.

Senate candidate Mary Peltola (Yup'ik) has unveiled a plan "aimed at restoring Alaska's declining fisheries, pledging to combat factory trawling, reduce bycatch, and strengthen the state's seafood economy."

• Native News Online

ARIZONA

In recognizing Navajo veterans who were wounded or killed in combat, the Navajo Nation has been designated a "Purple Heart Navajo Nation."

• Native News Online

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation's "Steel Across America" 9/11 memorial tour stopped at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River on Tuesday, June 17. This was the tour's first and only stop

on tribal sovereign land.

• Native News Online

CALIFORNIA

California has approved a state budget for multiple public safety initiatives, including funding for efforts to address the state's Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) crisis.

• Native News Online

The Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians in Northern California has partnered with Open Access Technology International (OATI) for a solar and battery powered energy project that "will provide renewable power, reduce peak energy costs, and allow the Tribe to maintain electricity during utility outages and periods of elevated wildfire risk in Tehama County."

• Native News Online

ILLINOIS

Former President Barack Obama's new multi-purpose Obama Presidential Center in Chicago, Illinois will feature Native American artwork. There will be two pieces of Native artwork, one created by Marie Watt (Seneca) in collaboration with Black artist, Nick Cave, and another by Jeffrey Gibson (Choctaw and Cherokee).

• Indian Country Today

NORTH DAKOTA

The federal government will be reimbursing North Dakota \$27.8 million for costs incurred during the 2016-17 protests against the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL).

• Native News Online

WASHINGTON

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians in Western Washington are an official host city supporter for Seattle for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. They hosted a "Coastal Protocol to symbolically celebrate the arrival of visiting nations" on Thursday, June 18 for visiting tribes.

• Indian Country Today

MEXICO AND CANADA

The 2026 FIFA World Cup opening ceremonies in Mexico City, Mexico and Toronto, Canada featured Indigenous peoples and their culture. Indigenous language, dress, performances, and more were showcased during the ceremonies.

• Indigenous TV

After almost 10 years of planning, the Kenhtè:ke Language and Cultural Centre has opened on Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory in Ontario, Canada and will include a Kanien'kéha (Mohawk language) immersion program.

• CBC

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**CIPD Arrest Report for
June 8-14, 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.

Lynch, Frank Travis – age 46
Arrested: June 8
Released: June 8
Charges: Temporary Hold

Bradley, Amber Carol-Leigh – age 36
Arrested: June 9

Released: June 11
Charges: Larceny (two counts),
Breaking and Entering (two counts)

Bradley, Ronald Albert – age 43
Arrested: June 9
Released: June 11
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Walkingstick, Kory Duane – age 27
Arrested: June 9
Released: June 9
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Keller, Kevin Emory – age 38
Arrested: June 10
Released: June 10
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Jackson, Maurice Jordan – age 25

Arrested: June 11
Released: Not released as of report date (June 15)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Pre-Trial Release Violation

Sherman, Christopher – age 21
Arrested: June 11
Released: June 12
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Resisting Public Officer

Armitage, Nickosia Shantelle – age 33
Arrested: June 12
Released: Not released as of report date (June 15)
Charges: Simple Assault and Battery Affray, Pre-Trial Release Violation, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Bird, Elexia Kayleigh – age 21
Arrested: June 12
Released: Not released as of report date (June 15)
Charges: Pre-Trial Release Violation

Owle, Marcus – age 24
Arrested: June 12
Released: Not released as of report date (June 15)
Charges: Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

Watty, Todd Marcus – age 33
Arrested: June 12
Released: Not released as of report date (June 15)
Charges: Public Intoxication (two counts)

Driver, Calvin Douglas – age 28
Arrested: June 13
Released: Not released as of report date (June 15)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Probation Violation

Armachain, Stacy Leighann – age 26
Arrested: June 14
Released: Not released as of report date (June 15)
Charges: Driving While Impaired, Driving While License Revoked, Child Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts)

Baith, Mona Randell – age 37
Arrested: June 14
Released: June 14
Charges: Public Nuisance

Baith, Precise – age 35
Arrested: June 14
Released: June 14
Charges: Public Nuisance

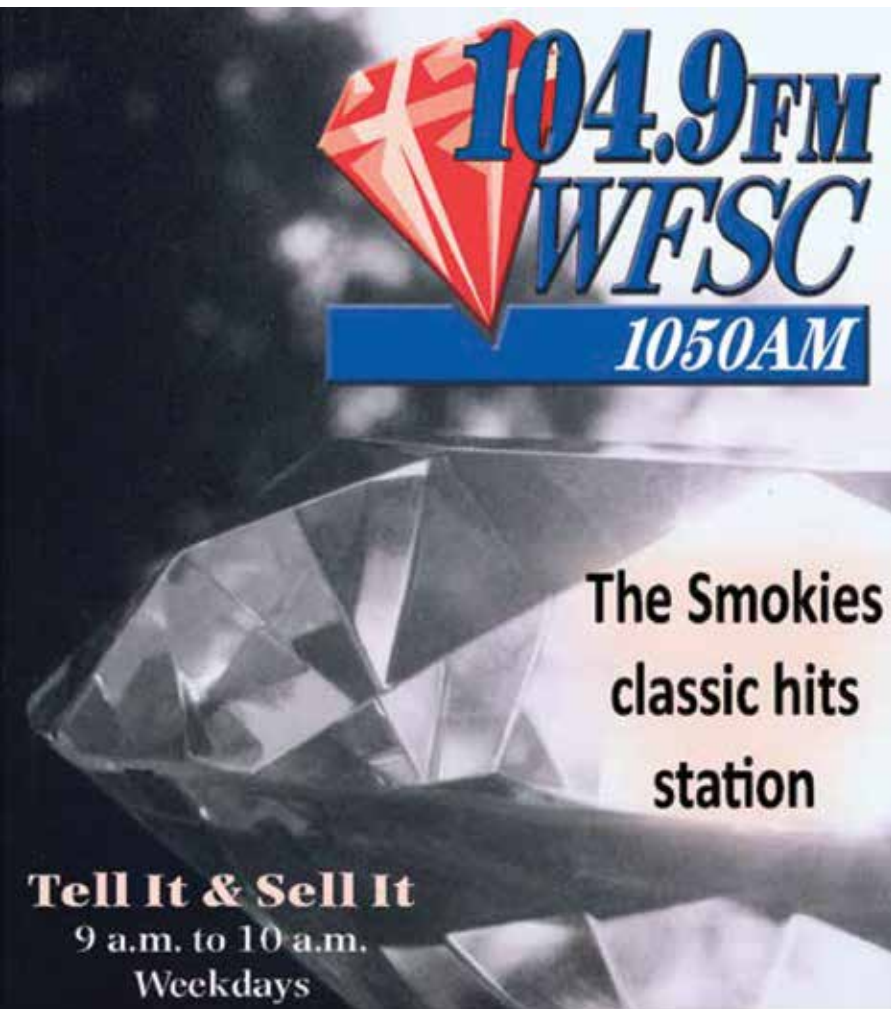
Blanton, Tylina Rae – age 25
Arrested: June 14
Released: Not released as of report date (June 15)
Charges: Filing a False Emergency Report

Pascual, Serita – age 42
Arrested: June 14
Released: June 14
Charges: Public Nuisance

Rummel, Christian Shelby – age 33
Arrested: June 14
Released: June 14
Charges: Hold Until Sober

Squirrel, Gabrielle Alexis – age 28
Arrested: June 14
Released: June 14
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Cherokee Supreme Court sessions for 2026:
- July 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
- Sept. 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
- Oct. 9
- Cherokee Tribal Court



OBITUARIES Jhfr

Kaytlin Elizabeth Jones

Kaytlin Elizabeth Jones, 23, of Bryson City, N.C., went home to be with the Lord Sunday, June 14, 2026. A native of Swain County and enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, she was the daughter of Yancey and Amanda Dyer Jones of Bryson City.

In addition to her parents, she is also survived by her brother and best friend, Kane Jones of Bryson City; grandparents, Debbie Cunningham of Bryson City, Roger Jones of Bryson City, and Debra Sneed of Asheville; uncle, Jonathan Cunningham and wife Brittney of Macon County; aunts, Jennifer Cunningham of Bryson

City, Heather Byfield of Cherokee, and Sarah Bradley of Bryson City; and great grandmother, Louise Dyer of Bryson City.

Kaytlin was very passionate, full of life, she loved her family and friends. She loved Spiderman, Music, and her favorite video game was Fortnite. She liked to cut up and be silly. She could make anyone smile just by being in the room.

A celebration of life was held on Friday, June 19 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel.

Sara Jane Lambert

Sara Jane Lambert, 85, of Cherokee, N.C., passed away and went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, after a brief hospital stay at Cherokee Indian Hospital.

She was born on March 4, 1941, to the late Guy Lambert and Margaret Reed Lambert of Washington's Creek Road. She was the

oldest of four and spoke only Cherokee at home. Her favorite hobbies throughout her life were crossword puzzles, crafting, hiking, and skiing. After graduating from high school, she moved to Oakland, Calif., and earned her diploma and license from Don's Beauty School of Hair Styling in March 1964. On May 24, 1990, she earned her associate's degree in accounting from Southwestern Technical College (now Southwestern Community College). Her career included work as a finance officer with the EBCI and in state and federal offices. She was also an enumerator for the U.S. Census Bureau.

Sara was preceded in death by her significant other, Samson Bigmeat, and her beloved nephews, Ernest Delbert Lambert, Gary David Lambert, Jr., and Micheal Dean Lambert, as well as her great-nephew, Micah "Spud" Lambert.

She is survived by her beloved

daughter, Margarita Wolfe (fiancé, John D. Crowe); two granddaughters, Sarina and Cierra Wolfe; brothers, Ernest L. Lambert and Gary David Lambert Sr.; sister, Marie L. Junaluska; and many nieces and nephews. Her special friends are Teresa "Treet" Mele and Ed Bushyhead.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24 at Macedonia Baptist Church, with Pastor Noah Crowe officiating. Burial will follow at Jimmy Reed Cemetery on Washington's Creek Road.

Pallbearers will be Jake Lambert, Kyle Sneed, Jace Wachacha, Corey Wachacha, David Wachacha, and John Crowe.

A fellowship dinner will follow the burial services at the Wolfstown Community Building.

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Brandy Nicole Mattingly

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5'3" Weight: 120-130 lbs

Female Age: 41

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: June 5, 2026

Last Known Location:

Canute, Oklahoma

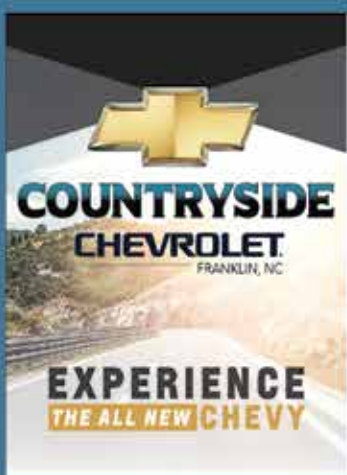
Circumstances of Disappearance:

Last contact with Brandy was on 6/5/2026. She has mid-length brown hair. There were no unusual circumstances noted.

If you have seen or have information about Brandy Mattingly, contact the Washita County Sheriff's Office (580) 832-2334. Source: Namus.gov



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Mary Postell-Jones
(FNP):(828)479-3974

Cherokee County Clinic

June Hensley
(FNP)828-837-4312

DCC

William Kelley
(PA-C):(828)359-6659



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the EBCI Constitution
process at:
sgadugi.org

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from the family of Nan Brown

The family of Nan Brown sincerely appreciates everyone who shared their sympathy, support, and prayers during our recent loss. Thank you for all the phone calls, messages, flowers, food, and fellowship. We would especially like to thank Pastor Noah Crowe, Dadiwonisi, the grave diggers, and the pallbearers; you all ensured she had a beautiful going home celebration. If we have missed anyone, we're truly sorry but know we are truly thankful for all who was there for us during this difficult time.

With heartfelt gratitude,
the Family of Nan Brown

Do you see strays or pet abuse?
EBCI Animal Control 359-2380

Here's to the home of the
Eastern Band,
A slice of Heaven in a
mountain land,
Where our hearts beat as
one beneath Heaven's
bright stars,
Here's to old Qualla –
this homeland of ours!
- Dallas Bennett, a member of
the Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians, 2026



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TRIBAL FOOD SOVEREIGNTY INITIATIVES

EBCI Red Meat Processing Facility: Place & Planet Infographic



Here's some Big Picture information on how the EBCI Red Meat Processing Facility is being built responsibly, with ethical consideration for people, the planet & animals.

What Features do we need at the Facility's Location?



Three Phase Power

To connect the facility to electricity



Sewer Hook-Ups

So employees can wash their hands & clean the equipment



Trailer Access

So customers can easily bring their animals to the facility & buyers can pick-up finished products



Out of a Flood Zone

So our facility can stay safe from a Flood & remain accessible in case of an emergency



On Tribal Land Near the Boundary

So Tribal Members can easily access the facility

Why some locations we considered couldn't work:



Swain County's sewer system is at capacity & they can't take on new business now



THPO prevents ground disturbance of archeological significant locations; no digging or construction



Some Land options aren't owned by the Tribe & they were too expensive to purchase



What Tribal Regulations keep the Land & People Safe?

- The **Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO)** analyzes the archaeological significance of the land and denies digging or construction at any sites that are culturally important. THPO is in full support of this location and project.
- **EBCI Environmental Office** reviews all land development projects for compliance with Tribal environmental codes and sustainability goals.
- **EBCI Planning & Development Board** evaluates site suitability based on proximity to homes, utility infrastructure, and long-term environmental impact.
- **Land Use and Zoning Guidelines** ensure the selected site is appropriate for processing, with safeguards against noise, waste, and environmental disruption.



What Federal Regulations keep the Land & People Safe?

- The **National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)** ensures that air, water, land, and historical sites are not harmed during a construction project. In order to receive the USDA funding to build the meat processing facility, the Tribe had to conduct a *NEPA Review* for the original site, and we plan to conduct another one for the final site.
- Federal **Clean Water Act** protects surface and groundwater from contamination from facility runoff, waste discharge, and processing effluent. The Federal **Clean Air Act** regulates emissions from equipment and refrigeration systems to ensure clean air quality around the facility.
- Our processing facility will be certified by **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)** the highest regulatory body that requires continuous inspection and strict adherence to federal food safety standards protecting the public's health. USDA's **Food Safety Policies and Inspectors** will enforce sanitation, waste disposal, and health protocols to ensure safety for all.
- **Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)** requires safe working conditions, equipment use, and employee training in meat processing environments.



Animal Welfare Policies being Implemented:

- **USDA FSIS Humane Handling Enforcement** includes inspections, facility design standards, employee training, and clear consequences for non-compliance.
- **Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA)** requires animals be treated humanely and rendered insensible to pain before slaughter; enforced by USDA FSIS.
- **Temple Grandin's Animal Handling Guidelines** is widely regarded as the gold standard for facility layout and stress-free animal movement.
- **North American Meat Institute (NAMI) Animal Welfare Audit** covers everything from stunning to unloading, a certification often required by retailers and institutions.

Have more questions about our facility's location & regulation implementation?



Come by the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office!
We'd love to talk with you.
828 859 6939
876 Acquoni Rd.,
Cherokee, NC 28719



SPEAKING OF FAITH

Surprise!

Part 2 of 2

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

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

Now, for the flip side. How do you judge all those who aren't as fortunate as you? Were they born under a bad star? Are they not as intelligent, pretty, strong, talented, or rich? It sucks for them, huh? What conceit! Right there is the type of unrighteous pride that God hates. He's the giver of life; you can't take the credit for yourself while spewing judgment upon others. God doesn't make trash lives.

"For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it be received with thanksgiving" 1 Timothy 4:4

"And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

The last few things I want to point out are that maybe God hasn't gifted you or someone you know with a realized talent 'yet.' He wills and provides skills when His Spirit fills those upon accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. He promises that. He wants you to serve Him, and He will provide you with the talents to do that. I'm not saying He will turn you into a superstar and you'll become rich and famous; I'm saying, He will give you what He wants you to use

to glorify Him and provide you with a complete and blessed life. "for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure." Philippians 2:13

Whether you feel you are gifted or ungifted, talented or talentless, God's perfect sovereignty makes everything suitable, and He is there waiting for you to choose Him. He has already chosen you; now, you must accept Him. Without Him and the Spirit you receive, you'll never understand what greatness He has in store for you. Those blessings come through Him now on this earth and for eternity in Heaven. Accept the most precious gift of all, Jesus.

"Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness

unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually judged." 1 Corinthians 2:14

"Jehovah is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him." Lamentations 3:25 That's all You, Lord. Praise Your holy name, the giver of our life and eternal salvation. Name a more excellent gift that can be given than that.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" Romans 6:23

I become disheartened when I see the lives of celebrities and famous people wasted because they do not have Jesus or His indwelling Spirit. We constantly read news reports about people who worship Satan or destroy

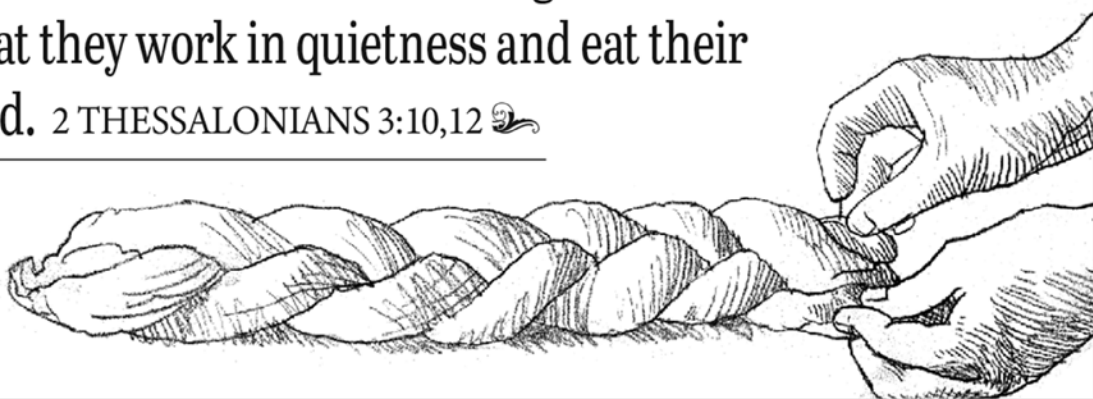
their lives on drugs, sex, power, or the love of money because they don't realize the very talent they misuse and abuse came from God. I can't help but believe that if they only knew and were grateful to their Creator for what He has given them, their lives and ours for knowing them would be brighter and more fulfilling.

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 guided and blessed me before I was born. I owe everything to You. Amen.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...Even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. 2 THESSALONIANS 3:10,12



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Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoot. June 27 at 5 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in Kolanvyi (Big Cove) in Cherokee, N.C. This is a fundraiser for a special trip to Oklahoma and is being sponsored by Totsie Welch, and Mariah and Dean Hill. Good fun, great prizes, great benefit.

EBCI Community Events

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/>

Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual Inc. New Membership and Biannual Meeting. July 9 at 4:30 p.m. at Yellowhill Activity Center at 1416 Acquoni rd., Cherokee, N.C. 28719. for a catered meal. Voting will be held for new

membership from June demonstrations. Please RSVP by June 30 to reserve your meal by calling or come by the shop (828) 497-3103.

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

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

EBCI Community Regular Meetings

NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association, Inc.) Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the West Senior Center in Cherokee, N.C. Eligibility for membership: any American Indian or Alaska Native or Canadian First Nations woman, 18 years of age or older, who is officially identified as a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe/Nation. The meetings contain information on purpose and further aims. All who meet the eligibility are invited to attend.

Cherokee Cultural/Historic Events

Sequoyah Remembrance Day. Aug. 3 from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum at 576 HWY 360 Vonore, Tenn. 37885. Come by and learn about the amazing history of Sequoyah at the museum dedicated to the

life and story of Sequoyah, creator of the Cherokee written language. Info: (423) 884-6246

35th Annual Cherokee Festival. Sept. 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum at 576 HWY 360 Vonore, Tenn. 37885. Cherokee Arts and crafts demonstrations, Cherokee storytelling, flute playing, Cherokee dances, name written in Cherokee, genealogy help, craft vendors and food vendors. Info: (423) 884-6246

Dinilawigi (Tribal Council) Meetings

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

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.

Pow Wow Listings

45th Annual Kamloopa Pow Wow. June 26-28 at Kamloopa Pow Wow Arbour in British

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Submit your pet to us at:

Cherokeeonefeather1966@gmail.com

Include the following:

Name, breed, age, human's name(s), community/town



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CHEROKEE

ANIMAL CARE CLINIC

828-497-3401
1100 US 441N, Whittier, NC 28789

Columbia, Canada. Emcees:
Jackson Rolling Thunder Tahu-
ka, Bart Powauke. Host Drum:
Blackstone. Info: (306) 551-0972,
a.kamloopapowwow@gmail.com

**Bay Mills Indian Community
35th Annual Honoring Our
Veterans Pow Wow.** June 26-
28 at the Bay Mills Indian Com-
munity in Brimley, Mich. Emcees:
Shannon Martin, Beedahsiga El-
liot. Host Drum: Under the Pines.
Info: (906) 248-8100,
bmicpowwow@gmail.com

Siksika Nation Pow Wow.
June 26-28 at Piiksa'pi Memorial
Arbour in Siksika, Alberta, Can-

ada. Emcees: Howie Thomson,
Juaquin Hamilton. Host Drum:
Motown.
Info: www.siksikanationfair.com

**St. Croix Casino Contest Pow
Wow.** June 26-28 at St. Croix
Casino in Turtle Lake, Wisc. Em-
cees: Vince Beyl, John Teller. Host
Drum: Meskwaki Nation. Info:
Melissa Coon (715) 733-1604 or
Camron Tomaszewski (715) 791-
4356

**25th Annual Miami Nation
Pow Wow.** June 27 at Miami
Nation Arena in Miami, Okla. MC:

see **EVENTS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Get
your facts together and become famil-
iar with them before you have to face
up to a certain meeting. The better
prepared you are, the easier it will be
to make an important impression.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New
information might warrant changing
your mind about a recently made deci-
sion. Never mind the temporary con-
fusion it might cause. Acting on the
truth is always preferable.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Cre-
ating a loving atmosphere for those
you care for could pay off in many
ways. Expect to hear some unexpect-
ed but very welcome news that can
make a big difference in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Step-
ping away from an old and seemingly
insoluble problem might be helpful.
Use the time to take a new look at the
situation and perhaps work out a new
method of dealing with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're
still in a favorable goal-setting mode.
However, you might need to be a lit-
tle more realistic about some of your
aims. It's best to reach for what's cur-
rently doable. The rest will follow.

VIRGO (August 23 to September
22) A setback is never easy to deal
with, but it could be a boon in dis-
guise. Recheck your proposal and
strengthen the weak spots. Seek out
advice from someone who has "been
there and done that."

LIBRA (September 23 to Octo-
ber 22) Coming up with a new way
of handling a tedious job-regulated
chore could lead to more than just a
congratulatory memo once the word
reaches the "right people." Good luck!

SCORPIO (October 23 to Novem-
ber 21) What you might call determi-
nation, someone else might regard as
stubbornness. Look for ways to reach
a compromise that won't require a
major shift of views on your part.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to
December 21) You're still in a vul-
nerable mode vis-a-vis "offers" that
sound too good to be true. So, con-
tinue to be skeptical about anything
that can't be backed up with provable
facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to
January 19) Thrift is still dominant
this week. What you don't spend on
what you don't need will be available
for you to draw on should a possible
(albeit temporary) money crunch hit.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to Febru-
ary 18) Staying close to home early in
the week allows for some introspec-
tion about your social life. Sort out
your feelings before rejoining your
fun-time fellows on the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March
20) It can be a bit daunting, as well as
exciting, to find yourself finally tak-
ing action on a long-delayed move for
a change. It helps to stay with it when
others rally to support you.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of
home and family provide you with the
emotional support that you need to
find success in the outside world.

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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Veteran discounts

Are you taking advantage of the dis-
counts available to you as a veteran?
Discounts let you keep cash in your
wallet, and there are more deals out
there than you might imagine.

One of my favorites is the 10% dis-
count from Lowe's and Home Depot.
With summer, there are always proj-
ects, always a new hardware item or
tool I need, and that discount helps. As
an FYI, there's no limit to how many
discounts I can get at Lowe's, but there
is an annual limit at Home Depot. (I've
never hit it.)

There is a Bass Pro Shop discount on
outdoor gear, as well as one for fire-
arms and ammo. Look for discounts
at L.L. Bean. T-Mobile will save you
40% on family phone lines and 50%
off Paramount+, which will get you
new movies, sports and Showtime.

Travel, restaurants, music events,
you name it, there's a veteran discount
available.

One thing to consider is how you'll
prove you're a veteran when you try
to claim your discount. Many places
will just accept your VA health card.
Some will want your Veteran ID card,
and all states have the veteran desig-
nation on your driver's license. To get
this, check your state's requirements.
You might need to show up at a DMV
with a copy of your DD214 when you
apply for the veteran designation. This
is very handy to have, by the way, as
many places will take that as proof of
your veteran status.

Quite a few companies are going
with SheerID as a means of proving
your veteran status and getting a dis-
count. SheerID handles identification
for all types of groups, including stu-
dents, first responders, seniors and
veterans.

Check out SheerID as best you can,
which you should always do before
giving anyone your private informa-
tion (support.sheerid.com/en-US/
help-center). Check out their webpage
on military verification to see what
documents you'd have to show. Be
sure you're comfortable with it before
you sign up.

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Headline

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: It is I,
Oliver le Chat, informing you that
we, ze cats of the planet Earth, are
on the verge of world domination!
We have many demands, but we are
starting with just one: declare cats
the greatest species ze world has
ever seen! Yours balefully — Oliver
(the Cat)

DEAR OLIVER: OK, OK, fine! In
honor of Cat World Domination Day
on June 24, I'll do my best.

Cats are perhaps the greatest hun-
ters, per capita, the world has ever
seen. Sparrows and small creatures
fall between their paws. Family dogs
cower when they hear the yowl of the
mighty hunter. They win the hearts of
humans with a simple tiny "mew."

The genome of the cat is 95.6%
tiger. Cats were once worshiped as
tiny temperamental gods in Egypt. If
they'd been better respected in medi-
eval Europe, the Black Death that
raged from 1346-1353 CE might not
have happened. (It was spread by rats.)
Today, the cat is the most popular pet
in the U.S., with at least 74.2 million
prowling living rooms across the
country.

Cats have more bones than humans:
230 vs. 206. They can jump up to six
times their length. And they have twice
the amount of neurons in their cerebral
cortex as dogs.

Now, don't get jealous, Oliver, but
Stubbs, a ginger cat, served as hono-
rary mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska, from
1997 to 2017.

Thanks to their association with
humans, better overall care (including
spaying and neutering), the lifespan of
cats has steadily increased and is cur-
rently 13 to 17 years!

Now put down the catnip before
someone gets hurt.

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

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EVENTS: From page 25

Mark Bolin. Head Singer: Damian Blackfox. Host Northern Drum: Young Buffalo Horse. Info: Julie Olds at jolds@miamination.com

7th Annual Standing Horse Route 66 Pow Wow. June 27-28 at Valentine Lopez Jr. Sports Complex in Winslow, Ariz. MC: Erny Zah. Info: Erin Dickson (928) 863-6316, standinghorse-powwow@gmail.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 McMillan (828) 788-5410

Cherokee Cancer Support Group, potluck dinner with a speaker the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Betty's Place, 40 Goose Creek Rd, Cher-

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

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

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

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

Western N.C. and Beyond Events

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. July 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the

Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Dr. in Bryson City, N.C. Frank March will present "The Lumber Camps, Setoff Houses, and Railroad Grades in the Smokemont Area". Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This event is free and open to the public.

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. Pastor Brandon Herrell (828) 777-4923

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

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

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

Buffalo Baptist Church. 2686 Snowbird Rd. in Robbinsville, N.C. Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday

Morning Worship 11 a.m., Sunday Evening 5 p.m., Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m. Info: (828) 507-2271

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

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

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

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

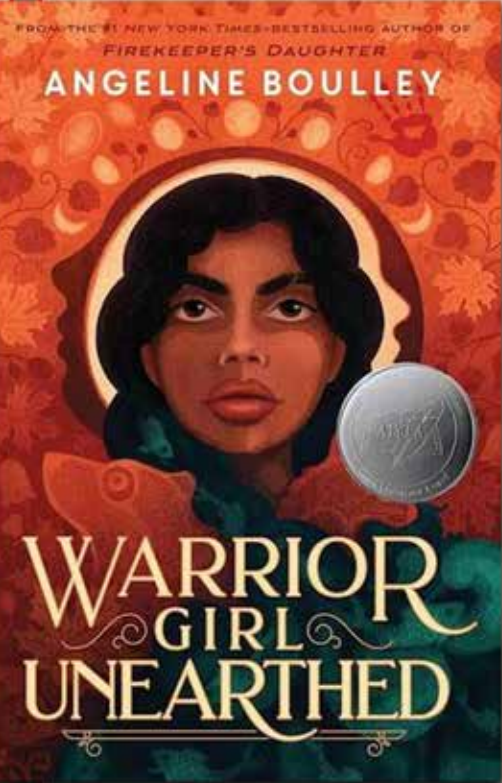
Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8 p.m. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

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

Qualla

BOOK OF THE WEEK

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"Warrior Girl Unearthed"

Author Angeline Boulley

Perry Firekeeper-Birch was ready for a Summer of Slack but instead, after a fender bender, she's stuck working as an intern to pay back her Auntie Daunis for Jeep repairs.

When she attends a meeting at a local university, Perry learns about the "Warrior Girl", an ancestor whose bones and knife are stored in the museum archives, and everything changes. Perry must return Warrior Girl to her tribe. Determined to help, she learns all about NAGPRA, the federal law that allows tribes to request the return of ancestral remains and sacred items. The university has been using legal loopholes to hold onto Warrior Girl and 12 other Anishinaabe ancestors' remains, and Perry won't let it go on any longer.

She organizes a heist to bring back the stolen artifacts and remains. But there is more to this repatriation than meets the eye as more women disappear. Perry must find a way to make things right – for the ancestors and the community.

see **EVENTS** next page

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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 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.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Peter (KJV) in Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Matthew 4, how many days and nights did Jesus fast before his temptation by Satan? 3, 12, 40, 7 x 70
3. Who said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away"? *Satan, Adam, Job, Haman*
4. From Proverbs 6, what is held up as an example to the lazy man? *Bee, Flea, Locust, Ant*
5. How old was Abram when Hagar bore Ishmael? 19, 39, 68, 86
6. From Acts 13:1, where was Lucius from? *Cyrene, Zion, Sodom, Canaan*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) 40, 3) Job, 4) Ant, 5) 86, 6) Cyrene

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Moments in time

• On **July 6, 1900**, Warren Earp, youngest of the famous gunfighting Earp brothers, was murdered at the Headquarters Saloon in Willcox, Arizona, by John Boyett. Reportedly, Warren had imbibed too much alcohol and begun abusing some of the customers. While Boyett was tried for murder, he was declared innocent on the grounds of acting in self-defense.

• On **July 7, 1456**, Joan of Arc's conviction for heresy was overturned at an appeal proceeding held at the archbishop's palace in Rouen, France. Sadly, she had been burned at the stake 25 years earlier.

• On **July 8, 1853**, Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry sailed into Japan's Tokyo Bay with a squadron of four American vessels. At first officials refused to speak with him, but under threat of attack they accepted letters from President Millard Fillmore, making the U.S. the first Western nation to establish relations with Japan since the country declared itself closed to foreigners two centuries previously.

• On **July 9, 1948**, baseball star Satchel Paige made his Major League debut with the Cleveland Indians, becoming, at age 42, the oldest rookie in the sport's history. As he notably remarked, "Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it don't matter."

• On **July 10, 1962**, the United States Patent Office issued Swedish engineer Nils Bohlin a patent for his three-point automobile safety belt. Consisting of two straps joined at the hip level and fastened into a single anchor point, it reduced injuries by holding both the upper and lower body and decreasing the impact of the swift deceleration that occurred in a crash.

• On **July 11, 1978**, a truck carrying liquid gas crashed into a wall at a campsite of vacationers in San Carlos de la Rapita, Spain, resulting in an explosion that killed more than 200 people, with others suffering severe burns. The crash's cause was unknown, though some witnesses reported seeing a fire on the vehicle prior to the accident.

• On **July 12, 1990**, two days after Mikhail Gorbachev was re-elected head of the Soviet Communist Party, Boris Yeltsin, president of the Republic of Russia, announced his resignation from the party.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Chuck Norris had his own line of jeans called "Action Jeans."

- At the time of its release, Grand Theft Auto 5 is the most expensive video game ever made — \$265 million in production costs.

- Diet Coke isn't a modified form of Coke, but a totally different recipe.

- A brand of anti-chafing foot powder won a 1967 mayoral election in Picoaza, Ecuador. Its platform? The product was touted as potentially bringing hygiene and well-being to the town of 4,000.

- The youngest soldier in the American Civil War was a 9-year-old boy from Mississippi, while the oldest was an 80-year-old man from Iowa.

- After the 9/11 tragedy in 2001, cyclist David Hale Sylvester began bicycling-and-hugging tours all over the world and staged multiple "hug parties" on three continents. As of 2021, he had hugged more than half a million people.

- Australian tennis player Samuel Groth once served a ball that was clocked at an astonishing 163.6 mph.

- Danish, Anglo-Saxon and Norman men were known for elaborate hairstyles and grooming, sometimes even before battle.

- According to practitioners, shiatsu massages should always be given with the recipient lying on the floor rather than on a table or chair.

- A Florida judge once called Elvis Presley "savage" for "undermining the youth."

- Tilapia are painted on ancient Egyptian tomb walls and included in a spell in the Egyptian Book of the Dead to help the deceased take their place in the sun boat.

- Up to 75% of people with Down syndrome have some hearing loss.

- Ancient Roman priestesses known as Vestal Virgins were required to remain virgins for 30 years; those convicted of breaking their vows could be buried alive.

Thought for the Day: "Time you enjoy wasting was not wasted." — *John Lennon*

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SITE INSPECTION APPLICATION	☐ Site Inspection application process begins at Tribal Realty by the property owner. ☐ The property will be inspected by five tribal departments and will be determined if site is buildable or not buildable.
PROPERTY SURVEY, TRANSFER & RIGHT OF WAYS	☐ Surveying requests for approved buildable sites will be done by the Tribal Surveying dept. ☐ Property transfers will be done by the owner to the home buyer at Tribal Realty. ☐ The home buyer must own the property for financing purposes. ☐ All road and utility right of ways or utility easements must be in place before any site work begins.
PRE-APPROVAL PRE-QUALIFICATION	☐ Applicant will meet with Homebuyer Services Coordinator where they are required to have Site Inspection forms completed, unless applicant is wishing to purchase a home. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will assist applicant with packaging loan applications to lender. ☐ Lender will issue a prequalification letter indicating maximum loan amount. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will send Infrastructure a copy of the prequalification letter
INFRASTRUCTURE	☐ Once pre-approved/qualified, the infrastructure application must be completed. ☐ Legal description proving ownership of the property must be included. ☐ Must be an EBCI enrolled member constructing a permanent residence on trust lands to receive Infrastructure services.
HOME BUYING SEARCH & QUOTE	☐ Prequalified borrower will begin their house search, keeping in mind the size of the site that was approved. ☐ Borrower will request a sales quote, floor plans and foundation plan for their home. ☐ After receiving quote and house plans, Borrower will submit all documents and drawings to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. ☐ Homebuyer Services Coordinator will submit estimate, plans and drawings to Infrastructure. ☐ 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	☐ 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. ☐ Coordinator will submit to Loan Compliance Committee for review. Committee will review for completeness of application. ☐ Completed applications are submitted to Secretary of Housing for approval and signature. ☐ Approved applications are then submitted to the Principal Chief for approval and signature. ☐ The approved and signed applications are returned to Homebuyer Services Coordinator. ☐ Coordinator will continue to send financial docs on a continual basis to lender until loan close is scheduled.
CIDH & REALTY – On Trust Lands	☐ 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. ☐ Coordinator will also send a letter to lender to notify approval of DPA and RBD. ☐ Once OS, lease and assignment are received, these documents will be forwarded to the lending institution. ☐ 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	☐ 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. ☐ 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. ☐ Closing attorney will send copy of recorded documents back to Coordinator. ☐ Coordinator will submit recorded documents to Realty to be recorded for off-boundary loans.
LOAN CLOSE	☐ Prior to loan close, Coordinator will request AP checks for issuance of DPA and RBD to be disbursed to the lender at closing. ☐ Coordinator will notify Site Prep that loan has closed. ☐ Home construction may start after loan close. ☐ Client will begin working with Lender's Construction Loan Specialist for completion of construction.
SITE PREP SCHEDULING	☐ Signed purchase agreement, house floor plans and firm commitment must on file with homebuyer services and Infrastructure. ☐ 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	☐ For qualified EBCI enrolled members residing on trust land, Infrastructure provides: ☐ Site Prep, Footers, Block Foundation, Block Underpinning, Vinyl Underpinning, Gutter System and Final Grade to prevent erosion.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Tina Larch: (828) 359-6912

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Michelle Ruffman: (828) 359-6913



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LEGAL NOTICES

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 dece-dent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fudiciary(s) listed below.

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

Jarrett W. Bradley
P.O. Box 1527
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
7/1

**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 Teesa-
tuskie

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 information 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



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Virginia Jordan (Contract Attorney
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P.O. Box 28
Waynesville, NC 28786
6/31

Legal Notice

State of North Carolina
Department of Transportation
Raleigh, NC
The Deadline for submitting
Electronic Bids on the following
projects as well as the public read-
ing will be July 21, 2026, at 2:00
pm. The public reading will be held
in Contract Standards and Devel-
opment Unit Conference Room
(Room 156 A/B), Building B, North
Carolina Department of Transpor-
tation, Century Center Complex,
1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC
27610. Please enter door B-2
(C205185) CARTERET;

(C205183) NASH;
(C205194) ROCKINGHAM;
(C205195) CATAWBA;
(C205225) POLK

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ment of Transportation, Telephone
919-707-6925.

Department of Transportation, Mr.
Patrick Norman, PE., Chief Engi-
neer

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 26-051
**Notice to Creditors and
Debtors of:
CHARLOTTE GEORGE**
All persons, firms and cor-
porations having claims against
this estate are notified to exhibit
them to the fudiciary(s) listed on or
before the date listed or be barred
from their recovery. Debtors of the
decedent are asked to make im-
mediate payment to the appointed
fudiciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION
Fiduciary 1
Daniel Crowe
1316 Newbury Dr.
Norman, OK 73071
Fiduciary 2
Nathaniel Crowe
PO. Box 1101
Cherokee NC 28719
7/22

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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 residen-
tial 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 approxi-
mately 0.4 mile east of the inter-
section 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 environ-
ment. 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 com-
ments on the ERR to the EBCI
Cherokee Indian Housing Division,
687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC
27894. 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
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if an action is brought to enforce

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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 Officer 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 Pinecroft 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
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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OR
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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

CV 25-004

Benjamin Sierra v. Mattie Brady
and John Ray Bigmeat
Person to be served: JOHN RAY
BIGMEAT

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Plaintiff entered into a contract for the purchase of a mobile home from John Ray Bigmeat and paid money for the purchase. John Ray Bigmeat did not convey the home to the Plaintiff after the purchase and Plaintiff seeks rescission of the purchase and return of funds in the amount of \$90,000.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within 40 days after June 24, 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 24th day of June, 2026
Singleton Schreiber LLP
Robert O. Saunooke, Esq.
State Bar number 62100
PO Box 309
Cherokee, NC 28719
ndnlawyer@hotmail.com
Attorney for Benjamin Sierra
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00pm, on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, in the Ginger Lynn Welch Building Spicewood Room 133, 810 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, North Carolina, and immediately thereafter opened in a closed session in accordance with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) policies and procedures

for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment for the Cherokee Family Enrichment Center (IDD Facility).

Mailed proposals shall be sent to the attention of Becky Bowe at the following address: PO BOX 455, Cherokee, NC, 28719. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the bids arrive before the bid opening time of 3:00 EST.

This project will follow the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) policies and procedures as outlined in Tribal Code.

PRE-BID MEETING

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and site walk-through will be held for interested bidders on July 14, 2026 at 2:00 pm, beginning at the project site, 53 Echota Church Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. Followed by a walkthrough of the site.

Complete plans, specifications and contract documents may be obtained at the office of Architect which is located at 47 Rankin Ave, Suite 141, Asheville, NC 28801. Digital (pdf) versions of the Bid Documents may be obtained upon request of Ethan Ward (eward@mcmillanpazdansmith.com). A Newforma Info Exchange link will be provided to allow the Bidder to access and download the Bid Documents.

For purposes of coordination, primary contact for project information is:

Project Architect: Ethan Ward, AIA
Title: Architect

E-Mail Address: eward@mcmillanpazdansmith.com

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**CHEROKEE INDIAN
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

OPEN POSITIONS



NEW POSITIONS

Certified Nursing Assistant – Emergency Department

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mental Health Therapist - \$10,000 Hiring Bonus

(Cherokee Central Schools, Child and Family – Snowbird, Dora Reed, Family Safety, Family Intensive Treatment, Medication Assisted Treatment, Kanvwtiyi)

Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Kanvwtiyi

Targeted Case Manager – Child and Family, MAT, Adult Outpatient Services

Residential Technician - Female - Part Time without Benefits

Behavioral Health Training and Development Coordinator

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 Technician

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

RN Inpatient – Dayshift – PTI

C.N.A Medical Clerk FT

C.N.A Medical Clerk PTI

Telemetry Nursing Assistant – PTI

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

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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.



Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities:

Janitor – Part Time

A Janitor cleans the theater and theater property during non-operating hours. Responsible for cleaning floors, carpets, walls, doors, seats, restrooms, sidewalks, parking lots, concession stands, etc. Works after the theater closes or before the first show of the day. Ensures that the next day's Customers will walk into a sparkling clean theater.

Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, KG3 Building across the road from Waffle House, if you have any questions, please contact Kristin Smith at 828-929 4257 or by email kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com.
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www.ccs-nc.org/apps/pages/human_resources_for_more_information.

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

Instructional Facilitator
Assistant Athletic Director
JV Girls Head Basketball Coach
K-6 P.E. Teacher
K-6 Elementary School Nurse (RN or LPN)
K-6 Cherokee Language Instructor
K-6 Teacher Assistant
K-6 Special Education Teacher Assistant
K-6 Mental Health Classroom Teacher Assistant (Grant Funded)
7-8 Cherokee Language Instructor
7-12 Performing Arts Teacher
9-12 Math II Teacher
9-12 Special Education Teacher Assistant
9-12 ISS Teacher Assistant



STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:

- Director, Academic Resources & Business Operations
- Campus Dietitian
- Medical/Nursing Assistant
- Guidance and Outreach Counselor
- Chief Purchasing Officer
- Assistant Director for Operations (Evenings/Weekends)

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:

- Assistant Professor - Nursing
- Visiting Assistant Professor - Sociology
- Assistant Professor - Interior Design
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- Instructor - Environmental Health Sciences

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

Bus & Truck Department

Seasonal Bus Drivers
Truck Drivers

SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITIONS

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

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



Job Opportunities



Closing Sunday, June 28, 2026

1. Community Response Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L14 \$26.81 - \$33.52 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
2. Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – EBCI Law Enforcement (L15 \$29.71 - \$37.14 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
3. Office Administrator – Qualla Housing – Housing (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour)
4. Director of Construction Management – Housing Program – Housing (L17 \$77,106 - \$96,387)
5. Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – CERS (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
6. Early Childhood Immersion Instructor – Kituwah Academy – CERS (L11 \$20.39 - \$25.49 per hour)
7. Commercial Property Specialist – Enterprise Development – Commerce (L13 \$24.36 - \$30.46 per hour)
8. Stock Clerk – Tribal Food Distribution – Public Health & Human Services (L9 \$17.27 - \$21.59 per hour)
9. Heavy Equipment Operator – Tribal Construction – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
10. Housekeeper I – Housekeeping – Operations (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 per hour)
11. Heavy Equipment Operator/Saw Man – Tribal Construction – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
12. Grounds Maintenance – Public Works – Operations (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE
13. Recreation Aide – Snowbird/Cherokee County Recreation - Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L7 \$16.61 - \$20.77 per hour)
14. Housekeeper I – Snowbird & Cherokee County Housekeeping – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L6 \$16.37 - \$20.47 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
14. Truck Driver/Crew Leader – Solid Waste – Operations (L10 \$18.74 - \$23.43 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE

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Harrah's Cherokee employees volunteer at MANNA Foodbank

Two Business Impact Groups (BIGs) from Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort volunteered recently for a Pack to Give Back event at MANNA Foodbank. Volunteers were from HERO (Harrah's Employees Reaching Out), a board dedicated to volunteering within local communities, and Native Pathways, a board that connects members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and allies to support growth, development, and volunteerism within the local communities. They packed a total of 24,000 pounds of beans at the event of which Harrah's Cherokee was the presenting sponsor. Shown, left to right, are Erin Smathers (bending down), Kevin Phillips, Richie Sneed, Marci Tabor Porsha Jackson, Nathan Messer, Cathie Owle, Carissa Conner, Chris Brogan (back), Tina Smith (back) Susanna Segrist, Jojo Teesateskie, and Lynn Ceballos. (Photo courtesy of Harrah's Cherokee)



Retirement

Carolina Oocumma, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a first language Cherokee speaker, retired from New Kituwah Academy on Tuesday, June 16. She worked there since September 2014. (ANN TOINEETA/One Feather photo)



Medalists at Judo Championships

Parker Kirkland, right, and Jaxson Sequoyah, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, traveled to Spokane, Wash. recently to compete in the Judo Junior Olympic Championships. Kirkland earned a gold medal in the Intermediate (13U) division under 66 kg, securing his qualification for the Pan American Championships, which will be held in Cancun, Mexico, in November 2026. Sequoyah earned a bronze medal in the Bantam 4 (8U) division under 34 kg. (Photo by Erin Kirkland)



Tournament champions

A team representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians won the 2nd Annual Rep Your Tribe basketball tournament held recently in Norman, Okla. Shown, left to right, front row – Shelby Wolfe, Loshi Ward; back row; Kyla Moore, Creedon Arch, Lolo Hogner, Tsuli Lossiah, Elise Stamper, Vivian Ross, Raylen Bark, and Madi Rogers. (Photo courtesy of Teresa Wolfe)

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The One Feather wants to hear your good news and/or accomplishments. Send us your “good stuff” such as:

- * birth, engagement, and wedding announcements
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- * and other areas of life such as finishing restoring an old car, building a new deck, etc.

Send your photos and info to us at:
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One Feather Poem of the Week

The Ballad of Joe Bronze

By MJ Rattler

*How do we come and go with nobody caring?
 And no one knows when we will come and go.
 Born to the baby boom, outside of town,
 In a little room without a view.
 On a mid-October day, nobody to cry or pray,
 His last breath left with the morning dew.
 There was no beating funeral drum,
 We knew no one would come.
 And there will be no tombstone.
 Flim flam from the start
 Bad jokes and poor taste and jealous heart.
 Pickled and smoked, hair's all gray.
 Seagram and cigs all day.
 Advice to my friends;
 You can't start at the end,
 better plant some seeds along your path.
 Embrace the breeze
 In the shade of the trees
 May you not be known only for the
 storm's aftermath.*

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